

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #86B-22

Building Date: 1905

Building Name: Crane House

Location: 15101 Candy Hill Road, Naylor

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Crane House is a gable-roofed frame dwelling which stands on a high maple-shaded lot of land at the crossroads of Naylor. Entrance is in the third bay of the three-bay north facade, through a door with two-light transom. Across this north facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by hollow metal fluted columns. There is a semi-circular brick stoop at the door. (An earlier porch was probably supported by bracketed posts similar to those at the Naylor house across the road.) Windows are 2/2 sash, and have black louvered shutters. The original wooden siding is now covered with white aluminum siding; there is no cornice. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle; there is an interior brick chimney near the east gable end in the north plane of the roof. The foundation is a parged brick, and encloses a full basement. Across the south facade is a one-story addition, an enclosed porch which is now a sun-room and bath. It is seven bays across. Interior consists of an entry/stairhall to the west with open two-flight staircase; the newel post is turned and surmounted by an urn; there are brackets on the stair ends. To the east of the stairhall is a large parlor; Door and window surrounds have multi-groove molding and bulls-eye corner blocks throughout the house. A short distance south of the house is a small gable-roofed outbuilding of twentieth century vintage. To the east is an older board-and-batten shed, in which are some hand hewn beams. To the west is a gable-roofed barn with board-and-batten siding.

Significance

The Crane House is significant for its Victorian vernacular architecture and as a landmark at the Naylor cross roads. It forms the southern boundary of the grouping of late 19th and early 20th century buildings that make up the community of Naylor. The Crane House was built in 1905 for R. Kearney Crane. The house was built on a 64-acre parcel called Lot #1 of Valley Farm. The Valley Farm was a section of the original Brookefield tract which was owned by the Worthington family during the 18th and 19th centuries. Crane sold the property in 1910, and removed from it a number of its moldings, doors and fixtures. The house has had two long term owners during its later 20th century history. The house is significant for its early twentieth century vernacular style, which included Victorian decorative details. It has been altered by the addition of aluminum siding and the modernization of its porch. It is similar in plan to the Naylor house (P.G. #86A-26). Despite alterations, its main facade, roofline, setback, fenestration and rectangular plan identify it as an early twentieth century dwelling. It is a landmark at the Croom and Candy Hill Roads intersection.

Acreage: 2.8 acres

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Crane House

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 15101 Candy Hill Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Naylor \_\_\_ 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                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                            | <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 George Herl

street & number 15101 Candy Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Naylor, state and zip code Maryland 20772

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5800

street & number Main Street folio 239

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

te \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

# 7. Description

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|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" 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.

The Crane House is a gable-roofed frame dwelling which stands on a high maple-shaded lot of land at the crossroads of Naylor. The house is approximately 32 feet square, and faces north towards the old Brandywine-Nottingham Road (Candy Hill Road). Entrance is in the third bay of the three-bay north facade, through a door with two-light transom. Across this north facade is a one-story hip-roof porch supported by hollow metal fluted columns on a brick floor. There is a semicircular brick stoop at the door. (An earlier porch was probably supported by bracketed posts similar to those at the Naylor house across the road.)

Windows are 2/2 double hung sash, and have black louvered shutters on the north and west facades. The original wooden siding is now covered with white aluminum siding; there is no visible cornice. The roof is covered with black asphalt shingle; there is an interior corbelled brick chimney near the east gable end in the north plane of the roof. The foundation is a parged brick, and encloses a full basement.

Constructed in the southerly bay of the west gable end is a one-story hip-roof projecting bay with four windows. Like those of the original house, these windows are 2/2 double hung sash. The foundation of this projecting bay is of poured concrete.

Across the south facade is a one-story addition, an enclosed porch which is now a sun-room and bath. It is seven bays across, with entrance in the fifth bay. Like the projecting bay to the west, this southerly addition rests on a foundation of poured concrete.

