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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Chance Building Survey Number: AA-2164

Project: Glen Burnie Light Rail Extension Agency: FTA/MTA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name E. Hannold, P. Kurtze Date June 20, 1996

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the Chance Building does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing. The large two story commercial building was constructed in 1939. Constructed of concrete block, it has brick veneer on the first story of the front elevation and stucco and wood half-timbering on the second story. This building was among the first commercial properties erected along Governor Ritchie Highway, constructed between 1934 and 1938 as a scenic highway linking Baltimore and Annapolis. The new highway rapidly developed with commercial properties. This building is among the few remaining early commercial buildings as the area is now characterized by strip malls, car dealerships and fast-food restaurants. However, the building has been substantially altered and no longer conveys a sense of its original character. Moreover, it is not sufficiently significant on its own to represent the early commercial development of the area. Therefore, due to insufficient integrity and lack of sufficient significance, the Chance building does not appear to meet any of the National Register Criteria. It is located well outside the National Register eligible section of Glen Burnie.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory

Form AA-2164

Prepared by: Elizabeth O'Brien, JMA Inc.

Elizabeth Hannold November 4, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Peter M Kurtze 11/7/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Commerce/Trade-store

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Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. AA-2164

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Chance Building

### 2. Location

street & number 7345, 7347 Governor Ritchie Highway  not for publication

city, town Glen Burnie  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input 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 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"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert G. Chance

street & number 7345 Ritchie Highway telephone no.:

city, town Glen Burnie state and zip code Maryland 21060

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds, Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County liber 1974

street & number P.O. Box 71 folio 481

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21404

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-2164

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1 building.

This large, two-story commercial building is constructed of concrete block. Brick veneer clads the first story of the front elevation, and the second story is covered with stucco and wood beams, creating a half-timbered effect. The first floor of the front elevation is glazed with large store-front windows. A metal plaque affixed to the front elevation states "Chance Building 1939." An office supply store called International Office Products is located in the left half of the building, and Carol's Western Apparel is located in the right half. A concrete walk that runs the width of the building is sheltered by a flat-roofed canopy, supported on posts. A large, rearing, fiberglass horse is affixed to the top of the canopy near the center of the building. Above the canopy, an asphalt-shingled, shed-roofed overhang is attached to the parapet on the front elevation. On the second story, windows on the front and side elevations are asymmetrically arranged singly and in pairs. The six-over-one sash windows in the building are possibly original, while others are one-over-one replacements. The southwest side of the building appears to have been recently resurfaced with stucco. It is embellished with protruding bands of stucco in a contrasting color that form a string course and window surrounds.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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	1939	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Built in 1939, this building was among the first commercial properties erected along Governor Ritchie Highway. The roadway was built between 1934 and 1938 as a Works Progress Administration project and was intended as a scenic route between Baltimore and Annapolis. Newspaper articles filed at the town library chronicle its early planning and construction and indicate that community activists, including the Federated Garden Clubs, favored restrictive covenants to prevent billboards and hot dog stands from lining the roadway. Commercial interests prevailed, however, and Ritchie Highway was rapidly developed with commercial properties. This building is among few of the early commercial buildings that remain amid a nearly continuous flow of parking lots, strip malls, car dealerships, and fast-food restaurants. Its first floor was occupied by stores, and city directories indicate that apartments were located on its second floor.

The building appears to have been altered with the addition of new stucco, brick veneer, and the shingled shed overhang. Because the building lacks integrity of design, materials, and feeling, it is recommended not eligible.

