

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74A-21 Building Date: 1931  
Building Name: Locust Hill  
Location: 2809 Church Road, Mitchellville

Description

Locust Hill is a two-story rectangular frame dwelling of three-by-three bays with a two-story projecting bay on the northeast corner. It is located on a gravel drive 500 feet east of Church Road. The three-bay south (main) facade has entrances in the second and fourth bay. Entrance to the stairhall is in the fourth bay through a six-panel door with a transom. The doors and windows have plain wood surrounds. Windows are 6/6 with louvered shutters. A three-bay shed roof entrance porch shelters the first story. There is wood trellis-work between the paired porch posts. The balusters are arranged in a wide "X" pattern. The porch base and the house foundation is of rock-faced cement block. The house has white vinyl siding on the front and horizontal white painted wood siding on the rest of the exterior. There is a boxed cornice with end boards and overhanging eaves. The north (rear) facade is five bays of irregularly spaced windows. A stairway down to a cellar door is beneath the second bay. The interior plan is an east side stairhall with a large west parlor. The kitchen is opposite the entrance door. There are crown molded door and window surrounds. The house is surrounded by a ring of mature cedar trees. Two large barns are to the southeast, on property that now is under separate ownership.

Significance

Locust Hill was built in 1931 on the foundation of an earlier frame dwelling. Locust Hill was a Clagett family estate, belonging to Charles S. Clagett (1819-1894), a chief Judge of the Orphans Court. Locust Hill was re-built by Clagett's heirs, Thomas F. B. Clagett and his wife Corrilla Mullikin Bowie, to house their five children and paying guests in the summertime. The house is still owned by Clagett family heirs. The house was built using 19th century elements, perhaps to resemble the earlier dwelling. Details include 6/6 double-hung-sash windows, six panel doors with transoms, a facade-wide entrance porch with decorative wood balusters. The building is significant for its association with the Clagett family, its attractive design and sensitive use of 19th century design elements.

Acreage: 1 acre

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Locust Hill (preferred)

and/or common Berea

## 2. Location

street & number 2809 Church Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Mitchellville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> museum</span>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> park</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> religious</span>
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> scientific</span>
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</span>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> other:</span>

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name ~~Mr. & Mrs. David Coffin~~ Page Bowie Clagett

street & number ~~2809 Church Road~~ 2314 Wyoming Avenue, N.W. telephone no.:

city, town ~~Mitchellville~~ Washington, D.C. state and zip code ~~Md. 20716~~ 20008

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2169

street & number Main Street folio 366

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records History Division - M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md.

# 7. Description

Survey No. 74A-21

### Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Locust Hill is a two-story rectangular frame dwelling of three-by-three bays with a two-story projecting bay on the northeast corner. It is located on a gravel drive approximately 500 feet east of Church Road. The house is hidden from the road by encircling trees.

The three-bay south (main) facade has identical entrances in the second and fourth bay. Entrance to the stairhall is in the fourth bay through a six-panel door with a transom. The secondary entrance is directly into the west parlor. The three windows on the second story align over the first, second and fourth bays of the first story. The doors and windows have plain wood surrounds. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash with louvered shutters. A three-bay shed roof entrance porch shelters the first story. The roof has overhanging eaves and a wide plain frieze resting on paired square wood posts. There is wood trellis-work between the paired posts. The balusters are arranged in a wide "X" pattern.

The base of the porch and the foundation of the house is of rock-faced cement block. The house is sided with white vinyl siding on the front and horizontal white painted wood siding on the rest of the exterior. The roof is of asphalt shingle. There is a boxed cornice with end boards and overhanging eaves.

The three-bay east gable end has two 6/6 windows centered in the upper gable. There is a two-story, two-bay shed roof projecting bay on the northeast corner. The bay incorporates a side porch leading to the kitchen on the first story and an enclosed sunporch on the second story.

The north (rear) facade is five bays of irregularly spaced windows. A stairway down to a cellar door is beneath the second bay. The west gable end is three bays of irregularly spaced windows. There is a high corbelled exterior chimney with weathering on the south side only, placed south of the gable peak.

