

CAPSULE SUMMARY**PG: 87A-063****Trueman House****19811 Aquasco Road****Brandywine, Prince George's County, Maryland****c. 1907****Private**

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This single-family house, based on its form and materials, appears to have been constructed circa 1907. The rectangular form is augmented by a two-story, one-bay wing. This form suggests that the dwelling once had a wrap-around porch from the façade (north elevation) to the elbow of the main block and wing. Set on a solid foundation, the wood-frame structure has been clad in German vinyl siding. The front-gable roof, an uncommon form for rural Prince George's County, is covered with V-crimp metal and finished with narrow overhanging eaves. An interior brick chimney with a rebuilt plain cap pierces the eastern slope of the main block. Located in the western bay of the façade (north elevation), the single-leaf main entry holds a paneled wood door. Set in a vinyl-clad wood surround, the opening is finished with a three-light transom and two-light sidelights. The western sidelight has been covered with plywood from the exterior. The location of the main entry coupled with a lack of window openings on the west elevation is suggestive of a side-hall plan. Window openings on the façade hold 2/2 wood-sash set in vinyl-clad square-edge wood surrounds. A small window pierces the upper gable end. A wooden platform fronts the façade.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Trueman House

other

2. Location

street and number 19811 Aquasco Road not for publication

city, town Brandywine vicinity

county Prince George's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jean S. Trueman

street and number 19906 Aquasco Road telephone

city, town Aquasco state MD zip code 20608-2104

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6412 folio 208

city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 178 tax parcel 20 tax ID number 08-0845164

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
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<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing 1
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing 1
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing 3
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		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing 3
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing 0
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			Noncontributing 0
			Total 3
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The Trueman House is located on the west side of Aquasco Road approximately nine miles southeast of the Town of Brandywine in Prince George's County. Accessed via a gravel drive, the dwelling is surrounded by a stand of mature trees. Mature foundation plantings line the eastern side of the house. The triangular-shaped property is defined by level agricultural fields which are framed by tree lines to the west and south. A historic shed is located southeast of the dwelling.

DWELLING

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Located in the western bay of the façade (north elevation), the single-leaf main entry holds a paneled wood door. Set in a vinyl-clad wood surround, the opening is finished with a three-light transom and two-light sidelights. The western sidelight has been covered with plywood from the exterior. The location of the main entry coupled with a lack of window openings on the west elevation is suggestive of a side-hall plan. Window openings on the façade hold 2/2 wood-sash set in vinyl-clad square-edge wood surrounds. A small window pierces the upper gable end. A wooden platform fronts the façade.

The east (side) elevation is pierced by six, 2/2 wood-sash windows set in vinyl-clad wood surrounds. The west (side) elevation has no window openings, but does include a two-story, one-bay wing. Capped by a side-gable roof of standing-seam metal with narrow overhanging eaves, the wing features the same materials and treatment as the main block. An interior-end brick chimney with corbeled cap rises from the west end of the wing. Fenestration consists of two 2/2 wood-sash windows set in vinyl-clad square-edge wood surrounds located on the north elevation.

All three second-story window openings on the south (rear) elevation contain 2/2 wood-sash set in wood surrounds clad in vinyl siding. Two openings pierce the main block with one on the rear of the wing. The rear elevation features a one-story porch extending across the elevation and wing. Set on a combination of concrete-block and wood pier foundations, the foundation has been partially clad in German vinyl siding. A half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal includes overhanging eaves and square wood supports. A single-leaf, paneled wood door is located in the easternmost bay. As currently configured, the western end and middle portions of the porch have been framed and enclosed with German vinyl siding. A four-light,

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>

Specific dates	c. 1907	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1907		
Evaluation for:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	National Register	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maryland Register
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Trueman House is located approximately three miles northwest of Aquasco, Maryland. Located in southern Prince George's County, Aquasco developed as a small crossroads village. The center of Aquasco is marked by the intersection of Aquasco Road (MD 381), St. Mary's Church Road, and Dr. Bowen Road. Aquasco Road led southeast from Baden toward Benedict in Charles County, and was completed between 1740 and 1762.¹ This road ran directly through Aquasco. In the eighteenth century, the area around Aquasco was divided into large tobacco plantations.² The limits of each plantation were defined by metes and bounds; no grid pattern of townships and sections was ever superimposed on Prince George's County.³ Changes to the county's economy that occurred from the end of the Civil War (1861-1865) to the turn of

¹ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Planning Department, *Historic Contexts in Prince George's County* (1991), 25.

