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THE LEVELS

Leitch's Wharf  
Private

late 19th c., and  
early 20th c.

The name of this farm is derived from a 17th century patent of land laid out for John Bagby in 1653. The tract came to be called "God's Grace Levels" for the peninsula of level land jutting into the Patuxent River.

A main farmhouse and two substantial tenant houses, all L-shaped, two-story frame structures, make up the farm. The main house appears to have originated as a side-hall, single parlor house. Later a parlor was added to the other side of the stair and a central cross-gable pediment was built. A handsome porch featuring turned posts and scrollwork braces spans the front. The rear section forming the "L" appears to be a later addition.

One of the tenant houses has two gable-roofed sections, while the other is composed of a large hipped-roof block followed by two one-story gable-roofed sections.

(Capsule)

The Levels Farm

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CLVT 123

Mag. # 0501235635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC  
The Levels Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Leitchs Road (Leitches Wharf Road)  
CITY, TOWN Prince Frederick CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
VICINITY OF Patuxent River  
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 checked="" 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Benjamin Ridgely Telephone #: 535-1681  
STREET & NUMBER Levels  
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Liber #: JLB 56/244  
Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
\_FEDERAL \_STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Oral history says that the main house of this large farm was the Anderson home, and that it was built by Thomas Anderson. His name is inscribed on the wall in a downstairs closet located in the central portion of the house. In the complicated title history of the several parcels which make up the farm, it seems as though the house is on Parcel #3, which contains 200 acres (AWR 5/227). AWR 8/175 (May 14, 1880) shows Thomas F. and Charles H. Anderson selling 200 acres to Thomas L. Hutchins, which they had inherited from their mother Margaret Anderson. Family history cites her as the widow of Thomas Anderson the builder of the central block. Oral history relates that Mrs. Thomas L. Hutchins said that the house was standing in the 1850's. AWR 8/175 suggests that the Andersons acquired the property from Virgil and Mary Jane Gantt in 1858.

The name of the Levels farm is derived from a Seventh Century patent originally laid out for John Bagby in 1653. It was called "Gods' Grace." The large patent included the neck formed by the Patuxent and Hunting Creek and extended as far south as Ramsy Creek, once known as Bagbys Creek. "God Graces Leall", or level, appears as early as 1701 and is referred to in later deeds of the Eighteenth Century. One such reference concerns 687 1/2 acres belonging to Benjamin Mackall in 1792. Benjamin Mackall was a member of the Maryland Convention of 1776 and according to Ridgely's Historic Graves of Maryland and Virginia, he is buried at "God's Grace." The point of land which juts out into the Patuxent River in this neighborhood still bears that name. The flatlands or levels which lie between the river and central ridge bear that name as well as AWR 8/175 (May 14, 1880) refers to the Anderson property as, "part of a tract called God's Graces levels."

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Nield II

Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

C/O Planning Office

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Prince Frederick, MD 20678

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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JLB 56/244 March 27, 1963

Silas W. Bowen--Ben T. Ridgely  
Four parcels  
312 acres Parcel 4 is "Lot #1" in Equity "92"

JLB 25/184 May 29, 1959

Beulah Bruehl--Ridgely  
Four parcels

JLB 25/180

Murray Hill Company--Beulah Bruehl and Ridgely  
Subject to life estate of Joseph William Sunderland

a. Parcels 1-3  
AWR 8/227

b. Parcel 4  
AWR 12/265

A. Parcels 1-3

AWR 8/227 August 24, 1946  
Clarence T. and Annie Hutchins et al.  
Annie H. Sunderland, Elliott H. Hutchins, and Amos F. Hutchins.

1. 58½ acres
2. 99 acres
3. 200 acres

JS 1/359 July 20, 1888  
AWR 8/175  
+  
Willbook AAH 1/374

Thomas L. Hutchins, December 4, 1924  
Children: Vertre B. Ward  
Bessie W. King  
Clarence T. Hutchins  
Elliott H. Hutchins  
Amos F. Hutchins  
Annie, T. Hutchins

JS 1/359 July 20, 1888  
John P. Briscoe--Annie M. and Thomas R. Hutchins via equity July 16 in  
partition of Holdsworth Bowen estate.  
Lot #2 58½ acres  
+  
9 acres of woodland

JS 1/358  
Briscoe--Julia V. Boyd  
Lot #3  
AWR 8/175 (May 14, 1880)  
Thomas F. and Charles H. Anderson--Thomas C. Hutchins (2/3 interest in all  
that tract of land upon which we now reside.)  
Part of tract called "God's Graces Levels", 200 acres inherited by them and  
their mother Margaret Anderson (widow of Thomas Anderson.)

