

Property Address West Side of Crain Highway (U.S. 301) off a dirt road leading from the west side of Marlton Drive, Rosaryville State Park, Croom, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Department of Natural Resources, State of Maryland, Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21401
Year Built circa 1900

Description:

The Duvall Tenant House was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1974 and by the Maryland Historical Trust in 1979. Since the time of the previous surveys, the structure has been demolished. This information was provided by Patrick Bright, land manager for the Department of Natural Resources, however, the date of demolition was unknown.

National Register Evaluation:

The site of the Duvall Tenant House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is no longer extant and the site does not possess sufficient integrity to represent an important architectural trend or distinctive characteristics of a type or method of construction. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion D.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility recommended not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

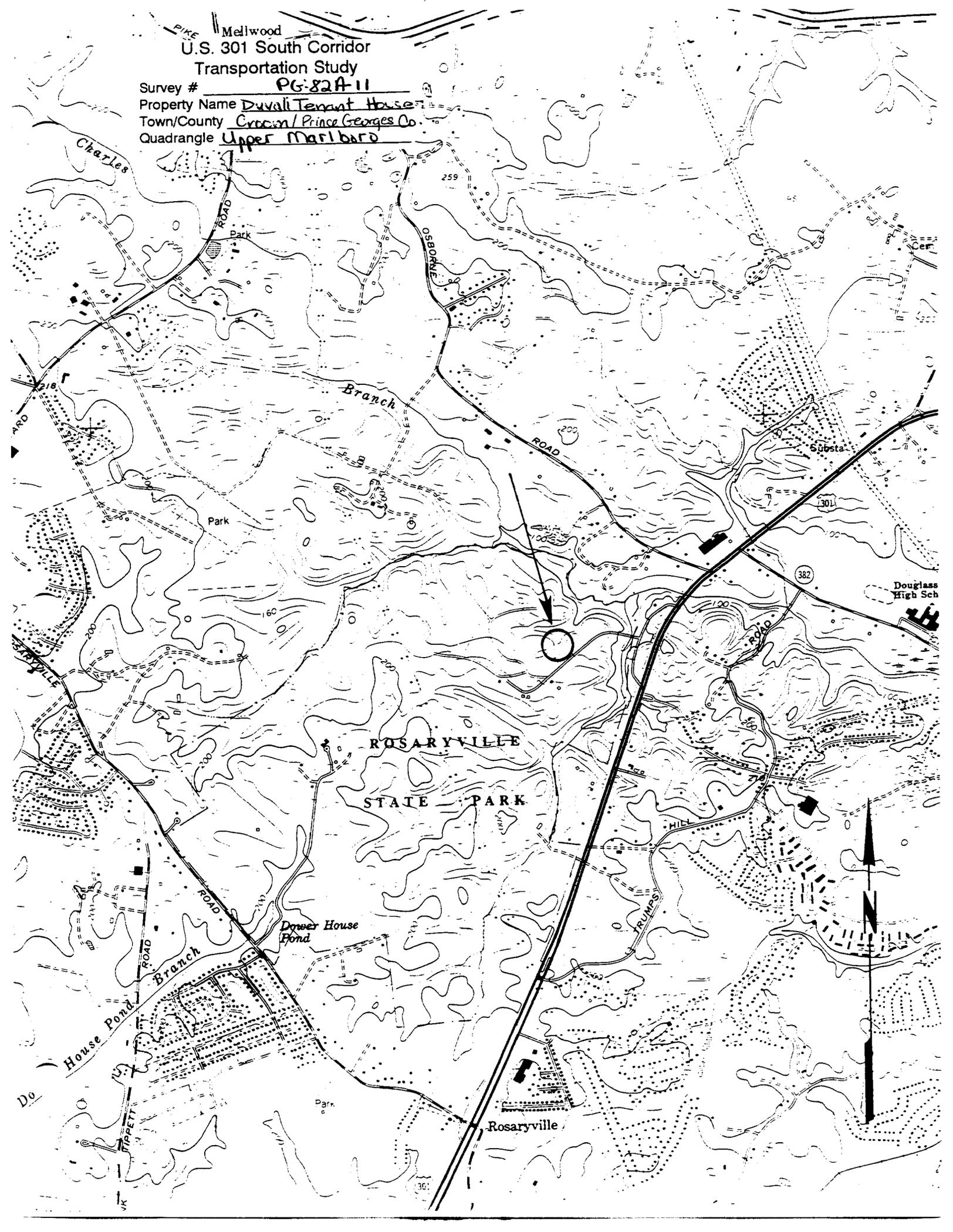
Suzanne Pickens 07/21/1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

