

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-16 Building Date: 1850's

Building Name: The Plantation

Location: 16108 Nottingham Road, Nottingham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Plantation is a two-part gable-roof frame house which stands on the highest point of land in a large farm setting. The house consists of a two-story gable-roof main block with a lower two-story gable-roof wing attached at the west gable end. The main block is three bays by two, with entrance in the third bay of the principal south facade. The original plain horizontal board siding of the house was covered in the 1980's with yellow grained vinyl siding. At that time new aluminum sash windows were installed, with artificial 6/6 inserts. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal; there are two interior brick chimneys at the west gable end. Extending west from the west gable end of the main block, and flush with its north elevation, is a lower two-story gable-roof kitchen wing. Interior plan of the main block is the typical side hall and double parlor plan of the mid-nineteenth century. Door and window surrounds have molded bullseye corner blocks, and deeply profiled moldings. The west wing consists of two small rooms and an enclosed stair, all accessible from a transverse corridor.

Significance

The Plantation, although considerably altered in recent years, is typical of the side-hall-and-double-parlor plantation houses built by successful small plantation owners in the mid-nineteenth century. It was built in the 1850's by Dr. William Elson Peach, on part of the tract known as Brookefield. Dr. Peach attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, received his degree in 1849 and returned to Prince George's County to practice medicine. In 1852, he married, and in 1855 purchased the subject property; it was at approximately this time that he built the house. The Peach family lived at the Brookefield farm property until 1872, when the property was sold for the payment of his debts. It remained an investment property, owned by the Merrick family, and then the Detricks, until 1929. In that year it was sold to Dr. William H. Gibbons of Croom; he called it "The Plantation", and under his ownership is continued to be managed by tenant farmers. When his last heir died in 1985, the property was devised to a Foundation which plans a rural retreat center. Although the dwelling at The Plantation is substantially altered, it represents a once-popular style of house in rural mid-nineteenth century Prince George's County.

Acreage: 340.88 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Plantation

and/or common Merrick Farm, Detrick Farm

2. Location

street & number 16108 Nottingham Road not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Nottingham vicinity of 4th congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition		<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process		<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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4. Owner of Property

name John and Leona Gibbons Fou

street & number 1900 Tucker Road

city, town Fort Washington

o. :
land, 20744

5. Location of Legal Desc

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. PG Co. Courthouse

liber Adm #33664

street & number Main Street

folio

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland, 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites & Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records PG Co. Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland, 20772

7. Description

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

The Plantation is a two-part gable-roof frame house which stands on the highest point of land in a large farm setting. It is a side-hall-and-double-parlor plan dwelling, typical of mid-nineteenth century plantation houses in Prince George's County, which has been considerably altered in this century.

The house consists of a two-story gable-roof main block with a lower two-story gable-roof wing attached at the west gable end. The main block is three bays by two, with entrance in the third bay of the principal south facade. Entrance is through a plain modern door with five-light transom and three-light sidelights over molded panels. The door has a molded surround with crown molding below the transom.

The entrance is sheltered by a small new shed-roof entry porch with wood floor and plain wood posts, and accessible by a flight of board steps. This replaces a larger gable-roof porch with pedimented front.

The original plain horizontal board siding of the house was covered in the 1980's with yellow grained vinyl siding. At that time new aluminum sash windows were installed, with artificial 6/6 insets. These windows replaced the original long 6/6 double hung sash windows, some of which had dark louvered wood shutters. There are no shutters today. There are no openings in the east gable end; two windows light the loft level of the west gable end.

The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The original boxed wood cornice has been covered with white vinyl; there are no raking boards. There are two interior brick chimneys at the west gable end.

Extending west from the west gable end of the main block, and flush with its north elevation, is a lower two-story gable-roof kitchen wing. It is two bays by one, and has an exterior brick chimney at its west gable end. There are no openings in the west gable end of the wing; the vinyl siding covers a first-story window which was immediately west of the chimney. There is a small shed roof entry vestibule built into the south corner formed by the main block and wing; it shelters a side entrance into the transverse corridor of the wing. The wing is covered with the same vinyl siding as the main block; window, cornice and roof treatment are the same as the main block.

