

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-28

Building Date: 1870's, 1900

Building Name: William C. Duley House

Location: 14601 Mt. Calvert Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The William C. Duley House is a two-part structure consisting of a modest vernacular dwelling to which was attached a (later) Victorian dwelling embellished by corner towers and Queen Anne decorative details. The main block of the house is the later Queen Anne/Victorian section, a two-and-one-half-story hip-roofed structure. Each of the outside bays consists of a tall two-story corner tower. Each tower is surmounted by a steep pyramidal roof with slightly flared eaves and topped by a decorative finial. The central bay of the west facade projects slightly from the facade, forming a shallow central cross gable which is highly decorated at third level. Running across the main west facade and wrapping around both the north and south facades is an ornate one-story hip-roof porch, with chamfered bracketed posts, a railing of turned balusters, and a full frieze course of spindles. Sheltering the central (west) entry to the porch is a shallow pedimented cross-gable. The original German siding of the main block is now covered with white asbestos shingle. The overhanging eaves are embellished with a boxed cornice with crown molding. The rear (and earlier) wing of the house is a modest vernacular dwelling, four-by-two bay and two-and-one-half stories, with gable roof.

Significance:

The William C. Duley House is an outstanding example of a late Victorian dwelling with abundant Queen Anne decorative detail. It is distinguished by corner towers, decorative bargeboards and shingle siding, and a wraparound porch with considerable decorative detail. It was built in 1900 by William C. Duley and attached to a pre-existing dwelling. In 1891, William C. Duley purchased 220 acres of a tract known as Brookeridge. During the 1890's his family lived in the modest frame farmhouse which already stood on the property, but in 1900, he constructed a larger and much more ornate dwelling, attaching it to one gable end of the older building. The new house was probably built from a pattern book design but its abundant decorative detail was unusual in this rural area. It remained the Duley family home for three generations, and was sold to the present owners in 1968. Although the original German siding has been covered by asbestos shingle, the house retains virtually all of its original trim. It is an excellent example of Queen Anne/Victorian domestic architecture, and a landmark in this still rural area.

Acreage: 4.1 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William C. Duley House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 14601 Mt. Calvert Rd. not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Croom vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. 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 Francis Major

street & number 14601 Mt. Calvert Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber #3586

street & number Main Street folio 374

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

andatory for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 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 William C. Duley House is a two-part structure consisting of a modest vernacular dwelling on the east, to which was attached a (later) Victorian dwelling embellished by corner towers and Queen Anne decorative details. It stands on a high point of land on the east side of the road from Croom to Mount Calvert, and is accessible by a private unpaved lane.

The main block of the house is the later Queen Anne/Victorian section. It is a two-and-one-half-story hip-roofed structure, 40 feet by 20 feet, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay main west facade. Each of the outside (first and fifth) bays consists of a tall two-story corner tower, a diagonally projecting rectangular tower with a window in each of its three faces. Each tower is surmounted by a steep pyramidal roof with a slightly flared eaves, and topped by a decorative finial.

The central bay of the west facade projects slightly from the facade, forming a shallow central cross gable which is highly decorated at third level: the steep raking cornices are decorated with jigsawn bargeboards, and the area within them is sided with alternating courses of sawtooth and fishscale shingles. The principal entrance is in this central projecting bay, through a door with three-pane transom, and two-pane sidelights, all filled with panes of colored glass. Above the door at second level is a pair of windows, 1/1 double hung sash, with colored lights bordering the upper sash. Other windows throughout the main block are 1/1 double hung sash; they have plain board surrounds with projecting upper bead, and no shutters. Running across the main west facade and wrapping around both the north and south facades is an ornate one-story hip-roof porch, with chamfered bracketed posts, a railing of turned balusters, and a full frieze course of spindles. Sheltering the central (west) entry to the porch is a shallow pedimented cross-gable, with boxed cornice and crown molding; its tympanum is sided with fish scale shingles. The original German siding of the main block is now covered with white asbestos shingle. The roof is of green asbestos shingle but was probably originaly covered with patterned tin. The overhanging eaves are embellished with a boxed cornice with crown molding. A wide corbelled brick chimney rises from the crest of the hipped roof. The foundation is of brick.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1870's, 1900 **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 William C. Duley House is an outstanding example of a late Victorian dwelling with abundant Queen Anne decorative detail. It is distinguished by corner towers, decorative bargeboards and shingle siding, and a wraparound porch with considerable decorative detail. It was built in 1900 by William C. Duley (probably from a pattern book design) and attached to a pre-existing dwelling.

