

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: 16300 Croom Road, Prince George's County, MD Survey Number: PG-87A-28

Project: Bridge Replacement on MD 382, Prince George's County Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

16300 Croom Road, Prince George's County is a small family farm which consists of 1940 1 story residence, and several tobacco barns and other outbuildings. The house has had one addition put on the rear, and is covered in vinyl siding with a standing seam metal roof. The windows are one over one and there is an interior chimney. Two tobacco barns are in good shape with a corrugated tin gambrel roofs and vertical siding. A third barn is similar in design, but appears to be abandoned since a number of small trees are growing up around its immediate perimeter. The several outbuildings are in fair to poor condition but also have vertical siding and metal roofs.

Although the property has been used as a farm for at least two centuries, since tobacco is no longer the main crop grown on the farm, the barns are isolated relics and do not sufficiently demonstrate the history of tobacco growing in Prince George's County. The house is a modest 1940 residence. The entire site lacks historic associations or architectural features which would make it eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B or C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Jill Dowling, SHA

Anne E. Bruder 28-May-98
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntz 5/28/98
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farm and single family dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

PG 87A-28
16300 Croom Road
Prince George's County, MD
Private

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The small family farm at 16300 Croom Road is indicative of the agricultural history of Prince George's County, where tobacco cultivation dominated the economy and greatly influenced local social and cultural development. From the early land grants bestowed by Lord Calvert establishing the manor system to the division of large holdings into more modest family farms, residents of lower Prince George's County made their living farming the land through the nineteenth century. Exhausted soil and the abolition of slavery resulted in a diversification of production, and the county took the lead in experimentation through its agricultural society and the University of Maryland.

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name 16300 Croom Road (MD 382)

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2. Location

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street & number 16300 Croom Road (MD 382) not for publication _____

city or town Brandywine vicinity X state MD code _____

county Prince George's code _____ zip code 20613

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>8</u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u>8</u>	_____	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling
Agriculture Storage/Outbuilding

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling
Agriculture Storage/Outbuilding

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete
roof Asphalt/Tin
walls Wood/Aluminum
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture

Period of Significance 1940

Significant Dates 1940

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

MNCPPC, Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County, MD. Upper Marlboro: MNCPPC, 1992.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 41.7 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

See attached tax map

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Follows tax parcel

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Jill Dowling
organization State Highway Administration date 03/17/98
street & number 707 N. Calvert St. telephone 410-545-8559
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21202

12. Property Owner

name Mary Goldsmith
street & number 16300 Croom Road telephone _____
city or town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613
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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. PG 87A-28

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Prince George's MD
county and state

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The house is a modest, white front-gabled frame structure with a shed roof screened porch facing the street and a shed roof addition facing the back. A gable roof basement entrance exists on the south elevation, and an interior brick chimney rises from the roof south of the ridge. The house is sheathed in aluminum siding, and features modern one over one windows with black aluminum shutters and a concrete block foundation.

According to the property owner, the farm buildings predate the house. Once used as a tobacco farm, the land is now leased for hay production. Structure #2 (numbering based on site map attached) is a medium sized barn with a seamed tin gambrel roof constructed of untreated hinged vertical boards. The complex labeled #3 on the site map consists of a shed, a gable roof garage structure with a shed roof addition, and a large outhouse. All buildings are constructed of wood. Barn #4 is a large structure with a concrete block foundation, similar in construction to #2, with a tin gambrel roof. Building #5 appears to be a chicken coop, and Barn #6 is nearly identical to Barn #4, but supported on concrete piers. This structure sits away from the house near the banks of Full Mill Branch, and closer to MD 328 than the rest of the complex.

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North of this resource on MD 382, Croom is a rural village named for the seventeenth century land patent to the northwest. Characterized by winding lanes, rolling farmland and wooded areas, Croom Road has served as a major transportation route since at least the eighteenth century. 16300 Croom Road exists more precisely in Baden, named for a local family that continues to own land in the area. Kalmia, the Baden family home, dates to the 1840s and includes historic farm structures.

The expanse of road from River Airport Road south to Charles County was historically part of the road from the Patuxent Landings to Charles County. White's Landing Road is one such landing, which was in use by 1739. Both roads are indicated on the 1828 Road Survey.

Throughout the local area, farms commonly contain agricultural structures dating to the mid-nineteenth to early twentieth centuries. Green Hill (87A-11) near Aquasco reflects the development of the complex surveyed on a grander scale, including a 1941 frame house and a tobacco barn built circa 1830. With the decline of tobacco, many of the area farms switched crops, and the suburbanization of the county beginning circa 1940 has increased residential development. Presently, most of the agricultural buildings at 16300 Croom Road are unused, although the owners continue to reside in the house and lease their acreage out for hay production.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Agriculture

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category:

Small family farmstead
Standing structures

Historic Environment:

Rural

Historic Function (s):

Domestic/Single Dwelling
Agriculture/Storage-
Outbuildings

Known Design Source:

Unknown

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MARGARET A FRANCIQUES, ETAL
4649/750
26 04A
P 94

