

CAPSULE SUMMARY
6200 Old Branch Avenue (PG: 76B-24)
Prince George's County, Maryland

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**Maryland Historical Trust
Determination of Eligibility Form**

Property Name: Alejandro & Elsa Aviles Reyes Residence Inventory Number: PG:76B-24
 Address: 6116 Old Branch Avenue Historic District: Yes No
 City: Temple Hills Zip Code: 20757 County: Prince Georges
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Anacostia
 Property Owner: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ 96 Tax Map Number: _____ 98
 Project: MD 5: US 301 to I-495 Agency: SHA
 Agency Prepared By: A&HC
 Preparer's Name: Erin Hammerstedt Date Prepared: 06/09/2006

Documentation Is Presented In: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility Recommended Eligibility Not Recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: Yes Listed: Yes
 Site Visit by MHT Staff: Yes No Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)

This Craftsman style bungalow was constructed in 1935. The 1.5-story building has a broad side-gable roof punctuated by a broad shed dormer. The dormer has exposed rafter tails and contains six six-over-one double-hung windows. The building is slightly raised on a rusticated concrete block foundation and its walls are covered in stucco. The façade of the building is dominated by an integral full-width front porch, supported by battered square columns on rusticated concrete block piers. The building's windows are generally one-over-one double-hung units. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles. A large detached two-car brick garage with a gable front roof also stands on the property.

This house is located near the heart of Camp Springs, which was formerly a nineteenth century crossroads community, in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Old Branch Avenue and Allentown Road. Development around Camp Springs occurred at a slow pace prior to the 1950s and the installation of public water and sewer lines. The 19th century crossroads community of Camp Springs vanished during the mid-20th century due to the reconstruction of Branch Avenue on new alignment as MD 5, a limited-access divided highway that bypassed Old Branch Avenue. Prior to about 1960, residential construction in the area occurred in an unplanned manner, with modest single-family houses being built along existing roads. A surge in construction took place during the 1960s and 1970s, following the completion of water and sewer lines and construction of the Capital Beltway. These later developments were more often planned, having uniform setbacks and more consistent building construction dates.

This isolated residence is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The single-family

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Eligibility Recommended: _____ Eligibility Not Recommended:
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Tim Tamburrino *Tim Tamburrino*

Wednesday, November 1, 2006

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

N/A

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

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residence, which was constructed along a transportation route in Camp Springs, fits within the suburbanization context developed for the area. However, because the building is not directly associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the area's history, it is not significant under Criterion A. No association between this building and significant individuals has been identified (Criterion B). This building is not a significant example of its type, period, or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. This isolated residence is not an element of a historic district, and it does not retain integrity of design and materials (Criterion C). The archaeological significance of the property has not been evaluated as part of this project (Criterion D).

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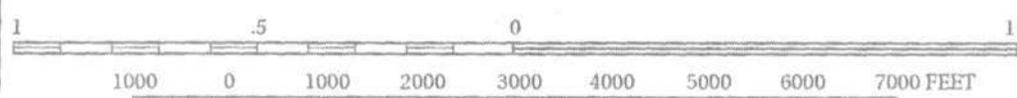
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Date



