

CAPSULE SUMMARY
15500 Hall Road (PG: 74A-26)
Prince George's County, Maryland

Built between 1890 and 1900, this vernacular I-house, together with its associated agricultural outbuildings, exemplifies late-19th century stylistic trends in architecture as well as the continued prevalence of agriculture in Prince George's county during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. The large barn and other agricultural outbuildings reflect the continued importance of agriculture in the county during the period.

The house at 15500 Hall Road is located on a farmstead on the northeast side of the road. The property contains mature trees, shrubs, a sheep pasture, a gravel driveway, and foundation plantings around the house. This vernacular I-house is two stories tall and three bays wide. The two-story rear ell gives the building an L-shaped footprint. The house rests on a solid brick foundation, laid in stretcher bond, and the wood frame walls are clad with weatherboard siding. A one-story, three-bay porch extends across most of the façade, and an asphalt shingle, center gable roof with cornice returns covers the building. There are two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps on the front section of the house, and another interior end brick chimney with a corbeled cap on the rear ell. A one-story, one-bay addition was added to the northwest (left) side of the building in the 1920s. It features stucco facing and a side gable, asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter ends.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

=====

1. Name of Property

=====

historic name _____

common/other name _____

=====

2. Location

=====

street & number 15500 Hall Road not for publication _____
city or town Mitchellville vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20716

=====

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

=====

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

=====

5. Classification

=====

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

=====

6. Function or Use

=====

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

=====

7. Description

=====

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Brick

Roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle

Walls Wood Frame: Weatherboard Siding

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

=====
8. Statement of Significance
=====

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties
15500 Hall Road
Prince George's County, Maryland

Inventory No. PG:74A-26
Page 4

=====
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance 1890-1950

Significant Dates 1890-1900

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

=====
9. Major Bibliographical References
=====

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

=====
10. Geographical Data
=====

Acreage of Property 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 15500 Hall Road is designated as Parcel 5, Grid B1 as indicated on Map 70.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 15500 Hall Road has historically been associated with Parcel 5 since its construction circa 1890.

=====
11. Form Prepared By
=====

name/title R. Weidlich and C. Novelli, Architectural Historians
organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 8, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

=====
12. Property Owner
=====

name Jean C. Jones
street & number 15500 Hall Road telephone _____
city or town Bowie state MD zip code 20716

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

Section 7 Page 1

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====

The house at 15500 Hall Road is located on a farmstead on the northeast side of the road. The property contains mature trees, shrubs, a sheep pasture, a gravel driveway, and foundation plantings around the house. Built between 1890 and 1900, this vernacular I-house is two stories tall and three bays wide. The two-story rear ell gives the building an L-shaped footprint. The house rests on a solid brick foundation, laid in stretcher bond, and the wood frame walls are clad with weatherboard siding. A one-story, three-bay porch extends across most of the façade, and an asphalt shingle, center gable roof with cornice returns covers the building. There are two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps on the front section of the house, and another interior end brick chimney with a corbeled cap on the rear ell. A one-story, one-bay addition was added to the northwest (left) side of the building in the 1920s. It features stucco facing and a side gable, asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter ends.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, the southwest elevation of the building, is three bays wide. It contains a centered entry with a double-leaf panel-and-light wood door below a 4-light transom. On either side of the door is a 2/2 wood window. A three-bay wide porch extends across most of the façade. Covered by a hipped roof with a center gable, the porch has chamfered wood post supports with curved corner brackets, and decorative wood shingles in the center gable. The second floor is marked by three 2/2 wood windows, and the center gable has a small 2/2 wood window with a pointed top. The 1920s addition on the northwest (left) side has two 3/1 wood windows.

The southeast elevation is four bays wide, and comprised of the front part of the house and the ell. The front part has a 6/6 wood window on the first floor, and a 6/6 wood window on the second floor. The ell has two 6/6 wood windows on the first floor, and two 6/6 wood windows on the second floor.

