

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#79-67 Building Date: 1922

Building Name: Posey-Weed House

Location: 14005 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Posey-Weed House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of compact Foursquare plan. It is two bays by two, with entrance into the second bay of the principal north facade. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three panelled wood posts on white-stuccoed bases. The house is sheathed with German siding painted white. Windows are generally 2/2 double hung sash, and have plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. The pyramidal roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. A low hip dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof; it encloses two small single-pane horizontal windows which light the loft level. A slim brick chimney rises from the west plane of the pyramidal roof.

Significance:

The Posey-Weed House was built in 1922, on one of six building lots platted on a 5 1/2-acre parcel of land just outside the northwestern boundary of the Town of Upper Marlboro. This land had been subdivided by owners Samuel A. Wyvill, publisher of the Prince George's Enquirer, and John A. Coale, who ran a general store in the Marlboro area. Wyvill and Coale had houses erected on the lots, probably built by Joseph V. Wyvill, Jr., younger brother of the publisher, and third generation carpenter/builder of the family. The lots were sold and the houses occupied between 1922 and 1925. The subject house was built on Lot 3, near the central location of the six lots. The house and the .61-acre lot was sold in 1922 to County Agent W. B. Posey, and the following notice appeared in the Prince George's Enquirer: "W. B. Posey has moved into his new home which he purchased from John A. Coale and Samuel A. Wyvill. The house contains six rooms and bath room." The house is a good example of the compact Foursquare plan dwelling popular early in this century. It is a contributing element in a group of houses at the northwestern gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and is a noticeable visual feature of its neighborhood.

Acreage: .5677 acre

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Modern Period - 1930 to present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/Single Dwelling

Design Source: Carpenter Joseph V. Wyvill

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Posey-Weed House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14005 Old Marlboro Pike not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Richard Taylor

street & number 14005 Old Marlboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code MD 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 4585

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 448

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG#79-67

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

The Posey-Weed House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of compact Foursquare plan. It stands among a group of similar houses of the same type and period, just outside of the northwesternmost section of the Town of Upper Marlboro.

The house is two bays by two, with entrance into the second bay of the principal north facade. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three panelled wood posts on white-stuccoed bases. The porch is screen-enclosed. A set of wooden steps leads to the porch entrance. The porch rests on concrete-block piers.

The house is sheathed with German siding painted white. Windows are generally 2/2 double hung sash, and have plain board surrounds painted white. There are no shutters. All trim is white.

The pyramidal roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. A low hip dormer is centered in the north plane of the roof; it encloses two small single-pane horizontal windows which light the loft level. A slim brick chimney rises from the west plane of the pyramidal roof.

This house is similar to its westerly neighbor at 14003 Old Marlboro Pike except for the location of the chimney. An unpaved drive leads along the west side of the house to the rear (south) yard.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1922 **Builder/Architect** Joseph Wyvill

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.

The Posey-Weed House is a good representative of the pyramidal-roof Foursquare house form which was popular early in this century. It is one of a group of houses built in the 1920s at the northwest edge of Upper Marlboro. This group of houses forms the northern gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and the subject house is a contributing feature in the group.

At the end of the nineteenth century, much of the land immediately northwest of Upper Marlboro belonged to the Merrick family. The Merrick dwelling stood on the north side of the Washington and Marlborough Turnpike, fronting on that important thoroughfare. After the death of George C. Merrick in 1915, the property was gradually sold off. In 1921, one of George Merrick's heirs, Katherine T. Merrick of the District of Columbia, sold a small parcel of land on the south side of the Turnpike to two local men, Samuel A. Wyvill and John A. Coale. Samuel A. Wyvill, publisher of the Prince George's Enquirer which was printed weekly in Upper Marlboro, was a member of a family of carpenter/builders; his grandfather, father, and uncles had left a legacy of fine domestic buildings in the Upper Marlboro area. John A. Coale ran a general store on the east side of Upper Marlboro in the neighborhood of the Wyvill home. The 5 1/2-acre parcel of land which Wyvill and Coale purchased out of the Merrick estate lay just outside of the Town boundaries at its northwest entrance; at that time this was the principal gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, carrying traffic between the County Seat and the nation's capital.¹

¹ Prince George's County Deed #164:428; G. M. Hopkins Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D. C., 1894; unidentified map of the area circa 1910.

