

SM-682  
23112 Three Notch Road (MD 235)  
California vicinity  
Circa 1948  
Private

The residence at 23211 Three Notch Road was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575. With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235); intense modern commercial development has occurred within the past decade, further transforming the landscape.

This one-story gable-roof frame house is a common example of the type of dwelling that was constructed during the mid-twentieth century. Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-682

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other **Murphy House**

## 2. Location

street & number **23112 Three Notch Road (MD 235)**      not for publication

city, town **California**   X   vicinity

county **St. Mary's**

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

name **William J. Murphy**

street & number **130 Three Notch Road** telephone

city, town **California** state and zip code **MD 20619**

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **St. Mary's County Courthouse** tax map and parcel **34-71**

city, town **Leonardtown** liber and folio **121/498**

## 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		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>    </u> district	<u>    </u> public	<u>    </u> agriculture	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>	
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	<u>    </u> commerce/trade	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u>	buildings
<u>    </u> structure	<u>    </u> both	<u>    </u> defense	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	sites
<u>    </u> site		<u>  X  </u> domestic	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	structures
<u>    </u> object		<u>    </u> education	<u>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	objects
		<u>    </u> funerary	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u>	Total
		<u>    </u> government			
		<u>    </u> health care			
		<u>    </u> industry			
		<u>    </u> landscape			
		<u>    </u> recreation/ culture			
		<u>    </u> religion			
		<u>    </u> social			
		<u>    </u> transportation			
		<u>    </u> work in progress			
		<u>    </u> unknown			
		<u>    </u> vacant/not in use			
		<u>    </u> other:			
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
			<u>  0  </u>		

---

## 7. Description

Inventory No. SM-682

---

### 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 residence at 23112 Three Notch Road (MD 235) is located approximately 50 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a modern frame two-car garage with a gable roof is situated northeast of the dwelling . A gravel driveway runs along the south side of the property.

The 1-story rectangular frame building clad in asbestos shingles is supported by a concrete block foundation. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with three concrete block chimneys: two along the north elevation and one on the east elevation. A one-story gable-roof addition (former porch) extends from the west side of the dwelling and another one-story gable-roof ell extends from the east end of the dwelling; a gable-roof enclosed entry porch and a gable-roof shed are appended to the east end of the eastern addition. Windows throughout the house consist of one-over-one double-hung sash.

The west, or main, elevation includes a door in the north bay and a set of one-over-one windows in the south bay. The south elevation consists of four bays: three one-over-one windows in the main block and one in the west addition. The east elevation of the east addition contains a set of paired two-over-two windows. The shed has a door in the east elevation; the enclosed entry porch includes a door and fixed sash window in the east elevation and a set of jalousie windows in the north elevation. The north elevation contains four bays: a set of one-over-one windows in the east addition; a set of paired one-over-one windows and a single one-over-one window in the main block; and a single one-over-one in the west addition.

# 8. Significance

Inventory No. SM-682

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register     Maryland Register     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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

The residence at 23112 Three Notch Road was most likely built *circa* 1948 following the establishment of the Patuxent Naval Air Station (NAS) earlier in the decade. Prior to the formation of NAS, the county's economy was primarily based upon agriculture (tobacco) and fishing, and very little modern development was evident in this portion of the state. In 1940, the population of the Bay district was 1,287; by 1950 it had increased nearly five-fold to 10,575 (Hammett 1991:491). With this tremendous influx of workers in so short a period, residences were constructed near the base, and later spread to outlying areas along Three Notch Road (MD 235).

Houses built during this time typically consisted of 1 or 1.5-story frame or brick dwellings in Cape Cod, bungalow and ranch styles. They commonly had gable roofs (both front and side facing), multi-pane double-hung sash and tripartite picture windows, and minimal decorative details such as brick window sills, shutters and sometimes simple moldings or pilasters at the main entry. Variations on the basic type included concrete block construction (sometimes stucco covered) and a hipped roof. These house types, which feature similar massing, shape and materials, were built in large numbers following World War II.

