

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey P.G. #82A-38 (old 77-5)

Building Date: ca. 1840

Building Name: Solitude

Location: 6705 South Osborne Road

Private/Residential/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Solitude is a two-story frame, gable roof dwelling, roughly square in plan, with a long south gable wing. The house faces Osborne Road, to its east, but is set back from the road, on a tree-shaded knoll. The three-bay east facade has entrance in the third, north bay through a six-panel door surmounted by a fanlight with a keystone, a reproduction colonial surround. Windows are 6/6 double-hung wood sash with paneled wooden shutters. A plain boxed cornice surmounts the facade. The house is sided with lapped beaded horizontal wood siding, which was installed when the house was remodeled in the early 1960's. The roof is covered with synthetic shingles. The south gable end of the main block has two exterior corbelled brick chimneys rebuilt in 1964. There is a double 6/6 sash window centered at loft level. The south gable end is partially covered by the three bay, two-story gable wing which projects from the west half of the facade and encloses the west chimney. The interior of Solitude has a north side hall measuring 8 feet by 29 feet, and two south parlors. The south wing, containing a dining room and kitchen, is entered from the southwest parlor. The interior was extensively renovated in 1964. There is a complex of outbuildings to the south and west of the house. All appear to date to the early 20th century. Far to the northwest of the house is a two-by-one-bay, gable roof summer kitchen set on low cement blocks. Formerly attached to the back of the house, it was removed and re-situated when the house was renovated in 1964.

Significance

Solitude is significant as a sidehall, two parlor plan farmhouse, a vernacular style popular among successful planters, merchants and professionals from the 1840's through the 1860's in Prince George's County. It was constructed around 1840 with the rectangular, two story main block and a small south one or two story kitchen wing. In 1964 the house was extensively renovated, including rebuilding of the chimneys, re-siding with beaded wood siding, constructing a new front stoop and installing a Colonial entry door surround, as well as interior renovations. The two story, one bay kitchen wing was extended two bays to the south, and a screened sun porch was added to the rear of the wing.

Acreeage: 55 acres

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Survey No. P.G.#82A-38
(old 77-5)
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Solitude

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6705 South Osborne Road ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ___ 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 Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr. and Anne M. Sasscer

street & number 6705 South Osborne Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #2902

street & number Main Street folio 158

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records MNCPPC History Division, Riversdale, Md. and Historic

city, town Preservation Commission, Room 4010, CAB Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#82A-38

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

Solitude is a two-story frame, gable roof dwelling, roughly square in plan, with a long south gable wing. The house faces Osborne Road, to its east, but is set back from the road, on a tree-shaded knoll.

The three-bay east facade has entrance in the third, north bay through a six-panel door surmounted by a fanlight with a keystone. The door surround is a reproduction colonial surround, with flanking fluted pilasters supporting an enclosed dentiled triangular pediment above the entranceway. Windows are 6/6 double-hung wood sash with paneled wooden shutters painted dark green. The narrow window surrounds have a raised outer molding. A plain boxed cornice surmounts the facade.

The house is sided with lapped beaded horizontal wood siding, which was installed when the house was remodeled in the early 1960's. The roof is covered with synthetic shingles, and is set on a brick base, without a basement.

The two bay north gable end has a 6/6 sash window centered at the third story level, and two windows at the second and first story. There are kick boards at the cornice ends and a crown-molded raking board along the gable.

The west (rear) side of the main block is three bays, a mirror image of the east (main) facade. The entry in the first, north bay is the rear entry to the main stair hall. The four-panel door has a surround with a complex profile, which may be a reproduction. The window treatment is the same as that on the main facade. A brick patio covers the lawn on this side of the house.

The south gable end of the main block has two exterior corbelled brick chimneys, the east chimney with weathering at first and second story levels. Both chimneys were rebuilt in 1964. There is a double 6/6 sash window centered at loft level. The south gable end is partially covered by the three bay, two-story gable wing which projects from the west half of the facade and encloses the west chimney.

