

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #78-4 Building Date: 20th century

Building Name: Berry's Grove

Location: 3001 Brown Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Public/Landfill/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The house at Berry's Grove has recently been destroyed; only a clear space bounded by a few old trees marks its location. The large and unusual barn stands a short distance west of the house site. It is a two-story L-shaped bank barn with several distinctive features. The siding is board-and-batten, and the barn rests on a neatly-coursed (non-local) stone foundation. The long north side is five-bays long. The east gable end is three-bays wide, with three large louvered windows; above the central window is a pointed arch louvered window with molded pointed-arch lintel. There is a three-bay south (rear) ell. The barn is built on a slope (down toward the south) so that one enters a lower level on the inside (south-east) corner formed by the main block and the ell. The roof is of tin, and is scalloped at the eaves. An open one-story shed extends from the south gable end. The lower level of the barn is composed of stalls for livestock; the upper level, accessible by a door in the north facade, was used for storage, and even, possibly, for the hanging of tobacco. The structural components are all circular sawn, and appear to be fairly new.

Significance

The house at Berry's Grove was the site during much of the nineteenth century, of Roderick McGregor's farm, on parts of Alexandria and Groom's Lot, and known as Berry's Grove. The late nineteenth century farmhouse which stood in a grove of trees here has recently been destroyed, and the site has been cleared for use by Prince George's County. The only building still standing on this farm site is a large livestock barn which is probably unique in Prince George's County. Some of the features which make this early twentieth century barn unique are its pointed-arch louvered windows, and its dressed stone foundation. The site is presently being used as part of the County landfill and as a training site for the Police Canine Division.

Acreage: 261.75 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Berry's Grove

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3001 Brown Station Road not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 checked="" 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 Prince George's County

street & number Lower Level CAB 108 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 746

street & number Main Street folio 60

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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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8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates early 20th C. **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.

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Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records JWB #4:631; JWB #19:524.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Rhoderick McGregor House
AND/OR COMMON
Rhoderick McGregor House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
off Brown Station Road
CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro
VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Carr C. Barger
STREET & NUMBER
Brown Station Road
CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro
VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code
Maryland
Telephone #:

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Prince George's County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro
STATE
Maryland
Liber #:
Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an old frame farmhouse, that sits on a knoll south of Brown Station Road above Cabin Branch. The house is built in several parts. The main section is two stories in height, and faces south. It has old, random-width, clapboard siding, and the chimneys are enclosed in the end walls. A two-story ell extends from the NE end. It is similar in style to the main house. There are a number of old frame outbuildings on this working farm.

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Deserves closer inspection. Was not seen closely at time of survey. Apparently, one of the older homes remaining in the area. Appears to have been owned by Rhoderick McGregor in 1878. This house was here before that period. The family is buried nearby at "Dunblane".

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Maps of 1861 & 1878.
- 2) Bowie, Effie Gwynn. ACROSS THE YEARS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S CO. (1947), pp. 540.

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 _____

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/9/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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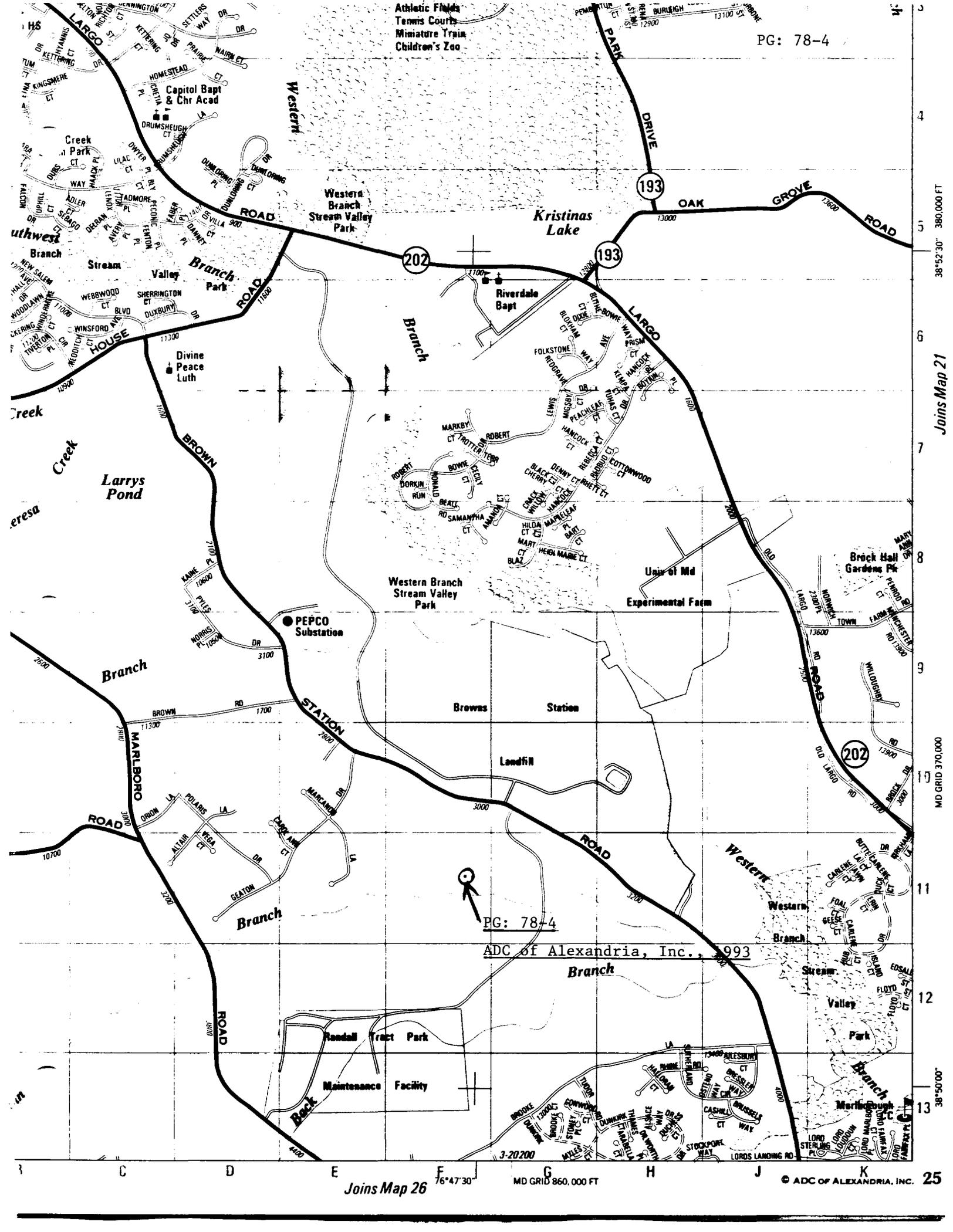
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Athletic Fields
Tennis Courts
Miniature Train
Children's Zoo

