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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Sprigg's Request

AND/OR COMMON

PLEASANT PROSPECT (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

12806 Woodmore Road

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellyville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 20716

__ VICINITY OF

CODE

24

COUNTY

Prince George's

CODE

033

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Estate of Edward S. Walker

STREET & NUMBER

12806 Woodmore Road

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellyville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

20716

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Courthouse, Prince George's County

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland 20870

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Sites Inventory of Prince George's County (#20)

DATE

March 1970

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle - Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Pleasant Prospect is located in Queen Anne's Election District (No. 7) of Prince George's County, between the John Hanson Highway to the north, Woodmore Road to the south, and midway between Enterprise Road to the west and Church Road to the east. Originally built by Isaac Duckett in 1798, the interior was altered by the Contee and Walker families. A large (56 x 35 foot), two and one-half story, five bay structure, the house has Flemish-bond brickwork with interior chimneys at either end. A hyphen and kitchen wing on the south end of the structure are typical of late eighteenth and early nineteenth century ancillary architecture in Southern Maryland. There is a cellar with a fireplace under the main block of the house with sandstone foundations.

The window openings on the facade have rubbed brick arches over them. The kitchen walls appear to be of a different type of brick than the main house and hyphen. The water table around the house and hyphen does not appear on the kitchen walls. The name "John Clarke" is cut into two bricks located on the south side of the door on the west elevation. According to an unsubstantiated family tradition, he is identified as the builder of the house.

Each gable end has an interior chimney. At the attic story level, the chimney stacks are exposed on both the north and south sides of the house and are joined at the center of the ridge to form a single chimney stack. On the interior walls of the north elevation, the chimney runs diagonally across the wall. On the south elevation, the chimneys join above the attic story window and form an ogee arch. There is a chimney on the north wall of the two-story kitchen which accommodates fireplaces on each floor.

Double doors with fanlights are centered on both the west facade and east elevation. These appear to be the original doorways. The peaked dormer, located at the center of the roof on the east elevation with its Victorianized Palladian window, is a late nineteenth century addition. The present roof structure is covered with a standing seam metal roof. The kitchen wing has a hipped roof of the same material. The windows of Pleasant Prospect have both interior and exterior shutters. The second story windows no longer possess interior folding shutters. The Walker family added both the porch on the east facade and the rear addition, consisting of a bath on the second floor over a screened entrance porch on the first floor, after 1868.

The interior of the house utilizes a floor plan with two rooms on each side of a central hallway dominated by a staircase of unusual height and depth. This staircase was added by the Walker family in the third quarter of the nineteenth century and replaced an original enclosed stairway which was in the northwest corner room of the first floor.

The interior plasterwork decorations demonstrate a strong Adam influence, featuring elaborate swags, urns and other Adamesque motifs. The plaster

(See Continuation Sheet No. 1)

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" 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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Pleasant Prospect," a home of the Duckett, Contee and Walker families in the Mitchellville area of Prince George's County, was one of three homes built by members of the Duckett family in that vicinity. Originally built by Isaac Duckett in 1798, it was also the home of Captain John Contee, the commander of the "Planter's Guard," a local cavalry company which was presented the handsome banner in a ceremony at Upper Marlboro on April 19, 1861. Since 1868 members of the Walker family have owned the property.

"Pleasant Prospect," originally patented as "Sprigg's Request" by Thomas Sprigg on August 1, 1698, consisted of some five hundred acres. The Sprigg family owned the property until about 1788 when Dr. Isaac Duckett, who had married Sprigg's granddaughter, acquired it and built the handsome brick house. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment for Collington and Western Branch Hundreds of Prince George's County described Isaac Duckett as the owner and occupant of "Sprigg's Request." In this list, the property is described as "a new Two story Brick dwelling, very elegantly furnished with passage 20 by 16, kitchen 19 by 14, all of Brick, a Frame Meat House, 14 feet square Milk House 14 feet square Lumber House 20 by 16, Stable 20 by 16, all new and very well furnished." The property was valued at \$2,250.

