

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #78-23 Building Date: ca. 1869

Building Name: Strawberry Hill

Location: 12601 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

Strawberry Hill is a two-part frame gable-roof plantation house which stands on high ground fronting on the old Marlboro-Washington Turnpike. It is distinguished by its prominent location, its projecting bays, and its bracketed cornice. It consists of a two-and-one-half story main block, with a lower kitchen wing. The main block is three bays by two bays, with entrance in the central bay of the three-bay north facade. Across the facade is a one-story hip-roof porch, supported by square posts with molded capitals and bases. The building is covered with German siding painted white. The molded boxed cornices of both main block and wing are embellished by console brackets, and returned at the gable ends. Two one-story semi-octagonal projecting bays add variety to the lines of the main block. One tall corbelled brick chimney rises from the north plane of the roof, between first and second bays. Extending to the west is a lower kitchen wing. South of the house the land is terraced, falling in four levels down toward the Federal Spring Branch.

Significance

Strawberry Hill is a good example of a Victorian frame farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It was built just after the Civil War for Gonzalvo Clagett, son of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston. It is a fine example of a Victorian vernacular farmhouse, highlighted by Italianate cornice brackets, and projecting bays. Strawberry Hill remained in the possession of Gonzalvo Clagett's heirs until 1945. It is an important and prominent example of a Victorian vernacular frame dwelling, built by a very prominent local landowner and incorporating elegant detail. It is a noticeable landmark in the Upper Marlboro area, and is one of six nineteenth century frame dwellings which were built or acquired for Thomas Clagett's heirs.

Acreage: 5 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Strawberry Hill

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12601 Old Marlboro Pike not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John W. Bunting

street & number 12601 Old Marlboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6278

street & number Main Street folio 232

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records P. G. Co. Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #78-23

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

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

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The house at Strawberry Hill consists of a two-and-one-half story main block (36 by 32 feet), with a lower kitchen wing. The main block is three bays by two bays, with entrance in the central bay of the three-bay north facade. The door has four deeply molded panels, the upper two of which are arched. The entrance has three-pane transom and three-pane side-lights over wainscot panels; a dentil molding separates the door from the transom. (The entrance is temporarily sheltered by a small glass-enclosed storm entry.) Across the north facade is a one-story hip-roof porch, supported by square posts with molded capitals and bases. The engaged posts, however, are chamfered, and exhibit ghosts of original brackets. The cornice of the porch is boxed and embellished with brackets, similar to but smaller than the cornice brackets of the roof. There is a plain rail balustrade, and the porch rests on brick piers with lattice infill.

The building is covered with German siding painted white. Windows are generally 6/6 double hung sash, with narrow molded surrounds and plain sills. All windows have black louvered shutters with shutter dogs. There are false windows at both levels in the third bay of the north facade of the main block; the staircase which fills this corner is lighted by a downset window between first and second level in the first bay of the west gable end. The molded boxed cornices of both the main block and wing are embellished with console brackets, and returned at the gable ends. Two one-story semi-octagonal projecting bays add variety to the lines of the main block: one in the second (northerly) bay of the east gable end, and one in the first (westerly) bay of the south facade. Each of these projecting bays has hip-roof and boxed cornice embellished with small cornice brackets. Windows in the projecting bays are, unlike the other windows of the house, two lights over two. There are two small 2/2 windows at loft level in the gable ends.

The gable roof is covered with patterned metal shingle. One tall corbelled brick chimney (painted white) rises from the north plane of the roof, between first and second bays. (A second chimney, located diagonally from the first in the south plane, was removed in the 1940's.) The building rests on a brick foundation which encloses a partial cellar. Sheltering the easterly two bays of the north facade is a screen-enclosed porch; it is one story with hip roof, has chamfered posts with molded capitals, and rests on concrete piers.

Extending to the west, inset on both sides from the main block, is a lower two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, circa 20 by 20 feet. Siding, fenestration, cornice and roof are similar to those of the main block. There is an interior chimney at the west gable end. There is a one-story, one-bay-deep shed-roof addition on the south (rear) facade of the wing, extending south from this addition, a one-story, shallow shed-roof enclosed porch with a tall exterior chimney at its west end.

