

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-13 (PACS 1.9) Construction Date: circa 1935

Name: John R. Jones Subdivision

Location: 308-318 Second Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Commercial, Private Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The John R. Jones Subdivision is cluster of six 1- to 1½-story, wood-frame, front- and side-gable cottages. Built circa 1935 by individual owners, the buildings are located on the east side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County.

Significance:

The John R. Jones Subdivision was entered into the plat books of the Land Records of Prince George's County on October 26, 1936. The subdivision was a re-division of lots 3, 4, and 5 of the estate of Thomas Talbott. The original lots ran the width of the block, from Second Street to First Street. The re-division divided the lots in half both horizontally and vertically, creating six lots along Second Street between two larger end lots on the corners of Laurel Avenue and Little Montgomery Street. John R. Jones began to sell the lots in the early-1930s, before the subdivision was recorded, and the new owners constructed the houses.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE yes no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic John R. Jones Subdivision

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number 308-318 Second Street

n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel ___ vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Multiple

street & number

telephone no.:

city,town

state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 472

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 221

city,town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city,town

state

7. 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 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			

Resource Count: 6

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

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Number 308 Second Street is a 1½-story, 2-bay front-gable cottage. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The door is located in the second bay, and it has a broken-pediment surround. There are triple 1/1 double-hung windows in the first bay. The windows on the side and rear elevations are 6/1 double-hung. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney and shed-roof dormers. The property is currently used as a real estate office.

Number 310 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with a rear wing. It is of wood-frame construction covered with formstone. The side-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles, and the house has a shed roof front porch. There is an exterior end brick chimney. The entrance is centered and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The property is still used as a private residence.

Number 312 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with weatherboard siding, and it has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered, and is flanked by 6/1 metal double-hung windows. The porch has square wood supports on brick piers. The property is used as a private residence.

Number 314 Second Street is a 1½-story, 3-bay front-gable cottage with a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered with double doors, and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The porch has square wood posts on brick piers. The property is used as an insurance office.

Number 316 Second Street is a 1-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with clipped gable ends and a pedimented front porch. It is of wood-frame construction with aluminum siding, and has a concrete foundation. The roof is covered in asphalt shingles, and has a brick chimney. The entrance is centered, and is flanked by 6/1 double-hung windows. The porch is supported by battered wood supports on brick piers. The property is used as a hair salon.

Number 318 Second Street is a 1½-story, 3-bay side-gable cottage with gable-dormers. It is of wood-frame construction, with wood shingle siding and a concrete foundation. There is a projecting, centered gable bay. The entrance is located in the center bay, and is flanked by 1/1 vinyl replacement windows. There is a metal awning above the door. The property is used as a private residence.

The six buildings have similar setbacks from the road, and are evenly spaced down the block. The buildings are located on the east side of Second Street, and are surrounded by modern commercial development and converted residential properties. The historic setting of this area was a residential area within the City of Laurel.

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8. Significance (Continued)

found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily 1 to 1 1/2-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2 1/2-stories tall, are typically 2 to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation

Constructed circa 1935, the John R. Jones Subdivision is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The subdivision is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the subdivision has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of community planning in the mid-1930s. The buildings, while similar in size and setback, have been altered, and are common examples of ubiquitous housing types from the 1930s. The surrounding area has undergone heavy commercial development. Finally, the subdivision has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended XX
Comments _____

