

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-6 Building Date: late 19th c.

Building Name: Sasscer Tobacco Barn

Location: Old Crain Highway at Croom Station Road

Private/Agricultural/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Restricted

Description:

The Tobacco Barn is situated directly east of Old Crain Highway, buffered by a plowed field to its south, east and north. It is rectangular in plan with vertical wood siding and a steep gable wood shingled roof having extended slopes on the east and west sides. The west facade, facing Old Crain Highway, is one-story in height with a central entrance flanked by two hinged vertical siding boards used for ventilation. The wood sill of the building is set on cement blocks and footings. The south gable end has a central entrance and three hinged vertical siding boards spaced at even intervals across the facade. There is a plain wood raking cornice. The three-bay east facade is one story in height with three wide adjoining entrance ways. The central opening is rectangular, the outer two are semi-octagonal. The barn is dirt floored with rough-hewn sills and interior structural posts resting on cement blocks and footings. Upper cross poles are whole logs with bark on some of them. The visible nails are wire nails. There are hand-hewn joints connecting the major structural timbers. The building is heavily weathered and covered with vines. The roof sags on the east facade and some of the vertical siding boards are missing.

Significance:

The Tobacco Barn is 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. This barn appears to have been used for tobacco because of the hinged ventilator boards on the north, west and south facades and because of the pole scaffolding on the interior, on which tobacco would have been hung to dry. The building appears to be a late 19th century structure.

Acreage: 3 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sasscer Tobacco Barn (see also 82A-5, Sasscer Tenant House and Outbuildings)

and/or common Sasscer Tobacco Barn-Old Crain Highway

## 2. Location

street & number Old Crain Highway at Croom Station Road  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 Mr. Robert H. Kent

street & number 6106 Montrose Road telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Md. 20857

## 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 Md. 20772

## 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

city, town Riverdale, state Md. 20737

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #82A-6

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input 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 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 Tobacco Barn is situated approximately twenty five feet east of Old Crain Highway, buffered by a plowed field to its south, east and north. It is rectangular in plan with vertical wood siding and a steep gable wood-shingled roof having extended slopes on the east and west sides.

The west facade, facing Old Crain Highway, is one-story in height with a central entrance flanked by two hinged vertical siding boards used for ventilation. The wood sill of the building is set on cement blocks and footings.

The south gable end has a central entrance and three hinged vertical siding boards spaced at even intervals across the facade. There is a plain wood raking cornice. The three-bay east facade is one story in height with three wide adjoining entrance ways. The central opening is rectangular, the outer two are semi-octagonal.

The barn is dirt floored with rough-hewn sills and interior structural posts resting on cement blocks and footings. Upper cross poles are constructed of whole logs with bark on some of them. The visible nails are wire nails. There are mortise and tenden joints connecting the major structural timbers.

The building is heavily weathered and covered with vines. The roof sags on the east facade and some of the vertical siding boards are missing. The environmental setting of this building is the tree-lined field on which it is situated.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				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 Tobacco Barn is situated on a part of what was the 306 acre Sasscer farm called "The Meadows."<sup>1</sup> The property was owned by members of the Sasscer family from 1854 through 1969.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup> This barn appears to have been used for tobacco because of the hinged ventilator boards on the north, west and south facades and because of the pole scaffolding on the interior, on which tobacco would have been hung to dry. The building appears to be a late 19th century structure.

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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes, #8.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 253.92 acres

Tax Map 101 D-4 p. 263

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
 Zone Easting Northing

B          
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date August 1985

Room 4010

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro,

state Md. 20772

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  
 Shaw House  
 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Tobacco Barn-Old Crain Highway

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Crain Highway, south of Croom Station Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Upper Marlboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert H. Kent-Realtor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

9301 Georgia Ave.

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Silver Spring

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Upper Marlboro

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an exceptional frame tobacco barn of unusual styling. The sharply-pitched A-roof begins a wide, moderate slope immediately beneath the ridge-so as to spread out the structure on both sides, and increase the capacity. The main poles are hewn, and covered with many layers of drying poles. The wide gable facades have small central doors and vertical weathered siding. The east and west sides are entered via 3 half-open bays. The entire roof is covered with old wood shingles.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the oldest and best tobacco barns seen in the entire County. It has considerable architectural and historical value, in light of the important role of tobacco in the County since its first settlement.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