The rear, or northeast, elevation is dominated by the ell, which features a single-leaf door and a 2/1 wood window on the first story. A screened porch wraps around the rear and northwest (right) side of the ell. The front section of the house features three 6/6 wood windows: one on the first floor and two on the second floor. The rear of the side addition has two 3/1 wood windows.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

Section 7 Page 2

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====

The northwest elevation is comprised of the ell, the front section of the house, and the 1920s addition. The addition contains a group of four 3/1 wood windows. The second floor of the front section of the house has four 1/1 wood windows, arranged in groups of two. The ell has two 6/6 wood windows on the second floor.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

Also on the property are three sheds, a garage, a barn, and a poultry shelter. The concrete block garage was built in the 1950s, and is one story tall and two bays wide. Located on the northwest side of the house, it features an asphalt shingle, front gable roof and two panel-and-light, pull-up garage doors.

To the northwest (left side) of the garage is a small wood frame shed which was built around 1900. One story tall and three bays wide, it features a side gable, asphalt shingle roof.

Set further back from the house, to the north, is a small concrete block shed which was built in the 1930s. One story tall and two bays wide, it features a front gable, asphalt shingle roof with exposed rafter ends.

The large wood frame barn is located on the other side of the sheep pasture, to the southeast. Built between 1890 and 1900, the barn is one story tall, and one bay wide on each end. It features vertical board siding and a gambrel, standing seam metal roof.

South of the barn is a wood frame poultry shelter. Built in the 1920s, it is one story tall and six bays wide. It features vertical board siding and a shed roof with exposed rafter ends.

A wood frame shed is located north of the barn. Built between 1900 and 1920, it is one story tall and has a front gable roof.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

Section 8 Page 1

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====

Built between 1890 and 1900, this vernacular I-house, together with its associated agricultural outbuildings, exemplifies late-19th century stylistic trends in architecture as well as the continued prevalence of agriculture in Prince George's county during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. The large barn and other agricultural outbuildings reflect the continued importance of agriculture in the county during the period.

A common 19th-century vernacular house type across the mid-Atlantic region, the I-house was one room deep, two stories tall, and three or five bays wide, with a central entry. I-houses usually had a porch on the front elevation and a kitchen wing in the rear, due to the narrowness of the main core. On the interior, a central passage separated the two rooms on the first floor; the second floor contained either two or four bedchambers. During the mid- and late-19th century, many traditional I-houses began to be built with pre-cut ornamental detailing. Other common I-house features this house displays are the center gable with its pointed window, the gable cornice returns, and the gablet over the center bay of the porch.

At the conclusion of the Civil War and the demise of the plantation system, farm size in Prince George's County slowly decreased. While the average farm size decreased from 263 acres in 1860 to 159 acres in 1880 and 104 acres in 1910, the number of farms in the county increased from 800 in 1860 to approximately 2,400 by 1900. Tenant farming and sharecropping were also practiced, but the availability of credit placed a greater proportion of Maryland's farmland under independent ownership than in other former slave states. While tobacco continued to serve as a major cash crop, southern Maryland farmers, especially those nearer the urban markets of Washington and Baltimore, began diversifying and produced more crops, such as grains and potatoes, for consumption in the cities. The opening of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad in 1873 revitalized the practice of agriculture in southern Maryland. Beginning in 1873, the railroad operated a freight train to Baltimore once a week to carry local produce. In the 1880s, land values in southern Maryland rose rapidly in response to increased profits from agriculture. The Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, therefore, was responsible for agricultural prosperity in southern Maryland during the 19th and 20th centuries.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

Section 8 Page 2

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====
National Register Evaluation:

The house at 15500 Hall Road is eligible under Criterion C. It does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). The building provides a fine example of vernacular rural architecture. Although it does not represent the work of a master, the I-house retains its integrity and displays high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended *P*

Not Recommended ~~*P*~~

Comments:

Review, OPS: *[Signature]* ✓

Date: *4/4/99*

Reviewer, NR Program: _____

Date: _____

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====
HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====
Chain of Title:

Parcel 1

- April 10, 1877: Richard S. and Elizabeth S. Hill to Richard Clarke Duvall
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber HB 12 Folio 240
- April 13, 1884: Richard Clarke Duvall and Alice M. Duvall to Henry Clay Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber JWB 3 Folio 237
- December 2, 1898: Elizabeth Hill, deceased, to Richard S. and Ada M. Hill, Frank W. and Grace C. Hill, and Catherine S. Hill
Will Records of Prince George's County
Liber JB3 Folio 485

