

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-5 Building Date: late 19th century

Building Name: Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings

Location: 6201 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

The Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling, two-by-three bays, rectangular in plan with a gable roof and a front cross gable. It is situated on a small hill facing Croom Station Road to the north. It is in a rural setting, surrounded by trees. Added to the rectangular main block of the building is a one-story, gable roof south kitchen wing and a one-story east addition. The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 windows. Both entrance and windows have a plain wood surround. There is a one-story, three-bay entrance porch across the facade which rests on cement piers. The hipped, standing seam metal porch roof rests on wooden posts. There is a central cross gable at the attic story. The house has interior corbelled brick chimneys at the east and west gable ends. It is covered with asphalt shingle siding, rests on a cement foundation, and has a patterned tin roof with a plain, boxed wood cornice. Immediately west of the house are three barns. The north and southmost appear to be of 20th century construction. The center barn has a gable roof with shallowly sloped roof extensions on the north and south sides. The center section of the building, under the gable ridge, is supported on brick piers and the sills and major structural timbers appear hand hewn.

Significance:

The Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings are situated on a part of what was the 306 acre Sasscer farm, called "The Meadows." The property was owned by members of the Sasscer family from 1854 through 1969. In 1945 the property was described as containing the main dwelling, five tenant houses, four barns, one cow or tobacco barn, one granary and one stable. One tenant house and its three barns are of concern here. The tenant house appears on the 1894 Hopkins map of the vicinity of Washington, D.C., but not on the 1878 Hopkins map. The house is typical of late nineteenth century vernacular farmhouses built in this County. Characteristics it shares with other farmhouses built during the period include its two-story, frame gable roof construction; central cross gable on the main facade; facade-wide one-story entrance porch and austerity in further architectural detail.

Acreage: 3 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings (see also 82A-6,
Sasscer Tobacco Barn)

and/or common Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings

2. Location

street & number 6201 Croom Station 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 Mr. Robert H. Kent

street & number 6106 Montrose Road telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Md. 20852

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3707

street & number Main Street folio 48

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date July 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC
Riverdale, Md. 20737

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #82A-5

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House is a two-story frame dwelling, two-by-three bays, rectangular in plan with a gable roof and a front cross gable. It is situated on a small hill facing Croom Station Road to the north. It is in a rural setting, surrounded by trees, with fields to its south, east and west. Attached to the rectangular main block of the building is a one-story, gable roof south kitchen wing and a one-story east addition.

The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance flanked by two 6/6 double hung sash windows. Both the entrance and the windows have a plain wood surround. There is a one-story, three-bay entrance porch across the facade. The porch rests on cement piers and the hipped, standing seam metal porch roof rests on wooden posts. There is a central cross gable at the attic story.

The house has interior corbelled brick chimneys at the east and west gable ends. It is covered with asphalt shingle siding, rests on a cement foundation, and has a patterned tin roof with a plain, boxed wood cornice.

Centered on the south (rear) facade of the main block is a two-by one bay, one-story, gable roof, wing with a corbelled brick interior chimney at its south gable ridge. It rests on a cement foundation and has the same wall, cornice and roof treatment as the main structure. The east one-by-one-bay, shed-roof addition is also covered with asphalt shingle. It is set on high cement block piers and its east side entrance is reached by wooden steps.

Immediately west of the house are three barns. The barn to the north-west of the house, closest to Croom Station Road, has a standing-seam metal gable roof. There are four large semi-octagonal entrances on the east facade. The sills and structural posts rest on cement piers and the barn appears to be of 20th century construction.

The barn directly west of the house has a gable roof with shallow extensions on the north and south sides. The center section of the building, under the gable ridge, is supported on brick piers while the outer sections, to the north and south, are supported on cement blocks. The sills and major structural timbers appear hand hewn. There are both wire nails and machine cut nails in the structure.

