

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86A-6 Building Date: 1893

Building Name: Dr. William H. Gibbons House

Location: 10205 Croom Road, Croom, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Dr. Gibbons House is a two-story frame, gable roof dwelling with an ell-shaped main block and a rear kitchen wing. It stands on a five acre lot, overlooking Croom Road immediately to the east. The house is covered with German siding and roofed with brown, textured synthetic shingle. The brick foundation is parged with cement. The three bay east (front) gable end has entrance in the first bay through a decorative carved door. The first story is sheltered by a four bay, hipped roof entrance porch with a balustrade of plain rectangular balusters. The turned and chamfered porch posts have jig-sawn fan brackets. The 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are recent replacements. The original sash were also 2/2 sash. The gable surmounting the facade has a pentagonal window centered at loft level. The crown molded cornice is returned and there is a small wooden pendant in the gable peak. The interior of the Dr. Gibbons house has a south entry hall with a north parlor. Two rooms at the center of the house are a south parlor and north dining room. At the west or rear is the kitchen. Except for the immediate yard surrounding the house, the five-acre property is completely fenced with 3-board wooden fencing for horse pasturage. Close to the southwest kitchen entrance are a frame milkhouse, a meat house and a cement capped well.

Significance

The Dr. Gibbons House is significant for its large size and well-designed Victorian vernacular architecture. It is a landmark in the Village of Croom for its architecture, for its prominent location at the intersection of Croom and St. Thomas Church Roads, and due to the importance in the community of its builder and long time resident Dr. William H. Gibbons. The house was built in 1893 by Dr. Gibbons, and served from that time until his death in 1940 as his home and office. Gibbons was born in TB, Prince George's County in 1863, and graduated from Western Maryland College and the Medical School of the old Maryland Agricultural College, now University of Maryland. The Gibbons house is restrained in decorative detail, but has such well-placed features as the pentagonal windows in the east, north and south gable ends which reflect the outline of the gable in which they are located. The turned porch posts have elaborate jig-sawn fan brackets. The house stands in the Village of Croom, an historically important cluster of buildings which centers around St. Thomas' Episcopal Church.

Acreage: 5.28 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. William H. Gibbons House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 10205 Croom Road (Maryland Route 382)  not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro Croom  vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simmerer

street & number 10205 Croom Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 4881

street & number Main Street folio 389

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records County Administration Building, Room 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

# 7. Description

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

Dr. Gibbons House is a two-story frame, gable roof dwelling with an ell-shaped main block and a rear kitchen wing. It stands on a five acre lot, overlooking Croom Road immediately to the east.

The Dr. Gibbons House is covered with German siding and roofed with brown, textured synthetic shingle. The brick foundation is parged with cement. The three bay east (front) gable end has entrance in the first bay through a decorative door having two horizontal wooden panels carved with a sunburst design alternating with two rows of three small square panels. The upper one third of the door is glazed with a large square glass pane. The door is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The quarter-round transom bar has a pattern of incised lines running in sets of three, first vertically and then horizontally. The wide flat door surround has a central grooved band. This surround is repeated on the windows throughout the main block.

The first story is sheltered by a four bay, hipped roof entrance porch with a balustrade of plain rectangular balusters. The turned and chamfered porch posts have jig-sawn fan brackets. The wooden porch floor resting on brick piers was completely replaced in 1981. The 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are also recent replacements. The original sash were also 2/2 sash. There are three windows at second story level. The gable surmounting the facade has a pentagonal window centered at loft level. The crown molded cornice is returned and there is a small wooden pendant in the gable peak.

The entrance porch wraps around the south side of the dwelling and shelters the entry to the office, a small one-room infill addition in the ell of the main block. The office entry is a four-panel door. The office addition is one story, with a hipped roof and overhanging eaves, sided and finished like the rest of the main block.

The south elevation of the main block is one bay in the projecting gable end of the ell. There is a window at first and second story levels. The gable end is finished much the same as that on the east (front), however, there is no pendant at the gable peak. A brick chimney with a corbelled cap rises from the east slope of the roof. On the east side of this gable is the office, with a double 2/2 sash window. On the west side of the ell is the kitchen wing.

The two bay north side of the main block is surmounted by a gable in the second bay. The gable has the same crown molded returned cornice, crown molded rake board and pentagonal window as the east and south facing gables. The parged foundation is visible on this elevation.

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The west or rear facade has a window at the north and south bays. The center of the facade is dominated by the gable roof two-by-one-bay two-story kitchen wing. The wing is unfenestrated at the west (rear) gable end. An interior brick chimney rises at the gable ridge. A door at the north corner enters a small enclosed porch. A bulkhead cellar entrance is at the south corner.

The north facade of the kitchen wing has two windows at second story level. The south facade has a shed roof entrance porch across the first story, supported by chamfered posts. The porch shelters a central entrance to the kitchen. The kitchen wing is German sided and rests on a parged cement foundation. The window and door surrounds are of plain board.