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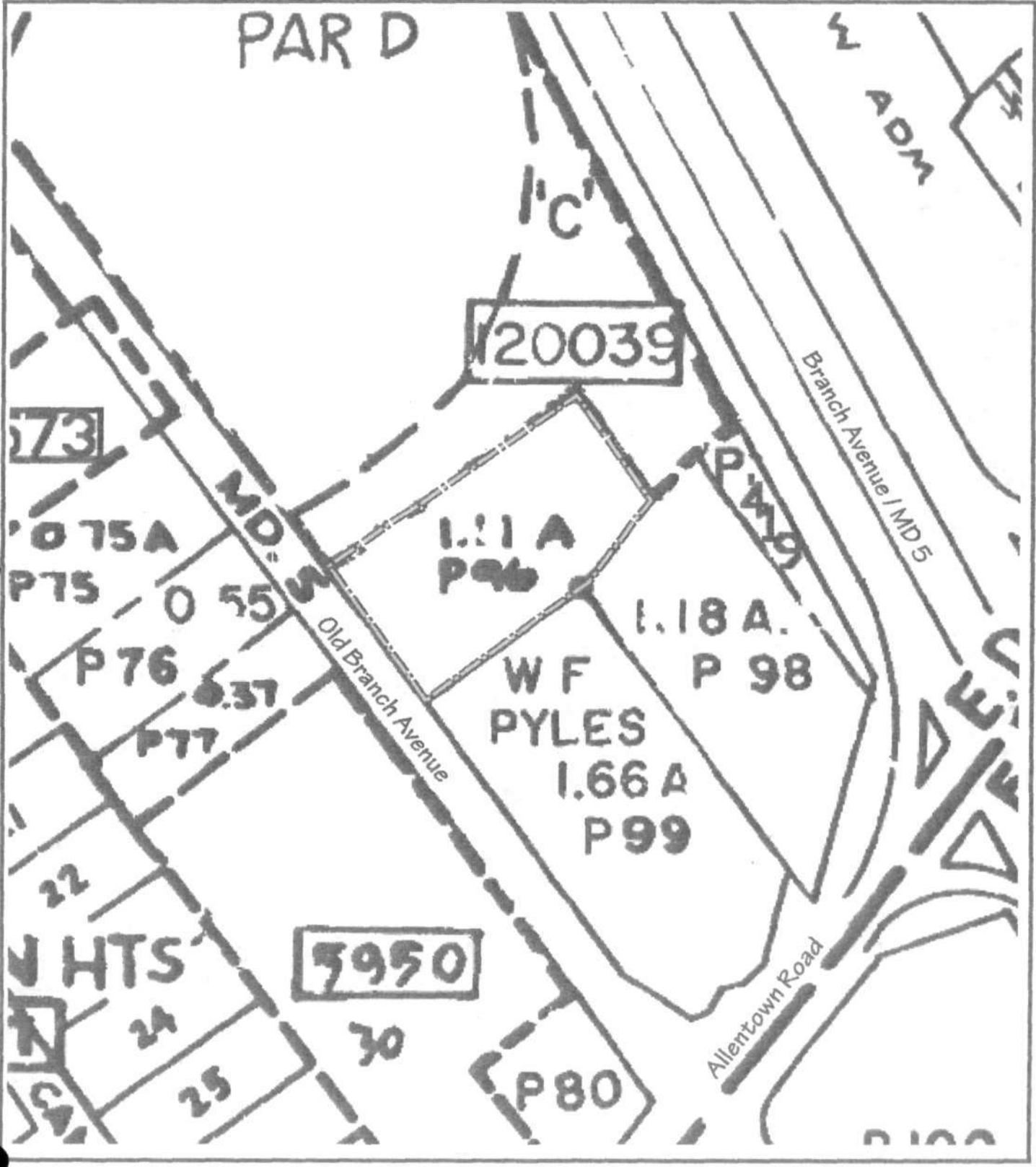
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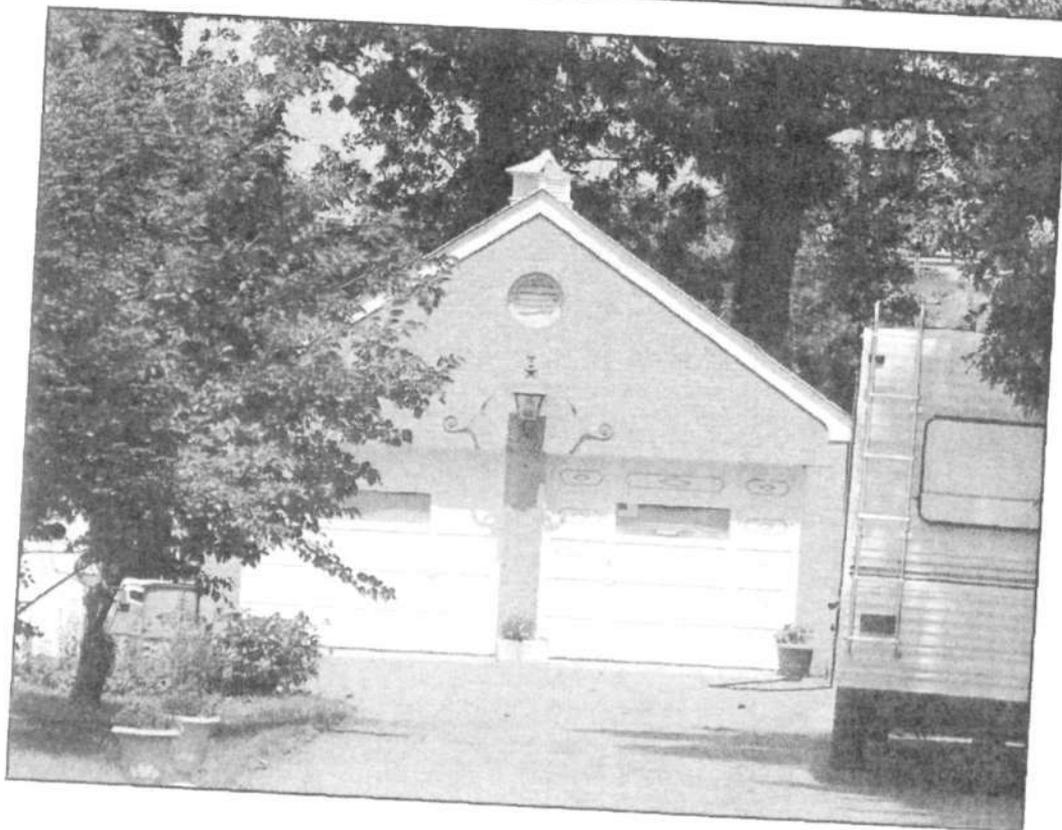
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 6200 Old Branch Avenue not for publication _____
city or town Temple Hills vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20748