Interior plan of the main block is a stairhall in the northwest space, and parlors in the three other spaces. The open-string staircase rises along the north wall of the stairhall diagonally across the false window, to a landing, then turns 90° and rises along the west wall to the second floor. The staircase has a heavy turned newel and turned balusters, and bracketed stair-ends. Door and window surrounds in the main block have bold astragal moldings; each room has high molded baseboards. The fireplaces in the two southerly parlors have been closed and the mantels removed. The northeast parlor is the most formal; it has a deeply molded concave plaster cornice, and a dark slate mantel with arched firebox.

The west wing includes a kitchen space; door and window surrounds have bulls-eye moldings. In the cellar beneath the main block, an older brick foundation is visible; aligned slightly south of the present foundations, it indicates an earlier building on this site.

South of the house the land is terraced, falling in four levels down toward the Federal Spring Branch. There is a row of boxwood at the edge of each terrace, and a set of steps centered in the terraces.

There are several outbuildings on the knoll near the house. Directly west of the house is a gable-roof meathouse covered with German siding painted white. West of that is a board-and-batten stable with batten doors. Farther west is a large two-story twentieth century garage, converted into an office. East of the house in a grove of trees is a small gable-roof well-house covered with asbestos shingle.

At the lowest level of the terraces to the south are two barns. To the west is the larger barn, with gable roof and board-and-batten siding. East of it is a small gable-roof barn with shed attached; its eaves are decorated with bargeboards and it is covered with "brick-tex" siding. Below this is the line of the old farm road which connected Strawberry Hill with the Weston plantation.

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
<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 checked="" 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local history

Specific dates ca. 1869 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

Strawberry Hill is a good example of a Victorian frame farmhouse with Italianate decorative detail. It is one of six frame farmhouses, still standing in the Upper Marlboro area, which were built or acquired for members of the prominent Clagett family. Strawberry Hill was built just after the Civil War for Gonzalvo Clagett, son of Thomas Clagett VI of Weston.

The property now known as Strawberry Hill was made up of parts of several original tracts, Beall's Chance and Green Spring, and lay on the main road leading from Upper Marlboro to Woodyard. On this property was the eighteenth century home of John Hepburn, sold after his death to Samuel Judson Coolidge.¹ This house, described in the sale advertisement of 1774,² was the same size as the present main block, and the present house very likely rests on part of the older foundations. Already known as Strawberry Hill at the time John Hepburn lived there, this plantation was a familiar local landmark, and is cited in the description of the public roads of 1828, e.g., "running as a dividing line between the lands of David Crauford and John R. Magruder, thence through Strawberry Hill" and "commences at Strawberry Hill Gate", etc.³

In 1831 Thomas Clagett VI of Weston purchased 183 acres of Strawberry Hill which adjoined his Weston plantation.⁴ To this he gradually added other adjoining properties until the Strawberry Hill plantation totalled 498 acres. When his youngest son, Gonzalvo (born 1843), was a child, it was made clear that Strawberry Hill was meant to be his future home.⁵ Gonzalvo married in 1868, and spent the rest of his life farming and raising his family at Strawberry Hill.

Thomas Clagett VI deeded to his other sons, Charles and Robert, their respective plantations, The Cottage and Oakland, at approximately the times of their marriages; he deeded the Keokuk farm to his grandson, Thomas, when he returned from Iowa.⁶ In the case of Gonzalvo, however, Thomas Clagett retained Strawberry Hill in his own name, apparently because Gonzalvo had demonstrated a lack of ability in managing his

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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financial affairs. When Thomas Clagett VI died in 1873, he devised the 498-acre Strawberry Hill farm to his older son, Charles (of The Cottage), in trust for his younger son Gonzalvo, and Gonzalvo's heirs.⁷

The house at Strawberry Hill was built for Gonzalvo Clagett at the time of his marriage; it appears for the first time in the 1871 tax assessments (the assessments for 1869 and 1870 have been lost). A new entry in a different hand in the 1871 assessment indicates a dwelling house at Strawberry Hill, assessed at the high value of \$4,000.⁸ It was a fine example of a Victorian vernacular farmhouse, highlighted by Italianate cornice brackets, and projecting bays. Although Strawberry Hill in many respects resembles the dwellings of Gonzalvo's brothers, Charles and Robert, its floor plan is decidedly different. The Cottage and Oakland, both built in the 1840's, had the traditional sidehall and double parlor plan, with Greek Revival style interior trim. Strawberry Hill had an asymmetrical floor plan, with a spacious formal stairhall taking up the northwest space, and parlors filling the other three (roughly equal) spaces. The kitchen wing was probably finished a short time later. The house at Strawberry Hill held a commanding position on the south side of the Washington-Marlboro Turnpike, with terraces falling off to the south toward the Federal Spring Branch.

