

Property Address <u>7108 Crain Hwy, SE</u> 1732 Crain Highway, SE , Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address <u>Fendall Clagett / 3991 Solomons Island Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1818</u>

Description:

Sasscer's Green was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1987. The property remains unchanged since the prior survey.

National Register Evaluation:

Sasscer's Green is a contributing resource within the proposed Weston-Sasscer's Green Historic District (PG:82A-47). Sasscer's Green is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an example of an early nineteenth century plantation house. It exemplifies the Tidewater side-passage, double-parlor plan with ornamentation of the Federal/Greek Revival transition period. The character-defining features, such as the round-arched dormer windows framed by pilasters, dual exterior chimneys of English and Flemish bonds, Tuscan-style porch columns and carved interior woodwork possesses excellent integrity. In addition, Sasscer's Green retains good site integrity, including the driveway leading to the main house, a terraced rear yard and barn.

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. Based upon the date of construction and the property type, there is a likelihood that an archaeological component could exist on the property. However, as no archaeological investigation has been conducted, the eligibility of the property under Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of Sasscer's Green include the land within the current property lines of its tax parcel (Tax Maps 110, Lot/Block #P37) and Crain Highway. This 24 hectare (60 acre) parcel is bounded on the north by Crain Highway (U.S. 301), on the on the south and west by adjacent tax parcels and on the east by an unnamed stream. A portion of the property on the north side of the Crain Highway is excluded from the National Register boundary, due to its physical and visual separation from the remainder of the property by the highway. The excluded land does not contain any structures. The boundary includes the house, a tenant house constructed circa 1945, a barn, a "gatehouse" and the driveway. The main house and barn are contributing buildings within the boundary.

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Eligibility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
Considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____			

	<u>10/26/99</u>		
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

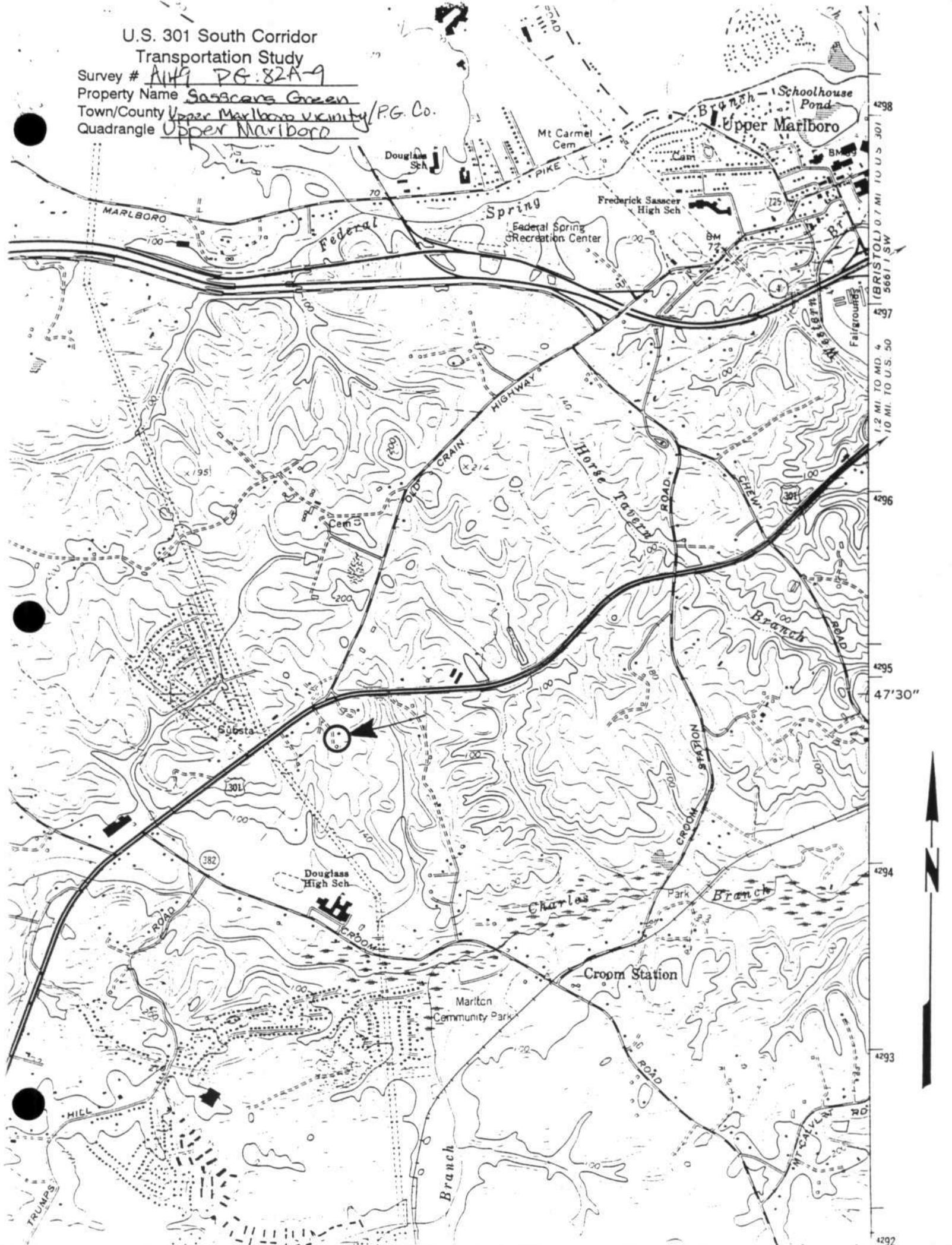
U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # AH9 PG. 82A-9

Property Name Sascer's Green

Town/County Upper Marlboro vicinity / P.G. Co.