Interior consists of an entry/stairhall to the west with open two-flight staircase; the newel post is turned and surmounted by an urn; there are brackets on the stair ends. To the east of the stairhall is a large parlor; at the fireplace in its east wall is a Classical Revival style wooden mantel, with slim colonettes flanking a plain frieze with applied central ornament. Door and window surrounds have multi-groove molding and bulls-eye corner blocks throughout the house.

A short distance south of the house is a small square gable-roofed outbuilding of twentieth century vintage. To the east is an older board-and-batten shed, in which some hand hewn beams are available. To the west of the house, fronting on the gravel drive, is a gable-roofed barn with board-and-batten siding. The grounds slope gently toward a stream to the south, and the high point where the house stands is shaded with many tall maples.

# 8. Significance

| Period                                    | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below    |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric      | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric  | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input 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                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)<br>Local History |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   |  |

**Specific dates** 1905 **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 Crane House is significant for its Victorian vernacular architecture and as a landmark at the Naylor cross roads. It forms the southern boundary of the grouping of late 19th and early 20th century buildings that make up the community of Naylor.

The Crane House was built in 1905 for R. Kearney Crane, a resident of Baltimore that married Naylor resident Mary Emily Bourne.<sup>1</sup> The Crane House was built on a 64-acre parcel called Lot #1 of Valley Farm.<sup>2</sup> The Valley Farm was a section of the original Brookefield tract which was owned by the Worthington family during the 18th and 19th centuries.<sup>3</sup>

Crane sold the property in 1910, and removed from it a number of its moldings, doors and fixtures.<sup>4</sup> The house has had two long term owners during its later 20th century history, Clinton Beall and Thomas C. Rawlings. Both farmed the property.

The house is significant for its early twentieth century vernacular style, which included Victorian decorative details. It has been altered by the addition of aluminum siding and the modernization of its porch. It is similar in plan to the Naylor house (P.G. #86A-26) on the northwest corner of the Croom and Candy Hill Road intersection, and probably had a similar porch and cornice treatment. Despite alterations, its main facade, roof-line, setback, fenestration and rectangular plan identify it as an early twentieth century dwelling. It is a landmark at the Croom and Candy Hill Roads intersection and an important member of the grouping of late 19th and early 20th century buildings that compose the Naylor community.



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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 20:235; and Stones and Bones, Cemetery Records of Prince George's County, Prince George's County Geneological Society, Inc., Bowie, Maryland, 1984.

2 Land Records, JWB 7:16 and 20:235.

3 Effie Gwynn Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County, Geneological Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, 1975, pg. 231.