The interior of the Dr. Gibbons house has a south entry hall with a north parlor. Two rooms at the center of the house are a south parlor and north dining room. At the west or rear is the kitchen.

The narrow entry hall measures 5 feet 11 inches by 15 feet 7 inches. The open-string stair rises along the south wall in a single flight to the second floor. The heavy newel post is turned and chamfered, surmounted by a spherical knob. The turned balusters are attached at the lower end to a strip of molding running diagonally up the stairs, and not to the individual steps. The flooring in the hall has been covered with wall-to-wall carpeting. The door and window surrounds are composed of wide wood moldings with a central half-round flanked by an inner and outer raised rectangular band, and bulls-eye corner blocks.

The north parlor is reached through a wide rectangular opening from the hall. This entryway appears to have been widened from its original size. The room has a replacement parquet floor. The hearth centered on the west wall was designed for use with a stove. The wooden mantel has slender banded columns on base blocks supporting brackets which support the mantel shelf. The frieze has a wide carved band of a curving stylized leaf design. A circular plaster medallion centered on the ceiling has a design of radiating flower petals.

The west end of the stair hall enters the rear (west) parlor. The door surround has banded baseblocks. The baseboard throughout the house is approximately 8-1/2 inches in height with a projecting curving cap and quarter-round molding along the floor. The west parlor has a narrow chimney on the east wall to which a stove is attached. A circular vent in the ceiling above the stove, original to the house, allowed the warm air to rise to a south bedroom on the second story. The vent has a wide, decorative rim. A plaster medallion at the center of the ceiling has a design of diamond and semi-circular shapes in a geometric pattern. A door in the southeast corner of the west parlor enters the office, which is a small room dominated by doorways. There is an exterior door on the east wall and two interior doors, one on the west and one on the north walls. The moldings are the same as those throughout the first floor.

The dining room, reached from a door in the north wall of the west parlor, retains its moldings but has no hearth or ceiling medallion. The flooring is original, of narrow evenly matched boards.

The second story of the main block contains a central hall running from east to west. A plaster arch marks the point where the stair enters the hall, at approximately the middle of its length. Two bedrooms open on the north side of the hall and one on the south. The baseboards and molding are the same as those on the first story. Doors are four-panel, with original butt hinges having a decorative geometric design.

The northeast (front) bedroom has a plain wooden mantel with two brackets supporting the mantel shelf. The hearth was designed to accommodate a stove. A new closet has been constructed by walling off the east three feet of the stairhall and opening a doorway in the east corner of the south wall of the bedroom. The new closet is lighted by the window which formerly lit the stairhall.

An enclosed stair to the attic is at the southwest end of the hall. The northwest bedroom, which opens opposite the attic stair, has a curving convex wall. A doorway at the west end of the hall enters the second story level of the kitchen wing.

The first story of the kitchen wing is entered via a wide opening in the northwest end of the west parlor. A hall leads past a bath and the cellar entry to the kitchen at the west end of the wing. A stair along the east wall of the kitchen leads to the bath and a west bedroom on the second story.

Except for the immediate yard surrounding the house, the five-acre property is completely fenced with 3-board wooden fencing for horse pasturage. Close to the southwest kitchen entrance are two frame outbuildings and a cement capped well. The smaller builder is a milk house of 1 x 1 bay, standing on a brick foundation. It is covered with German siding and has a gable roof covered with patterned metal shingles. The entry is on the north. The south side has a square window opening covered by a wooden shutter. The brick floor is below ground level.

The meat house, slightly larger and higher, is also 1 x 1 bay. It is German sided, with a standing seam metal gable roof and a brick foundation. The interior has a poured cement floor. There are no window openings.

South of the house is a new stable. A raised gable ridge in the broad hipped roof is the original roofline of a small one-stall stable that was enlarged to create the present building. To the west (rear) of the stable is a frame chicken-coop of 2 x 1 bay with vertical board siding and a standing seam metal gable roof. It stands on poured cement footers. There is evidence of a ruined outbuilding located far southwest of the house, in a pasture, shaded by a large osage orange tree.

# 8. Significance

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**Specific dates** 1893 **Builder/Architect**

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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.

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The house was built in 1893 by Dr. Gibbons, and served from that time until his death in 1940 as his home and office. The land on which it stands was earlier part of an 18-acre parcel which included the John W. Coffren House and store. Dr. Gibbons bought the parcel in 1893<sup>1</sup>, selling a three acre parcel containing the Coffren House and store shortly thereafter. He constructed his house the same year he purchased the property. In 1910 a rear kitchen addition was built, probably replacing an earlier one-story kitchen.<sup>2</sup>

Dr. Gibbons was born in TB, Prince George's County in 1863. He graduated from Western Maryland College and the Medical School of the old Maryland Agricultural College, now University of Maryland. He married Mary Duley, a resident of Croom, in 1891, and served as a country doctor to the surrounding vicinity, based from his home and office in Croom.