Isaac Duckett repatented his property as "Pleasant Prospect" in 1809. In addition to the 500 acres of "Sprigg's Request," the new patent also included "Elizabeth's Purchase" of 244 acres, "Duckett's Addition" for 26 3/4 acres, part of "Pye Anne's Grove" for 12 acres, part of "Young's Addition" for 26 3/4 acres, part of "Young 's Purchase" for 208 1/2 acres, and a part of "Hall's Purchase" for 81 1/2 acres. The new patent contained a total of eight hundred and twenty five acres.

The National Intelligencer for October 11, 1820, carried the following advertisement:

"For sale, Pleasant Prospect, 1,095 acres in the forest of Prince George's County, about 7 miles from Queen Anne where there is a tobacco warehouse on navigable water; ten miles from Upper Marlboro. A large brick dwelling 56 feet in length, 34 feet wide, two stories high; 3 large rooms below; 3 above; wing at one end, milk house, smoke house, meat house, ice house, corn houses and stables; two or three hundred acres in clover; 11 tobacco houses on this land, sufficient to cure 100,000 pounds of tobacco. Land well enclosed, fencing

(See Continuation Sheet No.1)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Effie Gwynn Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County (Richmond, 1947).
 H, Chandlee Forman, Old Buildings Gardens and Furniture in Tiedwater, Maryland
 (Cambridge, 1967).
 Prince George's County Land Records, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro.
 Patent Records. Hall of Records, Annapolis.
 The Walkers of Toaping Castle, Maryland, by Samuel H. Walker. (1883)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING							

B

ZONE	EASTING			NORTHING							

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Acreege Justification: The ten acres immediately surrounding "Pleasant Prospect" was nominated to preserve the house, the sunken garden and east front drive with proper easements.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Frank White, Chairman

(cs)

ORGANIZATION

Prince George's County Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

March 31, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

6211-60th Place

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale

STATE

Maryland 20840

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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Pleasant Prospect
Sprigg's Request

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DESCRIPTION, ITEM #7 CONTINUED

ceiling mouldings are handsomely designed with different patterns utilized in each room. The mantels are equally elaborate. The floors in the house are originals, except where the opening of the original staircase has been closed on the second floor.

The west elevation was originally graced by a sunken garden, evidences of which still remain. The grounds to the north of the house are planted with box-wood. Originally there was a circular drive on the east side of the house, but this has now become overgrown. The gate posts and gateway still remain. Still operated as a working farm, a smoke house and corn crib, both of frame construction can be found on the property, as can a large brick stable.

Surrounded by a five hundred acre tract, many large trees of many species are found immediately adjacent to the main house. It is more than one-half mile to Woodmore Road, the nearest public way.

ITEM #8 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE - Continuation Sheet No. 1

in good repair. Isaac Duckett."

Dr. Duckett died in 1823, and in his will he devised "Pleasant Prospect" to his son-in-law, Lt. John Contee, a naval officer who owned the property until 1839. The property then passed to his son, Captain John Contee. The latter altered "Pleasant Prospect" during the period of his ownership which lasted until 1863. Previous to his death, Captain Contee seems to have experienced some financial difficulties, for in September of 1862, he conveyed "Pleasant Prospect" to William B. Bowie as security for a mortgage of \$10,000. As his estate had insufficient funds to pay his debts, the Prince George's County Circuit Court appointed former Governor Thomas G. Pratt and Daniel Clarke to sell Contee's lands at a trustee's sale.

On February 19, 1868, Pratt and Clarke sold "Pleasant Prospect," now containing only five hundred and sixty two acres, to Jonathan T. Walker for \$3,625. The Walker family originally lived at "Toaping Castle" near present-day Greenbelt, but at an early age Jonathan Walker had moved to Washington where he entered the lumber business. He returned to "Toaping Castle" after the outbreak of the Civil War, but still continued to conduct his business in the city. Following

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"Pleasant Prospect"
Sprigg's Request

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Significance, Item No. 8 Continued

his purchase of "Pleasant Prospect," he retired from business and made his home there until his death on November 15, 1885.