The interior plan of Locust Hill is that of a east side stairhall with a large west parlor. The kitchen is directly opposite the entrance door. There are crown molded door and window surrounds.

The house is surrounded by a ring of mature cedar trees, seemingly purposefully planted. There are also mature hardwoods in the immediate yard. Two large barns are to the southeast, on property that now is under separate ownership.

# 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
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<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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

**Specific dates** 1931 **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.

Locust Hill was built in 1931 on the foundation of an earlier frame dwelling in which burned in 1925.<sup>1</sup> Locust Hill was a Clagett family estate, belonging to Charles S. Clagett (1819-1894), a chief Judge of the Orphans Court in Prince George's County.<sup>2</sup> Locust Hill was re-built by Clagett's heirs, Thomas F. B. Clagett and his wife Corrilla Mullikin Bowie, to house their five children and house paying guests in the summertime. The house is still owned by Clagett family heirs although inhabited by tenants.

The present Locust Hill was built using nineteenth century stylistic elements, perhaps to resemble the earlier dwelling. Such details include 6/6 double-hung-sash windows, six panel doors with transoms, a facade-wide entrance porch with decorative wood balusters, and its side hall and parlor plan.

The building is significant for its association with the Clagett family, its siting on the site of an earlier Clagett family dwelling, and its attractive design and sensitive use of nineteenth century design elements.

Notes

- 1 Letter from Page Bowie Clagett, 12 November 1985.
- 2 Land Records of Prince George's County, J.W.B. 39:451; and Effie Gwynn Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County, Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, 1975, pg. 146.
- 3 Page Bowie Clagett, op. cit.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

Map 62 E-1 parcel 31

Quadrangle name Lanham Section F

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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 Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1986

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3520

city or town Upper Marlboro state Md.

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

Chain of Title

Locust-Hill  
P.G. #74A-21

#2169:366  
18 Dec 1957  
Deed

Gladys R. Duvall to Corrilla M. Bowie Clagett and Page Bowie Clagett her son. For \$10.00 grantor conveys that parcel in Queen Anne District, a portion of Locust Hill Farm. Contains 31.38 acres.

#2169:363  
18 Dec 1957  
Deed

Corrilla M. Clagett to Gladys R. Duvall. For \$10.00 grantor conveys that part of Locust Hill Farm containing 31.38 acres.