4 Land Records, 55:455.

Chain of Title

Crane House  
P.G. #86B-22

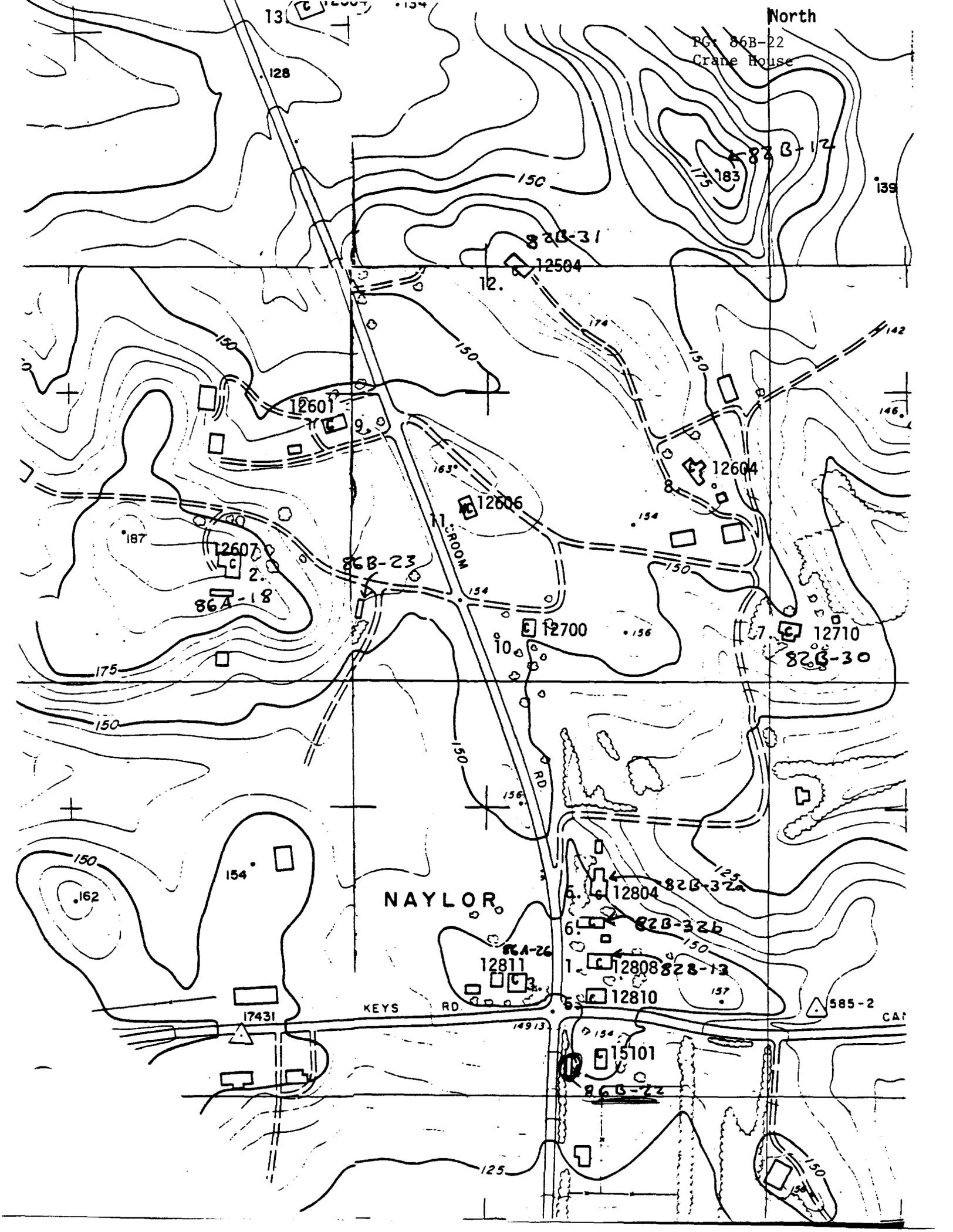
|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 5800:239<br>22 Nov. 1983<br>Deed  | Donald and Kay Kniffen to George W. and Mary D. Herl. For \$141,000 grantors convey 4.489 acres, Lot #382. Previously conveyed 4465:406 and 4622:570. And a parcel of 2.808 acres, east of Lot #382.   |
| 4465:406<br>3 Mar. 1975<br>Deed   | John E. and Terry Hayes to Donald and Kay Kniffen, 2.808 acres, same conveyed 3437:601.  |
| 3427:601<br>6 Jan. 1967<br>Deed   | Jerrold Powers, Paul Summers, Josephine Kelly, John Mitchell to John and Terry Hayes, 2.808 acres. A part of the land conveyed 3388:389.   |
| 3388:389<br>19 Sept. 1966<br>Deed | Jerrold Powers to Paul Summers, 1/4 interest; Josephine Kelly 1/8 interest, John and Evalina Mitchell 1/8 interest in 60.069 acres, surveyed 1966, 3342:141.   |
| 3342:141<br>16 June 1966<br>Deed  | Ethel Rawlings, widow of Thomas C. Rawlings to Jerrold and Jeanne Powers, 60.069 acres. Same conveyed 391:205.   |
| 391:205<br>20 Jan. 1933<br>Deed   | Mary Ellen Beall, trustee to Thomas C. Rawlings. Equity #8794. 64-1/4 acres of Clinton Beall's estate sold for \$4,000. Lot #1 of Valley Farm, same conveyed 125:427.  |
| Equity 8794<br>1923               | Clinton Beall of Nottingham District wills property to wife, Mary Ellen Beall. If she marries or dies, divided between Oden Beall, Martha A. Bassford, Alta Jewett, Eva M. Rawlings. Or widow may sell.  |
| 125:427<br>13 Mar. 1917<br>Deed   | R. Earley Baden to Clinton Beall, for \$3,650, same obtained from R. Kearney Crane, 55:455, 64-1/4 acres, Lot 1 of Valley Farm.  |
| 55:455<br>22 Jan. 1910<br>Deed    | R. Kearney Crane to R. Early Baden, Lot 1 of Valley Farm, 64-1/4 acres. Same obtained from Laura Harper, widow, 1904, 20:235. With exception of the crop in the barn and lumber door frames and doors, window frames, screen doors, slat doors, window screens, bath tub and fixtures, sink, iron gratings, fencing, wire etc. not fixed to buildings or premises. |

