

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #78-16 Building Date: ca. 1880

Building Name: Pumphrey Tenant House

Location: Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Vacant/Unoccupied/Unexposed/Inaccessible

Description

This is the site of the Pumphrey tenant house. At the time of the first survey of Prince George's County historic properties, in 1974, a two-story frame farmhouse stood on this 25-acre property. It was at that time in deteriorating condition, and was not visited or described as part of that survey. It was identified and mapped, and marked for further investigation, but was destroyed before 1981. The land, which lies between Old Marlboro Pike and Maryland Route 4, has been unimproved since that time. Now owned by the Loyal Order of Moose, Suitland Lodge #1856, it will be the site of a Lodge building.

Significance

The Pumphrey Tenant House stood until ca. 1980 on a parcel of land which was part of the Mellwood Park acreage of William Pumphrey during the mid-nineteenth century. When Pumphrey died in 1877, his land was divided by the Equity Court among his heirs. Lot 3, 38½ acres on the south side of the Washington-Marlborough Turnpike (southeast of the Mellwood Park Mansion), was allotted to his son, John W. Pumphrey. At that time, 1878, only one barn stood on this parcel of land. The tenant house and a stable were built shortly after this. In 1897, the property was sold to the Crowley family of Baltimore, who held it until 1963; during these years, the dwelling was occupied by tenant farmers. The acreage of this land, Lot 3, has been reduced by the construction in the 1960's of Maryland Route 4 along its south boundary. In 1979, the remaining 25½-acre property was sold to the Loyal Order of Moose, Suitland Lodge #1856, which plans construction of a Lodge. The tenant house was destroyed circa 1980.

Acreage: 25.26 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pumphrey Tenant House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 11425 Old Marlboro Pike \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Mellwood \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's County

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Loyal Order of Moose, of Suitland

street & number 3900 James Street telephone no.:

city, town Suitland state and zip code Maryland 20746

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5087

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 739

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md. 20772

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG#78-16

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

At the time of the first survey of Prince George's County historic properties, in 1974, a two-story frame farmhouse stood on this 25-acre property. It was at that time in deteriorating condition, and was not visited or described as part of that survey. It was, however, identified and mapped, and marked for further investigation.

The House was destroyed before 1981, but was mistakenly included in the Historic Sites and Districts Plan. The land, which lies between Old Marlboro Pike and Maryland Route 4, has been unimproved since that time. Now owned by the Loyal Order of Moose, Suitland Lodge #1856, it will be the site of a Lodge building.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. PG#78-16

Period	Area of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify local history)

Specific dates	ca. 1880	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Pumphrey Tenant House stood until ca. 1980 on a parcel of land which was part of the Mellwood Park acreage of William Pumphrey during the mid-nineteenth century. When Pumphrey died in 1877, his land was divided by the Equity Court among his heirs. Lot 3, 38½ acres on the south side of the Washington-Marlborough Turnpike (southeast of the Mellwood Park Mansion), was allotted to his son, John W. Pumphrey. At that time, 1878, only one barn stood on this parcel of land.<sup>1</sup>

John Pumphrey soon sold the subject property to his brother, Daniel Pumphrey<sup>2</sup>, who in turn sold it to John H. Traband, the local carriage maker who had married into the Pumphrey family.<sup>3</sup> In 1886, after the death of John Traband, disposition of the land was again decreed by the Equity Court. A survey of the property at this time shows that a dwelling, stable and barn stood on Lot 3.<sup>4</sup> In 1897, Traband's daughter, Adeline Traband, sold the property to the Crowley family of Baltimore,<sup>5</sup> who held it until 1963. During these years, the dwelling was occupied by tenant farmers.

The acreage of this land, Lot 3, has been reduced by the construction in the 1960's of Maryland Route 4 along its south boundary. In 1979, the remaining 25½-acre property was sold to the Loyal Order of Moose,<sup>6</sup> Suitland Lodge #1856, which plans construction of a Lodge.