In 1922, the 5 1/2-acre parcel of land was surveyed by Millard Thorne, and six building lots were formed, ranging in size from just under 6/10 acre to 1.7 acres. Wyvill and Coale had houses erected on the lots, probably built by Joseph V. Wyvill, Jr., younger brother of Samuel Wyvill, and third generation carpenter/builder of the family. The lots were sold and the houses occupied between 1922 and 1925.²

The subject house was built on Lot 3, near the central location of the six lots. The house and the .61-acre lot was sold in 1922 to County Agent W. B. Posey.³ News of local real estate sales and new construction appeared regularly in Wyvill's newspaper, the Prince George's Enquirer. The following notice appeared in the 24 March 1922 issue: "County agent W. B. Posey has moved into his new home which he purchased from John A. Coale and Samuel A. Wyvill. The house contains six rooms and bath room."⁴

The house is a good example of the compact Foursquare plan dwelling which was popular early in this century. It is a contributing element in a group of houses at the northwestern gateway to the Town of Upper Marlboro, and is a noticeable visual feature of its neighborhood.

² Prince George's County Deeds #191:176, 436; #217:117; #219:463; #224:409. See also Prince George's County Plat #91:64.

³ Prince George's County Deed #191:176; Federal census for Prince George's County, Marlboro District, 1920.

⁴ Prince George's Enquirer, 24 March 1922.

"SPRING BRANCH ESTATES"

3RD ELECTION DISTRICT
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
DATE: MARCH 7, 1975

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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MICHAEL A. YATES
4145/654