The house stands on part of the tract known as Brookeridge, between Croom and Mount Calvert. This part of Brookeridge was part of the early nineteenth century landholdings of the Beanes family of Upper Marlboro, and passed from Colmore Beanes, merchant, to the heirs of his daughter Eliza Beanes Cross.¹ In 1876 the Court of Equity ordered a division of the 900-acre farm among those heirs, and a 220-acre portion (Lot #3) on the east side of the road from Croom to Mount Calvert was allotted to Mrs. Cross' daughter, Mary Cross Reno. It was this 220-acre portion which William C. Duley purchased from Mrs. Reno's heirs in 1891. At that time there stood on the land a modest two-and-one-half-story frame farmhouse, probably dating from the 1870's.

William C. Duley was the son of Willaim W. Duley, who had established his home at Crown Station in 1873. The elder Duley had built a new house in that location, attaching it to the older Judson Scott house on the property.³ His son, William C. Duley, followed a similar procedure at the Brookeridge property; during the 1890's, his family lived in the frame farmhouse which already stood on the property, but in 1900, he constructed a large and much more ornate dwelling, attaching it to one gable end of the older building.⁴ The new house was probably built from a pattern book design (the specific pattern has not yet been identified); it was an outstanding example of late Victorian/Queen Anne style dwelling, with abundant decorative detail, especially unusual in this rural area. It remained the Duley family home for three generations, and was sold to the present owners in 1968.⁵

Interior plan of the main block is central stairhall with flanking parlors, each of which has an alcove formed by the corner towers. The large central chimney contains two flues, each of which served the fireplace in the interior wall of each parlor. The open string staircase has a square panelled newel and turned balusters.

The rear (and earlier) wing of the house is a modest vernacular dwelling, four irregular bays by two, 30 by 18 feet. It is two-and-one-half stories, with gable roof. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds. The west gable end of the wing is now joined to the main block; the cornices are boxed with crown molding, and returned at the east gable end enclosing two small 2/2 double sash windows at loft level. There is an interior corbelled brick chimney at the ridge at each gable end. Entrance is in the second bay of the four-bay south facade (three bays in the second story), and this entire south facade is sheltered by a one-story screened porch. The roof of this porch, unlike the roof of the rest of the house, is of fishscale patterned tin, suggesting that this was probably the original material of the roof of the main block. The wing, like the main block, is covered with white asbestos shingle; original siding is not visible. The foundation is of brick. A small shed-roof entry vestibule at the east gable end leads to a basement space under the wing.

Interior plan of the wing consists of two spaces divided by an enclosed staircase: dining room in the westmost bay, and kitchen in the two easterly bays. The fireplace in the west wall of the dining room has been closed, and a new (but antique) mantel has been installed diagonally in its northeast corner. The dining room has been panelled with timber salvaged from a nineteenth century barn which stood until recently on the property.

The house stands in a grove of tall trees. A short distance to the southeast, built into the sloping ground, is a gable-roofed concrete block stable.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Equity, #1068, 1876.
- 2 Ibid.; Prince George's County Deed, JWB #17:529.
- 3 Prince George's County Equity, #2527; Prince George's County Deed, HB #7:223; cf. MHT for P.G. #82B-7, William Duley House.
- 4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1888-1910.
- 5 Prince George's County Deeds, #2116:241, 248; #3586:374.

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HOLLOW TREE FARM
LOT 1

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P.123

4744/479
8.51A
P.134

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O-S

2.64A
P.49

3.22A
P.44

DAVID L. CAHN
6098/42
9.31A
P.91

2.13A
P.40

2.25A
P.48

OUTLOT 'A'

M.120
P.88

5027/555
1.76A
P.33

1.72A
P.34

CHAS. J. WYVILL, JR.
1854-239
53A.
P.35

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FRANCIS S. MAJOR
3586/371
4.05A
P.71
P/O P.2