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. AA-2164

Governor Ritchie Highway. Newspaper Clipping File. Kuethe Library, Glen Burnie, Maryland.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nomiated property 0.3 acres

Quadrangle name Curtis Bay, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Refernces **do NOT** complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 5 and 6, block 259

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

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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

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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032  
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# Continuation Sheet

Survey No. AA-2164

Name Chance Building

County Anne Arundel

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## MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):** Modern Period A.D. 1930-present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

**Resource Type:**

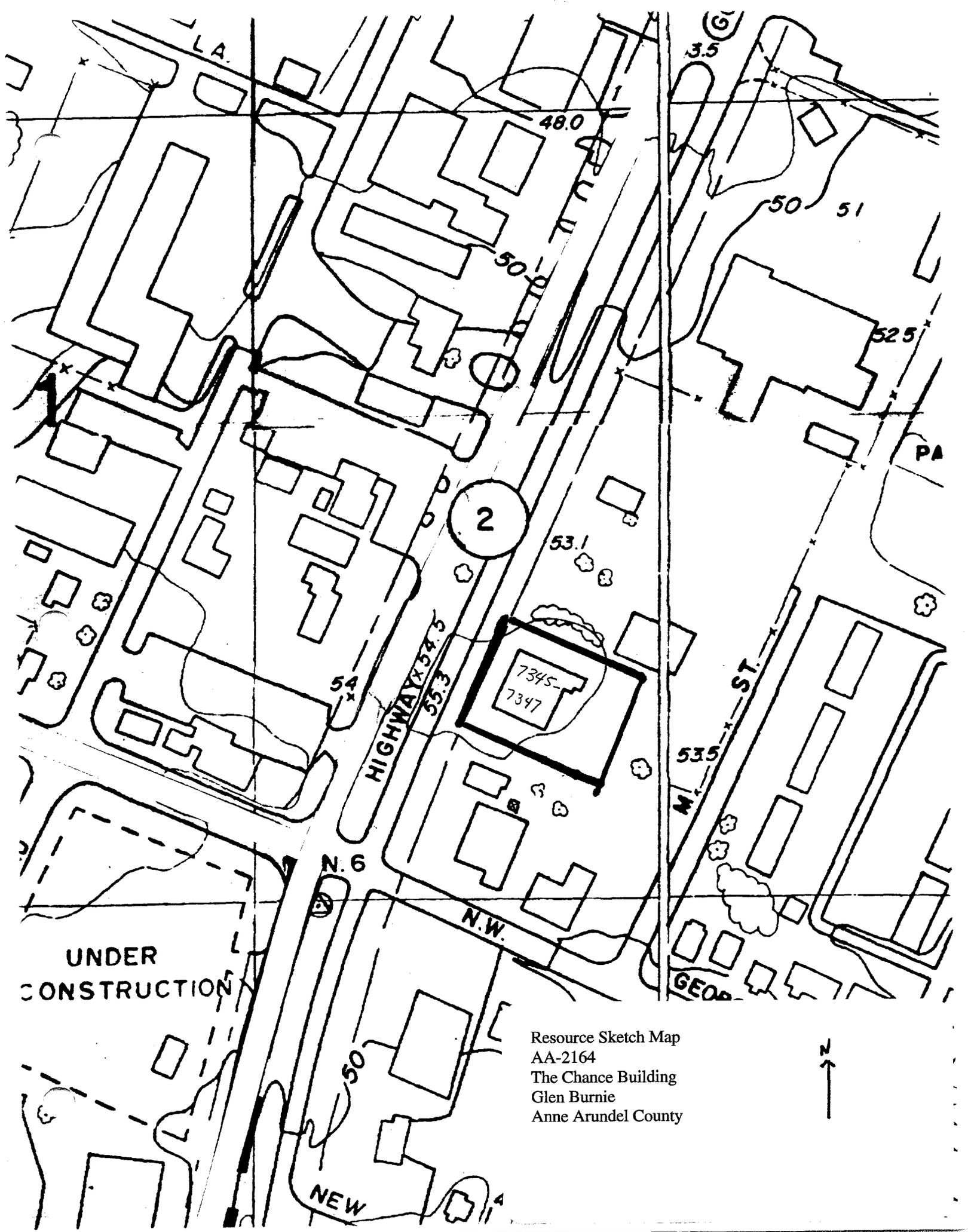
**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Suburban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):**