Quadrangle Upper Marlboro



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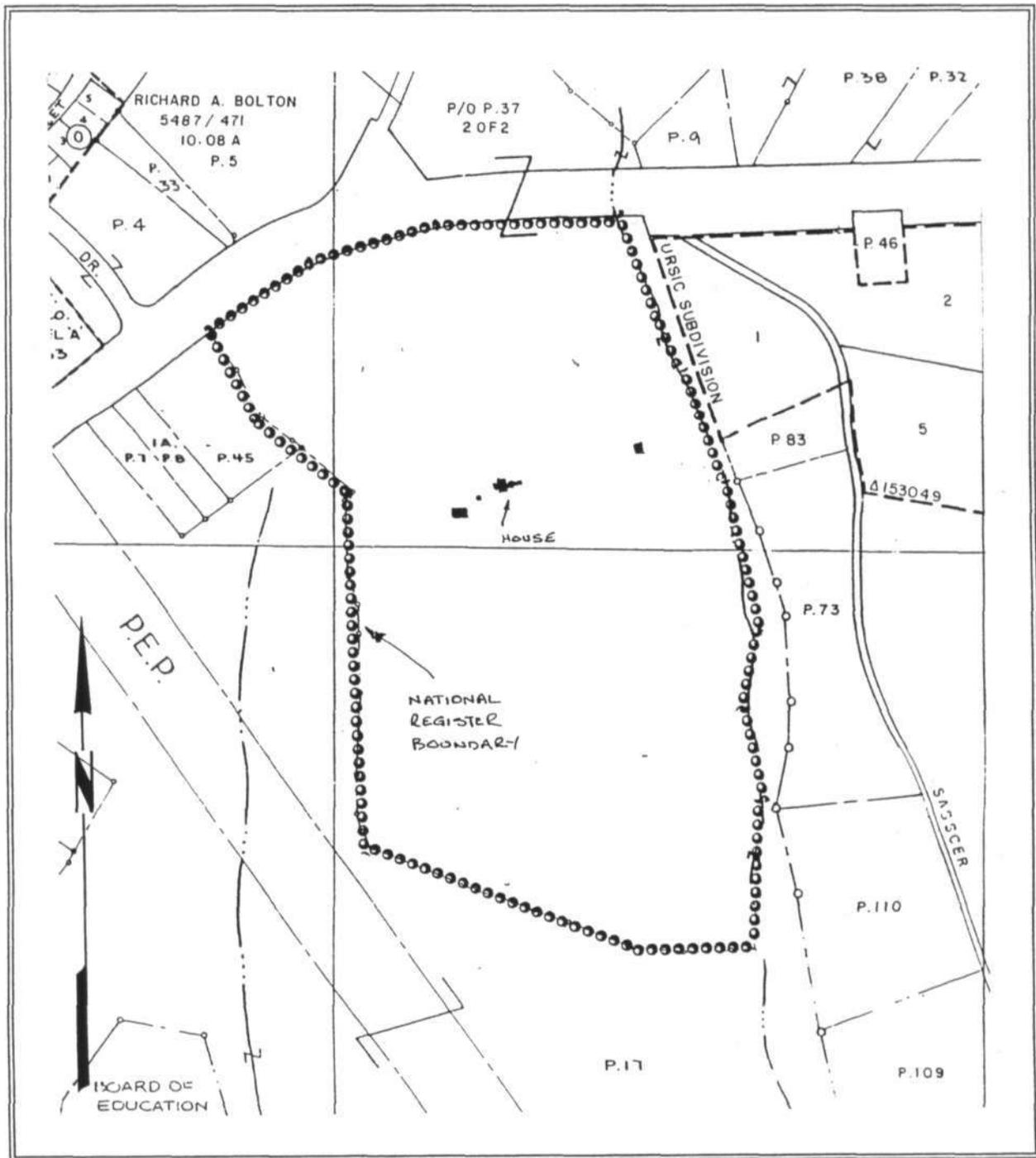
Suzanne Pickens		07/21/1997	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		Date	
		<i>Pickens</i>	
		2/21/97	
		Date	

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor

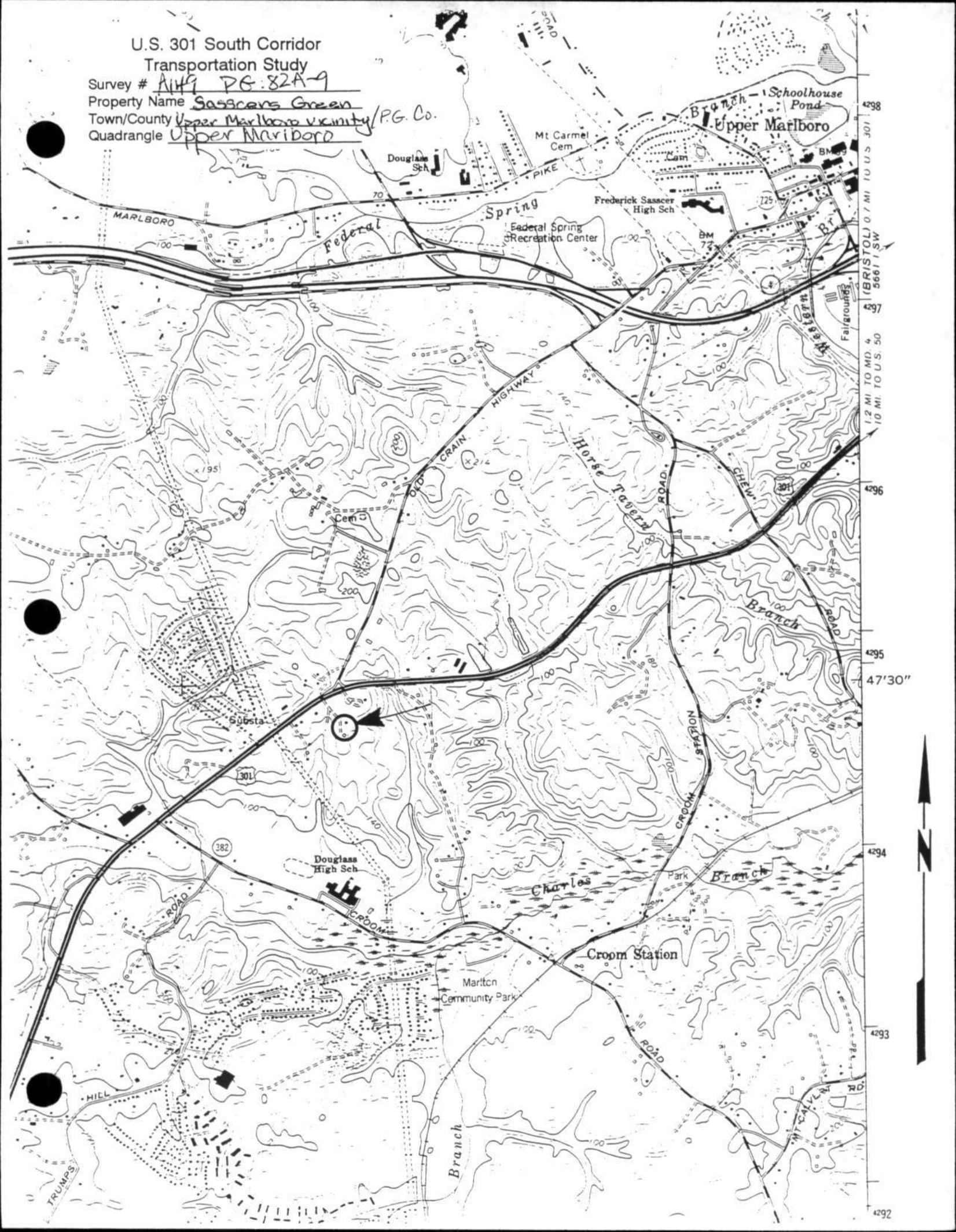
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1. PG: B2A-9

2. SASSCERS GREEN, PRINCE GEORGE'S CO. MD

3. TIM TAMBURRINO, 9/96

4. P.A.C. Spero & Co

40 W. Chesapeake Ave, Suite 412

BALTIMORE, MD 21204

5. ~~1732~~ Crain Highway, West elevation of Plantation
7108 house, East view.

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house, West View.
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5. ~~1732~~⁷¹⁰⁸ Crain Highway, South elevation of Plantation

6. 3 of 9 house, North view,



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of Plantation House, West view.

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5. ⁷¹⁰⁸~~1732~~ Crain Highway, ^{North} South elevations
of Plantation House, North
6 5.0 f 9 South view.



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5. ⁷¹⁰⁸~~1732~~ Crain Highway, South elev_{1/4}
of Tenent House,
6. 60f9
North View



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5. ⁷¹⁰⁸~~1732~~ Crain Highway, West elevation,
of Plantation house, east

6. 7 of 9
View,



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5. $\frac{7108}{1732}$ Crain Highway, West elevation
of Barn, East view,

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5. ~~1732~~ Crain Highway, gate house,
North elevation, South view.
6. 90f9

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-9 Building Date: ca. 1818

Building Name: Sasscers Green

Location: 7108 SE Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Fair-Good/Inaccessible

Description

Sasscers Green is a small two-part frame plantation house of the early nineteenth century. The main block is three bays by two bays with gable roof; entrance is in the third bay of the main west facade through a door with a three-light transom. Sheltering the second and third bays of this west facade is a one-story shed-roof porch, supported by wood Tuscan-style columns on brick piers. Siding of the house is plain horizontal board, painted white. Windows are 9/6 on the first story and 6/6 on the second, with narrow molded surrounds and green louvered shutters. The gable roof is pierced on each plane by two gable dormers. The 6/6 round-arched dormer windows are framed by pilasters whose molded capitals form a partial pediment, and the arched molding is embellished by a central molded keystone. There are two exterior chimneys at the north gable end. Extending to the north from the north gable end of the main block is a one-and-one-half-story, gable-roof kitchen wing. Interior plan of the main block is side stairhall and adjoining parlors. The stairhall is divided by an elliptical arch with fluted pilasters, and panelled soffit; the mantels and wood trim are fine early Greek Revival in style.

