

(Caption)

HORSE PATH.

The site of an early Nineteenth Century farm which was once called "Horse Path." The large house with high ceilings and square rooms heated by fireplaces burned in 1943. It is survived by evidence of its foundations as well as evidence of two graveyards and a tenant house. There is evidence as well that Indians once inhabited the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Horse Path (SITE)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broomes Island Road (Maryland Route 264)

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic X VICINITY OF Mutual

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles and Robert Skinner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 9/201

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The historic buildings which this early farm once had have been destroyed, however, their remains are clearly visible. They are relatively undisturbed archaeological sites as are the two graveyards near the house (one is presumably a slave graveyard) and a field which has produced many Indian projectiles over the years.

According to a paper done by Mrs. Alma Harkness at University of Maryland, this farm is on land which was known as "Horse Path" appearing on documents as early as 1762. The tract containing 182 acres was acquired by Dr. John C. Parker in 1856. Parker had served in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1851.

The farm passed from Dr. Parker's heirs to B. Eugene Dawkins who sold it to Thomas Parran (around 1918). Parran sold it to the father of the present owners, Charles and Robert Skinner, soon afterwards.

According to the Skinner brothers, the old "colonial" house burned in 1943. It contained thirteen rooms each of which had a fireplace. The main rooms were 20' square and there are three exterior chimneys. The foundations containing burned rubble still exist beneath heavy undergrowth.

Not far from the house ruins located on opposite sides of a field are two graveyards. The graveyard closest to the house is marked by four granite cornerstones which supported an iron Victorian style fence that is now lying in the woods some yards away. Mr. Skinner's father laid the tombstones flat on the graves and buried them in the 1920's. While plowing, the Skinner's accidentally discovered another grave, outside of the fence area. He believes this to be the graves of white servants, possibly members of the Mills family who occupied the tenant house.

In a thicket west of the family graveyard, several "brownstone" markers identify what has always been known as the slave graveyard. Two of these stones were observed 11/17/76 along with six depressions in the ground which resemble graves.

A good folktale is connected with these two graveyards. Mr. Skinner remembers black servants, presumably related to the occupants of the grave, sitting on the porch of the house and being "spooked" by the whirlwinds which would travel from the white graveyard across the field and end at the black graveyard. The observers were certain that there were spirits traveling between the two.

About 100 yards northeast of the main house are the remains of a tenant house. Mr. Skinner's father used some of the materials from the tenant house to build a stable. That building, which is located east of the house, does contain hewn timbers. On the site of the tenant house, there are many bricks strewn about around the foundation of a hearth. When the Skinner's acquired the farm around 1918, the Mills family were living here.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<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
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<input 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 139 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Winter 76-77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

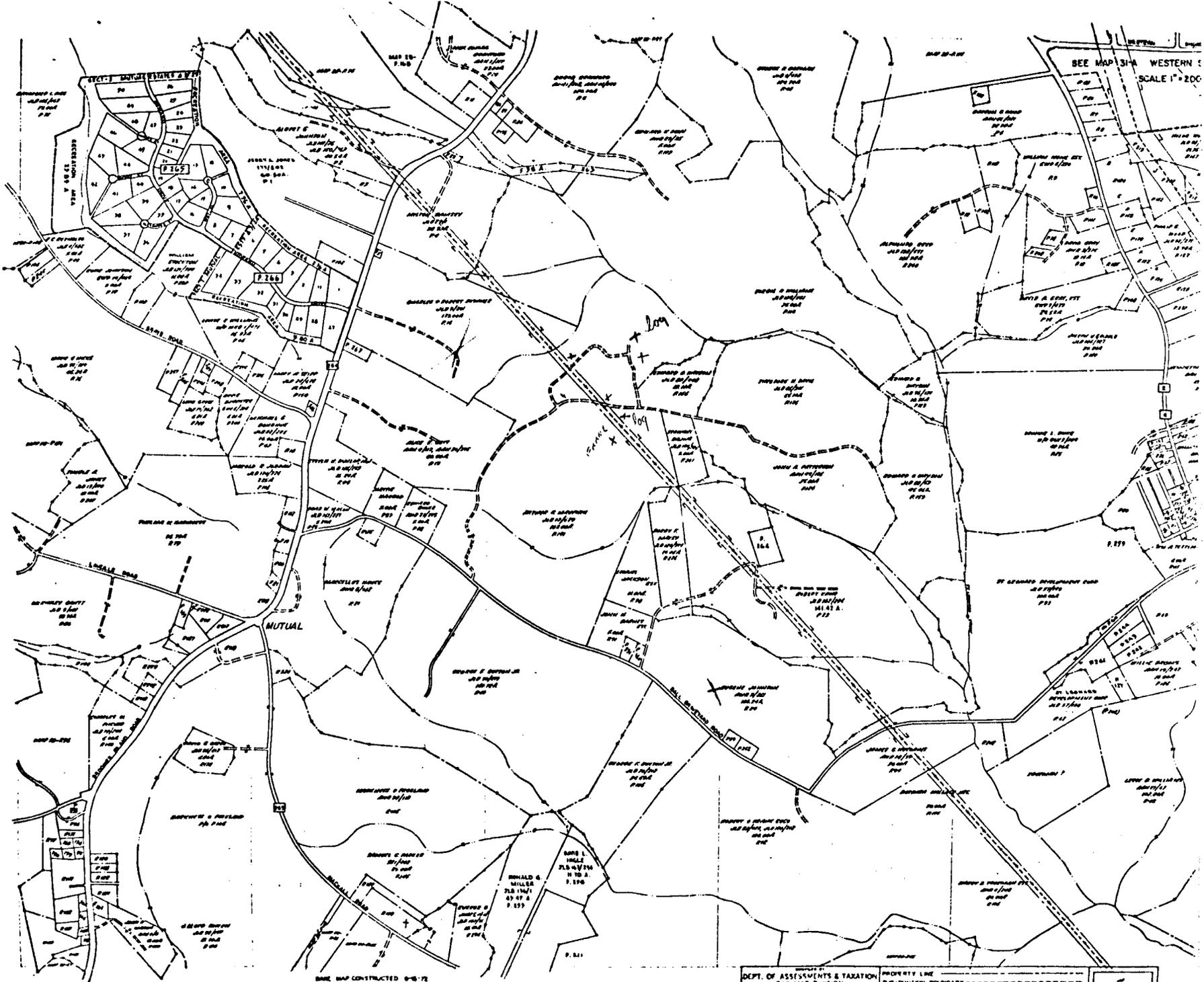
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