20:235  
9 Aug. 1904  
Deed

Laura Harper, widow to R. Kearney Crane of Baltimore, for \$1,200, Lot #1 of Valley Farm, 64-1/4 acres.

JWB 7:16  
29 Oct. 1886  
Deed

Amicable division between Elizabeth M. Bowie and Laura Harper of a part of Valley Farm, devised to them by their father, Walter B. C. Worthington. To Laura, Lots #1 and 3, 64-1/4 and 250-1/4 acre.



PG 86B-22  
Crane House

North

NAYLOR

KEYS

RD

CROM

RD

CA

14913

125

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J. L. TUCKER, JR.  
5381 / 281  
5.00 A.  
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ELSIE  
DUVALL  
2 A.  
P. 36

C-S-C

1.00 A.  
P. 20  
63

LOT 1  
8584

RENE GRACE  
5687 / 378  
35.85 A.  
P. 80

O-S

DAVID D.  
DUVALL  
5354 / 441  
5.30 A.  
P. 70

ANONA D. DUVALL  
384 / 209  
46.48 A  
P/O P. 38

● 82B-31

15.00 A  
P. 23

62A.  
P. 45

R. E.  
GRACE

J.B. M.  
3156 / 112  
2.88 A.  
P. 49

5263 /  
863  
2.38  
P. 39

BERNARD D. DUVALL  
4210 / 502  
71.93 A.  
P. 40  
● 82B-30

P/O P. 38

ALVIN  
TURN  
362  
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MAP 137 - P. 71

ROAD

NAYLOR

MARIA SUB.  
LOT 1  
121052

JOSEPH B. DUVALL  
5354 / 448  
5975 / 057  
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LOT 2  
8599

● 82B-32

JAMES B. NAYLOR  
5162 / 062  
3.00 A  
P. 21

4987 / 320  
3.00 A  
P. 68

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MAP 147-R.B

2.81 A.  
P. 44

CANDY HILL RD.

