

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #84-2 Building Date: 1914

Building Name: Underwood House

Location: 2004 Floral Park Road, Clinton, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Underwood House is a frame two story dwelling on a town lot facing Floral Park Road. The structure has a square, cross-gable plan modified by a projecting two story wing on the west facade. The structure has a patterned tin roof, a corbelled brick chimney centered in the main structure and an interior chimney at the gable ridge of the west wing. The three bay south (front) facade of the main block has a first bay entrance door of five panels with two-light sidelights. The windows are 6/9 with plain board surrounds. A hip roof, one-story entrance porch crosses the front facade continues across the west wing. It has turned posts resting on a poured cement base. The facade is German sided with fishscale shingles in the south gable end. The rest of the building has plain horizontal wood siding. A lunette window is centered in the south gable end and a modified pediment is created by the cornice returns and a wide board course running around the building at the cornice line. A lunette window is centered in the cross gable. The north (rear) facade has two bays with irregular fenestration due to remodeling of the building. A large, round arch ten-light window is centered in the upper gable end. Beneath this is a window altered to a French door on the second story and a projecting rectangular bay on the first story.

Significance

The Underwood House is a large, ca. 1914 vernacular structure, on five wooded acres, southwest of Piscataway. The house fronts closely on Floral Park Road and is being renovated. Its size, location and good condition make it a noticeable landmark in the area. The house was built in 1914 by Sarah and George Underwood, members of a local family of longstanding in south Prince George's County. The house stands on what was the Underwood's 62-acre farm, part of a tract called Mt. Air. The property was sold out of the Underwood family in 1940. Through plain in detail, the house has elements of Queen Anne style including its irregular plan, long front porch with turned posts, wide cross-gables with lunette windows and decorative board work. Built after the turn of the century, the Underwood House was probably one of the last dwellings in the County to be built using elements of this nineteenth century style.

Acreage: 1.5 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Underwood House (Piscataway Farmhouse)

and/or common Underwood House (Piscataway Farmhouse)

2. Location

street & number 2004 Floral Park Road (Maryland Route 223) ___ not for publication

city, town Clinton Piscataway
X vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <small>___</small> district | <small>___</small> public | <small>___</small> occupied | <small>___</small> agriculture |
| <small>X</small> building(s) | <small>X</small> private | <small>X</small> unoccupied | <small>___</small> commercial |
| <small>___</small> structure | <small>___</small> both | <small>___</small> work in progress | <small>___</small> educational |
| <small>___</small> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <small>___</small> entertainment |
| <small>___</small> object | <small>___</small> in process | <small>___</small> yes: restricted | <small>___</small> government |
| | <small>___</small> being considered | <small>___</small> yes: unrestricted | <small>___</small> industrial |
| | <small>X</small> not applicable | <small>X</small> no | <small>___</small> military |
| | | | <small>___</small> museum |
| | | | <small>___</small> park |
| | | | <small>X</small> private residence |
| | | | <small>___</small> religious |
| | | | <small>___</small> scientific |
| | | | <small>___</small> transportation |
| | | | <small>___</small> other: |

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

name Michael Moore

street & number 13009 Clarion Road telephone no.:

city, town Oxon Hill state and zip code Md. 20744

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 5527

street & number folio 59

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. 84-2

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

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

The Underwood House is a frame two story dwelling set on a town lot facing Livingston Road. There are no visible outbuildings. The structure has a square, cross-gable plan modified by a projecting two story wing on the west facade which appears contemporary with the main block. The house has a patterned tin roof with a finial on each gable. There is a corbelled brick chimney centered in the main block and an interior chimney at the gable ridge of the west wing.

The three bay south (front) facade of the main block has a first bay entrance. The entrance door is five panel with two-light sidelights. The windows are 6/9 double hung sashes with plain board surrounds. There is a hip roof, one-story entrance porch across the front facade of the main block and continuing across the west wing. It has turned posts resting on a poured cement base.

There is German siding on the south (front) facade, with fishscale shingles in the south gable end. The rest of the building has plain horizontal wood siding. There is a lunette window centered in the upper gable end on the front facade. A modified pediment is created in the gable ends by the returned boxed cornice and a wide board course running around the building at the cornice line.

The east facade is four bays, surmounted by the cross gable with a lunette window. The north (rear) facade has two bays with irregular fenestration due to present remodeling of the building. There is a large, round arch ten light window centered in the upper gable end. Beneath this is altered fenestration: what appears to be a window altered to a French door on the second story and a projecting rectangular bay on the first story.