BROOKRIDGE MANOR

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R-E

D. DULEY
2090-236
1.70A
P.45

L. L. HARPER
4261/554
3.19A
P.61

ROBT. F. CALLOW
4264/175
5.00A
P.126

CROOM ACRES

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O-S

9036

DIY OAKS

6101/703
2.26A.
P.54

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5.00A
P.131

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HAL BUT

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JIMIE L. SUGGS
5552/518
5.00A.
P.81

CROOM ACRES

LEON L. HARPER
4271/247
7.50A
P.127

LOT 5

CROOM ACRES

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LOT 3

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LOT 1

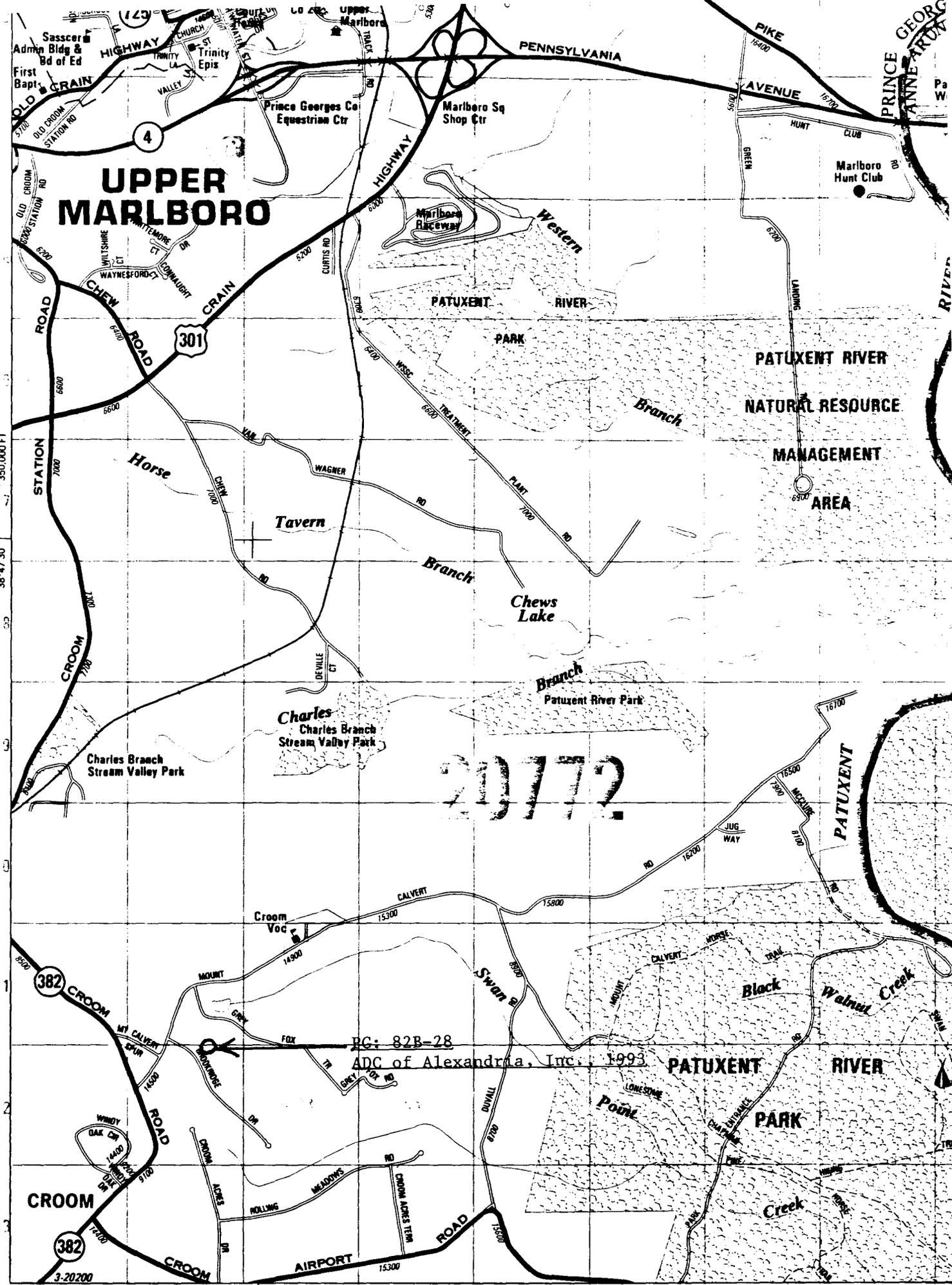
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UPPER MARLBORO

