

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Chelsea Inventory Number: PG 73-18

Address: 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, MD 20772

Owner: Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission, 6600 Kenilworth Ave, Riverdale, MD 20737

Tax Parcel Number: 33 Tax Map Number: 76

Project MD 193: Keverton Drive to MD 202 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no  yes Name: Heather Confer Date: 6/21/99

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Is property located within a historic district?:  no  yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Is district listed?:  no  yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Chelsea faces east toward MD 193 on the 5.58-acre parcel owned by Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and associated with the property. The date of construction is uncertain but is estimated as c. 1798. The original federal style dwelling was considerably enlarged c. 1874 and modified again in 1949. Currently the house is two stories with a hipped roof, bracketed cornice, and full width front porch. The outbuildings are west of the house and consist of a large gable roof barn and several small sheds. A set of concrete gateposts marks the entrance to an unpaved lane leading to the house and outbuildings. These posts appear to be contemporary with the 1949 renovations to the home and would therefore not be contributing elements of the property. A second set of posts and a gate, mentioned in the inventory form, are located approximately 10 feet behind the concrete gateposts. The metal posts and the gate appear to be constructed of modern materials.

Development in the area around MD 193 and Oak Grove Road dates from the early eighteenth century. Roads were constructed to connect towns with parish churches and chapels. Oak Grove Road and MD 193 connected St. Barnabas' at Leeland, established c. 1706, with the road to Upper Marlboro. Tobacco was the crop of choice in southern

Prepared by Heather Confer

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<u>Heather Confer</u>	<u>8/26/99</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>Heather Confer</u>	<u>9/1/99</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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Maryland with Prince George's County being one of the five southern Maryland counties that formed the heart of Maryland's tobacco-growing region. The nature of tobacco cultivation encouraged scattered settlement rather than town development. Several plantations including Chelsea (PG 73-18), Perrywood (PG 79-58), Woodlawn (PG 79-57), and Bowieville (PG74A-18) were built in the vicinity of St. Barnabas' Church. With the decline in tobacco production in the twentieth century, land owners sold off extra acreage. Many of the homes and properties changed hands at least once between 1900 and 1950. In more recent years, large tracts of land have been increasingly subdivided for housing developments, taking advantage of the relatively short commuting distance to Washinton DC. The Perrywood and Oak Grove developments near the junction of MD 193 and Oak Grove are evidence of suburban encroachment into this once rural agrarian area.

Chelsea is eligible under Criterion C for its architectural significance in rural central Prince George's County. Though many other plantation houses from the same time period exist in the area, Chelsea is unique in that it incorporates an earlier Federal style dwelling within a "Victorianized" enlargement.

**RESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
- Unknown Prehistoric
- Unknown Historic

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Buildings

Historic environment: Rural, Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residential, Agricultural

Known Design Source: Humphrey Belt, Wm. Berry

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Ia Concrete gateposts and modern metal gateposts



Ib Line of sight photo, from west side of roadway on the embankment facing west toward Chelsea.