Significance

Sasscers Green is an excellent example of a small early nineteenth century plantation house. It was built circa 1818 by Thomas Sasscer on property devised to him by his father, and is the best surviving example of this Tidewater plantation house type in Prince George's County. Thomas Sasscer married in 1818, and at approximately this time the dwelling was constructed: a small plantation house of the traditional side hall and double parlor plan, distinguished by a handsome staircase, elliptical arch, and mantels on the interior, and fine pilastered dormers in the gable roof. Sasscer died in 1841, leaving a widow and eight children; his dwelling, by then known as Sasscers Green, remained the home of the widow and two of her sons into the 1860's. In 1876, these two sons petitioned the Equity Court to have the property appraised and sold. The 300-acre farm changed hands several times; in 1916 it was purchased by Charles A. Duvall of neighboring Greenland, and remained the home of his family until 1983. Sasscers Green is an excellent example of an early nineteenth century plantation house; it has particularly fine trim of the transitional Federal/Greek Revival style. It has close associations with one of the leading families of the Marlboro area, and is the best surviving example of its type in Prince George's County.

Acreage: 68.37 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sasscers Green

and/or common Sasscers Green

2. Location

street & number 7108 SE Crain Highway (U.S. Route 301) not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland 20772 county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> object	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Fendall M. Clagett

street & number 302 Second Street SE telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D. C. state and zip code 20003

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5766

street & number Main Street folio 639

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission, c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. P.G.#82A-9

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.

Sasscers Green is a small two-part frame plantation house of the early nineteenth century. It stands on a high point of land in rolling farmland five miles south of Upper Marlboro.

The main block is three bays by two bays with gable roof, approximately 30 by 36 feet. Entrance is in the third bay of the main west facade through a door with six molded panels. There is a three-light transom above the narrow molded door surround. Sheltering the second and third bays of this west facade is a one-story shed-roof porch, with roofline integral with the roof. The porch is supported by wood Tuscan-style columns on brick piers; it once sheltered all three bays. The porch itself consists of a high brick foundation, and is approached by brick steps with a modern iron railing.

Siding of the house is plain horizontal board, painted white. Windows are 9/6 on the first story and 6/6 on the second story, wood frame double hung sash, with narrow molded surrounds and green louvered shutters. There is a plain boxed cornice, with plain raking cornice boards. The gable roof is covered with black asphalt shingle, and is pierced on each plane by two gable dormers. The 6/6 round-arched dormer windows are framed by pilasters whose molded capitals form a partial pediment, and the arched molding which frames the windows is embellished by a central molded keystone. There are two exterior chimneys at the north gable end. The westerly chimney is wider than the easterly chimney (which is enclosed by the kitchen wing); it is laid in English bond below the weathering and in Flemish bond above. The brick foundation encloses a full basement.

Extending to the north from the north gable end of the main block is a one-and-one-half-story, gable-roof kitchen wing. This wing is two bays by one bay, 20 by 16 feet, and has entrance in the second bay of the west facade, accessible by a brick stoop. A one-story shed-roof porch shelters the east facade of the wing. Windows in the wing are 4/4 double hung sash, without shutters. There is a single gable dormer in the west plane of the roof. Siding and roof materials are the same as the main block; the cornice is plain and boxed. There is a small one-story gable-roof addition attached to the northeast corner of the wing, accessible through a door at the north end of the east porch. The foundation is brick.

Interior plan of the main block is side stairhall and adjoining parlors. The west door leads into a stairhall which is divided by a handsome elliptical arch; the arch is framed by fluted pilasters, and has a

panelled soffit. Immediately east of the arch, the open-string two-run staircase rises along the south wall of the stairhall. It has a slim turned newel, plain rectangular balusters and plain railing; stairends are bracketed, and there is a panelled spandrel.

Two doors lead north from the stairhall into adjoining parlors. The panelled doors which connect the parlors fold back into the east (rear) parlor. The fireplaces in the north walls of the two parlors are adorned with wooden mantels. The west (front) parlor has the more formal of the mantels; the firebox is framed by delicate reeded pilasters, and the frieze has projecting panels with recessed decoration. The rear parlor mantel is plainer; both mantels have shelves with bold Greek profile.

A door in the north wall of the rear parlor leads down two steps into the single-space kitchen wing. Built into the southwest corner of this space is a small boxed two-run staircase to the loft room above the kitchen.

A brick walk leads to the principal west door of Sascers Green; it is lined with American and English boxwood, and several types of holly. The house is framed on three sides (east, south and west) with a modern brick terrace laid in herringbone design. To the east of the house, the ground falls away in two levels of terrace. A line of American boxwood borders the lower fall on the east.

Southeast of the house is a small modern gable-roof brick gatehouse. A little farther to the southeast is a gable-roof storage barn with vertical board siding.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#82A-9

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca 1818 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.

Sasscers Green is an excellent example of a small early nineteenth century plantation house, transitional Federal/Greek Revival in style. It was built circa 1818 by Thomas Sasscer on property devised to him by his father, William Sasscer, and is the best surviving example of this Tidewater plantation house type in Prince George's County.

The land on which this house stands consists of parts of Moorefields and Greenland, which William Sasscer purchased in the first decade of the nineteenth century from Justice John Smith Brookes.¹ William Sasscer lived at Four Hills, a short distance to the east. When he died in 1821, he devised his dwelling plantation to his son Zadock and devised that the 600-acre Moorefields property was to be equally divided (300 acres each) between his sons Thomas and John Judson Sasscer. The house already standing on the property was to be the home of Thomas Sasscer; his brother John Judson Sasscer received that part of the property which was unimproved at the time of William Sasscer's death.²

Thomas Sasscer had married in 1818, and it was at approximately this time that the subject dwelling was constructed to be his family home. It was a small plantation house of the traditional side hall and double parlor plan, distinguished by a handsome staircase, elliptical arch, and handsome early Greek Revival style mantels on the interior, and fine pilastered dormers in the gable roof.

Thomas Sasscer died in 1841, leaving a widow, Dorinda, and eight children; his will indicated that, except for the two eldest children, the family should remain at the Home Place, and his estate should be devoted

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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to their education. He also confirmed his brother, John Judson Sasscer's, will, which devised to Thomas' children John Judson's 300 adjoining acres and dwelling. He asked that the two tracts be held together until his youngest child (born in 1838) reached her eighteenth birthday and then sold for the benefit of all the surviving children. Thomas Sasscer's dwelling, by then known as Sasscers Green, remained the home of Dorinda Sasscer and two of her sons into the 1860's.³

In 1876, these two sons, John Thomas and Richard Henry Sasscer, petitioned the Equity Court to have the property appraised and sold, in keeping with their father's will. The Court agreed, trustees were appointed, and the 300-acre plantation of Thomas Sasscer was sold, 25 September 1876, to Mary Scott Chesley through the agency of her uncle , Thomas Clagett VII of neighboring Weston.⁴ The farm was described at this time as a "large farm of the best soil, [which] produces fine tobacco, wheat, corn, wood and logs, [and has] water supply and meadow, a large dwelling house in good repair and necessary outhouses, kitchen, ice house, meat house, large garden and yard well enclosed, valuable orchard of the best fruit, large stable, corn house and three barns."⁵ Sasscers Green was the residence of the Chesley family until 1883, when Thomas Clagett VII purchased it for his widowed sister , Sallie Clagett Wood.⁶

Sasscers Green changed hands several more times at the turn of the century; in 1916 the house and 300 acres were purchased by Charles A. Duvall of neighboring Greenland (the early nineteenth century home of the Berry and Duvall families). Sasscers Green remained the home of Charles Duvall, and of his daughter and her family until 1983.⁷

Sasscers Green is an excellent example of an early nineteenth century plantation house. It exemplifies the Tidewater side hall and double parlor plan dwelling, and has particularly fine trim, both exterior and interior, of the transitional Federal/Greek Revival style. It has close associations with one of the leading families (the Sasscers) of the Marlboro area, and is the best surviving example of its type in Prince George's County.