² Mark Andrich, et al., "Avasco Historic District (PG: 87B-36)," Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1984), 7:1.

³ During the Colonial era of Prince George's County.

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the twentieth century are still visible in the landscape of southern Prince George's County. During this period, agriculture, while remaining the dominant form of livelihood, changed from a series of large plantations to numerous small farming operations.⁴ Today, this rural area is primarily categorized by agricultural fields. Most of the standing structures date from and reflect the area's growth between 1850 and 1930.⁵

The 7.25-acre Trueman House property was originally a part of the 23-acre "Woodborough" tract that was conveyed to Eli J. Watson by the Turner family in 1903.⁶ Watson was born October 3, 1834 in Prince George's County and was the son of Fielder Watson, a planter. A life-long planter himself, Watson married Mary M. Trueman, in 1873. The 1870 U.S. Federal Census indicates that Watson and Mary M. Trueman were neighbors along Aquasco Road.

Trueman was born in 1847 and was the daughter of Henry Benjamin Beaven Trueman, a Prince George's County blacksmith, wheelwright, and farmer, and Susan Ann Trueman.⁷ Mary's childhood home, the H.B.B. Trueman House (PG: 87A-022) at 20218 Aquasco Road, was approximately ¼-mile south of the c. 1907 Trueman House property. Her father, typically known as Henry B.B. Trueman, was a planter and purchased the homestead property in 1853. Through various land transactions between 1841 and 1879, Trueman accumulated approximately 144 acres.

Following the marriage of Eli and Mary Watson, the couple's son, Boykin E. Watson, was born in 1874 and was followed by daughters Vena M., in 1881 and Olive M., in 1886. Boykin served as the local enumerator for the Aquasco District during the taking of the 1900 U.S. Federal Census.⁸ Both Eli J. and Mary M. Watson are interred in the cemetery at Immanuel United Methodist Church (PG: 86B-018).

In 1904, the Truemans conveyed 7.25 acres of their 23-acre "Woodborough" tract to John A. and Martha K. Trueman. John A. Trueman was Mary M. Trueman's younger brother and was born in 1864. Following the death of their father in 1882, the H.B.B. Trueman property was bequeathed to his widow in a life estate and subsequently divided equally between his younger sons, John A. and Joshua Trueman. Both brothers resided at the H.B.B. Trueman House with their families. Joshua lived in the main block with his larger family and John occupied the side wing with his smaller family. The brothers continued to operate the

⁴ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992), B-4.

⁵ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992), B-35.

⁶ Edward A. Turner et ux. to Eli J. Watson, Prince George's County Land Records, 18:26.

⁷ 1850 U.S. Federal Census,

⁸ 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Aquasco, Prince George's, Maryland, Roll T623, Series 626, Page 10B, Enumeration District 99, Mary M. Watson.

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blacksmith and wheelwright shop, as well as the adjoining sawmill.⁹ In 1907, John conveyed his ½ interest in the H.B.B. Trueman House and property to his brother Joshua.¹⁰ It can be assumed that the Trueman House at 19811 Aquasco Road was erected at that time and Trueman then moved his family to their new home.

John A. Trueman was born in 1863 and married Martha K. in 1887. She was born in 1867.¹¹ The couple had four children: Mora C.; Martha Iola.; Wilton M.; and Renice Ethelyn. A blacksmith, John Trueman operated a shop during the first quarter of the twentieth century, located northeast of the dwelling adjacent to Aquasco Road.¹² Wilton, the couple's only son, was born in 1894 and was working for his father by the age of fifteen. By the time of the 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Mora was employed as a dressmaker and Martha in general merchandise sales. Renice, only 16, and her mom were listed as unemployed.¹³

The 1930 U.S. Federal Census documents that the Trueman House had an assessed value of \$1,650. By this time John Trueman had retired from blacksmithing to concentrate on farming operations. Wilton continued his father's blacksmith business while living at home. Martha followed in her older sister Mora's footsteps and was employed as a seamstress. Renice, documented by her middle name of Ethelyn, and her mother were unemployed. Mora was no longer an occupant of the house.¹⁴ John Trueman died on

⁹ Susan G. Pearl, "H.B.B. Trueman House," (PG: 87A-22), Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1985), 8:1.

¹⁰ John A. Trueman and Martha K. Trueman to Joshua C. Trueman and Mary O. Trueman, Prince George's County Land Records, 38:299.

