

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET
Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow

Survey #: PG#84-23-26 Building Date: 1927

Building Name: Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow

Location: 1908 Floral Park Road, Piscataway

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow is a 1 1/2 story frame dwelling, standing on a 2.7 acre lot at the west end of the village of Piscataway. Constructed in 1927, the structure is 3x4 bays with a screened entrance porch incorporated beneath the hipped roof of the main block. A hipped roof dormer is centered on the front facade, above the porch. The house is covered with its original lapped wood siding and including decorative tongue-in-groove panels in a wide frieze above the porch. A modern two story garage stands east of the house, across the gravel driveway. The house is set back from the road on an open lot bounded by a hedgerow along Floral Park Road (east) and on the south, and by shallow wooded areas on the west and north.

Significance

The Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow is significant as a good example of the bungalow style., Its exterior materials and architectural details have been retained in good condition. Constructed in 1927, the dwelling represents the continuation in the early twentieth century of construction of homes by members of families associated with the village of Piscataway. The dwelling was constructed by Thomas C. Underwood on a portion of his parent's 62 acre farm. The dwelling of Sarah C. and George T. Underwood is on the adjoining parcel, and is Historic Resource #84-2 in the Historic Sites and Districts Plan.

Acreage: 2.7 acres

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Modern Period - AD 1930 to present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/single dwelling

Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1908 Floral Park Road (Maryland Route 223) not for publication

city, town Piscataway vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Milton O. and Shirley H. Paul

street & number 2804 Northfields Road telephone no.:

city, town Charlottesville state and zip code VA 22901

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 5307

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 756

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

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The three-bay east, main elevation has a central entrance door flanked by double 1/1 double-hung wood sash windows. The entrance door has three lower horizontal wood panels and one large upper glass light. The door and windows have plain flat board surrounds. The entrance is sheltered by a facade-wide screened porch incorporated beneath the hipped roof of the house. The roof is supported by heavy turned and chamfered wood posts with small jig-sawn brackets. The wooden porch floor stands on concrete piers infilled with wood lattice, and is reached by 3 wooden steps.

The hipped roof has deeply overhanging eaves and the soffit is covered with narrow tongue-in-groove paneling. The same narrow tongue-in-groove boards are laid diagonally in inset decorative panels forming a frieze above the screened entrance porch.

The main facade is surmounted by a hipped roof dormer with a double 6/6 double-hung wood sash window. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle. The house stands on a concrete block foundation, and is covered with German siding with corner boards.

The first bay in the four bay north elevation is the north side of the front entrance porch. There is a large, new square brick chimney between the second and third bays. The chimney exhausts a wood-burning stove in the north parlor. The fourth bay is a projecting rectangular bay with a hipped roof that is lighted by a double 1/1 sash window. This bay contains a breakfast nook. The north slope of the roof has a skylight installed during the 1980's to light the finished attic level.

The west, rear elevation is covered by a shed roof enclosed rear porch with a band of 6 1/1 sash windows across the facade. There is door into the enclosed porch between the first and second window on the north side of the facade. There is a door into the kitchen in the first bay and a bay projecting onto the porch which contains a bathroom. The south end of the porch has no windows and contains a small utility room. An old, corbelled cap brick chimney rises near the gable ridge in the north roof slope. The porch stands on high concrete piers infilled with concrete block.

The four bay south elevation has three evenly spaced 1/1 sash windows. The east bay is the south side of the screened entrance porch.

floor plan. The house originally had a long central entrance hall with rooms opening off each side. There were two rooms to the north and two on the south side of the hallway, with the back of the building divided between the kitchen and an additional room. The floor plan remains essentially the same, however the central hallway was closed off to create closets.

Entry is into a small foyer with access to a single large parlor on the north. The wall between the original two north rooms was removed in 1978, creating the large parlor. A bedroom has access from the foyer, on the south. The parlor contains the modern chimney with the associated wood stove. Access to the kitchen is through the west wall of the parlor. A short hall reached from the south wall of the parlor leads to the second bedroom on the south side of the house. The rear section of the house contains a kitchen on the north and a dining room on the south. A stair in the dining room, added in 1978, leads to attic, which was finished with two bedrooms and a bath.

