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Newnam House
Centreville
Private

1888

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Newnam House
AND/OR COMMON

W. Edward Barton House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

306 Chesterfield Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne'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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Katherine B. Johnson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

12005 Smoketree Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20854

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 153

Folio #: 596

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barton House is located on the north side of Chesterfield Avenue west of Broadway in Centreville. Constructed in 1888, it is the oldest house on this section of Chesterfield Avenue, which remained relatively undeveloped until the turn of the century.

Of frame construction on a continuous brick foundation, the Barton house is 2 1/2 stories high with an asymmetrical cross plan. The front facade consists of a projecting semi-octagonal bay to the right and double entrance doors set back to the left. The projecting bay is pierced by four 1/1 windows on the first and second floor. The upper gable is highly decorative, with a small paired window in the center flanked by applied strapwork on either side and a horizontal band of geometric strapwork below. The deeply overhanging eaves of the steeply pitched gable roof are tricked out with Eastlake verge boards and decorative scrollwork in the apex. The door to the left is set off by sidelights and a transom; there is a single 1/1 window above the door on the second floor. The

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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
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1888

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Christopher P. Walters

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house was one of the first constructed on Chesterfield Avenue, an area that was developed in the late 1890's and early 1900's. Christopher Walters is said to have built many of the houses

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME, TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

9/4/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XVI; Recorded April, 1980.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

first and second story are covered with horizontal German siding; the slate roof is embellished with bands of fishscale decoration. A one story porch wraps around the front and east wall of the house. The present porch columns replace original turned posts with brackets and low railings.

The front entrance is located on the south wall of a projecting cross wing that encompasses the interior entrance hall and stair. The only opening in the west wall of this cross wing is a 2/2 window with peaked upper sash in the third story gable. To the rear of the cross gable the west facade is protected by a two story porch with an ornate scrollwork ballustrade on the second floor. A door opens onto the porch on each floor, and 2/2 windows are asymmetrically arranged to provide light and ventilation to the rear rooms.

On the east facade, a second cross gable projects near the center, with two 1/1 windows to the left and a small enclosed side porch to the right. The first floor of the cross gable is semi-octagonal, with single 1/1 windows in each of the three primary facets. On the second story the projection is rectangular, with 1/1 windows. Other openings include a 1/1 window to

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

the left of the cross gable on the second floor and a pitched roof dormer on the third floor. To the rear of the cross gable, the original side entrance porch has been enclosed and converted to a powder room. There are two 2/2 windows to the right of the powder room on the first floor and three 2/2 windows on the second floor.

A shed lean-to covers the rear wall of the house. A flush brick chimney rises at the center of this wall, with a single 2/2 window on the second floor to the right of the chimney.

The interior plan consists of an entrance and stair hall along the west side of the house, with a front parlor to the right and a dining room to the rear. A door in the rear of the dining room opens into a short hall that leads back to the kitchen, which is located at the rear of the house. Doors in the hall open into a pantry, a powder room, and a back stair. The rear lean-to, beyond the kitchen, serves as a utility and storage room.

When Edward Barton purchased the house in 1928 he made several alterations. The most significant of these was to open up the east wall of the front hall, bringing more light into the hall and giving an increased feeling

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.3 DESCRIPTION

of space to the front parlor and the dining room.

The stair rises against the west wall of the hall to a landing at the rear, turns 90 degrees and rises to the second floor. It is an open-string stair with square-section Eastlake newel posts, turned balusters, and a molded walnut handrail. The carriage is plain; the area below the carriage is plastered, not paneled. Decorative trim includes the original reeded architrave trim, circa 1928 architrave trim, and a pair of columns added in 1928 when the hall partition was removed. The fireplace in the front parlor has been rebuilt; there is no evidence of a corresponding fireplace for the dining room.

The second floor plan consists of a stair hall along the front west wall and a second hall leading to the rear of the house along the west wall. There are bedrooms above the front parlor and the dining room. The rear hall leads back to the kitchen stairs, a bathroom above the pantry, and a rear bedroom over the kitchen.

The front stair continues up to a pair of finished garrett rooms and an unfinished attic on the third floor.

CONTINUATION SHEET

8.1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

on this street. The plan, form, and decoration are all very expressive of the Queen Anne and Eastlake styles, and in overall detail the house bears comparison with Walters home on North Commerce Street (QA-145) constructed in 1894.

