

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Joshua Turner House Inventory Number: PG:82A-017

Address: 8801 Frank Tippet Road City: Rosaryville Zip Code: 20772-4536

County: Prince George's USGS Topographic Map: Upper Marlboro

Owner: William and Ann Gladmon Is the property being evaluated a district? No ___ yes ___

Tax Parcel Number: 0091 Tax Map Number: 0118 Tax Account ID Number: 11-1146992

Joint Application for the Alteration of Any Floodplain,
Waterway, or Wetland TLBU Foundation, Inc. - A1

Project: 135807\201161592 Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes ___ Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ___ yes X no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___ yes	Eligible district ___ yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <u>X</u> yes ___ no ___	

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Introduction

This Determination of Eligibility Form (DOE) was prepared in response to the data request contained in the June 1, 2012, correspondence from the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, regarding Joint Application A1 135807\201161592 (TLBU Foundation, Inc./Frank Tippet Road). A formal evaluation applying the National Register of Historic Places criteria for evaluation (36 CFR 60.4[a-d]) was requested for the Joshua Turner House (PG:82A-017). The Joshua Turner House, constructed between 1880 and 1888, occupies a six-acre parcel (parcel 91, tax map 118) adjacent to the residential subdivision proposed for 342 acres extending north, west, and south of the Turner house.

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Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: ___ A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: _____	
<u>Jonathan Sags</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/10/13</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>6/7/13</u> Date

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The Joshua Turner house (PG:82A-017) previously was documented in a MHT Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) form in 1974. The house was documented more thoroughly in 1985 in preparation for designation as a Prince George's County Historic Site (MHT MIHP PG:82A-017). The Turner House subsequently was designated a local historic site (Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission [MNCPPC] 1992:89). The environmental setting for the house contains six acres encompassed in parcel 91, tax map 118.

This DOE provides updated information on the Turner House and data on the additional buildings located on parcel 91, tax map 118. All building conditions were field verified in January 2013. Archival research comprised a review of previous MIHP documentation and archeological reports on file at the MHT. Additional research was conducted using online sources. The Prince George's Historic Sites Inventory was reviewed to provide information on the Queen Anne style in the county. This information was analyzed to prepare an assessment of the built resources on the property applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4[a-d]).

Historically, the Turner House property and the area encompassed by the residential development proposed under Application NAB-2011-61592 were part of a 550-acre parcel owned by Joshua Turner and his heirs between 1867 and 1911. The existing dwelling is the only building surviving from the nineteenth-century. The 550-acre parcel remained intact until 1933, when it was reduced to 478 acres. After 1957, the property was divided among several owners.

Tenants farmed the property throughout the mid-twentieth century. Six buildings constructed between ca. 1930 and ca. 1950 for the tenant farms are located within the area proposed for subdivision and are not included in this DOE. Digital photographs keyed to sketch maps are provided as a separate submittal as requested in the June 1, 2012, correspondence.

In 1960, a six-acre parcel containing the Joshua Turner House was divided from the agriculture acreage. An equestrian center was established as a commercial venture on the north end of the six-acre parcel. In 1978, the Gladmons purchased the property. The Gladmons established Craftworks Design, Inc., as a second small business and expanded the equestrian center into the MerryMount Equestrian Center. The MerryMount Equestrian Center has arrangements to use additional acreage surrounding the six-acre house property for horse show rings and pastures.

A sketch map prepared for the 1985 MIHP documentation depicted the ca. 1880s house, two wells, a garage/workshop (1951), a new office (ca. 1985) housing, a pony barn (ca. 1960), and a large stable (ca. 1966-1970) on the six-acre parcel. Additional buildings and structures have been added to the complex since 1985. The ca. 1880s main house is the oldest building in the complex. Support buildings are located south and west of the main house. Buildings, paddocks, and horse rings associated with the MerryMount Equestrian Center are located north of the house.

Main House

The main house is set back from the west side of Frank Tippet Road in the vicinity of Rosaryville. This area is in transition from rural agriculture to suburban subdivisions. The house is accessed by a long

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gravel drive. The entrance to the driveway is marked by two square, concrete pillars with a pair of wood board gates. Deciduous trees lining each side of the driveway form an allee leading to the house. The gravel drive leads to a dirt and gravel parking area north of the house. A brick walkway connects the driveway to the porch on the east elevation of the house. Pastures delineated by wood board fencing are located north and south of the entry allee. A lawn in front of the house contains dispersed specimen trees. Large boxwoods and low yews are planted along the porch defining the principal elevation of the house.

The dwelling was constructed between 1880 and 1888 for Joshua J. Turner. The house remains essentially the same as described in documentation prepared in 1985 (MHT MIHP PG:82A-017). The house is two-and-a-half stories with asymmetrical floor plan and massing that features Queen Anne style decorative details. The exterior walls are stuccoed, which was applied during the mid-twentieth century. The asymmetrical roof features flat sections and steeply-pitched intersecting gable roofs of differing widths. A wide front-gable dominates the east elevation. Two asymmetrically-placed brick chimneys project from the gable roofs. The main entry is located in the east elevation. The entry contains paired, two panel doors with round arched panels flanked by a transom and narrow sidelights. A wide wrap-around porch spans the east and north elevations. The porch has square wood posts and a wood balustrade. The windows on the first floor are tall, wood-frame, four-over-six-light windows. The second story windows are wood-frame, four-over-four-light units. Queen Anne decorative detailing includes the jigsawn porch brackets and the sunburst designs in each gable end. Elements installed under the Gladmon ownership include the horse motif stained glass in the transom and sidelights surrounding the main entry door, the jigsawn railing on the widow's walk, and some current porch posts (Farley personal communication 14 January 2013).

Some alterations to the building have occurred since 1985. Renovations to the rear wing pictured as ongoing in the 1985 photographic documentation were completed. A one-story rear addition also was constructed. This addition wraps around the west and north elevations of the one-and-a-half-story rear wing. The new addition replaced the former rear porch and bulkhead. The addition doubled the size of the kitchen, provided additional storage rooms, and added a rear entry door, which now serves as the primary entry to the house.

Outbuildings

A garage constructed in 1951 is located west of the main house. The one-story building is constructed of concrete block on a concrete slab. Wood shingles are placed in the upper gable ends. The gable roof is sheathed in V-groove metal. An overhead garage door occupies the north elevation. A single door is located in the east elevation. Three windows are located in the south elevation. The west elevation is blind. A concrete block at the northwest corner is inscribed with the date 1951.

A tractor shed/pony barn, constructed since 1985, is located west of the garage. The building originally was a tractor shed that subsequently was converted into a four-stall pony barn with equipment bay (Farley personal communication 14 January 2013). The wood-frame building is sheathed in plywood with plywood stall doors. The roof is clad in V-groove metal.

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A swimming pool and mechanical building were installed south the main house ca. 1990. The pool equipment building is plywood construction with horizontal wood siding on a concrete pad.

An octagonal wood-frame gazebo, constructed since 1985, is located on the lawn southeast of the main house. The gazebo is in deteriorated condition.

Two wells are located next to the house. The wells may date from the early twentieth century, but both wells are capped in modern materials. One well located southeast of the house is a circular concrete structure with a concrete cap. A second well located west of the house is enclosed in plywood.

A storage shed/chicken coop is located southwest of main house. The wood-frame shed is clad in vertical T1-11 siding with a shed roof clad in V-groove metal. This structure post-dates 1985.

