

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #84-18 Building Date: ca. 1850-61
Building Name: Bealle-Middleton House
Location: 15801 Sharpersville Road, Accokeek, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Bealle-Middleton house (Spencer House) is on a hill directly over a "T" intersection at Accokeek and Middleton Roads. It is two stories, of frame, gable roofed with a roughly "L" shaped plan. Its plan is complex due to many additions over the years. The five bay east (front) facade has central entrance with an upper glass pane surrounded by egg and dart molding. There is egg and dart molding around the sidelights and three pane transom. The windows are 1/1 with plain wood surrounds throughout the building. The fourth and fifth bays of the east facade are beneath a cross gable with a lunette window centered in the attic level. A corbelled brick chimney is centered at the roof ridge. The one-story entrance porch with chamfered wood posts and jigsaw brackets crosses the east facade and continues for three bays across the north facade. The fourth and fifth bays of the north facade are beneath a projecting gable end with a central, corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge. The house has German siding, and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is patterned tin, the cornice boxed, with a crown molding. The west facade has a gable upon which is an exterior brick chimney. The south (rear) facade is in the ell, which is filled by a one-story shed-roof addition. On the second story of the main block are two bays of 6/6 windows, perhaps indicating an older wing. There is a one-story, flat roofed semi-octagonal bay on the south gable end.

Significance

The Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is a highly visible dwelling, commanding the entrance to Middleton Road from 373 (Accokeek Road). It is significant for its architecture and its history. The house is situated on two acres known as Sharpersville, also the name of the surrounding crossroads area. The house was probably built between 1850 and 1864 by Philip Bealle. It was acquired by Alexius L. Middleton in 1878. Middleton (1833-1906), a farmer and a physician, owned much property in the area. His home was northeast of the Bealle-Middleton House, on a farm he called Apple Valley. This house was the home of his son, Alexander Middleton. The property was owned by the Middletons until 1962. The family has inhabited the southern County since the 18th century. The house is typical of vernacular dwellings built in the late 19th century. Characteristics include its "L" shaped plan, cross gables with lunette windows and facade-wide bracketed entrance porch.

Acreage: 3 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bealle-Middleton House (John Spencer House)

and/or common Middleton House

2. Location

street & number 15801 Sharperville Road (Maryland Route A867) not for publication

city, town Accokeek Piscataway
 vicinity of congressional district 4

state _____ county _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" 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. David A. Lambert, Sr.

street & number 15801 Sharpersville Road telephone no.:

city, town Accokeek state and zip code Md. 20607

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5341

street & number Main Street folio 467

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and District Plan

date July 1981 federal state county local

repository for survey records History Division-MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. 84-18

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is situated on a hillock directly over a "T" intersection at Accokeek and Middleton Roads. It is two stories, of frame, gable roofed with a roughly "L" shaped plan. The plan has added complexity due to many additions over the years.

The five bay east (front) facade has a central entrance with an upper glass panel surrounded by egg and dart molding. There is egg and dart molding around the sidelights and three pane transom. The windows flanking the entrance are 1/1 double hung sash with plain wood surrounds, as they are throughout the building. The fourth and fifth bays of the east facade are beneath a cross gable with a lunette window centered in the attic level. This motif is also found on the north and south gable ends. There is a corbelled brick chimney centered at the roof ridge. The one-story entrance porch with chamfered wood posts and jigsaw brackets crosses the east facade and continues for three bays across the north facade. The fourth and fifth bays of the north facade are beneath a projecting gable end with a central, corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridge.

The House is covered with German siding. The foundation is brick covered by cement under some of the structure, and cement under the additions. The roof is of patterned tin. The cornice throughout the structure is boxed, with a simple crown molding.

The west facade has a gable upon which is a large, exterior corbelled brick chimney. The base of the chimney is covered by a one-story shed roof addition which runs across the west and south facades in an "L" shape.

The south (rear) facade is in the ell, which is filled by the one-story shed-roof addition. Above the addition, on the second story of the main block are two bays of 6/6 windows, perhaps indicating an older wing. There is a one-story, flat roofed semi-octagonal bay on the projecting south gable end.