The south wing has the same window, siding and roof treatment as the main block. It rests on a brick foundation. The oldest portion of the wing is the north bay, that closest to the house. The south two bays and the hipped roof, one story lean-to across the west (rear) facade of the wing were constructed in 1964. A wide space between the north and middle window on the east and west elevations, as well as a sag in the roof ridge, are indicators of the two added south bays. The south gable end of the wing has an exterior corbelled chimney with weathering on the first and second story level, similar in detail to the chimneys on the main block.

Projecting on the west side of the wing is a two-by-two-bay, one-story hipped roof screened pavillion, set on a brick base. This porch or pavillion was constructed after 1964.

The interior of Solitude has a north side hall measuring 8 feet by 29 feet, and two south parlors. The south wing, containing a dining room and kitchen, is entered from the southwest parlor. The interior was extensively renovated in 1964.

The six-panel entry door is an old door brought by the present owners from Virginia. The two step architrave surround incorporates the fanlight. There is a wooden keystone above the fanlight and wedge-shaped blocks at the springing of the round-arch door surround. The door has a large brass box lock from another Prince George's County Historic Site, P.G. #79-4, Mount Pleasant. The open string stair rises along the north wall of the hall, turns 90 degrees at a landing across the west end of the hall, turns 90 degrees again and rises along the south wall to the second floor. The stair ends have simple arched brackets. The balusters are all identical, slender tapering spindles, two to a step, with a turned portion at the lower end. The newel post is deeply turned and has a circular base block. There are turned balusters on rectangular base blocks at each of the stair turns. The stair is finished to the third story level, and has a long fine oval handrail. The spandrel is paneled with vertical rectangular panels. A closet under the stair has an old door of two vertical panels, with "HL" hinges.

The flooring in the hall, parlors and upper floors is the original pine flooring. The two-step architrave door and window surrounds, coved cornice in the hall and parlors, and 10-1/2 inch capped base boarding were installed in 1964.

Originally, the hall had an entry in the south wall to each of the two parlors. The entry from the hall to the southwest parlor was removed in 1964. The entry from the hall into the southeast parlor is through a pair of double doors of three panels each, installed during the 1964 renovation.

The two south parlors are warmed by a hearth on the south wall of each. The mantels are 18th century wood mantels from Virginia, installed in the house after 1964. The mantels are very similar, both high with a square hearth opening flanked by pilasters with capitals that support the mantel self. Both mantels have a paneled frieze and a decorative molding beneath the entablature that supports the mantel shelf. The parlors are connected by a very wide, high rectangular opening which once had double doors. The moldings in the parlor are the same as those in the hall.

The second story of the main block has a north hall with a bath installed in the small room at its east end. There are two bedrooms over the south parlors below. There are no hearths in the bedrooms. There were stove pipe holes in the chimneys. It is unclear whether there were ever hearths in the rooms.

The stair rises to the finished third story. The stair landing between first and second and second and third stories are lighted by the same window, which is crossed by the upper stair landing. The third story has a north hall and one large south room. The south room was formerly two small rooms, from which the partition was removed in 1964.

The south wing is entered from the southwest corner of the southwest parlor. The room first entered is a dining room, formerly the kitchen, which was remodeled in 1964 when a new kitchen was added at the south end of the wing. The room has a lower ceiling than the main block. The flooring is original but the base boarding, chair rail and ceiling cornice are all ca. 1960's moldings. A ceiling medallion in the dining room, as well as those in the parlors and first and second story halls also date to the 1960's. There is no hearth in the dining room. The enclosed chimney on the north wall of the room probably has a closed hearth. The closet in the northeast corner of the room, by the side of the chimney, is original. The brass box lock on this door is well as others in the house are old, brought by the present owners from England.