Parcel 2

- December 3, 1898: Richard S. and Ada M. Hill, and Catherine S. Hill to Henry Clay Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber JB4 Folio 199

Parcels 1 and 2

- December 27, 1923: Henry Clay Hopkins and Ella I. Hopkins to William Curtis Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 204 Folio 119
- December 1, 1930: William Curtis Hopkins to Hannah F. and William Curtis Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 363 Folio 191
- February 21, 1935: Hannah F. and William Curtis Hopkins to Michael T. Wyvill
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 407 Folio 131

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG: 74A-26

15500 Hall Road
name of property
Prince George's County, MD
county and state

=====

February 21, 1935: Michael T. Wyvill to William Curtis and Hannah
F. Hopkins
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 407 Folio 133

March 13, 1978: Roland E. Hopkins, William S. Hopkins, Holmes
C. Hopkins, and David D. Hopkins to Jean C.
Jones
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 4900 Folio 124

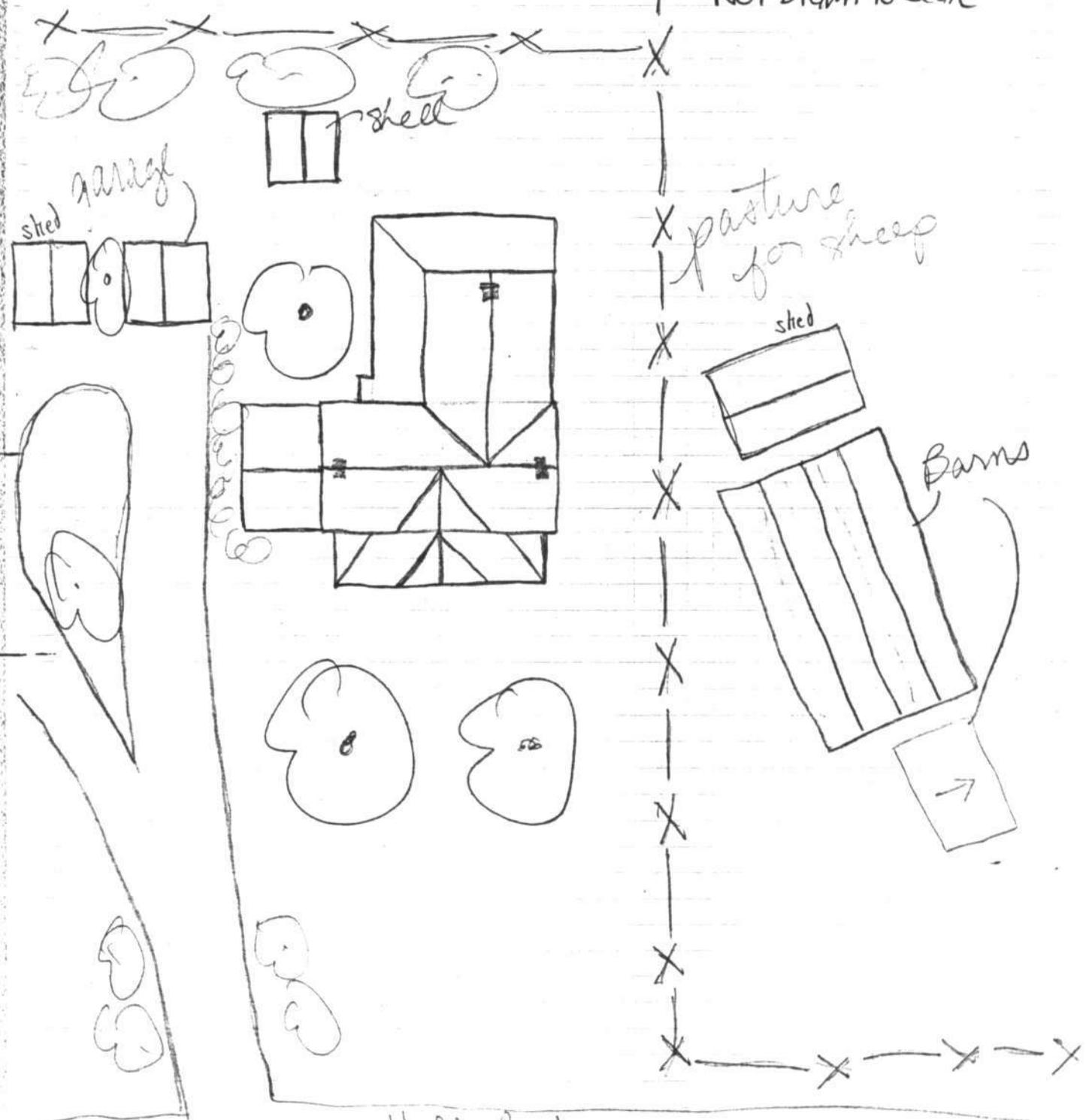
NR X

15500 Hall Road PG: 74A-26

Prince George's County
Maryland

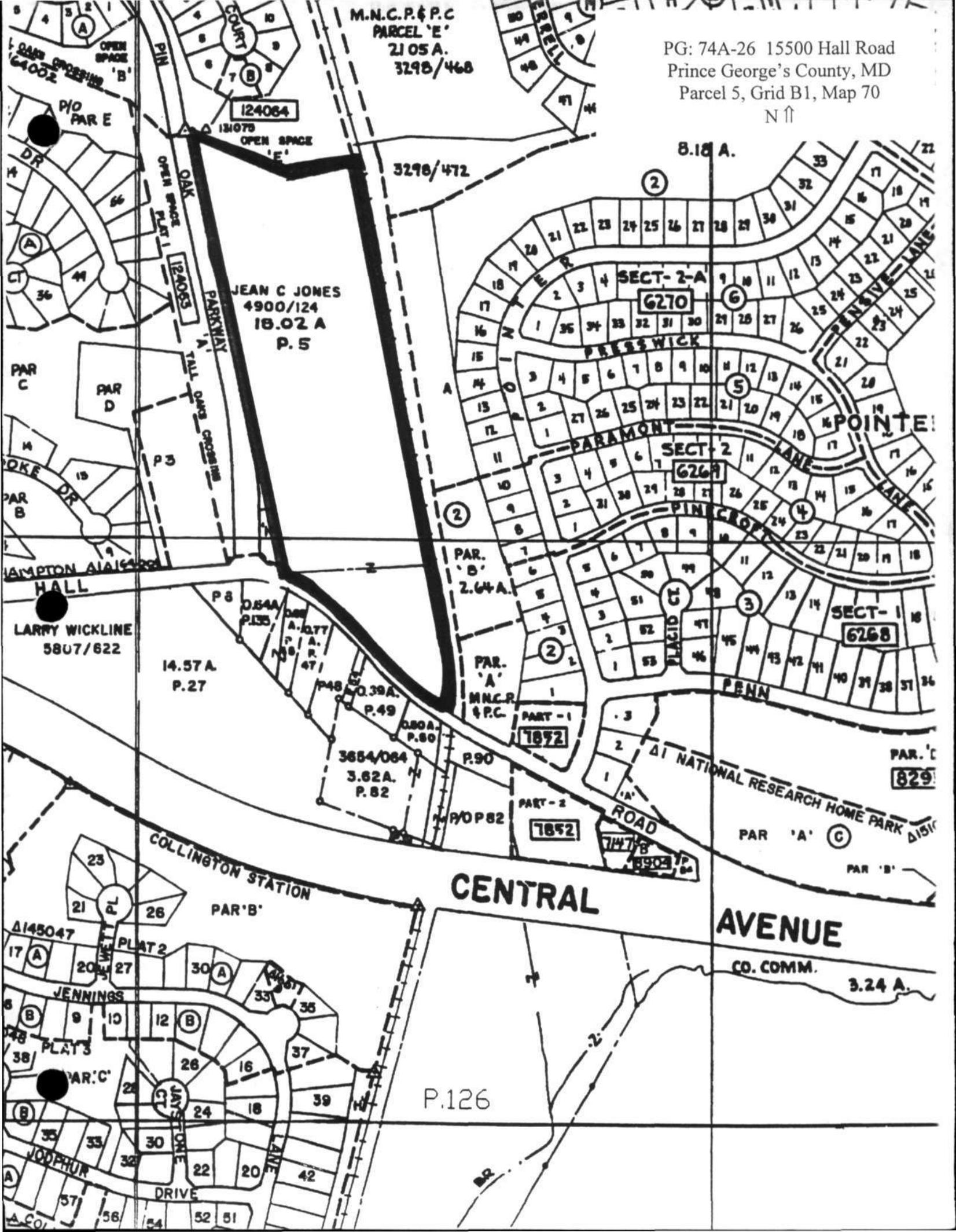
Resource Sketch Map 1999
Not Drawn to Scale