Charles Clagett lived at The Cottage, the 650-acre farm establishment which adjoined Strawberry Hill on the north side of the Turnpike. He owned both farms, and held Strawberry Hill in trust for his younger brother's family. Approximately 10 years after the house at Strawberry Hill was completed, Charles Clagett commissioned carpenter John C. Wyvill to build a house of the same plan for one of his sons. The resulting dwelling, Ingleside (P.G. #78-14b), is very similar to Strawberry Hill in many details, most notably the large formal stairhall, and the staircase which rises across the false window on the principal facade. Ingleside and Strawberry Hill are the only two known examples of this plan in Prince George's County.⁹

Charles Clagett died in 1894,¹⁰ and his trust passed to Gonzalvo's wife, Caroline. In 1897, the 498 acre property was amicably partitioned between members of Gonzalvo's family; the 270 acres including the house went to their daughter, Jeannette, who had married Joseph Wilson, an attorney who practiced in Upper Marlboro.¹¹

Joseph and Jeannette Wilson died at the turn of this century, but the Strawberry Hill property remained in the possession of their heirs until 1945 when it was sold to Charles Stiefel.¹² The Stiefels undertook several alterations in the house, including the removal of the south chimney, the closing of the fireplaces in the two southerly parlors, and removal of those mantels. Since 1954, Strawberry Hill has been the home of the Bunting family.¹³

Strawberry Hill is an important and prominent example of a Victorian vernacular frame dwelling, built by a very prominent local landowner and incorporating elegant detail. It is a noticeable landmark in the Upper Marlboro area, and is one of six fine frame dwellings which were built or acquired for Thomas Clagett's heirs.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed CC #2:71.
- 2 Maryland Gazette, 6 September 1774.
- 3 Prince George's County Court Records, 1828, "An Act Relative to the Public Roads in Prince George's County."
- 4 Prince George's County Deed HB #7:9.
- 5 Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1830's-1850; letters of Sarah Hagar (University of Vermont Special Collections) manuscript in preparation, S.G. Pearl, 1987.
- 6 cf. MHT files P.G. #78-14a, #78-18 and #79-34.
- 7 Prince George's County Will WAJ Jr. #1:14.
- 8 Prince George's County Assessment, Election District #3, 1871.
- 9 cf. MHT file P.G. #78-14b.
- 10 Prince George's County Will JBP #1:172.
- 11 Prince George's County Deed JWB #41:549.
- 12 Prince George's County Deed #797:253.
- 13 Prince George's County Deed #1795:504.

(revised information entered 11/9/91)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Strawberry Hill

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12601 Old Marlboro Pike

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

Prince George's COUNTY

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Fred R. Bunting

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 12601 Old Marlboro Pike

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20772

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 1795
Folio #: 504

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro

STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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

Strawberry Hill is a two-story, gable-roofed frame house built in two sections. The main block (36' by 32') is three bays wide; the entrance is in the central of three bays, and has transom and sidelights. The house is framed with German siding, and the cornice is supported by console brackets. An interior chimney rises from the north slope of the roof between the first and second bays; an original chimney was removed circa 1945 from the diagonally corresponding position - between second and third bays on the south (rear) slope. A lower two-bay kitchen wing extends from the west gable end; it has an interior chimney at its west end.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1774 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Hepburn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the house at Strawberry Hill appears to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century, the larger main block with its unusual assymetrical floor plan corresponds in several important details to the house of John Hepburn which stood at Strawberry Hill in 1774. Shortly before his death in that year, Hepburn secured a patent for Strawberry Hill, 129½ acres made up of five adjoining tracts which he had acquired in 1771.¹ His will ordered that his home be sold for the benefit of his heirs. It is described in the sale notice as 36 by 32 feet in size, three rooms on the lower floor, with fireplaces in each;² before the removal of the south chimney, this was the arrangement of the main block of the present house. Strawberry Hill was sold to Judson Coolidge in 1775, passed to his son, and sold in 1799 to William Bradley Beanes.³ It was from Beanes' heirs that it was acquired in 1831 by Thomas Clagett of Weston; it became the home of his son, Gonsalvo, from approximately the time of his marriage (1868) to his death in 1925.⁴ The major exterior renovation took place during his residence.

Strawberry Hill is an important example of a late eighteenth century farmhouse renovated in the mid-nineteenth century.

