

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-22 Building Date: 1880's

Building Name: Joseph H. Selby House

Location: 10901 Old Indian Head Road, Cheltenham, Maryland

Public/Entertainment/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

The Joseph Selby house is situated in a level field north of Old Indian Head Road where it crosses the Popes Creek line of the Conrail Railroad. It is a small (ca. 20' by 16') two-and-one-half-story gable-roofed frame house, with two irregular bays in the main (south) facade. Entrance is in the second bay, through a transomed door; there is a one-story, hip-roofed porch, supported by brick piers, across the south facade. This main block is one room deep (a 2/3 I house), with one 2/2 window in the gable ends; at loft level in the west gable end is a small round-arched window. There is a (nearly) central corbelled brick chimney at the ridge. Extending north from the east end of the house is a two-story, gable-roofed wing, approximately 16' by 12'. It has an interior chimney at the north gable end. There are one-story shed-roofed additions on the north, east and west sides of the north wing. The siding of the entire house is German, the roof is of wooden shake, and the foundations are of brick covered with concrete. The building now serves as a clubhouse/shop for a driving range.

Significance:

The Joseph Selby house is a small and modest dwelling probably typical of the small low-cost farm dwellings erected late in the nineteenth century; very few of them survive today. It was built by Joseph H. Selby, after his marriage to Martha Pyles of nearby Westwood. In 1880 Selby purchased from Rebecca Wade a thirty-acre farm close to his new bride's home farm, and built this house soon afterwards. Joseph Selby died in 1913, but the house and small farm remained the residence of his widow and his daughter, Hattie, a teacher at the local public school, until the latter's death in 1969. During this century, the old buildings of the Selby farmstead have disappeared; the western section of the farm was sold early in this century, and a house was constructed fronting on Crain Highway (now Route 301). Selby's small house has been converted into a golf clubhouse and shop, and the 15 acres remaining of his farm are now used as a driving range. The house remains a highly visible landmark in a still rural area of Prince George's County.

Acreage: 14.97 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph H. Selby House (Rebecca Wade House)

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 10901 Old Indian Head Road  not for publication

city, town Cheltenham  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county P.G.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Francis Abood

street & number 10901 Old Indian Head Rd. telephone no.: 372-8000

city, town Cheltenham state and zip code Md. 20623

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 4296

street & number Main Street folio 352

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

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Extending north from the east end of the house is a two-story, gable-roofed wing, approximately 16' by 12'. There is an interior chimney at the north gable end of the wing at the ridge. There are one-story shed-roofed additions on the north, east and west sides of the north wing.

The main block consists of one parlor on the west and stairhall on the east. The stairhall leads into the single room formed by the north wing. An enclosed porch fills the northwest corner where the wing joins the main block. The siding of the house is German, painted light beige; the roof is of wooden shake, and the foundations are of brick covered with concrete.

A small basement has been dug out underneath the north wing and the enclosed porch, revealing the whole logs which support the circular sawn floor boards. Most of the interior has been panelled, the newel post and balusters of the staircase have been removed, and the fireplaces have been closed. Interior surrounds of doors and windows are of plain beaded board. The building now serves as a clubhouse/shop for a driving range.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1880's                      **Builder/Architect**

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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 Joseph Selby house is a small and modest dwelling probably typical of the small low-cost farm dwellings erected late in the nineteenth century; very few of them survive today. It was built by Joseph H. Selby, after his marriage to Martha Pyles of nearby Westwood. In 1880 Selby purchased from Rebecca Wade a thirty-acre farm close to his new bride's home farm; he and his bride lived in a log cabin on the Wade farm before the subject house was completed. The rear wing of the house was probably completed at the same time or very shortly after the main block. Joseph Selby died in 1913, but the house and small farm remained the residence of his widow and his daughter, Hattie, a teacher at the local public school, until the latter's death in 1969.<sup>1</sup>

The Selby farm has changed considerably during this century. The old log cabin and farm buildings of the widow Wade's farmstead have long since disappeared, some blown down by severe windstorms which swept through the area in the early 1920's. The western section of the Selby farm was sold early in this century, and a house was constructed fronting on Crain Highway (now Route 301). Selby's small house has in the last few years been converted into a golf clubhouse and shop, and the 15 acres remaining of his farm are now used as a driving range.<sup>2</sup> The house remains a highly visible landmark in a still rural area of Prince George's County.

- Notes:
- <sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Deed WAJ#2:199; account written by Hattie Selby. Administration files #2511 and #19328.
  - <sup>2</sup> Interview with former neighbor, and present owner, March 1985.