The house rests on a granite foundation, which is unusual for this area. There is no basement space. Just above the foundation at the east gable end, one of the siding boards is visible; it appears to be pit-sawn, and attached with wrought nails.

Interior plan of the main block is the typical side hall and double parlor plan of the mid nineteenth century. The open-string stair rises (toward the north) along the east exterior wall of the stairhall; it has a handsome turned newel, turned balusters, simple bracketed stairends and panelled spandrel.

In the front (south) parlor, the wood mantel survives; it has a plain board frieze and plain (replacement) shelf, under which is a deeply profiled Greek Revival style molding. The firebox is framed by plain wide pilasters with molded capitals and bases. A stove has been installed in the fireplace. The rear (north) parlor has been converted into a kitchen. A stove has been installed in this fireplace, and the mantel has been removed.

Door and window surrounds have molded bullseye corner blocks, and deeply profiled moldings, with torus and cyma reversa bands framing a centered peak, all bounded by a plain backband. The double doors have been removed from the wide opening between the two parlors, but the surround moldings are intact. The high baseboards have a crown molding. Each parlor is 15 by 17 feet. In the bedrooms above the two parlors, the plain wood mantels survive; door and window surrounds are plainer than on the first story.

The west wing consists of two small rooms and an enclosed stair, all accessible from a transverse corridor. Immediately west of the north parlor is an enclosed stair, which rises toward the north from the corridor. It is accessible from the corridor by a beaded batten door, which originally hung in the opening to the pantry (now a bathroom) immediately west of the stair. Taking up the westmost section of the wing is a recently panelled den, which was almost certainly the original kitchen. The fireplace in the west (exterior) wall of this room has been covered by the panelling, as has the window immediately to the north of it. Above this kitchen space is a small bedroom, in which the fireplace and plain wood mantel are intact. Moldings in the wing are plainer than in the main block, a heavy ogee with plain backband.

In some locations, a complex molding very similar to those in the main parlors (but salvaged from another historic building) has recently been installed.

A short distance west of the house are two small outbuildings: a small pyramidal-roof building which has opening on the east, German siding, and wood shingle and finial on the roof. Beaded wainscoting lines the interior; the sill beams are circular sawn. Attached to the south elevation of this building is a small shed-roof privy, sided with circular-sawn vertical boards.

East of the house on the other side of the farm lane is a large gable-roof barn; it has vertical board siding and a standing-seam metal roof. To the north along the same lane is a gable-roof carriage house/stable; it has three open bays, vertical board siding, and standing seam metal roof.

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The approach to the house leads north from Nottingham Road by an unpaved farm lane between corn fields. The lane bends to the east as it rises to the top of the knoll, where the lane forms a circle south of the house. Several old oaks and cedars stand to the south of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

local history

Specific dates 1850's 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 Plantation, although considerably altered in recent years, is typical of the side-hall-and-double-parlor plantation houses built by successful small plantation owners in the mid-nineteenth century. It was built in the 1850's by Dr. William Elson Peach.

The land on which the house stands was part of Brookefield and The Wedge, and belonged early in the nineteenth century to Aquilla Beall; it passed, after his death in 1840, to his sons Brooke and Thomas Beall. The land was sold by trustees for the Brooke family, and in 1855 was again sold to William Elson Peach.¹ William Elson Peach, son of Samuel Peach, was born in 1827 at Ash Grove, his father's plantation in the area now known as Mitchellville. He attended the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore, and received his degree in 1849; he returned to Prince George's County to practice medicine, as did his younger brother, Dr. John Peach.² In November 1852, Dr. William E. Peach married Sarah Magill of Anne Arundel County, and in September 1855 he purchased the Beall property.³ It was at approximately this time that Peach built the subject house, as a home for his growing family.