The barn to the south of the house has board and batten siding and rests on cement piers. Its orientation is toward the house, as is that of the other two barns. The north and south facades are five-bays, composed of five evenly spaced small square openings.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input 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 _____ **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 Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings are situated on a part of what was the 306 acre Sasscer farm, called "The Meadows."¹ The property was owned by members of the Sasscer family from 1854 through 1969.²

In 1945 the property was described as containing the main dwelling, five tenant houses, four barns, one cow or tobacco barn, one granary and one stable.³ One tenant house and its three barns are of concern here. The tenant house appears on the 1894 Hopkins map of the vicinity of Washington, D.C., but not on the 1878 Hopkins map. The house is typical of late nineteenth century vernacular farmhouses built in this County. Characteristics it shares with other farmhouses built during the period include its two-story, frame gable roof construction; central cross gable on the main facade; facade-wide one-story entrance porch and austerity in further architectural detail.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, Wills, WCH 1:262, 1952.
- 2 Ibid. F.S. 1:306, 1862 and 3701:133, 1969.
- 3 Ibid. Equity #14,653, 1945.

#7. Continued

The house and outbuildings are buffered from the road and surrounding fields by trees. The enclosing trees and the hilliness of the surrounding yard give the site a small, well defined environmental setting.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Dr. Frederick Sasscer House (TENANT HOUSE) | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Croom Station Road | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro | | | | |
| STATE: Maryland | | | COUNTY: Prince George's | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| 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 | _____ | _____ |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Frederick Sasscer | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: Croom Station 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: 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 | |
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| CONDITION | <div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" 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: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div> |
| <small>DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE</small> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">The house, most likely a tenant house, is a two-story, frame building with a three-bay, main (north) facade with a central gable. At either end there are internal chimneys. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. To the south is an ell with an internal end chimney.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The corn crib has a central crib with sheds on either side. It sits on brick piers and has a braced frame.</p> | |

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

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| <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 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
| | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds | |
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Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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| NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian | |
| ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC | DATE: 24 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

 Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Dr. Frederick Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuilding
P.G. #82A-5

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|------------------------------------|---|
| #3707:48 13 March 1969 Deed | Route Four Corporation to Robert H. Kent and David L. Stearman; 253.9 acres in Mellwood District; part of the same property described in #2082:593. |
| #3701:133 13 March 1969 Deed | Frederick and Marie L. Sasscer to Route Four Corporation; 253.9 acres in Mellwood District; part of the same property described in #2082:593. |
| #2082:593 7 March 1957 Deed | Matilda W. Duvall to Frederick and Marie L. Sasscer; 306 acres in Mellwood District, the remaining portion of the Rosalie Sasscer Farm; same which James Selwyn Sasscer acquired by #47:588, same of which a one-third undivided portion was conveyed by Wilmer D. Pyles, trustee in Equity #14,653, to Mary W. Sasscer and Frederick Sasscer, same which was devised by will recorded WHC #1:262, and same which grantor acquired by deed recorded immediately prior hereto. |
| #2082:591 7 March 1957 Deed | Frederick and Marie L. Sasscer to Matilda W. Duvall; 306 acres in Mellwood District; same which grantors acquired by will recorded WHC #1:262. |
| WCH #1:262 15 July 1952 Will | Estate of Mary Wilson Sasscer who died 9 Jan. 1946; deceased devised to her son, Frederick Sasscer, "one-third undivided interest in the farm called "The Meadows" ...containing 396 acres. |
| #805:354 26 March 1946 Deed | For \$16,450, Wilmer D. Pyles, trustee in Equity #14,653, to Mary W. Sasscer, widow, and Frederick Sasscer, as tenants in common; 306 acres in Mellwood District; a one-half undivided interest to each grantee in the one-third undivided interest in the property of Anna E. Sasscer, non compos mentis; same which James Selwyn Sasscer, deceased, acquired by #47:558. |
| Equity #14,653 13 March 1945 | Petition of Mary W. Sasscer et al for Court's ratification of contract of sale for Mary Sasscer and Frederick Sasscer, her son, to purchase from Wilmer D. Pyles, trustee, the one-third undivided interest of Anna E. Sasscer, who had been declared non compos mentis, in the 306 remaining acres of the farm which had belonged to James Selwyn Sasscer, deceased. |

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#47:558
9 Jan. 1907
Deed of Gift

Rosalie Sasscer, widow, to James Selwyn Sasscer, her son; 320 acres known as the Meadows, part of Delay, Addition to Delay and part of Weston (with five exceptions); "The property hereby conveyed is described on the Assessment Books of said County as "Bacon Hall".

Admin. #1,363
1888

Estate of Dr. Frederick Sasscer who died intestate 13 Sept. 1888; widow Rosalie renounced her right to act as administratrix in favor of her two sons, Frederick and John H.S. Sasscer. No mention of real estate.