The Gibbons house is imposing in its size and placement close to an important intersection in rural southeastern Prince George's County. It is restrained in decorative detail, but has such well-placed features as the pentagonal windows in the east, north and south gable ends which reflect the outline of the gable in which they are located. The turned porch posts have elaborate jig-sawn fan brackets. A small one-story infill bay at the southeast corner of the house has a separate entrance sheltered by the main entrance porch, and served as Dr. Gibbon's office.

The Gibbons House stands in the Village of Croom, an historically important cluster of buildings which centers around St. Thomas' Episcopal

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Church. Besides this important early (1740) church and its cemetery, several 19th century dwelling houses still stand along the Croom Road, as well as the Coffren store and post office, the Croom schoolhouse and old St. Thomas rectory building. The Gibbons house stands prominently near the center of this historic grouping.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, JWB #24:179.
- 2 Interview with descendant of Dr. Gibbons, 1981.
- 3 Obituary, 1940, Enquirer-Gazette.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5.28 acres

Tax Map 128 Parcel 42

Quadrangle name Brandywine C

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1988

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone (301)952-4609

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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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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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title  
Dr. William Gibbons House  
P.G. #86A-6

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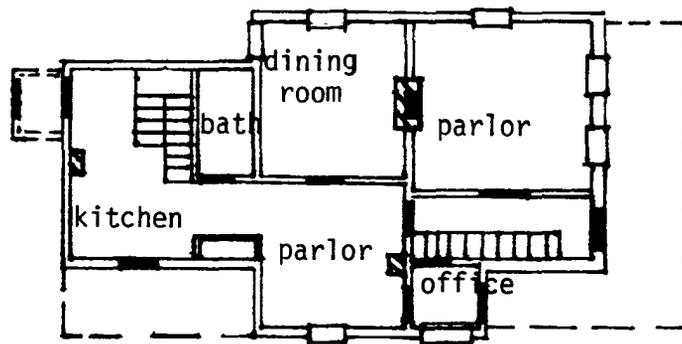
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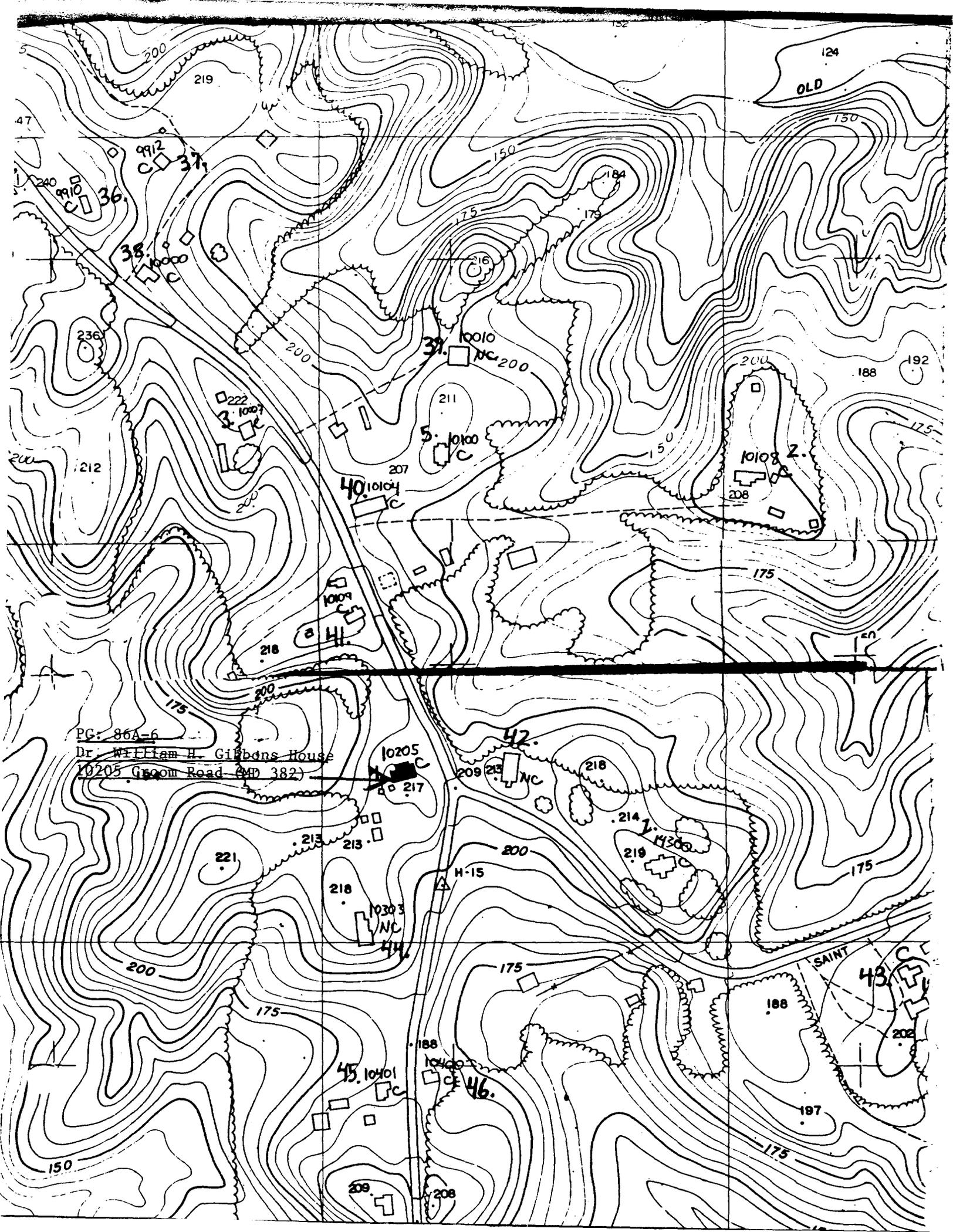
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purchased from Albert & Susanna Curtin by JWB #24:179  
(18 acres minus small piece already conveyed).