The property then passed to Jonathan Walker's youngest son, Edward Spedden Walker. After his death on November 14, 1940, his widow continued to live at "Pleasant Prospect," although the title to the property became vested jointly in the several heirs to Edward Walker's estate.

At the present time, only the kitchen wing of the house is occupied. Two Walker families still continue to reside on the estate, each of whom has their own home.

Since "Pleasant Prospect" was built slightly over one hundred and seventy-five years ago, only three families have occupied it; the Ducketts, the Contees and the Walkers. The Duckett who occupied the house practiced medicine in this rural community. The Contee family became prominent in the militia of Prince George's County. The Walkers were well known because a member of this family gained fame as an officer in the Texas Rangers. The family is also remembered as farmers and for outstanding participation in the Prince George's County business community.

Hopmehurst

PLEASANT PROSPECT
LANHAM QUADRANGLE
USGS 7.5 minute map
scale 1:24000
1965

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ANNAPOLIS 12 MI.

PLEASANT PROSPECT

(BOWIE)
5661 NW

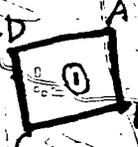
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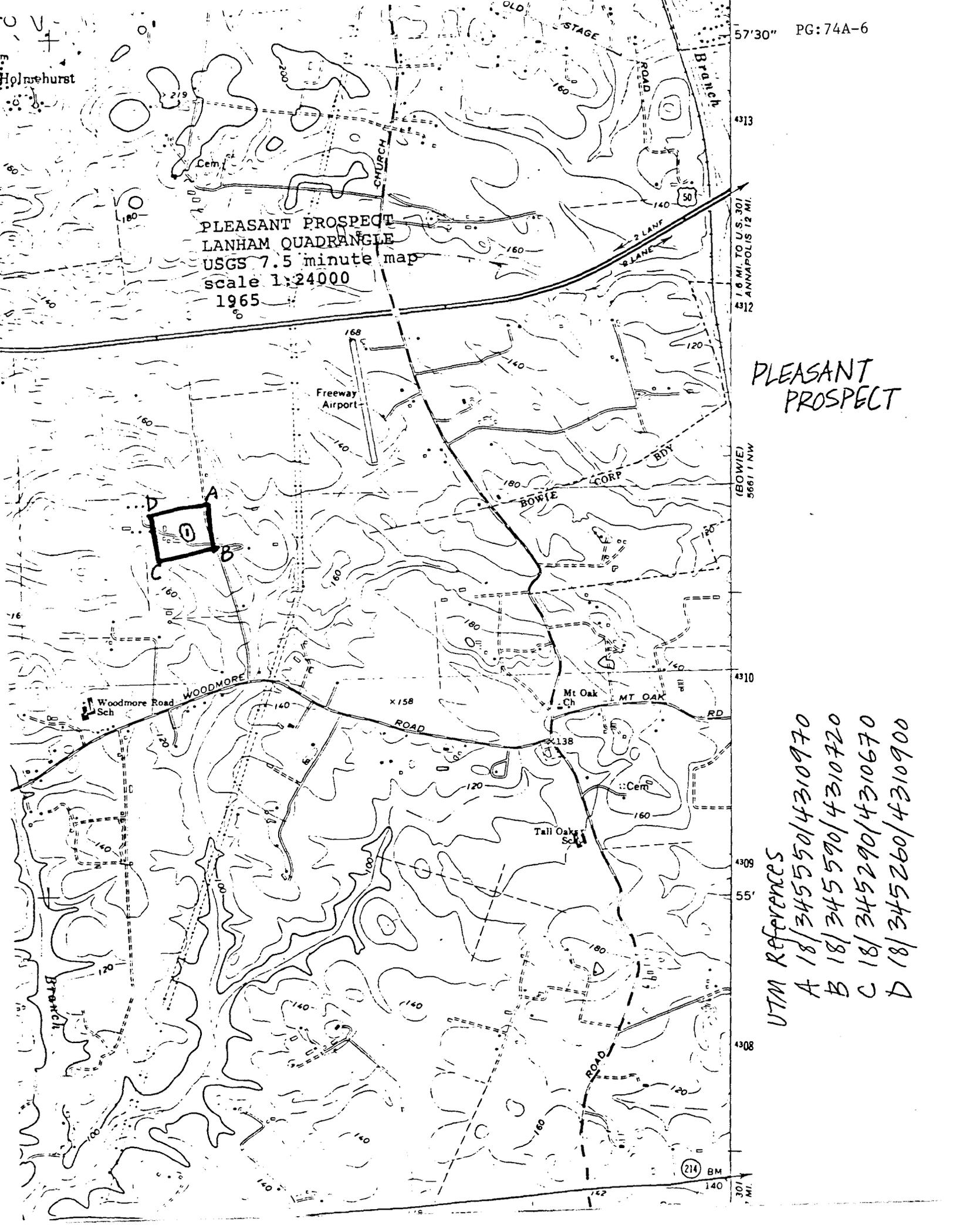
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- UTM REFERENCES
- A 18/345550/4310970
 - B 18/345590/4310720
 - C 18/345290/4310670
 - D 18/345260/4310900