Notes

¹ Prince George's County Tax Assessments, Prince George's County Will TT #1:292.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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2 Prince George's County Will TT #1:292; cf. also National Register nomination of Pleasant Hills (Four Hills), P.G. #82A-2.

3 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses; Census for Prince George's County, 1850, 1860. Prince George's County Wills PC #1:149 and PC #1:68.

4 Prince George's County Equity #1001; Prince George's County Deed HB #13:345.

5 Prince George's County Equity #1001.

6 Prince George's County Deeds WAJ #3:335; JWB #1:733.

7 Prince George's County Deeds #120:11; #871:363; #2927:402; #5766:639.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 82A-9 Date c.1800

Building Name Sasscer's Green

Location East side of #301, 2½ miles south of Upper Marlboro

Open to Public yes no

Sasscer's Green is a frame house of modest proportions, built in two sections. The larger part is one-and-one-half stories with a gable roof. Two large free-standing chimneys are placed asymmetrically at the north gable. A full length porch along the front covers the three bay facade. The main entrance is in the third bay. Two dormer windows in this section of the house have foliated upper sash. The kitchen wing is also a one-and-one-half story structure, but of smaller proportions than the main part. It is two bays wide and has a single dormer.

John Smith Brookes purchased the land in 1780 and presumably had the house built before it was sold to William Sasscer in 1817. Sasscer, in his 1821 will, gave his "dwelling plantation" to his son Thomas Sasscer. It was sold out of the family in 1878 but was repurchased by Sasscer descendants in 1916.

This house is typical of many small plantation houses in southern Maryland in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Sasscer's Green is unique, being the sole survivor in the southern part of Prince George's County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC **Sasscer's Green**

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of U.S.#301, 2½ miles south of Upper Marlboro

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF **Fourth District** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME **James H. Shreve**

Telephone #: unpublished

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 2927

Folio #: 402

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE **HABS**

DATE **1936**

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Sasscer's Green is a frame house of modest proportions, built in two sections. The larger part is one and one half storys with a gable roof. Two large free-standing chimneys are placed asymmetrically at the north gable. A full length proch along the front covers the three bay facade. The main entrance is in the third bay. Two dormer windows in this section of the house have foliated upper sash. The kitchen wing is also a one and one half story structure but of lesser proportions than the main part. It is two bays wide and has a single dormer.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is typical of many small plantation houses in southern Maryland during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Sasscer's Green is unique because it is the sole survivor in the southern part of this county. John Smith Brookes purchased the land in 1780 and presumably had the house built before it was sold to William Sasscer in 1817. Sasscer, in his 1821 will gave this place, his "dwelling plantation", to his son Thomas Sasscer. It was sold out of the family in 1878 but was purchased by Sasscer descendants in 1916. The present owner received the place from his wife's estate. He continues to occupy the house and farm the surrounding land.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Prince George's Co. Land Records: #871,f.363; #120,f.11;
 HB#13,f.345; AB#3,f.463; CC#2,f.699,701; Equity #1001.

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10 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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mrs. Margaret W. Cook

ORGANIZATION

P.G.C. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

August 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Oxon Hill

STATE

Maryland 20021

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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: Sasscer's Green				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 301				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: James H. Shreve				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 301				
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 American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:	

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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 _____

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<p>1. STATE Md/ COUNTY PG TOWN VICINITY #61 STREET NO. 100 yds. so. 301st int. of Old Crain rd. Highway ORIGINAL OWNER Sasscer ORIGINAL USE Priv dwelling PRESENT OWNER James H. Shreve PRESENT USE Priv dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1 1/2</p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME Sasscer's Green</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD Mid 18th STYLE Maretine ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

White clapboard
Two dormers in front ^{AT EACH END}
Two brick chimneys ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Porch on west side.
Telescope wing on north side
Modern girdle wall of brick.
nice land-scaping.

Owner member of historical society and interest in leaving house to an organization.

No danger, well-kept.

HARS - 1 photo.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> 	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>Color # 786, 835, 927</p>
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p>Forman, 88 Early Manor... p 83, 88 photo</p> <p>Rinn survey, p 209</p>	<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>KBK</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>

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MARLBORO HOUSE — After standing some 250 years, this house in Upper Marlboro was destroyed in 1953. A double string course circled the building at the first and second floor ceiling lines. Girdle effect broke its severity.

Sophisticated Touches

Hips, Girdles Relieved Colonials' Severity

By James C. Wilfong, Jr.

The English Colonial, once acquiring adequate building materials, exhibited surprising ingenuity in his touches of sophistication to assure his abode was more than mere rude shelter. The mansion home in these early times was more often than not a simple rectangle with a hipped roof. If built of brick, a simple water table or base sometimes consisted of only a stepped-in course of half a brick width. Later, these became chamfered, or molded. At the second-floor joist line the colonial craftsman would many times create a belt course of slightly projecting brick to relieve the severity of the whole. This sometimes noted the front only, but there are instances of belt courses completely girdling a structure. Upper Marlboro had one of these until 1953.

Plain, straight chimney stacks took on hips as more pleasing to the eye and craftsmen experimented

with double hips which even now are a delight to see. Lovely little Sasscer's Green, built in 1732 some two miles south of Upper Marlboro beside today's Route 301 has double hips plus another innovation not often seen except in the mansion houses: dormer windows with foliated muntins which splay, flower like. At Weedonsville at the Virginia end of the Morgantown Bridge a brick mason about 1720 created in blue glazed headers the distinct silhouette of a plumb bob in the east chimney of Lord Fairfax' Surveyor's Office, still to be seen.

For years it was believed that Maryland had no example of the diamond shaped chimney, but about 1963 Dr. Henry Chandler Forman discovered a matching pair at the otherwise undistinguished Reward in Somerset County. The Eastern Shore brick mason delighted in placing patterns of black or dark blue glazed headers in his gable ends. At the severely plain Fassitt House

