

(Capsule)

Thomas Harrod House

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CLVT 144

Magi # 0501445704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Thomas Harrod House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Balls Graveyard Road (Now Ball Road)
CITY, TOWN
MUTUAL VICINITY OF
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 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 | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <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"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
VICINITY OF
Telephone #:
STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Liber #: (SEE #145)
Folio #:
STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to the tenant, Mrs. Gantt, black people have always lived in this house and that Grace Brown owned it. The tax assessment office has no deed reference for this property, but a title search of an adjoining parcel (E. Boom's) is informative. Both parcels are "5 1/6 acres" and remain that size since the first decade of this century. Both parcels appear to have been owned by Benjamin E. Dawkins c. 1904. GWD 4/534 shows Dawkins selling "5 1/6 acres" to E. Boom on July 26, 1904. AWR 27/234 mentions that E. Boom's property is adjoining land owned by the heirs of Thomas Harrod, Col. Thomas Chambers, et al. GWD 3/217 shows B. E. Dawkins selling "5 1/6 acres" to Thomas Harrod in 1902. Mrs. Boom states that Harrod's house was built after hers, and hers was built c. 1904. Dawkins acquired the property through the will of Mary T. Parker.

The house has an L-plan consisting of a five-bay wide block with a two story, two-bay wing in the "rear" (North).

The south (front) facade of the main block is a central pediment or cross gable design, although the gable is not as dominant as is seen on many houses in the area. This pediment is smaller and less obtrusive and is decorated with a diamond shape window. The pediment and central entrance lend greatly to the symmetry displayed in the building. The eaves are decorated with dentals.

The exterior is covered with modern red asbestos siding which covers a previous siding of 2" x 8" planks nailed onto the hewn frame with wire nails. This may be replacement siding as well. It is laid in an unusual pattern with the planks flush to each other and butt ended at 45° angles.

The windows are 6/6 sash with panes of wavy glass.

Modern joists were observed under the parlor and hewn joists beneath the present kitchen. This may be an indication of additions.

Mrs. Gantt remembers when there was a full porch on the front (South) facade. She also recalls a root cellar which has been filled in.

The interior is divided by a central hall and is further shaped by the L-plan. The hall contains stairs to the second floor and is flanked on the first floor by a parlor on the west and a kitchen on the east. Adjoining the kitchen on the north is the wing which contains another and larger parlor or living-room downstairs and a bedroom above. There are four bedrooms in all. The entire upstairs is paneled with 3" beaded horizontal siding.

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 |
| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Note:

according to Miss Blanche Wilson of Ben's Creek, this house was built as the residence of Thomas Harrod, the brother of her grandfather Wm Harrod whose house has surveyed in Ben's Creek. This house should be seen in association with the houses of Ben's Creek.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Calvert County Deed Books AWR 27/234/235
GWD 4/534
GWD 3/217

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5 1/6 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