1. Patent BC&GS#44:445; Deed AA#2:264,266
2. Will Liber 39:871; Maryland Gazette 6 Sept 1774
3. CC#2:71; Will T#1:199; Deed JRM#7:235
4. Deed AB#7:9; Will WAJJr:14

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE
STRAWBERRY HILL

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1795:504
18 Nov 1954
Deed

Charles Burgdorf to Fred R. & Anna
Bunting; Lot #2 of Strawberry Hill

1608:182
13 May 1953
Deed

Charles Stiefel to Charles Burgdorf,
139 acres, part of Strawberry Hill on
Marlboro Tpk, as in Latimer survey 1894

797:253
3 Nov 1945
Deed

Elizabeth Wilson Lee Aspinwall et vir to
Charles Stiefel et ux, 277 acres of Straw-
berry Hill as in Latimer plat 1894

277:496
20 October 1926
Deed

Carol Wilson Franklin et vir to Eliza-
beth Wilson Lee, her undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest
in Strawberry Hill 270 acres (described in
JWB#41:549). (Parties 1 and 2 are daughters
of Jeannette Y. Clagett Wilson, daughter of
Gonsalvo Clagett)

JWB#41:549
11 Oct 1897
Deed

Caroline Clagett, Thos. Vervan Clagett &
Adeline Clagett to Jeannette Y. Wilson,
all their right to Strawberry Hill, 277.63
acres (same in plat by Wm. J. Latimer 1894);
grantors are children of Charles Clagett

WAJJr:1
6 Sept 1873
Will

Testator, Thomas Clagett; to son Charles,
"Strawberry Hill" in trust for son Gon-
salvo, 499 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

AB#7:9
19 Aug 1831
Deed

Mary Beanes Thomas et vir to Thomas
Clagett, same land which William Bradley
Beanes (father of Mary) acquired from
Coolidge

JRM#7:235
29 July 1799
Deed

Samuel Judson Coolidge to William
Bradley Beanes, land called Strawberry Hill,
on road from Upper Marlboro to Woodyard,
except $\frac{1}{4}$ acre graveyard

T#1:199
17 Nov 1784
Will

Testator, Judson Coolidge: to son Samuel
Judson Coolidge, "my dwelling plantation called
Strawberry Hill

CC#2:71
11 Jan 1775
Deed

Henrietta M. Hepburn, widow, and Samuel C.
Hepburn, exec, to Judson Coolidge; Straw-
berry Hill, 129 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres

T#1:58
1 June 1774
Will

Testator, John Hepburn, Jr.: Henrietta M.
Hepburn, wife, and brother Samuel C. Hepburn,
executors, directed to sell land near Upper
Marlboro, on which I now live; (to be advertised
in Maryland Gazette)

Chain of Title, Strawberry Hill
(PG: 78-237) continued

(Maryland Gazette
6 Sept 1774)

(Sale of estate of John Hepburn, Jr.,
129½ acres, 2 miles from Upper Marlboro,
by executors Henrietta M. and Samuel C.
Hepburn)

BC&GS#44:445
22 March 1774
Patent

To John Hepburn, Jr., 129½ acres
patented as Strawberry Hill, comprised of
five contiguous tracts: Greenspring,
Tonlin, Brookes Discovery, Beall's Chance,
Delay and Addition to Delay, plus
vacancies.

(entered 9, 15, 80)

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HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey : PG: 78-23 Date ca. 1772
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Location 12601 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Md.
Open to Public yes x no

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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: Strawberry Hill or Gonzalve Clagett House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 12601 Marlboro Pike				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	PUBLIC ACQUISITION: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<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 <i>(Specify)</i>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Fred R. Bunting 627-3553				
STREET AND NUMBER: 12601 Marlboro Pike				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			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: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input 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"/> Unclered </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, frame house with a three bay main (north) facade. The central entrance has side and transom lights; the door has applied arched panels. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. The cornice is boxed with bracketed eaves. The chimneys rise along the hall-parlor partition wall. In the west end there is an addition with an internal end chimney. The rear facade has a one story bay window.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1870

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house was built between 1861 and 1878.

The land was associated with the Coolidge family for many years. Judson Coolidge acquired it from Samuel C. Hepburn in 1775. In his will he left Strawberry Hill, along with other land adquired from Thomas Clagett and David Craufurd, to his son, Samuel Coolidge, a minor. Samuel, on his death, required that the land be sold. At this time, it was probably purchased from the estate by the Clagetts.

