

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #84-4 Building Date: ca. 1866

Building Name: Stanton-Blandford House (Salt-Box House)

Location: 2207 Floral Park Road, Piscataway

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Stanton-Blandford House is a two story, frame rectangular dwelling with a rear one story addition. The gable roof has an extended south slope. The siding is asbestos shingle, the foundation brick. Set at an angle to Floral Park Road, the northwest corner of the building is four feet from the road. The orientation is toward north and the east facades. The 4 bay north facade fronts on Floral Park Road. The third bay entrance is flanked by two 2/2 windows. The east bay is set apart from the west three. The centered cross gable with lunette window on the facade does not align with the entrance. The 3 bay east gable end has a central entrance sheltered by a one bay screened porch with a pedimented gable roof, crown molded and dentiled cornice, plain frieze, dentil course, and architrave with a band of four fascia, supported by double, slender columns. The crown molded, boxed cornice has corner kicks in the gable ends. The three bay south (rear) facade has a shed roof one-story, two-bay screened porch with old beaded wood siding left exposed. There is a one bay, one story gable roof addition on the southeast section of the main block. An interior brick chimney is on the south slope of the roof of the main block, and an exterior, brick chimney is covered by the southeast addition.

Significance:

The Stanton-Blandford House is one of the buildings contributing to the character of Piscataway's Historic District. It is a 19th century building with unique architectural details, a part of which may date from the 18th century. Piscataway, established in 1707 was the site of one of Maryland's earliest port towns. Of unknown date, the Stanton-Blandford house was in use as a residence and general store from 1832 through the 1920's. At his death in 1832, William Stanton possessed the house and store with \$500 worth of merchandise. The building was remodeled by his son, John A. Stanton in 1866. Stanton mortgaged the house and it came into the hands of John H. Dixon, local farmer and miller. The building has been owned by the Blandford family since 1908. They closed the store in the 1920's and the building is now a residence. This building has unique architectural characteristics such as its salt-box roofline and its Greek Revival east entrance portico. The beaded wood siding on the rear facade indicates that a part of the building may be older than its present appearance.

Acreage: 20,603 sq. ft.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Stanton-Blandford House

and/or common Blandford House

2. Location

street & number 2207 Floral Park Road (Maryland Route 223) not for publication

city, town Piscataway vicinity of congressional district 4

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 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 Hilda Underwood

street & number 7343 Sheila Lane telephone no.:

city, town Clinton, state and zip code MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4156

street & number Main Street folio 393

city, town Upper Marlboro, state 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, Maryland

date July 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #84-4

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

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

The Stanton-Blandford House is a two story frame dwelling, rectangular in plan, with a front cross-gable and a rear one-story addition. The gable roof has an extended south-facing slope giving the house a salt-box roof-line. The house is situated on a town lot, in the residential cluster which creates the Piscataway Village street vista. It is set at an angle to Floral Park Road with the northwest corner of the building roughly four feet from the road. The house has a dual orientation; the north street entrance was used for the store and the east, more formal entrance for the residence.

The four bay north facade fronts on Floral Park Road. Entrance is west of the facade center, in the third bay. The door is three panels surmounted by four upper lights, with a wide wood surround. A shed roof porch shelters the west three bays on the facade. The porch has a crown molded cornice and rests on square wood posts. The entrance door is flanked by two 2/2 double hung sash windows, on the first and second stories. The east bay is set apart from the west three. There is a centered cross gable on the facade which does not align with the entrance door. The gable has a centered lunette window. The house is sheated in asbestos shingle and rests on a brick foundation. The roofing is asphalt shingle.

The three-bay east gable end has a central entrance door with four octagonal panels, two-light sidelights and a four-light transom. The door is sheltered by a one-bay screened entrance porch with a pedimented gable roof, crown molded and dentiled raking cornice, plain frieze, dentil course, and architrave with a band of four fasciae, supported by double, slender columns. There are fluted pilasters where the porch roof meets the facade wall. The entrance door is flanked by two 6/6 double hung sash windows with plain wood surrounds. There are two 2/2 windows above them, on the second story and a 4/4 window at the attic level. There is a crown molded, boxed cornice with corner kicks in the gable ends.

The west gable end is two bays. There is a lunette window beneath the gable ridge, which is off-center due to the extended south roof slope. The three bay south (rear) facade has a shed roof one-story screened porch across the first two bays. The original horizontal wood siding was left exposed in the porch area. It has some beaded boards and some patched areas. The second story has two small, square 6/6 windows with plain wood surrounds. Perpendicular to the main block is a one bay, one story gable roof addition on the southeast section of the facade. It rests on a brick foundation and has the same wall and roof treatment as the rest of the building. It has a west facing entrance sheltered by the rear porch. There is a large centered interior brick chimney on the south slope of the roof of the main block, and an exterior, high brick chimney east of the facade center, the base of which is covered by the one story addition.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates _____ **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 Stanton-Blandford House in Piscataway is one of the buildings which contributes to the character of Piscataway as a Historic District.¹ It is a handsome mid-nineteenth century vernacular building with unique architectural details. A section of the building may date from the eighteenth century.

