

CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1139

Whitehall or Eisenman Barn 'C' is located in Dunkirk adjacent to the tenant house on this large, privately owned farm. Mary Eisenman recalls this barn being built in c. 1934-36 to replace a barn that was blown down in a hurricane. Originally constructed as a 24 x 64 foot building with a plank and tar paper roof, a shed was later added on the south side. Windows centered on the south facade created an interior stripping area. At a later date, this area was set back and enclosed to create a stripping room. Finally, barn and shed extensions were added to the east end.

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whitehall Barn 'C'

and/or common Eisenman Barn 'C'

2. Location

street & number Off Maryland Route 4 and Yellow Bank Road not for publication

city, town Dunkirk vicinity of _____ congressional district _____

state Maryland county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" 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 Mary and Richard Eisenman

street & number Whitehall, Maryland Route 4 telephone no.:

city, town Dunkirk state and zip code MD 20754

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber _____

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio _____

city, town Prince Frederick state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

pository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CT-1139

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Whitehall or Eisenman Barn 'C' is located on the north side of Yellow Bank Road. The barn is associated with a surrounding farm owned by the Eisenman family, and is adjacent to a tenant house. The farm dates to the early 19th century, (although the present house was built circa 1850) and includes three other tobacco barns, two rental houses, and a polling house which was moved to the property. An earlier tobacco barn stood on the site of the polling house but was blown down in a hurricane in 1936.

This is a somewhat curious barn. Mrs Eisenman remembers the date of construction as being c. 1934-36 (the same year that a cyclone took down the old barn, blew the roof off the "Brick House", and demolished a "colored" school). The barn is constructed of mostly circular sawn materials, although a few hewn materials and peeled log tier poles were probably re-used from the old barn.

This barn was originally constructed as an 24 x 64 foot (16 room) building with a plank and tar paper roof and two single plank, side-hinged doors (hung on pintels). A shed was later added to the south side with windows installed to create a stripping area. This shed has a continuous sill and basically identical framing techniques, but it constructed of "lighter" materials (posts, nailers, plate). The stripping room was set back and enclosed with a variety of materials, possibly salvaged from this barn's south side.

The lower east gable end appears to be replaced and so no early door is evident. The plan of the barn appears to be two cross aisles (not centered) running north-south in the original 16 room barn. Sometime later, barn and shed extensions were added to the east end. These extensions added four rooms to the barn and four rooms to the shed.

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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

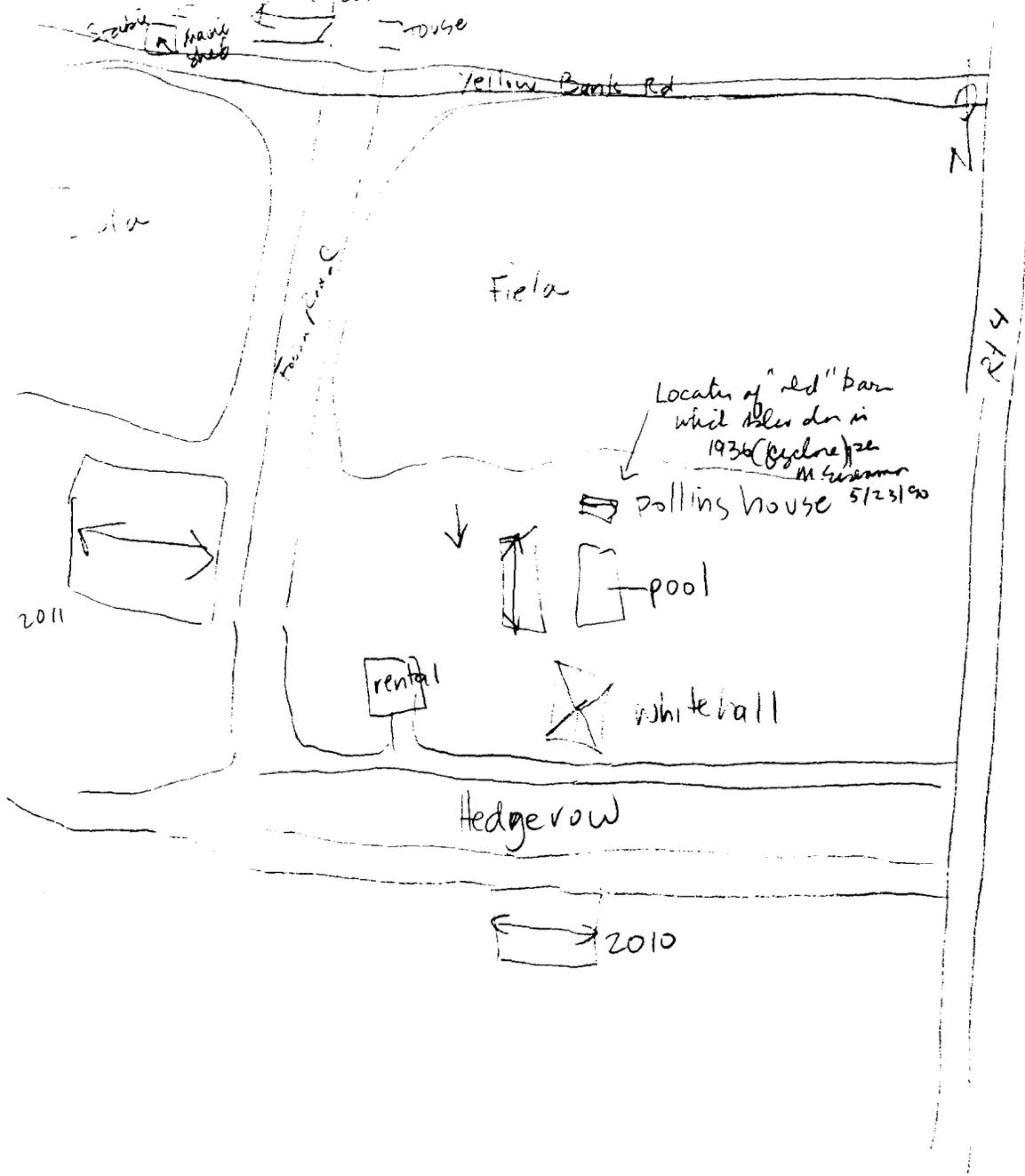
Level of Significance: national state local

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

This barn is somewhat typical of tobacco barns constructed in the second quarter of the 20th century in southern Maryland. The longer, more rectangular extended aisle plan is characteristic of this period. Further, the barn's construction can be traced to a particular date (and event). Additional changes and modifications to the structure certainly add to our understanding of changes in construction techniques, materials and agricultural practises.

Historic Period Them(s): Depression, agriculture, tobacco
Geographic Organization: western shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1934/36-present
Resource Type(s): tobacco barn, enclosed stripping room

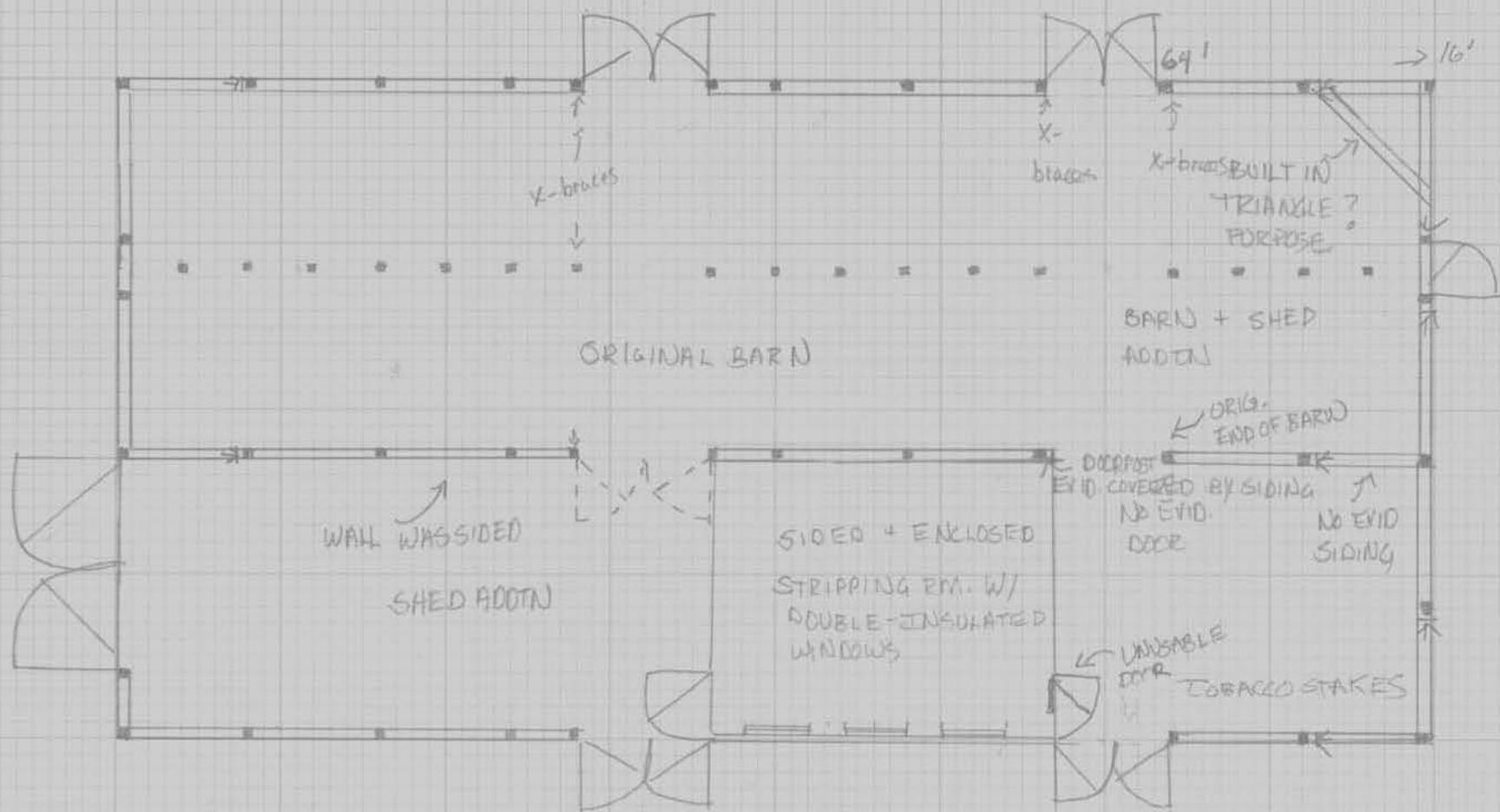
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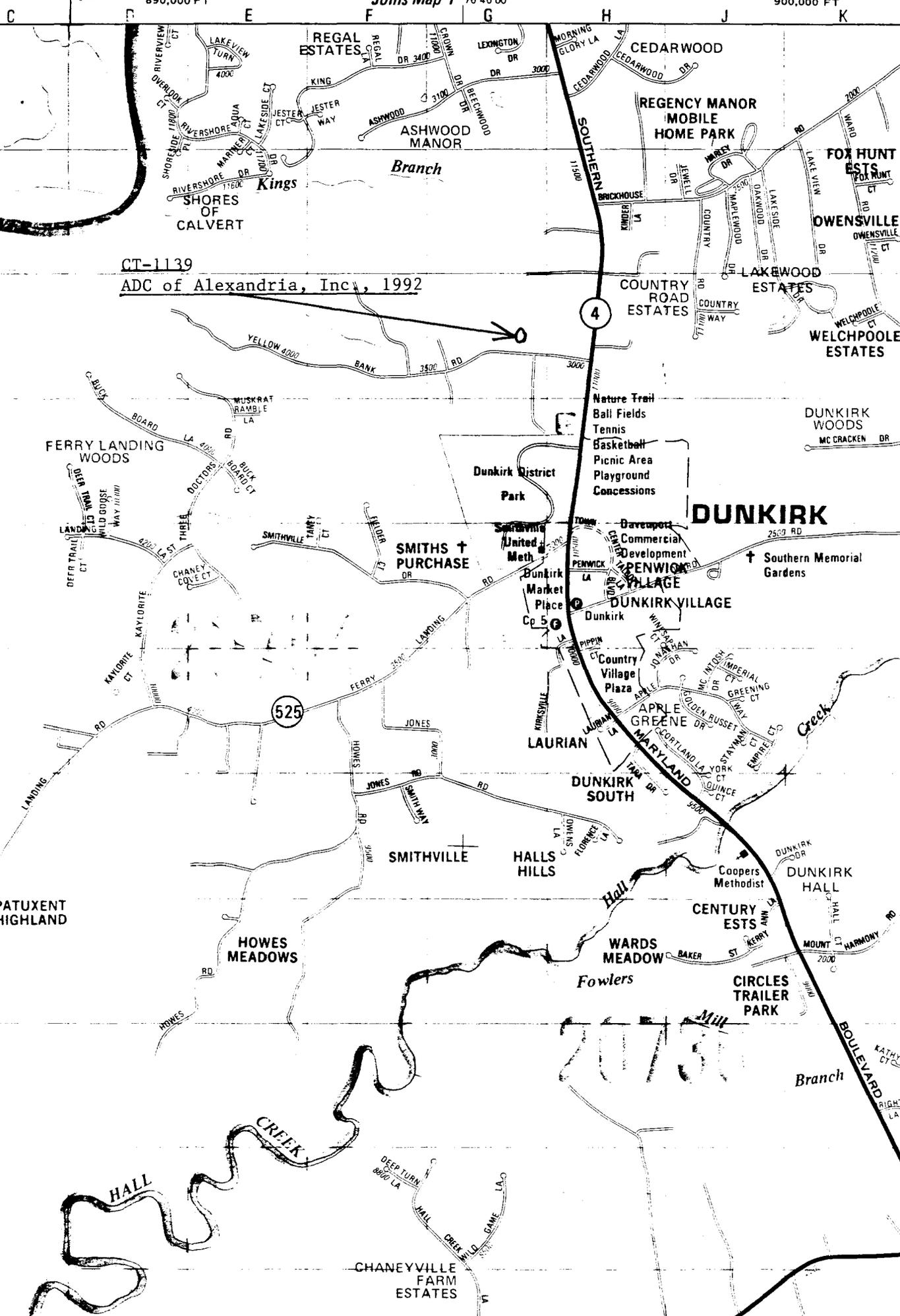
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890,000 FT