B. Kuntz 7/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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Mellwood
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study
Survey # PG-82A-11
Property Name Duval Tenant House
Town/County Crofton/Prince Georges Co.
Quadrangle Upper Marlboro



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Duvall tenant house

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Crain Highway (Md Rte 301)

off a dirt road leading from west side of Marlton Dr.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Croom

--- VICINITY OF within Rosaryville State Park

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, Misc. Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland (Department of Natural Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Resources)

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Annapolis

--- VICINITY OF

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #: 4615

Folio #: 627

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Duvall tenant house, located on the west side of Crain Highway (Maryland Route 301) off a dirt road leading from the west side of Marlton Drive, is a one-story clapboard gable-roofed structure with a lower one-story, flat-roofed addition to the rear. Both sections of the house have corrugated tin roofs.

The main section measures three bays wide and one bay deep. The main (east) facade is defined by a centrally located doorway flanked by asymmetrically placed window openings. Although the windows themselves no longer exist, they most probably were originally 6/6 double-hung sash. Both the door and windows are framed by plain timber surrounds. A one-story open porch with simple 2x4 wooden supports spans this facade. The north and south gable end facades are distinguished only by a window opening at the attic level. These windows, also once 6/6 double-hung sash, share the same simple timber surround detail with the openings of the main facade.

The small rear addition is one bay wide and one bay deep. A secondary entrance is located on the south facade. A standing seam tin shed roof supported by 2x4 timber uprights shelters this entrance. A window opening with a plain wooden surround appears in both the north and west facades of this section.

Brick chimneys are centrally located in both the main block and the addition. Both sections and the porch rest on brick foundation piers. A hand hewn peg sill is visible under the north gable facade.

The interior plan is a typical hall and parlor arrangement with little architecture detail noticeable in any of the rooms. A stairway is located along the southern gable end which leads to an unfinished attic sleeping area. The rear addition is partitioned into two rooms, the northernmost one functioning once as a kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Duvall tenant house, probably built by William Duvall, Sr., in the first quarter of the Twentieth Century is a typical example of the unassuming tenant dwellings that once populated the area in the early Twentieth Century. This abandoned frame dwelling sits on a tract of land formerly owned by the Duvall family. The property also includes two tobacco barns, a collection of dairy outbuildings, a second tenant house constructed by Peter Wood Duvall, Sr., in the second quarter of the Twentieth Century, as well as a now isolated Civil-War-era tobacco barn.¹ Together they represent a once modest yet diversified tenant farm which produced a variety of corns, sundry grains, tobacco and dairy products in its more active days. The farm's rich fertile soils, gentle rolling pasture and crop lands, and available water supply from the Charles Branch rendered this area choice farmland.

This tract of land, referred to as "Little Mt. Airy", in a 1938 deed (Prince George's County land record 498/483) belonged to various members of the Duvall family since 1876 when it was awarded to Benjamin and George Duvall in an equity settlement. Previously, the property was part of the Thomas Sasscer farm. It is uncertain as to why this parcel of land became the focus of an equity dispute (Prince George's County equity case #1001) between Benjamin F., his wife Susan Sasscer (Thomas' daughter) and others as complainants, and John Thomas Sasscer (Thomas' son) and others as defendants. These interfamily disputes, however, were common throughout the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries.

Relevant to this discussion, however, is that these land records and equity papers indicate structures which no longer stand on the property. The Hopkins Atlas of 1878 confirms this fact. Through conversations with Peter Wood Duvall (who sold this tract to DNR) and his son, Peter, Jr., it was learned that foundations of a structure exist opposite the Duvall tenant house, that a nearby second tenant house was built circa 1940 on earlier foundations of a house whose construction date is uncertain, and finally, that old bricks have often been found through constant plowing of the fields not far from the older tobacco barn. Perhaps archeological investigations would yield some information on these missing structures.