It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. Alterations and additions have compromised the dwelling's integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
Reviewer, NR program	Date

*Handwritten initials*

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-682

Name  
Continuation Sheet  
Number   8   Page   1  

---

## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization:	Southern Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

---

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. SM-682

---

Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.  
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

---

## 10. Geographical Data

---

Acreage of property 0.98 acres  
Acreage surveyed 0.98 acres  
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

---

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 71, Map 34, Grid 17

---

## 11. Form Prepared By

---

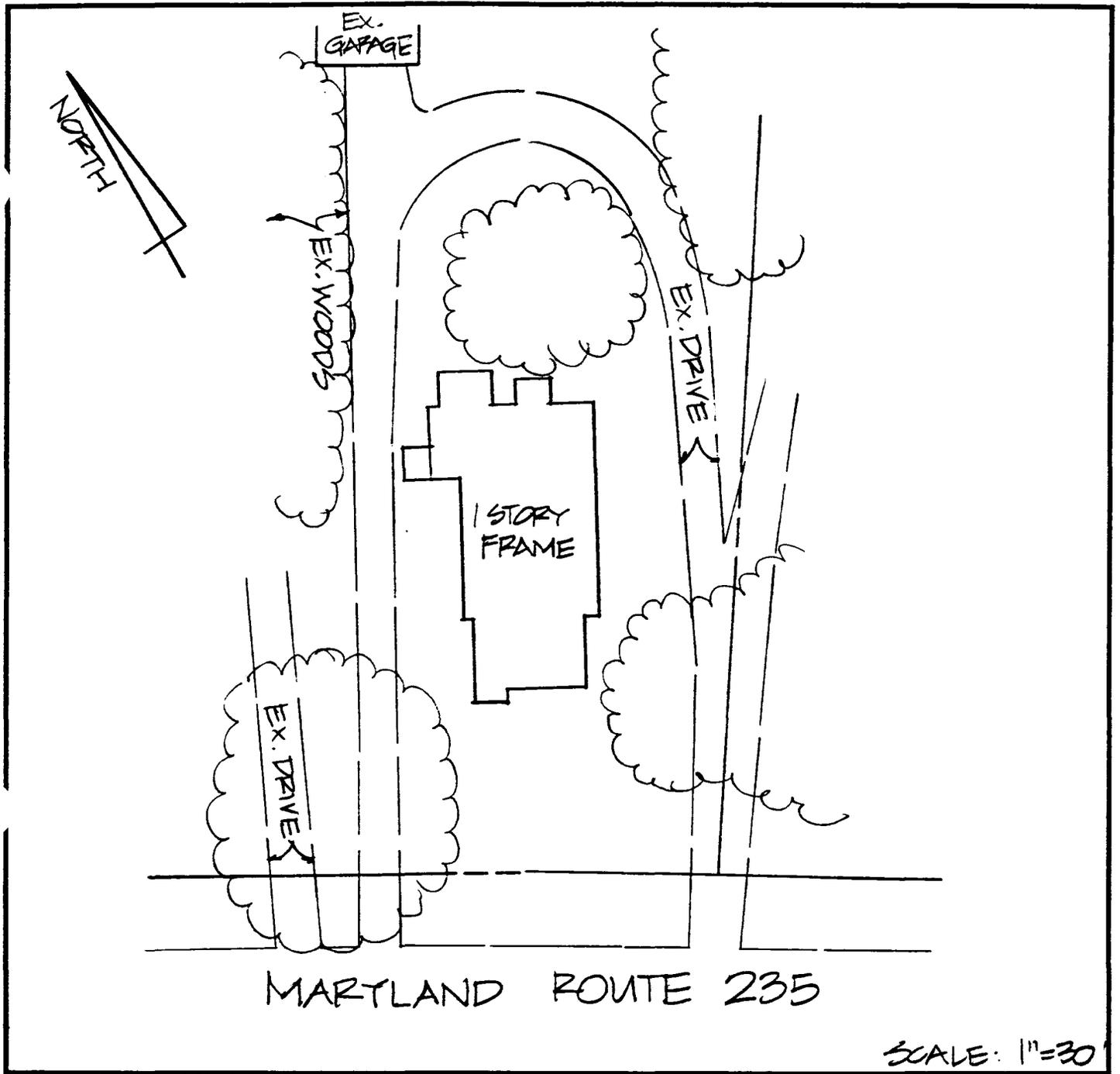
name/title	Margaret B. Parker		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	7-21-98
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

---

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.