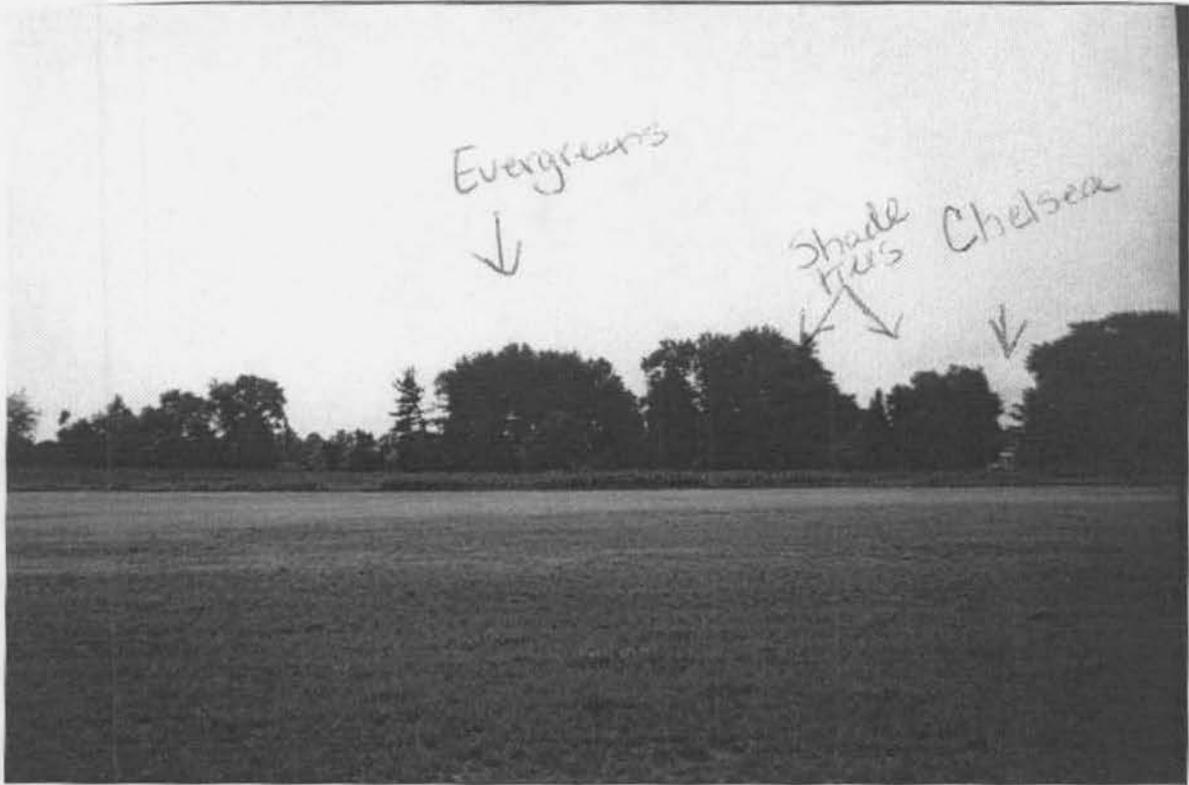
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general photo of existing roadway facing north,  
showing line of cedars.