¹¹ 1920 U.S. Federal Census erroneously lists John A. Trueman's date of birth as 1887.

¹² 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Census Place: Agnasco, Prince George's, Maryland, Series: T624, Roll: 567, Page: 8A, Enumeration District: 0068, Image: 333, FHL Number: 1374580, John A. Trueman.

¹³ 1920 U.S. Federal Census; Census Place: Aquasco, Prince George's, Maryland, Series: T625, Roll: 674, Page: 8A, Enumeration District: 79, Image: 525, Martha Trueman.

¹⁴ 1930 U.S. Federal Census; Census Place: Aquasco, Prince George's, Maryland, Series: 877, Page: 8B, Enumeration District: 19, Image: 967.0, Robert H. Trueman.

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December 29, 1941 and was pre-deceased by his wife Martha.¹⁵ Wills for John or Martha Trueman could not be located to determine when the property was legally transferred to their children.

In 1943, the property was conveyed by Wilton M. Trueman and his wife, Mary M. Trueman (nee Nutwell), and Wilton's youngest sister Renice Ethelyn Trueman to their older sisters Mora Celestie Waters and Martha Iola O'Keeffe.¹⁶ Wilton Trueman, 77, died in January 1972 in Clinton Maryland.

On April 12, 1984, Mora Celestie Waters died. Almost exactly a year later, Martha Iola O'Keeffe passed away, bequeathing the property to their close cousin Robert H. Trueman. Robert Howard Trueman was the son of Howard Joshua Trueman and Olive Watson Trueman and therefore the grandson of Eli J. Watson and Mary Watson, as well as Joshua and Mary Olympia Trueman (nee Dixon). Robert, born on August 4, 1924, likely grew up in the H.B.B. Trueman House.

Robert H. Trueman resided in the Trueman House with his wife, Jean S. Trueman (nee Sasscer). On September 25, 2004 Robert Trueman passed away. Currently, the property is owned by Jean S. Trueman and is divided into two parcels. A one-acre parcel (Tax ID# 0845164) contains the dwelling while the residual 6.25 acres (Tax ID# 0845172) is zoned agricultural.

¹⁵ "Obituary I," *The Washington Post* (1923-1954), December 30, 1941, <http://www.proquest.com/> (accessed July 6, 2011).

¹⁶ Wilton M. Trueman and Mary M. Trueman, and Renice Ethelyn Trueman to Mora C. Waters and Martha Iola O'Keeffe, Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 721, Folio 252.

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Pearl, Susan G., "H.B.B. Trueman House," (PG: 87A-22), Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, 1985.

Prince George's County Land Records.

Washington Post

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 7.25

Acreage of historical setting 23.50

Quadrangle name Benedict

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Trueman House is sited on a 7.25-acre parcel. The northern and eastern boundaries are formed by Aquasco Road. The western boundary follows a north-south treeline west of an agricultural field. The southern boundary follows a line west-east just within the treeline south of an agricultural field. The Trueman House is situated on Parcel 20, as noted on Tax Map 178.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Tracerics, Inc for M-NCPPC	date	September 2011
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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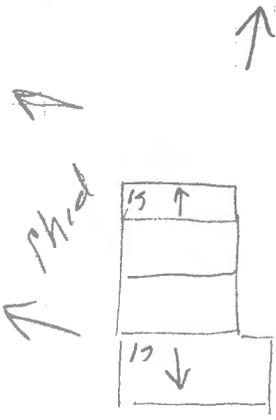
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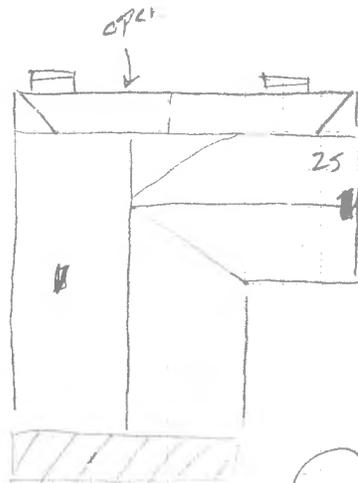
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December 7, 1870
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HB 7:297
June 4, 1873
(B) Albert Berry and Chloe Ann Berry to John O. Turner (0.5 acres)
- Deed
18:26
December 15, 1903
Edward A. Turner, attorney for heirs of John O. Turner, and Charles B. Turner, Lillie Turner, George J. Turner, Anna Turner, L. Caroline Jenkins, L. Carrie Turner, Carrie W. Turner, Fannie Welsh, Charles H. Welsh, Helen R. Turner, Mary V. Lieb, J. Frank Lieb, Charles E. Turner, Sarah Turner, Catherine M. Mudd, Martha A. Turner, Catherine A. Graces, Margaret D. Wood, and James W. Wood to Eli J. Watson
(A) 23 acres known as Woodborough and **(B)** 0.5 acres
- Deed
19:451
March 13, 1904
Eli J. Watson and Mary M. Watson to John A. and Martha K. Trueman (7.25 acres)
- Deed
721:252
September 24, 1943
Wilton M. Trueman and Mary M. Trueman (wife), and Renice Ethelyn Trueman to Mora C. Waters and Martha Iola O'Keeffe (7.25 acres)