South of the house is a frame, one-and-one-half-story outbuilding with a standing seam metal gable roof and vertical wood siding. It is set on brick piers and has one entrance in the gable end. There is also a one-story, one-bay gable roof structure of concrete block directly southwest of the house.

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 ca. 1850-61 **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 Bealle-Middleton House (Spencer House) is a large ca. 1860 vernacular dwelling in a highly visible location, commanding the entrance to Middleton Road from Route 373 (Accokeek Road). It is significant for its architecture and its history.

The house is situated on two acres known as Sharpersville, also the name of the surrounding crossroads area. The house was probably built between 1850 and 1864 when the property was in the ownership of Philip Bealle.¹

The property was acquired by Alexis L. Middleton in 1878.² Middleton (1833-1906), a farmer and a physician, owned a great deal of property in the Piscataway area.³ He made his home northeast of the Bealle-Middleton House, across Accokeek Road on a farm he called Apple Valley. The Bealle-Middletown House was the home of his son, Alexander Middleton.⁴ The property was owned by the Middleton family until 1962.⁵ The Middletons are a family who have inhabited southern Prince George's County since the eighteenth century.⁶

The house is typical of vernacular dwellings built in the County during the late nineteenth century. Characteristics it shares with houses built during the period include its "L" shaped plan, cross gables with lunette windows and facade-wide bracketed entrance porch.

Notes

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 7:139, 1850 and FS 1:253, 1864.

² Ibid. HB 14:61, 1878.

³ Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, Piscataway District, 1888, 12,216.

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4 The Middletons and Kindred Families of Southern Maryland, Daniel Boone Lloyd, Bethesda, Maryland, 1975, pg. 269.

5 Land Records of Prince George's County, Equity #B-5658, 1962.

6 Daniel Boone Lloyd, op. cit.

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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: John Spencer House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: T. B.-Accokeek Road and Middleton Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Accokeek					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <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		STATUS <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: Ruth Fisher (Tenant: Miller)					
STREET AND NUMBER: 261 Congressional Lane					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			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

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay main (east) facade with a porch with bracketed posts. The two north bays have a forward-facing gable; it is the gable end of a wing that once was the main house block. The west end of this wing has a large external brick chimney with a one story base. There is a second wing extending north from the first wing.

The house is sheathed with asbestos siding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 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"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 31 July 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

Bealle-Middleton House

P.G. #84-18

- #4902:521
14 Mar 1978
Deed
Ruth Fisher to David A. and Georgia L. Lambert; 3.3162 acres in the 5th E.D. lying on the southerly right of way of Maryland Route 373 and on the westerly right of way of Middleton Road; same which grantor acquired by #3647:398.
- #3647:398
10 Oct 1968
Deed
C. Calvert Lancaster and Melvin D. Hill to Ruth Fisher; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 sold by #1597:156) and one-half undivided interest in 12.41 acres, both in Piscataway E.D.; same which grantors acquired by deed to be recorded herewith.
- #3647:395
10 Oct 1968
Deed
John T. Fisher, Jr. and Ruth Fisher, his wife, to C. Calvert Lancaster and Melvin D. Hill, joint tenants for the purpose of re-conveying; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre; same which grantors acquired by #2885:122.
- #2885:122
1 Apr 1963
Deed
Joseph A. and Theresa Komenda to Ruth and John T. Fisher, Jr.; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre) and 12.41 acres, the two parcels involved in Equity B-8658; same which grantors acquired by deed recorded prior hereto.
- #2885:119
1 Feb 1963
Deed
George T. Burroughs and Le Roy Pumphrey, trustees in Equity #B-8658 to Joseph Komenda; 2 acres (excepting 0.14 acre) for \$8,750. and 12.41 acres for \$10,250, both in Piscataway District; part of land described in #698:70.
- Equity
#B-5658
8 May 1962
Alexander Middleton died intestate 6 Jan 1962 possessed of 2 tracts - acres and 12.41 acres, being part of AIX, in Piscataway. Inasmuch as the land was incapable of division, the heirs (his widow, brothers and sisters) petitioned for a decree ordering sale of the property. George Burroughs and Le Roy Pumphrey appointed trustees to hold public sale at which Joseph A. Komenda was the purchaser.
- #698:70
17 Sep 1943
Deed
Alexander and Georgia F. Middleton to Alexander Middleton, Jr.; 2 acres and 200 acres known as AIX, both in Piscataway District; same which grantors acquired by #342:95 and #48:154.