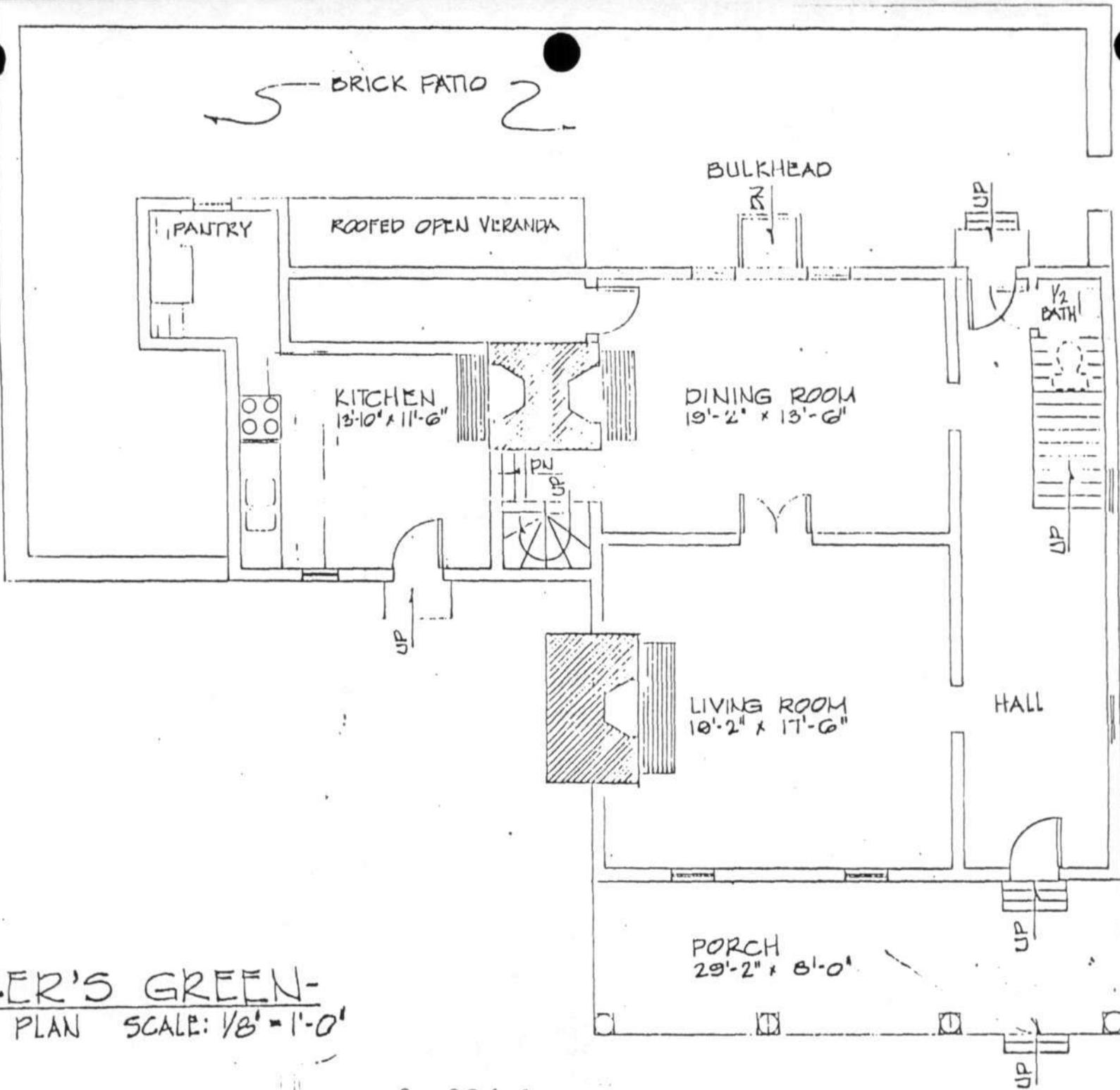
in Worcester County these diamond patterns have been called the most elaborate in Maryland. The house dates from the early 18th century. Maryland and Virginia sparkle with unusual architectural features, but they didn't just "happen". Two hundred and 50 years and more ago someone dared to be different.