JWB #24:179  
20 March 1893  
Deed  
Albert & Susanna Curtin to William H. Gibbons; 18 acre  
parcel, part of 58 acres on Croom Road, prior  
conveyance 14 March 1889, JWB 10:675. First described  
in deed from Williah H. Tuck and C. C. Magruder,  
Trustees, to John W. Coffren, 30 July 1856, CSM 1:310.

JWB 10:675  
14 March 1889  
Deed  
Josephine Owings, widow, to Susannah Curtin. For \$350  
grantor conveys four contiguous lots in Croom, 58  
acres. Same conveyed by J. Parker Veazey, Trustee, to  
Alice and Rosalie Coffren.

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Dr. Gibbons House  
Floor plan not to scale





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Dr. William H. Gibbons House  
10205 Groom Road (MD 382)

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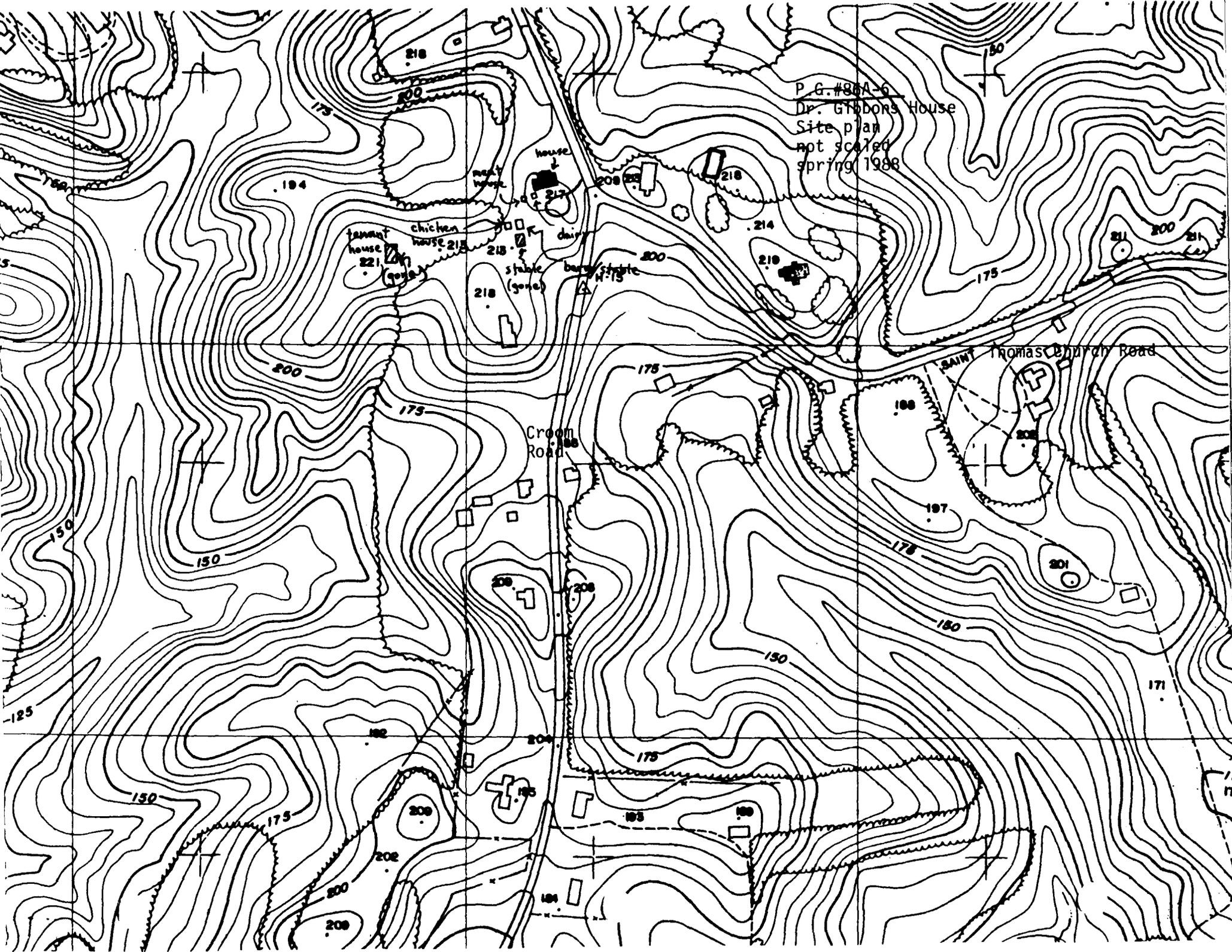
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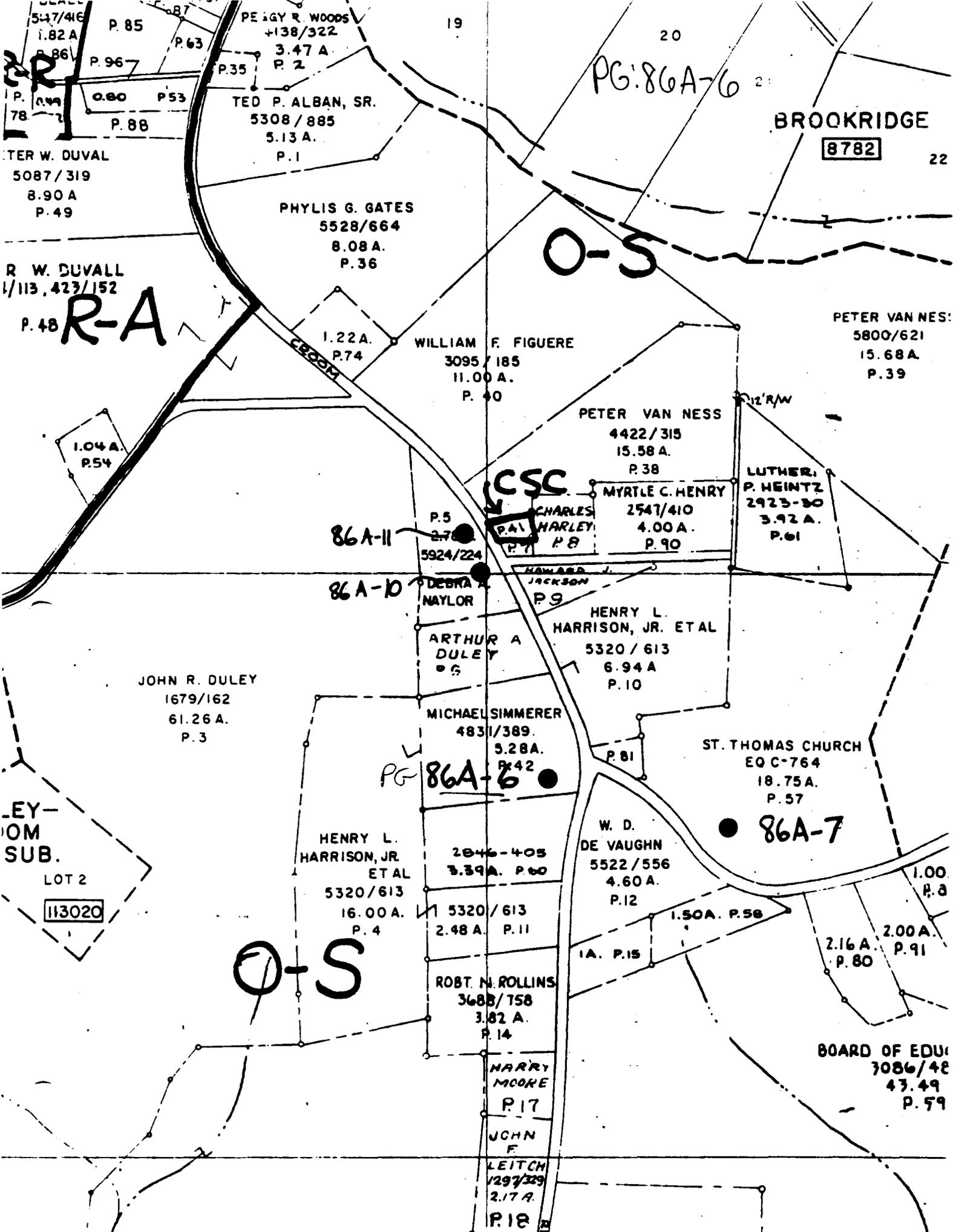
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Dr. Gibbons House  
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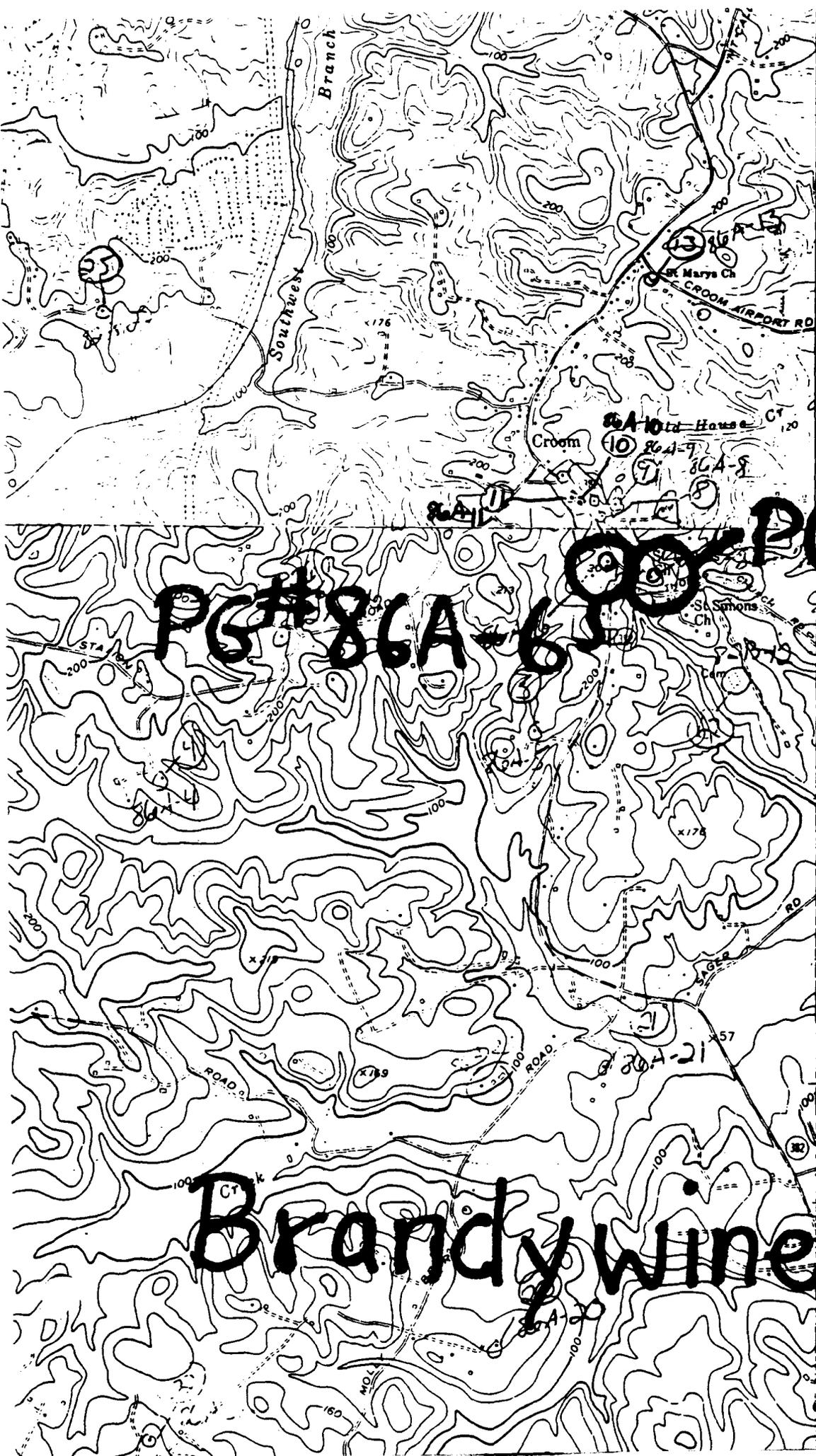
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Dr. Silbore House