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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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>1</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>1</u>		<u>1</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Craftsman

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Rock-faced Concrete Block

Roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingle

Walls Frame: Concrete Stucco

other _____

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

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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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.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1920-1950

Significant Dates c. 1920

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

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

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

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.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1.66 acres

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

The property at 6200 Old Branch Avenue is designated as Parcel 99, Grid B4 as indicated on Map 98.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 6200 Old Branch Avenue has historically been associated with Parcel 99 since its construction circa 1920.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title R. Weidlich and C. Novelli, Architectural Historians
organization EHT Tracerics, Inc. date July 8, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815
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12. Property Owner
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name Harvey E Pyles, Jr. and Glen O. Pyles
street & number 6210 Allentown Road telephone _____
city or town Camp Springs state MD zip code 20746

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EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade or west elevation of the house is three bays wide. A three-light transom and six-light sidelights frame the centered entry. The door itself is a single leaf, wood panel-and-light door. Triple 6/1 wood windows flank the entryway. The one-story, one-bay porch is set beneath the extended slope of the roof. It has an arched opening that is supported by tapered stucco piers atop rock-faced concrete block piers. A metal railing was added to the porch and the ends of the porch were infilled with twelve-light fixed windows. A large shed dormer graces the roof slope and is clad in stucco. It contains six 6/1 wood windows.

There are four two-light wood awning windows cut into the foundation on the south elevation. A paired 6/1 wood window and two single 6/1 wood windows, all with stuccoed sills, pierce the first story. At the southeast corner, there is a one-story, one-bay cut-away porch with a metal post support. A single leaf panel-and-light wood door is set beneath this opening. The second story contains three 6/1 wood windows.

At the rear of the house, there is a centered entry that contains a single leaf, wood panel-and-light door. A wood wheelchair ramp leads to this entryway. Triple 6/1 wood windows with stucco sills flank the centered entry. Beneath the cut-away porch, there is a 6/1 wood window. The interior chimney rises from the rear roof slope.

Four two-light awning windows with concrete sills are inset in the foundation on the north elevation of the house. Two diamond-paned, fixed windows with stucco sills flank the exterior, shouldered

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brick chimney. The first story contains two sets of paired 6/1 wood windows with stucco sills. A paired 6/1 wood window and a single 6/1 wood window pierce the second story.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

The one-story, two-bay garage at the rear of the house dates to the middle of the twentieth century. It is constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond and contains two roll-up wood panel-and-light garage doors. A circular vent with a rowlock, brick surround graces the gable end. The front gable, asphalt shingle roof is topped by a six-sided cupola with vents.

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First used as vacation cabins, the Bungalow's small scale, informal floor plans, sheltering porches, and inexpensive building materials made it a natural addition to suburban communities.¹ Typical of Craftsman style houses, this dwelling features wide eaves with exposed rafter tails and cut-out brackets, double-hung windows and a deep-set porch supported by masonry piers. The bungalow became the dominant style of middle and working class households in the early years of the 20th century. These houses were very popular because they were inexpensive to design and build. In fact, the style was spread primarily by plans sold in popular catalogues, rather than by architects.