FS #1:548
15 June 1863
Deed

Zadok, William H. and Henrietta S. Sasscer to Frederick Sasscer (all parties heirs at law of Zadok Sasscer who died intestate in 1859); 320 acres, the Meadows, part of Delay and Addition to Delay and part of Weston, lying contiguous to each other; agreement among heirs to divide the real estate of the deceased; same land which was purchased by Zadok Sasscer in his lifetime from Sarah Forrest and Mary M. Kearney, conveyed to his children after his death.

FS 1:306
6 Dec. 1862
Indenture

Sarah Forest and Mary M. Kearney to Frederick Sasscer, Zadok Sasscer, William H. Sasscer and Henrietta S. Sasscer, all children and heirs of Zadock Sasscer deceased. Heirs want clear title to land bought by Zadock Sasscer in 1854, a part of The Meadows, Delay and Addition to Delay and Weston Hall a part of the real estate of the late Colonel David Crawford.

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MARY A. WYVILL
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FREDERICK
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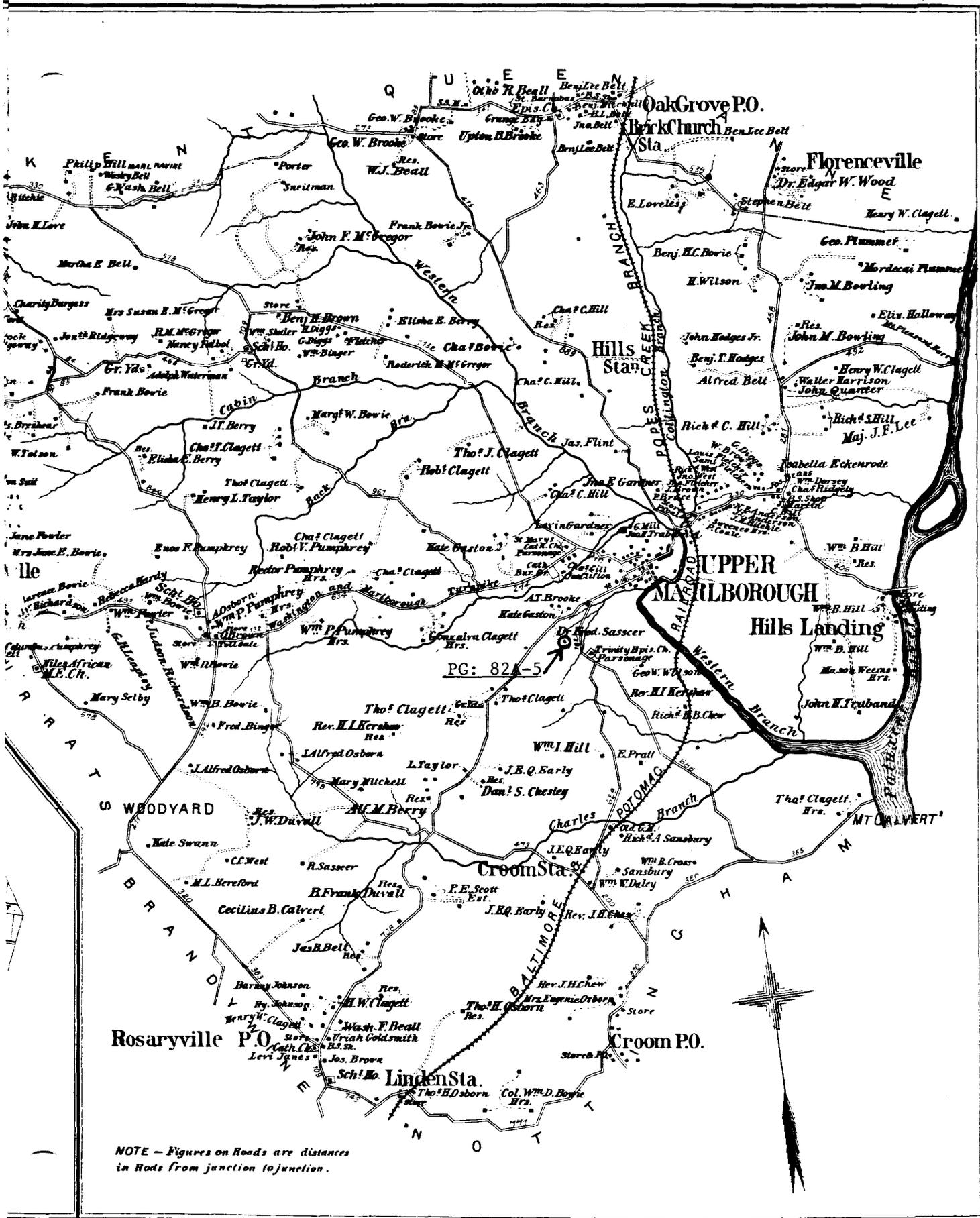
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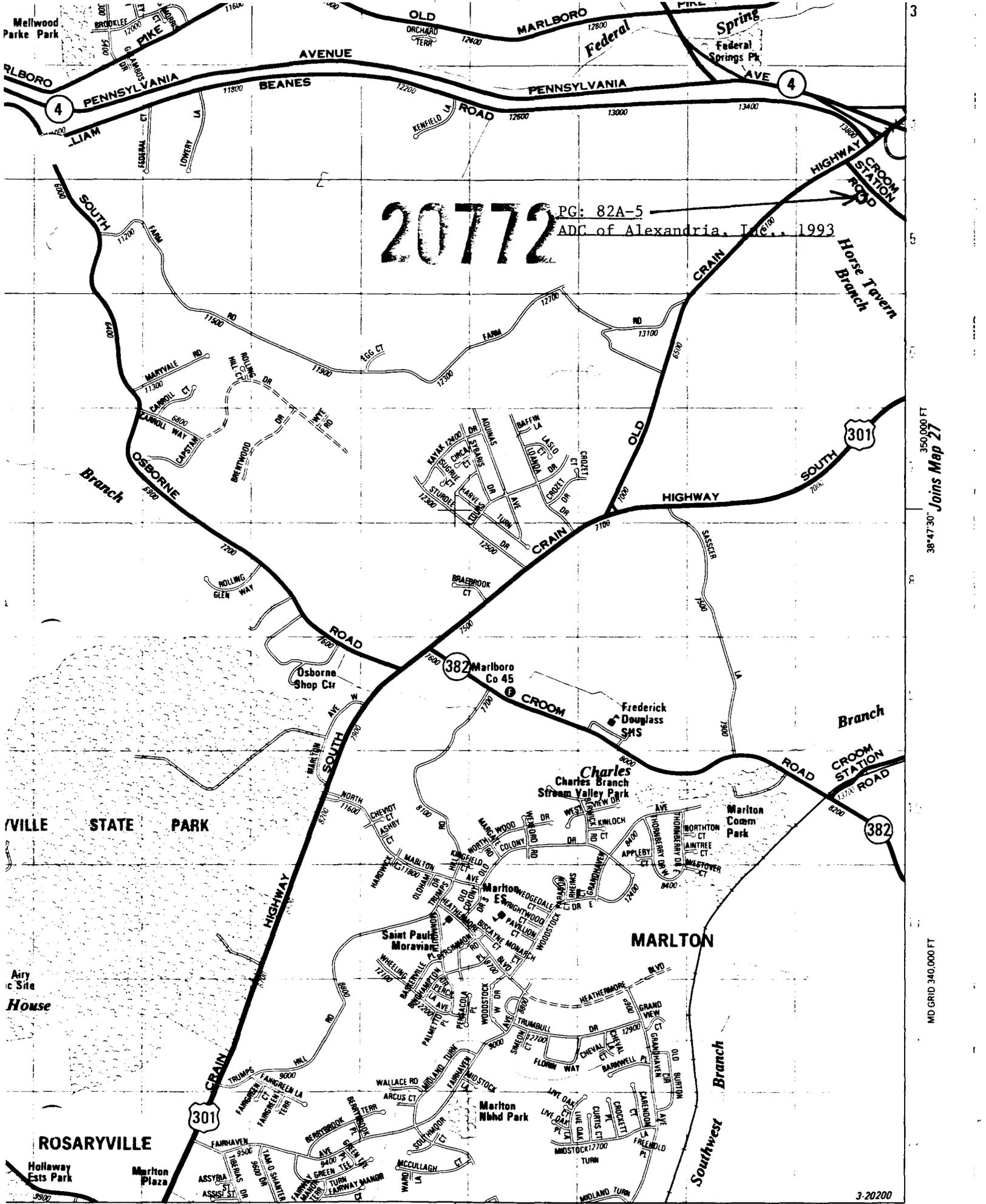
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NOTE - Figures on Roads are distances
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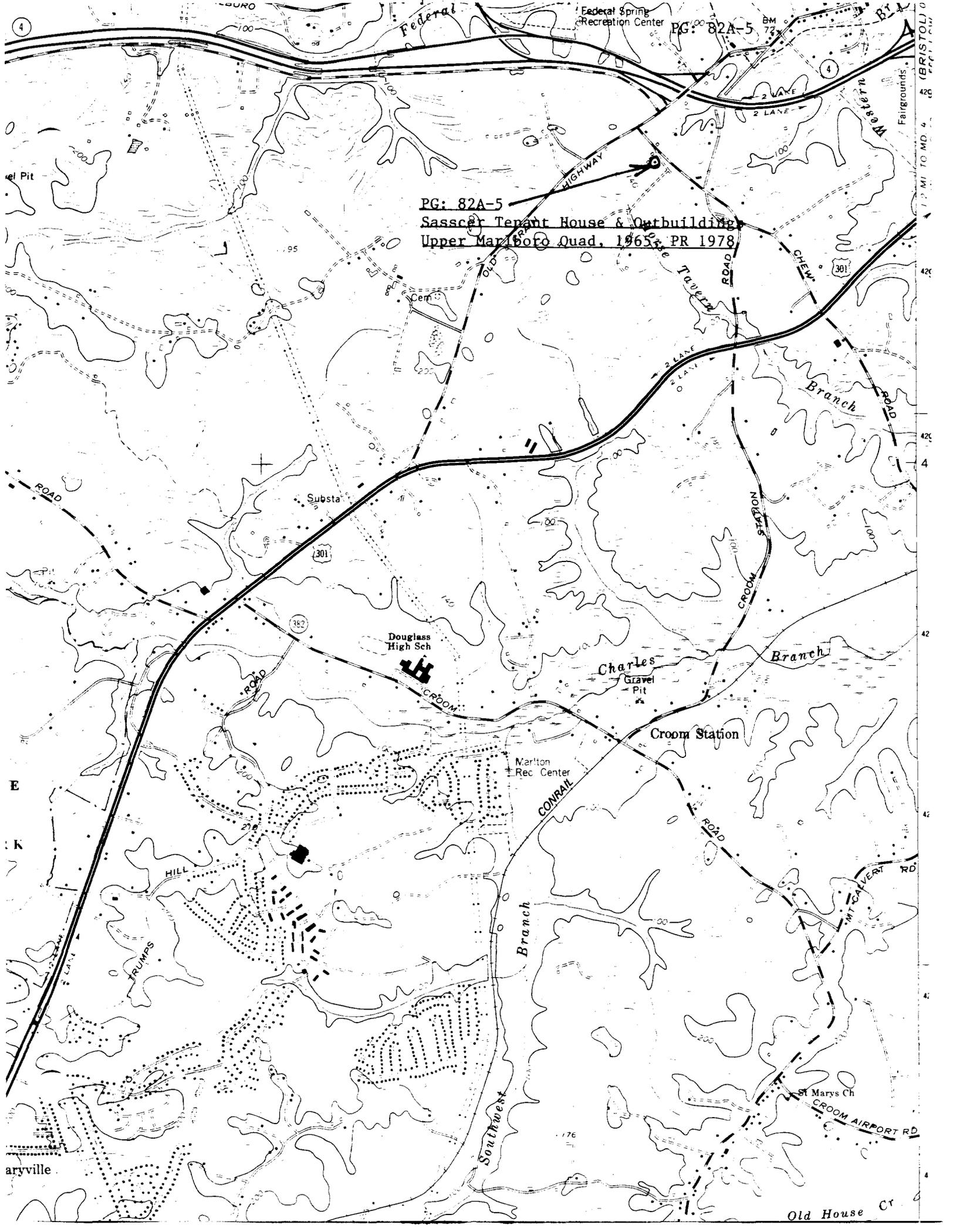
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MD GRID 860,000 FT