An office/education building is located northwest of the main house. The office was noted as new in the 1985 MIHP documentation. The Gladmons substantially expanded and remodeled an older building located on the property to its current appearance (Farley personal communication 14 January 2013). The office housed Craftworks Design, Inc., and now houses the office and a classroom for MerryMount Equestrian Center. The two-story building rests on a concrete-block foundation and is sheathed in vinyl siding. The gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The window configuration is asymmetrical and comprises one-over-one-light, double-hung sash units and a picture window on the second floor. A doorway on the second story of the east gable end is accessed by an exterior wood stairway. A doorway into the first floor is located on the south elevation. A lean-to storage shed constructed post 1985 abuts the office on the west elevation. The one-story lean-to rests on a concrete block foundation and has a shed roof. The walls are constructed of particle board.

MerryMount Equestrian Center

The MerryMount Equestrian Center has been in operation since 1960 (MerryMount Equestrian Center 2013). The center occupies former agricultural fields north of the main house. Public entry to the center is off Frank Tippett Road north of the main stable. The stable and the main house are linked by an unpaved road.

The stable is the largest building in the complex. The stable contains an indoor arena flanked by two lines of stalls, as well as a tack room and break room. The center section and the east line of stalls were constructed between 1966 and 1970 (NETR Online topographic maps 1966, 1971; historic aerial 1970). Between 1970 and 1980, another line of box stalls was added to the west side of the building (NETR online historic aerials 1970, 1980). The wood-frame stable is clad in metal siding. The wide gable roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. Three large openings occupy the north and south gable ends. Each doorway has a large sliding door clad in metal. The east and west elevations have small windows to vent the stalls.

A one-story, A-frame sawdust shed and a prefabricated T1-11 shed, both installed since 2000, are located west of the stable. Wood-board fenced paddocks are located south of the main stable.

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The center includes three outdoor horse rings. The southern half of oval horse ring no. 1 is located on the six-acre Gladmon property. Historically, a small oval grass horse ring was located southwest of the stable. By 1970, the horse ring was circular (NETR online historic aerial 1964, 1970). This horse ring currently is incorporated into oval horse ring no. 1. Since ca. 1980, the ring has been a sand ring with jumps. Small covered seating pavilions and a one-story, wood check-in booth are located adjacent to the ring. These buildings were added since 1985.

A pony stable, constructed ca. 1960, is located south of the oval horse ring and north of the main house. The wood-frame building is sheathed in corrugated metal. The shed roof is clad in V-groove metal panels. The roof extends over the stall doors. The pony stable has three stalls, each with a stall door. The original building contained 12 stalls, but the Gladmons refurbished the building and reduced its size to 3 stalls (Farley, personal communication 14 January 2013).

A picnic area is located east of the oval horse ring. The picnic area has wooden tables and a covered barbecue pavilion. All structures in this area post-date 1985.

Review of Property History

Joshua J. Turner and his partner John Holloway purchased 1,000 acres of property in the vicinity of Rosaryville, Maryland in 1867. In 1880, the partnership was dissolved and Joshua Turner retained 550.5 acres. Joshua Turner constructed the house as his country seat between the 1880 property division and 1888, when the house appeared on the tax rolls (MHT MIHP PG:82A-017). Joshua Turner (1810-1889) primarily lived in Baltimore City. In 1880, he was 70 years of age and lived with his wife Catherine (age 60), his son Louis (age 23), two white servants, and one black servant. His occupation was the fertilizer business (U.S. Census 1880). Throughout the 1880s, Joshua Turner was regularly reported in the city directories as living in Baltimore City (City Directories). At his death on October 17, 1889, Turner resided at 11 Pleasant Street in Baltimore. Turner had retired in 1887 from the J.J. Turner fertilizer business, but remained active in the Baltimore business community. At the time of his death, he was president of the German-American Bank, a director of the Metropolitan Savings Bank, a director of the American Fire Insurance Company, and a member of the Corn and Flour Exchange. Turner was buried in Baltimore (Baltimore *Sun*, 18 October 1889; 19 October 1889).

In November 1889, the Executors of the estate of Joshua Turner, late of Baltimore City, held a sale at Turner's "country seat" located near Cheltenham Station in Prince George's County. For sale were a "valuable lot of horses, colts, mules, ponies, cows, heifers, hogs, pigs, agricultural implements, farm products, carriages, buggies, farm wagons, ... large lot of harness, McCormick binder and reaper, champion mower, corn crusher, plows, horse rakes, cultivators." Thirty tons of hay and 500 bushels of corn were among the agricultural products (Baltimore *Sun*, 12 November 1889). The Turner family retained ownership of the house and land until 1911, although the family apparently did not live on the property. Widow Catherine Turner was reported in the 1900 and 1910 censuses as living with her son in Baltimore County (MHT MIHP PG:82A-017; Gibb 2009:13). No agricultural outbuildings or tenant houses remain from the Turner period of ownership.

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Between 1911 and 1920, the property was under a trusteeship or owned by a corporation. It is presumed that the acreage was rented to tenants. In 1920, Leo J. Long acquired most of the original Turner property from two owners (MHT MIHP PG:2A-017). A 1930 property description reported:

There are 4 houses, main dwelling containing 14 rooms, 6 fireplaces with marble (sic) mantles, slate roof, fine wells, large maple shade trees. Main tenant house has 6 rooms. There 3 barns, cow cribs, tool houses, garages, hen houses, dairy house, meat house, wood shed, hog pens; well fenced, well watered from springs and stream. Land slightly rolling. Productive and suitable for tobacco, truck and general farming (Gibb 2009:10-11).

As depicted on historical USGS quadrangle maps, tenant houses and agricultural buildings were located south and west of the Turner house (USGS 1944, 1957). In 1985, two tenant houses, a barn, two chicken coops, and a barn/stable were located west and south of the Turner House. By 2012, agricultural outbuildings comprised two chicken coops, one corncrib, a pump house, and a renovated horse stable used by MerryMount Equestrian Center (Farley personal communication 14 January 2013). One ruined tenant house constructed during the 1950s is located in the woods (USGS 1957). These buildings are located on an adjoining parcel and are not included in this DOE.

Evaluation

The Turner house possesses significance for National Register listing applying National Register Criterion C on the local county level as an example of a country villa that incorporates elements of the Queen Anne style, a prevailing architectural style of the 1880s. The house retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and setting to convey its significance. The Queen Anne style typically is characterized by asymmetrical massing, irregular roof shapes, a wrap-around porch, and decorative trim (McAlester 1996:263ff). The Turner house has an asymmetrical floor plan with a central hall that accesses two differently sized parlors, an off-set stair hall, and a dining room that projects beyond the north wall of the main block. A deep wrap-around porch ties the asymmetrical plan together. The roof also exhibits asymmetry typical in the Queen Anne style. A wide, steeply-pitched gable dominates the front elevation. The roof intersects with a flat roof and a second, narrower gable roof. Prominent, asymmetrically-placed, brick chimneys project from the roof. Exterior decorative trim includes porch brackets and stylized sunbursts in the upper gable ends.