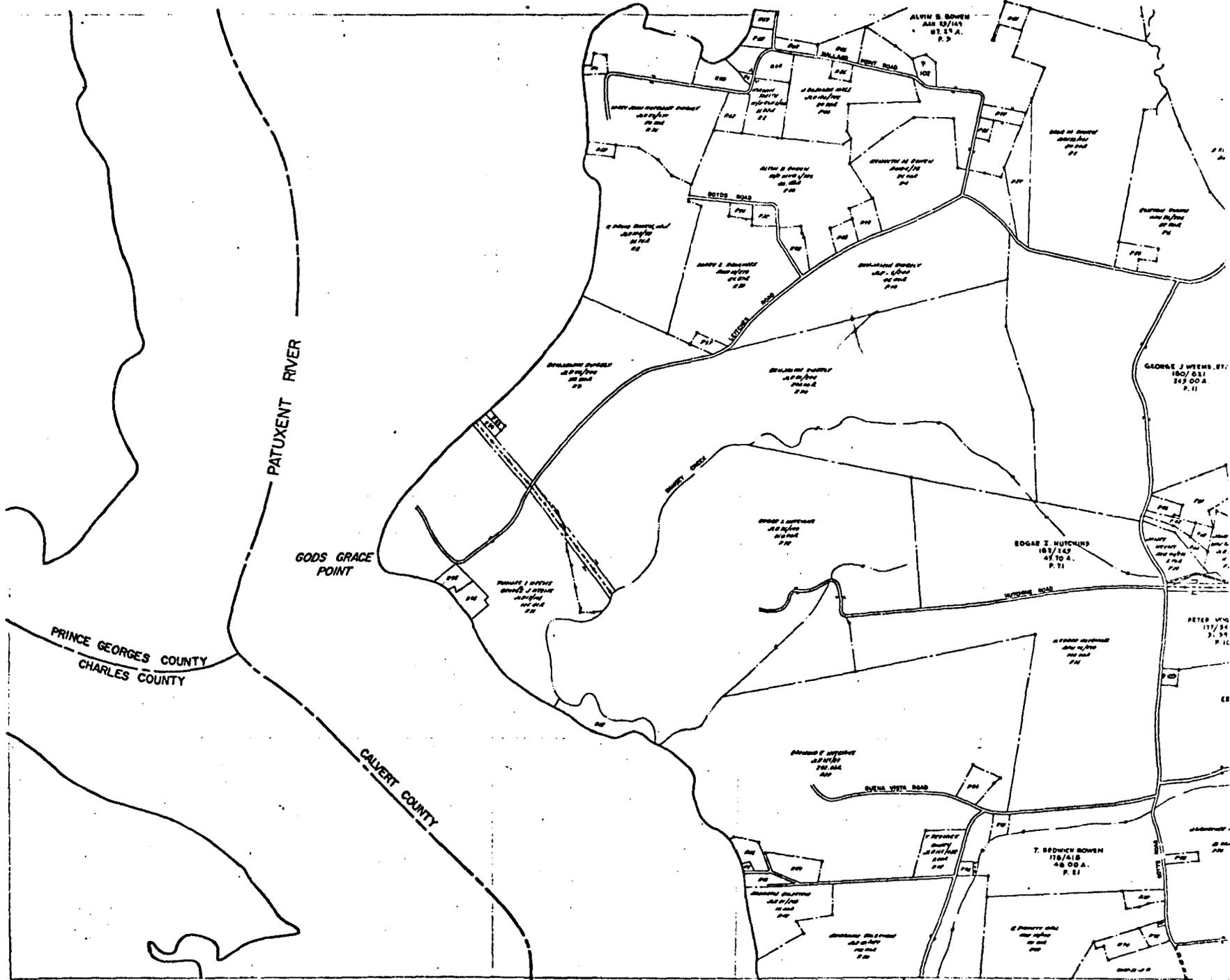
Willbook AAH 1/374 (December 4, 1924)  
Thomas L. Hutchins divides estate evenly between his children.  
(See above list)