In the winter of 1857 William Elson Peach was involved in a criminal case, and was accused of the murder of Daniel Scandlen of Anne Arundel County. In April 1858, the case was brought before the Prince George's County Circuit Court, Judge Peter Crain presiding; Dr. Peach was acquitted, on the grounds of self defense.⁴

The Peach family continued to live at the Brookefield farm property, and raised seven children in the house.⁵ In 1872, Dr. Peach's creditors brought suit against him, and trustees were appointed by the Equity Court to sell the property. It was sold, accordingly, to George C. and Alice

Merrick.⁶ Mrs. Merrick was a member of the Waring family of "The Valley" near Nottingham, and in 1867 had married George C. Merrick of Charles County; George Merrick later became a Judge. The Merricks did not live at

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the Brookefield farm; they mortgaged it to Louis F. Detrick of Baltimore, maintained it as an investment property, and in 1884, lost it through default in mortgage payments.⁷

At that time the farm was described as follows: 338 acres situated 1-1/2 miles from the Village of Nottingham, seven miles from Croom Station on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, ...improvements consist of a dwelling house in tolerable repair, containing five rooms, also one corn house and four tobacco barns, capable of curing 40 thousand pounds of tobacco. The land is well adapted to growth of the usual crops of this section and is a desirable farm."⁸

Sale of the property was ordered by the Equity Court, and in April 1884, it was purchased by the high bidder, the mortgagee, Louis Detrick. Again the farm was managed as an investment property by a non-resident owner; it remained in the Detrick family until 1914.⁹ In 1929 it was sold to the high bidder, Dr. William H. Gibbons of Croom.¹⁰

Dr. Gibbons lived in a frame house which he had built at the Croom crossroads near St. Thomas' Church. The Detrick farm, which he called "The Plantation", continued to be managed by tenant farmers. The old house built by Dr. Peach remained the principal farm dwelling, the residence of a series of tenant farmers: the Rawlings, Kidwell and McKenzie families. After Dr. Gibbons' death in 1940, the farm passed to his son, John. Vinyl siding was applied to the house in the early 1980's, and interior repairs by the current tenants are in process. When John Gibbons' widow died in 1985, the property was devised to a Foundation, established for religious, environmental and charitable purposes.¹¹ The entire 342-acre farm will eventually be developed into a rural retreat center.

The dwelling house at The Plantation is typical of the side-hall-and-double-parlor plan frame plantation houses of mid-nineteenth century Prince George's County, and can be compared to several others identified in recent survey work. Most similar are Buena Vista (70-17), built ca. 1856 in the north central part of the County, and the Coffren House (86A-10) built at about the same time in Croom; both the Coffren House and Buena Vista have later added kitchen wings, while that at The Plantation is almost certainly original. Buena Vista has a full cellar which housed the original kitchen, while The Plantation has no cellar at all. Interior trim at The Plantation is somewhat plainer and more severe than at Buena Vista and the Coffren House. Charles Hill (78-17), The Cottage (78-18), and West End Farm (86A-5) were built in a very similar design (although the Cottage was considerably larger and more elaborate), but later historic additions significantly changed their lines. Woodstock (82A-13), Solitude (82A-38), Belleview (84-20) and the J.E. Turner House (87B-5) though similar, have exterior chimneys. Vineyard (77-11) and Kalaird (86B-9) were originally similar to the house at The Plantation, but later changes have rendered the original plan virtually unrecognizable.

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Will, PC #1:131; Prince George's County Deeds, CSM #2:213, 215; Prince George's County Old Equity #661; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1840-1864.
- 2 Harding, John, The Peach Tree Digest, 1985; cf. also MHT form, P.G. #74B-3.
- 3 Prince George's County Marriage Records; Prince George's County Deed, CSM #2:213, 215.
- 4 Minutes of the Prince George's County Circuit Court, April 1858. session; Planters' Advocate, 14 April 1858.
- 5 Prince George's County Census Records, Nottingham District, 1860, 1870.
- 6 Prince George's County Equity #875 (papers lost).
- 7 Prince George's County Deeds, WAJ #1:224, 226; JWB #3:770; Prince George's County Equity #1490.
- 8 Prince George's County Equity #1490.
- 9 ibid and Prince George's County Estate File #10345.
- 10 Prince George's County Deed #336:406; cf. also MHT form PG #86A-6.
- 11 Prince George's County Will, CMH #26:159; Estate file #33664.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Notes, Item #8
cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 340.88a