The projecting two story, two bay west wing is unfenestrated on its west gable end. Its north (rear) facade has two rear entrances flanking a bulkhead basement entrance to what appears to be a newly dug basement beneath the wing. A shed roof porch shelters the rear entrances.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" 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 1914 **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.

#8.

The Underwood House is a large, handsome ca. 1914 vernacular structure, situated on five wooded acres, just southwest of the Village of Piscataway. The house fronts closely on Floral Park Road and is presently undergoing renovation. Its size, location and good condition make it a noticeable landmark in the area.

The Underwood House was built in 1914 by Sarah and George Underwood.¹ The Underwoods are a local family who have lived in Prince George's County for many generations.² The house stands on what was the Underwood's 62-acre farm, a part of a tract called Mt. Air.³ The house and five acres of land was sold out of the Underwood family in 1940.

Through plain in architectural detail, the house has elements of the Queen Anne style. These elements include its irregular plan, long front porch with turned posts, wide cross-gables with lunette windows and decorative board work. Built after the turn of the century, the Underwood House was probably one of the last dwellings in the County to be built using elements of this nineteenth century style.

Notes

¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, 88:358; Tax Assessments, 5th Election District, 1912-15.

² Conversation with Hilda Underwood, August 16, 1985.

³ Ibid. Note 1. 573:229.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Floral Park Road

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas C. Underwood

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Piscataway

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— 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

This is a nicely styled, T-shaped Victorian farmhouse. The main (south) facade is split into two sections. The east section consists of a three-bay, gabled facade with a door in the west end bay. The door has a transom-light. The cornice is returned at the gable-end, and there is a small, half-round window here. A slightly-lower, two-story wing is set back from the main part, and this extends west with two bays. A one-story Victorian porch is set in the ell formed here, and it crosses the entire front of both sections. The roof is patterned-tin, and there are stove chimneys. Windows have board cornices and 2/2 sash. Siding is German siding on the front, and clapboards to the west and rear.

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 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 | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the nicer Victorian buildings seen in the area. Probably dates from 1880's or so.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

7/31/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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

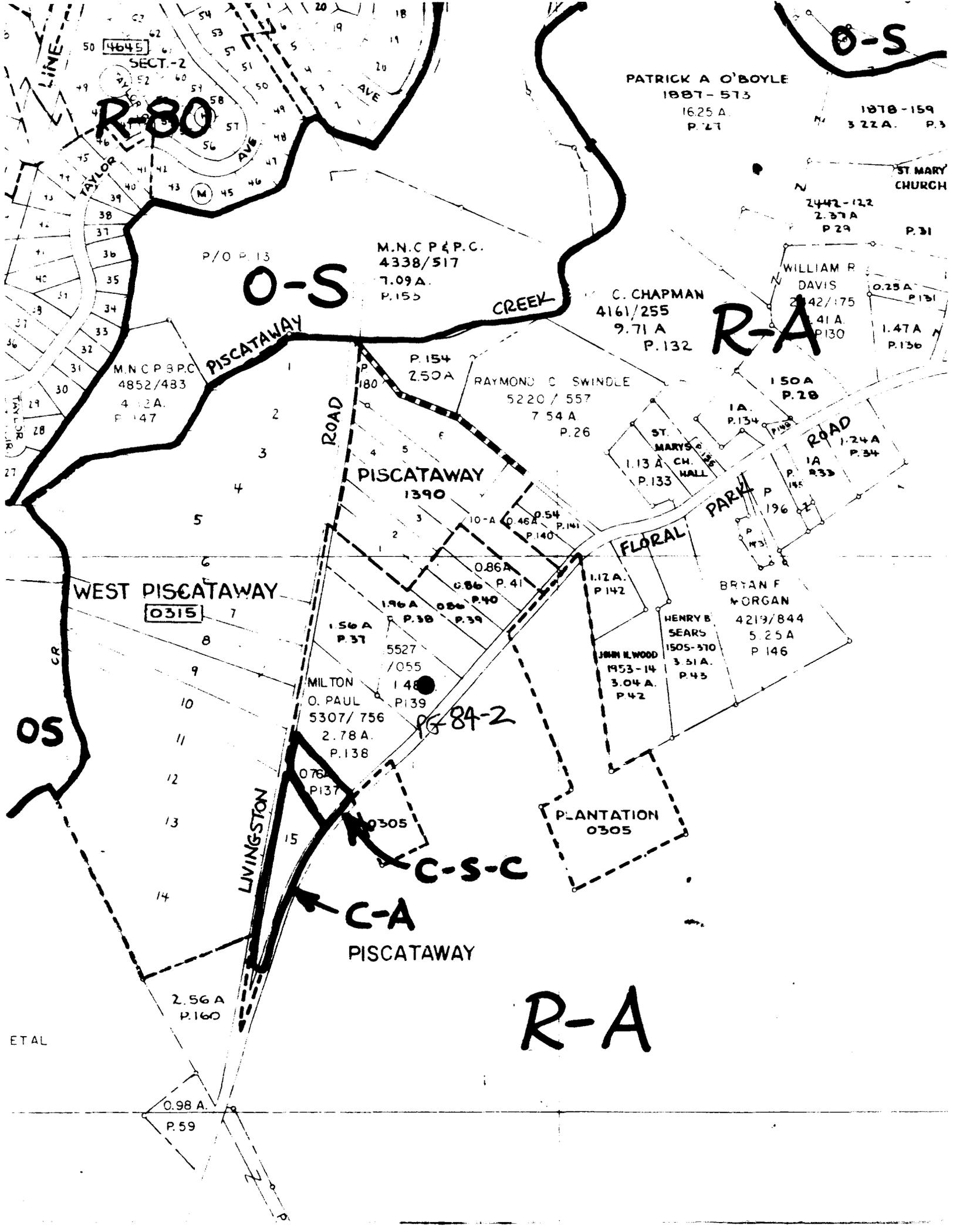
Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Chain of Title

