

# Easement

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## PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

### HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 78-15 Date c.1729  
Building Name Melwood Park  
Location North Side of Md. Route 408, Upper Marlboro  
Open to Public     yes   X   no

MELWOOD PARK, built circa 1729, is a 7-bay, 2½ storey structure with external end chimneys and an unusual gable roof which has a steep rear pitch resulting in a 1½ storey north elevation. Melwood Park is significant because of its early owners, some of the most prominent men in all phases of the life of colonial Maryland. The house was constructed before 1740 by William Digges who received the land which was part of a 1050 acre land grant, patented in 1672, from Henry Darnall. The plantation was left to his son Ignatious Digges whose daughter, Mary married Thomas Sim Lee, twice governor of Maryland. The Digges family were friends of George Washington, who visited there four times. Also, during the War of 1812, British Officers stopped there briefly.

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1** NAME

HISTORIC

Melwood Park

AND/OR COMMON

Melwood Park

**2** LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Maryland Route 408, 1/2 mile east of  
intersection with Mellwood Road (10908 Old Marlboro Pike)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Prince George's

CODE

033

**3** CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert W. Ammann, Henry and Margaret Nicowski, John P and Kathryn D'Angelo

STREET & NUMBER

5829 Auth Road

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D. C.

VICINITY OF

STATE

20023

**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Prince George's Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1935

FEDERAL

STATE

COUNTY

LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

## DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

 EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_ FAIR UNEXPOSED

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

Melwood Park, located on the north side of Maryland Route 408 (Marlboro Pike), approximately one-half mile east of its intersection with Mellwood Road, was built circa 1729. There have been later additions. This house, built of brick laid in Flemish bond, is approximately 64' by 20'. The front (south facade) and gable ends have been covered with stucco scored to resemble stone. The south facade of seven bays is 2 1/2 storys. However, the roof ridge is not centered and the steep rear roof pitch makes the north (rear) elevation 1 1/2 storys.

On the north, there was a large rear wing which has been removed. When this was done, the central portion of the wall was finished with clapboards. The remainder of the wall is of Flemish bond brickwork with glazed headers and has not been stuccoed. Now, there is a one-story frame addition with small central chimney.

At each gable end is an external shouldered chimney. Melwood Park has a water table with a rectangular profile and a belt course three courses wide at the second floor level.

The central main entrance has paneled reveals and a narrow transom. The double hung windows have twelve over twelve lights on the first floor, and those of the second, which are not vertically in line with the first, have nine over nine lights.

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 checked="" 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"/> 500-1599	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Melwood Park is significant because of its early owners, some of the most prominent men in all phases of the life of colonial Maryland. The building is also interesting because of the asymmetry of the windows on the main facade which may indicate that the building was at one time a 1 1/2-story structure later enlarged to a full two stories on the main facade.

Melwood Park was patented in 1672 to Robert Carville for 1050 acres. Carville sold it in 1684 to John Darnall who died the same year, leaving the land to his widow and his nephew, Henry Darnall, Jr. The latter's father was Colonel Henry Darnall, Lord Baltimore's agent in the province. The younger Darnall sold his share of 550 acres to William Digges in 1729. It is generally believed that Digges, a merchant and a gentleman, built the house soon after he purchased the land. Digges and his descendants lived in the house for nearly one hundred years.

William Digges was the second son of Colonel William Digges of Warburton Manor on the Potomac and the grandson of Governor Edward Digges of Virginia. His mother, a stepdaughter of Lord Baltimore, was Elizabeth Sewell. William Digges of Melwood Park married Eleanor Brooke, daughter of Major Thomas Brooke and Eleanor Hatton Brooke, and the widow of Philip Darnall, son of Colonel Henry Darnall. Digges' will was proved in Prince George's County on August 28, 1740, and in it he devised to his wife Eleanor, ". . . my dwelling plantation . . .," and to his son Ignatius Digges at the death of Eleanor, "all that tract . . . whereon I live, Melwood Park . . . ."