TM 138, parcel 6

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
organization	PG Co. Historic Preservation Commission	date	June 1988
street & number	4010 CAB, MNCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	Maryland, 20772

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

(entered 9/15/90)

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P.G. County Survey : 86A-16 Date ca. 1840
Building Name: ^{Brooke Beall} Dr. Gibbons House
Location Nottingham Road, Croom. Md.
Open to Public yes no

This is a two story gable roofed frame building built in two sections. The larger north section is three bays wide, with the entrance (with five-light transom and sidelights) in the third bay. Until the late 1970's, a small A-roof porch sheltered this doorway. There are two interior chimneys at the south end of this main block. Extending from the south gable end is a two-bay addition, also two stories high, but with a lower roof. At the south gable end of this wing is a large freestanding chimney.

This early nineteenth century farmhouse stands in a beautiful location above the Patuxent River, north and west of Nottingham. It was built circa 1840, probably by Brooke Beall, who received the land from his father, Aquila. The farm comprises 340 acres, parts of two tracts: Brookfield and the Wedge. It was acquired by William Peach in 1855 after the death of Beall, and sold out of Peach's estate in 1872. The new owners at that time were Alice and George Merrick, who lived there at the time of the 1878 Hopkins Atlas. The longest-term residents have been members of the family of Dr. William H. Gibbons, from whom the house takes its name. Dr. Gibbons acquired the farm in 1929, and his descendants own it still.

Like Eastview and Brookfield of the Berrys, this house is typical of the kind of home which could be built by a moderately successful planter in the 1830's and 40's.

Priv/occ?/res/fair

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Plantation

AND/OR COMMON Beall - Gibbons Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 11511 Tenno Road

CITY, TOWN Croom VICINITY OF Nottingham CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Md. Prince George's COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME John Gibbons and Clara Gibbons

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 601
Folio #: 281

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE P.G. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737 STATE

CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Plantation is a two-story gable-roofed frame building constructed in two sections. The larger north section is three bays wide, with the entrance (with five-light transom and sidelights) in the third bay. Until the late 1970's, a small A-roof porch sheltered this doorway. There are two interior chimneys at the south end of this main block. Extending from the south gable end is a two-bay addition, also two stories high, but with a lower roof. At the south gable end of this wing is a large free-standing chimney.

CLASSIFICATION

OWNER OF PROPERTY

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This nineteenth century farmhouse stands in a beautiful location above the Patuxent River, north and west of Nottingham. It was built circa 1840, probably by Brooke Beall, who received the land from his father, Aquila Beall. The farm comprises 340 acres, parts of two tracts: Brookfield and the Wedge.¹ It was acquired by William Peach in 1855 after the death of Brooke Beall, and sold out of Peach's estate in 1872.² The new owners at that time were Alice and George Merriçk, who lived there at the time of the 1878 Hopkins Atlas.³ The longest term owners have been members of the family of Dr. William H. Gibbons, from whom the house takes its name. Dr. Gibbons acquired the farm in 1929, and his descendants own it still.⁴

1. Will PC#1:131
2. Deed CSM#2:215; tax assessments
3. Deed WA#1:224; Hopkins Atlas 1878
4. " 336:406

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds CSM#2:215; WAJ#1:224; 336:406
P.G. tax assessments

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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

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE

Nov 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Galvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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CHAIN OF TITLE

THE PLANTATION

P.G.# 86A-16

601:281
27 Dec 1940
Deed

Matilda Wood Duvall to John and Clara Gibbons, 342.88 acres (Latimer survey 1914) which Grantor acquired from Gibbons

601:279
19 Dec 1940
Deed

John & Clara Gibbons, Wm. & Helen Gibbons, et al to Matilda Wood Duvall; 342.88 acres, same which Wm. H. Gibbons acquired in 1929

336:406
25 June 1929
Deed

Arthur Keefer, attorney, to Wm. H. Gibbons; all Margaret Wright's title to 342.88 acres, being part of Brookfield and The Wedge, formerly belonging to George C. Merrick

39:408
17 June 1907
Deed

Lillie & Katherine Detruck to William & John Detrick; many farms, including "The Merrick Farm" (as in will of Louis Detrick) devised to sons William & John, 338 acres as in plat, Equity #875