The Queen Anne style was popular in Prince George's County between ca. 1880 and 1910. Twenty-five buildings exhibiting Queen Anne detailing have been designated among 305 Prince George's County Historic Sites (MNCPPC 2006). Eight buildings, including the Turner House, are documented as constructed during the 1880s. An additional 10 buildings were constructed during the 1890s, while eight date from the first decade of the twentieth century. Few Queen Anne buildings in the county are highly-ornamented examples of the style; the majority of these buildings, such as in the Turner House, exhibit more modest examples of Queen Anne detailing. The majority of Queen Anne buildings (n=21) in Prince George's County were constructed as family residences in the developing suburbs of Hyattsville, Berwyn, or Mount Rainer. Four buildings, including the Turner House, are located in rural areas. All were built as country seats for prominent families with business interests locally or in Washington, D.C., or Baltimore. The Turner House was among the earliest Queen Anne style residences constructed in Prince George's

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County as documented in the county's designated historic sites and retains sufficient integrity to embody the distractive characteristics of the style.

The Turner House was constructed as a country seat for prominent Baltimore businessman Joshua J. Turner. Turner acquired the property in 1867, but delayed building a house there until the 1880s. The house was completed shortly before Turner died in 1889. Turner is not an old Prince George's County family but a relative newcomer, one of many who owned purchased agricultural property in the county following the Civil War (MNCPPC 2010:201). Turner's business interests and his primary residence remained located in the City of Baltimore and Turner's occupation of the house was short-lived. The house does not qualify for National Register listing applying Criterion B.

Though located in a rural setting, the Turner House no longer exhibits association with nineteenth-century agricultural history of Prince George's County applying National Register Criterion A. No nineteenth-century agricultural buildings remain associated with the house. Support buildings on the house parcel date from the twentieth century and include two concrete wells, a 1951 garage, and a ca. 1960 pony stable. These buildings do not contribute to the house and are not individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The remaining buildings on the parcel are less than 50 years of age and are associated with later business operations.

The recommended National Register boundary is the southern portion of the parcel beginning at a point at the fence line north of the driveway, south along Frank Tippett Road to the southern boundary of the property, turning west to the southwest corner of the property, then north to follow the property boundary to a point south of the office building. The boundary then turns east to follow the north side of the driveway and the fence line to the starting point to include the trees that line the north side of the drive. The boundary comprises 1.68 acres and contains the house lot, the driveway lined with trees, and the vista between the house and Frank Tippett Road.

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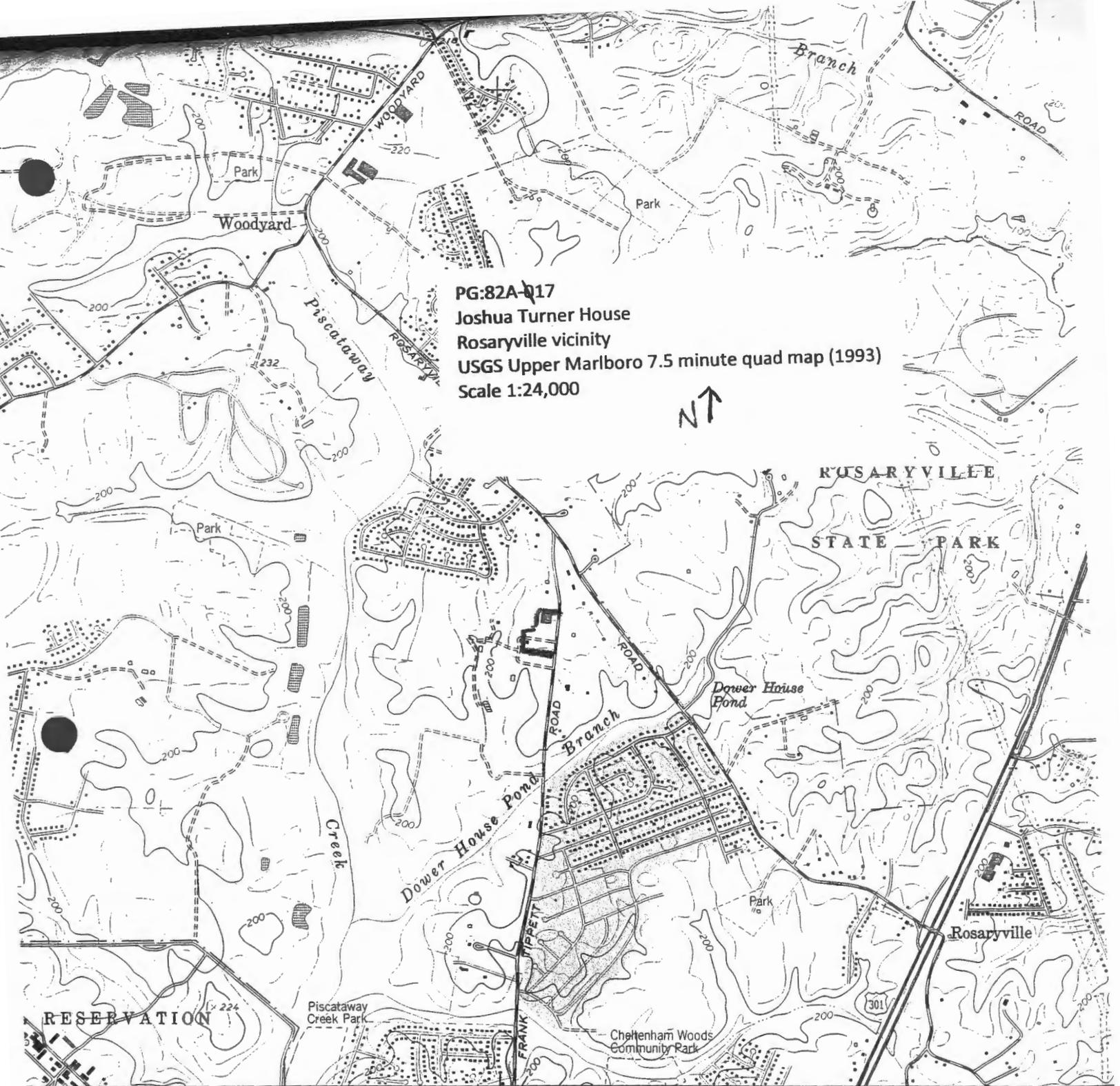
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Date Prepared: January 2013