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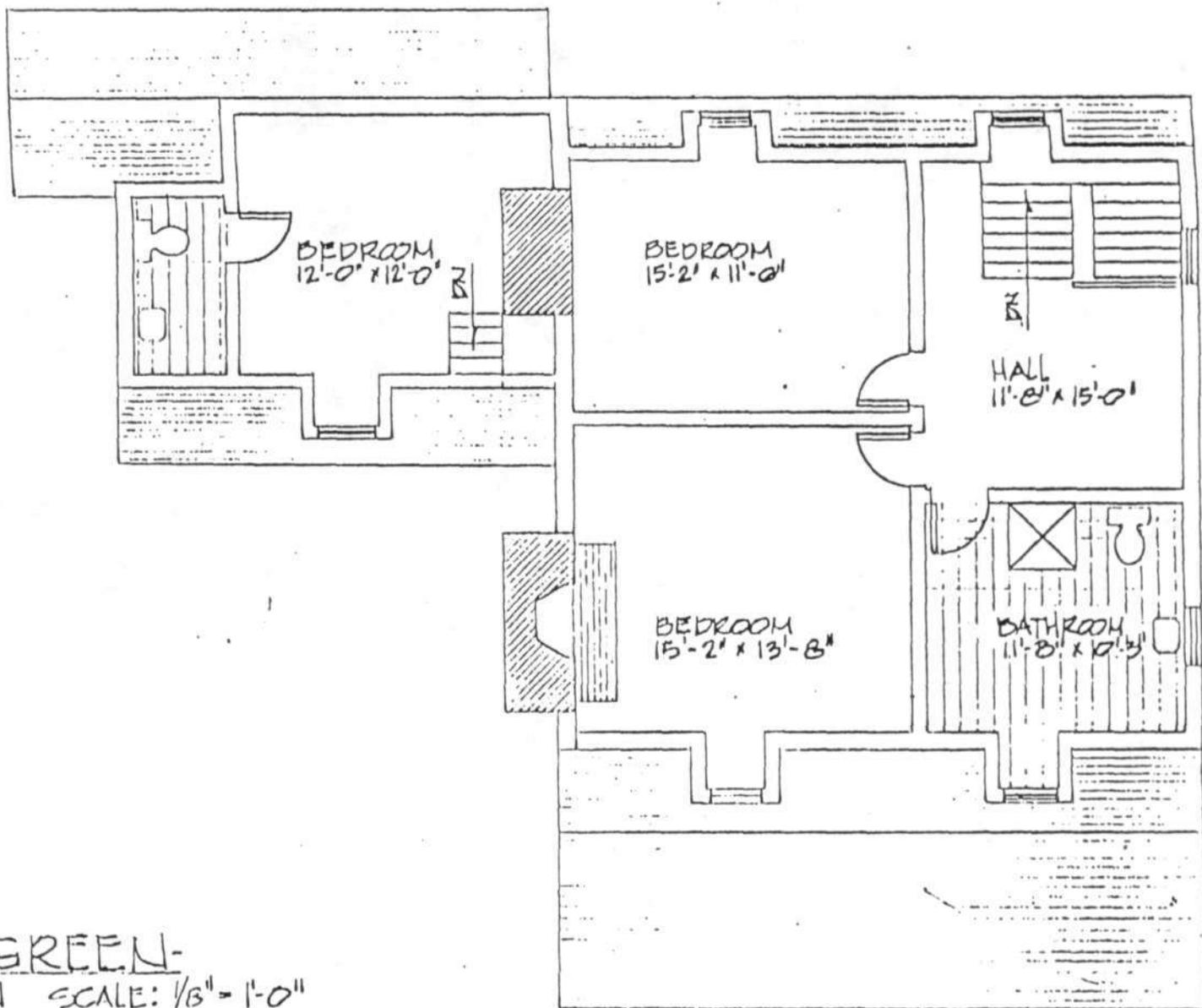
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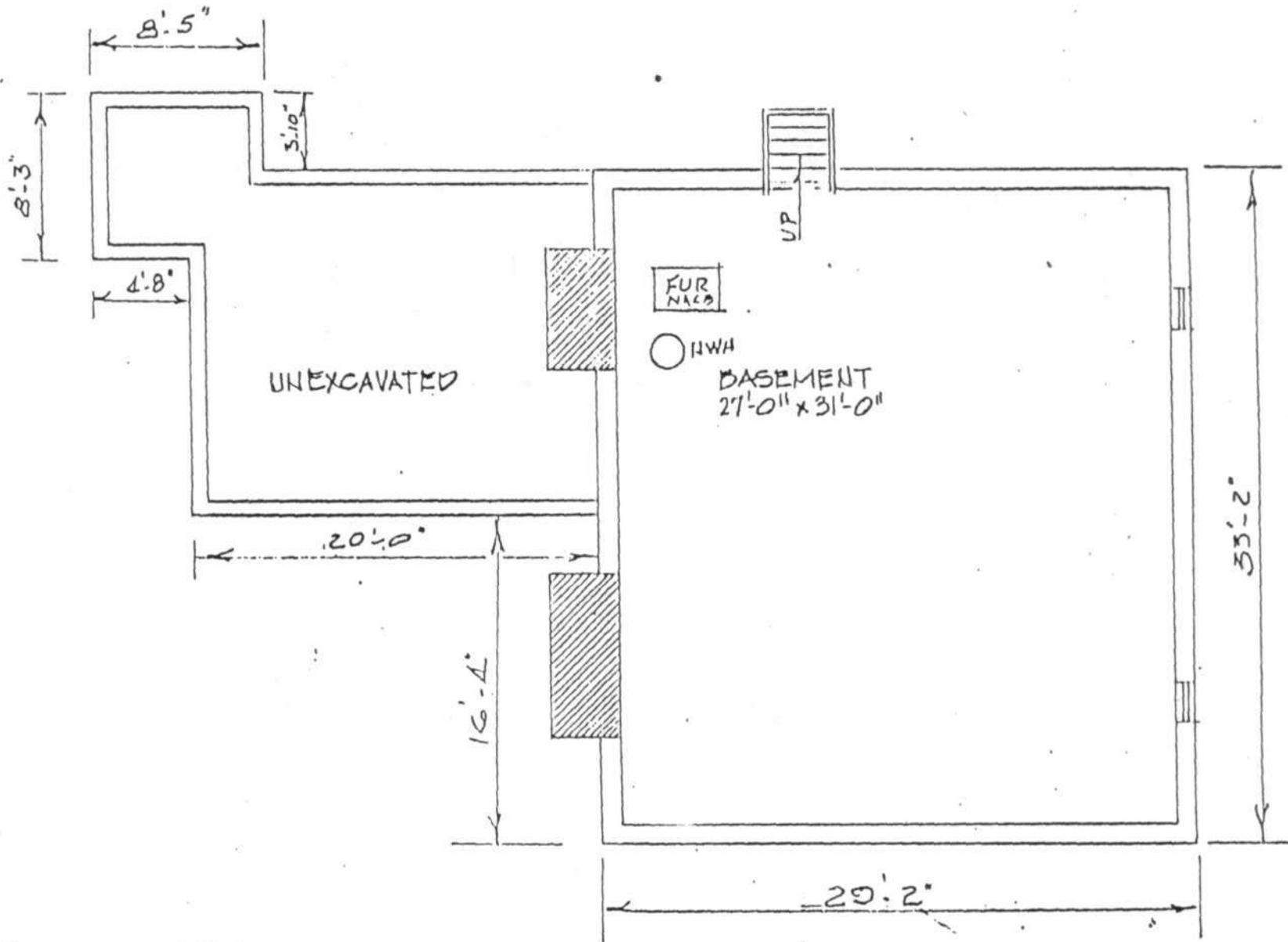
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BASSCER'S GREEN -
SECOND FLOOR PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