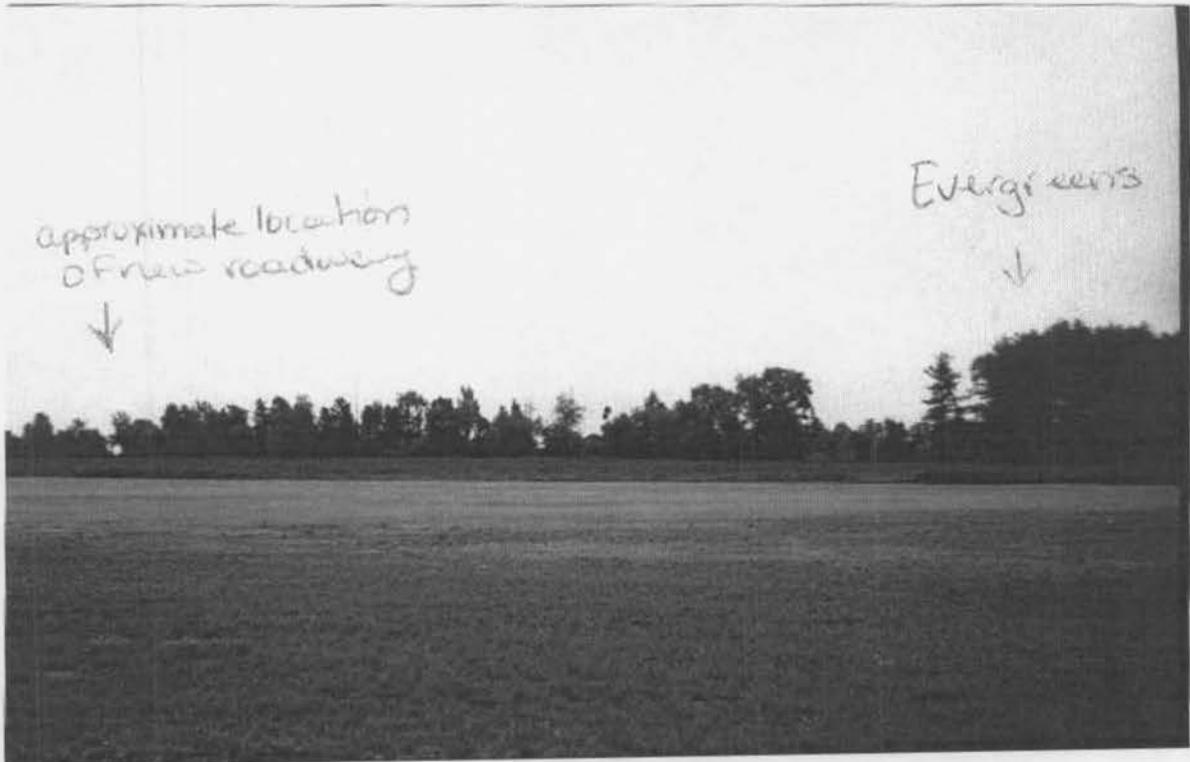


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Line of sight photo: showing line of cedar trees, facing  
northwest toward Chelsea



Je Photograph facing south toward Chelsea, from Largo/Kettering Community center parking lot, showing relationship of Chelsea property to groupings of trees and to the approximate location of the new roadway.



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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #73-18 Building Date: 1790's, 1870's

Building Name: Chelsea

Location: 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair-Good/Inaccessible

Description

Chelsea is a large and handsome frame house, distinguished by its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim. The house is five bays by five bays. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal east facade, through a six-panel door with plain board surround, three-pane transom, and two-pane sidelights. Across this facade is a one-story hip-roof porch with square posts and dentilled cornice. The house is two stories high with hip roof, sided with horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story of the principal east facade are full length 4/2 double hung sash; second story windows are 2/2, and all have molded lintels. The cornice is boxed with crown molding and is embellished with handsome console brackets. Extending to the rear in the southmost bays of the west elevation is a shallow kitchen addition. Interior plan of the house is central passage and side stairhall, with a parlor in each of the four quadrants. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the west wall of the crosshall; it has a slim, gracefully turned newel, and plain rectangular balusters. Door and window surrounds in the north parlors have bold Greek Revival profile, and bold bullseye corner blocks. All other rooms have two-step broken-field trim.

Significance

Chelsea is an excellent example of a late Victorian hip-roof bracketed dwelling which incorporates a smaller Federal style structure. The original structure was built by members of the Belt family; it was enlarged and embellished circa 1870 by William Berry. In 1798 a 36 foot square hip-roof frame dwelling stood on the tract known as Chelsea; Chelsea remained a tenant property for two generations of Berry family ownership. In 1835, William J. Berry had married Sarah Elizabeth Clagett, daughter of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston; the bold Greek Revival style trim in the formal north parlor, which so resembles Clagett's improvements at Weston during that period, may reflect a renovation of Chelsea to serve as the young couple's first home. Chelsea passed to his son, William, who married in 1874; it was at approximately this time that he rebuilt and enlarged the house at Chelsea. Two more rooms were added behind the staircase, increasing the depth of the house. The windows were Victorianized, and the cornices were embellished with console brackets. Chelsea is a unique example in Prince George's County of a Victorianized Federal style house. It retains many fine details of both periods, and is an important landmark in rural central Prince George's County.

Acreege: 5.58 acres

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Chelsea

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 601 Watkins Park Drive (Maryland Route 193)  not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro Oak Grove  vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's County

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Estate of Mary Youngstreet & number 57 Willow Drive telephone no.:city, town Little Silver state and zip code NJ 07739

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. PG Co. Courthouse liber 1176street & number Main Street folio 95city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plandate 1981  federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records PGC Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPCcity, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

# 7. Description

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## Condition

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Chelsea is a large and handsome frame house with hip roof and bracketed cornice. It stands on level farmland, accessible by an unpaved lane, and is distinguished by its size and roofline, its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim.

The house is five bays by five bays, circa 38 by 50 feet. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal east facade, through a six-panel door with plain board surround, three-pane transom, and two-pane side-lights over molded wainscot panels. Across this main east facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by square posts with molded capitals. The porch has a dentilled cornice, and wooden floor, and rests on brick piers, infilled with newer brick.

The house is two stories high with hip roof. It is sided with horizontal board painted white. Windows on the first story of the principal east facade are full length Victorian, 4/2 double hung sash; second story windows (and first story windows on the other three elevations) are 2/2 doublehung sash. All windows have plain board surrounds and sills and larger molded lintels; most windows have black louvered shutters.