Ignatius Digges married twice, first Mrs. Elizabeth (Parnham) Craycroft, and second Mary Carroll, daughter of Daniel Carroll of Duddington. There were no children by the second marriage and by the first only one child, Mary, who married Thomas Sim Lee, later Governor of Maryland (see below). In his 1785 will, Digges devised Melwood Park to his widow Mary during her lifetime and then to his grandson, Ignatius Digges Lee. The will also mentioned the private Roman Catholic Chapel at his home. Mary Carroll Digges survived her husband by forty years, dying in 1825. It was she who entertained General Ross in 1814 when he was leading his troops to Bladensburg and on to burn the public buildings in Washington.

Ignatius Digges Lee predeceased his grandmother, Mary Digges, as did both of his parents. The real estate of Mary Carroll Digges was disposed of by appointees of the Court and Melwood Park was sold to William Pumphrey.

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## Significance, continued

Pumphrey died intestate in 1877, and his son Robert H. Pumphrey, sold the house, barn and stable (on lots #1 and #5 of Melwood) to John Trabant in November 1883. Trabant's descendants owned the old mansion until 1963, although they had not lived there for many years. A deed dated September 18, 1963, transferred this location with other adjoining land to Robert W. Amman, Henry Nicowski and his wife Margaret, and John P. D'Angelo and his wife Kathryn H. The house has been occupied by a tenant for many years.

Thomas Sim Lee was born in Prince George's County, 29 October 1745, the son of Thomas Lee and Christian Sim (daughter of Dr. Patrick Sim of Sim's Delight, now Bellefields, National Register). Thomas Sim Lee was the Clerk of the County Court at Upper Marlboro before the Revolutionary War. He married Mary Digges at Melwood Park on October 27, 1771. He was the second Governor of the State of Maryland from 1779 to 1782, and served in this office again from 1792 to 1794. He died at his home, Needwood, in Frederick County, in October 1819. He was buried at Melwood Park but his remains were moved to Mount Carmel Cemetery near Upper Marlboro in 1888. During the Revolutionary War, while her husband was Governor, Mrs. Mary Lee enlisted the aid of the women of Maryland to furnish clothing for men in the army. She received a letter of thanks for this aid from General Washington. She was well known to him for Washington had visited her father's home, Melwood Park, many times. In 1932 the Washington Bicentennial Commission placed a marker where the lane from Melwood Park meets the Old Marlborough-Washington Turnpike (now Maryland Route 408). It lists some of George Washington's visits here between 1771 and 1773.

## Bibliography, continued

- Society, 1972.  
Land and Probate Records of Prince George's County, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.  
Lord, Walter. The Dawn's Early Light. New York: W. W. Norton and Co., 1972.  
Peabody, Helen Lee, ed. Revolutionary Mail Bag: Gov. Thomas Sim Lee's Correspondence, 1779-1782. s  
Washington, George, Diary.  
White, Frank F., Jr. The Governors of Maryland. Annapolis, Maryland 1970.



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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Melwood Park					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Marlboro Pike					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (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)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: R. W. Ammann and--McClusky					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5829 Auth Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Camp Springs			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: Historic American Buildings Survey					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress					
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 1st Street SE					
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">           (Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered         </div> <div style="width: 45%;">           (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site         </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, brick building with a five bay, main (south) facade. At either end there are external brick chimneys with one story bases and tapered weatherings. A water table of square profile surrounds the building. The central doorway has panelled reveals and a narrow transom light. Windows are 12/12 double hung sash on the first floor and 9/9 on the second. Frames are a fascia with a beaded inside edge and a moulding on the outside. At the second floor level there is a three course string belt. The facade has been covered with plaster and scored to resemble stone blocks. The cornice is boxed.</p> <p>The rear elevation is a story and a half. A large rear wing once ran northward but has been removed and the wall rebuilt with clapboards; only the extreme ends of the brick walls remain. They are laid up in Flemish bond with glazed headers.</p> <p>To the north now there is a one story, frame wing with a small center chimney.</p>	

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 10 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Melwood Park

## HABS References:

1. HABS LIST: MARYLAND BUILDINGS (1969)  
Melwood Park - 2 photographs
2. HABS/HAER Checklist Report 10/01/83  
includes entry for Melwood Park
3. HABS MARYLAND DRAWINGS:  
no entry for Melwood Park.