231:101  
7 Mar 1924  
Deed

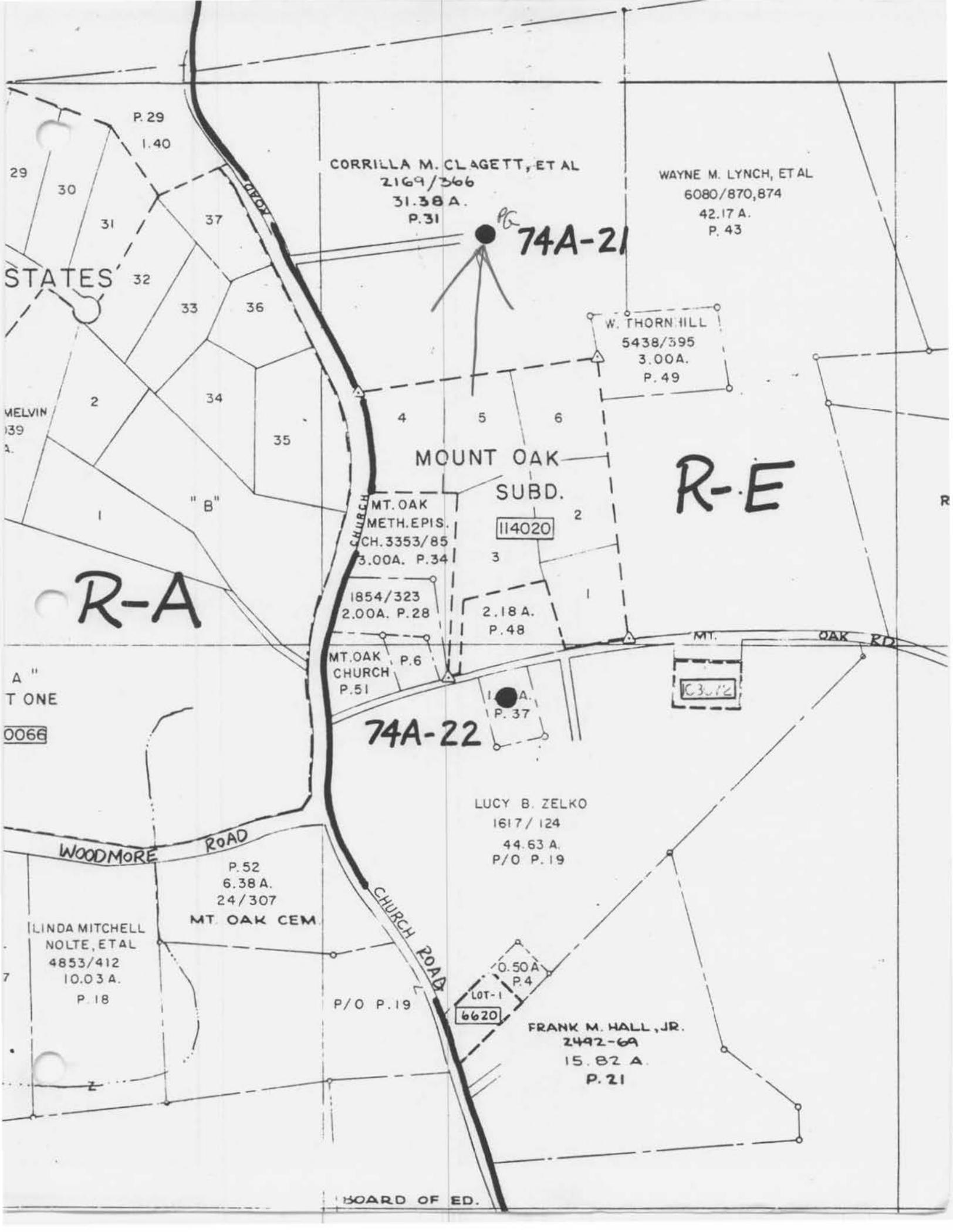
John M. Bowie to Corrilla Bowie Clagett. For \$10.00 grantor conveys to Corrilla Bowie Clagett as Trustee a Deed in Trust for his son James Page Bowie several parcels, including a tract containing 92 1/4 acres called Locust Hill. Fully described in deed from Corrilla W. Mullikin to John M. Bowie, 24 Oct 1898, J.B. 3:545.

JB 3:545  
24 Oct 1898  
Deed

Corrilla M. Mullikin to John M. Bowie. For \$913.80 grantor conveys that parcel in Queen Anne District containing 92 1/4 acres, conveyed to Corrilla Mullikin by William B. Clagett 3/10/1897, JWB 39:451.

JWB 39:451  
30 Mar 1897  
Deed

William B. Clagett and Kate D. Clagett. For \$2,300.25 grantors convey to Corrilla W. Mullikin that tract in Queen Anne District containing 92 1/4 acres, being a part of Locust Hill. Clagett acquired title through mother's dower right and through will of father, Charles Clagett.



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CORRILLA M. CLAGETT, ET AL  
2169/366  
31.38 A.  
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WAYNE M. LYNCH, ET AL  
6080/870,874  
42.17 A.  
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W. THORN HILL  
5438/395  
3.00A.  
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MOUNT OAK  
SUBD.

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CHURCH  
MT. OAK  
METH. EPIS.  
CH. 3353/85  
3.00A. P. 34

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1854/323  
2.00A. P. 28

2.18 A.  
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MT. OAK  
CHURCH  
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LUCY B. ZELKO  
1617/124  
44.63 A.  
P/O P. 19

WOODMORE ROAD

P. 52  
6.38 A.  
24/307

MT. OAK CEM.

LINDA MITCHELL  
NOLTE, ET AL  
4853/412  
10.03 A.  
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CHURCH ROAD

P/O P. 19

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Locust Hill  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
Jan 1986  
North elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Locust Hill  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Marina King  
January 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Locust Hill  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Marina King  
January 1986  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #74A-21

Locust Hill  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Marina King  
January 1986  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.