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	Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search Ground Rent
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Account Identifier: District - 03 **Account Number -** 000834

Owner Information

Owner Name:	WEISS, CAROLINE M	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	YES
Mailing Address:	306 CHESTERFIELD AVENUE CENTREVILLE MD 21617	Deed Reference:	1) MWM/ 298/ 108 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Legal Description
306 CHESTERFIELD AVE CENTREVILLE 21617	LOT 16200 SQ FT N/CHESTRFLD AVE CENTREVILLE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No: Plat Ref:
300		866						80	

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	CENTREVILLE 04
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1881	2,575 SF	16,200.00 SF	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2 1/2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of 01/01/2004	As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	52,260	96,770		
Improvements:	121,350	151,710		
Total:	173,610	248,480	173,610	198,566
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

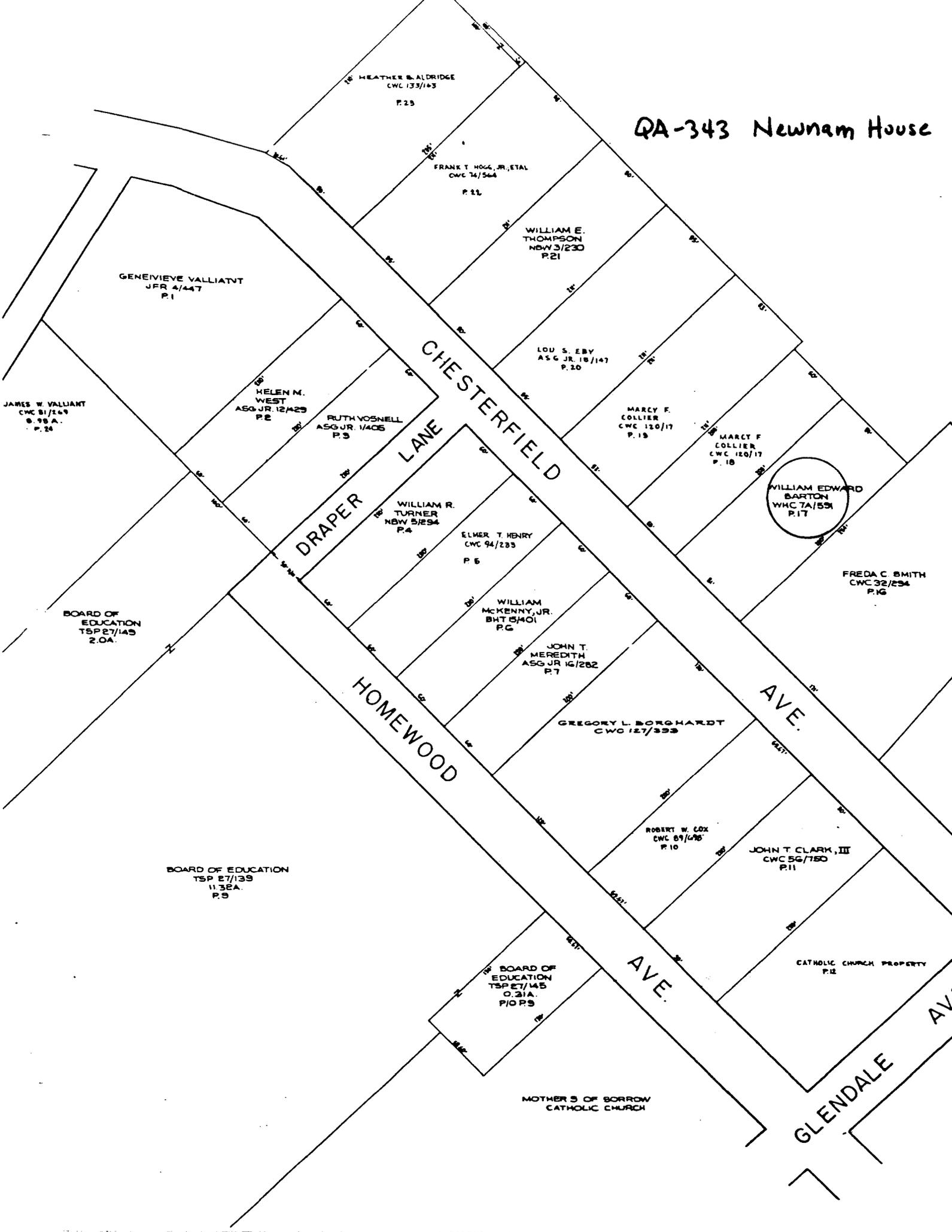
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Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO	Special Tax Recapture:
Exempt Class:	* NONE *