Joins Map 26

MD GRID 340,000 FT

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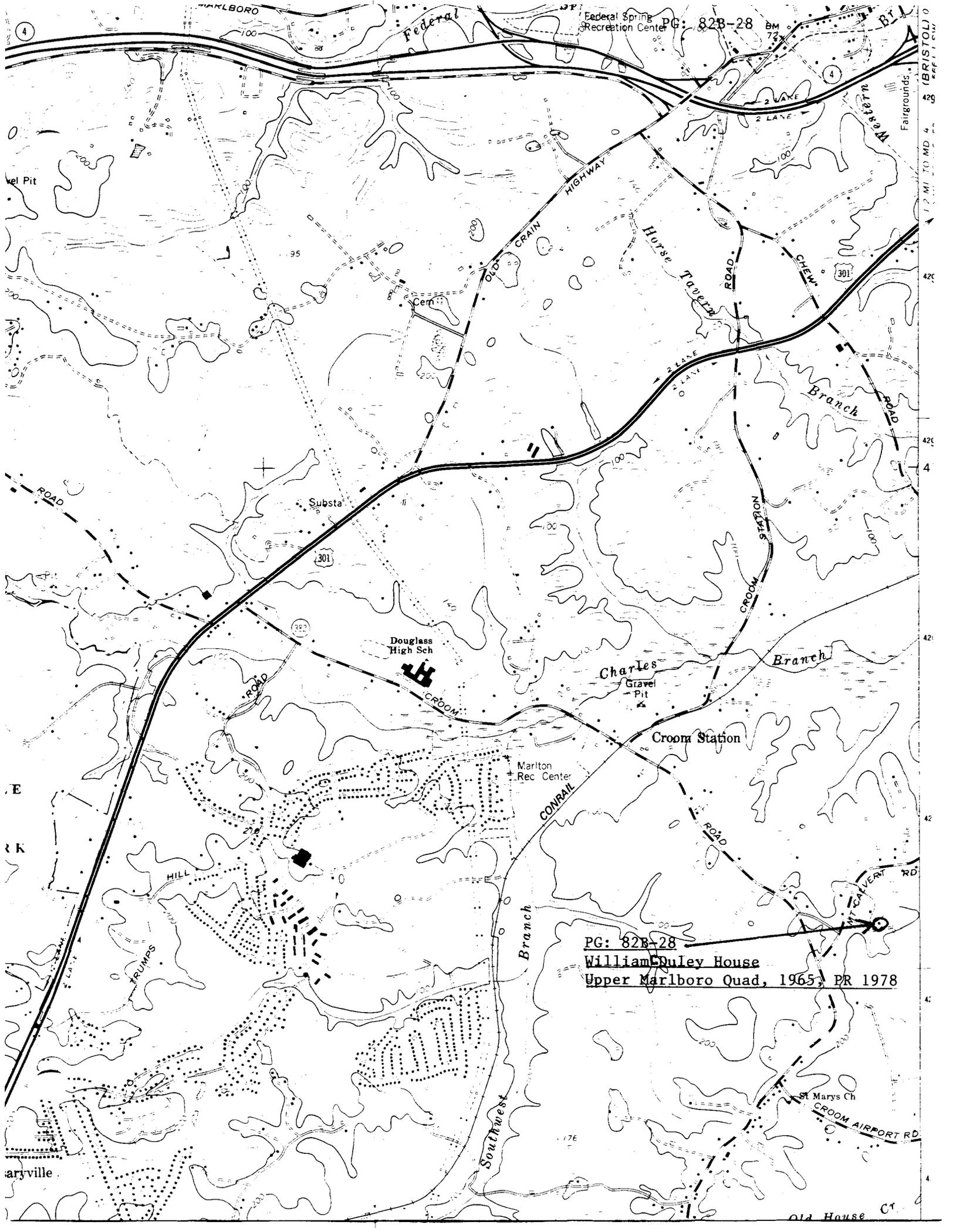


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870,000 FT 76°45'30" 880,000 FT

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William Quiley House
Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

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William C. Duley House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
January 1986
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William C. Duley House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
January 1986
West detail
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William C. Duley House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
January 1986
West elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William C. Duley House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
January 1986
Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD