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7 May 2003

Steven Warren & Beth Fisher Jones
836 Pond Neck Road
Earleville, Maryland 21919

RE: Nomination for Historic Designation – Upper Wickwire

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Jones:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, at our meeting of 6 May 2003, voted to designate the house, pumphouse and shed on the property as historic structures.

The Board finds that the property is of historical note as it was once part of a 900 acre tract known as Larrimore's Addition, there have been agricultural activities conducted on the property since the late 17th century, and that the house was erected in 1857. The Board also finds that the property is of architectural note in that the house is an example of the Italinete style with two porches facing east and west, a low hipped roof with tin cover, and the original shutters.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve Cecil County's historical heritage.

Sincerely,

Nelson K. Bolender, President
Board of County Commissioners

NKB/ess

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP – Director, PZP&R

2003-03

CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM

Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

Nomination Information: Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property:

Upper Wickwire

b) Estimated age or historic dates: 1858

2. Address of property: 836 Pond Neck Road

3. Tax Map: 56 Parcel Number: 126

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

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Earleville, MD 21919
410.275.8240

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:

DESIGNATION SOUGHT FOR EXISTING DWELLING, BUNGALOW & SHED ONLY

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to: ✓

Cecil County Historic Designation: Upper Wickwire is a fine example of mid 19 century rural farm houses

Maryland Register of Historic Properties: Upper Wickwire is representative of upper eastern shore, head of the Bay farm houses that were once more prevalent and underscore the upward economic mobility of the region's moderately successful farmers.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: Steven Warren Jones Date: 03/06/03

Signature: Steven Warren Jones

B. Print Name: Beth Fisher Jones Date: 03/06/03

Signature: Beth F. Jones

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: Steven W. Jones

Address: 836 Pond Neck Rd
Earleville MD 21919

Telephone Numbers: (Home) 410 275-8248 Hours Available: evenings
(Work) _____ Hours Available: _____

E-mail address: FSTRJNS @ AOL.COM

Date LL/15/02 03/06/03

Official Use Only

Application Number: _____
Date received: _____
Date of Public Notice: _____
Election District: _____
Zoning District: _____
Land Use District: _____
Tax Map: _____
Parcel(s): _____

HDC Hearing Date: _____
PC Hearing Date: _____
CC Hearing Date: _____

_____ National Register of Historic Places: _____

Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? *One of the few remaining pieces of it's in CC*

_____ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify _____

_____ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain _____

_____ Other, explain _____

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

- The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.
- The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.
- The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

- The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.
- The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.
- The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.
- The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.
- The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
- The property has significant interior features. List _____

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

The reasons why Upper Wickwire should be nominated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places are due to this property's mid-18th century vernacular and the surrounding area's agricultural roots.

The Setting

Situated approximately 100 yards (south) off the "public road called Pond's Neck Road" and one mile west of Stemmer's Run and 3/4 mile east of the head of the Chesapeake Bay, overlooking Turkey Point, is where Upper Wickwire sits. The area's farming tradition dates back to the mid-1600s. Much of the land was known by the 18th century as Larrimore's Addition and Larrimore's Neck Enlarged.¹ Both tracts amounted about, at one point in time to 909 acres. Currently, open space buffers Upper Wickwire today and affords the visitor or passerby a glimpse of what parts of Pond Neck resembled in the past.

The Structure

This wooden framed, rural Italianate, structure was built for John H. Hessey (1819-1907) circa 1857. It epitomizes the agricultural prosperity of the area, which represented the wealth generated from the farming of such crops as peaches, corn and tobacco. The Cecil County Records indicated that on 15 October 1853 a 160 acre parcel of land for which the building referred to now as Upper Wickwire, would later be situated, was transfer by Charles H. Morgan and his wife Rebecca A. Morgan of Cecil Co. to John H. Hessey for \$2,800.² This land was bequeathed to Charles by his father William, a forebear of James Morgan who lived nearly a century earlier. The Morgans came to own land previously held by the Larrimores.

Upper Wickwire faces north and has two porches that face east and west. It has a red low hipped, standing seam, tin roof. Its clapboards are grey and in the future the original shutters will be re-

hung using as much as possible of the original hardware. The east porch, built along the entire length of the ell has a flat tin roof as does the west porch, which faces Turkey Point.