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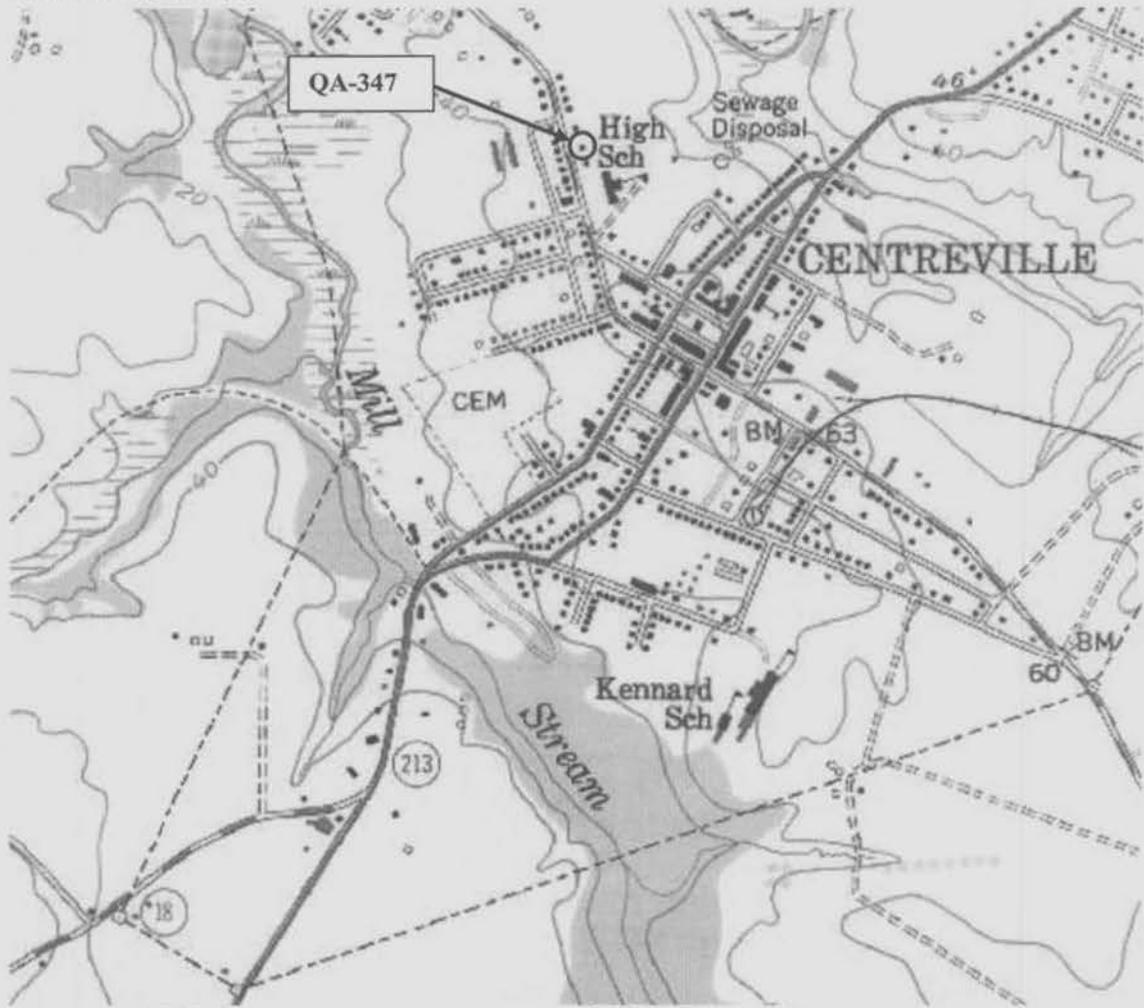
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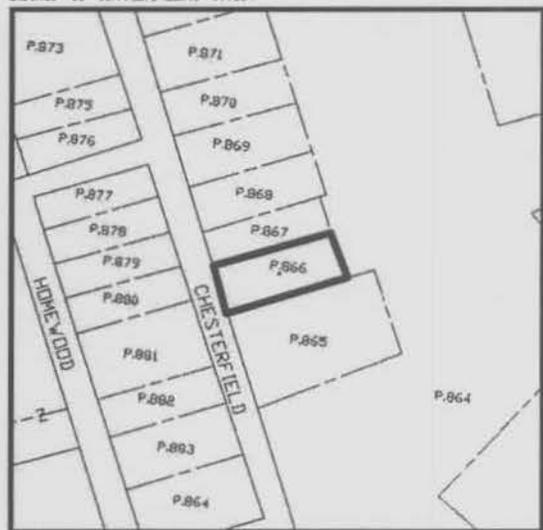
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Newnam House
306 Chesterfield Avenue
Centreville Quadrangle



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Mary McCarthy
Spring/Summer 2003
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