Mt. Air
P.G. #84-2

- #5527:59
23 April 1982
Deed
For \$36,000, Maureen A. Earp to Michael David Moore; 5 acres known as Mt. Air, excepting 1.957 acres as recorded in #1727:488 and 1.558 acres as recorded in #1969:127; same which was conveyed to E.R. and I.A. Turner by #573:229.
- #5527:55
23 April 1982
Deed
For \$820.82 and other considerations, William R. Brown, Jr., acting pursuant to a decree in Equity #E-9245, to Maureen A. Earp; 5 acres known as Mt. Air, located in Piscataway E.D.; same which was conveyed by #573:229.
- Equity #E-9545
Maureen A. Earp vs. E. Rudolph and Ivy Ann Turner; E. Rudolph Turner had abandoned his wife Ivy Ann who had made payments on their property but then let it become tax delinquent; Maureen Earp, their daughter, petitioned for setting aside a tax sale so that she could retain the property; E. Rudolph Turner died in 1981 while the case was in progress; Court decreed on 12/10/1981 that Maureen A. Earp should be vested with an absolute title to 5 acres known as Mt. Air; same which was conveyed by #573:229.
- #573:229
27 June 1940
Deed
For \$3,200, heirs of George J. and Sarah C. Underwood to E. Rudolph and Ivy Ann Turner; 5 acres, part of Mt. Air; same which Sarah C. Underwood acquired by #88:358.
- Admin. #6693
George T. Underwood died intestate 1 Dec. 1938 possessed of 1/3 undivided interest in 17.7 acres in Piscataway District.
- Admin. #4390
Sarah C. Underwood died intestate 19 Oct. 1926. As she had no personal estate her husband, George, had filed no administration papers at the time of her death. She died possessed, however, of 57 acres on the outskirts of the Village of Piscataway so in 1929 George petitioned for letters of administration so her heirs at law - her husband, son T. Claude Underwood and daughters Nellie Underwood and Marie Tilch, could sell 2 acres.
- #88:358
5 Feb. 1913
Deed
William B. and Margaret E. Morgan to Sarah C. Underwood; 62-1/5 acres in Piscataway District; part of Lot No. 1 in a conveyance to Morgan dated 5 Feb. 1913.



