

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:82A-46 (PACS A25) Construction Date: circa 1935

Name: Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property

Location: 6100 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County

Private/Private residence/Occupied/Good/Not accessible

Description:

The Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay Bungalow on the south side of Crain Highway (Route 301) in the Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1935, the building is rectangular in plan with front and rear integral porches. The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are wood 6/6 double-hung. The porch on the front elevation is screened and has square wood posts. The rear porch is supported by ornamental iron posts.

Significance:

The Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property is a simplified example of a Bungalow, which lacks ornamentation or unique structural elements. The property was originally situated on 138.81 hectares (343 acres) of land purchased in 1935. A house was constructed on the land circa 1935, after the two historic maps of the county, Martenet's Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1861 and Hopkins' Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland, 1878, had been published. The house and its associated 10.09 hectares (24.95 acres) were conveyed to Charles and Susan Curtis in 1949. The parcel currently retains this size and is owned by the heirs of Susan Curtis.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 U.S 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property

and/or common Charles Curtis Property

2. Location:

street & number 6100 Crain Highway ___ not for publication

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"/> education	<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"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Charles and Doris Curtis

street & number 334 Brightseat Road

telephone no.:

city,town Landover

state and zip code MD 20785

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Prince George's County

liber 8752

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive

folio 366

city,town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

7. Description

Survey No. PG:82A-46 (PACS A25)

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			

Resource Count: 4

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

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The structure has a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are wood 6/6 double-hung. The house has an integral porch on the front and rear elevations on concrete piers. The front porch is screened and has square wood posts. The rear porch is supported by ornamental iron posts.

The front, or north facade has a central entrance consisting of a wood door. The fenestration pattern on the front facade is symmetrical, with a pair of windows on each side of the central entrance. The second story has two gable dormers with double-hung windows.

The east elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern. The basement level has two 2-light awning windows. The first and second stories each have two double-hung windows aligned over the basement level fenestration.

The rear, or south elevation has a partially enclosed porch. The south end of the porch has been enclosed with vinyl siding. A wood door opens onto the porch on the north side of the enclosure. Within the porch is a wood, 3-light door, one awning window and a single 6/6 double-hung window on the first story of the rear elevation. There is one gable dormer with a double-hung window on the second story.

The west elevation has an asymmetrical fenestration pattern. The basement level has two awning windows. The first story has two double-hung windows and a pair of double-hung windows, while the second story has two double-hung windows.

There are three additional structures on the property. The first building is a metal trailer located west of the house. To the south of the house is a 1-story garage and a wood-frame gazebo. The garage has a garage bay and a vinyl door on the north elevation.

The property is located on the top of a hill along the south side of the Crain Highway. It is bounded by Crain Highway on the north and forested land to the east, south and west. The property is located south of the town of Upper Marlboro near the Pope's Creek line of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad in a moderately developed section of the highway. Commercial structures, such as car dealerships and shopping centers, are located to the north of the house, while the land south of the house is predominately residential.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property

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ADDRESS: 6100 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Maryland

8. Significance (Continued)

of the establishment of port towns and Maryland's rising population. Tobacco cultivation dominated the economic and social life of both Charles and Prince George's counties until the mid-nineteenth century when soil exhaustion necessitated agricultural diversification. The introduction of rail lines in 1873 linked Prince George's and Charles counties with the surrounding area, encouraging trade and settlement. While the suburbanization of Prince George's and Charles counties was ensured by the widespread availability of the automobile in the mid-twentieth century, these southern Maryland counties have also retained their rural and agricultural character.

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

Constructed circa 1935, the Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of a common building type. The building is a simplified example of a Bungalow, which lacks ornamentation or unique structural elements. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended XY

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 10/14/95

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended X

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: Suzanne Pickens Date: 07/21/1997

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 7/21/97

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:82A-46(PACS A25)

Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bristol, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date September 1996