NAME OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/24/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Chain of Title

Sasscer Tobacco Barn  
P.G. #82A-6

#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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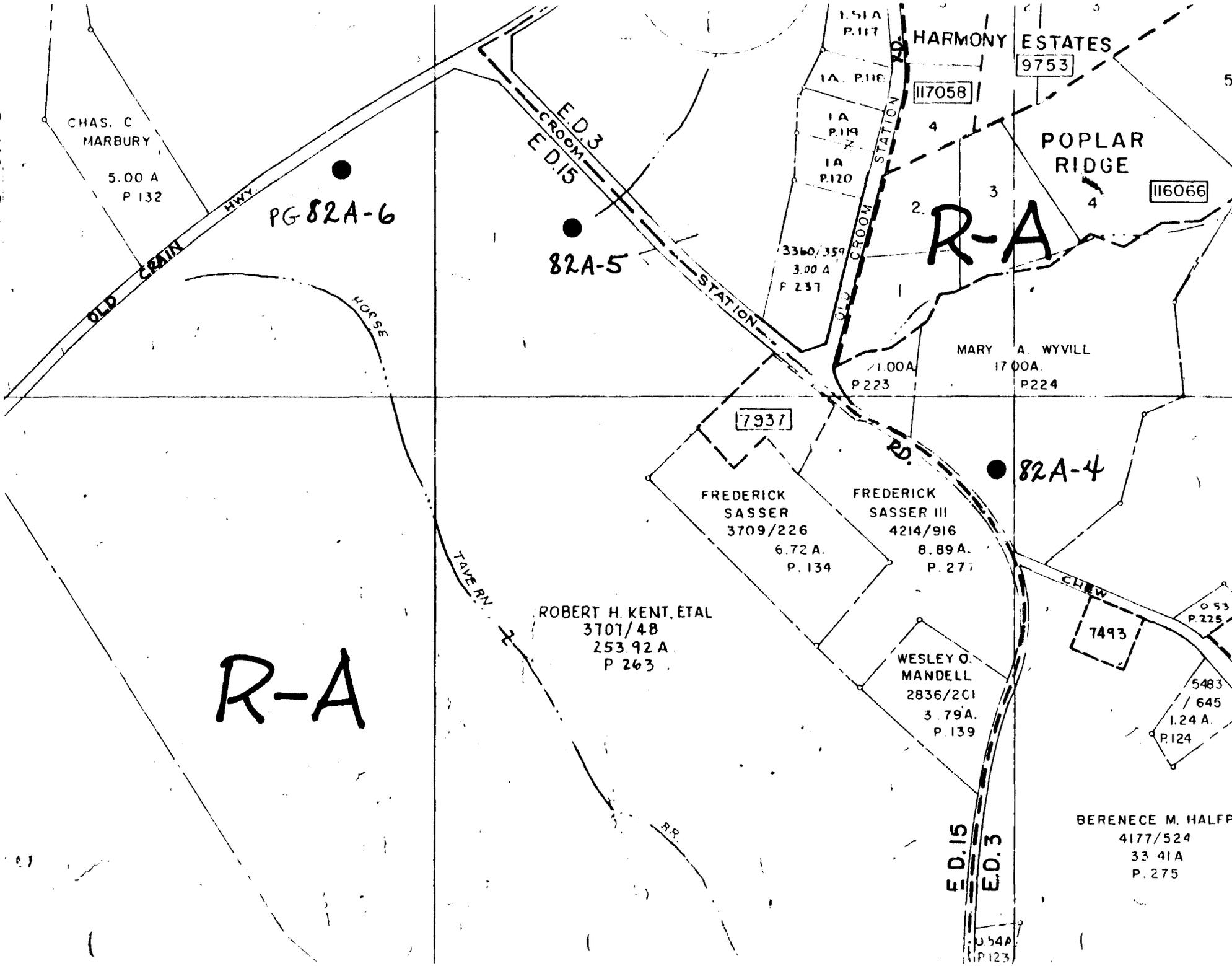
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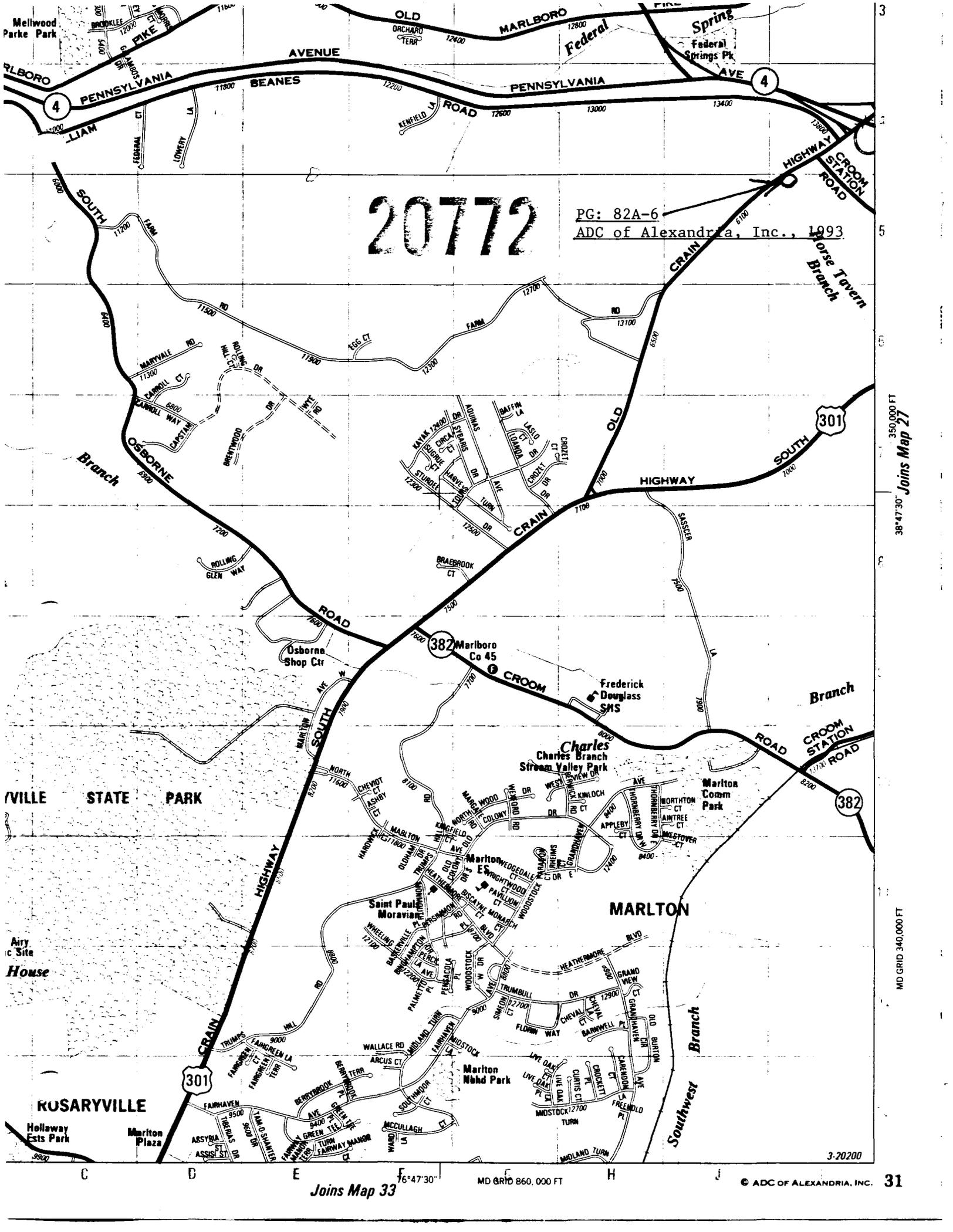
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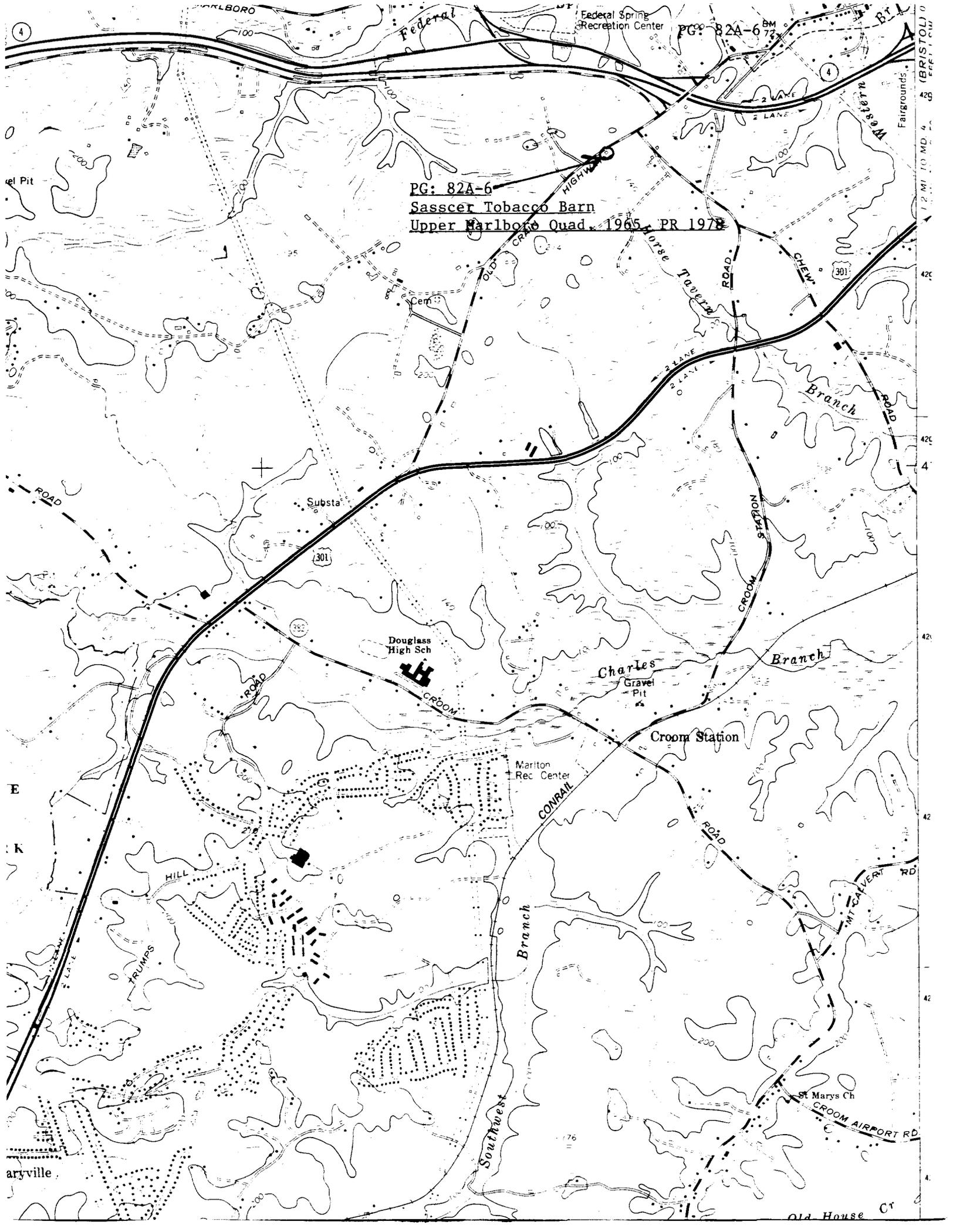
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MD GRID 860,000 FT

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Sasscer Tobacco Barn  
Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965 PR 1978

Douglass High Sch

Charles Gravel Pit

Croom Station

Mariton Rec Center

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Federal Spring Recreation Center

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Sasscer Tobacco Barn  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1985  
Southeast elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #82A-6

Sasscer Tobacco Barn  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1985  
Northwest elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. # 82A-6

Sasscer Tobacco Barn  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King  
April 1985  
Joist and sill detail  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME TOBACCO BARN - NEAR "WESTON" #82A-6  
LOCATION OLD CRAIN HIWAY. S OF CROOM STA Rd UPPER MARLBORO, MD  
FACADE SE  
PHOTO TAKEN 9/24/74 MDWYER