Piscataway, established in 1707 on the south side of Piscataway Creek, is significant as the site of one of Maryland's earliest port towns. Prominently noted on early maps, Piscataway was situated on the main road from Port Tobacco to Upper Marlboro. The present village, clustered along Floral Park Road, retains a sense of its historic setting.

Of unknown construction date, the Stanton-Blandford house is documented as being in use as a residence and general store from 1832 through the 1920's. At the time of his death in 1832, William Stanton was possessed of the house and store with \$500 worth of merchandise. The building was significantly remodeled by his son, John A. Stanton in 1866. In that year the property tax levied upon it jumped from \$500 to \$1,000.² Stanton mortgaged the house in that year and it eventually came into the possession of the mortgagee, John H. Dixon, a local farmer and miller.³ Ownership of the building has been with members of the Blandford family since 1908.⁴ They stopped running the store in the late 1920's and the building is now used only as a residence.⁵

The building is similar to vernacular farmhouses built in the County in the mid and late nineteenth century. Characteristics it shares with farmhouses built during this period are its rectangular, frame, two story construction; central front cross gable and simplicity in architectural detail. This building has some architectural characteristics which make it unique, such as its long east gable slope, giving it a salt-box roofline; and its ornate Greek Revival east entrance portico. The beaded wood siding on the rear facade in the porch area indicates that a part of the building may be older than its present mid-to-late-nineteenth century appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Footnotes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20,603 square feet

Tax Map 142 E-2

Quadrangle name Piscataway D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Marina King, Architectural Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	August 1985
street & number	Room 4010, CAB 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD. 20772

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

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Notes:

- 1 Maryland Historic Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form on Piscataway Village, Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission Staff files, C.A.B., 4th floor, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.
- 2 Tax Assessments of Prince George's County, 1866, 5th District, 11051.
- 3 Land Records of Prince George's County, 1873, H.B. 7:129; Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, D.C. including County of Prince George's County, Maryland, G.M. Hopkins, Philadelphia, 1878, pg. 10.
- 4 Ibid. 55:51.
- 5 Conversation with Hilda Underwood, August 1, 1985.

Chain of Title

Stanton-Blandford House
P.G. #84-4

4156:393
3 Oct. 1922
Deed

C. Calvert Lancaster to Francis Hilton Blandford and Hilda Underwood, for \$10.00 grantor conveys that property in Piscataway District:

(A) A parcel unimproved - 4,350 square feet described 1778:302.

(B) House and lot and storehouse and 8-1/4 acres in Village - same which Joseph Rennoe died possessed of; obtained from John A. and Celestia Dixon. 11/19/1880, WAJ 2:336.

Same which William D. Blandford obtained from Alexander Rennoe and wife, 12/17/1908. 55:51.

55:51
17 Dec. 1908
Deed

Alexander and Emma Rennoe and Martha and George Struder of Alexandria and William D. Blandford for 2nd part. For \$560.00 grantors convey 2 parcels in Piscataway - same parcels grantors obtained from brother Joseph Rennoe:

(A) House, lot and storehouse and 8-1/4 acres in Piscataway. Joseph Rennoe obtained from Dixons - 11/19/1880, WAJ 2:336.

WAJ 2:336
19 Nov. 1880
Deed

John A. and Celestia Dixon to Joseph Rennoe. For \$800.00 grantors convey two parcels in Piscataway - a house and lot and storehouse, and a detached piece of land containing 8-1/4 acres - further described in two deeds - Gerard W. Brands and wife, to John A. Dixon 8/23/1880, WAJ 1:696. Mary E. Clements to John A. Dixon, 9/23/1880, WAJ 2:168.

WAJ 2:168
23 Sept. 1880
Deed

Mary E. Clements to John A. Dixon. For \$266.00, grantor conveys two parcels in Village of Piscataway - a house and lot and storehouse, and a detached piece containing 8-1/4 acres late John H. Dixon died possessed of. Mary Clements an heir. Same lands conveyed 4/19/1873, H.B. 7:129.

HB 7:129
19 April 1873
Deed

John H. Dixon, mortgagee, fulfilling powers conferred upon him by mortgage from John H. Stanton and wife, FS 3:666, sold property to Edward H. Wyville, but it was never paid for. John H. Dixon substituted as buyer. Dixon grants to Dixon a house and lot in Piscataway. Was conveyed to John H. Stanton by Samuel B. Hance, trustee, and another parcel containing 8-1/4 acres Stanton purchased from Joseph R. Edelen.