WCH#1:324
18 Oct 1906
Will

Testator, Louis F. Merrick: (2nd codicil) Merrick farm in P.G. to sons William & John

JWB#3:770
25 Oct 1884
Deed

R.B.B.Chew, trustee to Louis F. Detrick; Merrick farm, 338 acres; whereas Merricks defaulted on mtg to Merrick, Chew appointed (Equity #1490) to sell same;

WAJ#1:226
26 Jan 1880
mtg

Alice & George C. Merrick to Louis F. Detrick of Baltimore (indebted \$4000); 338 acres, "Brookfield" and part of the "Wedge"

WAJ#1:224
26 Jan 1880
Deed

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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: Atlanta or George C. Merrick House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Nottingham Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Croom				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<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
				<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 checked="" 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: John and Clara Leona Gibbons				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
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: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MNCPPC				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two-story, frame building built in two sections on a stone foundation. The south wing is two stories with a large external end chimney with a free-standing stack. The two bay facade has 6/6 double hung sash windows with narrow beaded board surrounds. The boxed cornice has bed and crown mouldings.</p> <p>The main part is a taller, two-story, Federal section, with a three bay, main (east) facade. The doorway in the north bay has transom and sidelights. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash. On the south end there are two internal end chimneys with two windows between them in the gable. The boxed cornice has bed and crown mouldings. The doorway is covered by an "A" roofed porch. The window frames are narrow beaded boards.</p> <p>South of the house is an ice house with a pyramid roof with a finial at the peak.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <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

Alicia was the home of George Clarence Merrick and his wife, Alice Maria Waring. He was the son of William Duhurst Merrick, Senator from Charles County, and was born in 1839 near Newport in Charles County. She was the daughter of Col. John Henry Waring and his wife, Julia Maria Worthington. During the Civil War, Col. Waring was imprisoned and his family was deported to the Confederacy because two of his sons were Confederate soldiers. Alice Maria Waring was born in 1841 and married George Merrick in 1867.

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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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for acreage justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian		DATE: 5 Sept 74
ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC		
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 _____

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CHAIN OF TITLE

THE PLANTATION

P.G.# 86A-16

601:281
27 Dec 1940
Deed

Matilda Wood Duvall to John and Clara Gibbons, 342.88 acres (Latimer survey 1914) which Grantor acquired from Gibbons

601:279
19 Dec 1940
Deed

John & Clara Gibbons, Wm. & Helen Gibbons, et al to Matilda Wood Duvall; 342.88 acres, same which Wm. H. Gibbons acquired in 1929

336:406
25 June 1929
Deed

Arthur Keefer, attorney, to Wm. H. Gibbons; all Margaret Wright's title to 342.88 acres, being part of Brookfield and The Wedge, formerly belonging to George C. Merrick

39:408
17 June 1907
Deed

Lillie & Katherine Detrick to William & John Detrick; many farms, including "The Merrick farm" (as in will of Louis Detrick) devised to sons William & John, 338 acres as in plat, Equity #875

WCH#1:324
18 Oct 1906
Will

Testator, Louis A. Detrick: (2nd codicil) Merrick farm in P.G. to sons William & John

JVB#3:770
25 Oct 1884
Deed

R.B.B. Chew, trustee to Louis F. Detrick; Merrick farm, 338 acres; whereas Merricks defaulted on mtg to Merrick, Chew appointed (Equity #1490) to sell same;

WAJ#1:226
26 Jan 1880
mtg

Alice & George C. Merrick to Louis F. Detrick of Baltimore (indebted \$4000); 338 acres, "Brookfield" and part of the "Wedge"