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rebecca Wade House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Indian Head Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Cheltenham				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery P.G	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Oscar E. Estep				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Cheltenham			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building with a two bay facade. The doorway is in the north bay. A porch runs across the front. The chimney is a narrow brick stack for a stove pipe, rising between the two bays. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**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				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC      DATE: 19 Sept 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

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 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Joseph H. Selby House  
P.G. #82A -22

4296:352  
30 Oct 1973  
Deed

William S. Pyles, Attorney, for Elizabeth Rowers, Dorothy Lynch, Katherine Myers, Gloria Garner, Edna G. Ryan, Evelyn Pyles, Louise Higgins and Garland McPhail to Francis M. Ahood and Patricia Ann Ahood, his wife, parcel #1, being the land of the heirs of Hattie Idella Selby, as described in 471:384, containing 14.9686 acres and parcel #2 containing .3001 acres.

GSMcG#6:228  
6 June 1969  
Will

Testator, Hattie I. Selby: to E. Rowers, D. Lynch, G. Garner, L. Higgins, G. MacPhail, K. Myers, E. Pyles, and E.G. Ryan, equal shares of residue of her property. William Pyles and Gloria Garner, executors.

471:384  
28 June 1937  
Deed

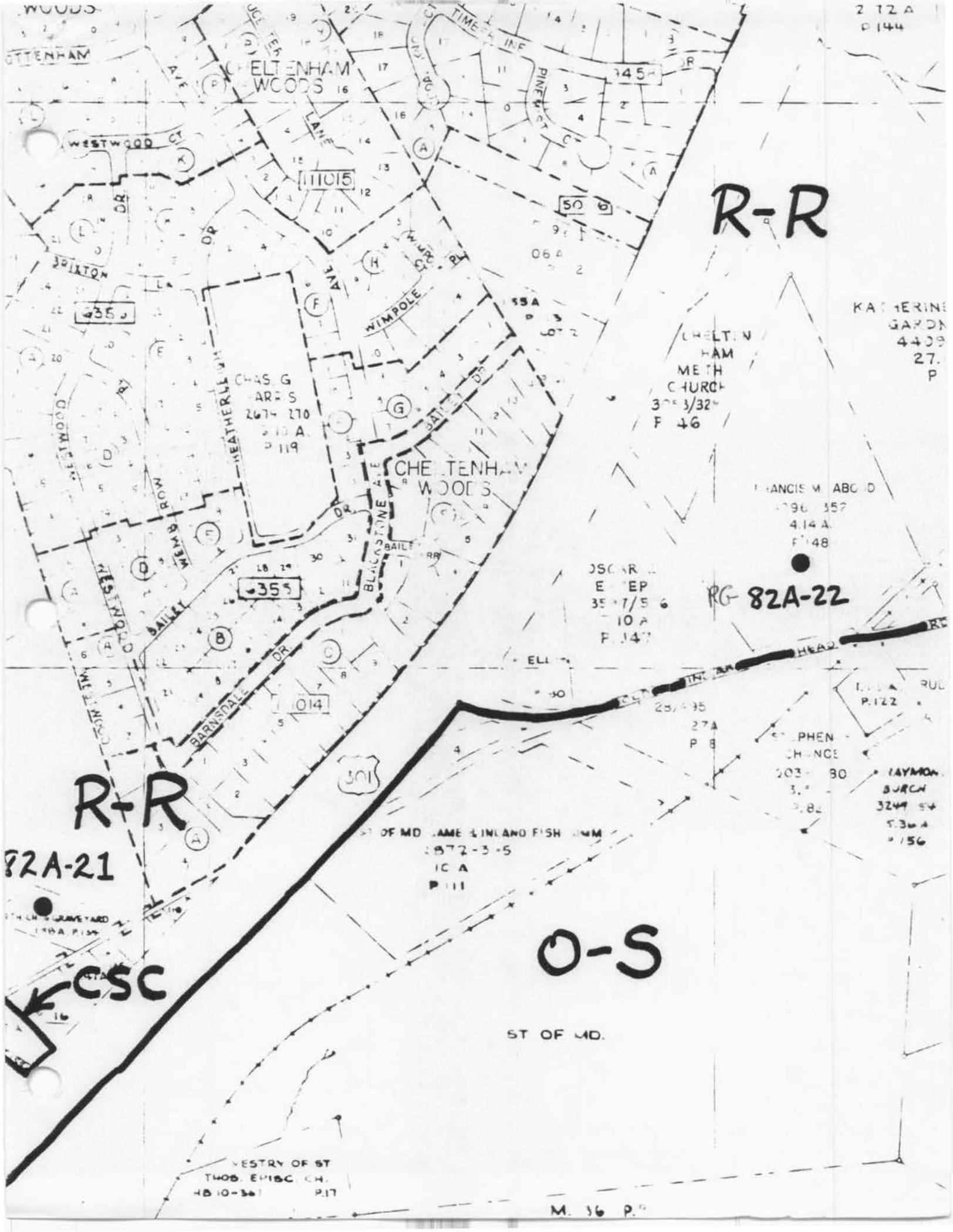
Martha A. Selby, widow, to Hattie I. Selby, 30 acres, same land conveyed to Joseph H. Selby by WAJ #2:199. (Joseph H. Selby died 1913, Administration #2511, leaving widow, Martha Selby.)