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FS 3:666
4 June 1866
Mortgage

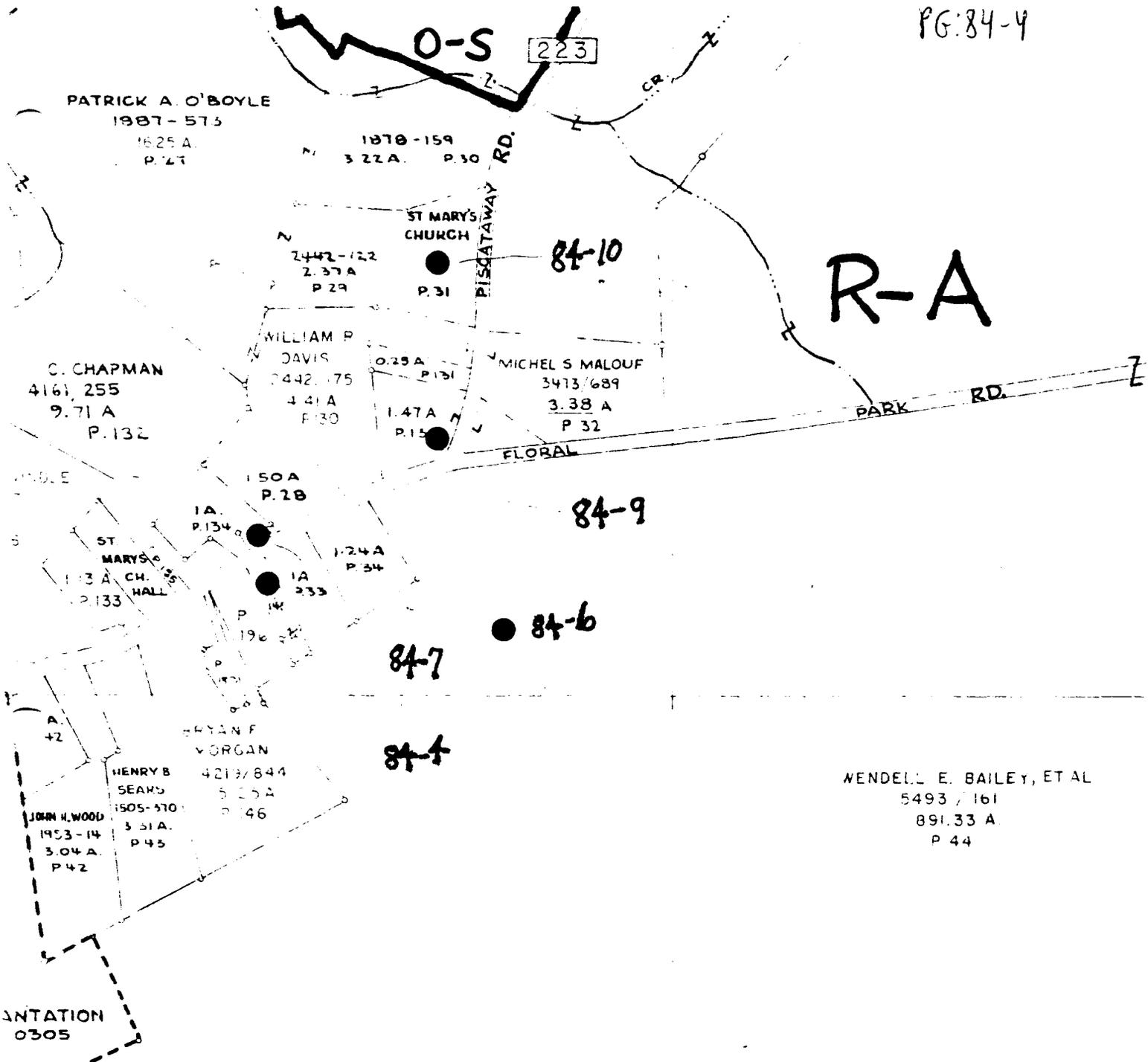
John H. and Mary J. Stanton to John H. Dixon. Stanton indebted to Dixon for \$582. In consideration of debt, grantors convey house and lot in Village of Piscataway conveyed to Stanton by Samuel B. Hance, trustee. (Plus a lot adjoining Piscataway of 8-1/4 acres which Stanton acquired from Joseph B. Edelen.)