The dining room was extended by a one-story bay to the west in 1964. A one-story screened pavillion or porch, also dating to the 1960's, is reached through double French doors in the west wall of the room. There is a bedroom on the second story, above the dining room. The south two bays of the wing, consisting of the kitchen on the first story and a bedroom on the second, were constructed in 1964.

Solitude has a complex of outbuildings to the south and west of the house. The gravel drive which approaches the house from Osborne Road passes along the north side of the house and loops around the west or rear. A dirt farm road splits off from the main drive, crosses the west portion of the yard and then loops to the south. A cattle shed, barn, frame garage and corn crib are aligned along the south side of the farm road. All have white-painted board and batten siding and standing seam metal roofs. All appear to date to the early 20th century.

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Closer to the house, in the west yard, is a high one story board and batten structure that was renovated ca. 1960's from a smoke house to a stable. There is a standing-seam metal, gable roof. Entry is through a split door on the east side. The wood sill, set directly on the ground, is deteriorating. Metal pins for old door hinges project from the door frame.

Far to the northwest of the house is a two-by-one-bay, gable roof summer kitchen set on low cement blocks. This structure formerly was attached to the back of the house, and was removed and re-situated when the house was renovated in 1964. The building is covered with patched, narrow lapped wood siding. There are boxed side cornices and kick boards on the gable ends. The 6/6 sash windows have narrow surrounds with an inner bead. The entrance is in the south gable end through a central four-panel door. The interior has plaster walls and narrow vertical boarded wainscoting covering the lower portion of the walls. The interior door and window surrounds are plain, wide boards.

The grounds are extensively landscaped, including a line of maple trees which buffers the sloping front lawn from Osborne Road. The entrance drive is lined with evergreens. Two old maples are set in the yard just north of the house. Two holly trees flank the entrance drive as it nears the house. The east, front face of the south wing is hidden behind a large magnolia tree at the southeast corner of the main block, as well as a maple and two holly trees. The drive as it loops around the rear of the house is lined by dogwoods.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#82A-38

Period	Area 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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		local history

Specific dates ca. 1840 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.

Solitude is significant as a sidehall, two parlor plan farmhouse, a vernacular style popular among successful planters, merchants and professionals from the 1840's through the 1860's in Prince George's County.¹ Solitude was constructed around 1840 with the rectangular, two story main block and a small south one or two story kitchen wing. In 1964 the house was extensively renovated, including rebuilding of the chimneys, re-siding with beaded wood siding, constructing a new front stoop and installing a Colonial entry door surround, as well as interior renovations. The two story, one bay kitchen wing was extended two bays to the south, and a screened sun porch was added to the rear of the wing.²

Solitude was probably built shortly after Levi Osborn, acquired 272 acres of Mt. Airy in 1840.³ Osborn, a planter, acquired tracts called Charles Hills and Child's Portion in 1849.⁴ The resulting 374 acre farm encompassed both sides of what is now Osborne Road and was called Solitude Farm.

After Osborne's death in 1861, the farm was held by his daughter, Sarah Ann Osborn, through 1875. She then sold it to her brother, J. Alfred Osborn, who was also a farmer.⁵ At his death in 1894, Osborn left the property to his wife, Julia Hall Osborn, with some interest in the property for the Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Poor. When Julia Hall Osborn sold the property in 1903, it was improved by a "double dwelling house", two tenant houses, five barns, a stable, a corn house and other outbuildings.⁶ Levi Osborne and Charlotte Osborn, his wife, as well as J. Alfred Osborn are buried in the Osborn-Talburtt family cemetery, on the Bean farm at 10907 Westphalia Road.⁷

Lansdale G. Sasscer acquired Solitude in the mid-twentieth century and sold it to his son, Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr. in 1963. The Sasscers presently reside there, with a surrounding 55 acre property. A part of the original farm property is now encompassed by the Maryvale Subdivision.⁸