-SASSCER'S GREEN-
 BASEMENT PLAN SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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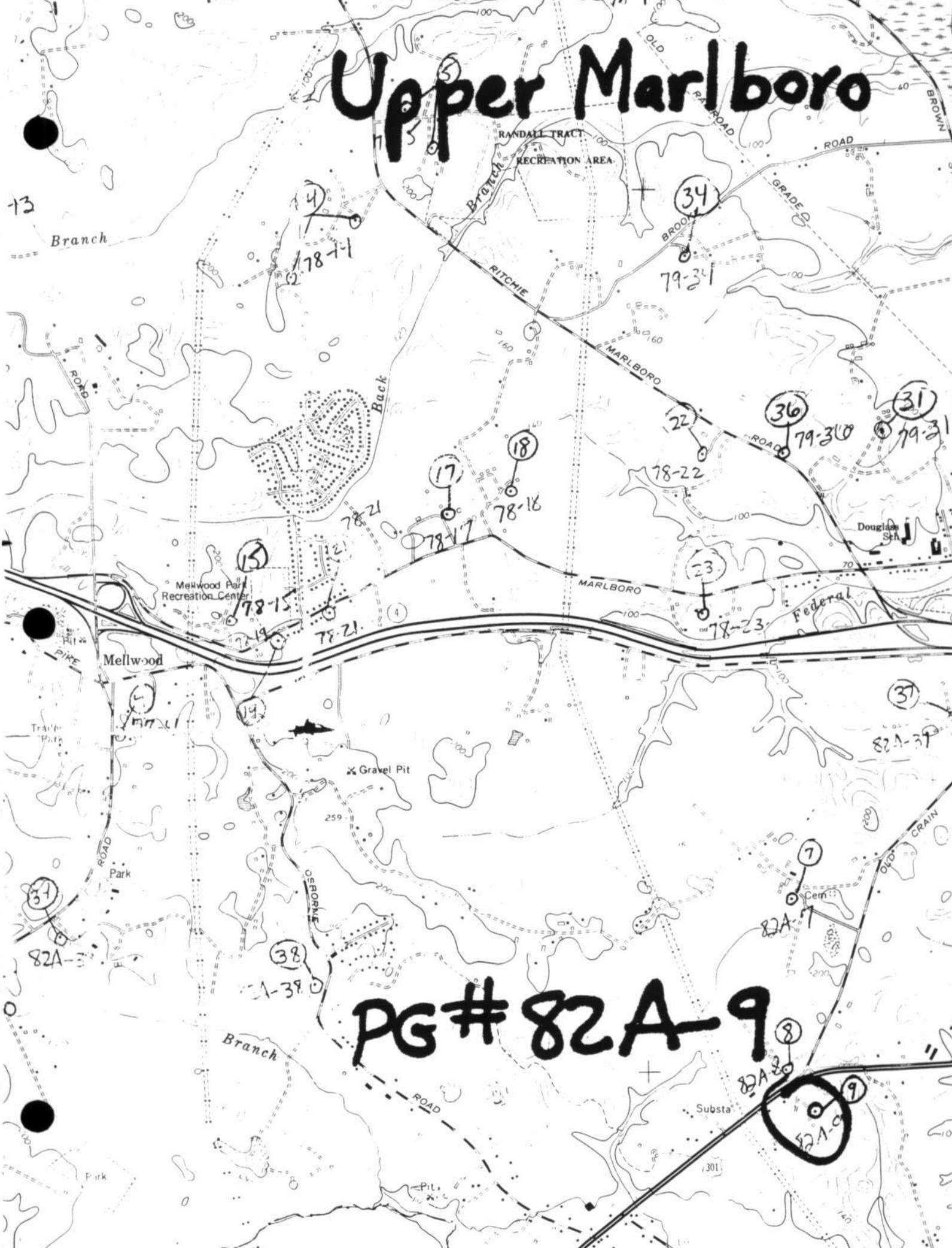
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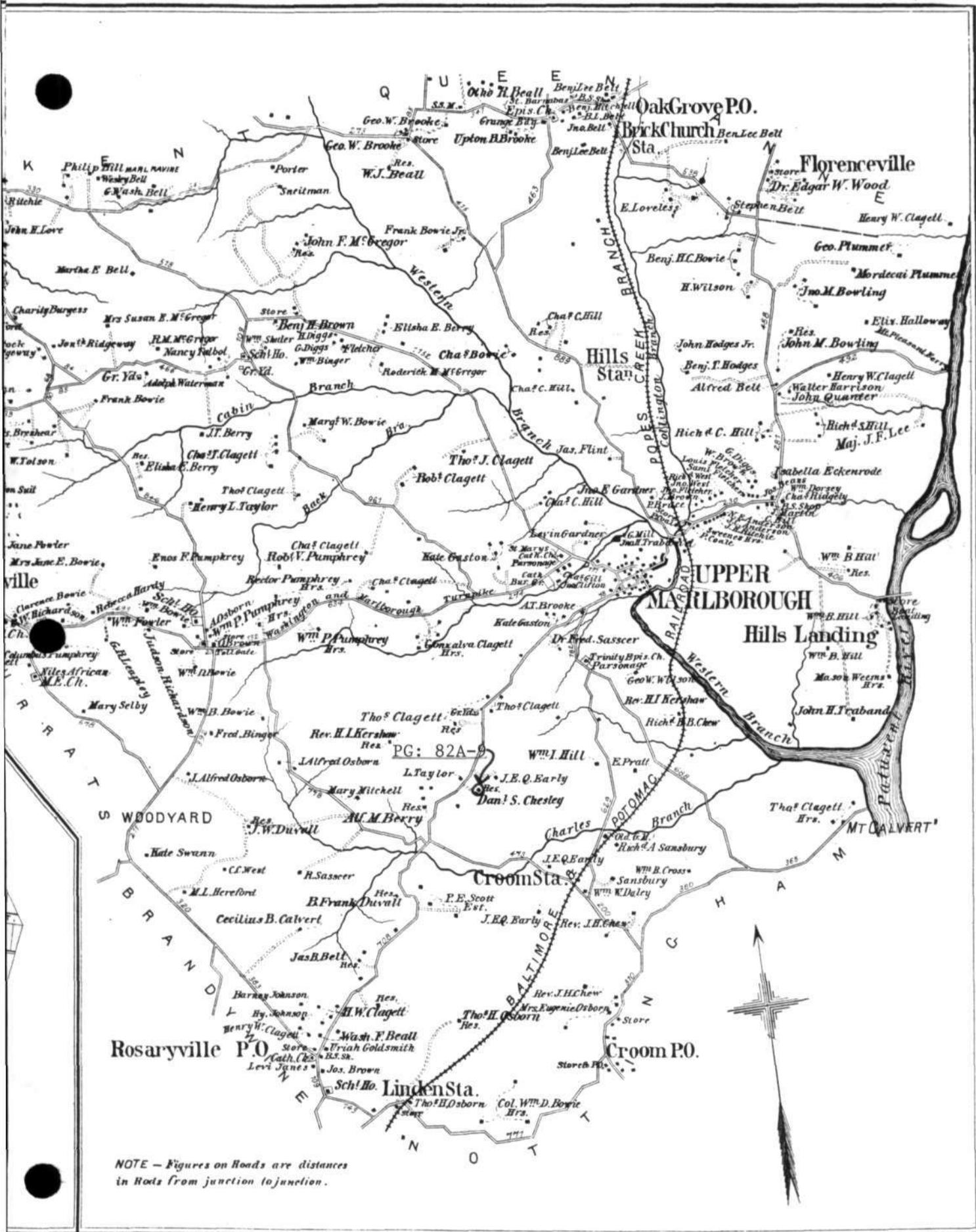
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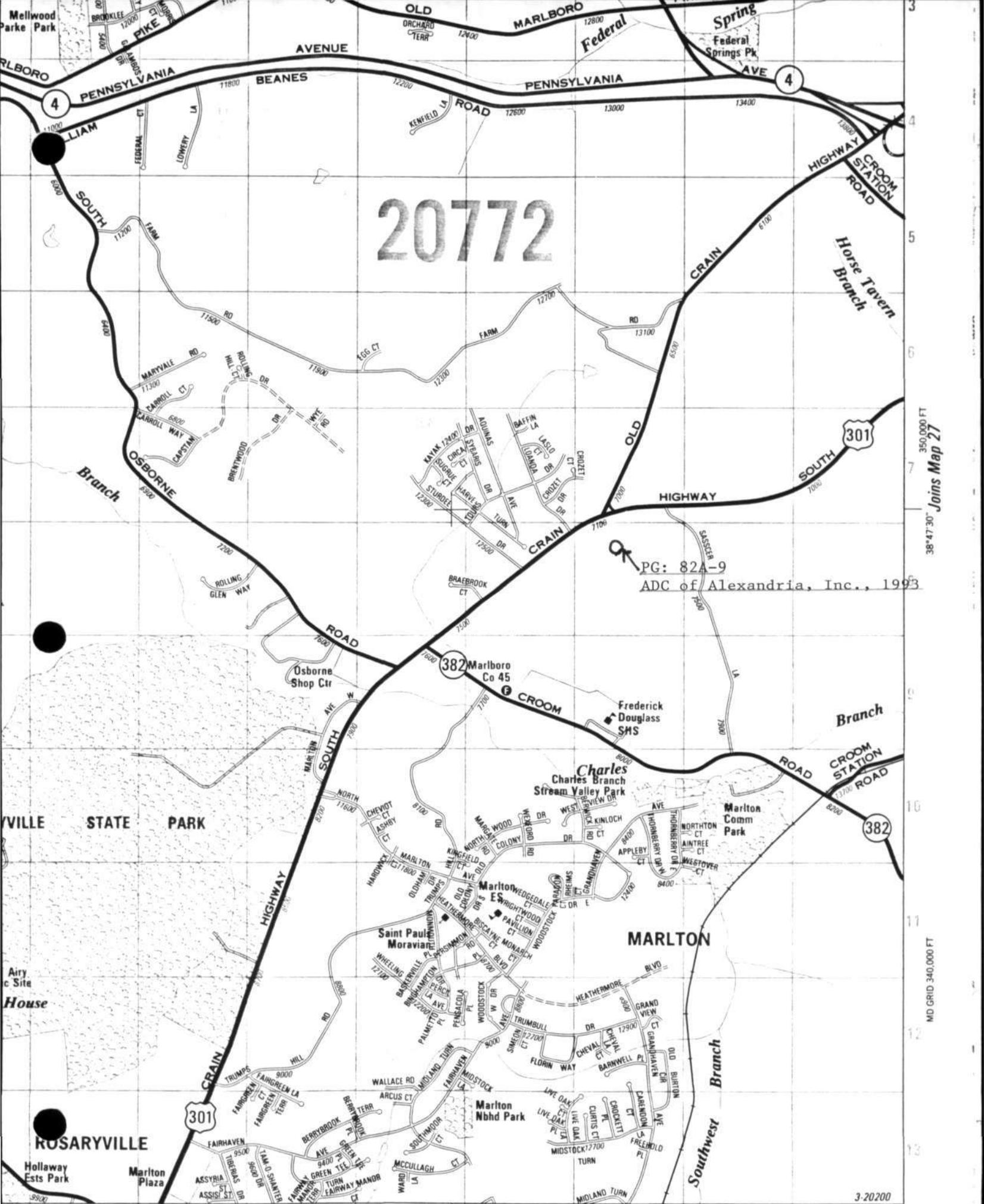