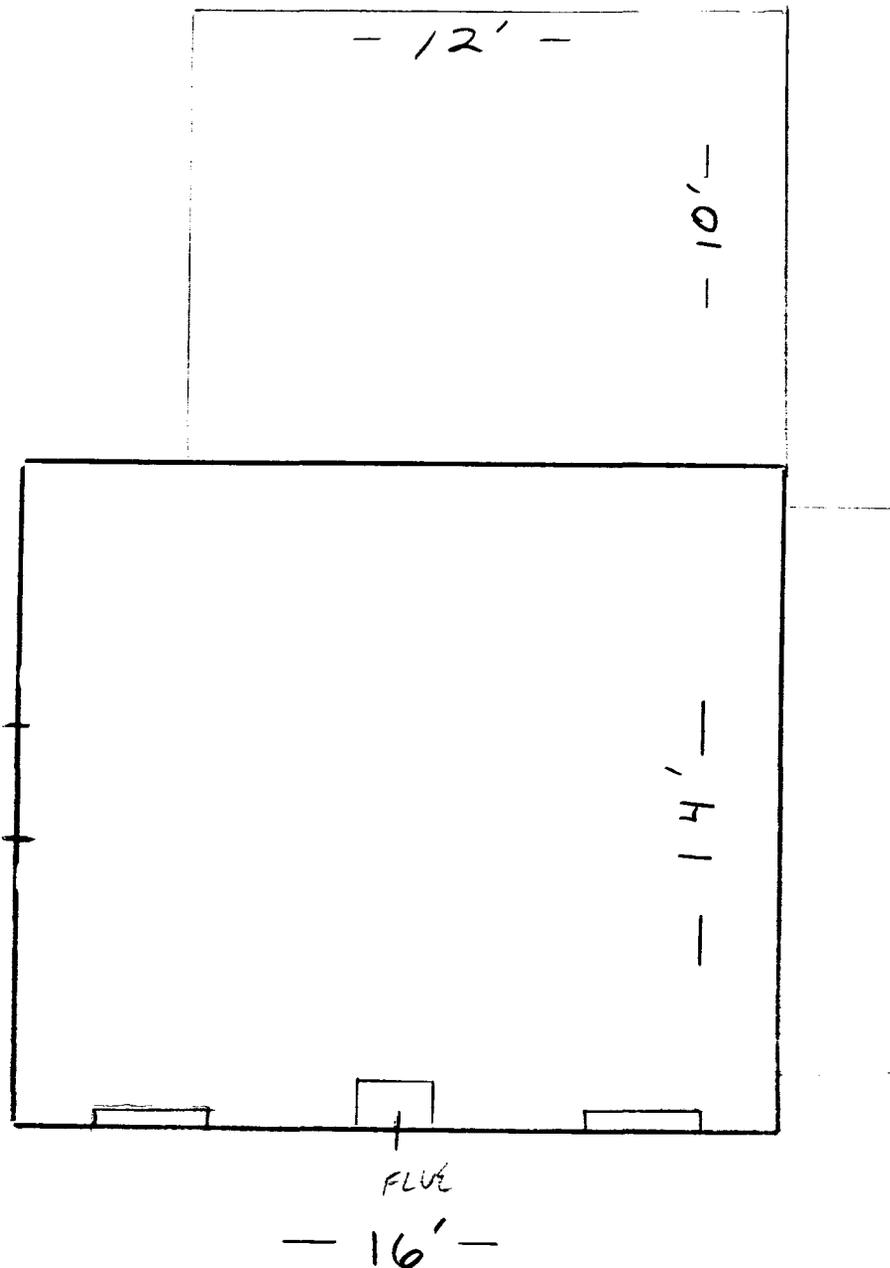
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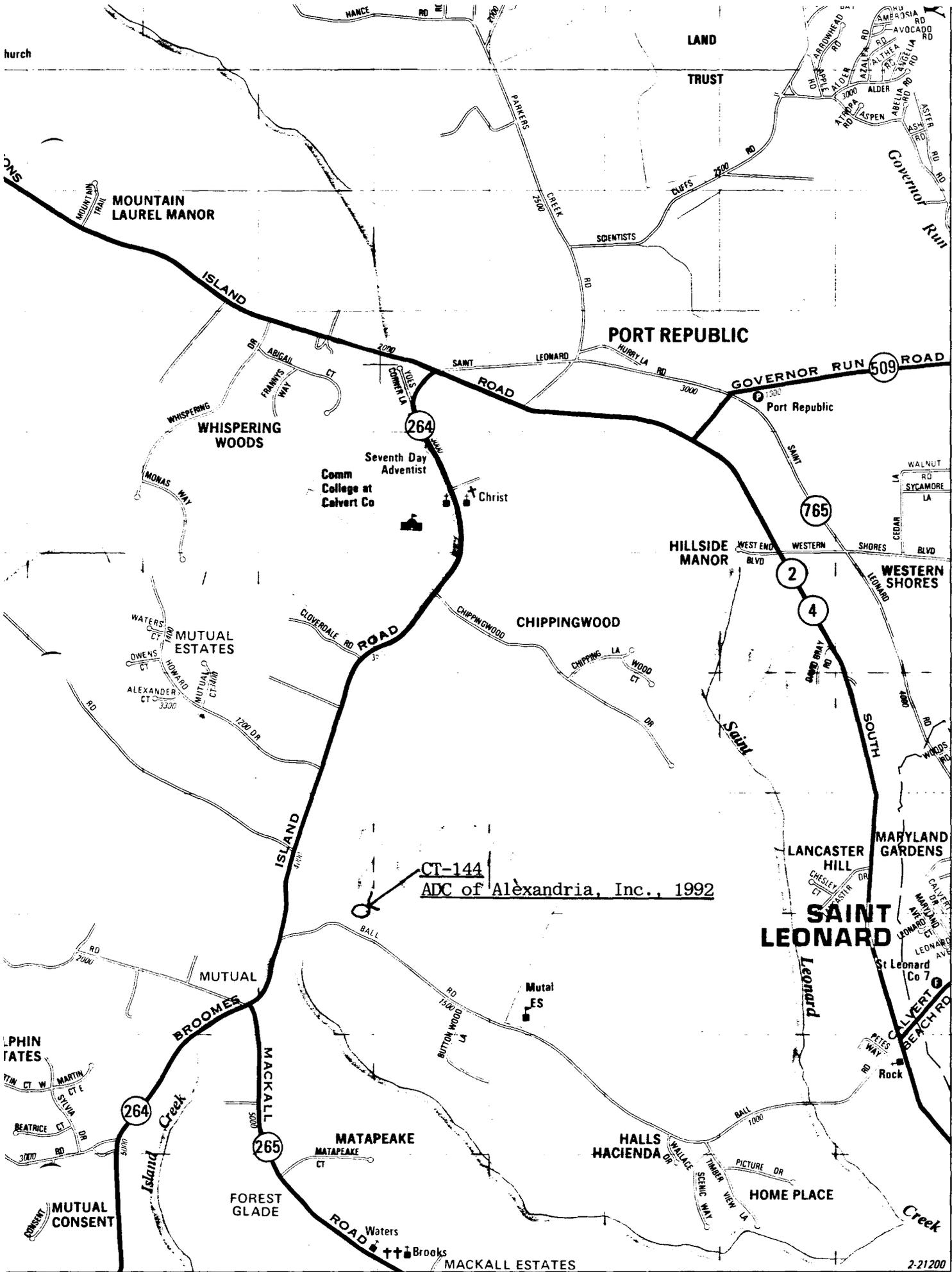
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