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 Joshua Turner House
 Rosaryville vicinity
 USGS Upper Marlboro 7.5 minute quad map (1993)
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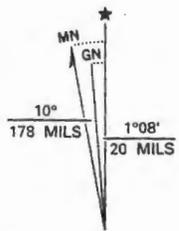
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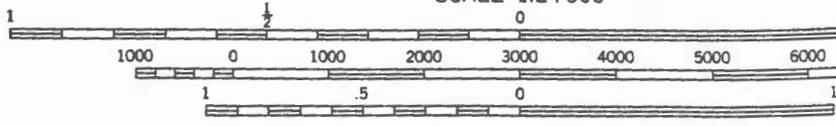
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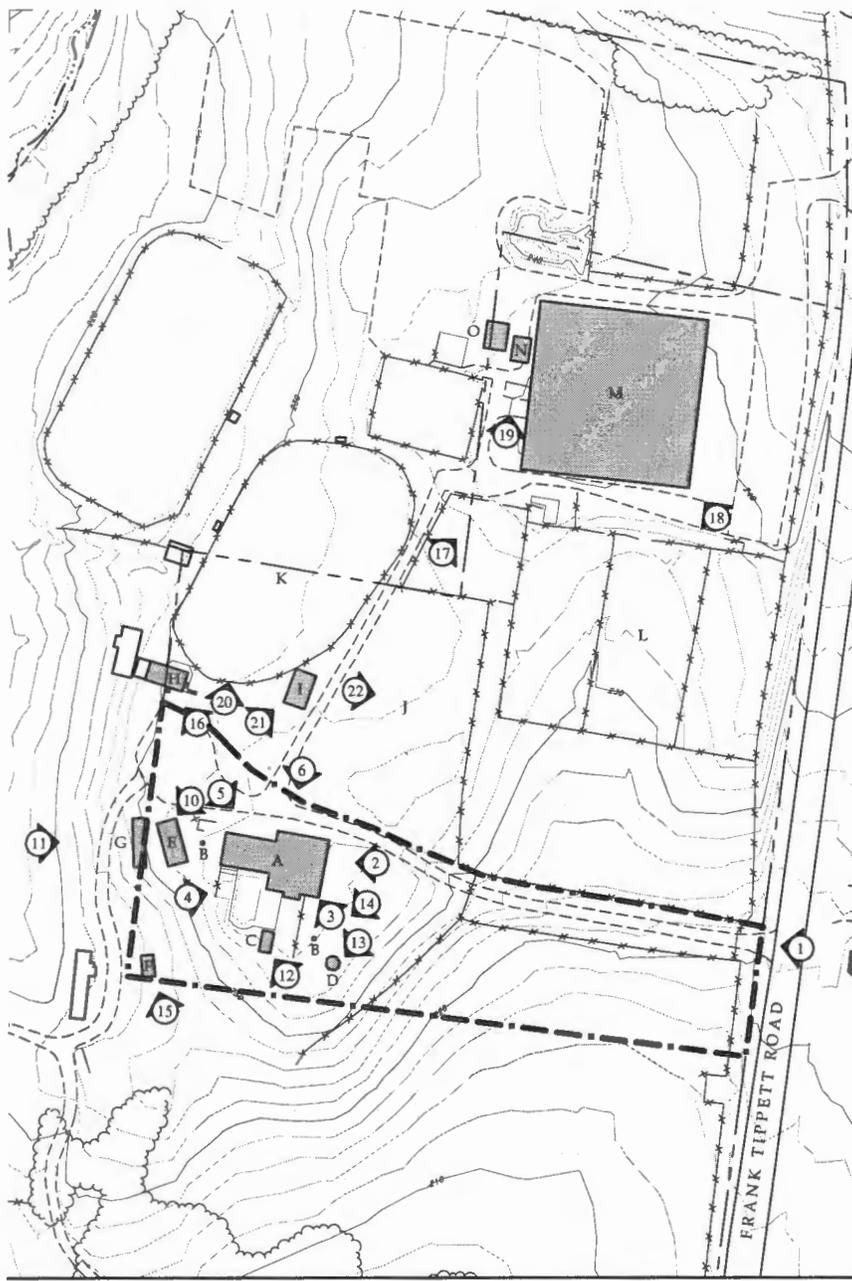


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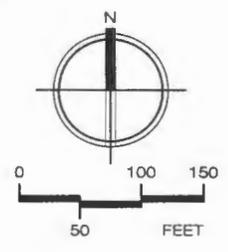


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- PROPERTY FEATURES KEY:**
- A. HOUSE
 - B. WELL
 - C. POOL BUILDING
 - D. GAZEBO
 - E. GARAGE
 - F. SHED / COOP
 - G. TRACTOR SHED / PONY STABLE
 - H. OFFICE
 - I. PONY STABLE
 - J. PICNIC AREA
 - K. OVAL HORSE RING
 - L. PADDOCKS
 - M. STABLE
 - N. SHED
 - O. A-FRAME SHED



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JOSHUA TURNER HOUSE
 PG:82A-017
 Sketch Plan and
 Photo Key

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

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2. Joshua Turner House
3. Prince George's County, Maryland
4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. January 2013
6. MD SHPO
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PG;82A-017_2013-01-14_06.tif	North elevation, looking south
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Joshua Turner House

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Drive looking W to house

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Joshua Turner House

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East elevation 1 by W

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East and south elevations 1/4 NW

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North elevation, Key S

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Dining room, 1kg N

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Joshua Turner House

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North Harbor, 1 1/2 E

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Joshua Turner House

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Stairhall 1kg SE

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Garage 1kg SW

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Tractor shed / pony stable 1kg E

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Joshua Turner House

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Pool house looking NW

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PG: 82A-17

Joshua Turner House

PG Co MD

RCCA Inc.

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PG: 82A-017 - 2013-01-04 - 13

Gazebo, 1kg S

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Joshua Turner Ase
PG Co. MD
PCGA, Inc.

Jan 2013
MD SHPO PG: 82A-017-2013-01-14-14
Concrete Well (1kg SW)
14/22



PG 82A-17

Joshua Turner Hse

PG 6 MD

RCGA Inc.

Jan 2013

MD SHR PG; 82A-17-2013-01-14-15

Shed/coop, 1kg NW

15/22



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Joshua Turner Hise

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RCGA, INC.

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PG; 82A-017-2013-01-14-16

Office, 1kg NW

16/22



PG 82A-17

Joshua Turner Hse

PG Co. MD

RCGA, INC.

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PG 82A-017-2013-01-14-17

stable/paddocks 1kg NE

18/22



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PS: 82A-017

Joshua Turner House

PS Co. MD

RCGA, INC.

Jan 2013

MD SAPO PS: 82A-017-2013-01-14-18

Stable 1kg NW

19/22



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Joshua Turner tke

PG Co.

PCGA Inc.

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PG; 82A-017-2013-01-14-19

Sawdust A-frame and shed 1kg N

19/22



PS: 82A-17

Joshua Turner Hse

PG Co MD

RCGA

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PS; 82A-017-2013-01-14-20

old Horse ring no 1 looking N

20/22



PG: 82A-017

Joshua Turner Hse

PG Co. MD

RCGA, INC.

Jan 2013

MDSHPO PG: 82A-017-2013-01-14-21

Pony stable, 1kg NE

21/22



PG: 82A-017

Joshua Turner Hse

PG Co. MD

RCGA, Inc

Jan 2013

MD SHPO PG: 82A-017-2013-01-14-22

Picnic area, 1kg E

22/22

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-17 Building Date: ca. 1880's

Building Name: Joshua Turner House

Location: 8801 Frank Tippett Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Joshua Turner House is on a wooded lot east of Frank Tippett Road, on an unpaved drive. The house is a large, frame structure, two-and-one-half stories in height, with irregular plan. It is sided with stucco, has a slate shingle roof and one-and-one-half story kitchen addition on the west facade. The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch panels; a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by door-sized 4/6 windows. The second story has five 4/4 windows, with louvered shutters. There is decorative vertical paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak surmounting the southeast three bays. The one-story entrance porch on the main facade wraps around and continues for two bays on the north facade. It has a wide cornice, chamfered wood posts and jig-sawn brackets. There are two corbelled brick chimneys, on the slope of the east and north gables. The three-bay north facade has a projecting gable end with decorative paneling in the gable peak. The west (rear) facade has a central projecting bay with the double rear entrance. On the northwest corner is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The house interior has high ceilings, a wide central hall with two north parlors and one south parlor. There are floral plaster medallions centered on the parlor ceilings and marble mantels with round arch openings.

Significance

The Turner House is significant as a handsome ca. 1880's vernacular dwelling with an elegant interior and elements of Queen Anne style. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts were significant in the eighteenth century as the site of an eighteenth century Brooke family plantation. Popular Neck, the plantation house, which has disappeared since a HABS photograph in 1936, was located farther south than the Turner property. The Turner house was built by 1888. The irregular plan, gable decoration and high corbelled chimneys are elements of Queen Anne style. The elegant entrance way, high ceilings with decorative plasterwork and the marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate. Turner was a partner in J.J. Turner and Company, specializing in Guanos and Fertilizers. The property was split between Turner and his partner; Turner kept 550 acres, part of Mt. Airy, His Lordships Kindness and Poplar Neck. Turner's heirs sold the property in 1913.

Acreage: 6 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua Turner House (Dersin House)

and/or common Joshua Turner House (Dersin House)

2. Location

street & number 8801 Frank Tippett Road not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Cheltenham
 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 William Gladman

street & number 8801 Frank Tippett Road 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 Courthouse liber 5041

street & number Main Street folio 213

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites & District Plan Inventory

date July 1981 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 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 Joshua Turner (Dersin) House is situated on a wooded lot east of Frank Tippett Road, reached by an unpaved driveway. The house is a large, frame structure, two-and-one-half stories in height, with an irregular plan. It is covered with stucco and has a slate tile roof. There is a one-and-one-half story kitchen addition on the west facade.

The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch panels, a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by four door-sized 4/6 double hung sash windows. The second story has five 4/4 windows, all with louvered shutters. There is a front cross gable over the southeast three bays, with two adjoining 4/4 windows in the attic story, and decorative vertical paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak.

There is a one-story entrance porch across the east facade which wraps around and continues for two bays across the north facade. It has a flat roof and wide (deteriorated) cornice resting on chamfered wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. There are two interior, high corbelled brick chimneys, one on the north slope of the east gable and the other on the east slope of the north gable. There is a plain boxed cornice with crown molding and overhanging eaves.

The three-bay north facade has a projecting gable end with one 2/2 window in the attic story and decorative paneling in the gable peak, identical to that in the east gable peak. The two-bay south facade has two gable dormers and a hip roof first story projecting bay with two 2/2 windows. The west (rear) facade has a central projecting bay with the double rear entrance. Centered above this bay in the attic story is a gable roof dormer. A cross gable over the south two bays has the same treatment as those on the north and east facade. On the northwest corner is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The west gable end is unfenestrated and has a shed roof porch sheltering a bulkhead cellar entrance.

The interior of the Turner House has a high ceiling, and a wide interior hall with two parlors to the north and one parlor and a wide stair hall to the south. There is a floral plaster medallion centered on the ceiling of each parlor. The fireplaces have marble mantels with round arch openings.

There are a number of outbuildings on the six-acre property, which is a family business of boarding and training horses. Most are twentieth century.

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
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<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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Specific dates ca. 1880's **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.

The Turner House (Dersin House) is a large, handsome ca. 1880's dwelling with an elegant interior and elements of Queen Anne style. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts included, Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, prominent estates since the eighteenth century.

The irregular plan, gable decoration and high corbelled chimneys of the Turner house are elements of Queen Anne style. The elegant entrance way, high ceilings with decorative plasterwork and the marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate.

The house does not appear on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of the County. Turner is assessed for taxes on it by 1888.¹ Turner was a partner in J.J. Turner and Company of Baltimore, specializing in guanos and fertilizers.² The 1,000 acres of property was divided by the partners³, Turner retaining 550 acres, parts of Mt. Airy, His Lordship Kindness and Poplar Neck. Turner's heirs sold the property in 1913.⁴

There were old outbuildings on the Turner property. A small log cabin behind the Turner house, torn down in the 1950's, contained an eighteenth century receipt for lumber.⁶ In a rural part of the County, this house in the twentieth century was connected with a commercial chicken farm and presently, a horse boarding and training business.

Notes

- 1 Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 1888, 12,216, 11th District.
- 2 "Joshua J. Turner and Company," Baltimore City Directory, 1871.
- 3 Land Records of Prince George's County, W.A.J. 1:483.
- 4 Ibid. 79:531.
- 5 Prince George's Post, Thursday, August 24, 1972, pg. B-3.
- 6 Conversation with William Gladmon, April 1985.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joshua J. Turner House

and/or commc

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city, town Upper Marlboro Cheltenham
___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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

name William and Ann Gladmon

street & number 8801 Frank Tippet Road 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 Courthouse liber 5041

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The Joshua Turner House is situated on a wooded lot east of Frank Tippet Road, reached by an unpaved driveway. The house is a large, frame structure, two-and-one-half stories in height, with an irregular, multi-gable roofline. It is covered with stucco and has a slate roof. There is a one-and-one-half story kitchen addition on the west facade.

The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch upper panels, a three-light transom and large rectangular one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by four door-sized 4/6 double-hung sash windows with louvered shutters. The second story has five 4/4 windows, all with louvered shutters. The north two bays are surmounted by a flat roof. There is a gable over the south-east three bays, with two adjoining 4/4 windows in the attic story, and decorative paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak. This fan is repeated in the north and west - facing gables also.

The one-story entrance porch crosses the east facade, wraps around and continues for two bays across the north facade. It has a flat roof and wide boxed crown-molded cornice resting on chamfered wood posts with jig-sawn brackets. The low wooden porch floor rests on a parged brick base. There are two interior, high corbelled brick chimneys visible from the main elevation, one on the north slope of the east gable and the other on the east slope of the north gable. The house has a plain boxed cornice with crown molding and overhanging eaves.

The three-bay north facade has a projecting two bay gable end with one 2/2 window in the attic story and decorative paneling in the gable peak. The entrance porch wraps around from the main facade and shelters the east bay of the north facade. The windows have surrounds with a plain inner board and backband.

The two-bay south facade has two central gable dormers, sided and roofed with slate shingles. There is a hip roof first story bay with two 2/2 windows projecting from the east half of the facade. The west half has a window between first and second stories which light the interior stair landing.

The west (rear) facade has a one-story central projecting bay containing the double rear entrance. A gable over the south two bays has the same treatment as those on the north and east facade. On the northwest half of the facade is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The west gable end is unfenestrated and has a shed roof porch sheltering a bulkhead cellar entrance. The east side mirrors the west side, having an entrance door and a window and two gable dormers surmounting the facade.

The interior of the Turner House has high ceilings, and a wide central hall with two parlors to the north and one parlor and the main staircase to the south. There is an oval floral plaster medallion centered on the ceiling of each parlor, and the hall. There are elaborate coved plaster cornices in the hall and parlors. The fireplaces, located in each of the parlors, have grey marble mantels with round arch openings and incised floral and geometric designs. The northeast parlor has a hearth set in a diagonal wall in the northwest corner of the room.

The location of the staircase, in an ell south of the main hall, is unusual. The open string stair has jig-sawn brackets and two turned balusters to a step. The newel is a heavy turned post on a circular base.

The second story has four bedrooms opening off of a central rectangular hall. The four-panel doors are surmounted by two-light transoms. The elaborate two-step surrounds are the same as those on the first story. The southeast bedroom has a ceiling medallion and coved plaster cornice like the details on the first story. Three of the bedrooms have marble mantels. The stair to the finished third story has access through a door in the second floor hall, opposite the main stair.

There are a number of outbuildings on the six-acre property, which is run as a family business of boarding and training horses. All date to the recent twentieth century except a low gable roof frame shed north of the house which has an early 20th century date.