WAJ 2:199  
1 Dec. 1880  
Deed

Rebecca Wade to Joseph H. Selby, 30 acres, same land conveyed to Wade by HB#2:357.

HB 2:357  
8 Mar 1869  
Deed

James Masson and Sarah A. Masson, his wife, to Rebecca Wade, 30 acres, same land to Masson by FS#2:342.



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JOS. R.  
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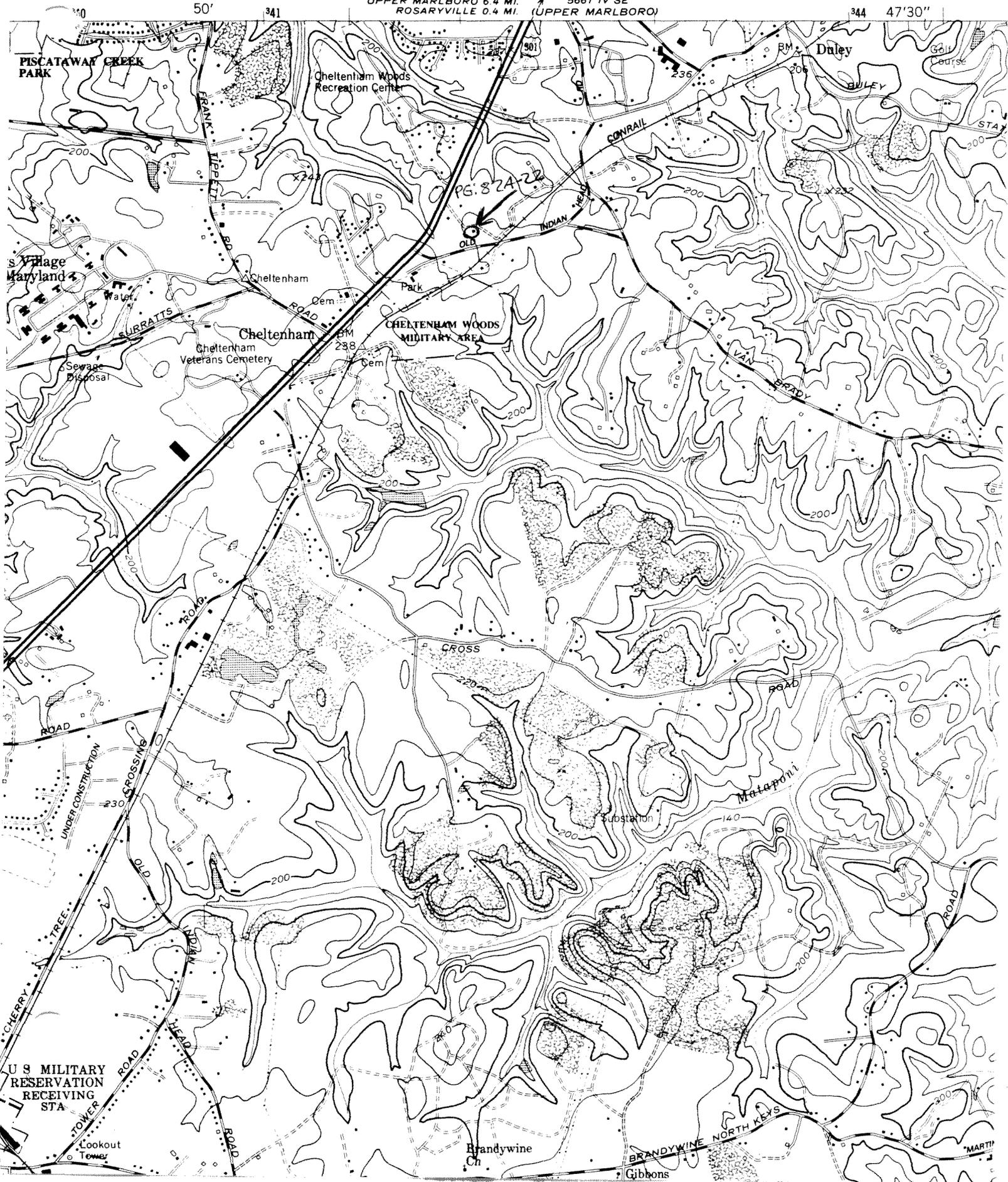
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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UPPER MARLBORO 6.4 MI. 5661 IV SE  
ROSARYVILLE 0.4 MI. (UPPER MARLBORO)





P.G. #82A-22

Joseph Selby House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1985  
West elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. 82A-22

Joseph Selby House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1985  
Southeast 3/4 elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Joseph Selby House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1985  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A-22

Joseph Selby House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1985  
North elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME REBECCA WADE HOUSE

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LOCATION OLD INDIAN HEAD RD, RR TRACKS & NEAR RT 301 CHELTENHAM, Md

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