Thomas Clagett left "Strawberry Hill" to his son, Gonzolvo Clagett; Gonzolvo was his third son by his second wife, Adeline. In 1843, Gonzolvo married Carolineyan Antwerp from Iowa. They made their home at "Strawberry Hill," even before Thomas Clagett died in 1873.

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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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE 10 Oct 74
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC		
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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Chain of Title
Strawberry Hill
P.G. #78-23

6278:232 25 Feb. 1986 Deed	Fred R. Bunting to John W. Bunting; Lot 2 of Strawberry Hill.
1795:504 18 Nov. 1954 Deed	Charles Burgdorf to Fred R. and Anna Bunting; Lot 2 of Strawberry Hill.
1608:182 13 May 1953 Deed	Charles Stiefel to Charles Burgdorf, 139 acres, part of Strawberry Hill on Marlboro Turnpike, as in Latimer survey 1894
797:253 3 Nov. 1945 Deed	Elizabeth Wilson Lee Aspinwall et vir to Charles Stiefel et ux, 277 acres of Strawberry Hill as in Latimer plat 1894
277:496 20 October 1926 Deed	Carol Wilson Franklin et vir to Elizabeth Wilson Lee, her undivided 1/2 interest in Strawberry Hill, 270 acres described in JWB #41:549. (Parties 1 and 2 are daughters of Jeannette Y. Clagett Wilson, daughter of Gonzalvo Clagett)
JWB #41:549 11 Oct. 1897 Deed	Caroline Clagett, Thomas Vervan Clagett & Adeline Clagett to Jeannette Y. Wilson, all their right to Strawberry Hill, 277.63 acres; parties of deed are wife and children of Gonzalvo Clagett.
WAJ Jr:1:14 6 Sept. 1873 Will	Testator, Thomas Clagett; to son Charles, "Strawberry Hill" in trust for son Gonzalvo, 499-1/2 acres.
AB #7:9 19 Aug. 1831 Deed	Mary Beanes Thomas et vir to Thomas Clagett, same land which William Bradley Beanes (father of Mary) acquired from Coolidge.
JRM #7:235 29 July 1799 Deed	Samuel Judson Coolidge to William Bradley Beanes, land called Strawberry Hill, on road from Upper Marlboro to Woodyard, except 1/4 acre graveyard.
T #1:199 17 Nov. 1784 Will	Testator, Judson Coolidge: to son Samuel Judson Coolidge, "my dwelling plantation called Strawberry Hill".
CC #2:71 11 Jan. 1775 Deed	Henrietta M. Hepburn, widow, and Samuel C. Hepburn, exec. to Judson Coolidge; Strawberry Hill, 129-1/2 acres.