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University of Maryland Tobacco Experimental Farm

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STATION

Brown

BROWN ROAD

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Westphalia

Cabin

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Berry's Grove
(Rhoderick McGregor House)

Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

Branch

RAILROAD

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BROOKE

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STATION

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Federal Spring Recreation Center

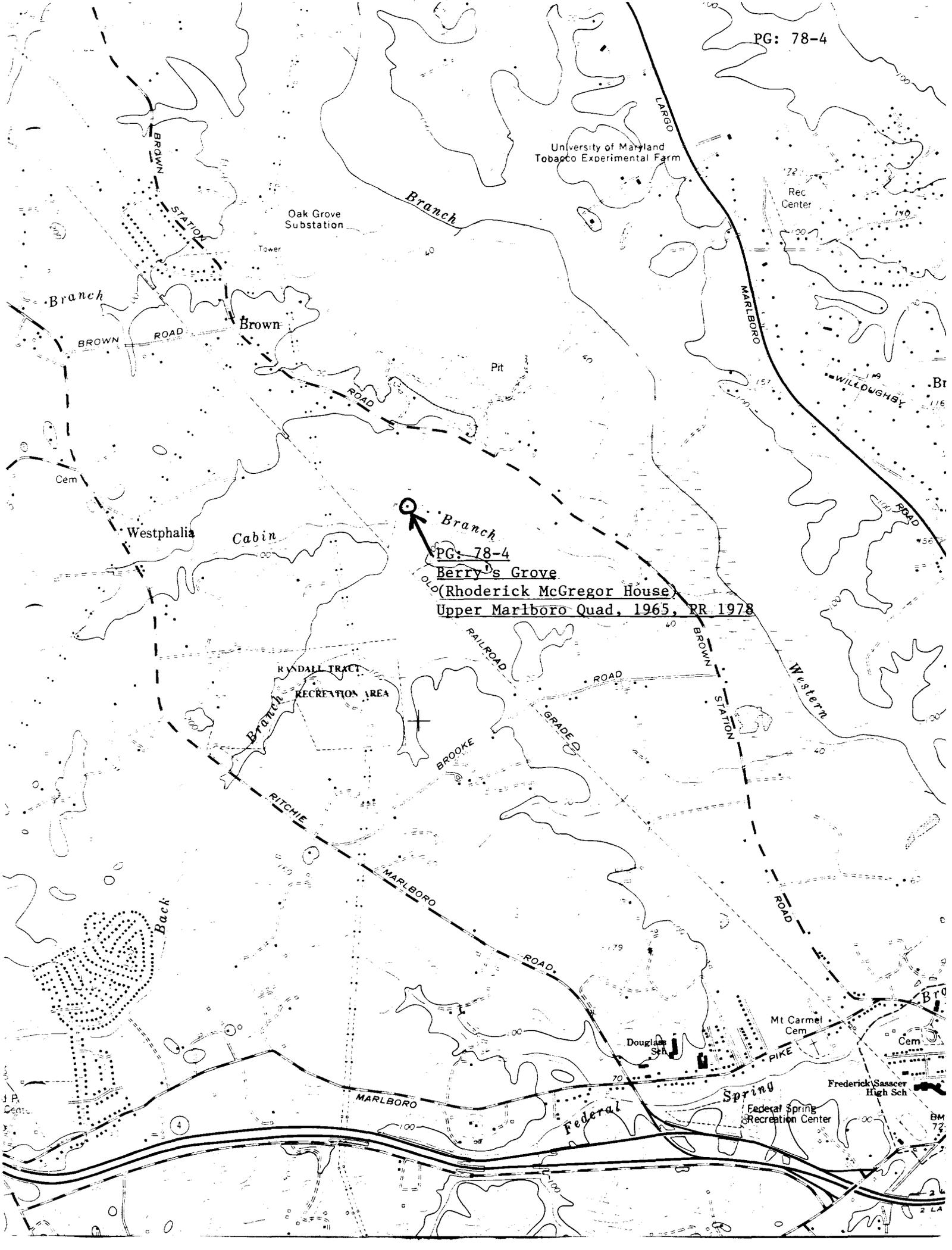
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P.G. #78-4

Berry's Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME RHODERICK M. MCGREGOR HOUSE PG:78-4

LOCATION BROWN STATION Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 10/9/74 MOWYER



P.G.#78-4

Berry's Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#78-4

Berry's Grove

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

East elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD