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WHITTINGTON HOUSE

Dunkirk
Private

2nd quarter 19th century

This sturdy, 1 1/2-story frame house was built as a slave, tenant or small landowner's dwelling, probably in the second quarter of the 19th century. Its original plan consisted of one room downstairs with an attached kitchen and an upstairs partitioned into two rooms. Like other Calvert County folk houses, the gable end served as the front of the house. Since 1872 the land has been owned by succeeding generations of the Holtz and Whittingtons, local black families. The latter family added the two-story block to the facade of the original structure in the 1930's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE HOLT-WHITTINGTON HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southern Maryland Boulevard
West side of (Rt. 4,) 0.25 mile north of Jct. of Rt. 4 and Chaney Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

VICINITY OF Chaney

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dorthy Boardley, Ollie Lucas, Willian Smith

Telephone #: 301-257-2578

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 4

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 20754

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: AAH 30

Folio #: 180

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Like other houses of black farmers in Calvert County, this house had humble beginnings and has been added onto and embellished over the years. It stands on a knoll facing east, overlooking Rt. 4. It consists of two frame sections, a two story front and a one and a half story rear extension, the former having been added about 40 years ago by the owner of the property at that time, John E. Whittington. It was attached perpendicular to the gable end of the original house, which had been the principal facade.

The new section has a pleasant appearance: three bays symmetrically arranged and a simply designed shed porch. It is 1 bay in depth. Its floor plan is comprised of two rooms downstairs--a sitting room and bedroom--which flank an enclosed stairway leading to the 2 bedrooms upstairs.

The facade of the original block consisted of 2 bays, 1 door centrally placed and 1 window. The block measured c. 24'1" x 18'6" and consisted of one large room and two smaller ones. There was one double hung sash window with 4 x 4 lights in the northern^{gable} side. A brick stove flue stood in the s.w. corner. A dog leg staircase enclosed by planks, a board and batten door, and shut by a wooden latch was located in the n.w. corner of the principal room and ascended the rear wall (west) above the former site of the wood burning stove, a placement which facilitated the rise of heat into the upstairs.

Construction materials underneath the house show that the kitchen (located on the southern side of the main room) was built at the same time as the main room. According to William Smith, the present occupant and widower of the daughter of John E. Whittington, a north-south partition divided today's kitchen into two small rooms, probably into a kitchen and dining room or into a kitchen and storage room.

The house was heated^{by} and the food cooked over a wood burning stove at the time of construction, for no evidence of a fireplace remains, nor does Mr. Smith remember ever seeing any. Like many farm houses, the upstairs was unheated. It was partitioned into 2 rooms, according to Mr. Smith and had a window in each gable end. Machine cut nails were used throughout the roof frame.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black History
				Social History
				Cultural History

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The type of machine cut nails in the roof frame indicate that the house was built no earlier than the first quarter of th 19th century. When William Smith, who was raised nearby (AA-Gm-1) first knew the house in the early 1900's, he said it was considered then to be an old house, so it was probably built in the ^{2nd} ~~1st~~ quarter of the 19th century.

Due to the dearth of records, the early history of the house and the identity of its original residents--whether they were slaves, free blacks, white tenants or landowners--are unclear. Deed AAH 30/116 shows that Phillip Holt, whom William Smith ^eknew to have been a black farmer, purchased this property in 1872 from James Soper, of unknown identity. Since that time the farm has been owned exclusively by black landowners, who have added onto and improved the house over the years. Their changes have doubled the size, created more personal and private space, and given the front of the house a tasteful and balanced appearance. (Note: see Henry Glassie, Folk Houses in Middle Virginia.)