The Joshua J. Turner property was originally a 550 acre farm. Three tenant houses and at least two large barns were on the property in the early 20th century. One tenant house stood along the farm road just southwest of the main house, but this building is now in ruins. The six acre parcel that surrounds the Turner House and could be designated as its environmental setting contains the gravel entry drive lined by maple trees, the front yard with several old pin oaks, a gravel farm road lined by cedars which runs south behind the house and loops back to intersect Frank Tippet Road south of the main entrance, and the twentieth century horse-related buildings north of the house.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca.1880's **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.

The Turner House is significant as a large, handsome ca. 1880's dwelling with an elegant interior and exterior elements of Queen Anne style. The relatively unaltered character of the interior and the elegance of the interior details makes the dwelling unusual and outstanding in the County. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts included Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, prominent estates since the eighteenth century.

The projecting gables, gable decoration, high corbelled chimneys and entrance porch with arched jig-sawn brackets are elements of Queen Anne style which enliven an otherwise restrained exterior. The Turner house may have had decorative exterior wall covering such as wood shingle in addition to the original horizontal lapped wood siding. The house was covered with stucco in 1934 and the character of the original siding is not known. The entranceway composed of double doors with round-arch panels and the high ceilings, decorative plaster medallions, coved plaster cornices and marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate.

Turner purchased 1,000 acres, parts of Mt. Airy, His Lordship's Kindness and Poplar Neck in 1867.¹ He was a partner in Joshua J. Turner and Company of Baltimore, specializing in guanos and fertilizers.² He divided the property with his former partner in 1880 and retained 550 acres.³ The house was not constructed at the time of this division but Turner was taxed for it in 1888.⁴ The Turner family apparently were never permanent residents, as they did not appear in the 1900 or 1910 U.S. Census for Prince George's County. Turner died in 1889 and his heirs sold the property in 1913.⁵

The Poplar Neck tract was the site of an 18th century Brooke family plantation. The estate house, located south of the Turner property, was photographed in 1936 by the historic American Buildings Survey and was destroyed some time after that to create the Naval Communications Station at Cheltenham.⁶

The Turner property originally was a 550 acre farm containing three tenant houses and at least two large barns. During the 1930's it functioned as a chicken farm and there were several large frame chicken houses west of the house. The six acre parcel now surrounding the Turner House does not contain historic outbuildings although it does contain a farm road and historic plantings.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, FS 4:392.
- 2 Baltimore City Directories, 1861-1890.
- 3 Land Records, Equity 1274, 23 April 1880.
- 4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, District 11, 1888.
- 5 Equity 3948; 79:531.
- 6 Prince George's Post, Thursday, August 23, 1972, p. B-3.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-17 Building Date: ca. 1880's

Building Name: Joshua Turner House

Location: 8801 Frank Tippett Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Joshua Turner (Dersin) House is on a wooded lot east of Frank Tippett Road, on an unpaved drive. The house is large, frame structure, two-and-one-half stories in height, with irregular plan. It is sided with stucco, has a slate tile roof and a one-and-one-half story kitchen addition on the west facade. The five-bay east (main) facade has a central, double entrance of two-panel doors with round arch panels; a three-light transom and one-light sidelights. The entrance is flanked by door-sized 4/6 windows. The second story has five 4/4 windows, with louvered shutters. There is decorative vertical paneling forming a triangular fan design in the gable peak surmounting the southeast three bays. The one-story entrance porch on the east facade wraps around and continues for two bays on the north facade. It has a wide cornice, chamfered wood posts and jig-sawn brackets. There are two corbelled brick chimneys, on the slope of the east and north gables. The three-bay north facade has a projecting gable end with decorative paneling in the gable peak. The west (rear) facade has a central projecting bay with the double rear entrance. On the northwest corner is the two-by-one-bay, gable roof kitchen addition. Its two-bay north facade has an entrance, and two gable dormers breaking the line of the overhanging eaves. The house interior has ceilings, a wide interior hall with two north parlors and one south parlor. There are floral plaster medallions centered on the parlor ceilings. There are marble mantels with round arch openings.

Significance

The Turner House (Dersin House) is a handsome ca. 1880's vernacular dwelling with an elegant interior and elements of Queen Anne style. It was built by Baltimore entrepreneur Joshua J. Turner, who initially owned 1,000 acres of the surrounding property. The tracts were significant in the eighteenth century. The house was built by 1888. The irregular plan, gable decoration and high corbelled chimneys of the Turner house are elements of Queen Anne style. The elegant entrance way, high ceilings with decorative plasterwork and the marble mantels are fine interior details installed by Turner to enhance his country estate. Turner was a partner in J.J. Turner and Company, specializing in Guanos and Fertilizers. The property was split between Turner and his partner; Turner kept 550 acres, parts of Mt. Airy, His Lordship Kindness and Poplar Neck. Turner's heirs sold the property in 1913. The Poplar Neck tract was the site of an eighteenth century Brooke family plantation. The plantation house, which has disappeared since the 1936, was located farther south than the Joshua J. Turner house and property. There were old outbuildings on the Turner property, however.

Acreage: 6 acres

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HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for

MINISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

NAME Dersin House			
AND/OR HISTORIC			
STREET AND NUMBER: 8801 4106 Frank Tippett Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
TYPE OF PROPERTY (Check One) <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	
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ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
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COMMENTS _____ _____			
OWNER OF PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME: Clement Dersin			
STREET AND NUMBER: 4106 Frank Tippett Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION - LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
Prince George's County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	
Upper Marlboro		Maryland	
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:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure of irregular plan. Across the main (east) facade is a porch with bracketed posts. The facade has 4/6 double hung sash on the ground floor; the window sills sit at the floor level of the porch. The rest of the windows are 4/4 double hung sash. Along the sidewall of the rear wing is a large internal chimney for a fireplace flue.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 6 Aug 74

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 _____

Chain of Title
Joshua J. Turner
House
P.G. #82A-17

5041:213
29 Dec. 1978
Deed
Florence E. Dersin, surviving tenant by the Entirety of
Clement Dersin (d. 2 May 1978) to William T. Gladmon
and Ann L. Gladmon, his wife, 6 acres, same property
acquired by Dersins by #3874:701.

3874:701
21 Sept. 1970
Deed
Norman S. Smith to Clement Dersin and Florence E.
Dersin, 6 acres being part of the land acquired by
Smith by #2116:386.

2116:386
17 June 1957
Deed
Hannah M. Smith and Harry C. Smith, her husband, to
Norman S. Smith, 106 acres being part of a tract of
478.08 acres obtained by Hannah M. Smith by #400:156.

400:156
6 July 1933
Deed
First National Bank of Southern Maryland to Hannah M. -
Smith, all those tracts of land being parts of "Mt.
Airy," "Poplar Neck," and "His Lordship's Kindness,"
containing 478.08 acres also known as Lots numbered 1-5
inclusive, 12-15 inclusive, 17-24 inclusive of the Leo
J. Long Farm, as shown on an unrecorded plat. Same
tracts described in Equity #1274.

317:175
1 March 1929
Mortgage
Leo J. and Lizzie M. Long, to First National Bank of
Southern Maryland. Longs are indebted to bank for
\$17,000 to be repaid 3 years after this date. To
better secure payment, thos mortgage is executed -
granting 550.05 acres of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His
Lordship's Kindness - obtained from Clerk Riddle and
Norman Ryon.