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T #1:58
1 June 1774
Will

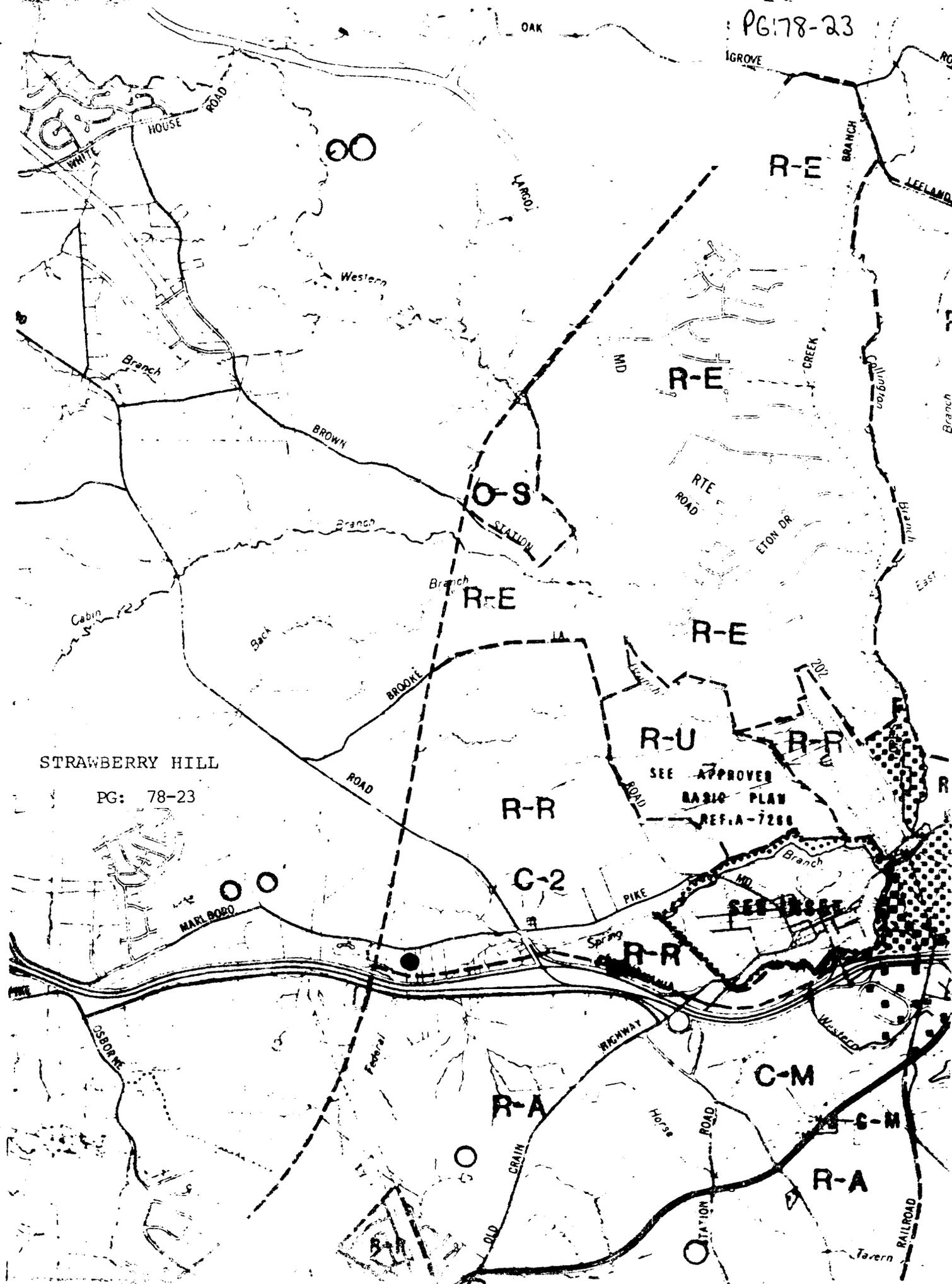
Testator, John Hepburn, Jr.: Henrietta M. Hepburn, wife, and brother Samuel C. Hepburn, executors, directed to sell land near Upper Marlboro, on which he now lives; (to be advertised in Maryland Gazette).

(Maryland Gazette
6 Sept. 1774)

(Sale of estate of John Hepburn, Jr., 129-1/2 acres, 2 miles from Upper Marlboro, by executors Henrietta M. and Samuel C. Hepburn)

BC & GS #44:445
22 March 1774
Patent

To John Hepburn, Jr., 129-1/2 acres patented as Strawberry Hill, comprised of five contiguous tracts: Greenspring, Tonlin, Brookes Discovery, Beall's Chance, Delay and Addition to Delay, plus vacancies.



STRAWBERRY HILL

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R-R

FEDERAL

RITCHIE MARLBORO ROAD

42 41 40 3

G-2

ANTIC BAPTIS 54

PIKE

MARLBORO

LOT 2

LOT 3

LOT 4

OTTO A. SEIDEL
6020 /056
5.03 A.
P. 260

1.46 A.
P. 130

0.46 A.
P. 98
0.46 A.
P. 99

P 9 5

P 104
5.56 A.

0.96 A.
P. 232

P. 23

STRAWBERRY HILLS

ED. R. KEENAN
2061-46
P. 102

S. R. C.
ST. OF MD.
2512 / 021
P/O P. 234
SEE FOLDER

APPEARANT OVERLAP

111003

LOT 5

2.11 A.
P. 100

5.20
P. 101

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PENNSYLVANIA AVE

WILLIAM

BE

P/O LOT 7 1.30 A.