The cornice is boxed with crown molding and a deep overhang; it is supported by console brackets. More ornate double brackets with pendants decorate the corners of the cornice. There are four tall slim interior corbelled brick chimneys, two on the rear west elevation, and one each in the easterly section of the north and south elevations. The hip roof, newly covered with black asbestos shingle, has a small central cupola, and once had a widow's walk balustrade. The roof was originally covered with cedar shingles, above which were added two consecutive layers of asphalt shingle. The brick foundation encloses a full cellar.

Extending to the rear in the southmost bays of the west elevation is a shallow kitchen addition which includes a rear entrance into the kitchen; the two windows which light this shallow addition are small modern 6/6 double hung sash, without shutters. A screen-enclosed porch shelters the three central bays of the north elevation; it is one story high with hip roof and bracketed cornice, and rests on an old brick foundation. Above the porch in the central bay of the second story is a door flanked by full-length louvered shutters.

Interior plan of the house is central passage and side stairhall, with a parlor in each of the four quadrants. The east door leads into a hallway with a parlor on each side. The parlor on the left (south) has an

arched slate mantel, painted white, in its south exterior wall; the mantel has a scalloped Victorian shelf. Just behind (west of) this parlor is the transverse stairhall. The two-run open-string staircase rises along the west wall of this southerly crosshall, turns at a landing and continues to the second floor. It has a slim, gracefully turned newel, and plain rectangular balusters; stairends have scroll brackets, and the spandrel is panelled. The stair continues to the attic level.

In the north part of the house, the front (east) parlor has in its north wall a plain black marble mantel with incised geometric design. An elliptical arch in the west wall of this parlor connects the northeast parlor to the central cross-passage; the arch has fluted pilasters and panelled soffit. Door and window surrounds in these two northerly connecting spaces have bold Greek Revival profile, and bold bullseye corner blocks. All other rooms have two-step broken-field trim, with an outer band of astragal molding.

The northwest quadrant consists of a dining room, with a black marble mantel like that of the northeast parlor in its west wall. The southwest space, slightly enlarged by the shallow southwest addition, is a kitchen, with a fireplace in its west wall. This space, which had been a fourth parlor, was converted in 1950 into a kitchen, and the older kitchen wing was demolished and replaced by the shallow utility space.

There is a cellar under the house; in the easterly space hand-hewn beams are in some places visible. The foundation which encloses the basement space under the northwest corner of the house is of concrete block.

There is a complex of farm buildings west of the house: several small sheds, and a large gable-roof barn with vertical siding, steeply pitched roof, and one lantern at its ridge. The house is accessible by an unpaved lane which leads west from Watkins Park Road, through two sets of gate posts, and forms a circle just east of the house.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. PG #73-18

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates ca. 1790, ca. 1875 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Chelsea is an excellent example of a late Victorian hip-roof bracketed dwelling which incorporates a smaller Federal style structure. The original structure was built by members of the Belt family; it was enlarged and embellished circa 1870 by William Berry. It is distinguished by its size and profile, its bracketed cornice and its fine interior trim.

The tract known as Chelsea was patented in 1671, and in the early eighteenth century came into the possession of Col. Joseph Belt. After the Colonel's death in 1761, it passed to his son Humphrey Belt, who probably was the builder of the original house on this site.<sup>1</sup> In 1798, Humphrey Belt sold 542-1/2 acres of Chelsea to Zachariah Berry who resided at that time at Concord, PG #75A-1, an elegant Federal style brick plantation house which he had just completed building 4-1/2 miles west of Chelsea.<sup>2</sup> At this time, a 36 foot square hip-roof frame dwelling stood on Zachariah Berry's part of Chelsea; it had an adjoining kitchen (28 by 16 feet) and a complete set of outbuildings. This dwelling, which had been Humphrey Belt's home, is incorporated into the east (front) section of the present house. Chelsea remained a tenant property for two generations of Berry family ownership. Zachariah Berry owned several very large and important properties, and was one of the wealthiest planters in the County. When he died in 1845, he devised his home plantation, Concord, to Zachariah, Jr., and another important property, Oxon Hill Manor, to his son Thomas; he devised to his second wife, Sarah, "Chelsea, which I bought from Humphrey Belt, and after her death to her son William J. Berry, son of Jeremiah Berry" and nephew of the testator.<sup>3</sup>