¹See Prince George's County PA

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Write, Newman Harry. Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation. Washington
Interviews with: Peter Wood Duvall, Sr.
Peter Wood Duvall, Jr.
Susan Dorinda Duvall
Croom, Maryland 1/12/79

Prince George's County Court House land records and equity cases.

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

Bridget Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

February 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

269-2438

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

STATE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Description</u>
5/12/1976	Deed 4615/627	Duvall, Peter Wood & Ester	State of Md., DNR	
9/6/1938	Deed 498/483	Duvall, William H., Sr. and Matilda Wood	Duval, Peter Wood	"All that tract of land located as aforesaid known as "Little Mt. Airy" containing 274 acres upon which the late George T. Duvall resided in his lifetime."
9/26/1888	Deed JWB 11/305	Duvall, Benjamin F. and Elizabeth E.	Duvall, George T.	
9/29/1881	Deed WAJ 3/109	Magruder, Caleb C. and Hance, Samuel B. Trustees	Duvall, George T. and Benjamin F.	Awarded in equity case (see below)
2/23/1876	Equity Case 1001	Duval, Benj. F. & Susan S. et al as complainant	Sasscer, John Thomas et al as defendants	Magruder and Hance acting as appointed trustees sold to Duvall and Duvall that tract part of a tract or parcel of land called Mt. Airy containing 284 acres.
10/8/1857	Deed CSM 2/27	Chew, James (Sheriff) Magruder, Caleb (Trustee)	Sasscer, John Thomas	Legal confirmation of the following action. On 2/6/50 Sheriff Chew sells at Public sale to the highest bidder, all the property of William B. Sasscer as one of the heirs and legal representative of his deceased brother Robert the real and personal property devised to him under the last will and testament of his father Thomas Sasscer a tract of land known as Mount Airy containing 286 acres of which the late Thomas Sasscer owned. Magruder is to sell land to John Thomas Sasscer.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sasscer Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off Crescent Drive, at Rte. 301, near Osbourne Rd.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Upper Marlboro

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Prince George's

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Peter W. Duvall

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Croom

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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This is a small, one-story frame tenant house. The main (south) facade is of 3 bays, with a central door that is flanked by two 6/6 windows. An open, one-story porch crosses the front. Like the main roof, it is of tin. The house has old clapboard siding, and it appears there is a stove-chimney near the center of the roof.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is an excellent example of the now-rare tenant dwellings, that were once so numerous on area tobacco farms. Appears to have been a Sasser farm at one time.

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STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/24/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