Reviewer, OPS: C. S. Spera Date: 9/2/98
Reviewer, NR Program: PK Date: 9/2/98

11/14/98

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-13(PACS 1.9)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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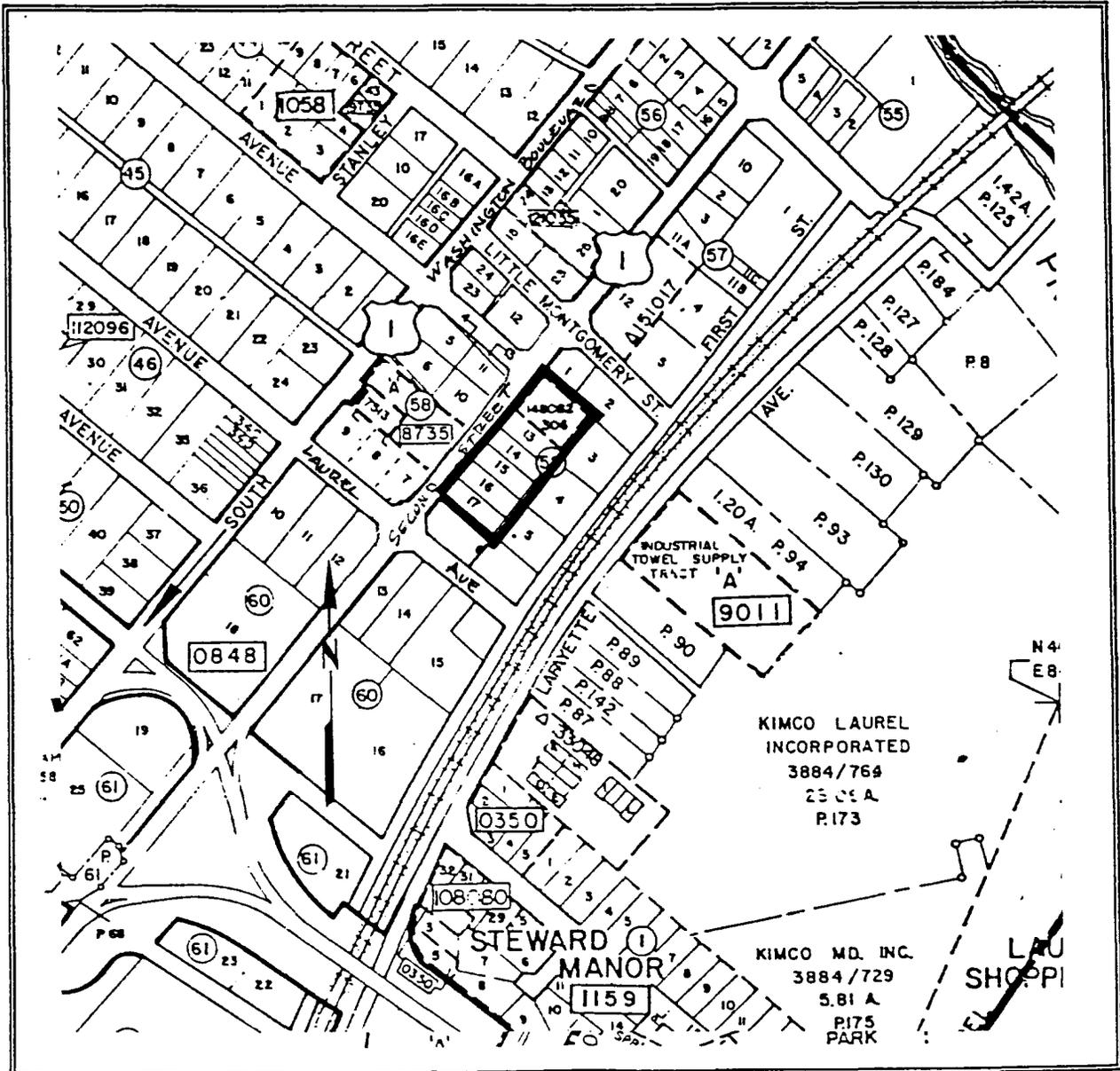
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Resource Sketch Map:



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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Community Planning, Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): District