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Form 10-445  
(5/62)

1. STATE <b>Md.</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
COUNTY <b>P.G.</b>	VICINITY <b>#54</b>	2. NAME <b>Melwood Park</b>	
TOWN	STREET NO. <b>1/4 mile north of intersect. Marlboro Pike and Osborn Rd.</b>	DATE OR PERIOD <b>ca. 1740</b>	STYLE
ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Ignatius Digges</b>	ORIGINAL USE <b>Private dwelling</b>	ARCHITECT	BUILDER
PRESENT OWNER <b>Norfolks and Lloyds</b>	PRESENT USE <b>Priv dwelling (tenants)</b>	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>stucco over brick</b>	NO. OF STORIES <b>2 1/2</b>		
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC	
<p>. A-shape roof, red tin.  Two chimneys.  Orig. window frames, 12 panes up and down  Small telescoping wing on east side.  Yellow stucco.  Belt course discernable underneath.  Tree-lined entrance.  Nice boxwood.  Property now intersected by new divided highway  Still intact--working farm, danger from development as well as from occupants.  Forrest Bowie quite interested in it.  Geo. Wash. was there.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
		Color # 840	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC. <b>Forman, Early Manor 1934, pg 91</b> <b>2 photos, floor plan</b>		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER	
<b>Bowie, 278, 279, 281, 286, 287, 288</b>			
<b>Rinn, Survey, p 149</b>		DATE OF RECORD	

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

1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Prince Georges</u> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. <u>1/4 mile N. of intersection</u> <u>of Marlboro Pike and Osborn Road</u> ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Ignatius Digges</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Robert W. Ammann</u> PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>stucco over brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>2 1/2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY	
		2. NAME <u>Melwood Park</u>  DATE OR PERIOD <u>c - 1740</u> STYLE <u>colonial</u> ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>no</u>	
<p>Melwood Park is unique in design among colonial homes of Maryland, mainly because of the roof. Presumably the roof would be classified as a "catslide" but the pitch of the back roof is steeper than the front pitch opposite to the usual way of a "catslide" or "Maryland saltbox" roof.</p> <p>It is only one room deep, is two full stories on the south facade and one-story on the north facade. Beside the unusual roof line, the placement of the windows is not symmetrical, there being a center door flanked by three windows on each side on the first story and six windows on the second story, not placed above those of the first story. There are no windows on either floor of the north facade. Each gable has a single semi-projecting chimney flanked by two windows on each story with nine over nine sash on the first story and six over six sash on the second story. The sash of the facade sixteen over sixteen on the first story and nine over nine on the second story. Segmental arches support the area above the door and windows. A portion of the brick wall exposed on the north facade show</p> <p>(continued on the reverse side)</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered <u>yes</u> Interior _____ Exterior <u>poor</u>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH <u>color # 840</u>	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  <u>Forman, H. Chandlee, <u>Early Manor</u></u> <u>and Plantation Houses of Md.,</u> <u>Easton, 1934, page 91.</u> (continued on reverse side)		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <u>Michael Bourne</u> <u>Maryland Historical Trust</u>  DATE OF RECORD <u>June 12, 1908</u>	

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

that the bricks are laid in Flemish bond. The remainder of the building was covered with stucco to simulate ashlar masonry. There is a belt course and water table which are undistinguishable beneath the stucco. A one story kitchen wing is off the north facade, while traces of the original foundation of the kitchen are exposed farther north of the present kitchen. There are the remains of a stone path leading from the entrance through a boxwood allee, now grown together. Several large trees are placed on the grounds nearly obliterating the house from view.

8.

Bowie, Effie Wynn, Across the Years in Prince Georges County, Garrett and Massie, Richmond, Va. 1947, pp. 278, 279, 281, 280-288.

Rinn, David; A Survey of the Existing Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Buildings in Prince Georges County, Md., Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., Jan 1968

Historic American Building Survey.