EASEMENT

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 74A-6 Date 1798

Building Name Pleasant Prospect

Location Woodmore Road, west of Church Road, Collington vicinity

Open to Public yes x no

Pleasant Prospect is a two-and-one-half story, five-bay brick structure, with passage and kitchen wing, all laid in Flemish bond. The roof has interior chimneys at the ridge at each gable end. The shuttered windows have gauged brick arches. First floor windows are nine-lights-over-six and six-over-six on the second floor. The main entrance (east) has a two-leaf molded three-paneled recessed door. The fanlight has a molded arch above it which is supported by compound fluted pilasters. The gabled dormer at the center of the east elevation with its modified Palladian window, as well as the five-bay one-story east porch, and the west entrance addition, was added after 1868.

The house was built for Dr. Isaac Duckett about 1798, on land known as Sprigg's Request. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment included Dr. Duckett's ". . . new, two-story brick house, very elegantly finished with passage . . . kitchen . . . all of brick . . ." and several outbuildings, ". . . all new and very well finished .."

After Duckett's death in 1823, Pleasant Prospect became the property of his Contee grandchildren. In 1868, it was conveyed to Jonathan T. Walker whose family continued to own the property until 1978.

Easement

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Pleasant Prospect

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Woodmore Road

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Desmond Walker

STREET AND NUMBER: Woodmore Road

CITY OR TOWN: Mitchellville STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER: 10 1st Street SE

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair
	(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			
<p>The house is a two story, brick building laid up throughout in Flemish bond. The five bay, main (east) facade has a central doorway with a semi-circular arched head within a rectangular surround flanked by fluted pilasters. The windows are 9/6 double hung sash with narrow moulded surrounds. Jack arches are a header and stretcher tall, with narrow, shaped bricks. The two course water table has an ogee profile. The boxed cornice has a bed moulding and console blocks. A central gable of frame with flush board siding and triple window was added in the nineteenth century; the window heads have a fascia cut in ogee curves.</p> <p>The gable ends have large, flush gable chimneys. The rear facade is similar to the main facade. Rather than the five bay Victorian porch, however, it has a single bay entrance tower with a room above. There are two dormer windows with 6/6 double hung sash.</p> <p>On the south end there is a single two story wing connected to the house by a one story hyphen. Both are laid up in common bond. The hyphen has a central doorway and 6/6 double hung sash windows, all with flat wooden lintels.</p> <p>The meat house is a small square building with a pyramid roof. The siding is flush boarding.</p>			

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Pleasant Prospect" was named by Col. John Contee when he inherited the land from his father, Alexander Contee of Nottingham. Col. Contee was a delegate to a meeting at Annapolis preparatory to the Revolutionary War and was a signer of the "Declaration of the Freeman of Maryland." He married Margaret Snowden, daughter of Richard Snowden "the younger." They built the first house at "Pleasant Prospect."