WAJ#1:224
25 Jan 1880
Deed

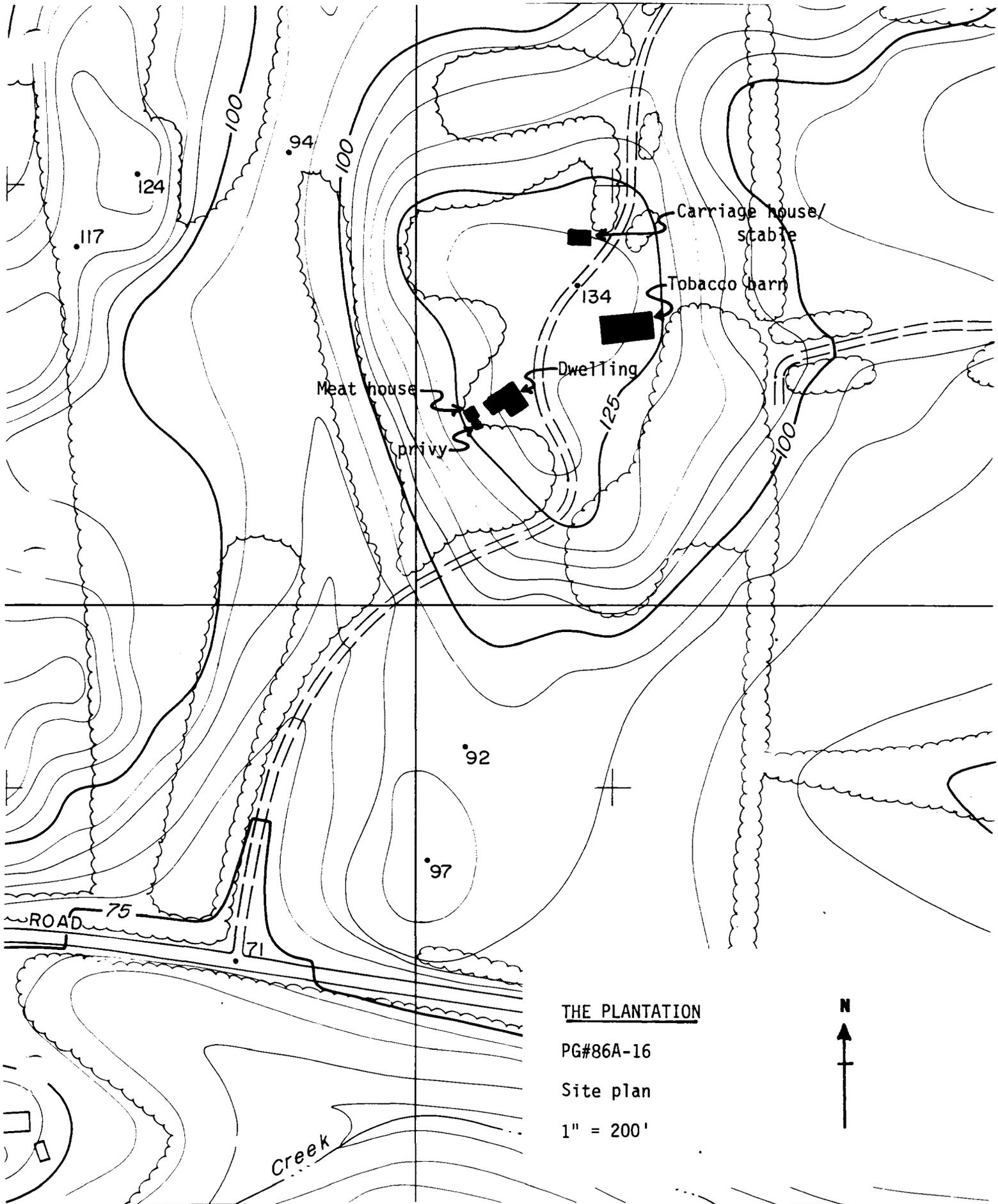
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Site plan

