

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#79-69 Building Date: Circa 1922

Building Name: Reinhart House

Location: 14009 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description:

The Reinhart House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of compact Foursquare plan, to which a side wing has been added. It is two bays by two, with entrance into the first bay of the principal north facade. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three slim panelled wood posts on brick bases. The house is sheathed with white aluminum siding. Windows are generally 2/2 double hung sash, and have black shutters. The pyramidal roof is covered with black 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 two-story side-gabled ell wing has been built onto the east side of the house, inset both on the north and on the south. The wing is two bays by two, and has an exterior brick chimney at its east gable end. It is sheathed with aluminum siding. Its windows are modern 6/6 double hung sash. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation which encloses a basement, lighted by narrow horizontal single-sash windows. There is a one-story shed-roof addition in the rear.

Significance:

The Reinhart House was built circa 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 5, near the easternmost of the six lots. The house and the .587-acre lot were sold in 1925 to Joseph and Agnes Reinhart. The house has been enlarged by a substantial wing, but is representative of the Foursquare plan dwellings 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: 1 acre

Reinhart House

PG#79-69

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

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DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Reinhart House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 14009 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"/> 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 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 Lewis Foster

street &amp; number P.O. Box 276 telephone no.:

city, town Clinton state and zip code MD 20735

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 5024

street &amp; number 14735 Main Street folio 652

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

te  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

The Reinhart House is a 2 1/2-story frame pyramidal-roof dwelling of compact Foursquare plan, to which a side wing has been added. 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 first bay of the principal north facade. The entrance facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch with three slim panelled wood posts on brick bases. A metal railing forms a boundary around the porch, and on each side of the concrete steps which lead to the porch entrance. The brick bases serve as the piers which support the porch, and the spaces between are infilled with lattice.

The house is sheathed with white aluminum siding. Windows are generally 2/2 double hung sash, and have black (aluminum?) shutters. With the exception of the shutters, all trim is white.

The pyramidal roof is covered with black 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 two-story side-gabled ell wing has been built onto the east side of the house, inset both on the north and on the south (rear). The wing is two bays by two, and has an exterior brick chimney at its east gable end. It is sheathed with the same aluminum siding. Its windows have the same black shutters, but they are modern 6/6 double hung sash.

The house rests on a poured concrete foundation which encloses a basement, lighted by narrow horizontal single-sash windows. There is a one-story shed-roof addition in the (south) rear, also resting on a basement. There is a small garage building in the rear (southwest) yard.

This house was probably originally identical to 79-66 and 79-67, but the added ell wing gives it a different configuration.

# 8. Significance

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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"/> 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 ca. 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 Reinhart 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.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Item 8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

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state MD 20772

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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. News of local real estate sales and new construction appeared regularly in the Prince George's Enquirer. For example, 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." (This was Lot 3, .61 acre.)<sup>2</sup>

The Reinhart House was built on Lot 5, near the easternmost of the six lots. The house and the .587-acre lot was sold in 1925 to Joseph and Agnes Reinhart.<sup>3</sup> The house has been enlarged by a substantial wing, but is representative of the Foursquare plan dwellings 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.

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<sup>2</sup> Prince George's Enquirer, 24 March 1922; Prince George's County Deeds #191:176, 436; #217:117; #219:463; #224:409. See also Prince George's County Plat #91:64.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deed #224:409; Federal census for Prince George's County, Marlboro District, 1920.



# "SPRING BRANCH ESTATES"

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

SCALE: 1" = 100'

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SCALE: 1" = 100'  
STATE CLOCKWISE  
TO TO W.W.M. 49/41

## OLD MARLBORO

DEDICATED  
THIS PLAT.