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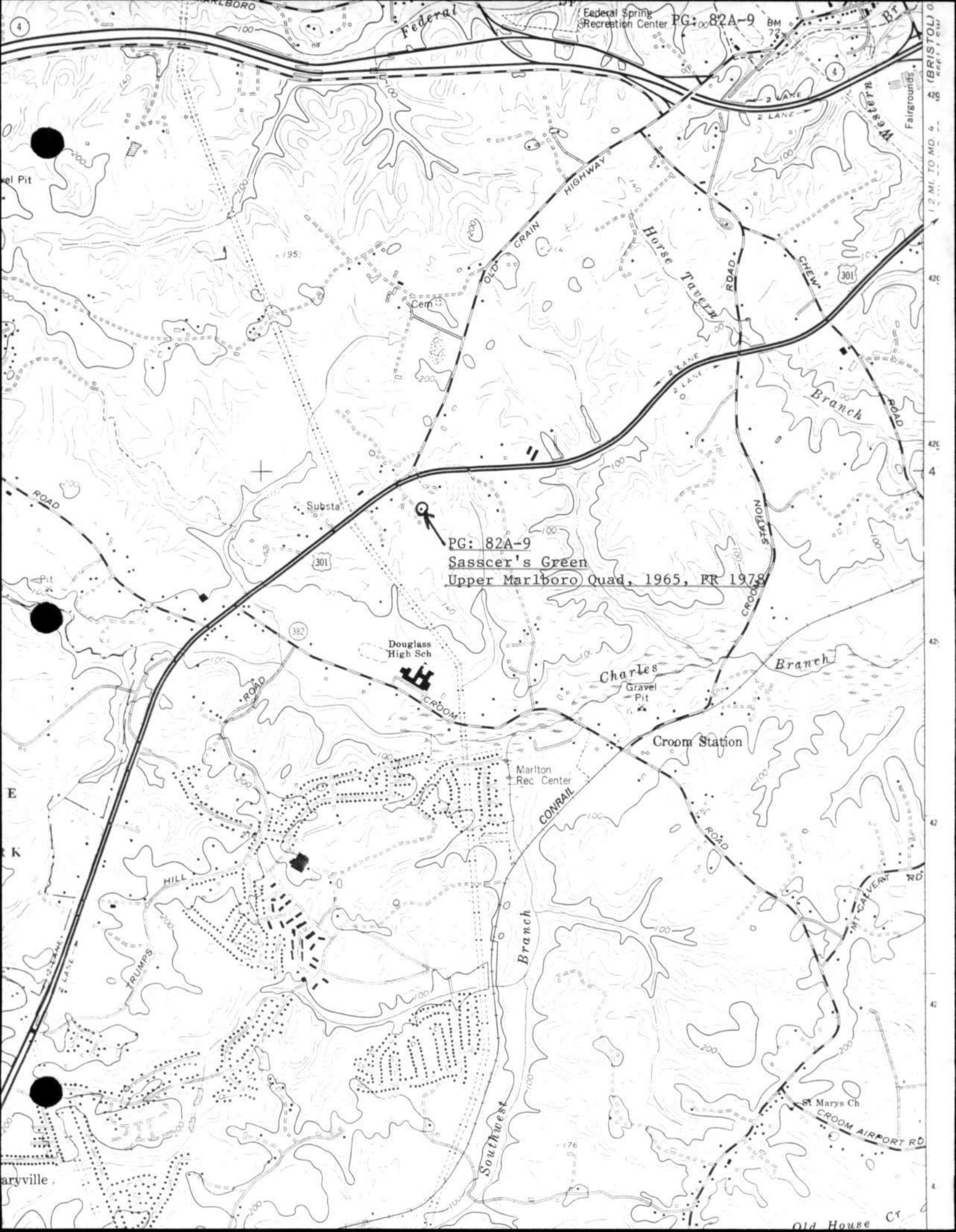
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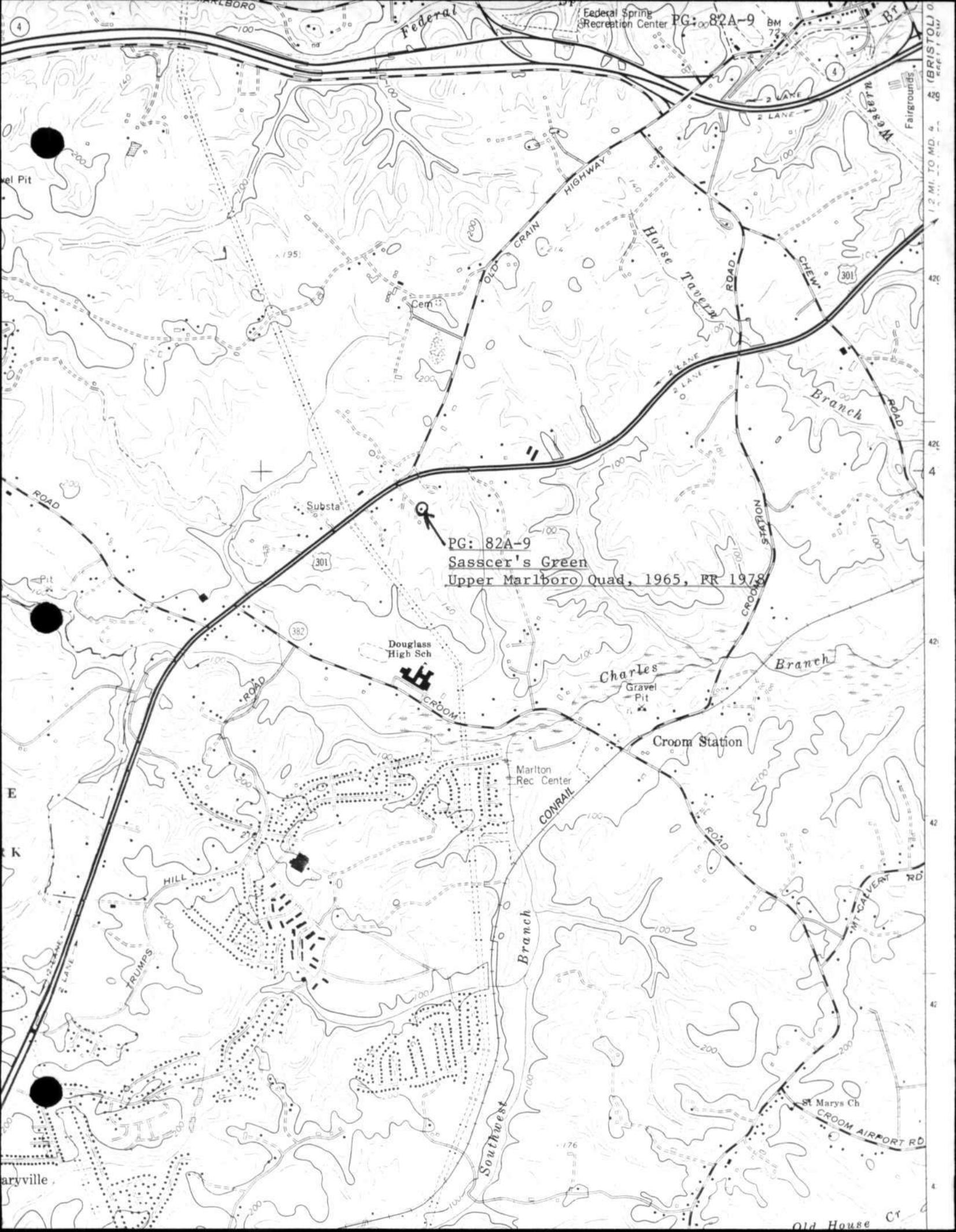
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Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
Southwest 3/4 elevation
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Sasscer's Green
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Northwest 3/4 elevation of wing
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Sasscer's Green
Prince George's County, Maryland
Susan G. Pearl
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View from northwest
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NAME SASSCER'S GREEN

LOCATION RT. 301 UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

FACADE SE

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