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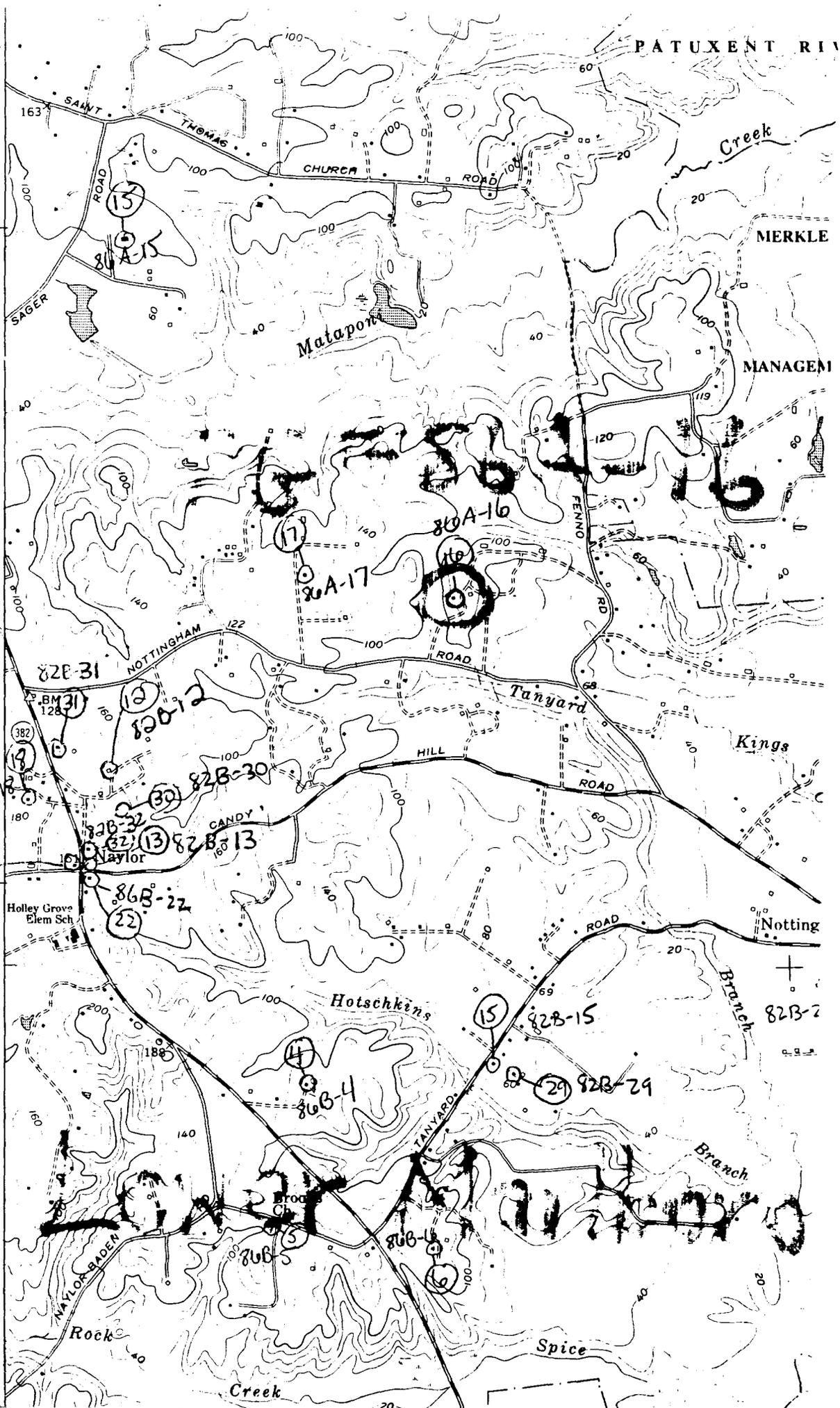
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NAME "ALICIA"

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LOCATION NOTTINGHAM Rd CROOM, Md.

FACADE S

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LOCATION NOTTINGHAM Rd CROOM, Md

FACADE W

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The Plantation
Prince Georges Co MD
Susan L. Pearl

March 1988

Arch elevation

777 Md. Hist. Trust,
Annapolis, MD.



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The Plantation

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Northwest 3/4 elevation

Fig: MD. Hist. Trust,
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The Plantation

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Outbuildings from
Southeast

Fig: Md Hist Trust,
Annapolis, MD



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The Plantation

Prince George's County MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1988

Stair, second story

Reg. Md. Hist. Trust,
Annapolis, Md.



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West elevation

7/27 Md. Hist. Trust,

Annapolis, MD



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April 1988

Stair

Meg. Md. Hist. Trust

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Prince George's Co. MD

Susan L. Pearl

April 1985

Stair

Neg. Md. Hist. Trust,
Annapolis, Md.