WM J. DUBOST
1796/491
2.35 A.
P. 97

PAUL BLANK
3084/434
4.64 A
P. 230

M.D. MATHIS
5686/001
5.88A
P. 278

M.D. MATHIS
5686/001
5.84A
P. 240

FREDERICA A. BUNTING
3.15A
6278/232
/236
7.00 A
P. 93

R-A

KATHRYN L. MARBUR
6005/774
125.11A
P. 131

S. G. RYMAN
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FRED R. KING
1795/504
5.00 A.
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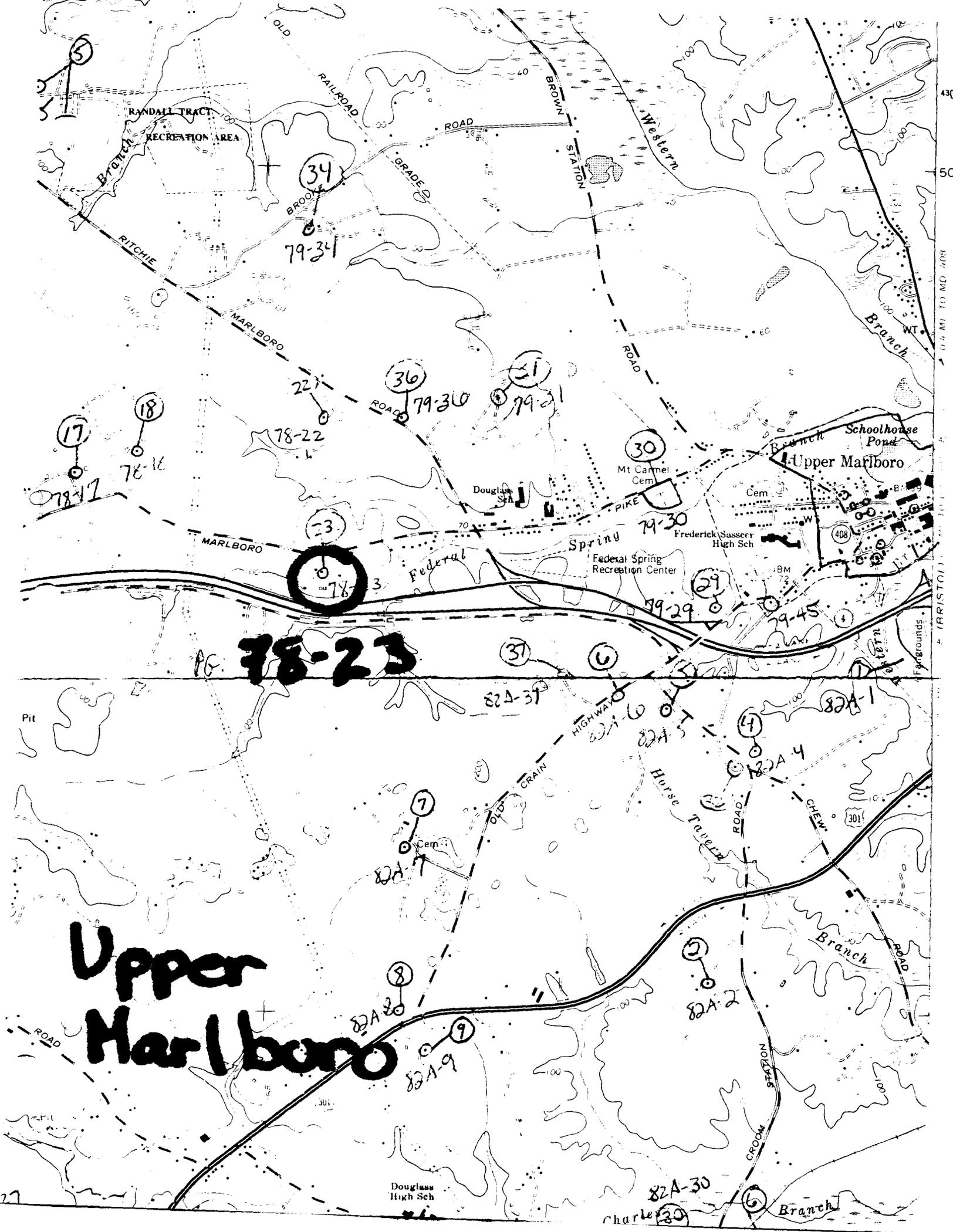
G. M. MAYS
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JOY B. MAYS
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5.65 A.
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LOT 1

LOT 7

LOT 6





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Strawberry Hill
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



NAME OLD TOBACCO BARN NEAR GONZALVA CLAGETT HOUSE

LOCATION S SIDE Rt 408 W OF UPPER MARLBORO, Md

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Strawberry Hill
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust,
Annapolis, Md.



P.G. #78-23

Strawberry Hill
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
April 1987
Northwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.