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

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7646



SM- 682  
 23112 Three Notch Road  
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
 Resource Sketch Map

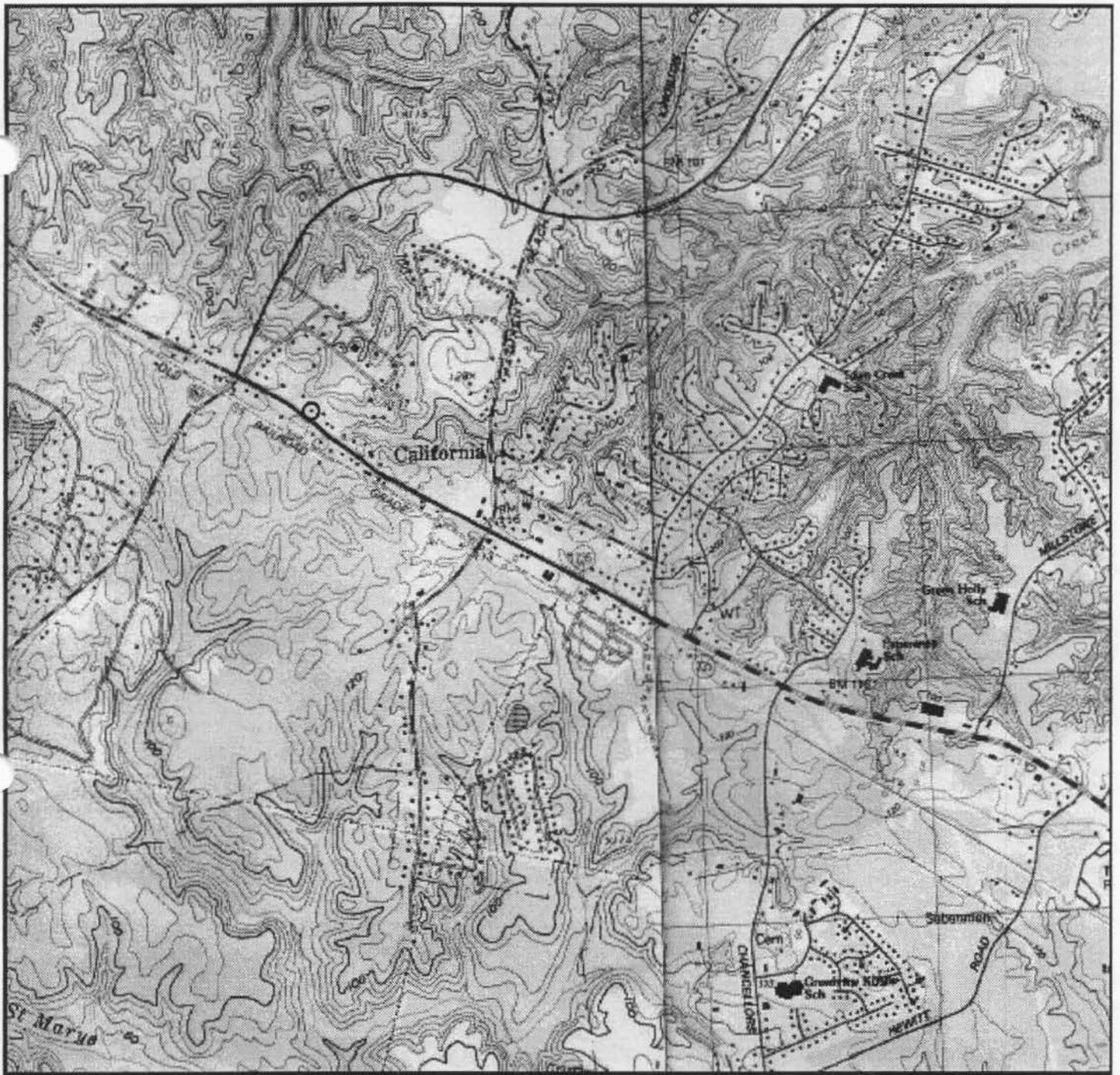


MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY  
 ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE  
 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030  
 410-316-7800

MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246  
 St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A



SM-682  
23112 Three Notch Road  
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.  
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad  
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY  
ADMINISTRATION

10 NORTH PARK DRIVE  
HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030  
410-316-7800

MD 235: MD 4 to MD 246  
St. Mary's County, MD

BCS 95-17A

Scale: 1"=2,000'