The wood moldings around the doors and windows are of wide boards and there is crown molding on the lintels. The interior doors have five horizontal wood panels and metal knobs. The flooring is of wide, regular width boards.

The grounds around the house include a hedge and one old cedar tree along the front of the property fronting on Floral Park Road. Three mature deciduous trees line the gravel driveway. There is old ivy growing up the trees on the north side of the property. On the west, rear, Livingston Road can be seen through the trees. White pines approximately 10 years old define the south and west property lines.

After its sale in 1978, the Underwood bungalow was renovated and modernized on the interior. Significant features such as the doors, windows, moldings and flooring were retained. Major changes on the interior included the replacement of the electrical and plumbing systems and the removal of all plaster and lath and its replacement with drywall. The central hall that ran the length of the dwelling was partially closed to allow for installation of closets. The wall between the two parlors on the north side of the dwelling was removed, creating one large room. A stairway to the attic was added in the southwest room (now the dining room) and the attic was finished with two bedrooms and a bath. The exterior was left entirely unchanged except for the addition of a brick chimney on the north elevation, and the use of modern roofing material.⁵

1. Marina King, Final Report, Piscataway Village Rural Conservation Study, Area Planning Division E/S, M-NCPPC Planning Department, Prince George's County, Maryland, June 1991.
2. Prince George's County Land Records, 277:389.
3. Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 5th Election District, 1923-26 and 1927-30.
4. Conversation with Hilda B. Underwood, January, 1992; and Land Records, 5038:351.
5. Conversation with Shirley Paul, January 1992.

Chain of Title
PG#84-23-26
Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow

5307:756
13 September 1980
Deed

Milton O. Paul to Milton O. Paul and Shirley H. Paul, 2.78 acres. Same conveyed 5038:351

5038:351
21 December 1978
Deed

Gertrude M. Underwood to Milton O. Paul, for \$33,500, 2.78 acres, same obtained 2693:639.

2693:639
19 June 1962
Deed

Francis H. Blandford, unmarried, to Thomas C. Underwood and Gertrude M. Underwood, same grantees conveyed to grantor prior hereto: 1) part of a tract called Mt. Airy, on north side of public road, 3.11 acres excepting 9/10 of an acre conveyed to John S. and Hilda B. Underwood, April 16, 1948, 709:306; and 2) Part of Mt. Airy, 1 acre. Residue of the 2 tracts to be conveyed is 2.99 acres.

2693:637
19 June 1962
Deed

Thomas C. Underwood and Gertrude M. Underwood to Francis H. Blandford, same as above. Same obtained from George T. and Sarah C. Underwood, 277:389 and 504:269.

504:269
23 March 1938
Deed

George T. Underwood, widower, and Nellie Underwood to Thomas C. Underwood, part of the land George T. Underwood obtained from William B. Morgan et ux, 5 February 1913, 88:358, part of Mt. Air, 1 acre.

277:389
9 July 1926
Deed

Sarah C. and George T. Underwood to Thomas C. Underwood (see mortgage 161:370), part of land obtained from William B. Morgan et ux, 5 February 1913, 88:358, part of Mt. Air, begins north side of Piscataway-Accoceek Road, 3.11 acres.