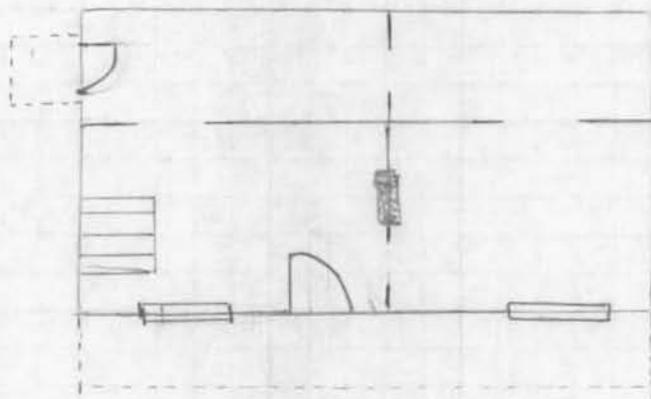
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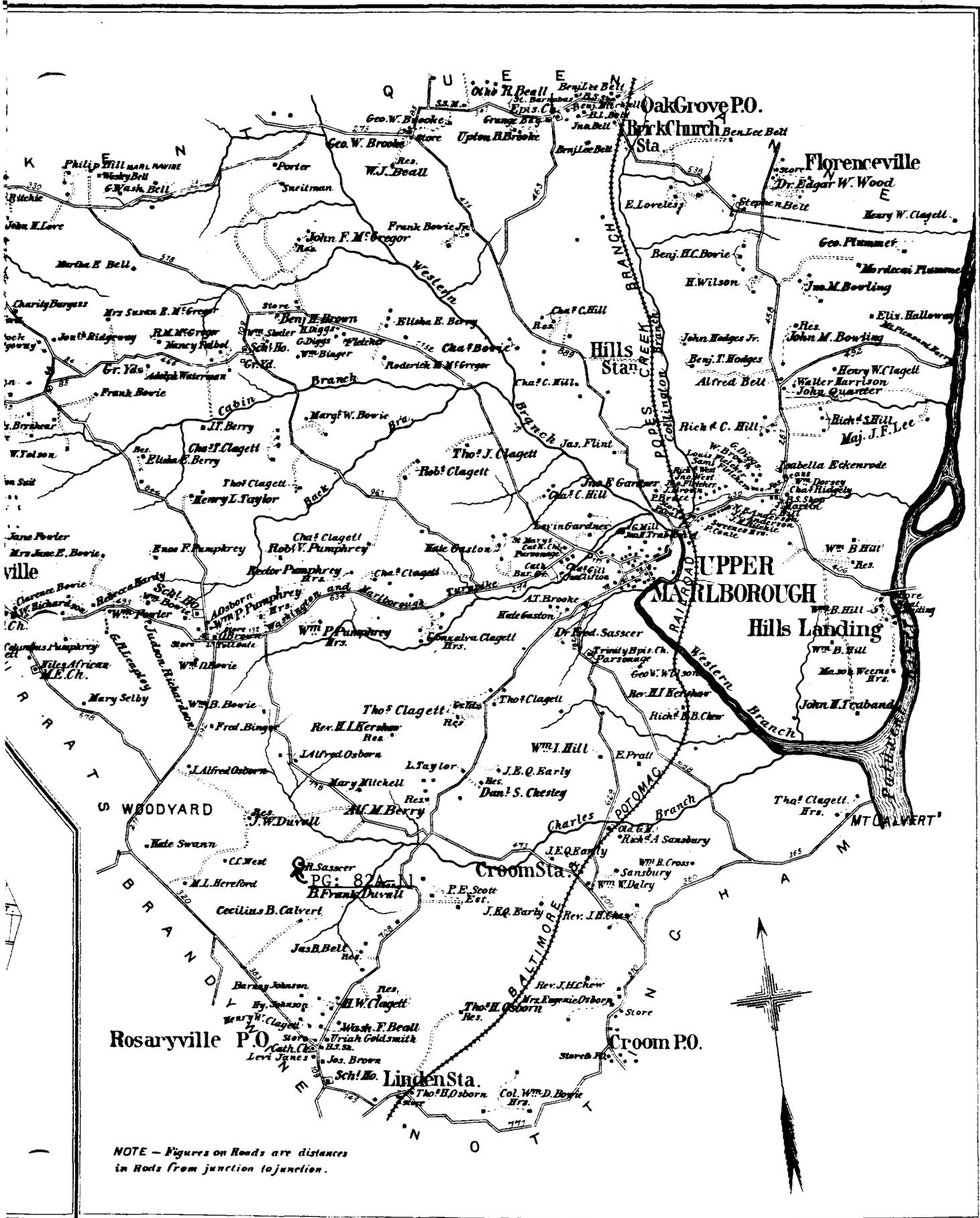
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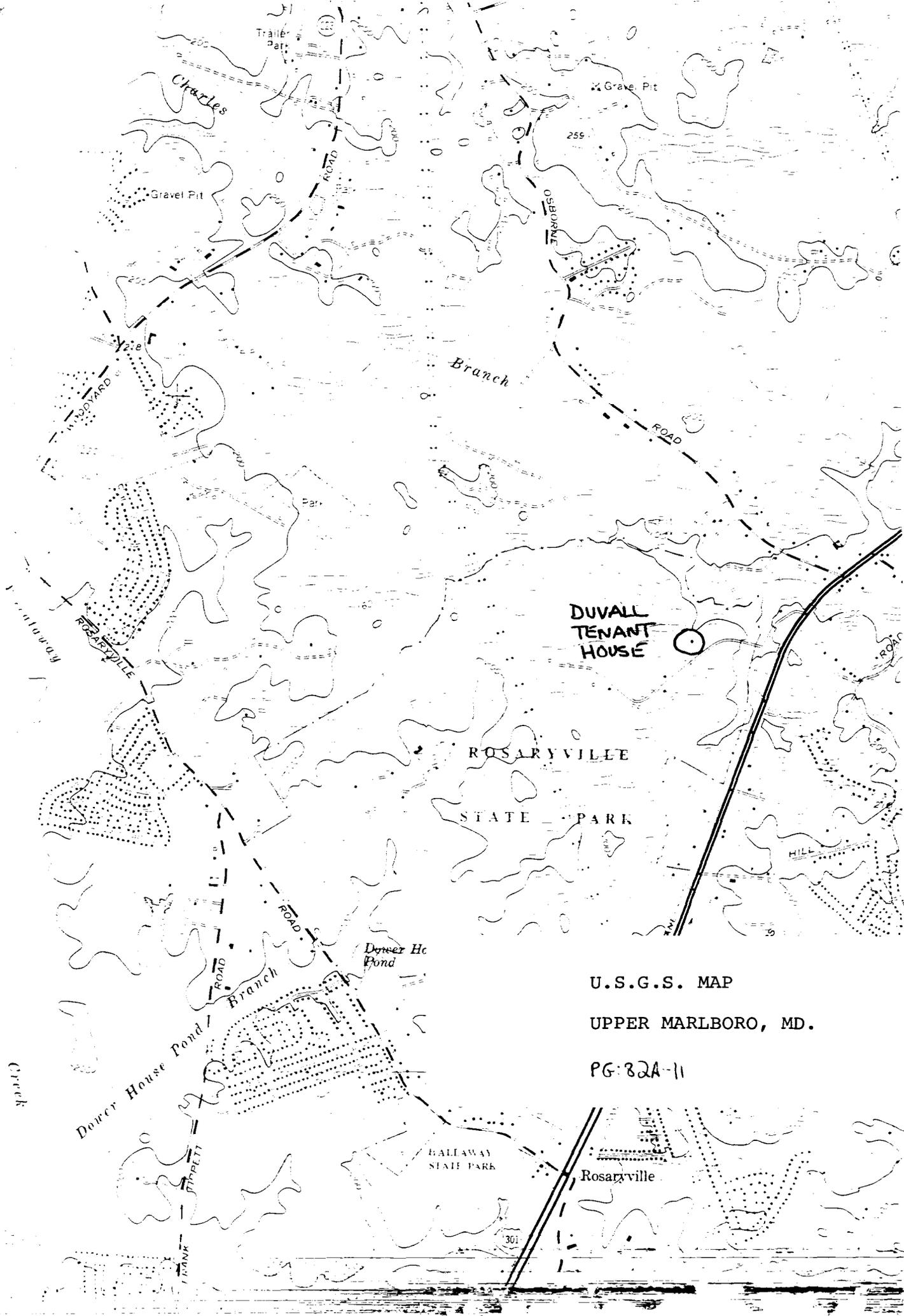
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DIVALL TENANT HOUSE
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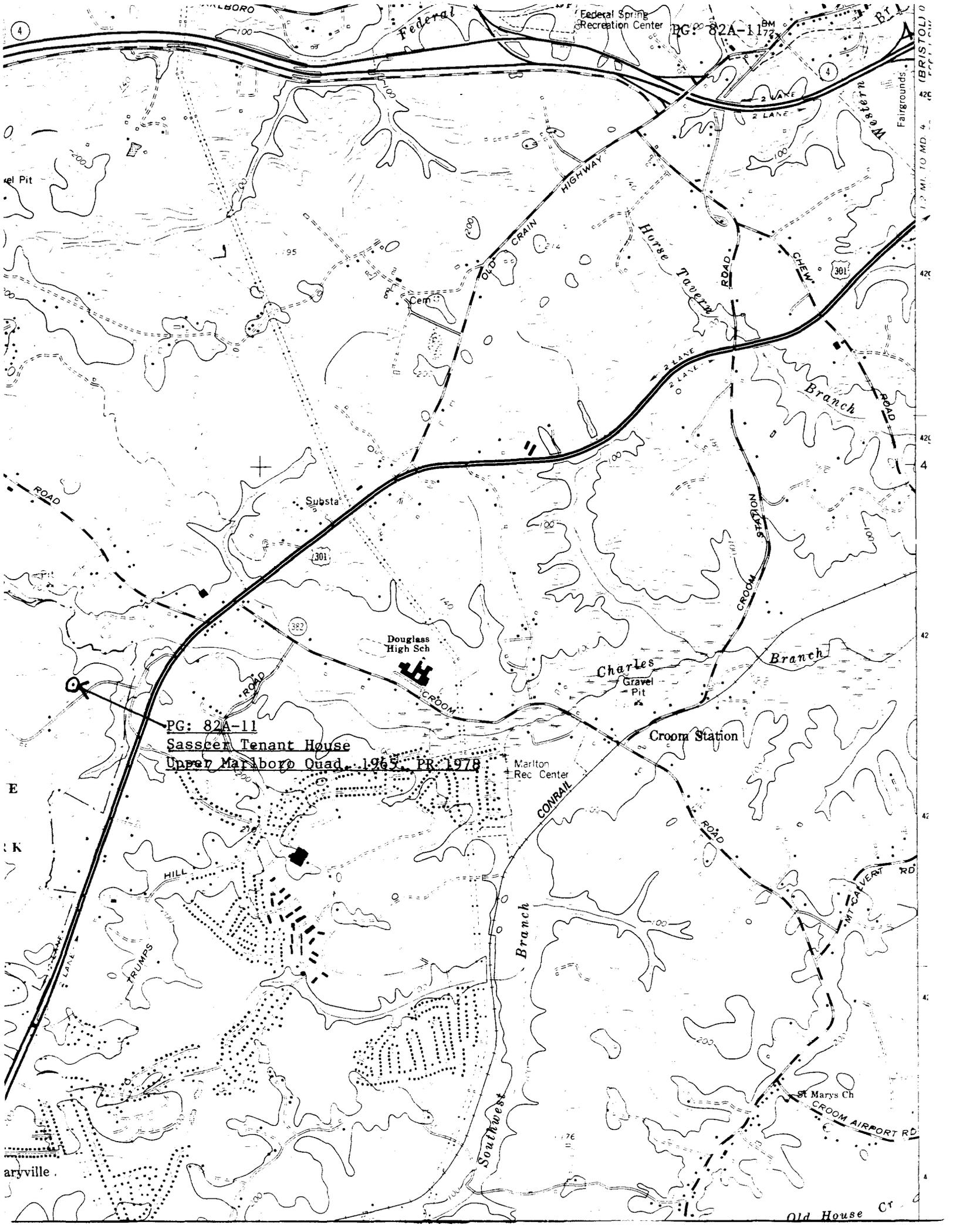
DUVALL
TENANT
HOUSE

ROSARYVILLE
STATE PARK

U.S.G.S. MAP
UPPER MARLBORO, MD.
PG: 82A-11

Rosaryville

BALLAWAY
STATE PARK



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Sasser Tenant House
Upper Marlboro Quad. 1965. PR: 1978

Marlton Rec Center

Croom Station

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Branch

MT CALVERT RD

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Southwest

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CROOM AIRPORT RD

aryville

Old House Cr



PG 82A-11, DNR-15

Duvall Tenant House
Rosaryville State Park
Rosaryville, Maryland

S.W. Elevation

BMD 10/78



BG 82A-11,DNR-15

Duvall Tenant House
Rosaryville State Park
Rosaryville, Maryland

S.E. Elevation

BMD 10/78



NAME #82A-11 SASSCER TENANT HOUSE

LOCATION OFF CRESCENT DR AT RT 301 UPPER MARLBORO, MD

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