TOM A. GARDNER  
2738/445

MICHAEL A. YATES  
4145/654

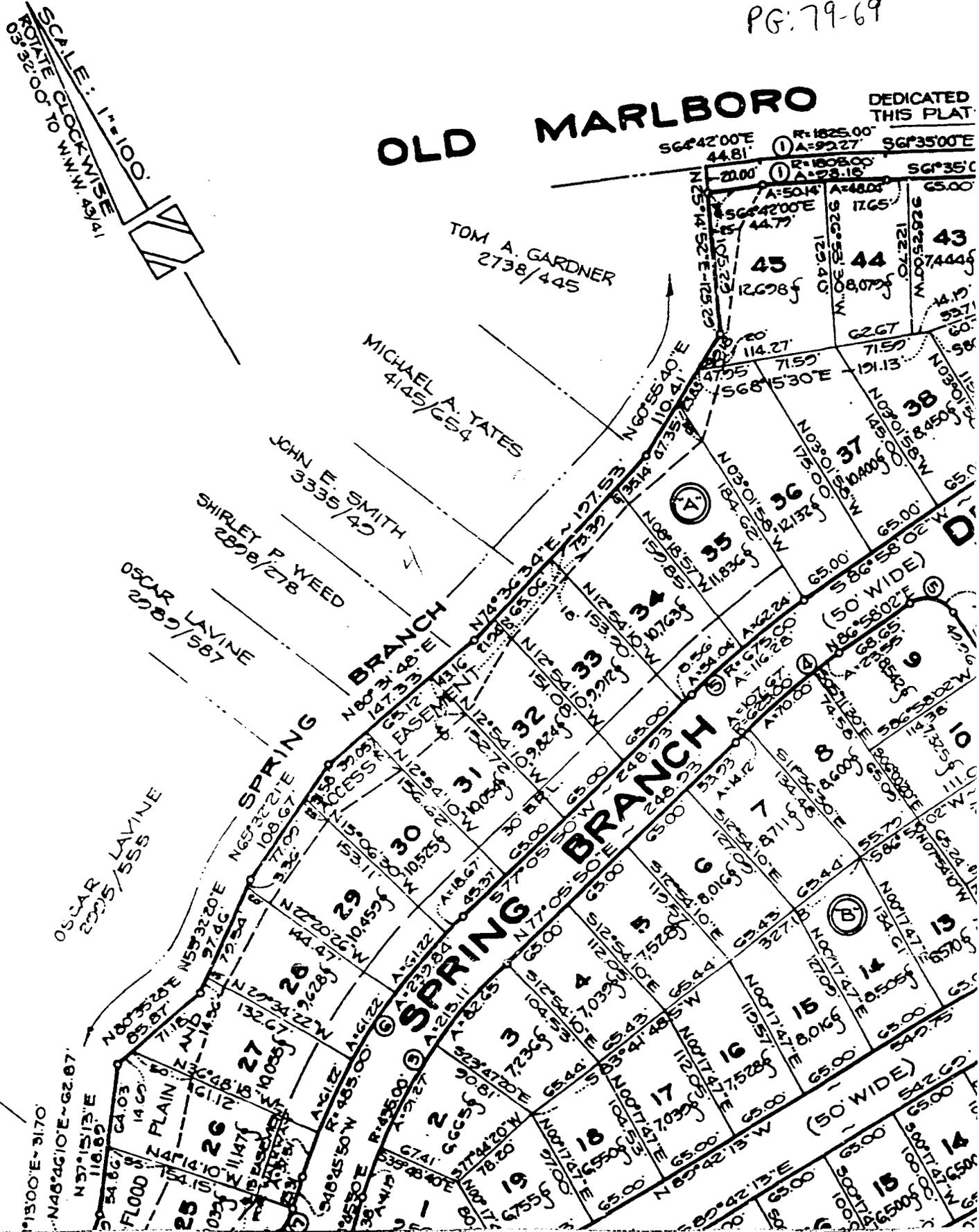
JOHN F. SMITH  
3338/49

SHIRLEY P. WEED  
2898/278

OSCAR LAVINE  
2289/587

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2295/555

EO GRAHAM  
082/348



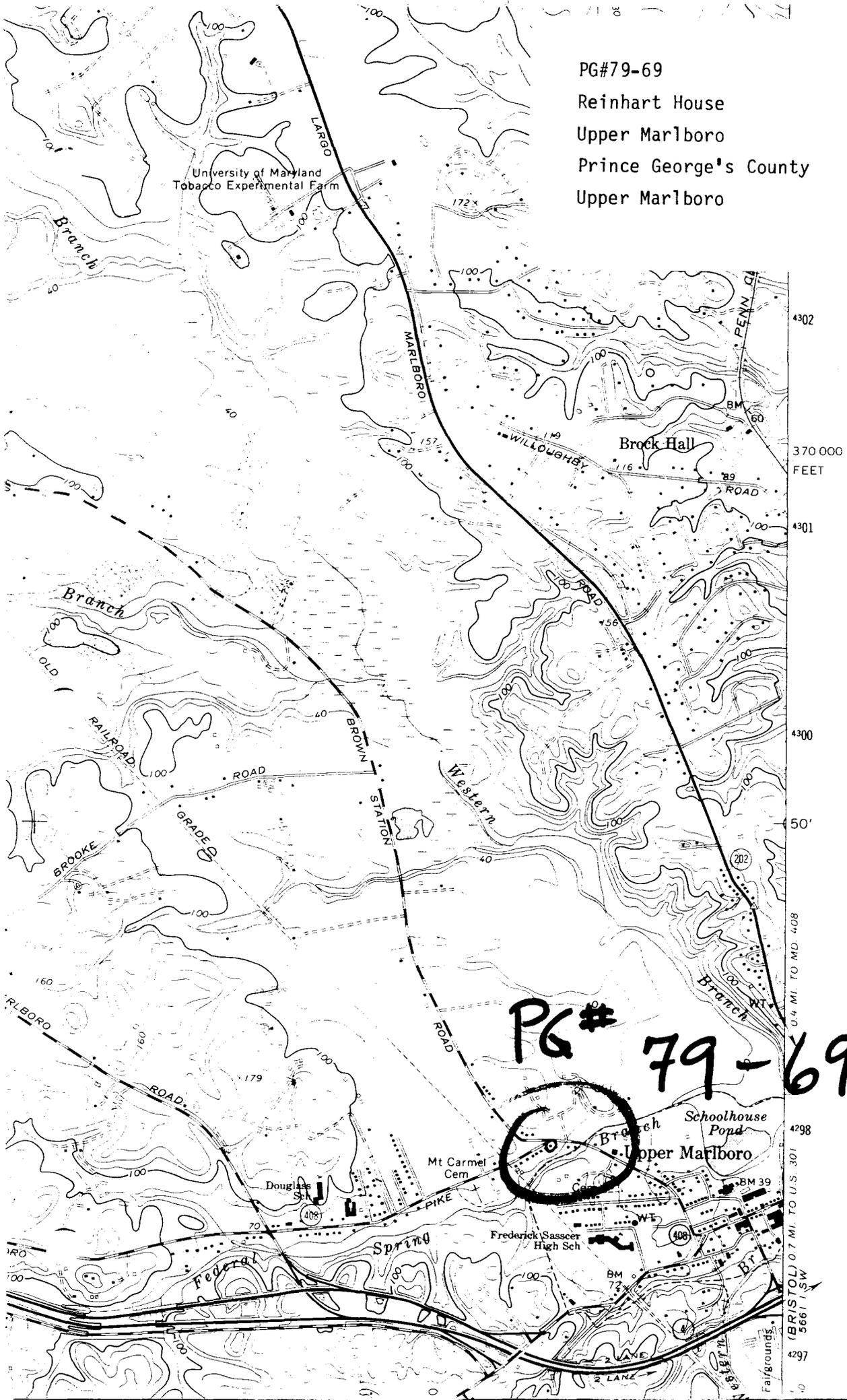
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4301  
4300  
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0.4 MI. TO MD. 408  
4298  
0.7 MI. TO U.S. 301  
4297  
566' / SW



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Prince George's Co. MD  
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