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Extant examples of this house type in Prince George's County include: ca. 1840's: P.G. #70-17, 84-20, 87B-8; from ca. 1850's: 82A-13, 86A-5 and 87B-5; from ca. 1860's: 77-11 and 86A-10; from ca. 1870's: 79-17. Of these, 77-11 is altered so that the original plan is not easily distinguished. 82A-13, 84-20 and 87B-5 have exterior chimneys as does Solitude. 79-19 and 86A-5 have significant additions, changing the original plan.
- 2 Interview with Anne M. Sasscer, May 1987.
- 3 Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 1:29.
- 4 Land Records, JBB 5:549; and Tax Assessments, District 3, 1850, Volume 11046; and United States Census, Prince George's County, District 3, 1850, #551.
- 5 Land Records, H.B. 7:504; and United States Census, 1880, #46.
- 6 Land Records, 11:270 and Equity #2147, recorded JWB 33:1.
- 7 Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Prince George's County Genealogical Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1984, pg. 591.
- 8 Land Records, 2902:158; and interview with Anne M. Sasscer, May 1987.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Solitude or Osborne House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
6705 Osborne Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Lansdale Sasscer, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
6705 Osborne Road

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
M-NCPPC

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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 style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The main block of the house is a two story, Federal style, frame building with a three bay, main (east) facade. The doorway is in the north bay with transom and sidelights. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. On the south end there are double internal chimneys. The cornice is boxed. The siding is beaded clapboards.</p> <p>There is a two story addition on the south end.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th 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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

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		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 10 Oct 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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # PG: 82A-38 Date c. 1840
Building Name Solitude Farm
Location 6705 Osborne Road, Upper Marlboro, Md.
Open to Public yes no

Solitude is a frame house with a gable roof, built in two parts. Although each part is two stories high and three bays wide, the north part is narrower and deeper than the south part. There are two chimneys on either side of the ridge at the point where the two parts of the house join. A single exterior chimney is at the south gable end, just west of the ridge. The windows are six-over-six and have shutters. The main, east entrance is in the sixth bay. The molded, six-paneled door has a fanlight, pedimented frontispiece and reeded pilasters. There are many large, old trees in the yard.

Levi Osbourn purchased part of the Mount Airy tract in 1840 and built his home there soon afterwards. Old records refer to the place as Solitude Farm. Although this house has been modernized and beautified, it is a typical Prince George's frame farm house of the early to mid-1800's.

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PG: 82A-38

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Solitude Farm

AND/OR COMMON Solitude

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 6705 Osborne Road

Fourth

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr.

Telephone #: 301-627-2584

STREET & NUMBER P. O. Box 550

Maryland 20870

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse

Liber #: 2902

Folio #: 158

STREET & NUMBER

Maryland

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

PG:82A-38

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prince George's Co. Land Records, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Md.
 JB#4/324, HB#7/504, JBE#5/549, JBB#1/29, JBR#1/27

Prince George's Co. Probate Records, Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Md.
 Wills - WAJ#1/196 and JBP#1/206
 Administration #1537

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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 _____

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret W. Cook

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical and Cultural Trust

DATE

May 1979

STREET & NUMBER

9110 Brandywine Road

TELEPHONE

599-6776

CITY OR TOWN

Clinton, Md.

STATE

20735

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Chain of Title
P.G. #82A-38
Solitude

2902:158
15 Nov. 1963
Deed
Lansdale G. Sasscer and Agnes C. Sasscer to Lansdale G. Sasscer, Jr. and Anne M. Sasscer. For \$10 grantors convey that land in Melwood Election District, 56.81 acres.

30:422
7 July 1906
Deed
Julius E. and Emma J. Coffren to Pinkney E. and Thomas Coffren. For \$10 grantors convey those parcels of 274 acres and 91 acres.

13:243
17 March 1903
Mortgage
Julius E. and Martha A. Coffren to Savings Institution of Sandy spring, Md. Grantors indebted to grantee for \$5,000. To secure debt, mortgage land obtained March 5, 1903, 358 acres called Solitude.