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1.17 A  
P. 52

O-S

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B.A.  
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5800 / 239  
4.49 A.  
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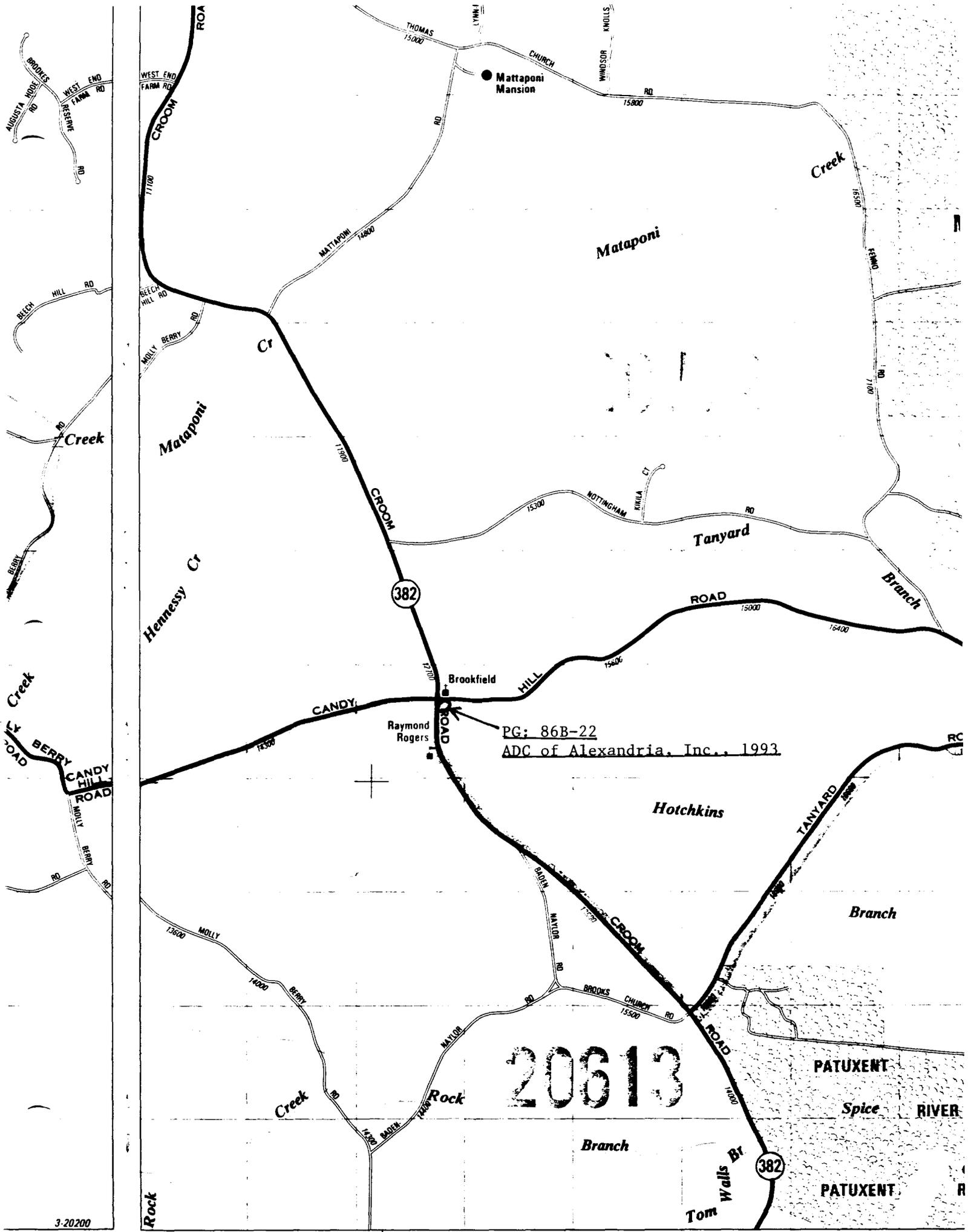
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THOMAS

