

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

Property/District Name: 16601 Croom Road, Prince George's County, MD Survey Number: PG-87A-29

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)

16601 Croom Road, Prince George's County is a small family farm which consists of 1935 1-1/2 story residence and a tobacco barn. The house has had several changes and additions since its initial construction. These include the one story addition to the west end of the main pile with its attendant carport. The front gable addition has been enclosed and is now an interior room. The windows are six over six and there is an interior chimney. The tobacco barn is in good shape with a corrugated tin roof and vertical siding.

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 barn has become an isolated relic and does not sufficiently demonstrate the history of tobacco growing in Prince George's County. The house is a modest 1935 residence. The entire site lacks historic associations or architectural features which would make it ~~eligible~~ 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. Turley 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-29  
16601 Croom Road  
Prince George's County, MD  
Private

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The small family farm at 16601 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.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. PG 87A-29

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_

common/other name 16601 Croom Road (MD 382)

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2. Location

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street & number 16601 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>2</u>	<u>3</u>	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes  Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No

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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/stone  
roof Asphalt  
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 1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1935  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 16.0 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**  
See attached tax map

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

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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

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12. Property Owner  
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name Guy M. Baden  
street & number 16601 Croom Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Brandywine state MD zip code 20613

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

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Prince George's MD  
county and state

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The house is comprised of several additions embellishing the original modest, side gabled one and a half story rectangular structure. A front gabled addition extends nearly the full length of the facade facing MD 328, with a side gabled wing extending south. The side gabled carport attaches to the wing addition. A brick chimney is located off center on the ridgeline of the central block, and the entire structure is sheathed in aluminum siding. Modern one over one and older six over one windows witness the phased construction of the house, and upper story windows are paired in the gable ends. Three modern prefabricated metal storage buildings are located behind the house.

The barn sits north of the house, with its tin, gabled end roof facing the street. Constructed of vertical wood boards painted red, the structure does not appear to be in use presently.

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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. 16601 Croom Road exists more precisely in Baden, named for a local family that continues to own land in the area. The property surveyed is owned by Guy Baden. Kalmia, the family's historic home, dates to the 1840s and includes 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 a composite of mid-twentieth century homes with agricultural structures dating to the mid-nineteenth or 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.

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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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MARGARETA FRANCINGUES, ETAL  
4649/750  
26 04A  
P 94

HAROLD P SIMPSON  
2496/91  
36 40A  
P 7

MAP

RICHARD O DIETZ  
5453/387  
1110 A  
P 8

PAUL F BADEN  
4649/746  
26 04 A P 93

106 A  
P 73

HAROLD O SUIT  
4649/742 26 03A P 92

FULL RIVER BRIDGE

382

P 77

JOSEPH W  
STIELPER

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4554/447  
11 73A  
P 49

THOMAS A BEAN  
6258/138  
15 30A  
P 70

P.103

100 A  
P 57

200A  
P 84

K, SR ETAL  
328  
5A

JOS W STIELPER  
3164-393  
14 12 A  
P 44

P.105

P. 6

LOT 4

LOT 5

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Lower Marlboro Road.

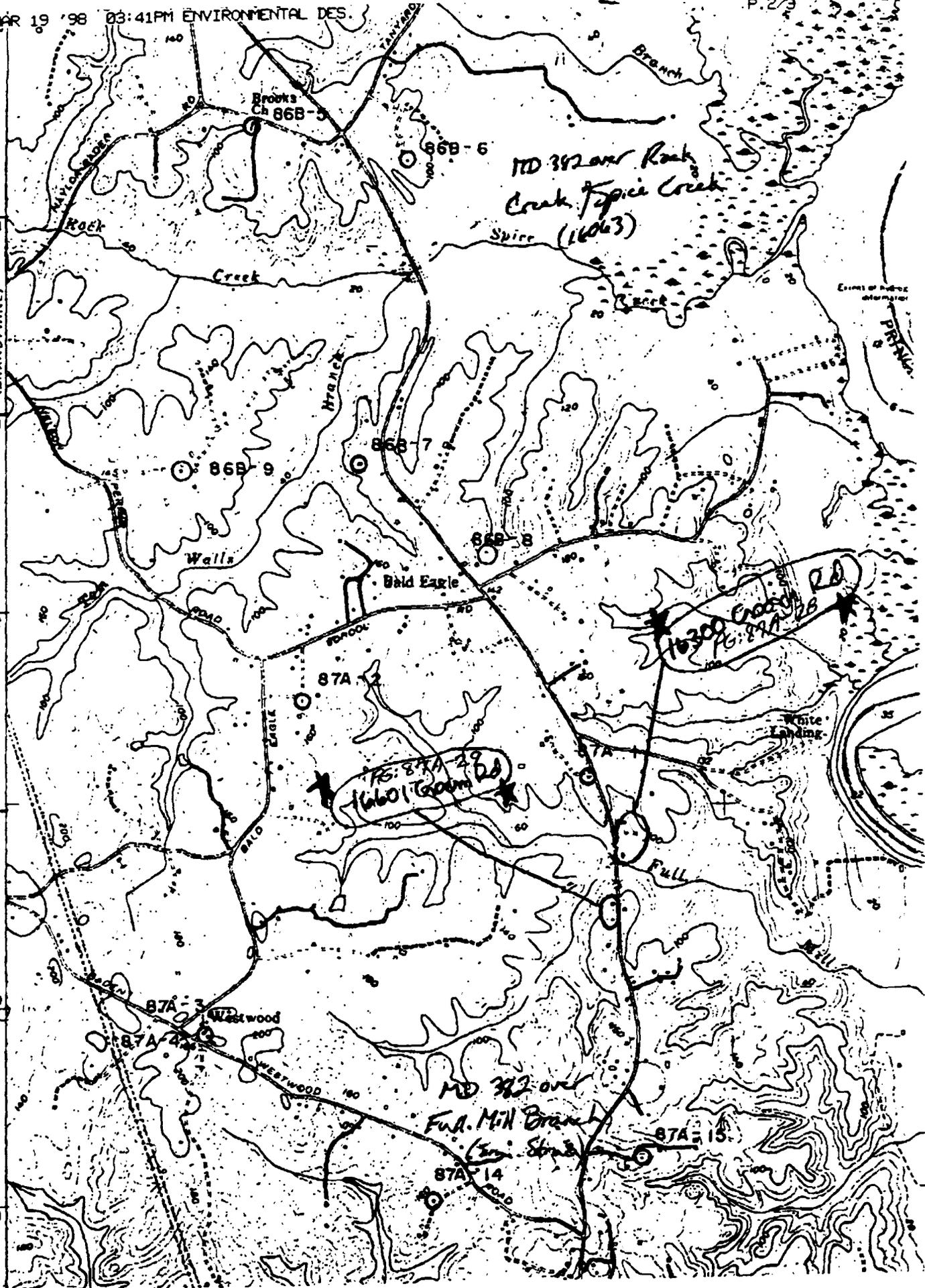
545' 17" W (BRANDYWINE)

52'

40'

30'

25'





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16601 CROOM ROAD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

3198

MDSH PO

HOUSE + OUTBUILDINGS

1 OF 3



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16601 CROOM RD  
PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

3198

MD SHPO

BARN

2 OF 3



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16601 CROOM ROAD

PRINCE GEORGES CO MD

JILL DOWLING

3/98

MDSHPO

HOUSE + OUTBUILDINGS

3 OF 3