There are no building records of Upper Wickwire, however the 1858 Cecil Co. Tax Assessment records indicated Hessey owned a wood framed house, 182 acres which according to the 1870 was 160 acres. Hessey acquired small tracts west of Cecilton which were consolidated into a farm of 297 by the time of his death on 29 January 1907.³

References

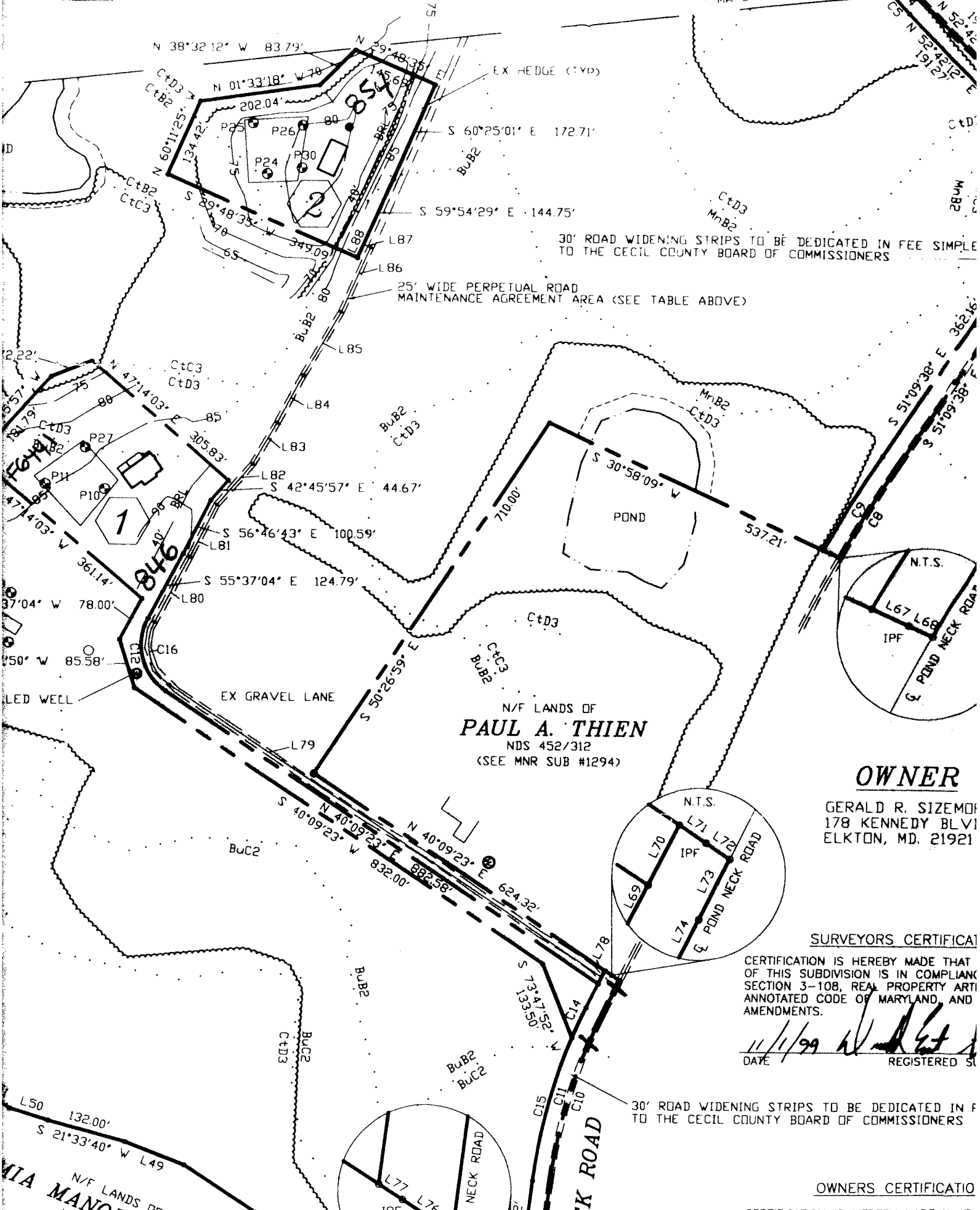
1. Debt Book records and the list of Inhabitants of Cecil County, 1649 – 1774
2. Cecil County Record of Deeds (HHM-2-435/436)
3. Cecil County Register of Wills

Additional Sources

A Historical Thesis of Upper Wickwire Farm, Circa 1860 by Nancy Weidel (1988)

TH	RADIUS
	81.62'

MATCHLINE SEE SHEET 2



30' ROAD WIDENING STRIPS TO BE DEDICATED IN FEE SIMPLE TO THE CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

25' WIDE PERPETUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AREA (SEE TABLE ABOVE)

N/F LANDS OF
PAUL A. THIEN
 NDS 452/312
 (SEE MNR SUB #1294)

OWNER

GERALD R. SIZEMORE
 178 KENNEDY BLVD
 ELKTON, MD. 21921

SURVEYORS CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT OF THIS SUBDIVISION IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 3-108, REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE, ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND AMENDMENTS.

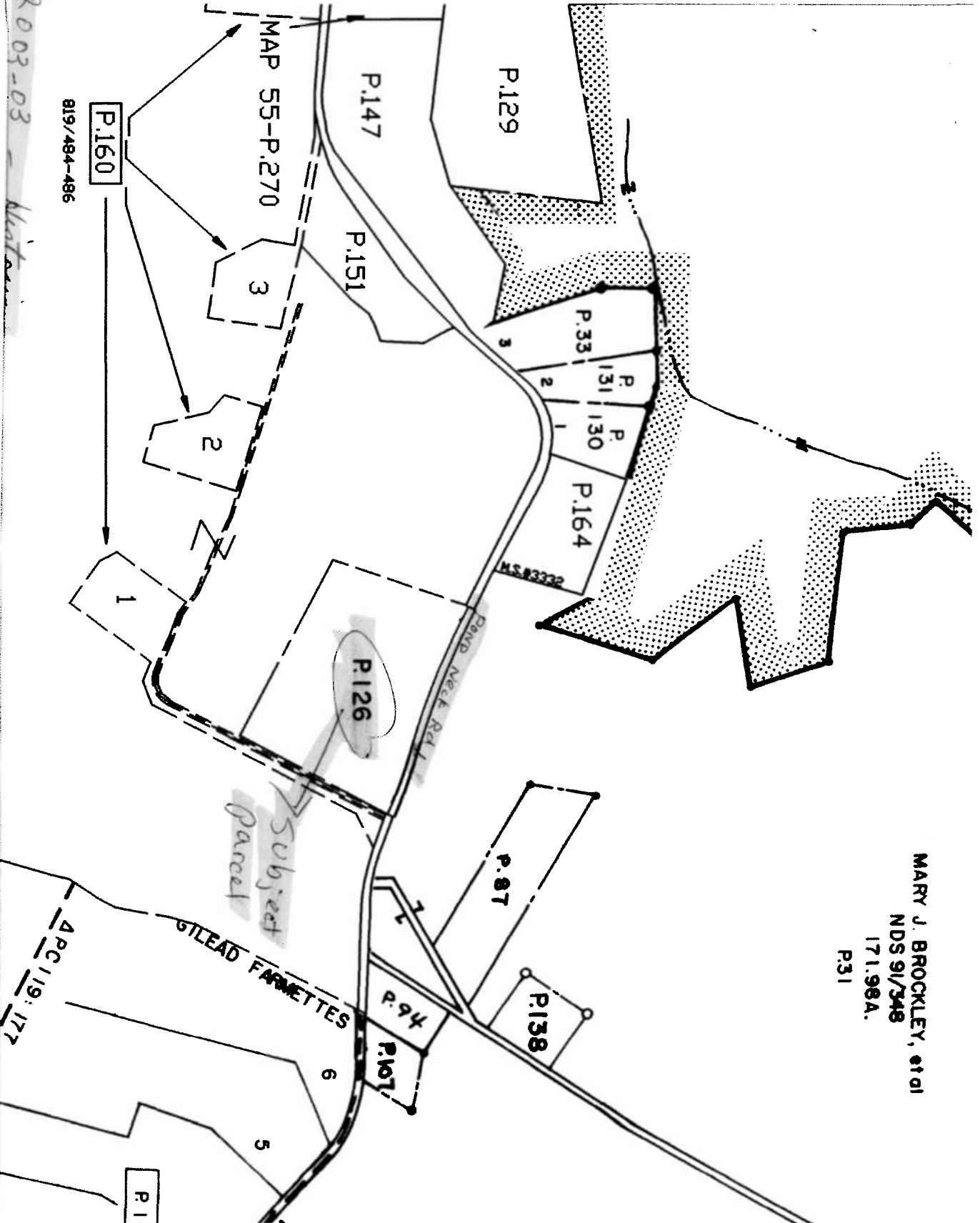
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 DATE REGISTERED SURVEYOR

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OWNERS CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION IS HEREBY MADE THAT

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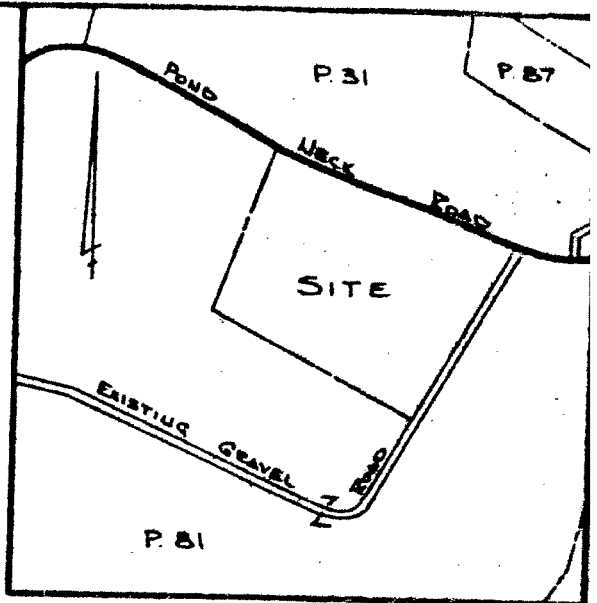
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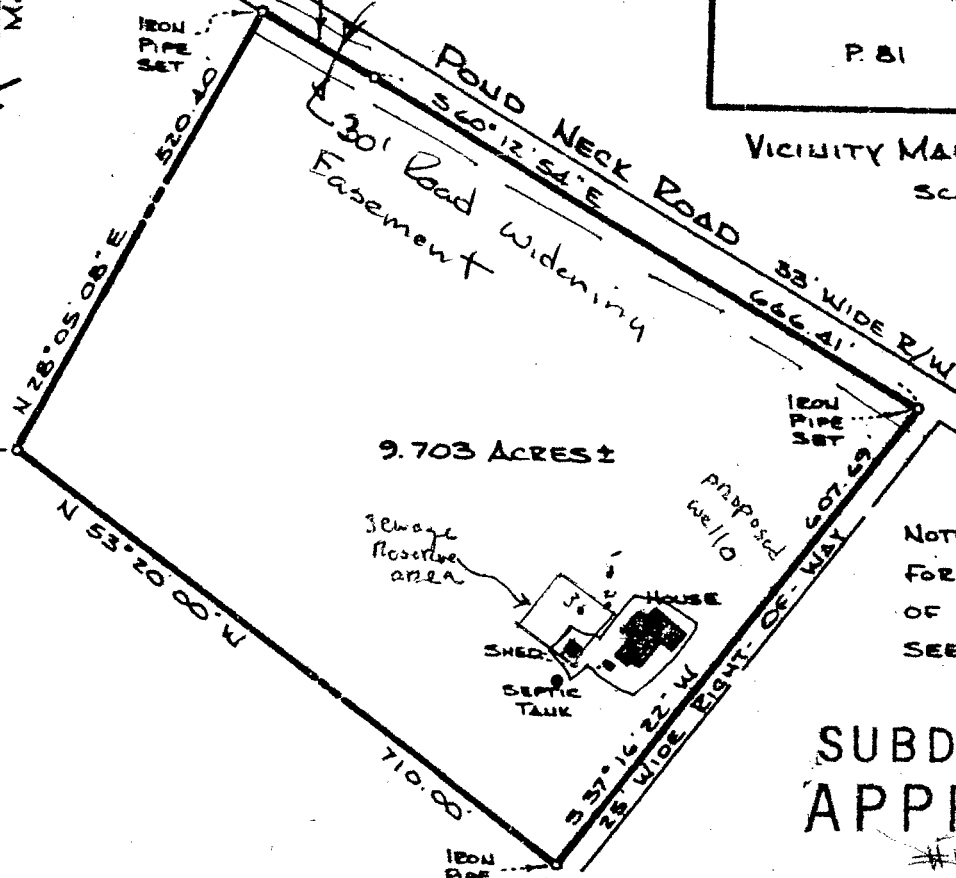
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SCALE 1" = 200'
MAGNETIC NORTH - FEB. 1984



VICINITY MAP - SEE TAX MAP 56
SCALE 1" = 600'

RAD = 2952.97'
ARC = 133.14'
CHORD = 559°02'14"E
133.15'



NOTE:
FOR REFERENCE TO R/W
OF POND NECK ROAD
SEE: E.R.C. 103-70

SUBDIVISION
APPROVED

#1294
MAY 17, 1984

Cecil County Office of
Planning and Economic
Development

By Alfred C. Hein

OTHER LANDS OF
RICHARD J. FERRELL
N.D.S. 3-972

EXISTING WELL

SURVEY OF PART OF THE LANDS OF
RICHARD J. FERRELL, ET AL.
1ST DISTRICT, CECIL COUNTY, MO.

FEB. 1984 SCALE 1" = 200'



RONALD K. SCHRADER
REG. SURVEYOR
CHESTERTOWN, MD.