Prince George's County  
Marina Park

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Dr. Gibbons House  
Prince George's County  
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Dr. Gibbons House

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Dr Gibbons House  
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Dr. Gibbons House  
Prince George's County, MD  
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East Parlor  
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Dr. Gibbons House  
Prince George's County, MD  
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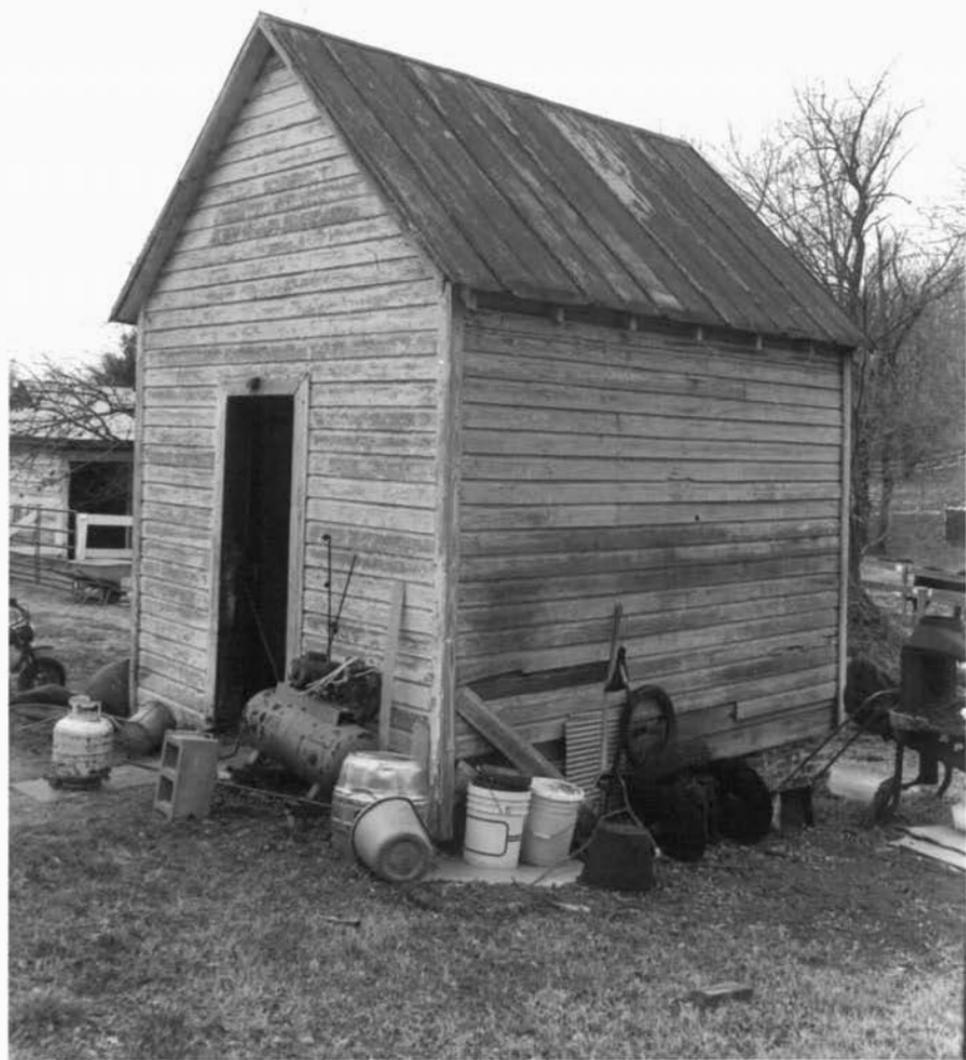
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Dr. Gibbons House  
Prince George's County, MD

Marina King  
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hall looking E

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Dr. Gibson's house

Prince George's County

Marina King

Meat House, N.E.

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Dr. Gibbons House  
Prince George's County  
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Croom farmhouse (Dr. William H. Gibbons house)  
10205 Croom Road, (Croom), Upper Marlboro  
Priv/occ/res/fair

1893

This is a two-and-one-half-story cross-gable frame house with a one-story bracketed porch across its main (east) facade. Entrance is in the first bay of this three-bay east gable end; there is a small pentagonal peaked window in this gable end at loft level. A second one-bay gable end faces to the south. The cornices are returned.

A small one-story room has been built into the corner of the ell formed by the east and south gables; this room once served as a doctor's office.

Asbestos shingle presently covers the original German siding.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

(revised information entered 11/9/81)

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Dr. William H. Gibbons house

AND/OR COMMON

Croom farmhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10205 Croom Road

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

Croom

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Maryland

Prince George's

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Michael Simmerer

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10205 Croom Road

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

Croom

STATE, zip code

Maryland

20772

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

P.G. County Courthouse

Liber #: 4831

Folio #: 389

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

Md.

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE

1974

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Galvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Road

CITY, TOWN

Riverdale Md. 20737

STATE

**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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-and-one-half-story cross-gable frame house with a one-story bracketed porch across its main (east) facade. Entrance is in the first bay of this three-bay east gable end; there is a small pentagonal peaked window in this gable end at loft level. A second one-bay gable end faces to the south. The cornices are returned.

A small one-story room has been built into the corner of the ell formed by the east and south gables; this room once served as the doctor's office.

Asbestos shingle presently covers the original German siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1893

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1893 by Dr. William H. Gibbons, and served from that time until his death in 1940 as his home and doctor's office. The land on which it stands was earlier part of an 18-acre parcel which included the John W. Coffren house and store. Dr. Gibbons bought the parcel in 1893, and built the house at that time. In 1910 a rear kitchen addition was built, probably replacing an earlier one-story kitchen.<sup>1</sup>

The Gibbons house stands in the village of Croom, an historically important cluster of buildings which centers around St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. Besides this important early (1740) church and its cemetery, several 19th century dwelling houses still stand along the Croom road, as well as the store and post office, schoolhouse and rectory building. The Gibbons house stands prominently near the center of this historic grouping.