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Sassafras Tenant House & Outbuilding
Upper Marlboro Quad, 1963, PR 1978

Federal

Federal Spring
Recreation Center

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Fairgrounds

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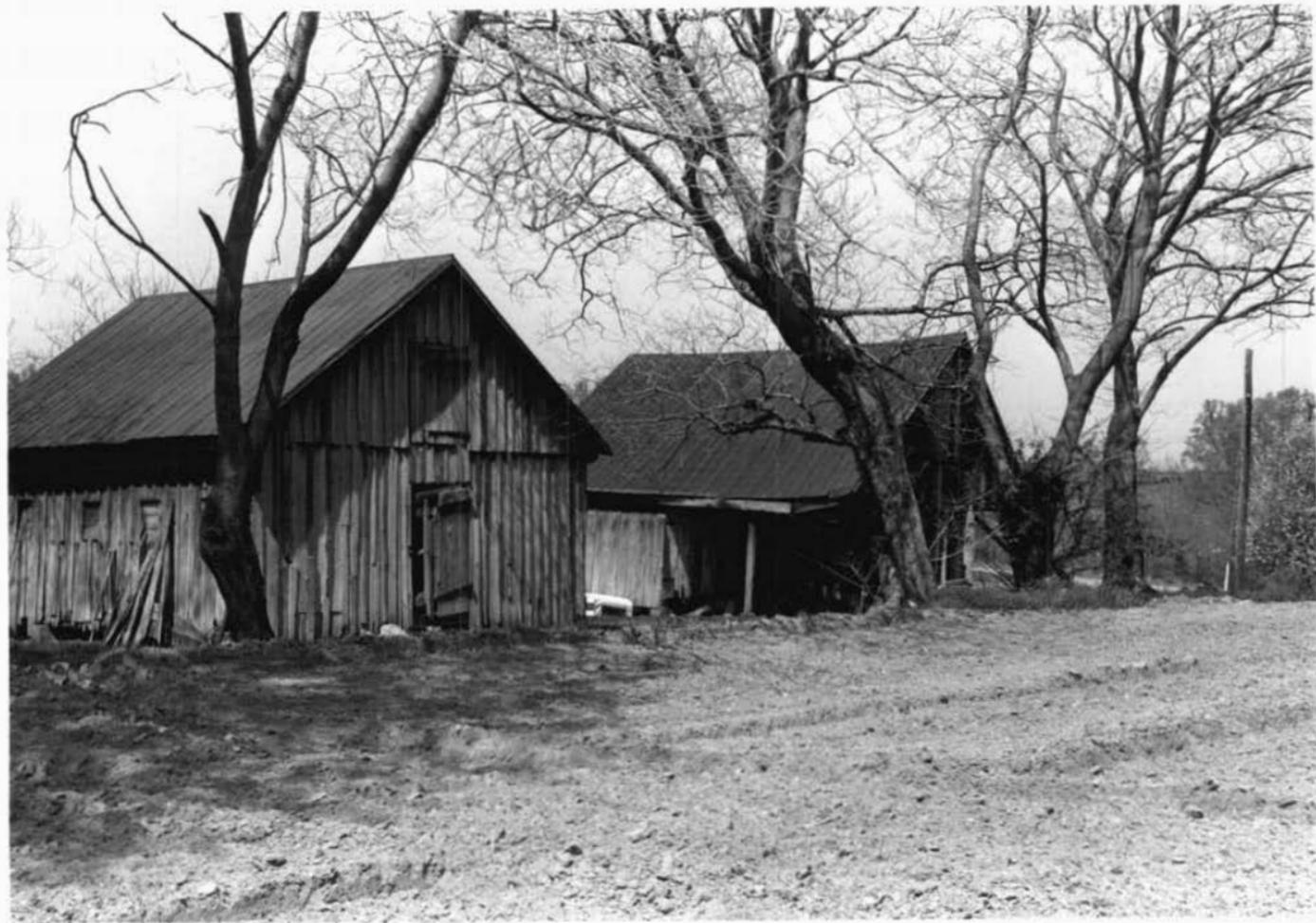
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Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
North elevation
Neg; Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
April 1985
Outbuildings, East facade
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME # 82A-5 DR FREDERICK SASSER. OUTBLDG.

LOCATION Croom STATION Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md

ACADE NE

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