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#342:95
Nov. 1908
Deed
Olivia A. and Charles J. Edelin to Alexander Middleton;
2 acres known as Sharpersville; same which was
described in deed of portion between Olivia A. Edelin
et al and Alizine S. Middleton.

#48:154
22 Sept 1908
Deed of Partition
Alzine S. Middleton, Olivia A. and Charles A. Edelen
and Georgia F. Middleton; Alzine, Olivia and Alexander
being the heirs of Alexis L. Middleton; 200 acres
called AIX, the same as described in a deed from "the
heirs of Dr. Edward Hurtt to Dr. Alexis L. Middleton,
"were conveyed to Alexander and 2 acres called
SHARPERVILLE were assigned to Alexander and Olivia as
joint tenants in common.

HB#14:61
30 Aug 1878
Deed
For \$501 Joseph K. Roberts Jr., trustee in decree of
Equity dated 28 Apr 1876, to Alexis L. Middleton in
place of John H. Bocock, the highest bidder; 2 acres
known as SHARPERVILLE "of which a certain George H.
Clements died seized".

Equity
#1008
28 Apr 1876
George H. Clements died intestate in 1864. His heirs
petitioned for court order to sell his property. On 29
May 1876 John B. Bocock was the highest bidder for 2
acres called SHARPERVILLE.

FS #1:253
25 Oct 1864
Deed
For \$1,050 Philip Bealle to George H. Clements; 3 acres
adjoining the lands of Edward Hurtt and others; same
which grantor purchased from William H. Gwynn.

JBB#7:139
2 Dec 1850
Deed
For \$60. William H. and Jane Gwynn to Philip Bealle; 3
acres, part of St. Arby and St. Dorothy on the south
side of the main road leading from Ft. Adams to the
Cross Roads.

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P. 15

3.01 A.
P. 75

DOMINIE
LANCASTER
3295/400
12.25 A.
P. 100

P. 98

ARTHUR L. DAVIS
3557/481
11.99A
P. 2

BARBARA A.
ALESHIRE
5577/189
14.94 A.
P. 87

4138/975
1.58 A.
P. 35

P/O
P. 100

ROAD

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DAVID A.
LAMBERT, SR
5341/467
3.72 A.
P. 83

JAS. K. HANCOCK
727-116
P. 84

MIDDLETON ASS
LIMITED PARTNE
3869/451
272.80A.
P. 42

MARZINA ROBINSON
742/374
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P. 34