Melwood ParkLand Records

- 1672 Lord Baltimore to Robert Carvile, 1050 acres  
Patent, Liber 44, folio 444, Hall of Records
- 1684 Robert Carvile to John Darnall, 1050 acres  
Provincial Court Deeds, Liber WRC#1, folio 301,  
Hall of Records
- 1684 John Darnall's will does not name Melwood Park but  
divided his land between wife and dau Henrietta,  
then to nephew Henry Darnall  
Wills, Liber 4, folio 55, Hall of Records
- 1688 Henry Lowe and wife Susanna (widow of John Darnall)  
owned half of Melwood Park  
Provincial Court Deeds, Liber WRC#1, folio 475  
Hall of Records
- 1700 partition of tract - east side to Henry Darnall  
west side to Henry Lowe  
Judgements, Liber WT#3, folio 519, Hall of Records
- 1729 Henry Darnall to William Digges,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of tract  
Prince George's County Deeds, Liber M, folio 431  
Hall of Records
- 1740 William Digges to wife Elinor, then to son Ignatius,  
dwelling plantation  
Prince George's County Will, Box 5, folder 54  
Hall of Records
- 1785 Ignatius Digges to wife Mary, then to grandson  
Ignatius Digges Lee, "house I now live in", chapel  
or room to be kept for use of divine service, Brother  
Rev. Mr. Thomas Digges to officiate as usual at said  
Chapel  
Prince George's County Will, Box 15, folder 11  
Hall of Records
- 1825 Mary Digges, widow of Ignatius Digges, died  
Prince George's County Will, Liber TT#1, folio 390

Melwood ParkLand Records

- 1878 Division of the real estate of William P. Pumphrey Equity #1199, Prince George's County Land Records Courthouse, Upper Marlboro
- 1883 Robert H. Pumphrey to John Traband, lots #1 and #5 of Melwood  
Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB#2, folio 550, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro
- 1885 Division of the real estate of John H. Traband Equity #1573, Prince George's County Land Records Courthouse, Upper Marlboro
- 1963 Emily C. Stoker, Charles E. Crowley and wife Marie (they were descendants of John H. Traband) sold to Robert W. Amman, Henry Nicowski and wife Margaret, and John P. D'Angelo and wife Kathryn H., 161.27 acres in three parcels - Parcel A, 80 acres conveyed in 2109-100; Parcel B, 64.6 acres conveyed in 1334-341; Parcel C, 15.76 acres conveyed in 474-459.  
Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 2871, folio 392 Courthouse, Upper Marlboro

MELWOOD PARK

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Before 1740



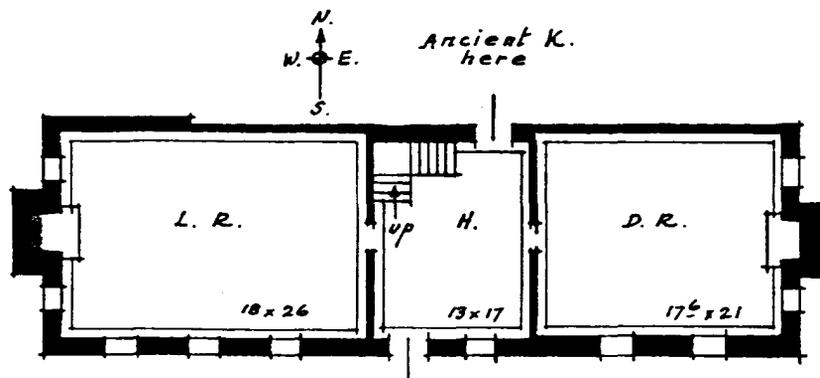
The first President of our country used to sit many times by yellow candle light in the panelled Dining Room of "Melwood Park". The room is now used as a barn for piling grain and storing rubbish.

In this elongated mansion with picturesque gable-ends lived Ignatius Digges whose daughter married Thomas Sims Lee, twice Governor of Colonial Maryland. William Digges had willed to his wife Elinor in 1740 this dwelling-plantation, formerly purchased from Henry Darnall.

The wall thins out at the rear of the house where an ancient Kitchen wing existed.