Mora C. Waters, Martha Iola O'Keeffe, Wilton M. Trueman and Renice Ethelyn Trueman, being the sole heirs at law of their mother, Martha K. Trueman (deceased), and father, John A. Trueman (deceased).
- Deed
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July 28, 1986
Robert H. Trueman, Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Iola O'Keeffe, to Robert H. Trueman and Jean S. Trueman.(7.25 acres)
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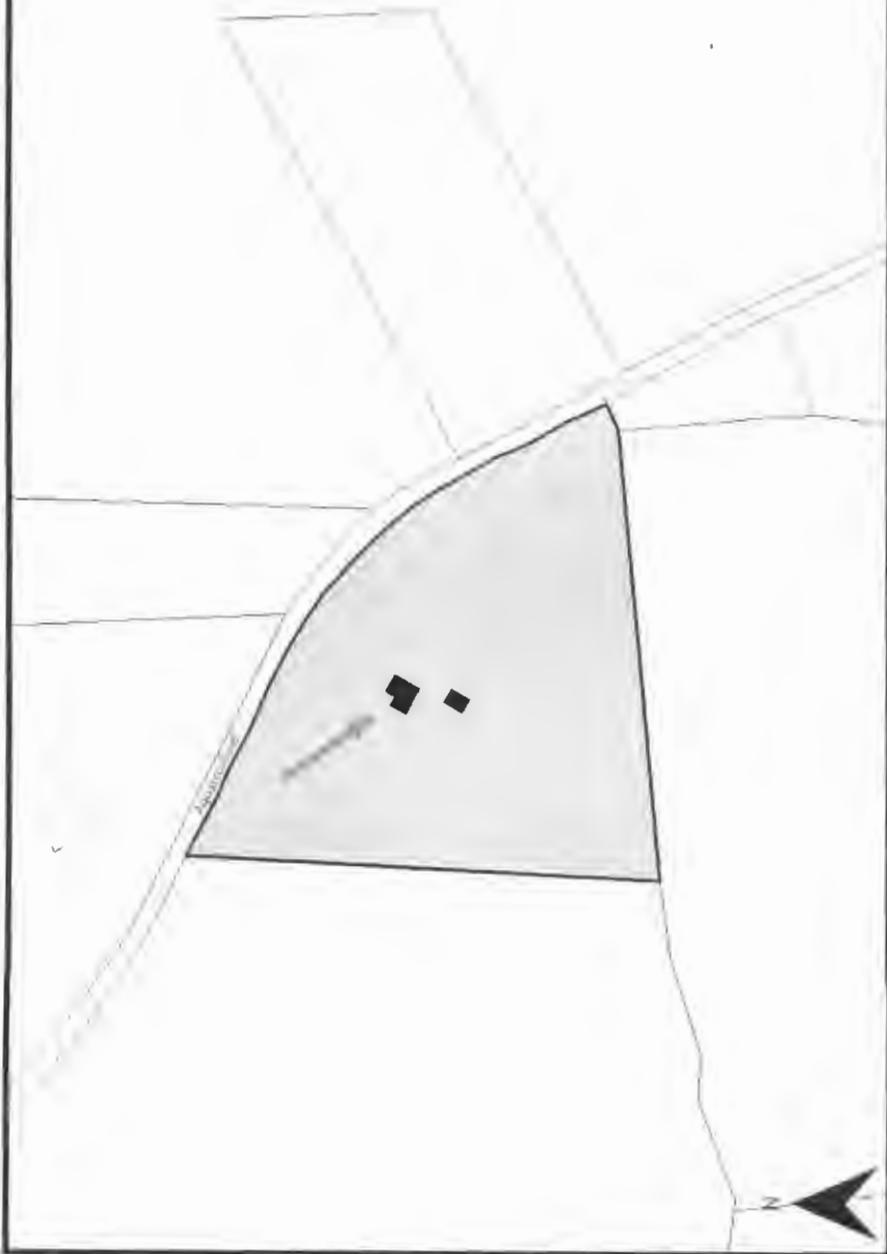