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 BYNAME / TITLE
George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE

Md. Commission on Afro-American History & Cultural

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

20 Dean Street 269-2893

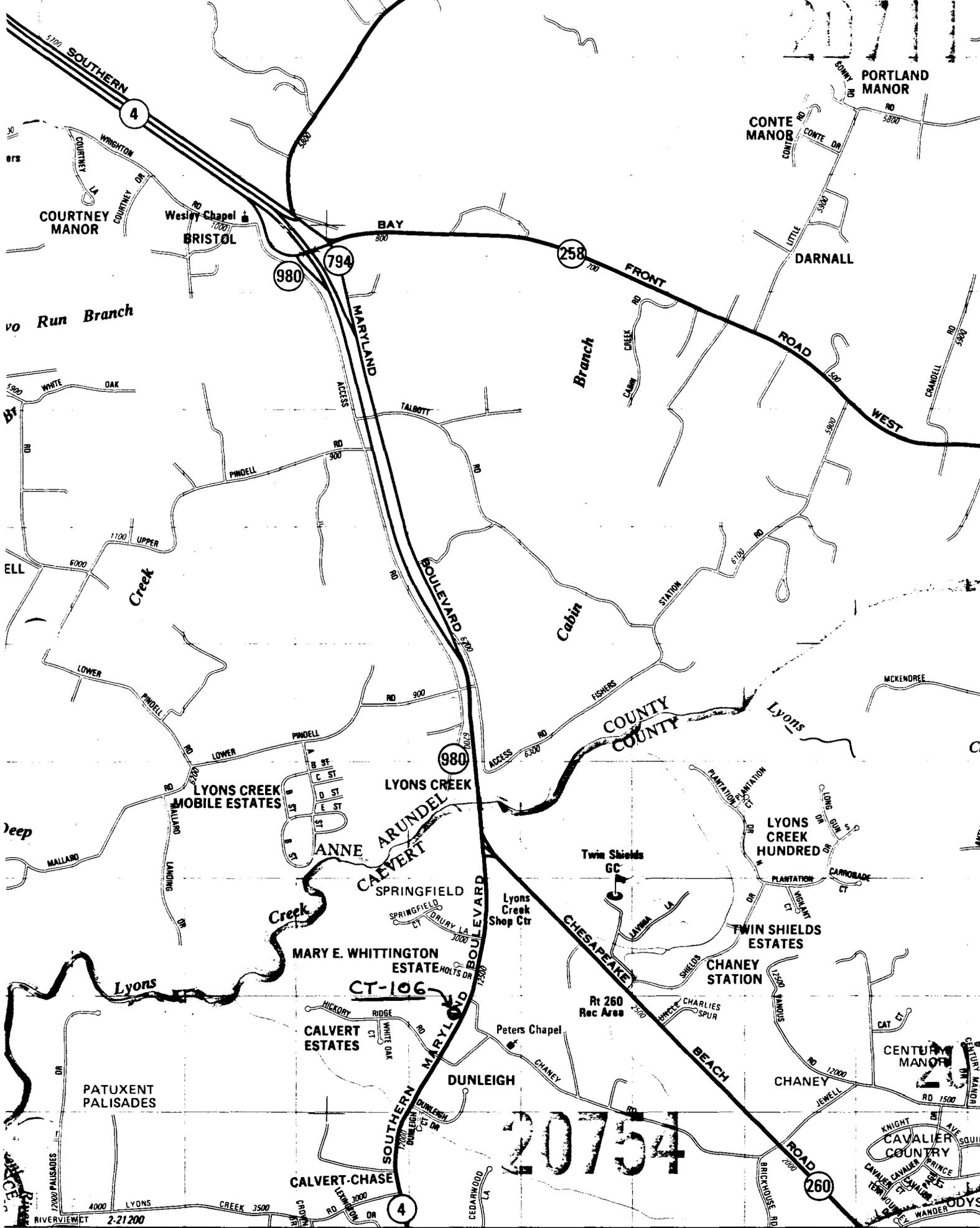
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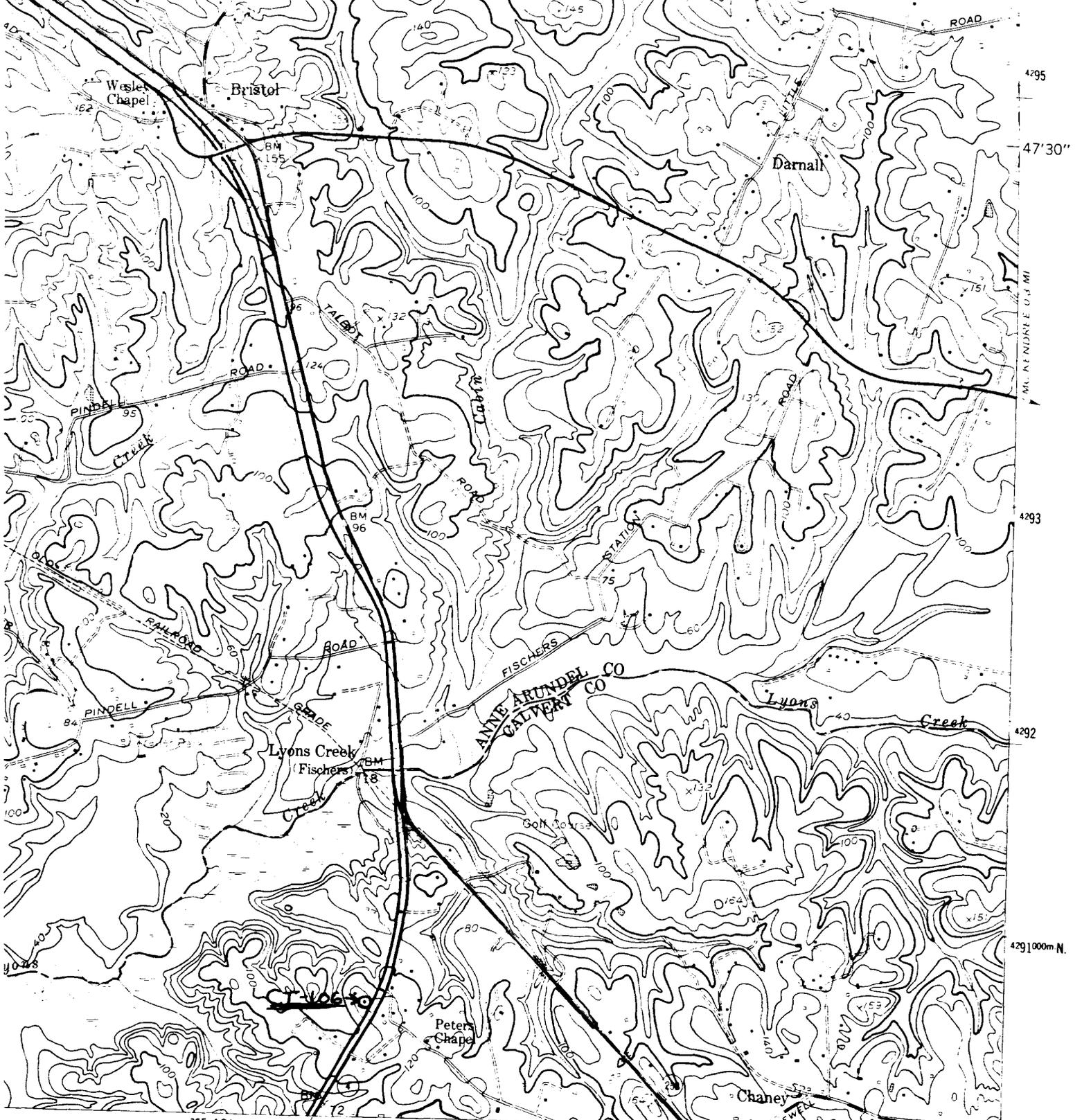
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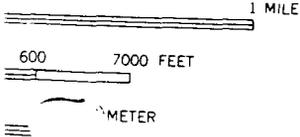
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438





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Holt-Whittington House



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
	U. S. Route		State Route

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