Richard Alexander Contee inherited "Pleasant Prospect" from his father. Like his father, he served the American cause in the Revolutionary War, being a member of the Committee of Inspection for Patuxent District to watch for movements of British ships up the river. His first wife, Mary, was the daughter of David Craufurd, one of the most prominent merchants in Upper Marlboro.

By his second wife, Elizabeth Saunders, R.A. Contee had a son, John, who inherited his father's plantation. John Contee served in the U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. His son, also John, graduated from the Naval Academy and served in the U.S. Navy, also reaching the rank of Lieutenant. In 1861 he was elected Captain of the Cavalry Company called "The Planter's Guard."

The National Intelligencer of 11 October 1820 carried an advertisement for the sale of the house, "Pleasant Prospect," which details the estate: "...1,095 acres in the forest of Prince George's Co., about 7 miles from Queen Anne where is a tobacco warehouse on navigable water; 10 miles from Upper Marlboro. A large brick dwelling, 56 feet in length, 34 feet wide; two stories high; 3 large rooms below; 3 above; wing at one end, milk house, smoke house, meat house, ice house, corn houses and stables; two or three hundred acres set in clover; 11 tobacco houses on this land sufficient to cure 100,000 pounds of tobacco." The house evidently was not sold, however, since Capt. John Contee inherited it from his father and lived there until 1864.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bowie, Effie Gwynn. Across the Years in Prince George's County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 7 Oct 74

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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Prince Georges**
 TOWN **VICINITY #20**
 STREET NO. **1/2 mile north of Woodmore Rd.**
 ORIGINAL OWNER **Col. John Contee (?)**
 ORIGINAL USE **Private dwelling**
 PRESENT OWNER
 PRESENT USE **Private dwelling**
 WALL CONSTRUCTION **brick**
 NO. OF STORIES **2 1/2**

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY

2. NAME **Pleasant Prospect**
 DATE OR PERIOD **1780 1798**
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

Flemish bond.
 Victorianized-porch.
 Breezeway to adjoining building, later.
 No developments in area.
 Well-kept

*Wilfong, J.C., Jr. "Change mid 18th c to early 18th c.
 mention barn.*

HABS - 5 photos

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

Color # 754, 853

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

Bowie, I, 237, 702
 Forman, Old Bldg. 1967, p 241-246 4 photos

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

*his Nat'l Cap. Park & Planning map
 1969 # 76.*

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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 Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search
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Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 0797639

Owner Information

Owner Name:	GARTHOFF, RAYMOND L TRUSTEE ETAL	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	12806 WOODMORE RD MITCHELLVILLE MD 20721-4122	Deed Reference:	1) /13149/ 127 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address WOODMORE RD BOWIE 20721	Zoning RA	Legal Description L13149 F121 & F124
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
54	A4	10						81	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	21
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1800	6,660 SF	5.00 AC	002

Stories 2 1/2	Basement YES	Type STANDARD UNIT	Exterior BRICK
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Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2002	Value As Of 07/01/2003	Value As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	95,710	95,710		
Improvements:	223,100	324,850		
Total:	318,810	420,560	386,642	420,560
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