5276/052
3.73 A.
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ACCOKEEK

SHARPEVILLE
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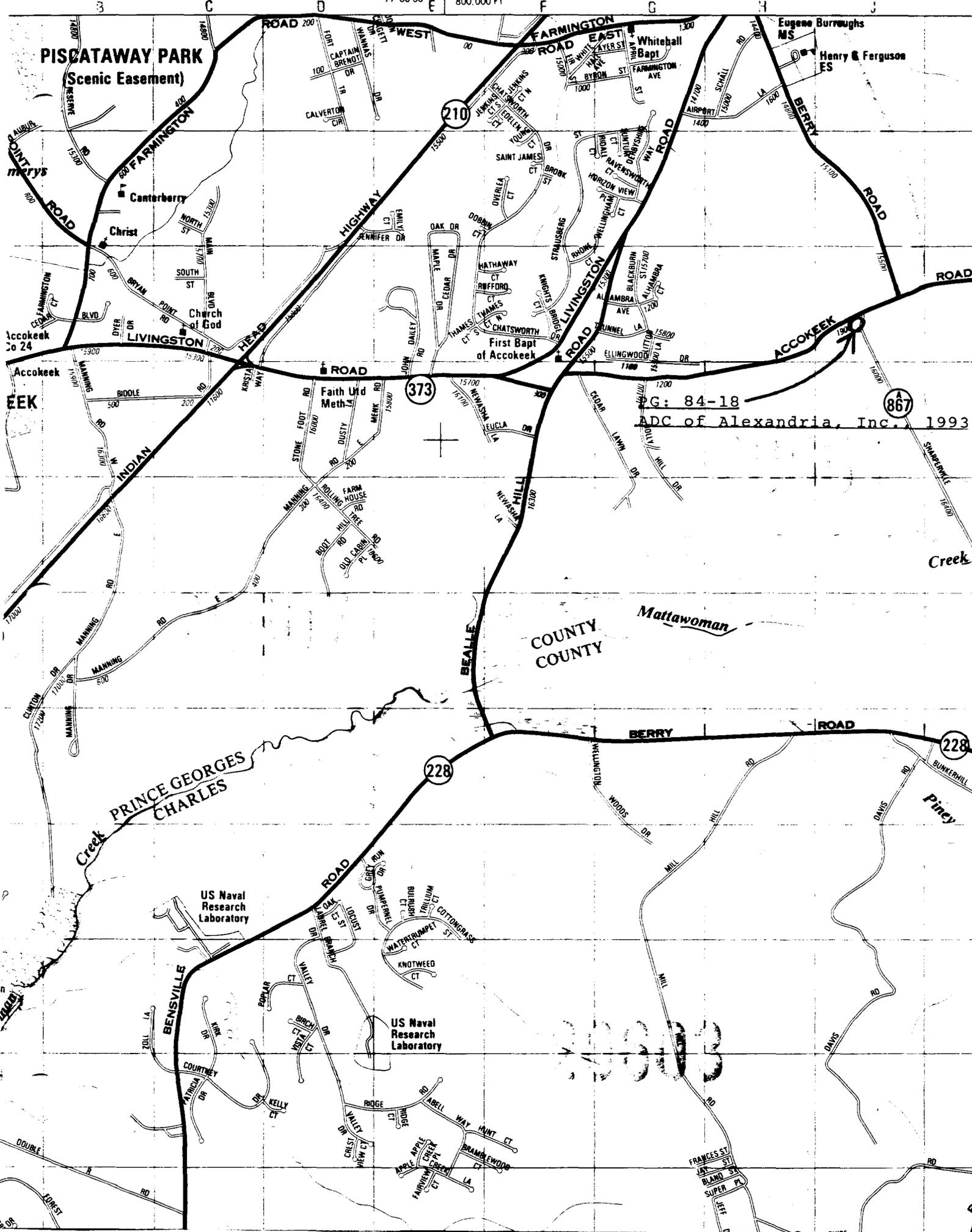
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JOSEPH R. WELCH
5408/152
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PISCATAWAY PARK
(Scenic Easement)