SIM - 682

St Marys Co  
Margaret Parker  
7/23/98

MD SHPO

W + S elev. looking NE

1 of 3



SM-682

St Marys Co

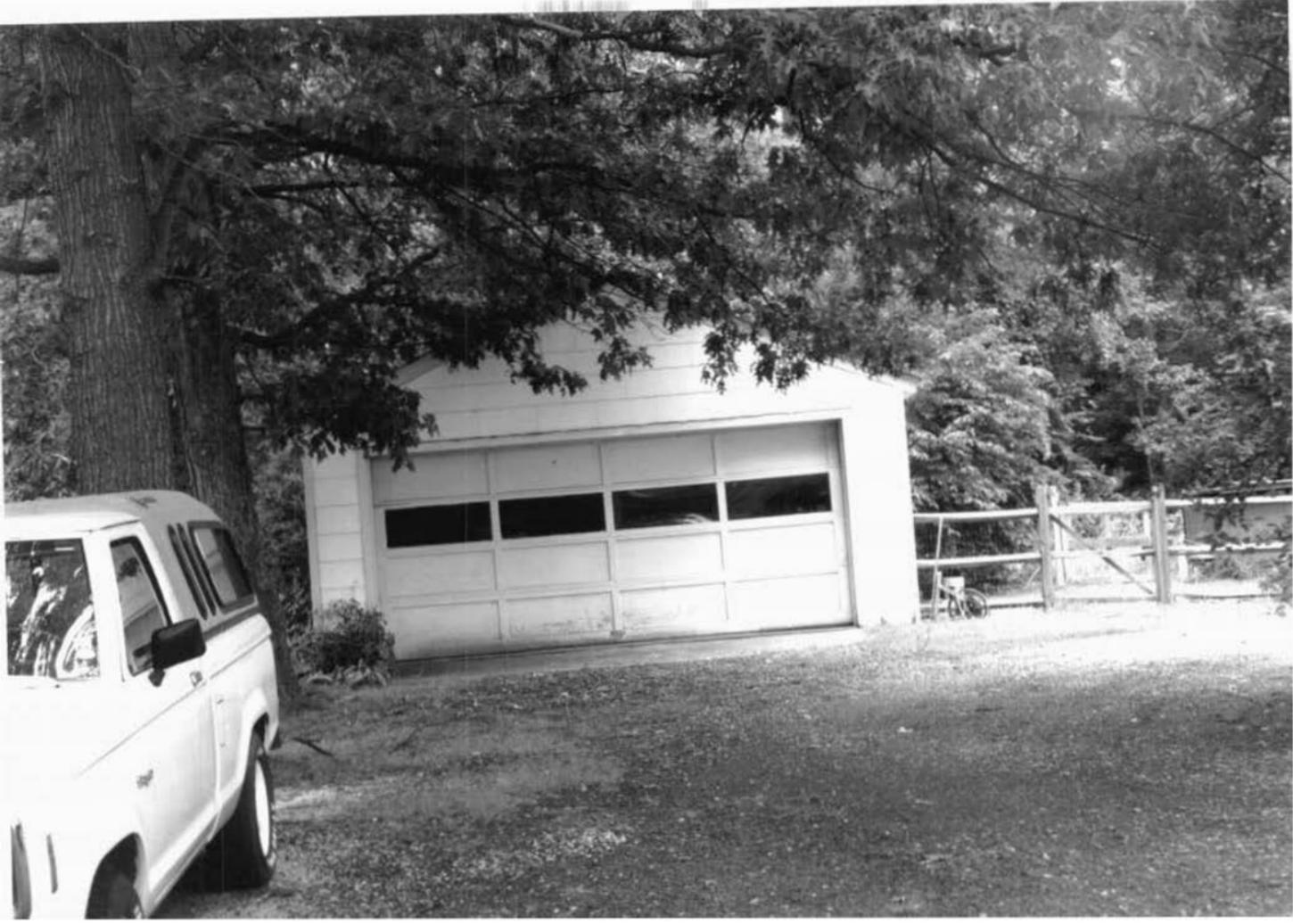
Margaret Parker

7/23/90

MS SHPO

E + N elev. looking SW

2 of 3



SM - 602

St Marys Co

Margaret Parker

7/23/98

Mid SHPO

W elev. of garage looking E

3 of 3