158:93
6 May 1920
Deed
Clark and Belle Riddle to Leo J. Long for \$10.00
grantors convey that parcel obtained from the
Co-Operative Improvements, Co. 3 May 1920.

119:473
12 June 1917
Deed
Norman R. Ryon and Mary Shipley Ryon to Leo J. Long.
For \$10.00 grantors convey parts of Mt. Airy, Poplar
Neck, His Lordship's Kindness described in Equity
#12741. 361.847 acres - same conveyed to Norman E.
Ryon by deed dated 4-20-1915 from Co-operative
Improvement, Co.

102:400
20 April 1915
Deed
Co-Operative Improvement Co. to Norman E. Ryon. For
\$10.00 grantors convey parts of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck
and His Lordship's Kindness containing 361.847 acres -
part of property conveyed to grantors by the safe
Deposit and Trust Co. et al. Deed dated 9-10-1913,
79:531.

158:90
3 May 1920
Indenture
Co-operative Improvement, Co. to Clark Riddle. For \$10.00 grantors convey a part of Mt. Airy, Poplar Neck and His Lordship's Kindness, same land conveyed to grantors by Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of Baltimore, Trustee, 9-10-1913, 79:531, containing 550.05 acres excepting that part conveyed to Norman E. Ryon.

79:531
10 Sept. 1913
Deed
Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Trustee to the Co-Operative Improvement Co. by 1911 decree of Circuit Court, passed in cause between Safe Deposit and Trust Co. vs. Catherine B. Turner.

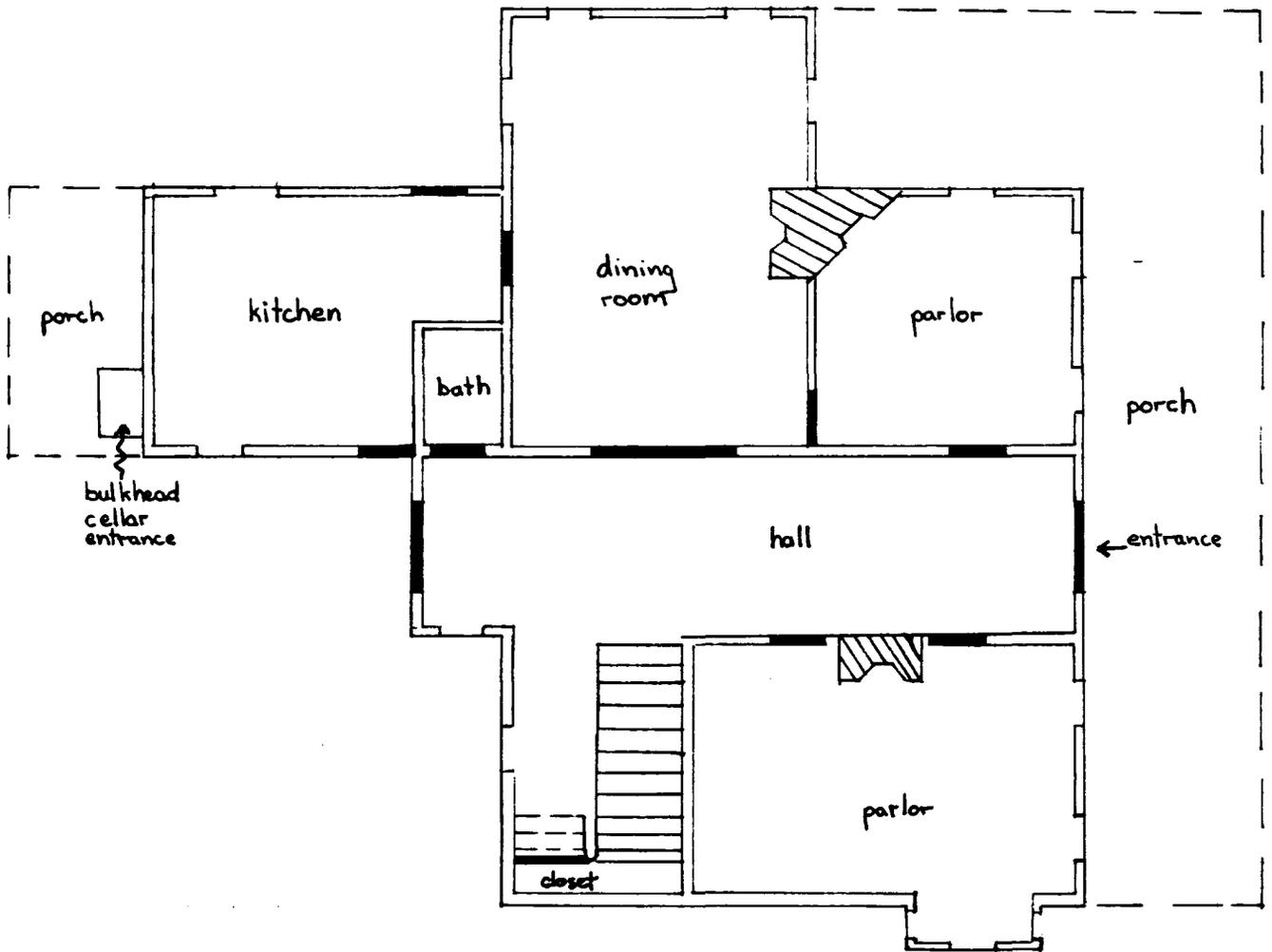
#3948
29 April 1911
Equity
Safe Deposit and Trust Co., executor of will of Joshua J. Turner vs. Catherine B. Turner, et al. Sale of real estate because it cannot be divided without loss to some interested parties.

WAJ 1:483
23 April 1880
Final Decree
in Partition
Equity 1274
The Defendant, John Q. A. Holloway shall hold all that part of land containing 445.45 acres, Lot #1. The Complainant, Joshua J. Turner shall hold 550.05 acres, Lot #2. Plat attached.