11:270
4 March 1903
Deed
Julia Hall Osborn of D.C. to Julius E. Coffren. For \$10 grantor conveys all that parcel obtained JB4:324, 274 acres and a second tract of 91 acres.

5:84
10 July 1901
Mortgage
Julia Hall Osborn is indebted to Mary A. L. Carpenter for \$700. To secure the loan, mortgages lands including Solitude, 358 acres. Metes and bounds listed in JB4:328.

JB4:328
6 Jan. 1899
Mortgage
Julia Hall Osborn to Mary A. L. Carpenter. Whereas mortgagor is indebted to Carpenter for \$6,600, to secure debt, grants all lands in Prince George's County which belonged to J. Alfred Osborn at his death.

JB4:324
29 Nov. 1898
Deed
James H. Smith and Caleb C. Magruder, trustee. The Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Poor, Sarah Ann Osborn and Julia Hall Osborn, widow. By Equity 2147 involving real estate of J. Alfred Osborn dec'd. The property was sold to Julia Hall Osborn for \$5,430. Parties of first, second and third parts convey all interest to Julia Hall Osborn, a tract called Solitude, 358 acres.

JB 1:206
22 Nov. 1894
Will
J. Alfred Osborn to wife Julia - all property while unmarried - at death or marriage, all property to Baltimore Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor.

H.B. 7:504
30 July 1875
Indenture
Sarah Ann Osborn to J. Alfred Osborn, her brother. For \$10 grantor conveys all title to late father's farm, 374 acres, composed of several tracts - Child's Portion, Charles Hills, Mount Airy etc.

WAJ 1:196
20 Sept. 1861
Will
Levi Osborn to wife - all real estate, at her death, land to be equally divided between son William Harry and daughter Sarah Ann. Son Alfred has been advanced \$15,000 to purchase farm where he resides.

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JBB 5:549
31 March 1849
Indenture

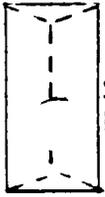
Richard Osborn and Margaret to Levi Osborne. For \$10
grantors convey "Charles Hills" - 91 acres sold to
Richard Osborn by John Johnson, Trustee - 7 May 1836.

JBB 1:29
11 Feb. 1840
Indenture

Nathaniel M. McGregor to Levi Osborn. For \$11,234
grantors convey a parcel commonly called Mt. Airy.

JBB 1:27
17 Dec. 1839
Indenture

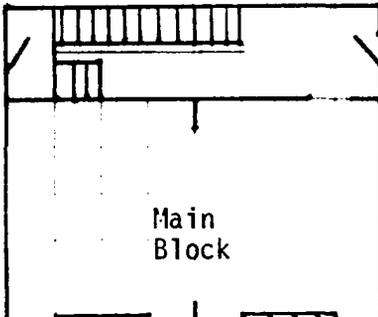
George W. Biscoe to Nathaniel M. McGregor. By decree
of Court sitting in Equity - 24 Oct. 1827, Biscoe
appointed Trustee to sell land called Mt. Airy, sold to
Nathaniel M. McGregor.



SUMMER KITCHEN

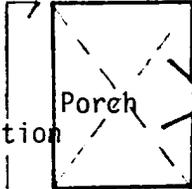
GRAVEL DRIVEWAY

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Sketch Map, shows
floor plan of house,
rooflines (-----)
and site plan
Not to Scale
May 1987