The construction of this house in the 1920s signals the population growth that was occurring in Prince George's County at this time. The population rose steadily in the early 20th century, with the population in the county nearly doubling between 1910 and 1930. Much of this growth occurred in the suburban corridors that radiated outward from the District of Columbia along the Baltimore and Potomac rail line through southern Maryland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad located in the northwestern portion of the county. In Prince George's County, suburban development intensified around the existing communities during the late 19th and early 20th centuries as streetcar lines and early automobiles made the suburbs accessible to the upper middle and middle classes. The automobile and corollary new road construction resulted in suburbanization of previously sparsely settled portions of northern Prince George's County. This house predates the heavy MARYLAND

¹ James C. Massey and Shirley Maxwell, "A Nation in Bungalove," *Old House Journal*, Volume XXIV, Number 2, March/April 1996, page 35-36.

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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

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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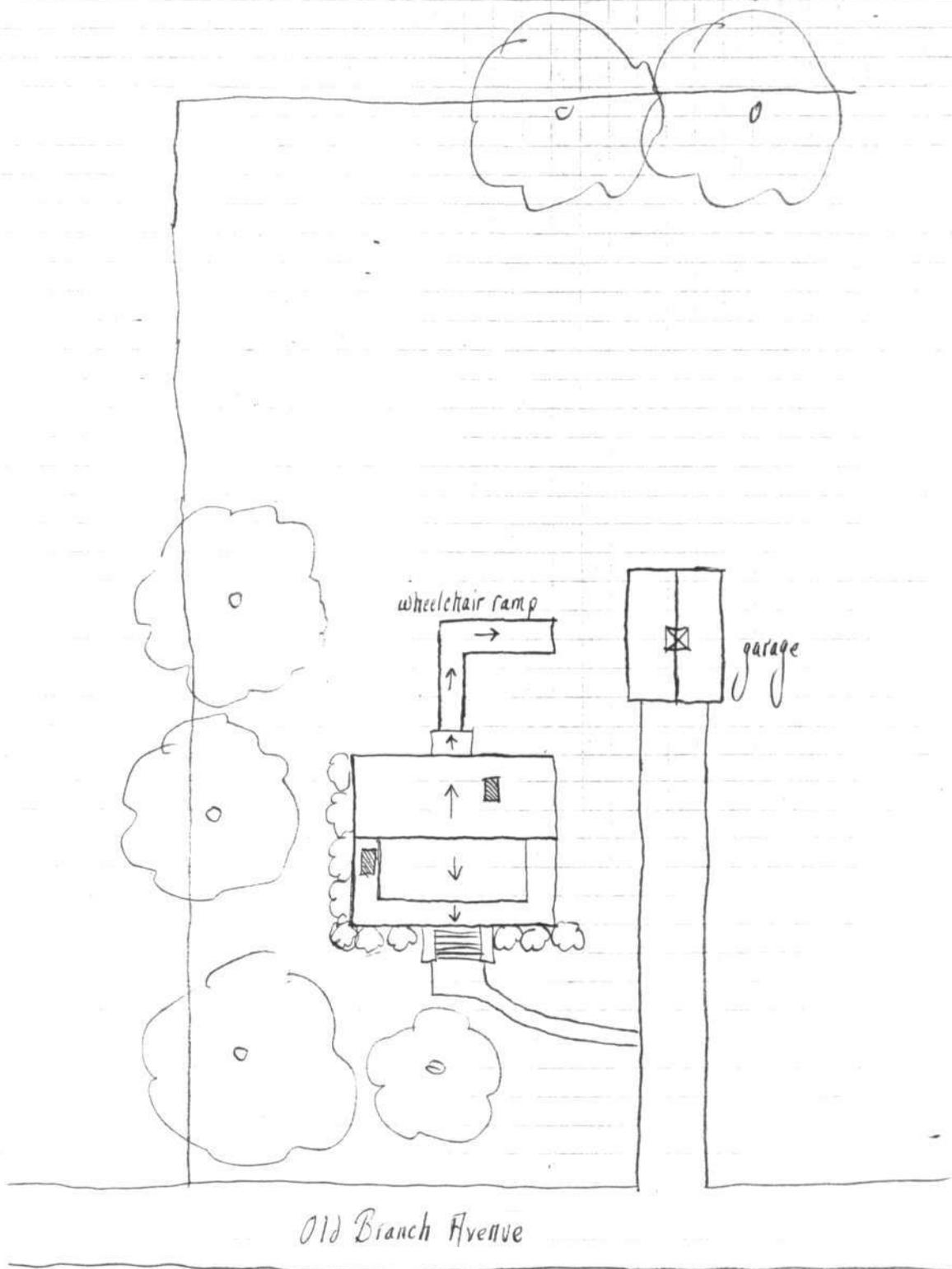
May 29, 1888: Richard H Sweeney and his wife to Jefferson B. Redd
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber JWB 9 Folio 540