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PATRICK A O'BOYLE
1887-573
1625 A.
P. 27

1878-159
322A. P. 3

ST MARY CHURCH

2442-122
237A
P. 29

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WILLIAM R DAVIS
2442/175
141A
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0.25A P. 31
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C. CHAPMAN
4161/255
9.71 A
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M.N.C P & P.C.
4338/517
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RAYMOND C SWINDLE
5220 / 557
7.54 A
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P. 154
2.50A

M.N.C P & P.C.
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4.12A.
P. 147

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ST. MARYS CH. HALL
1.13 A
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BRYAN F MORGAN
4219/844
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HENRY B SEARS
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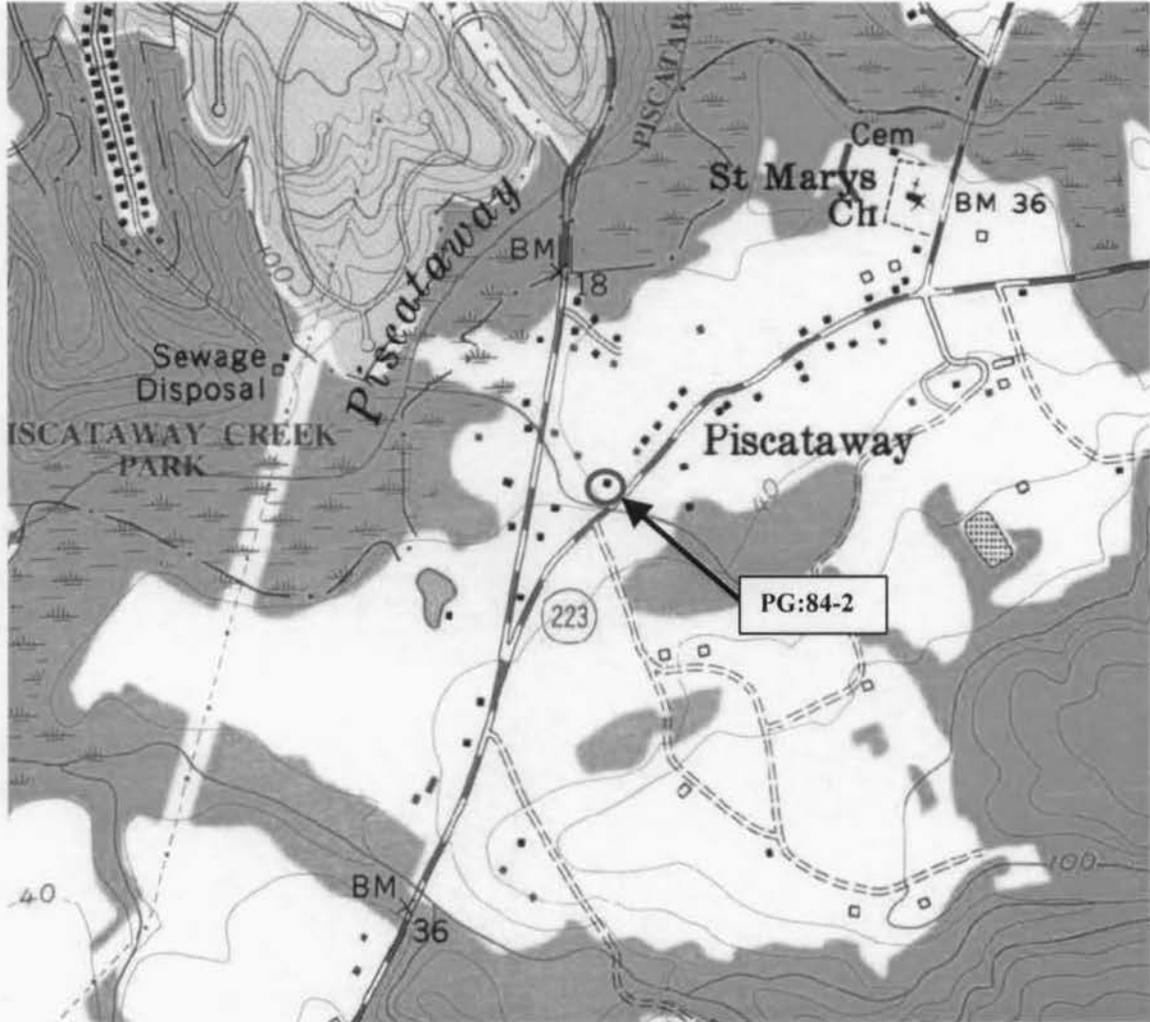
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PG:84-2
Underwood House (Piscataway Farmhouse)
2004 Floral Park Road (MD 223)
Piscataway quadrangle





P.G. #84-2

Underwood House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
April 1985
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #84-2

Underwood House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
April 1985
Southwest elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



P.G. #84-2

Underwood House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

South elevation

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



P.G. #84-2

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



NAME FARMHOUSE # 84-2

LOCATION FLORAL PARK RD PISCATAWAY, Md

FACADE SW

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