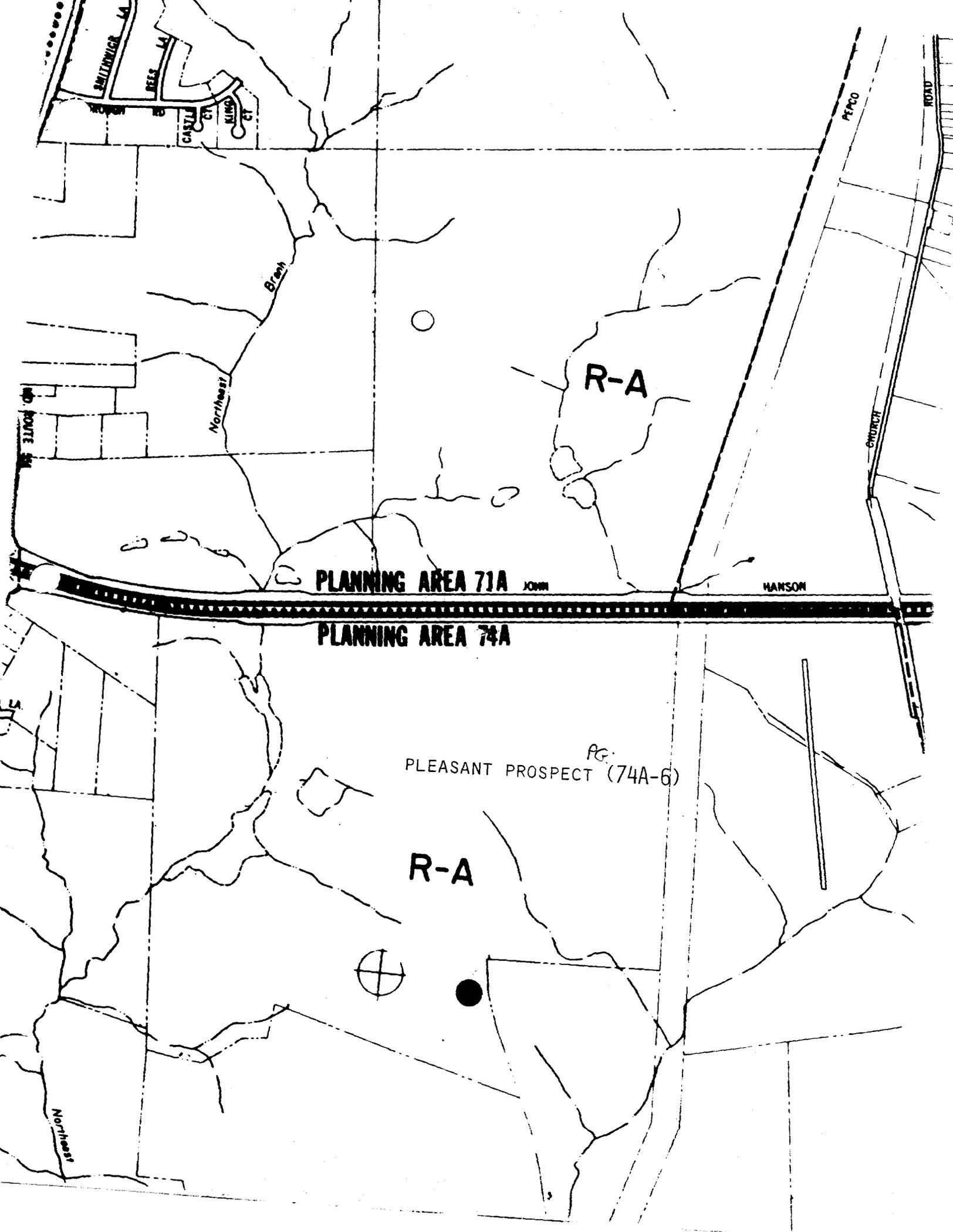
Transfer Information

Seller: GARTHOFF, RAYMOND L & VERA A	Date: 06/15/1999	Price: \$0
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Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 5570/ 746	Deed2:
Seller: UNKNOWN	Date: 09/29/1978	Price: \$125,000
	Deed1: / 4996/ 236	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO **Special Tax Recapture:**
Exempt Class: * NONE *