In 1835, William J. Berry had married Sarah Elizabeth Clagett, daughter of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston; the bold Greek Revival style trim in the formal north parlor, which so resembles Clagett's improvements at Weston during that period, may reflect a renovation of Chelsea to serve as the young couple's first home. By the 1840's, however, William J. Berry had purchased Bowieville, the fine stuccoed brick mansion built circa 1820 by Mary Bowie. The Berrys continued to operate the Chelsea farm as an

investment property, but raised their family at the more elegant Bowieville, less than two miles east of Chelsea.<sup>4</sup> When William J. Berry died in 1866, he devised Bowieville, his home place, to his older son Jeremiah, and Chelsea to his younger son, William. To his wife, Sarah Elizabeth, he devised "a home for life at the dwelling plantation Chelsea, only on the condition that she give up her rights to Bowieville"; he instructed William that he must provide a home for his mother at Chelsea.<sup>5</sup>

William Berry was 19 years old at the time of his father's death in 1866. He was soon living and working at the Chelsea farm, in the family of the farm manager.<sup>6</sup> In 1874 he married Catherine Billop, and it was at approximately this time that he rebuilt and enlarged the house at Chelsea. Two more rooms were added in the rear (west) behind the staircase, increasing the depth of the house, and an ell-shaped kitchen wing was added farther to the west. The windows were Victorianized, with 4/2 and 2/2 sashes, and the cornices were embellished with console brackets. On the interior, Victorian black marble mantels were installed.

Chelsea remained the Berry family home until 1917 when it was sold to George and Mary Buchheister, who farmed the land and raised their family there. Chelsea was sold in 1949 to the Young family and shortly afterwards was renovated under the supervision of carpenter Joseph Wyvill. At this time, the north porch was built, and the kitchen wing was removed. The southwest room on the first story was converted into a new kitchen, and expanded slightly to the west.

Chelsea is a unique example in Prince George's County of a Victorianized Federal style house. It can be compared to the Townshend house (74A-5), built for Grafton Townshend circa 1878, but Chelsea is unique in that it incorporated an earlier dwelling. It retains many fine details of both periods, and is an important landmark in rural central Prince George's County.

#### Notes

1 Prince George's County Patent Liber 14:436; Prince George's County Deeds M:5, 221; Prince George's County Will T#1:176.

2 Federal Direct Tax, 1798.

3 Prince George's County Will PC#1:284; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1830's and 1840's.

4 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; Federal Census for Prince George's County; cf. also National Register nomination of Bowieville, PG #74A-18.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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- 5 Prince George's County Will WAJ #1:368.
- 6 Federal Census for Prince George's County, 1870.
- 7 Prince George's County Deed, #124:258.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed, #1176:95.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #73-18

cf. chain of title  
cf. Notes, #Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 5.58 acres

7M #76 parcel 33

Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization PGC Historic Preservation Commission

date June 1988

street & number c/O MNCEPC, #4010 CAB

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD 20772

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 73-18 Date mid to late 18th cent.

Building Name Chelsea

Location 601 Watkins Park Drive, Largo vicinity, Upper Marlboro

Open to Public      yes   x   no

Chelsea is a large frame, two-story, five bay house, with hip roof and balustered deck. There are four interior chimneys near the edge of the roof, and a five-bay, one-story porch on the east (main) facade. Construction details and floor plan suggest that at some time the house has been enlarged, extending it to the west from the original.

This part of the Chelsea tract has been referred to in old records as a dwelling plantation since the early 1700's. Colonel Joseph Belt, commander of the Prince George's County militia, first acquired this land in 1726 and made his home here. It has not been proven that part of this building was his home. The present house was occupied by the Berry family for many years after 1799; the Berrys owned thousands of acres in this county and, all through the 18th and 19th centuries, lived in some of the finest houses of that time.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Chelsea

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 601 Watkins Park Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md.

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Largo CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Maryland COUNTY Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. W. Wallace Young Telephone #: 301-249-5056

STREET & NUMBER 601 Watkins Park Drive,

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF Largo STATE, zip code Maryland 20870