161:370
4 September 1920
Mortgage

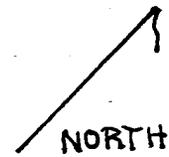
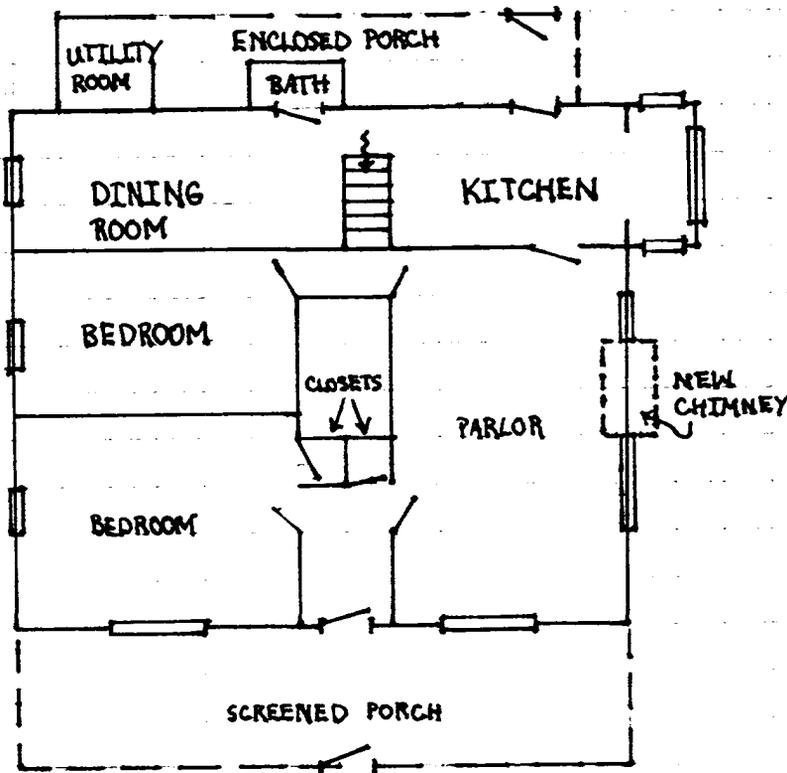
Sarah C. and George T. Underwood to B. Lee and W. Seton Belt. Grantors indebted for \$1000. To secure debt of \$1000, grantors convey part of Wade's Adventure, begins northwest side of Piscataway-Accoceek Road, 62 1/5 acres.

88:358
5 February 1913
Deed

William B. Morgan to Sarah C. Underwood, all that tract called Wade's Adventure. Begins on northwest side of public road from Piscataway to Accokeek. Runs thence to Piscataway Creek, up the creek to land of Dr. Edgar D. Hurtt, with said land to the public road, south to place of beginning, 62 1/5 acres, saving 1 acre in the southeast corner in possession of Elizabeth Boyn; being a portion of same conveyed to Morgan by Phil H. Tuck, Attorney, 5 February 1913, prior hereto.