HAROLD P SIMPSON
2496/91
36 40A
P 7

RICHARD D DIETZ
5453/367
1110 A
P 8

PAUL F BADEN
4649/746
26 04A P 93

106 A
P 73

HAROLD O SUIT
4649/742 26 03A P 92

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P 77

JOSEPH W
STIELPER

4554/447
11 73A
P 49

THOMAS A BEAN
6258/136
15 30A
P 70

100 A
P 57

JOS W STIELPER
3164-393
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P 84

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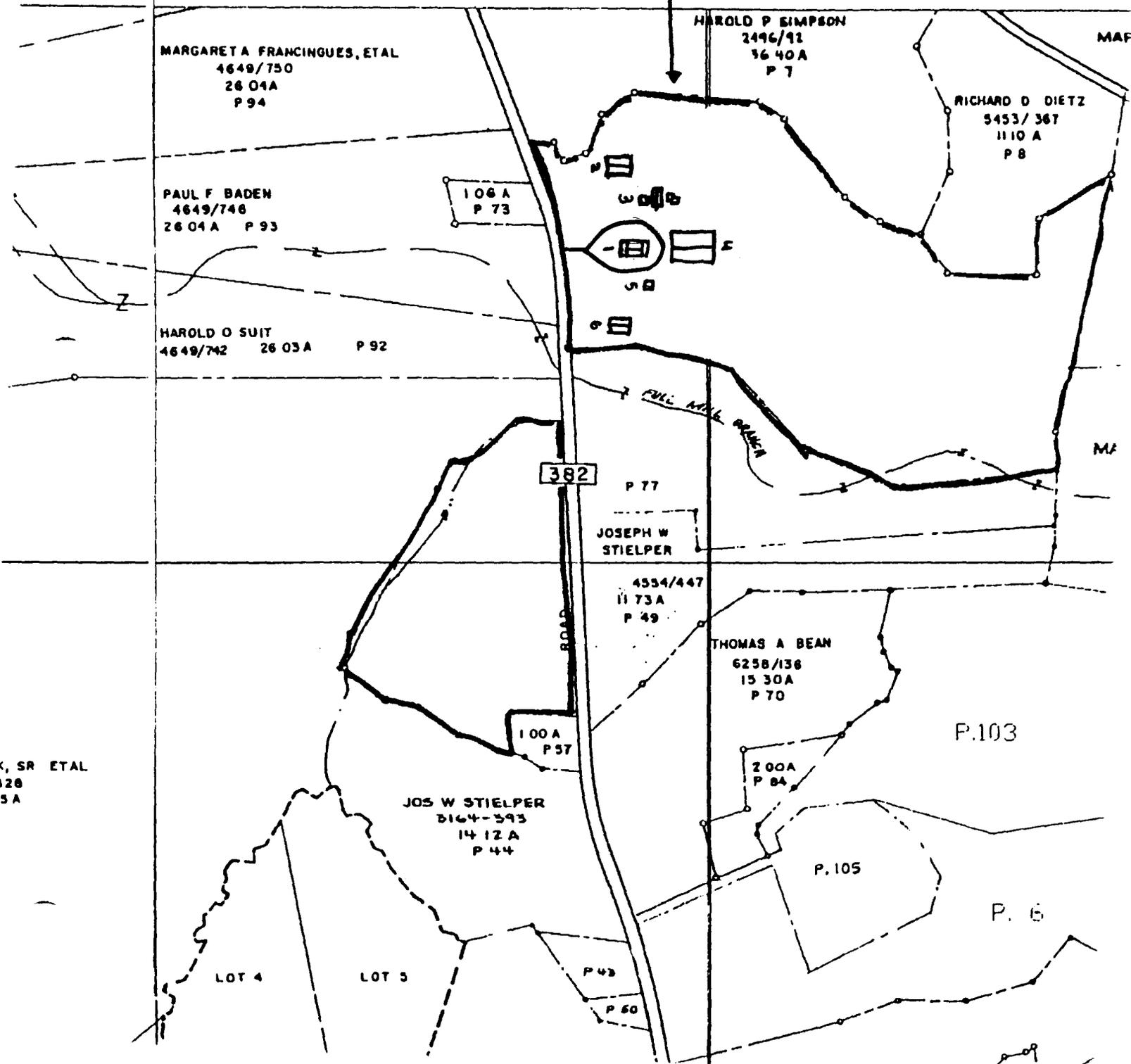
LOT 4

LOT 3

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16300 CROOM RD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

3198

MDSHPO

HOUSE (BLDG 1)

1 OF 7



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16300 CROOM RD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING
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MDSHPO

BLDG 1 - SOUTH ELEVATION

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16300 CROOM RD
PRINCE GEORGES CO MD
JILL DOWLING

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MDSH PO

BLDG 2 - SOUTH ELEV

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16300 CROOM RD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

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MOSHPO

COMPLEX 3

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16300 CROOM RD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

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MDSHPO

BLDG 4 - WEST ELEVATION

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16300 CROOM RD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

3198

MD5HPO

BLDG 5 - SOUTH ELEVATION

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16300 CROOM RD
PRINCE GEORGES CO MD
JILL DOWLING

3198
MDSHPO
BLDG 6 - NORTH ELEV
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