Views: From Southeast and Living Room.  
Dimensions:

- Overall, 64-4 by 20-9.
- Grade to floor, 38.
- Ceiling, 11-5.
- Sill, 34.
- Panes, 8 by 10.
- Wall, 20, brick.



# EARLY MANOR AND PLANTATION HOUSES OF MARYLAND

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An Architectural and Historical Compendium, 1634-1800,  
with three hundred twenty photographs and one hundred  
forty-five plans, details and sketches ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞

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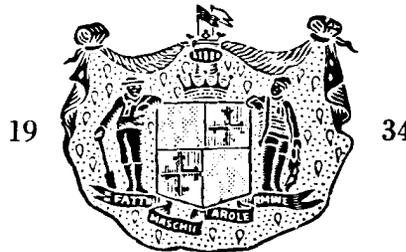
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*Former Lecturer on Art, Haverford College, Rutgers University, University of Pennsylvania, U.S. State Department (around the World);  
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Buried Cities of Romance," "The Virginia Eastern Shore and its British Origins," and other books.*

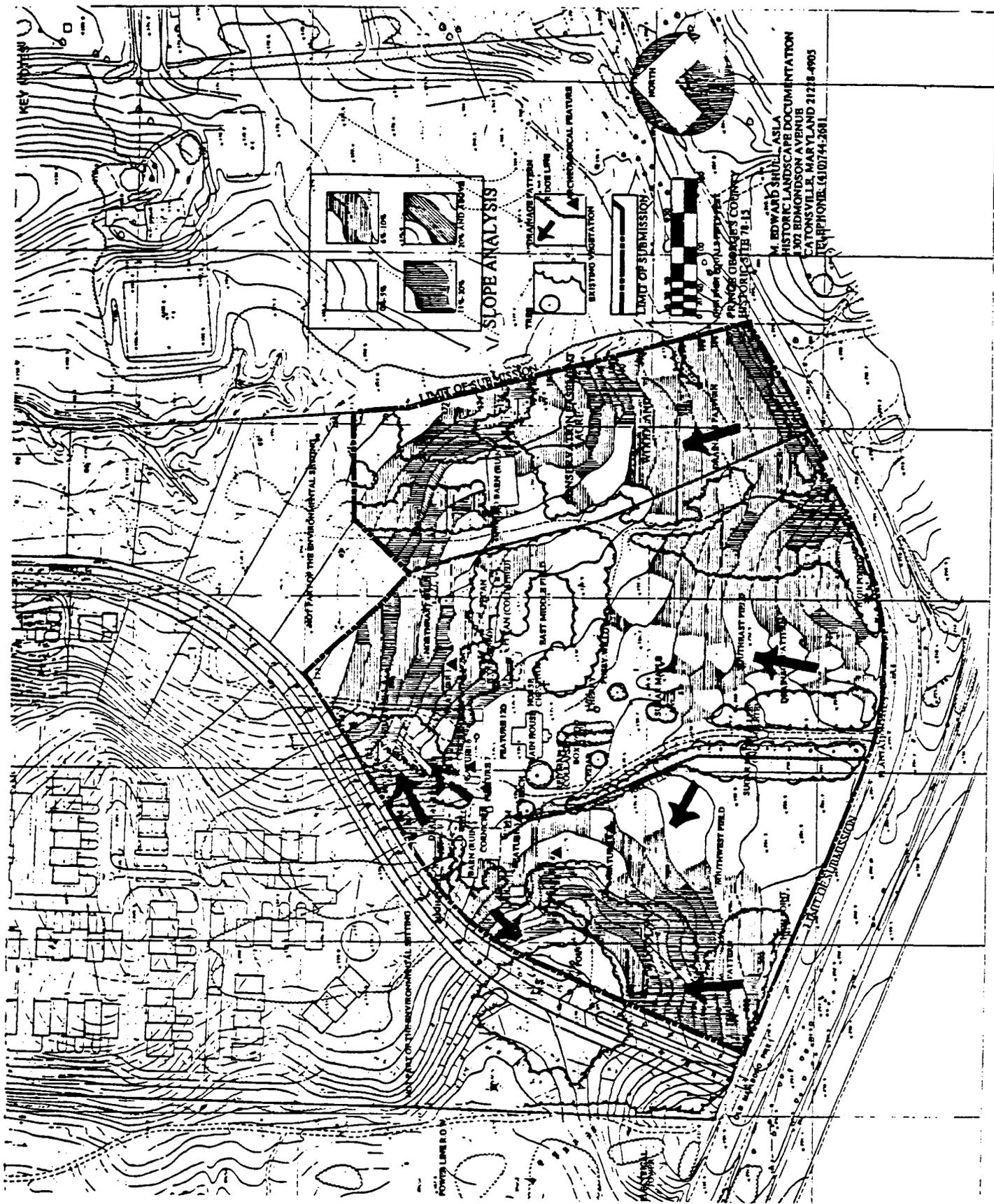


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 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
 EASEMENT BOUNDARY

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Site Plan  
 SCALE:  
 PREPARED: RDZ 12/94  
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Account Identifier: District - 15 Account Number - 1710607

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** MELLWOOD INC  
SUITE 300  
**Use:** COMMERCIAL  
**Principal Residence:** NO  
**Mailing Address:** 22289 EXPLORATION DR  
LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653-2062  
**Deed Reference:** 1) /16214/ 196  
2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** 10908 OLD MARLBORO PIKE  
**Zoning** LAC  
**Legal Description** PT PARCEL 51

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
100	B2	51						81	Plat Ref:

**Special Tax Areas**  
**Town Ad Valorem Tax Class** 08

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1790	2,646 SF	4.00 AC	005

**Stories** **Basement** **Type** **Exterior**

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
<b>Land:</b>	73,100	79,750		
<b>Improvements:</b>	10,000	10,000		
<b>Total:</b>	83,100	89,750	87,532	89,750