pasture



Hall Road

PG: 74A-26 15500 Hall Road
Prince George's County, MD
Parcel 5, Grid B1, Map 70
N ↑



M.N.C.P. & P.C.
PARCEL 'E'
21.05 A.
3298/468

JEAN C JONES
4900/124
18.02 A
P.5

LARRY WICKLINE
5807/622

CENTRAL AVENUE

P.126

829

6270

6269

6268

124064

124065

3654/064
3.62 A.
P.82

7852

7852

145047

124063

124062

124061

124060

124059

124058

124057

124056

124055

124054

124053

124052

124051

124050

124049

124048

124047

124046

124045

124044

124043

124042

124041

124040

124039

124038

124037

124036

124035

124034

124033

124032

124031

124030

124029

124028

124027

124026

124025

124024

124023

124022

124021

124020

124019

124018

124017

124016

124015

124014

124013

124012

124011

124010

124009

124008

124007

124006

124005

124004

124003

124002

124001

124000

123999

123998

123997

123996

123995

123994

123993

123992

123991

123990

123989

123988

123987

123986

123985

123984

123983

123982

123981

123980

123979

123978

123977

123976

123975

123974

123973

123972

123971

123970

123969

123968

123967

123966

123965

123964

123963

123962

123961

123960

123959

123958

123957

123956

123955

123954

123953

123952

123951

123950

123949

123948

123947

123946

123945

123944

123943

123942

123941

123940

123939

123938

123937

123936

123935

123934

123933

123932

123931

123930

123929

123928

123927

123926

123925

123924

123923

123922

123921

123920

123919

123918

123917

123916

123915

123914

123913

123912

123911

123910

123909

123908

123907

123906

123905

123904

123903

123902

123901

123900

123899

123898

123897

123896

123895

123894

123893

123892

123891

123890

123889

123888

123887

123886

123885

123884

123883

123882

123881

123880

123879

123878

123877

123876

123875

123874

123873