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: 1176  
Folio #: 95

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland 20870

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE not in HABS

DATE  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Chelsea is a large, frame, two-story, five bay house. It has a hip roof with a balustered deck. There are four interior chimneys near the edge of the roof (one at the north, one at the south and two at the west sides). There is a five-bay, one-story porch on the east or main facade. Construction details and floor plan suggest that at some time the house has been enlarged, extending it to the west from the original.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES mid to late 18th c. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This part of the tract Chelsea has been referred to in old records as a dwelling plantation since the early 1700's. Colonel Joseph Belt, commander of the Prince George's County militia, first acquired this land in 1726 and made his home here. It has not been proved that part of this building was his home. The present house was occupied by the Berry family for many years after 1799. The present owner purchased it in 1940. The Berrys owned thousands of acres in this county and all through the 18th and 19th centuries, lived in some of the finest houses of that time, such as Concord and Bowieville.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

P.G. County Land Records: Liber M,folio 5; Liber JRM#7,folio 142;  
P.G. County Wills: Liber WAJ#1,folio 368

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 acres only in house tract

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	DATE
Margaret W. Cook	January 1979
ORGANIZATION	DATE
P.G. County Historical & Cultural Trust	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
5621 Delaware Drive	301-839-3638
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Oxon Hill	Maryland 20021

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Chelsea					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 2335 Enterprise Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro					
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's			
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public        Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE</b> (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
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<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: W. Wallace Young (Mrs.)					
STREET AND NUMBER: 2335 Enterprise Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland			
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:			

7. DESCRIPTION		SIGNIFICANCE
CONDITION	(Check One)	PERIOD (Check One or More) <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	(Check One)	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable)
<p>The house is a two story, hipped-roof, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade. The main entrance has transom and sidelights; the door and window transoms are cornices. The main cornice is supported by brackets while the corner boards carry drop pendent brackets. A porch, across the entire facade, has square posts and a dentiled cornice. There are four rectangular internal chimneys; there is a balustraded "widow's walk" at the peak of the roof.</p> <p>Behind the house is an old barn with a steeply pitched "A" roof with louvered lantern. There is also a small shed with rough/log posts and vertical plank siding.</p>		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation  STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> <li>_____</li> </ul> |
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 20 Sept. 73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Form 10-445  
(5/62)

<p>1. STATE <b>Md.</b>          COUNTY <b>P.G.</b>          TOWN          VICINITY <b>#37</b>          STREET NO. <b>2335 Enterprise rd.</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE <b>Priv dwell</b>          PRESENT OWNER <b>W.W.Young</b>          PRESENT USE <b>Priv dwell</b>          WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>clapboard</b>          NO. OF STORIES <b>2½</b></p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME <b>Chelsea</b></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>1820-1850</b></p> <p>STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
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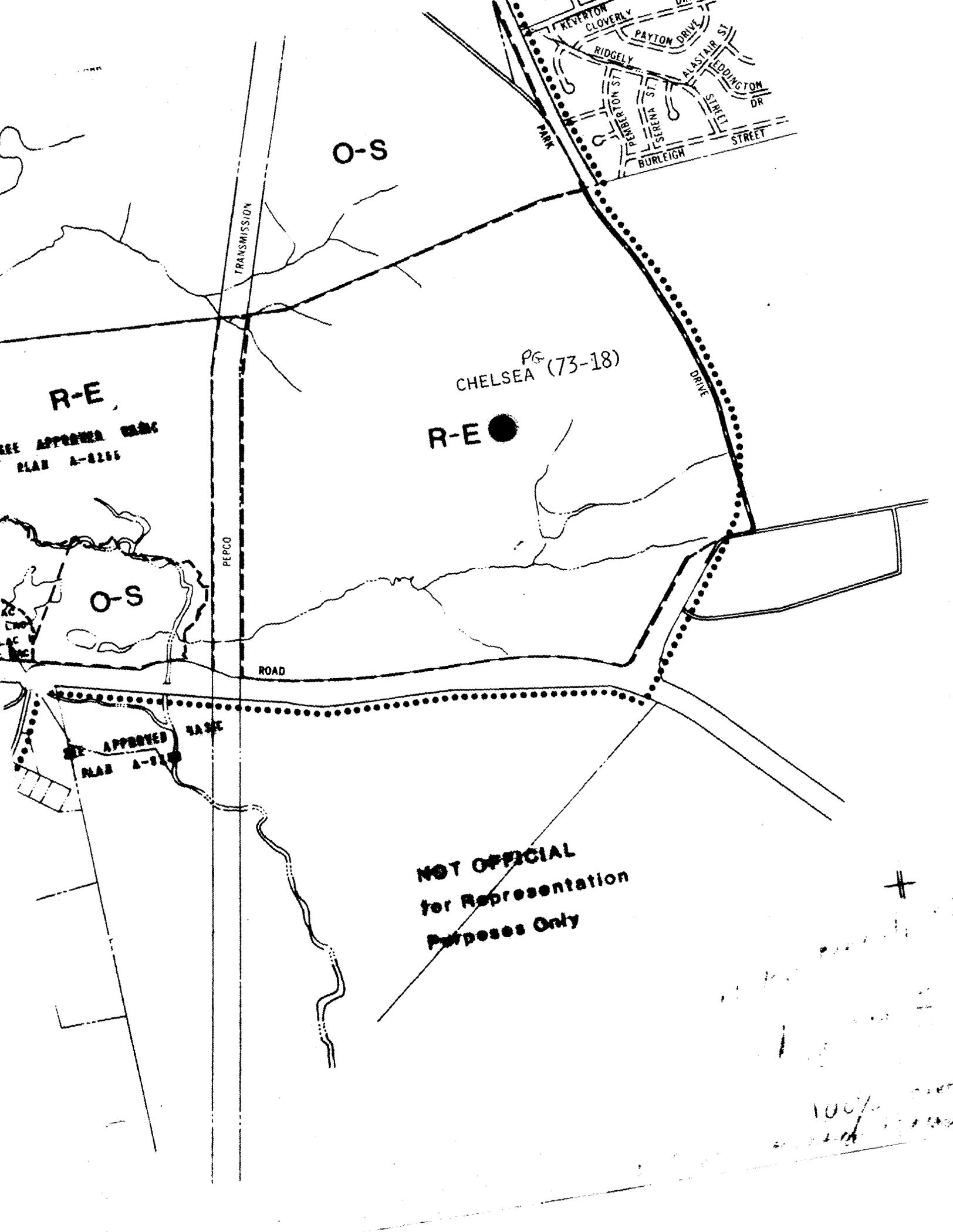
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