1. JWB#24:179; interview with descendant of Dr. Gibbons

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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FMB#24:179; 579:429; 579:431; 4831:389

Interview with family member

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ADDRESS OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME/TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Historical &amp; Cultural Trust

DATE

Jun 2 1981

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Calvert Mansion, MNCPPG, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE

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Riverdale, Md.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE  
DR. WILLIAM H GIBBONS HOUSE  
P.G. #86A-6

4831:389  
6 Oct 1977  
Deed

Wilfred Dyer, trustee, (through Robert Grant) to Michael & Mary Simmerer; by Grant's default on deed of trust #4460: 718, Dyer sells to Simmerers 5.28 acres, residue of the land of George Harrison, same land as #579:431

579:431  
9 Oct 1940  
Deed

Matilda Wood Duvall to George & Helena Harrison; 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land, same as conveyed to Duvall by 579:429

579:429  
9 Oct 1940  
Deed

John & Clara Gibbons, William & Helen Gibbons, Maud Gibbons, Helena & George Harrison, et al to Matilda Wood Duvall; same land which William H. Gibbons purchased from Albert & Susanna Curtin by JWB#24:179 (18 acres minus small piece already conveyed)

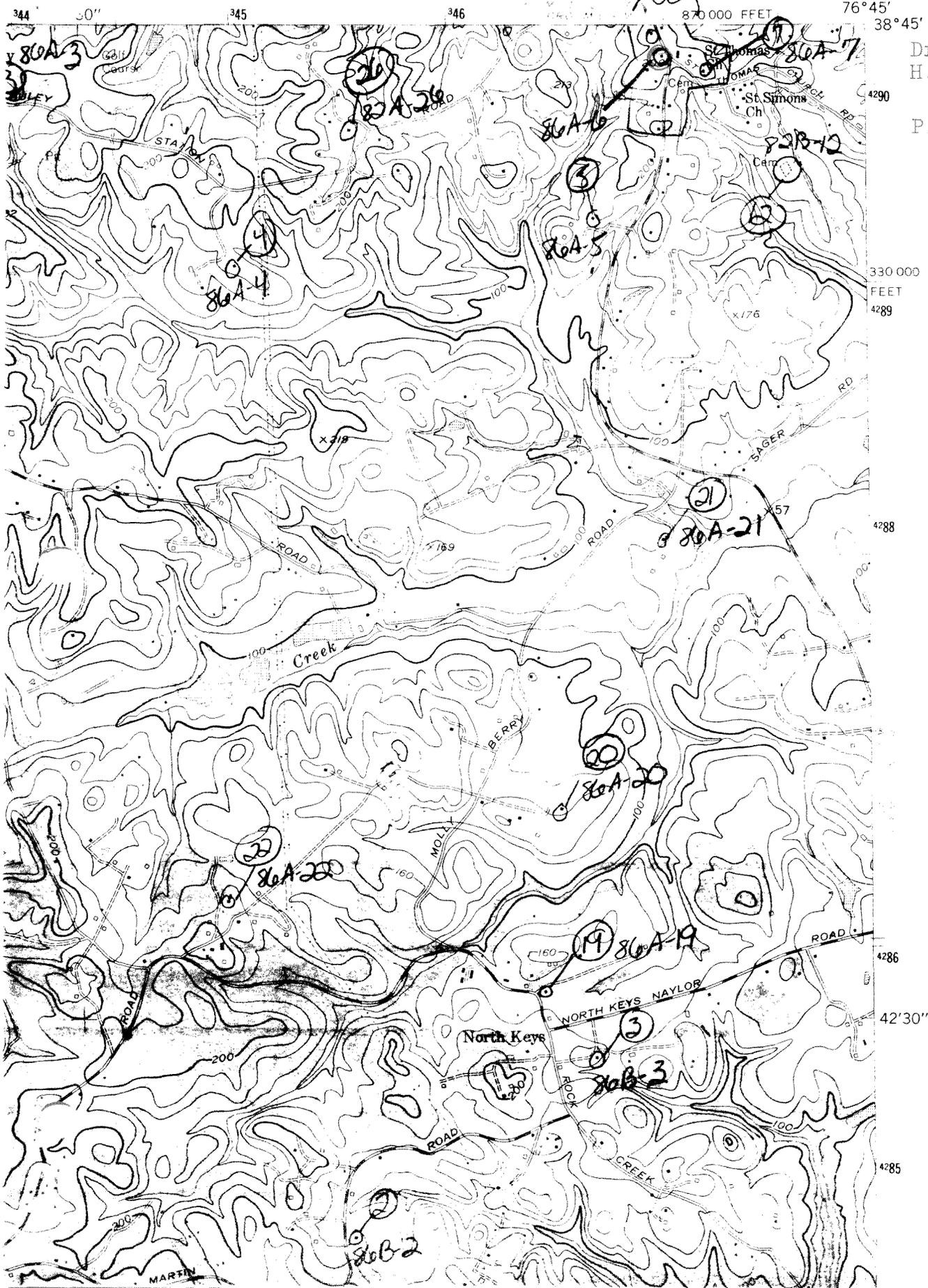
JWB#24:179  
20 Mar 1893  
Deed

Albert & Susanna Curtin to William H. Gibbons; 18 acre parcel part of 58 acres sold to Susanna Curtin, on Croom road

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MARYLAND  
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BRISTOL



Dr. William  
H. Gibbons  
House  
P.G. #86A-6



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NAME FARMHOUSE

LOCATION Rt 382 + ST. THOS. CH. Rd CROOM, Md

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