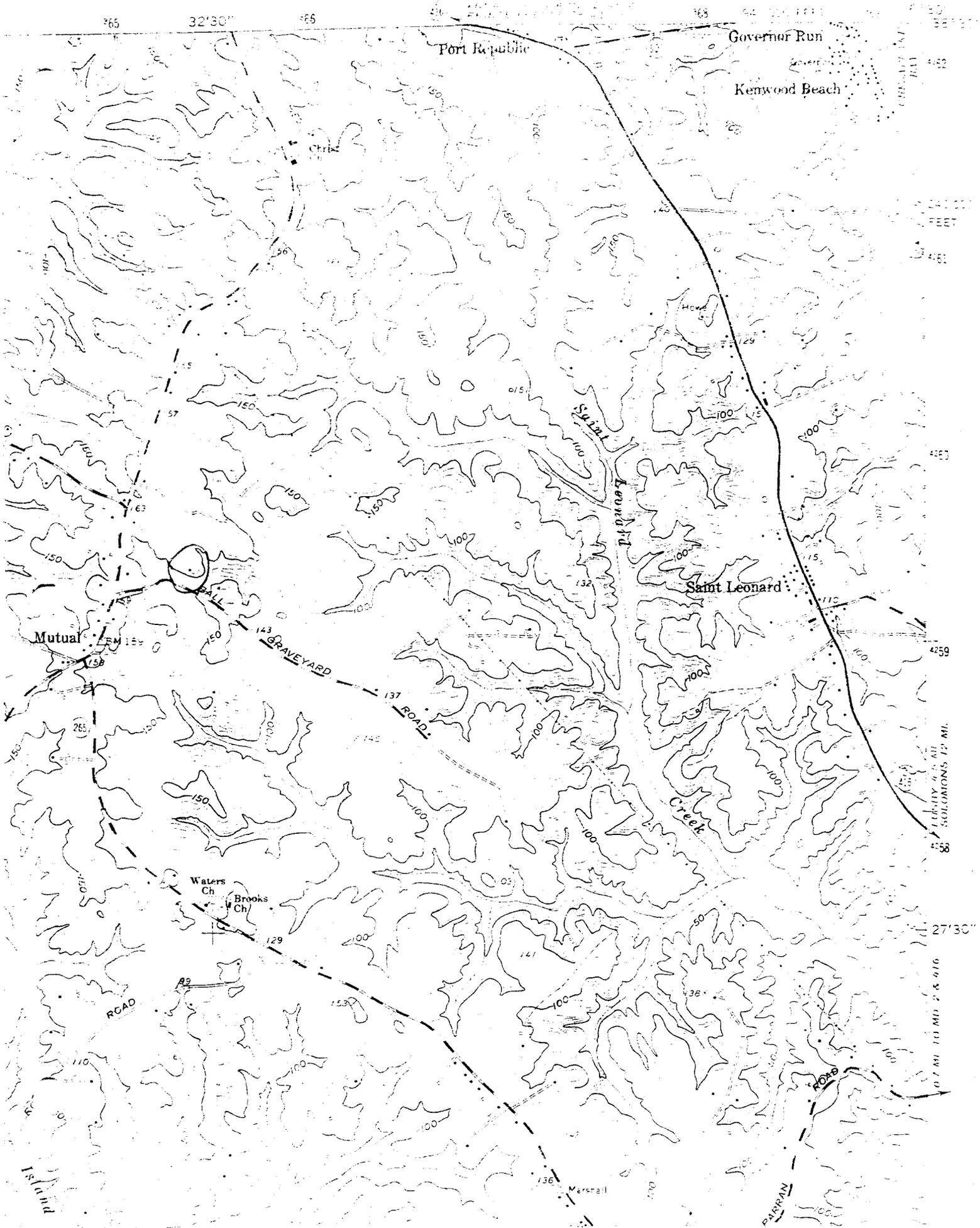
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Ed Boom House
- Balls Grounded
12/23/76





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