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city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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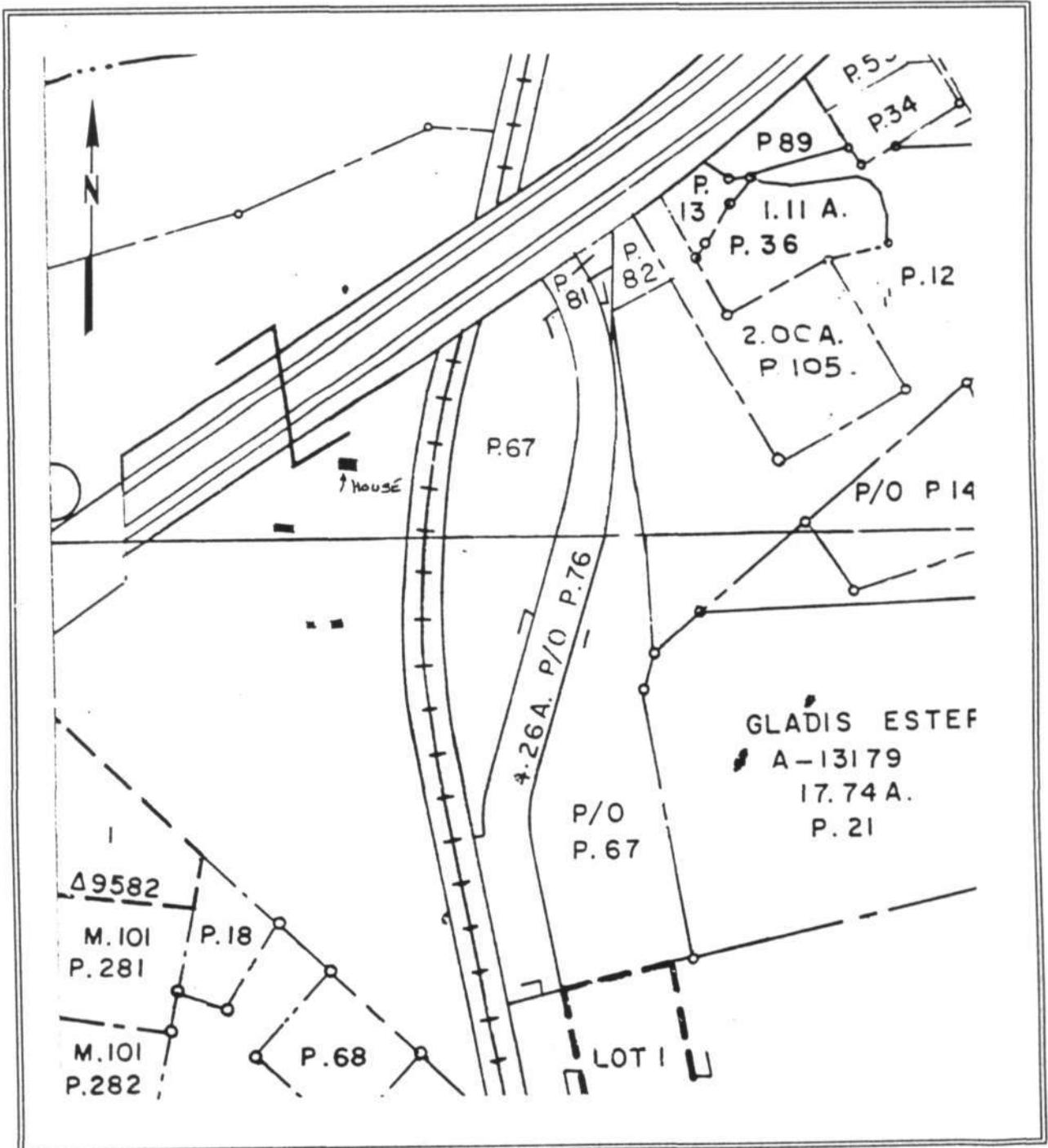
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10. Geographical Data

Resource Sketch Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property; PG:82A-46 (PACS A25)
6100 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, MD

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Buildings; Private Ownership; Public Acquisition - Not
applicable; Occupied; Not accessible; Private Residence