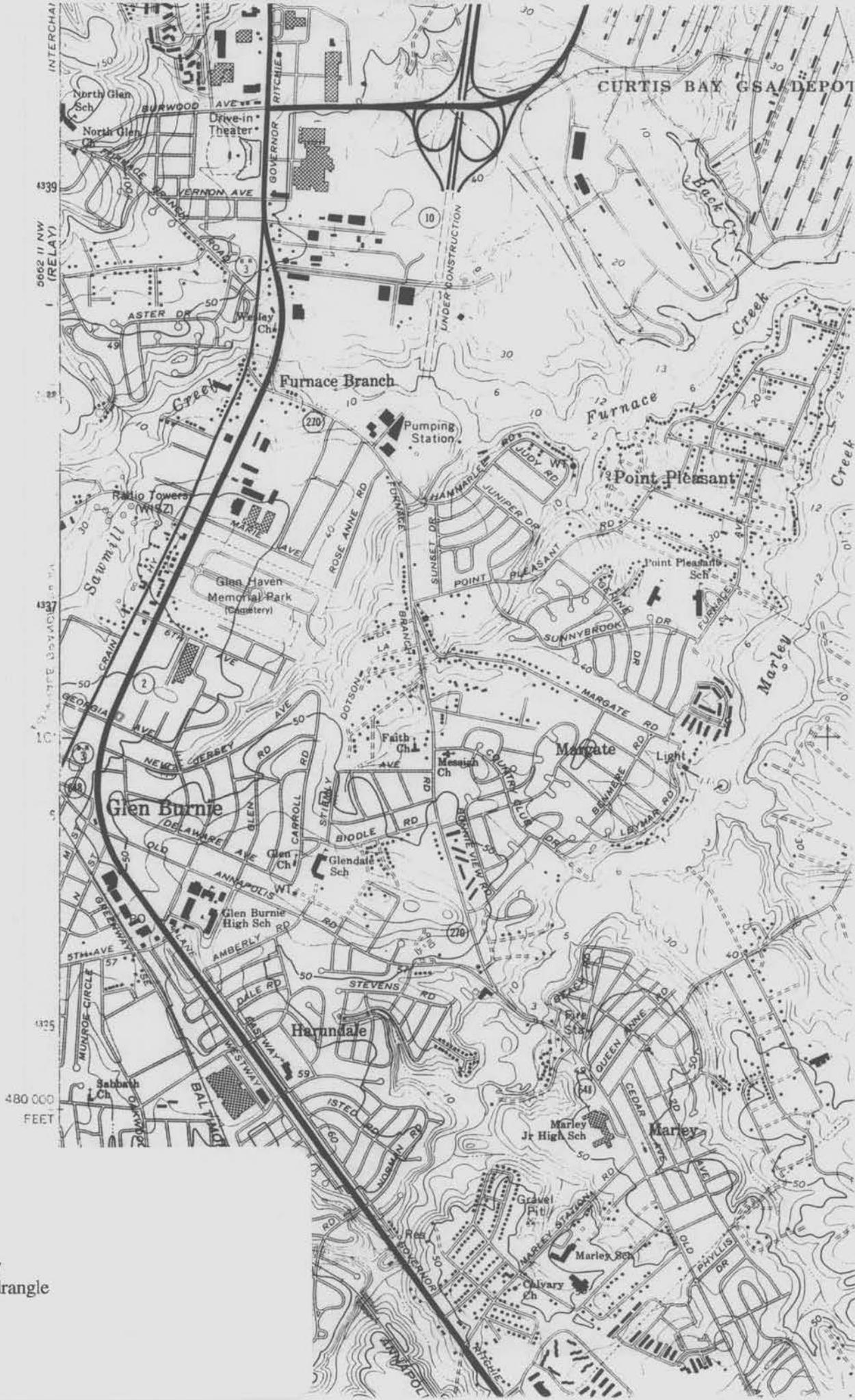
COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store; DOMESTIC/multiple dwelling

**Known Design Source:** None



Resource Sketch Map  
AA-2164  
The Chance Building  
Glen Burnie  
Anne Arundel County





AA-2164  
 The Chance Building  
 Glen Burnie  
 Anne Arundel County  
 Curtis Bay, MD, quadrangle



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The Chance Building

Glen Burnie, Anne Arundel County

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Negative at MDSHPO

The Chance Building, 7347 Ritchie Highway, Anne Arundel County

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