**Core is 1820, several later additons.  
 Hip roof.  
 Downstairs windows changed.  
 Owner interested, excell. cond., no danger.**

N AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

*Md. Historical Magazine Vol 19, # No. 1, (March 1924) p. 3:  
 Is this the same Chelsea? says its from 1725,  
 gambrel roof. - DFF*

<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p></p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p><i>Plan # 857</i></p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)          INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p><b>X</b></p> <p><i>Rinn - Survey, p 86</i></p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>



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SEE APPROVED MAP  
PLAN A-216

CHELSEA <sup>PG</sup> (73-18)

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MAP 75 - P. 1

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5086 / 979  
2.00 A  
P.18

MICHAEL J. COOM  
6021 / 821  
35.00 A.  
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WATKINS  
PARK

DRIVE

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MARY N. YOUNG  
1176/95  
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MAP 75 - P. 2

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5031 /  
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J. M. BUCHHEISTER  
5253 / 755  
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PETER W. BUCHHEISTER  
5379 / 780  
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OAK GROVE RD.

DEE CORPORATION  
3968/495  
55.52 A.  
P.30

DORITA-T. BIGELOW  
5552/466  
17.70A.  
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LARGO RD  
MD. 202

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DEE CORPORATION  
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Woodmore

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Enterprise East Rec Center

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Kolbes Corner

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ROBERT M WATKINS REGIONAL STATE PARK

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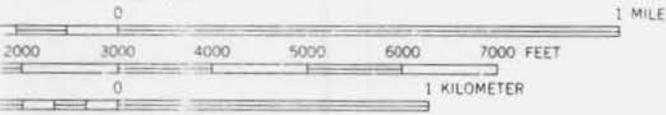
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INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VA 20192

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty ——— Light
- Medium-duty ——— Unimproved
- Interstate Route ——— U.S. Route



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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
GRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled from aerial photographs taken 1977 and other source data. This information not field checked. Map edited 1979

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Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
North elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
South elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
East elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #73-18

Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
West elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



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Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
North parlors, view to west  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



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Chelsea  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Susan G. Pearl  
May 1987  
Stairhall  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



NAME CHELSEA

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE Rd. OAK GROVE (LARGO) Md.

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NAME CHELSEA

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE RD OAK GROVE, Md

FACADE S.E.

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NAME CHELSEA - TOBACCO IN BARN

LOCATION 2335 ENTERPRISE Rd. OAK GROVE, Md

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