Main Block

new construction ca. 1964



Porch

Dining Room

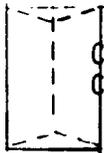
Kitchen

new construction ca. 1964



GRAVEL PARKING AREA

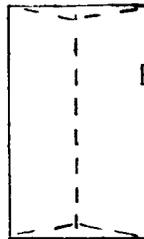
FARM ROAD



CORN CRIB



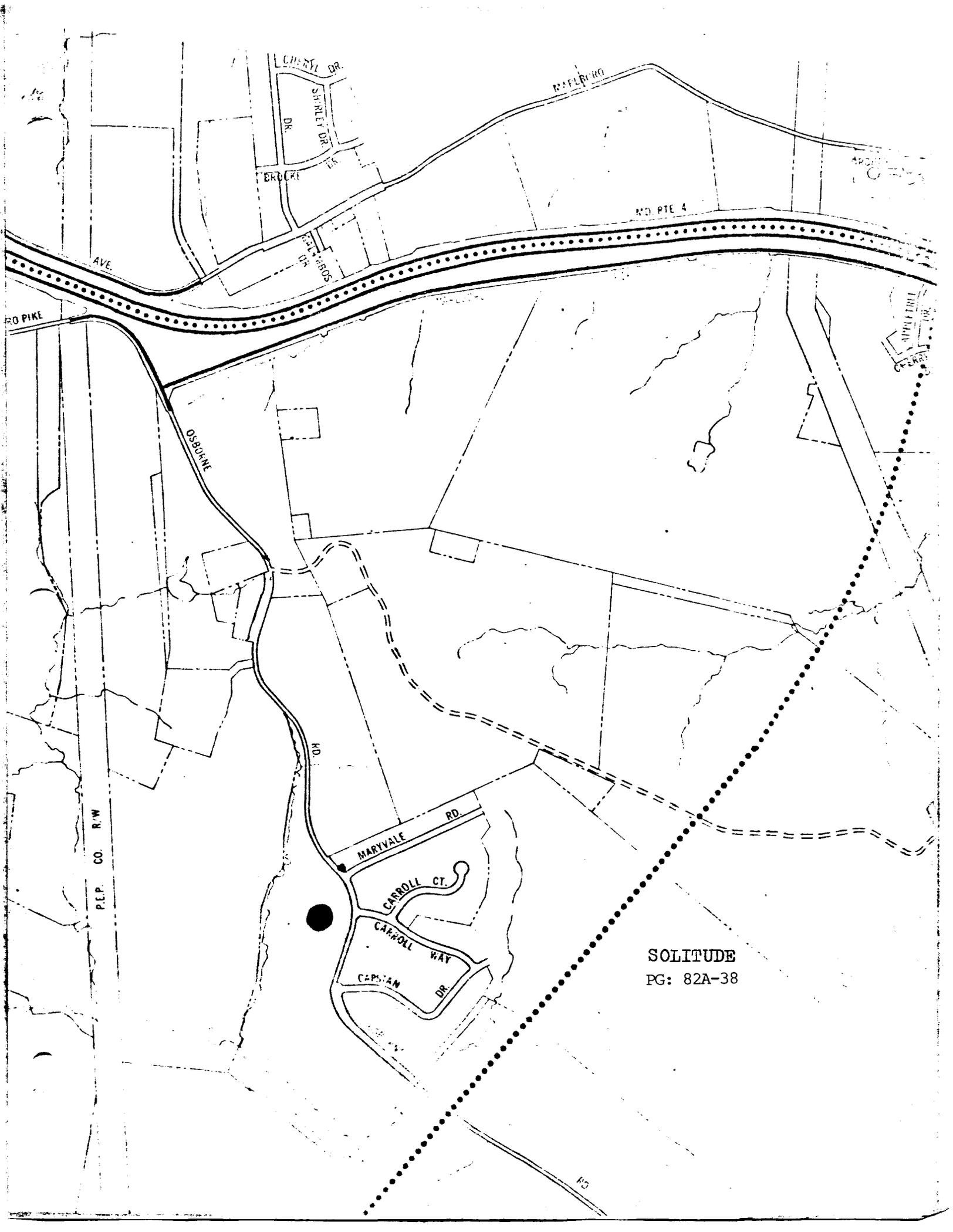
GARAGE



BARN



CATTLE SHED



SOLITUDE
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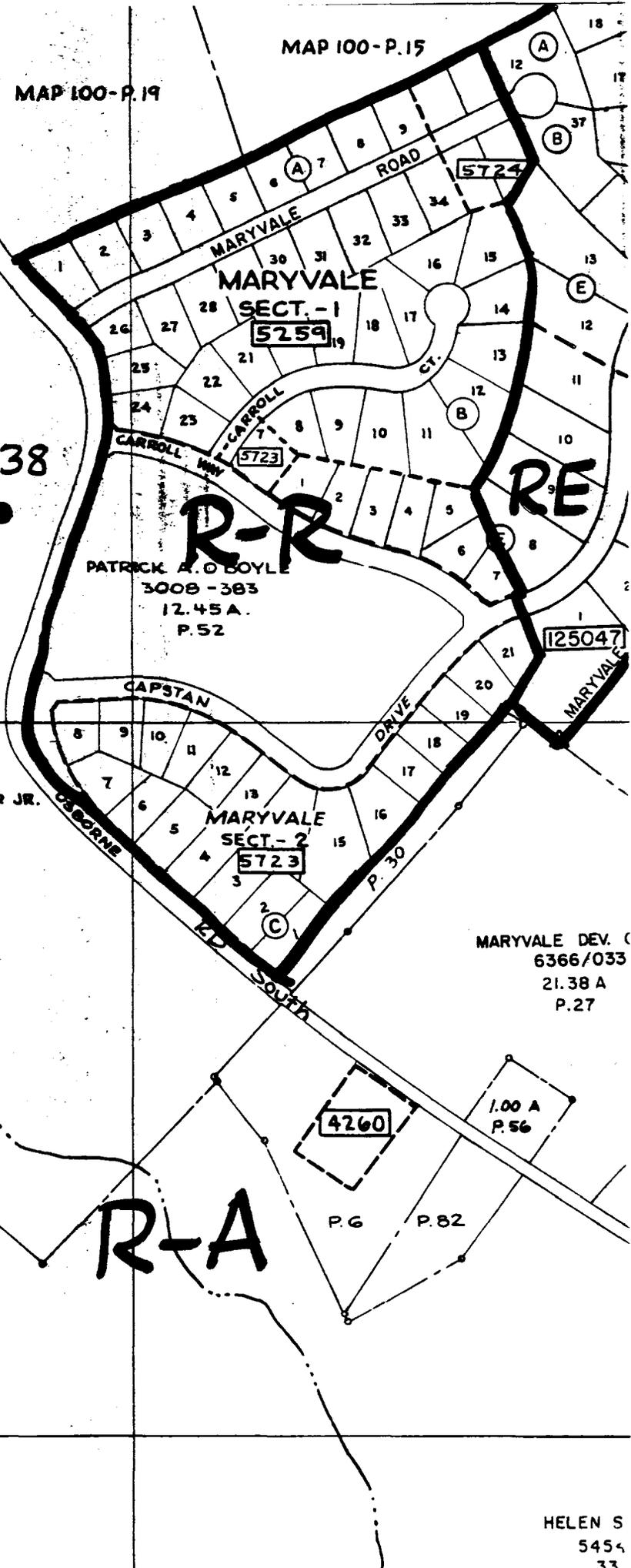
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BARTON R. CRAIG
5959/988
97.83A.
P. 54

MAP 100-P.19

MAP 100-P.15

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PATRICK A. O'BOYLE
3008-383
12.45A.
P. 52

LANSDALE G. SASSER JR.
2902-158
56.81A.
P. 24

MARYVALE DEV. C
6366/033
21.38 A
P. 27

1.00 A
P. 56

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LINDA V. WOOD
710-107
180.78 A.
P. 37

HELEN S
545
33.