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

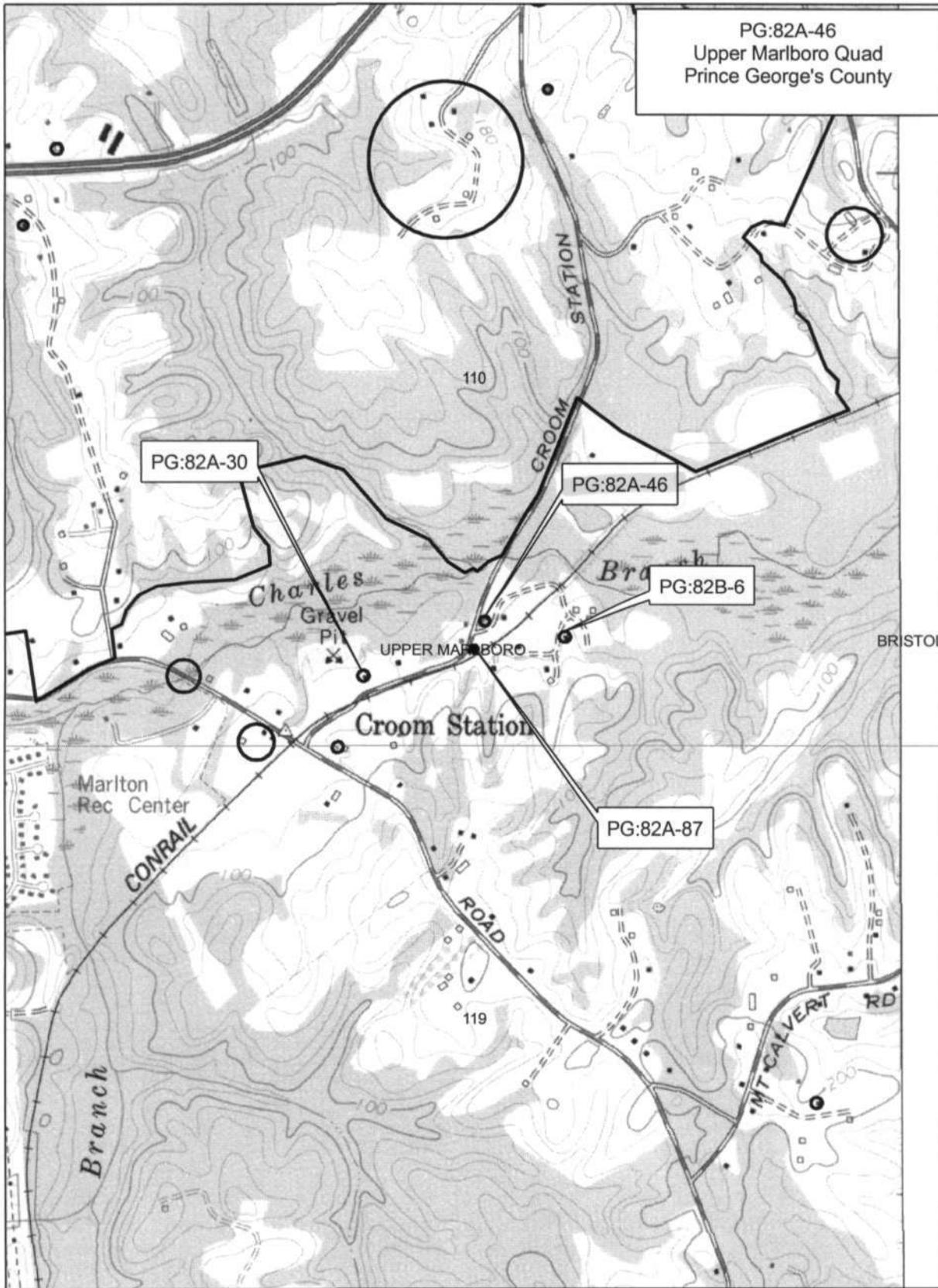
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

PG:82A-46
Upper Marlboro Quad
Prince George's County





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- 2 Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Property
Prince Georges County, MD
- 3 Tim Tamburino, 9/96
- 4 P.A.C. Spero + Co. 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.
412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 6100 Crain Highway East and South
elevations of Main House Northwest view
- 6 1 of 4



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Prince George County, MD.
- 3 Tim Tamburrino, 9/96
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412, Baltimore, MD 21204
- 5 6100 Crain Highway North east Corner of
Main House Southwest View
- 6 2 of 4



1. PG!82A-46
2. Benjamin and Marguerite Curtis Prop.
Prince Georges County, MD
3. ~~Tom~~ Tumblynia 9/96
4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake
Ave, # 412, Balto, Md 21204
S 6100 Crain Highway Trailer
East and West sides
South View

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1. PG: 82A-44

2. Benjamin and Marguerite, Curtis Prop.
Prince Georges County, MD

3. ~~John~~ Tamburino, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero + Co, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave,
#412, Balto, Md 21204

5 6100 Crain Highway garage and
gazebo west sides, East view

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