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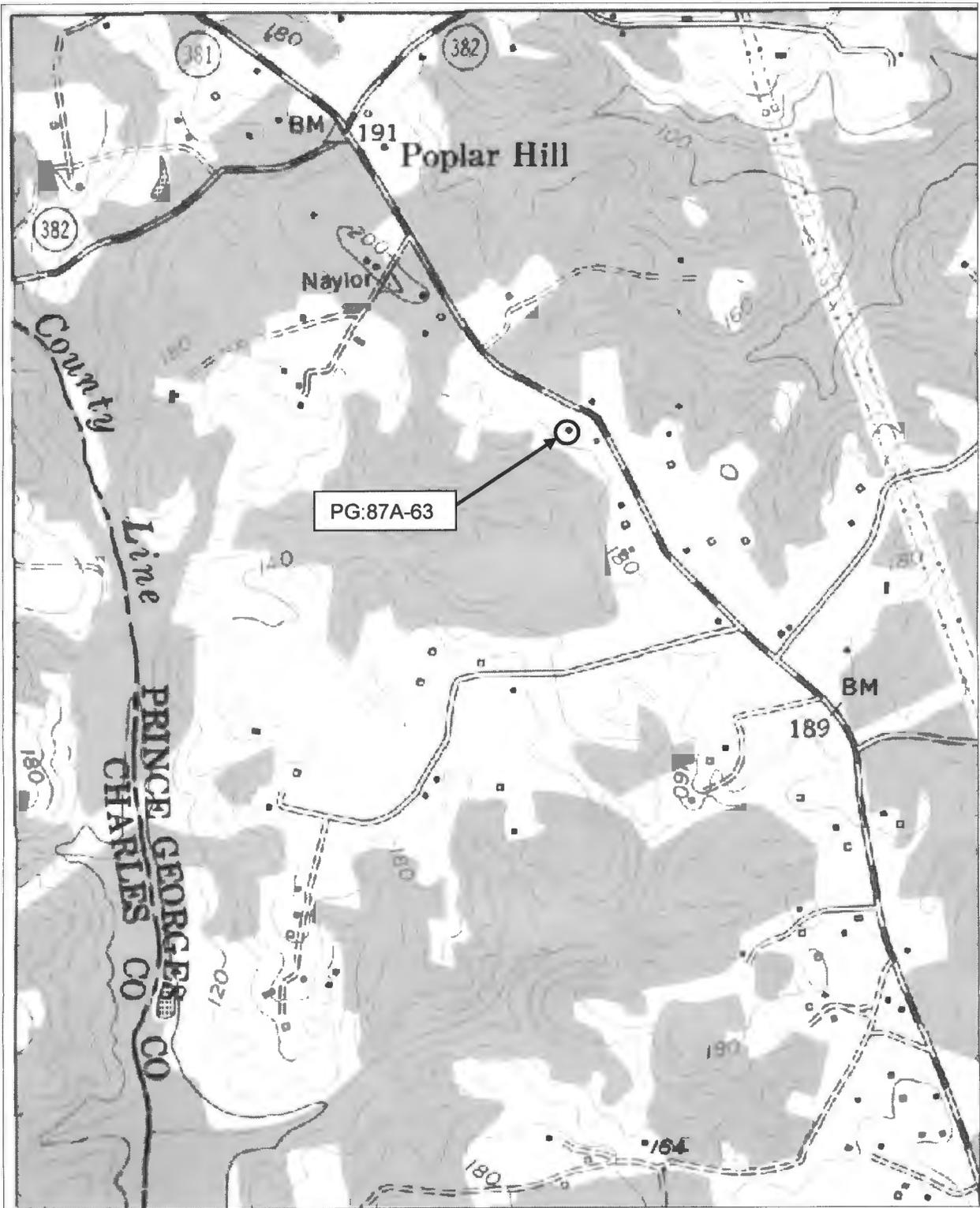
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Tax Map 178, Parcel 20



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Facade, View looking South

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Shed, View looking East

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Site, View looking South

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