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> HENDRICKS, WILLIAM C <b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Date:</b> 09/17/2002 <b>Deed1:</b> /16214/ 196	<b>Price:</b> \$0 <b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> MELWOOD PARK ASSOCIATES LC <b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Date:</b> 04/01/1997 <b>Deed1:</b> /11352/ 329	<b>Price:</b> \$0 <b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> TRAFALGAR HOUSE PROPERTY INC <b>Type:</b> UNKNOWN	<b>Date:</b> 02/18/1994 <b>Deed1:</b> / 9373/ 41	<b>Price:</b> \$2,400,000 <b>Deed2:</b>

**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  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*

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**Account Identifier:** District - 15 Account Number - 2930865

Owner Information
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<b>Owner Name:</b>	MELLWOOD INC SUITE 300	<b>Use:</b>	RESIDENTIAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	22289 EXPLORATION DR LEXINGTON PARK MD 20653-2062	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /16214/ 196 2)

Location & Structure Information
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<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
MELWOOD PARK AVE UPPER MARLBORO 20772	RS	PARCEL A  MELWOOD PARK -

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	171093
100	C2			5745		A		81	<b>Plat Ref:</b>	

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>	08
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<b>Primary Structure Built</b>	<b>Enclosed Area</b>	<b>Property Land Area</b>	<b>County Use</b>
0000		5.34 AC	001

<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Exterior</b>
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Value Information
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	<b>Base Value</b>	<b>Value As Of</b>	<b>Phase-in Assessments</b>	
		01/01/2002	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>Land:</b>	23,240	23,220		
<b>Improvements:</b>	0	0		
<b>Total:</b>	23,240	23,220	23,220	23,220
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information
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<b>Seller:</b> MELWOOD PARK ASSOCIATES LC	<b>Date:</b> 04/01/1997	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> /11352/ 329	<b>Deed2:</b>

<b>Seller:</b> TRAFALGAR HOUSE PROPERTY INC	<b>Date:</b> 02/18/1994	<b>Price:</b> \$2,400,000
<b>Type:</b> UNKNOWN	<b>Deed1:</b> / 9373/ 41	<b>Deed2:</b>