July 18, 1912: Jefferson B Redd to Wallace E. Pyles
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 82 Folio 434

June 18, 1959: W. Eugene Pyles to Eula V. Pyles, Sr.
Will Records of Prince George's County
Will Book WDA 4 Folio 245

May 31, 1969: Eula V. Pyles to Harvey E. Pyles, Sr.
Will Records of Prince George's County
Will Book CGMcG 6 Folio 351

July 13, 1983: Harvey E. Pyles, Sr. to Harvey E. Pyles, Jr.
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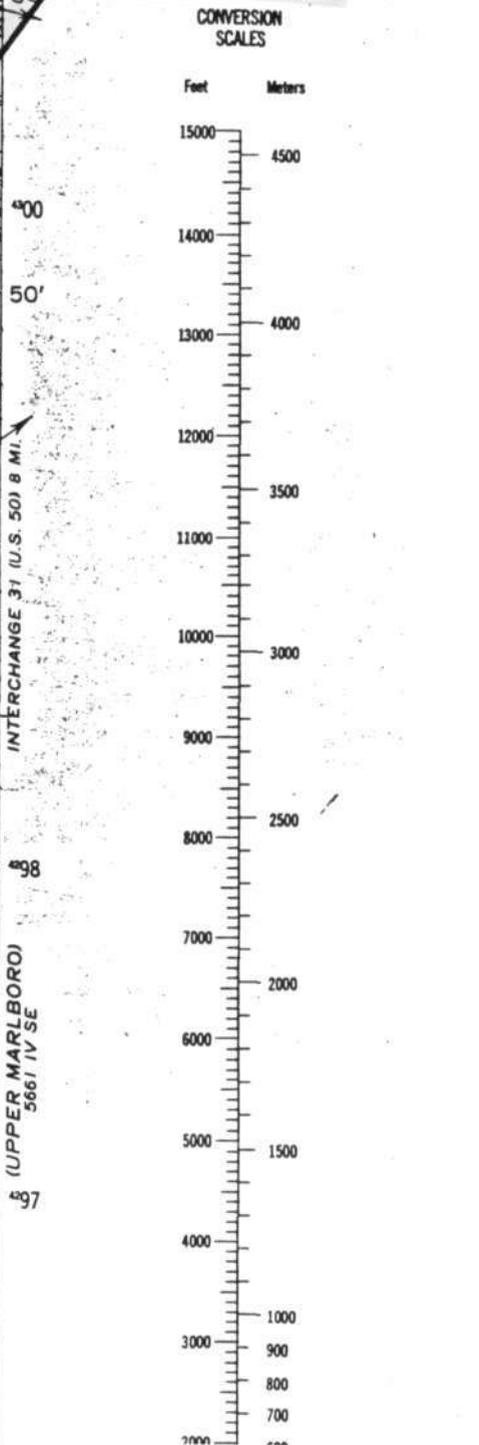
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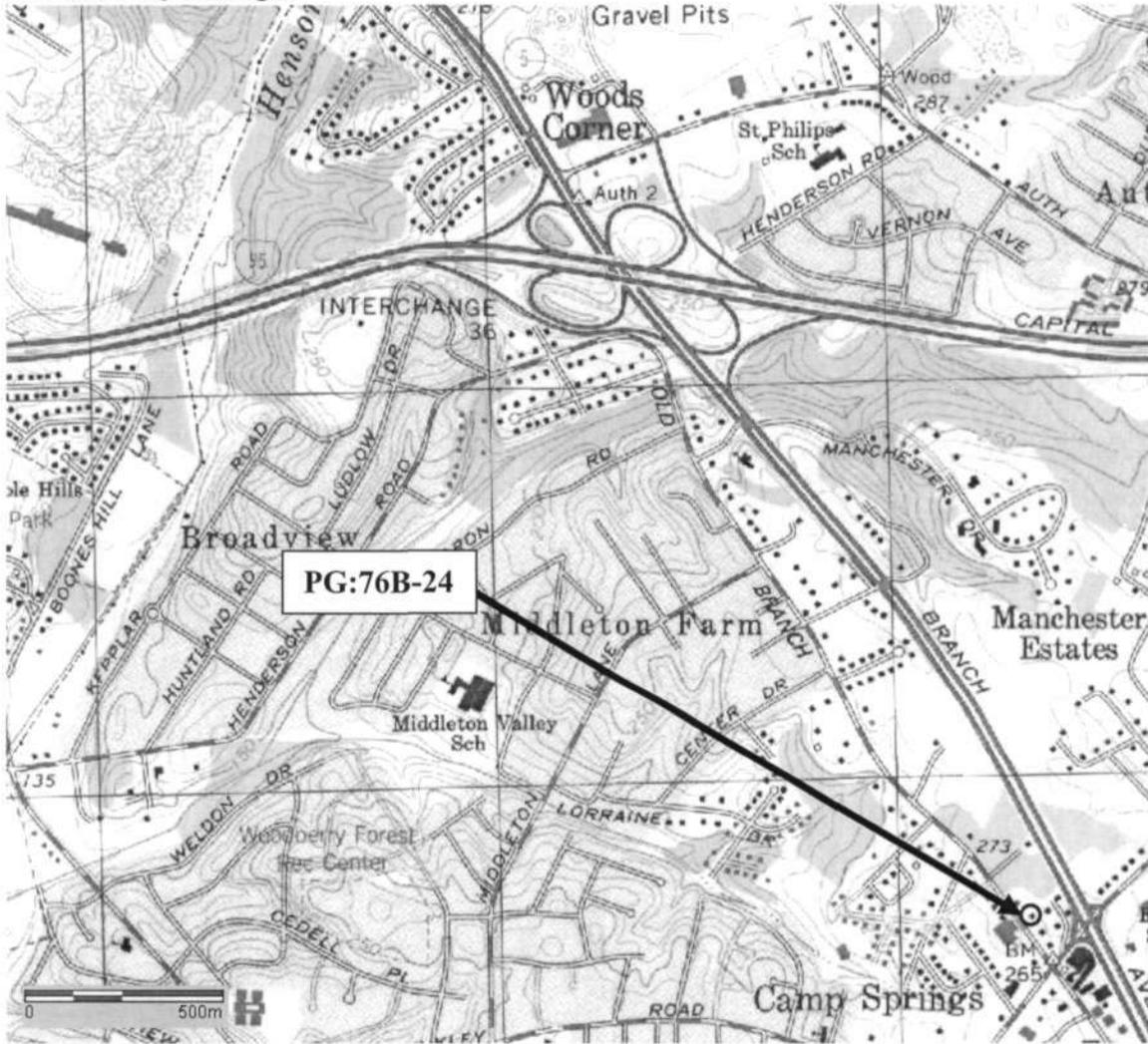
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Anacostia USGS Quad