Joins Map 1 76°40'00"

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DUNKIRK

SMITHS + PURCHASE

DUNKIRK VILLAGE

DUNKIRK SOUTH

SMITHVILLE

HALLS HILLS

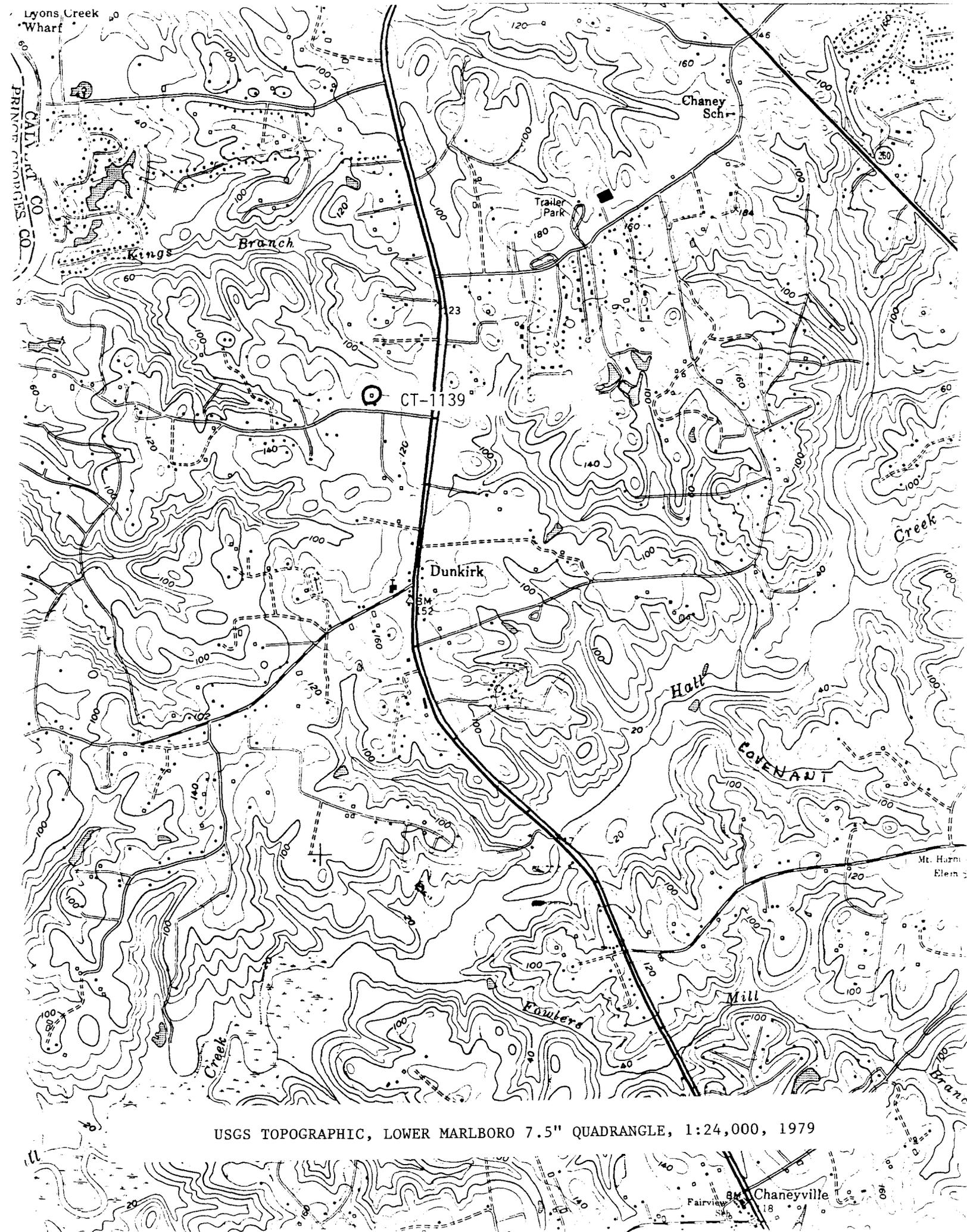
HOWES MEADOWS

WARDS MEADOW

CIRCLES TRAILER PARK

CHANEYVILLE FARM ESTATES

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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979

Lyons Creek
Wharf

CATAUNIA CO
PRINCE GEORGES CO

Chaney Sch

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Dunkirk

BM 152

Hall

COVENANT

Mt. Harri
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Mill

Fauers

Fairview
Chaneyville



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Eisenman "C"

Dunkirk

Tora L. Williamson

Northeast

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