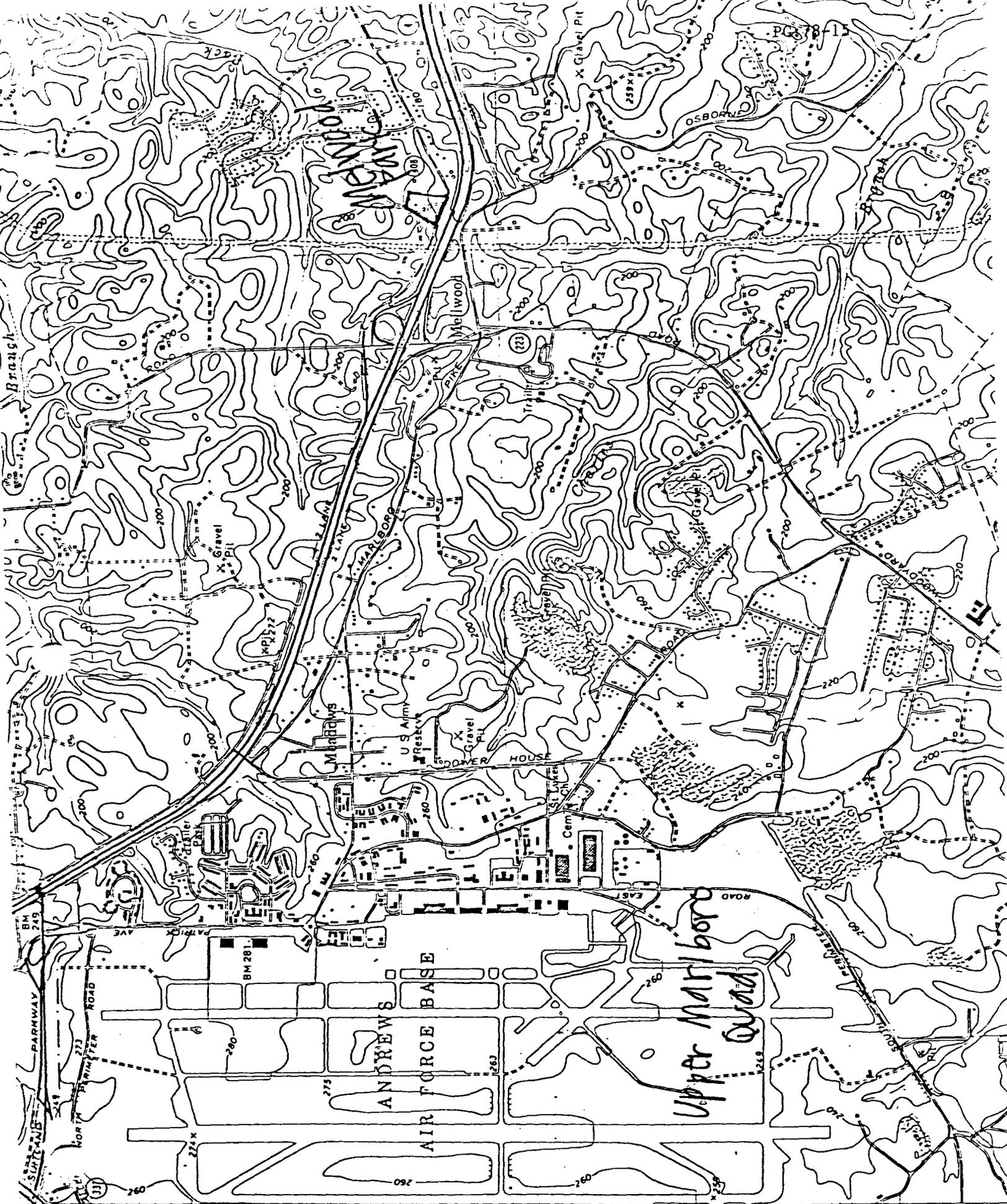
Exemption Information
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<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
<b>County</b>	000	0	0
<b>State</b>	000	0	0
<b>Municipal</b>	000	0	0

<b>Tax Exempt:</b> NO	<b>Special Tax Recapture:</b>
<b>Exempt Class:</b>	* NONE *