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Not to Scale





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

1878-159
3.22 A. P. 30

ST. MARY'S
CHURCH

2442-122
2.87 A.
P. 29

84-10
P. 31

WILLIAM R.
DAVIS
2442/175
4.41 A.
P. 130

0.25 A.
P. 131

MICHEL S. MALOUF
3473/689
3.38 A.
P. 32

P/O P. 13

M.N.C.P. & P.C.
4338/517
7.09 A.
P. 153

M. C. CHAPMAN
4161/255
9.71 A.
P. 132

RAYMOND C. SWINDLE
5220 / 557
7.54 A.
P. 26



1.5 A.
P. 134

84-9
84-8

ST. MARY'S
CH. HALL
1.13 A.
P. 133

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84-7

PISCATAWAY
1390

84-6

10-A 0.46 A. P. 140

1.12 A.
P. 142

BRYAN F.
MORGAN
4219/844
5.25 A.
P. 146

84-4
84-3

0.86 A. P. 41

HENRY B.
SEARS
1505-370
3.31 A.
P. 43

JOHN WOOD
1953-14
3.04 A.
P. 42

PLANTATION
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1.56 A.
P. 37

MILTON
O. PAUL
5307 / 756
1.48 A.
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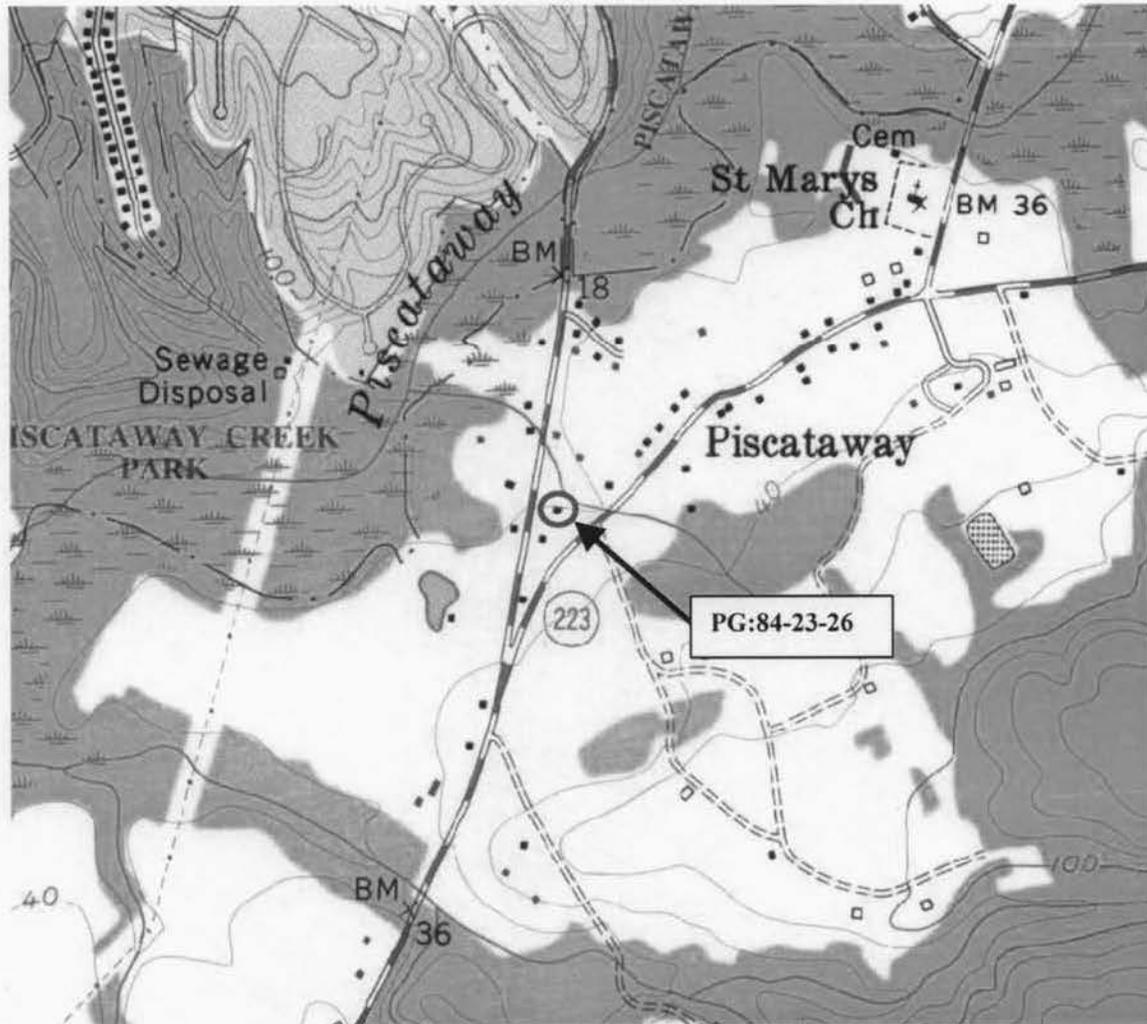
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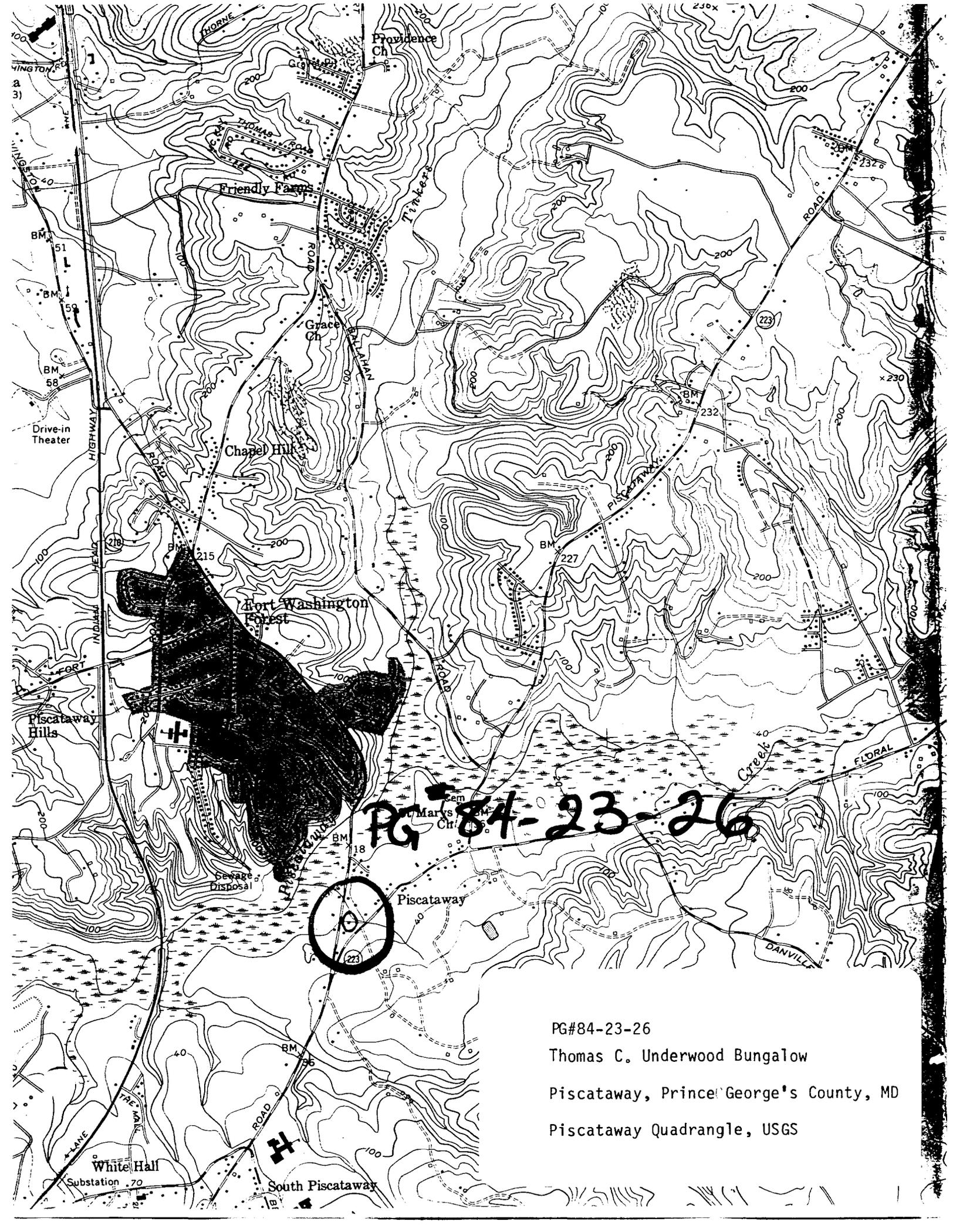
PISCATAWAY

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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
1908 Floral Park Road (MD 223)
Piscataway quadrangle





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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
Piscataway, Prince George's County, MD
Piscataway Quadrangle, USGS



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Thomas C Underwood
Burlington

Peabody, P6C

Morris Reef

Case 171

E (min) elevation

Weg. 1147

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Thomas C. Underwood Bengawan
Piscataway, Prince George's City
Marina King
Fall 1991
E, detail
Neg: MD SHPO, Annapolis

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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
Piscataway, Prince George's County
Marina King
Fall 1991
S
Neg: MD SHPO, Annapolis



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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
Piscataway, Prince George's Cnty
Marina King
Fall 1991
W
Neg: MD SHPO, Annapolis

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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
Piscataway, Prince George's County
Marina King
Fall 1991
Parlor, looking W
Neg: MD SHPO, Annapolis



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Thomas C. Underwood Bungalow
Piscataway, Prince George's County
Marina King
Fall 1991
Parlor, looking E
Neg: MD SHPO, Annapolis

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