123872

123871

123870

123869

123868

123867

123866

123865

123864

123863

123862

123861

123860

123859

123858

123857

123856

123855

123854

123853

123852

123851

123850

123849

123848

123847

123846

123845

123844

123843

123842

123841

123840

123839

123838

123837

123836

123835

123834

123833

123832

123831

123830

123829

123828

123827

123826

123825

123824

123823

123822

123821

123820

123819

123818

123817

123816

123815

123814

123813

123812

123811

123810

123809

123808

123807

123806

123805

123804

123803

123802

123801

123800

123799

123798

123797

123796

123795

123794

123793

123792

123791

123790

123789

123788

123787

123786

123785

123784

123783

123782

123781

123780

123779

123778

123777

123776

123775

123774

123773

123772

123771

123770

123769

123768

123767

123766

123765

15500 HALL ROAD
PG: 74A-26

5501 HALL ROAD
PG: 74A-27

COMMERCIAL BUILDING,
503 HALL ROAD
PG: 74A-28

105 CENTRAL AVENUE
PG: 74B-27

104 CENTRAL AVENUE
PG: 74B-26

180 CRAIN HIGHWAY, SE
PG: 74B-28

163 CRAIN HIGHWAY, SW
PG: 74A-29



Bowie USGS Quad





PG:74A-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

southwest elevation

1 of 7



PG:74A-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

east corner

2 of 7



PG:74A-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

north corner

3 of 7



PG: 74H-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

northwest elevation

4 of 7



PG: 74A-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

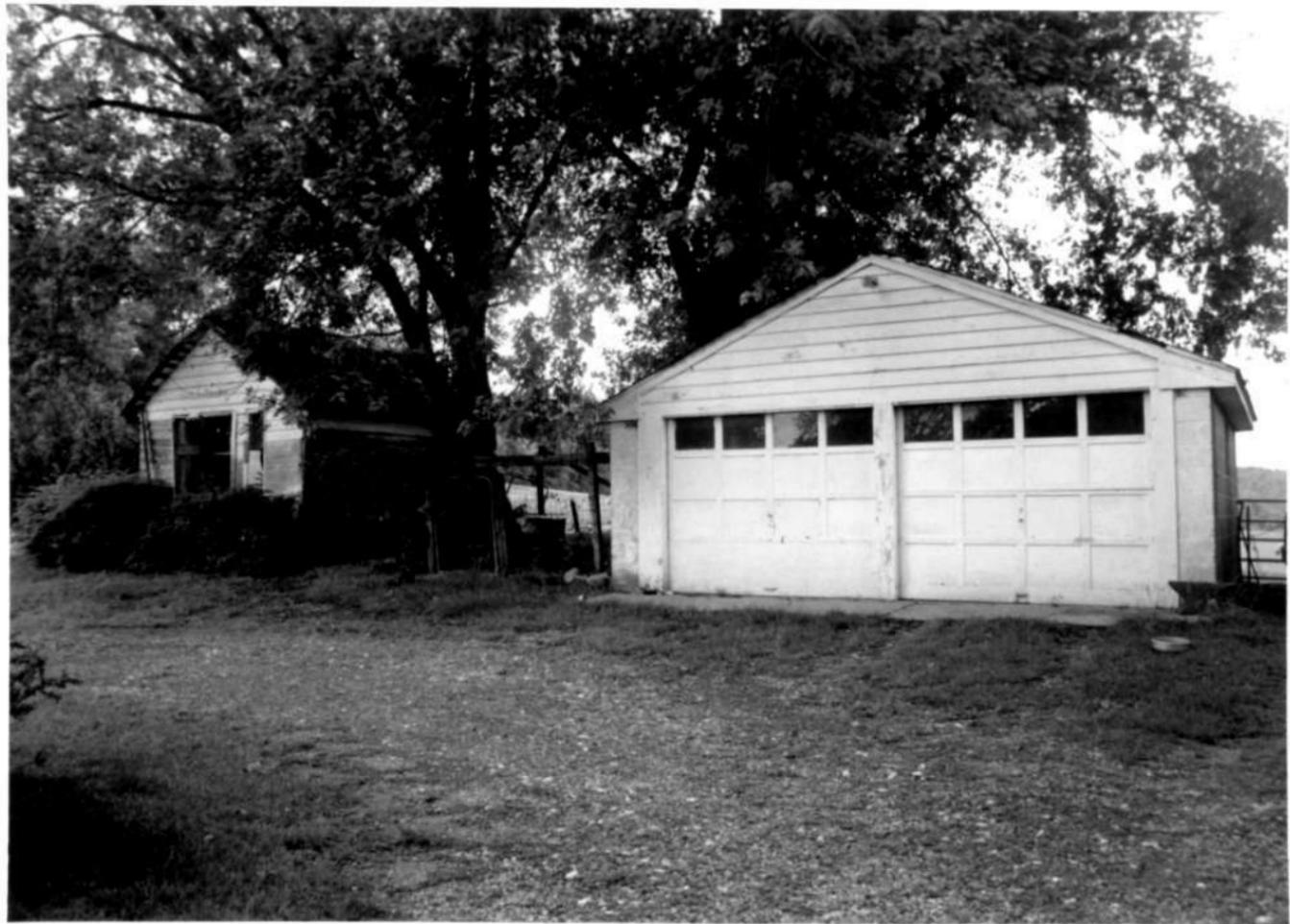
TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPD

sked

5 of 7



PG:74A-26

1550 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

shed and garage

6 of 7



PG:74H-26

15500 HALL ROAD

PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SHPO

barr

7 of 7