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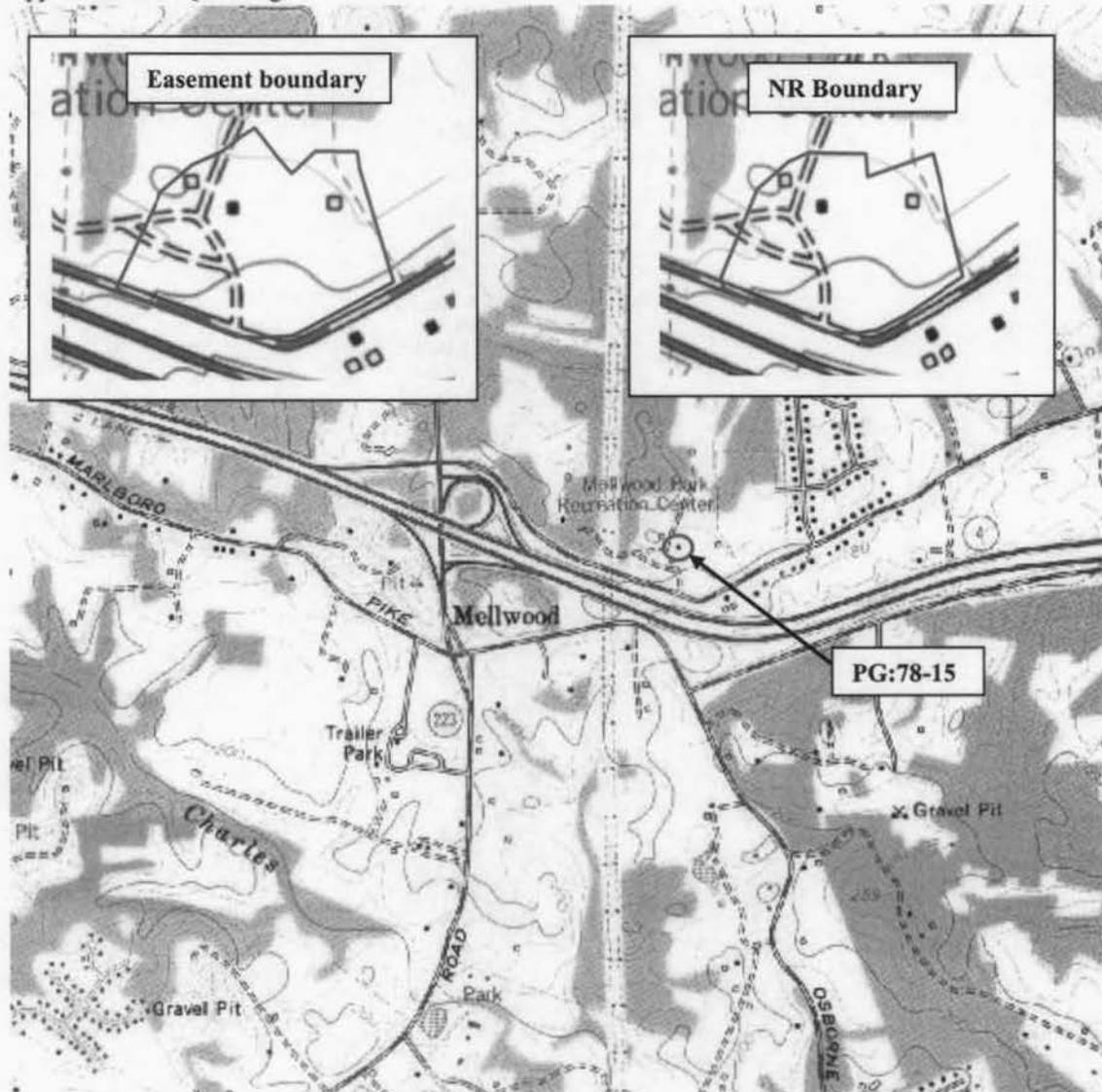
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10908 Old Marlboro Pike  
Upper Marlboro Quadrangle



1998 Aerial Photo with Tax Map 100 overlay



- Easement Boundary
- NR Boundary



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LOCATION RT 4-408 UPPER MARLBORO, Md  
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