The tenant house which was identified by site surveyors in 1974 had been destroyed before the Historic Sites and Districts Plan was implemented in 1981. The property was mistakenly included in the Plan at that time.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Equity #1199
- 2 Prince George's County Deed WAJ#3:86

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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- 3 Prince George's County Deed JWB#3:476
- 4 Prince George's County Equity #1573
- 5 Prince George's County Deed #40:61
- 6 Prince George's County Deeds #2911:531, #5087:739

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG#78-16

cf. Notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 25.26 acres

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.G.C. Historic Preservation Commission date December 1988

street & number c/o MNCPPC, 4010 C.A.B. telephone (301) 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Pumphrey Tenant House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

between Rte. 4 & Marlboro Pike

CITY, TOWN

(Mellwood)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Frank A. Bevard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old, two-story frame farmhouse-apparently of 19th Century vintage. Not actually visited at time of survey, so it needs further investigation.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/10/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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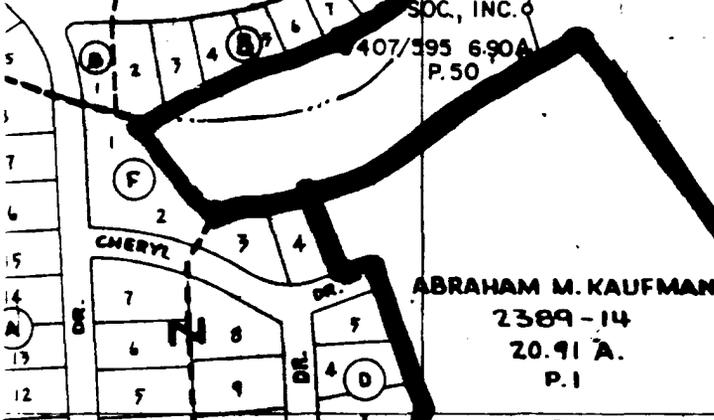
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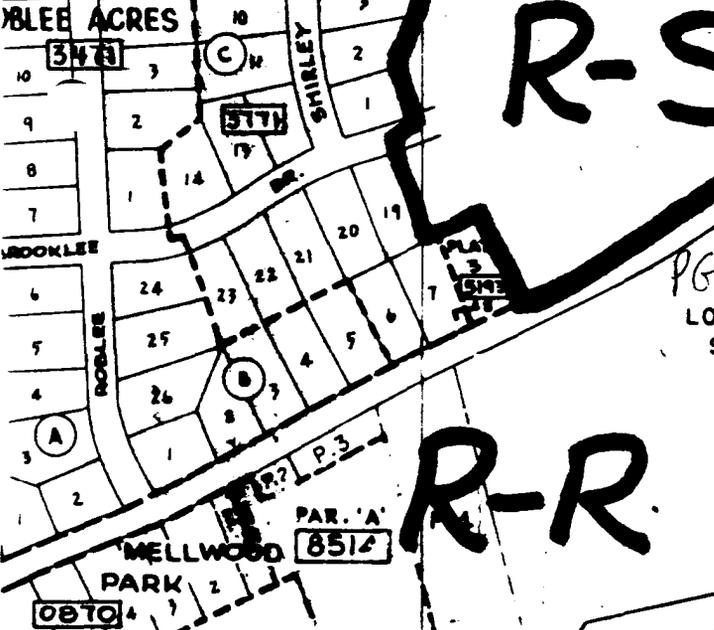


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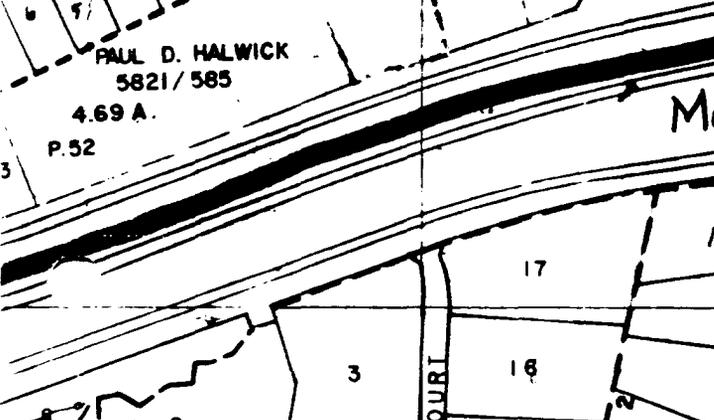
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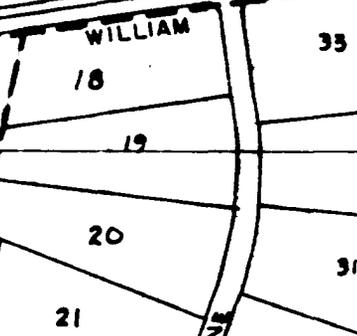
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