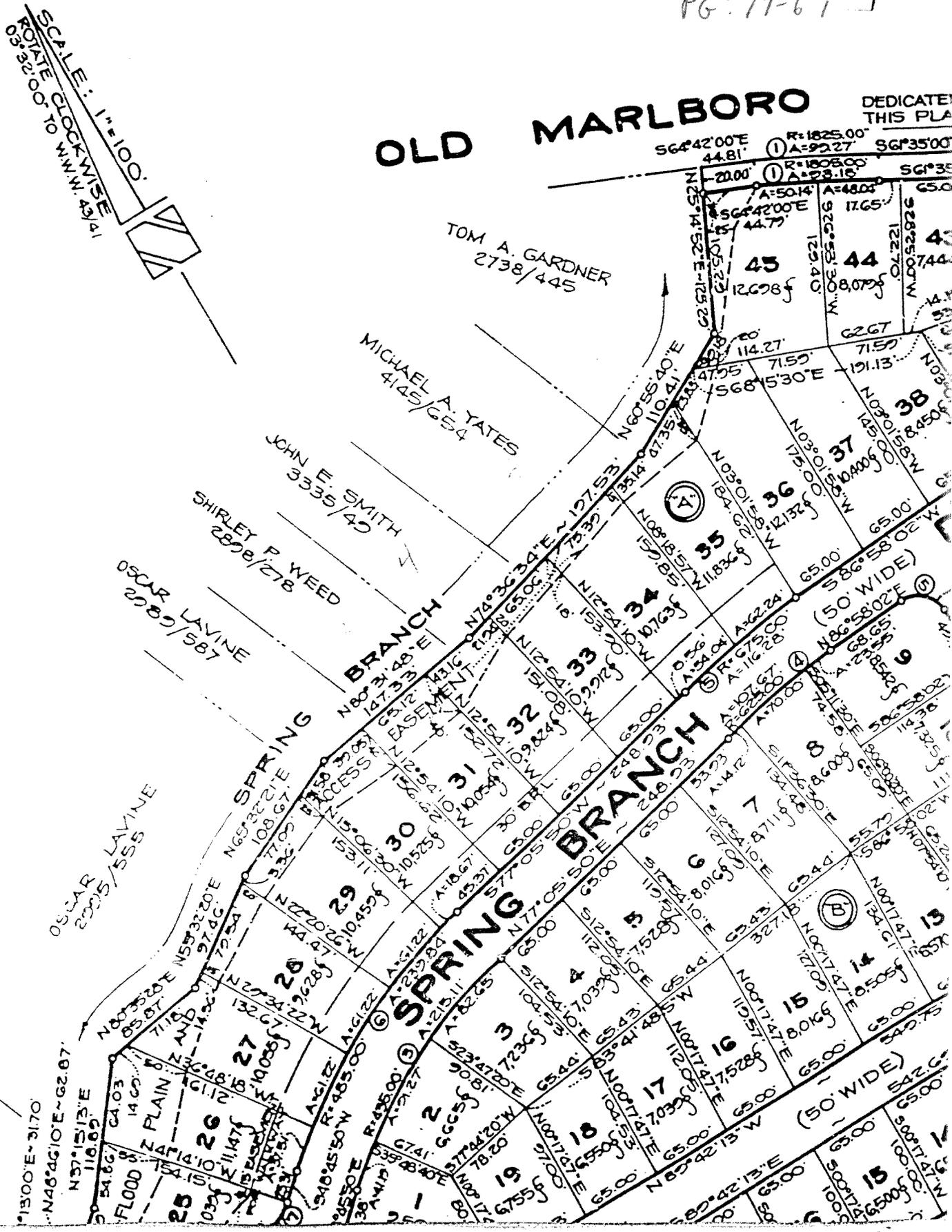
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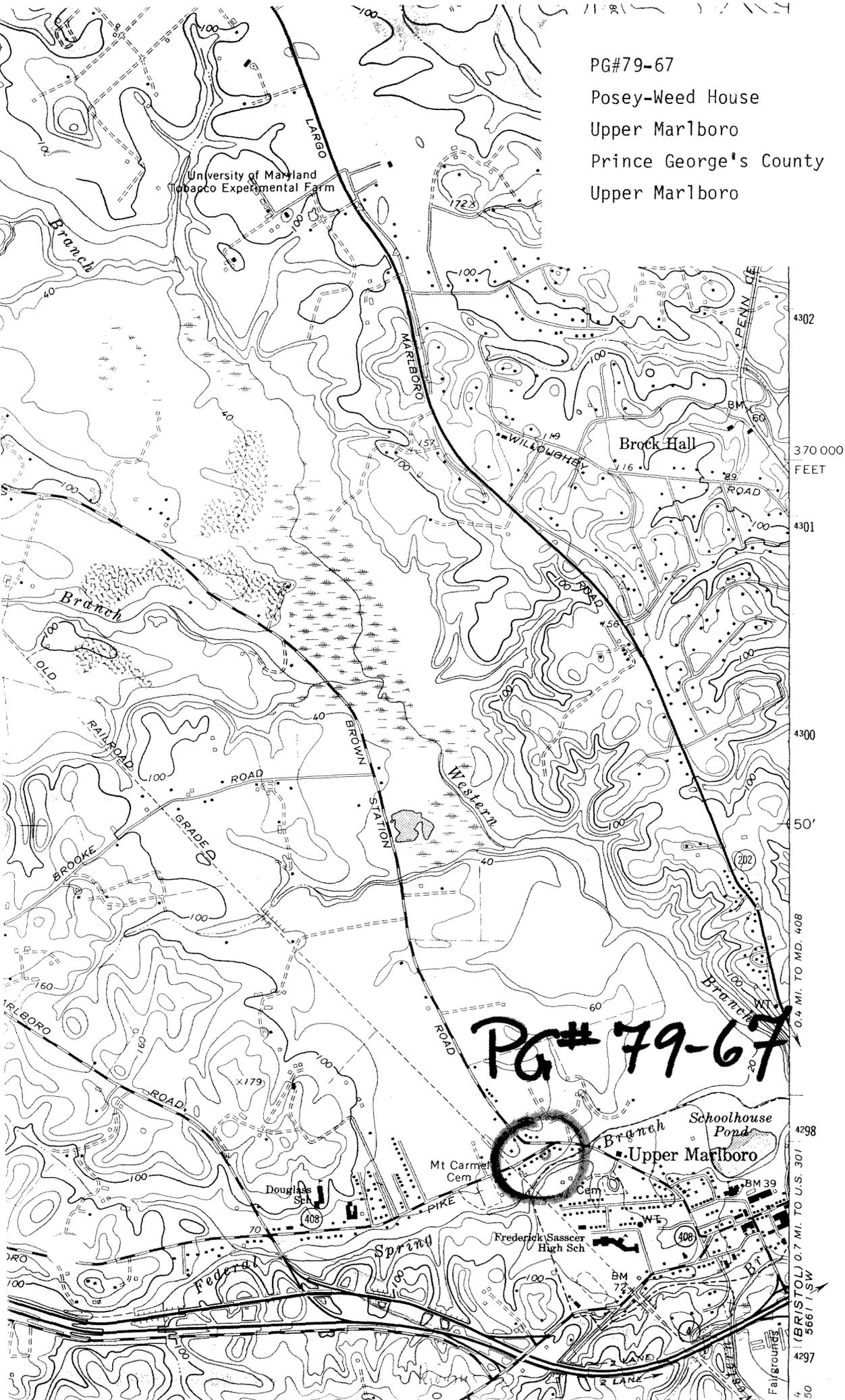
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Posey- Wood Horse

Prince George's Co. MD

Jessie E. Powell

February 1993

North woods

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