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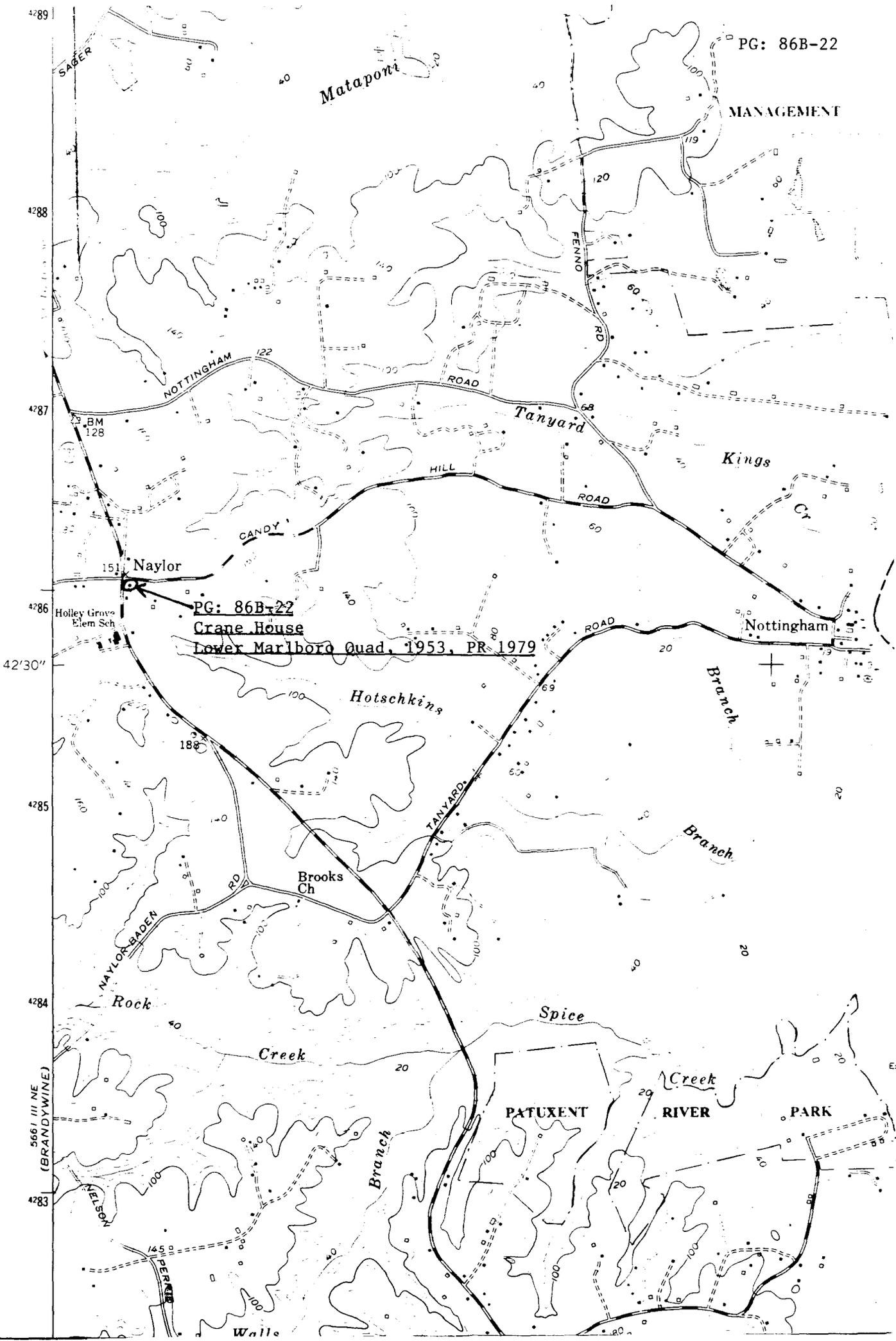
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BOARD OF ED



3-20200

A 870,000 FT B 76°45'00" C D E F G MD GRID 880,000 FT



PG: 86B-22  
 Crane House  
 Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979

4289  
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 4287  
 4286  
 42'30"  
 4285  
 4284  
 4283  
 5661 (III, NE (BRANDYWINE)

MANAGEMENT

Mataponi

SABER

NOTTINGHAM

FENNO RD

ROAD

Tanyard

HILL

ROAD

Kings

CANDY

Naylor

Holley Grove Elem Sch

151

Nottingham

Hotschkins

Branch

TANYARD

Branch

Brooks Ch

NAYLOR-BADEN

Rock

Spice

Creek

PATUXENT

RIVER

PARK

Creek

Branch

NELSON

SPERDUE

Walls



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Crane House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
Southwest elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



Crane House #86B-22  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
West elevation  
Neg. MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



#86B-22

Crane House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
Northeast elevation  
Neg: Md Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Crane House  
Prince George's County, MD  
Susan Pearl  
January 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.