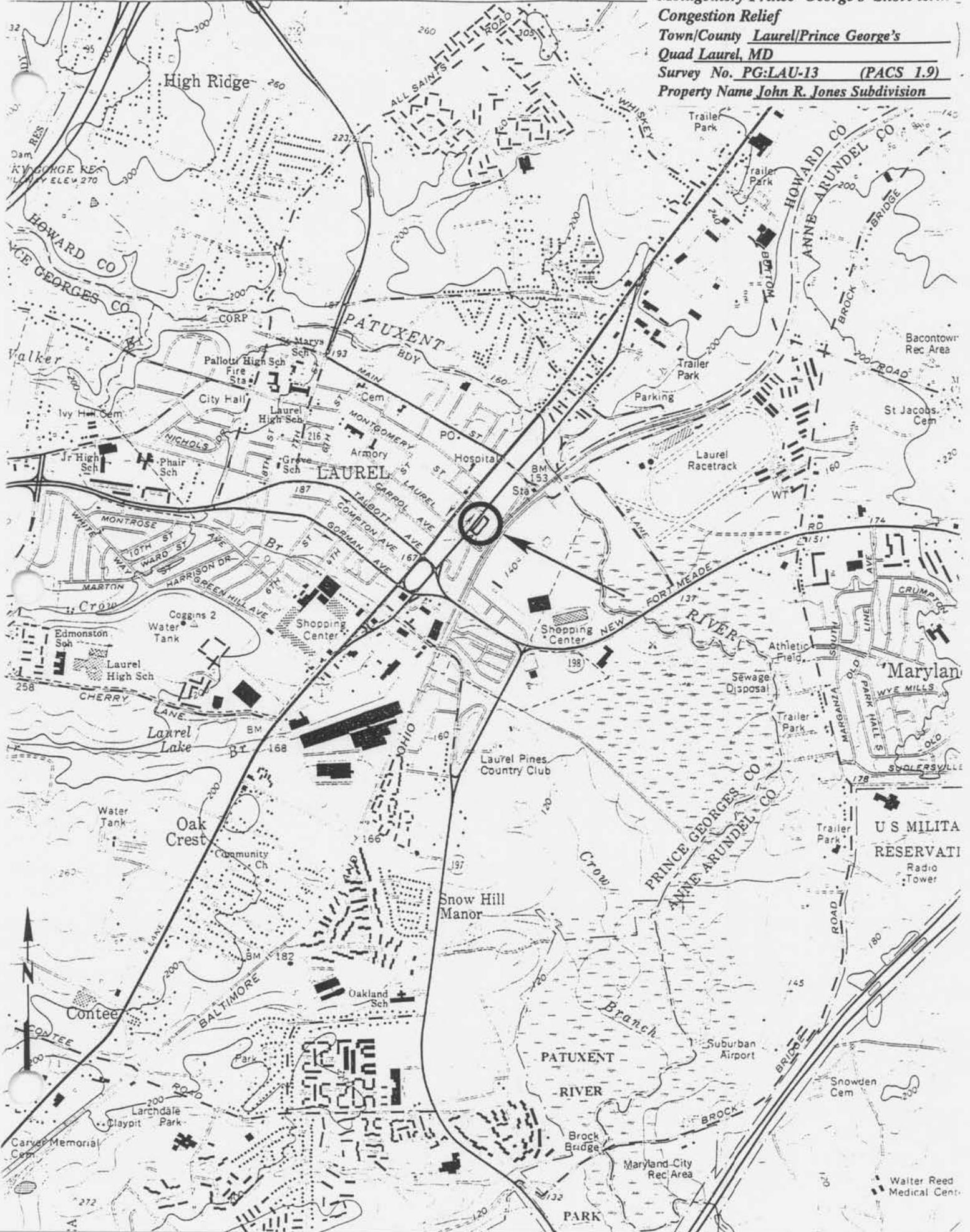
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residences

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

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Quad Laurel, MD
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- 1 PG: Lau 13
- 2 John R. Jones, Sub-developer
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5198
- 6 MD JHPO
- 7 314, 315, 317 Second St.
- 8 1 of 5

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2 John P. Jones, Subdivider

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Md SHPO

7 3-1-312, 310, 308 Record #

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- 1 PB: Lau - 103
- 2 John R Jones, Webster 1841
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 3128
- 6 1118 240
- 7 316, 318 Second St.
- 8 317 E.

2000 1230 200



- 1 PG-Law-13
- 2 John R Jones, Submission
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 571
- 7 312, 3rd Record St.
- 8 U of S

REF ID: A1230302



1 PG: Lau-13

2 John R. Lane, Sec 4001 2000

3 Prince Georges Co Md

4 Susan Taylor

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6 Md SHPS

7 308, 310 Second St

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