COUNTRY ROAD

ACCOCREEK ROAD

INDIAN ROAD

MANNING ROAD

PRINCE GEORGES CHARLES CREEK

BENSVILLE ROAD

DOUBLE ROAD

ROAD 200 WEST

FARMINGTON ROAD EAST

BERRY ROAD

HIGHWAY 210

ROAD 373

LIVINGSTON ROAD

ACCOCREEK ROAD

BEALLE ROAD

BERRY ROAD

ROAD

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Piney

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COUNTY COUNTY

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PRINCE GEORGES CHARLES

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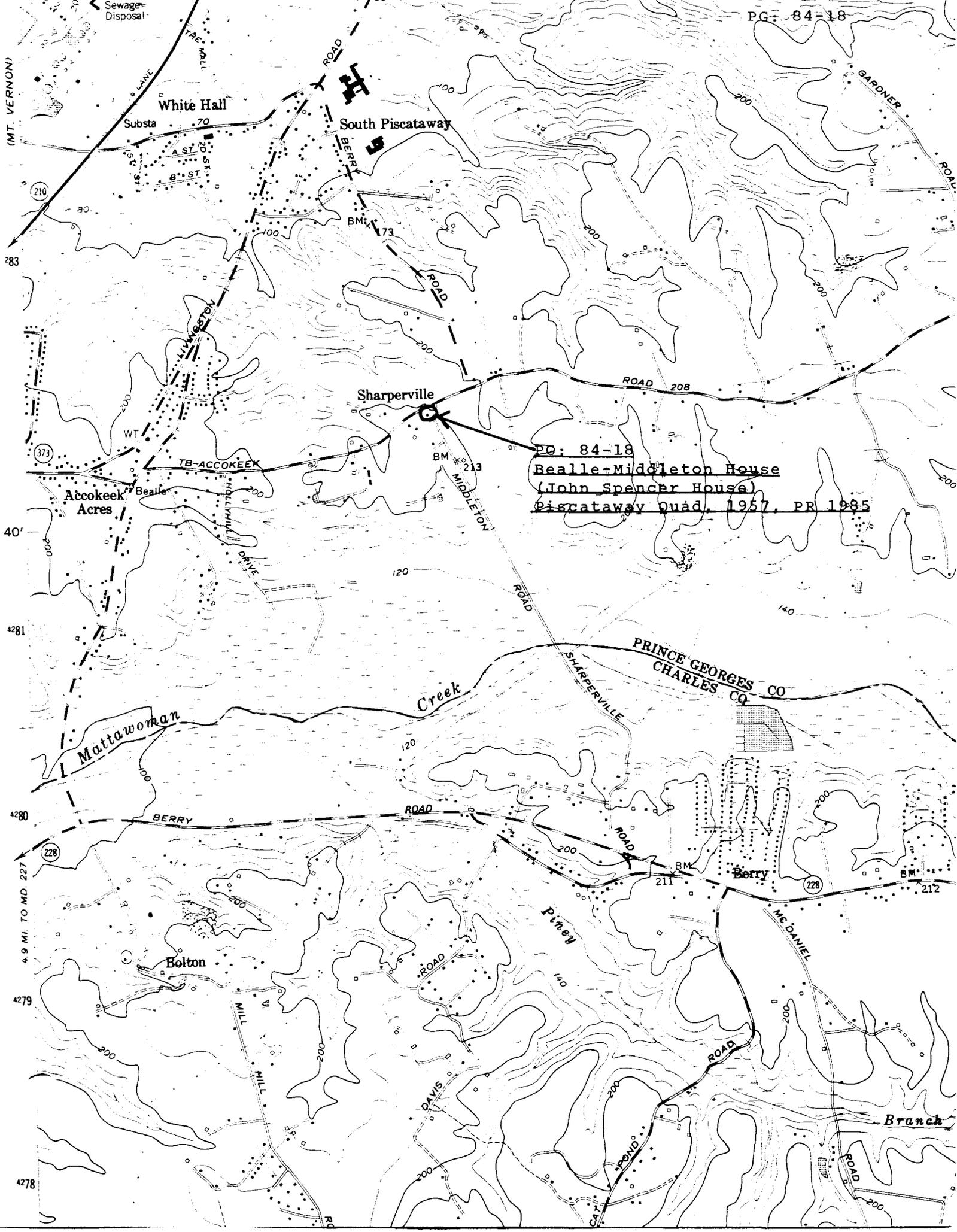
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BENSVILLE

DOUBLE

Sewage Disposal

(MT. VERNON)



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 Bealle-Middleton House
 (John Spencer House)
 Piscataway Quad, 1957, PR 1985

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Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

South elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Bealle-Middleton House

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April 1985

Northeast elevation

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Bealle-Middleton House

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April 1985

West elevation

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Bealle-Middleton House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

East entrance detail

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NAME JOHN SPENCER HOUSE #84-18
LOCATION T.B. - ACCOKEEK Rd ACCOKEEK, Md
FACADE W
PHOTO TAKEN 7/31/74 MDWYER