B. Parcel 4

AWR 12/265 (September 3, 1947)  
Sallie A. Sheckells and Effie D. Bowen--Elliott H. Hutchins, Amos F. Hutchins,  
and Annie H. Sunderland

Lot #1 in Equity #92

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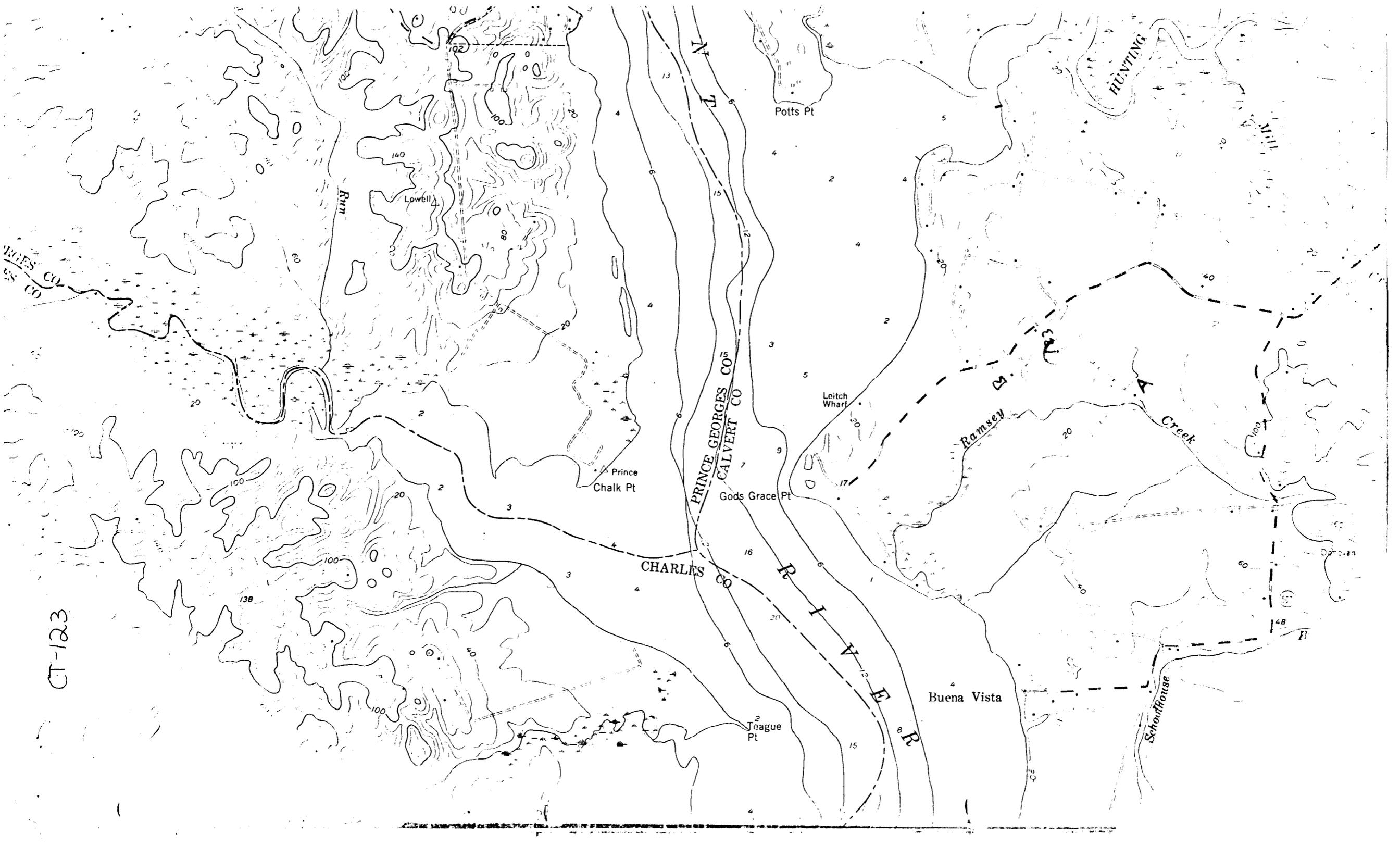
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MILL

Prince Chalk Pt

Gods Grace Pt

Leitch Wharf

Ramsey

Creek

CHARLES CO

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CHARLES RIVER

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Teague Pt

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