SMITHWICK LA

DEER LA

CASTLE CT

KING CT

Blanch

Northeast

RD ROUTE 54

PEPCO

CHURCH ROAD

PLANNING AREA 71A

JOHN

HANSON

PLANNING AREA 74A

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Northeast



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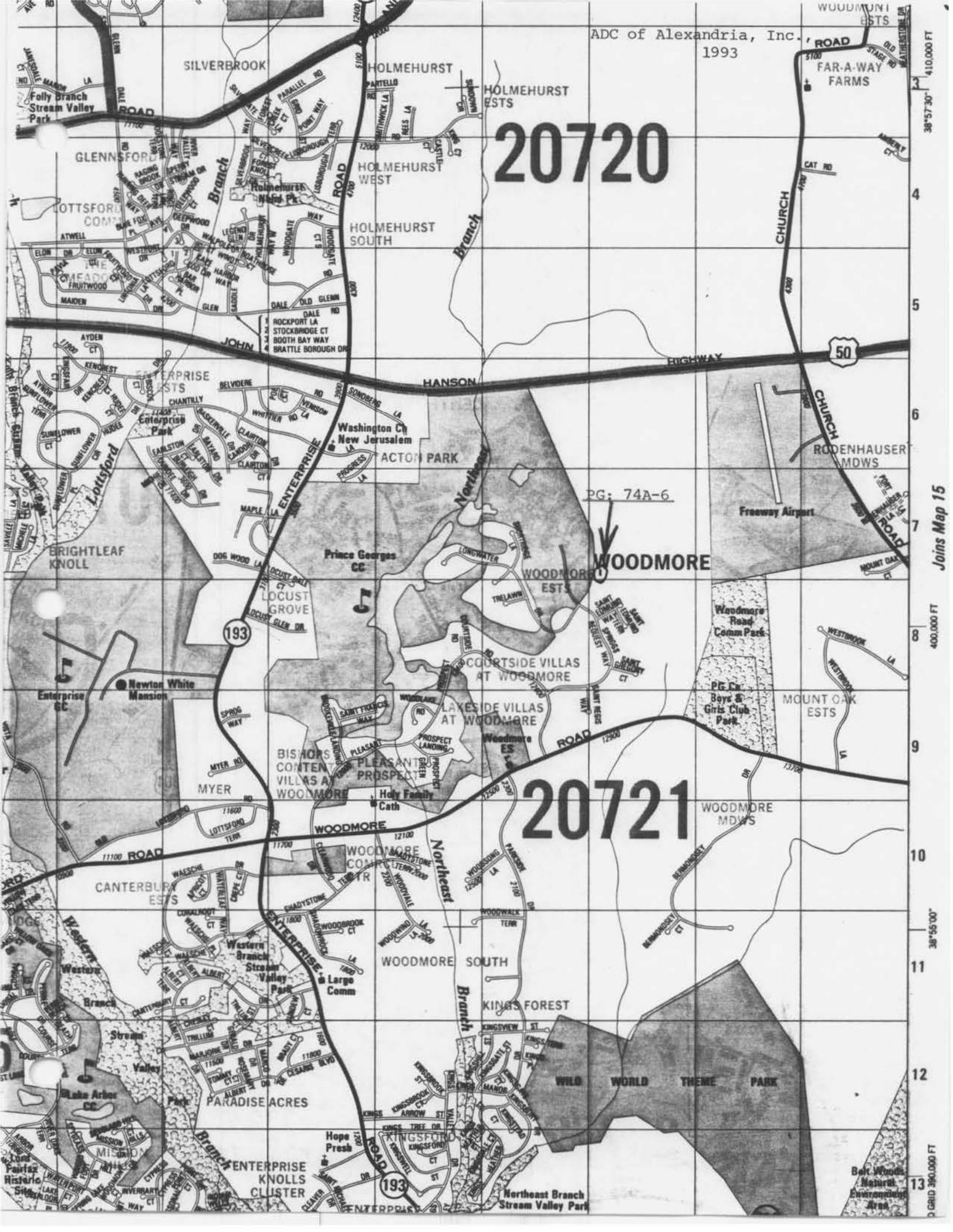