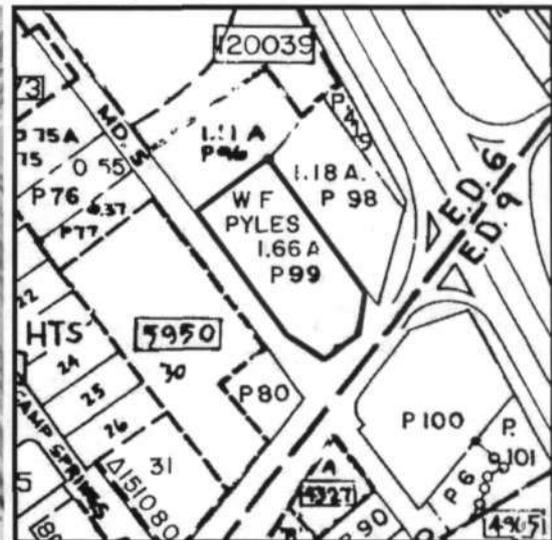
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 6200 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills
 Anacostia Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo



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west elevation

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6200 OLD BRATTON AVENUE
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south elevation

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6200 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
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TRAZERIES

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MD SATPO

east elevation

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6200 OLD BRANCH AVENUE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
TRAZERIES

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MD SHPO

northwest corner

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MD SHPD

garage

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