FS1:241
13 Oct. 1862
Deed

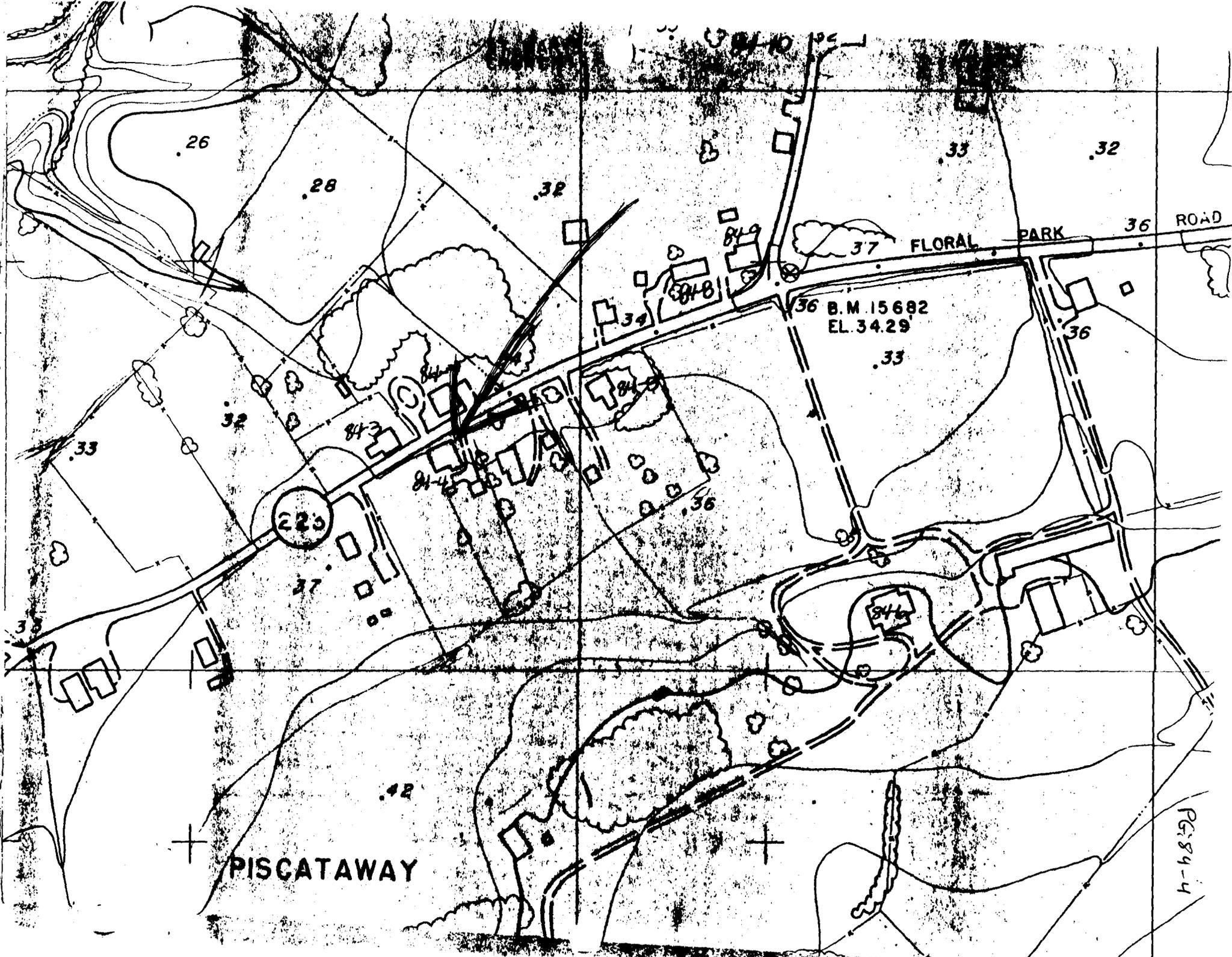
Samuel B. Hance, trustee - by #245 Equity, 9/23/1858 John H. Stanton, Martha Ann Holt, Cornelius F. Miller vs. Elizabeth Matilda Miller. Hance appointed trustee to sell lot and house - sold to John H. Stanton. Same property late William Stanton died seized and possessed of.

Equity #245
8 June 1858
No reference

Notice of sale, 12/24/1858, house and lot now in occupancy of John H. Stanton - used as house and storehouse. A "country mercantile business". Sold to John H. Stanton for \$800.00.



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FLORAL PARK ROAD

B.M. 15682
EL. 34.29

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PISCATAWAY

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Stanton-Blandford House
Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

June 1985

South elevation

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



P.G. #84-4

Stanton-Blandford House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
June 1985
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #84-4

Stanton-Blandford House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
June 1985
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G.#84-4

Piscataway Village Historic District

Saltbox house

Susan G. Pearl

October 1984

From northeast

Neg: Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME #84-4 SALT-BOX HOUSE

LOCATION FLORAL PARK Rd IN PISCATAWAY, Md

FACADE NE

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