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Solitude
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Marina King
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East elevation
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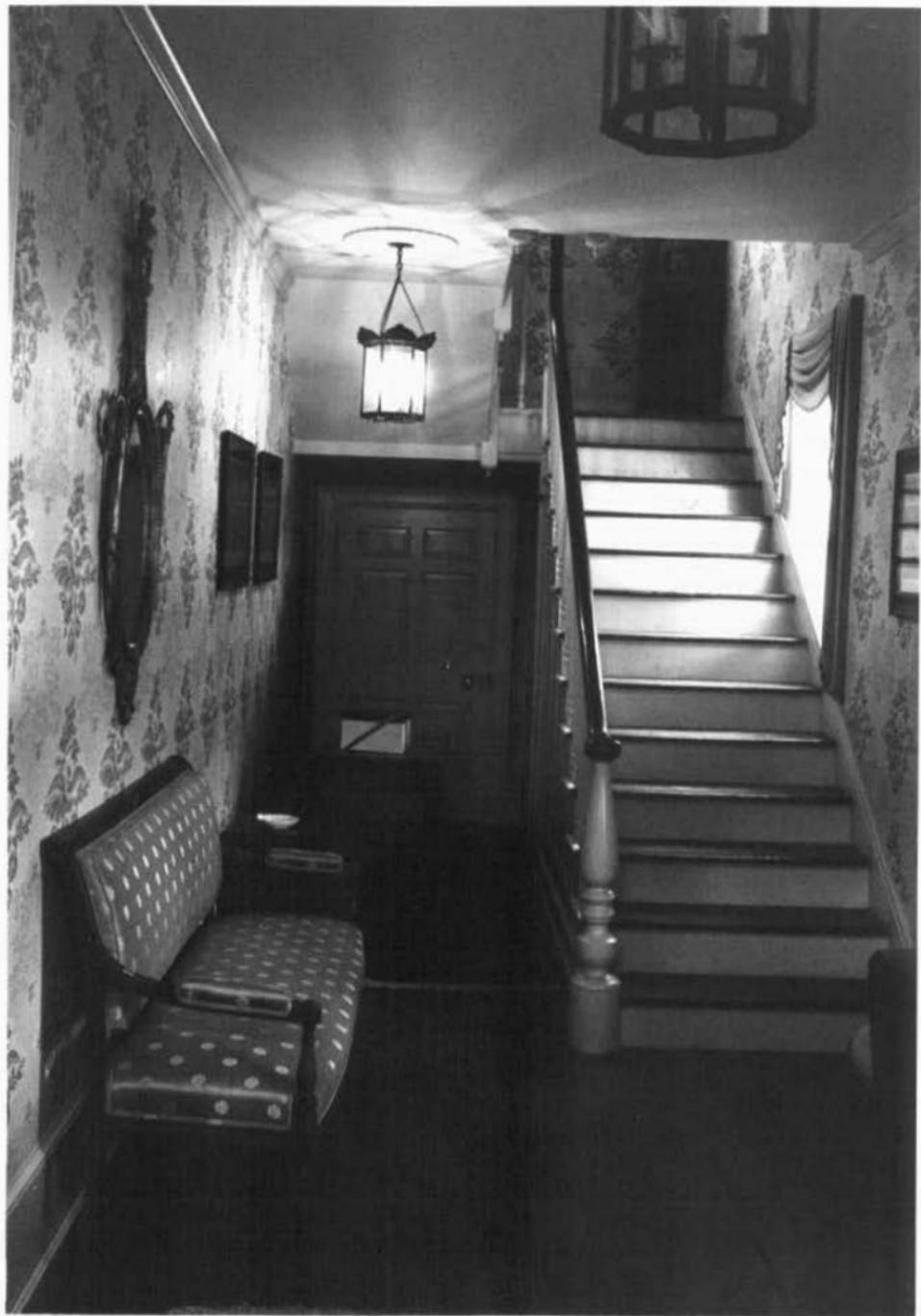
West elevation

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Guest House, South
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Hall, Looking West
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Hall, Looking East

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Outbuildings, NW
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