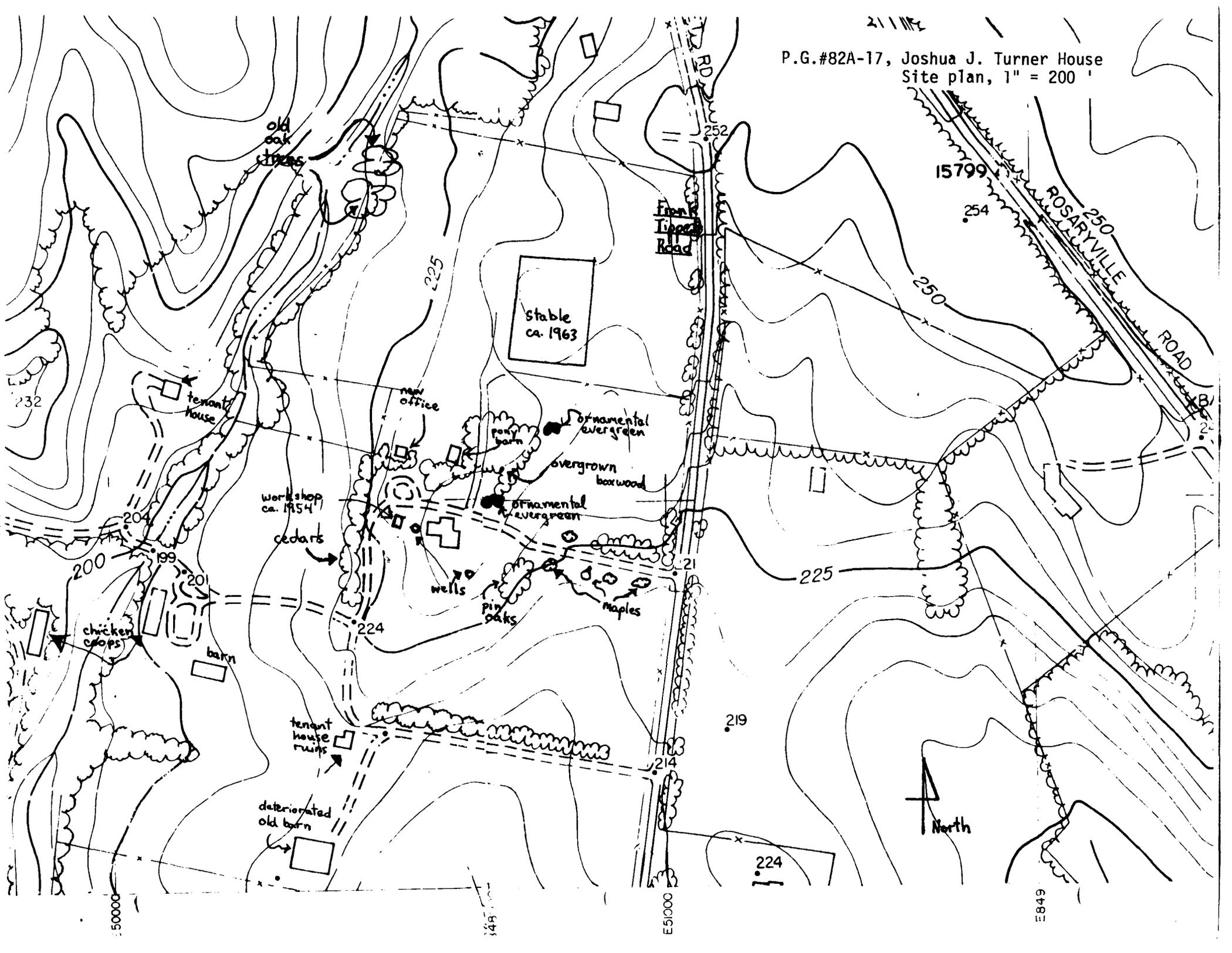
HB 14:8
5 April 1878
Deed
Joshua J. Turner to John D. A. Holloway (partnership dissolved) the legal title to 1,000 acres of land called Woodstock and Poplar Neck. To Turner by FS:#4:392.

FS 4:392
18 March 1867
Deed
Judson F. Richardson, late sheriff of Prince George's County, to J. J. Turner of Baltimore City, the following real estate to wit Woodstock and Poplar Neck containing 1,000 acres of land.

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Joshua J. Turner House
July 1988
Floor plan not to scale



P.G.#82A-17, Joshua J. Turner House
Site plan, 1" = 200'

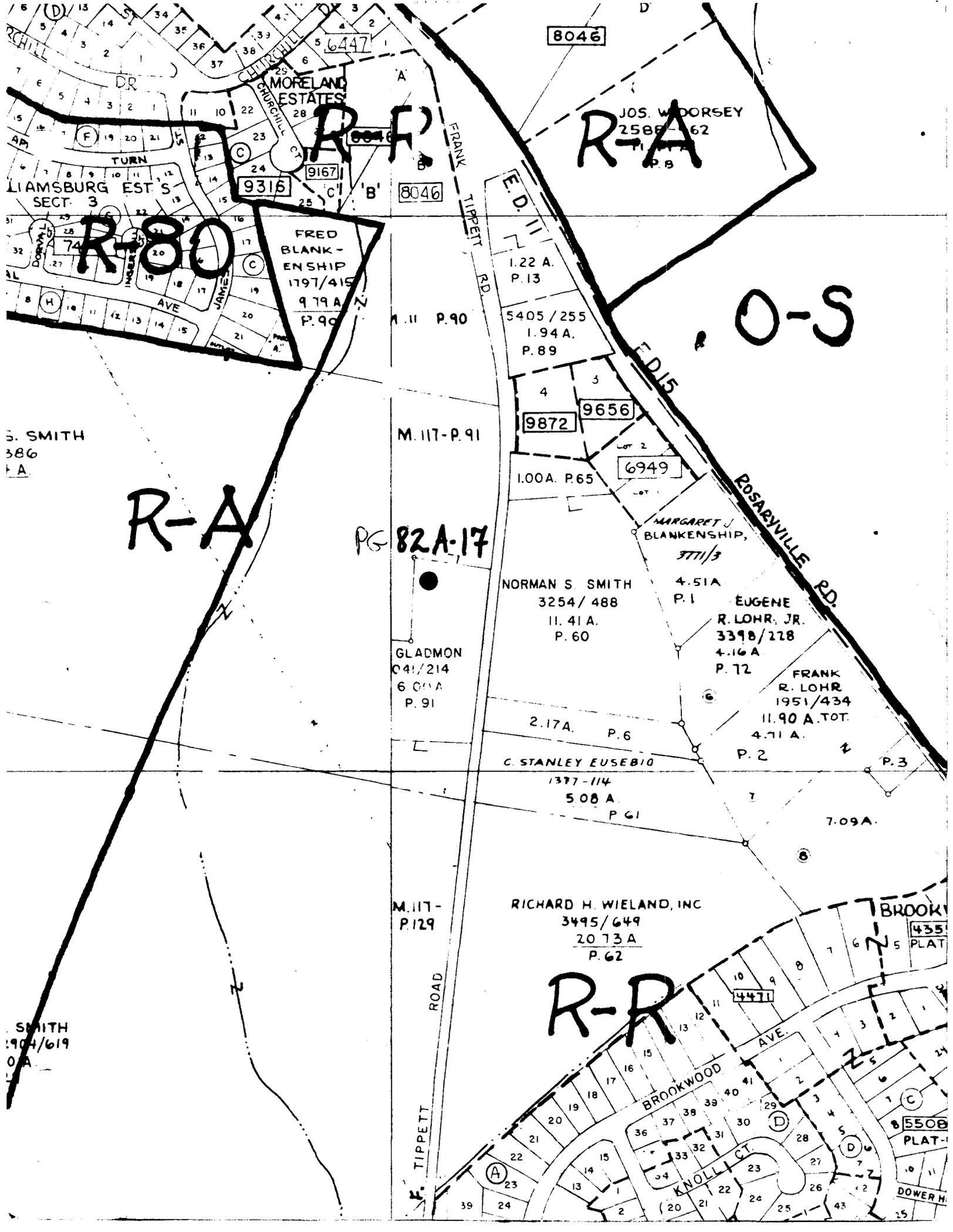


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MARGARET J.
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NORMAN S. SMITH
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R. LOHR, JR.
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P. 72

FRANK
R. LOHR
1951/434
11.90 A. TOT.
4.71 A.

GLADMON
041/214
6.00A
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C. STANLEY EUSEBIO
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Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
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West elevation
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P.G. #82 A-17

Joshua Turner House

Prince George's County

Marina King

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South elevation

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Joshua Turner House
Prince George's County, MD.
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April 1985
East elevation
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P.G. #82A -17

Joshua Turner House
Prince-George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
North elevation
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Joshua Turner His dining room mantel

Prince George's Co. MD

Marina King

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Joshua Turner House stairhall, looking W

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NAME DERSIN HOUSE # 82A-17

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