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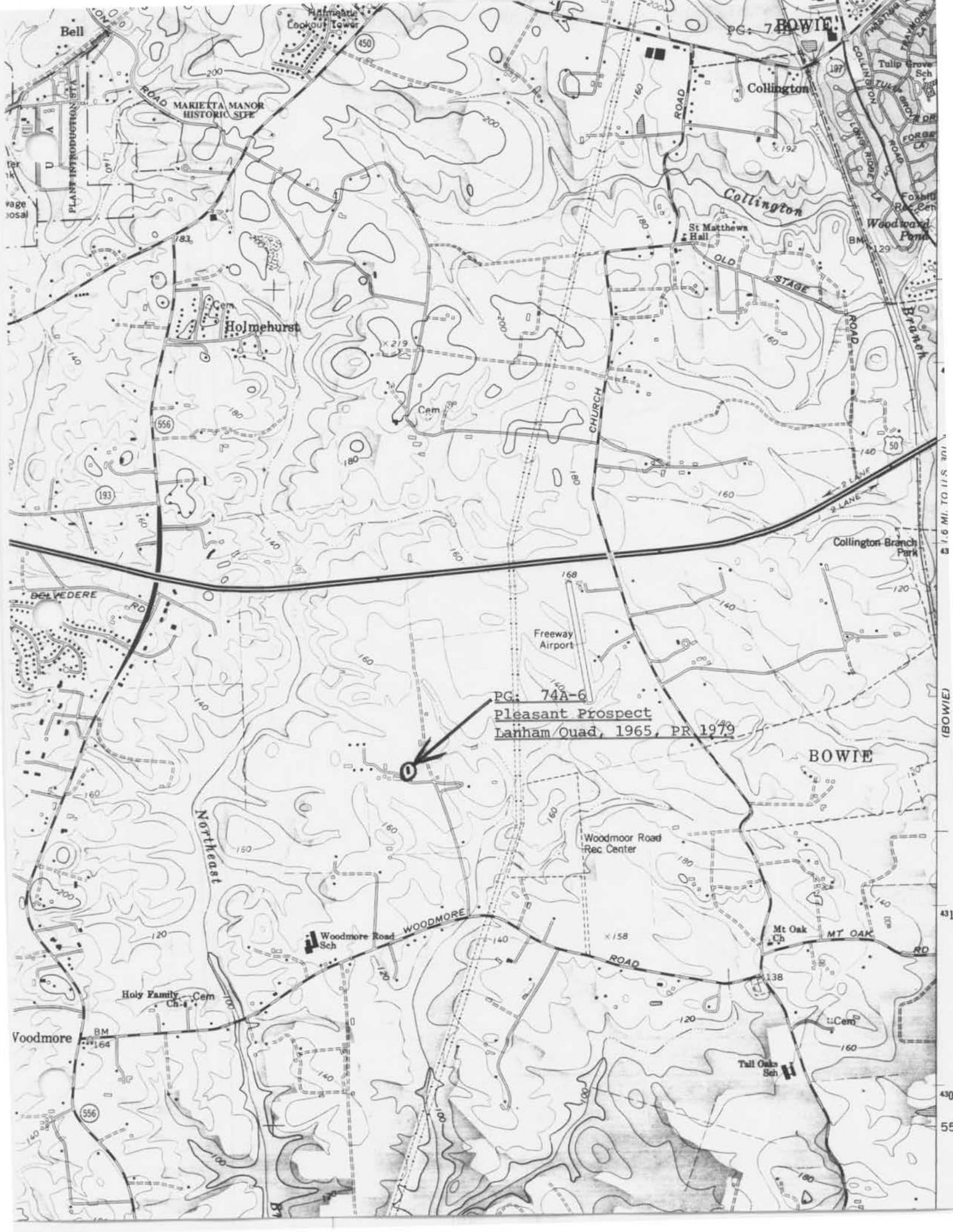
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400,000 FT

38°55'00"

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ROAD MARIETTA MANOR HISTORIC SITE

Collington

Holmehurst

St Matthews Hall

Collington

CHURCH

OLD STAGE

Collington Branch Park

Freeway Airport

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Pleasant Prospect
Lanham Quad, 1965, PR 1979

BOWIE

Woodmore Road Rec Center

Woodmore Road Sch

Holy Family Cem

Mt Oak Ch

Tall Oaks Sch

Voodmore

1:6 MI. TO 11-S-301

(BOWIE)

431

430

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NAME PLEASANT PROSPECT

PG: 74A-6

LOCATION OFF WOODMORE Rd, BOWIE, Md.

FACADE E

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NAME PLEASANT PROSPECT OUTBLDGS,

LOCATION OFF WOODMORE Rd., BOWIE, Md.

FACADE NE

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NAME PLEASANT PROSPECT

LOCATION OFF WOODMORE Rd, Bowie, Md.

FACADE SW

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Pleasant Prospect

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