

(Capsule)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Log Cabin (Dare)

AND/OR COMMON

Frank Dare Log House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West of Route 4 on South side of St. Leonards Creek, on Walnut Cove Drive

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

St. Leonard

X VICINITY OF Walnut Cove

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
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert Weems

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Port Republic

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 55/519

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**

<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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input checked="" 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**

GWD 12/299 records the sale of this property from Tom Parran to Nelson and Eviline Dare of Baltimore on September 4, 1910. The Dares were blacks, and the property remained in the possession of that family until c. 1956. During most of that time, the parcel contained approximately thirty-six acres. It is not clear from whom Tom Parran obtained the property. Both he and his father bought and sold many properties. GWD 6/328 suggests that Parran owned this land in 1906 and TBT 5/17 shows Parran buying two tracts in this neighborhood totaling over 760 acres.

The house which was here is in ruins. Like others in the same vicinity, this was a small log house enlarged by a frame addition. That addition has completely collapsed and is marked only by its sills and rubble all of which is covered by thick ivy. The roof has caved in on the log portion, but the walls still stand along with the stone chimney which both buildings shared.

This is a true, 1½ story log house which had a gable end roof. The plan is one up/one down. A closed-in stairs in the northeast corner of the room provided access to the upper room. Doors vented the north and south facades, and there were windows in the north side and east end. A chimney 6' wide and 2' deep occupied the west end and served a fireplace which has a 6' wide mantle and a 41" x 29" opening. The chimney is constructed completely of iron-stone.

The logs are squared and V-notched on the ends. They average 4" x 6" in thickness and are laid nearly flush with a thick mortar inbetween making chinking unnecessary. The interior was finished with laths and hair plaster. The exterior received weatherboards. Modern, red asbestos covers two types of earlier siding. On the west side are feather-edged planks, 7" wide and 3/4" in thickness, nailed to the logs with cut nails. On the south side are plain overlap clapboards attached with wire nails as well as random materials attached with cut nails.

Cut nails were also observed in the hewn rafters of the collapsed roof which are lap joined. Both stories were supported by log joists.

(See plan for measurements.)

Although it is in no way ornate, the mantle for the fireplace does seem large and it is not totally void of decoration. The mantle itself is six feet in length and is 58" off the floor. The rectangle immediately surrounding the brick opening is set off by plain moldings 4½" and 2" in width. Plain baseboard moldings carrying the same colors as the mantle appear to complete the room. 9" exist between the uppermost edge of brick and the bottom edge of the mantle. The visual transfer from the mantle downwards is accomplished through a molding which acts as a second mantle of sorts diminishing in size.

The presence of this hearth makes this log house somewhat unusual among its neighbors of like construction which usually have flues for space heaters

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**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 BY**

NAME / TITLE

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Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

Broomes Island Maryland 20815

STREET & NUMBER

586-2050

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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.

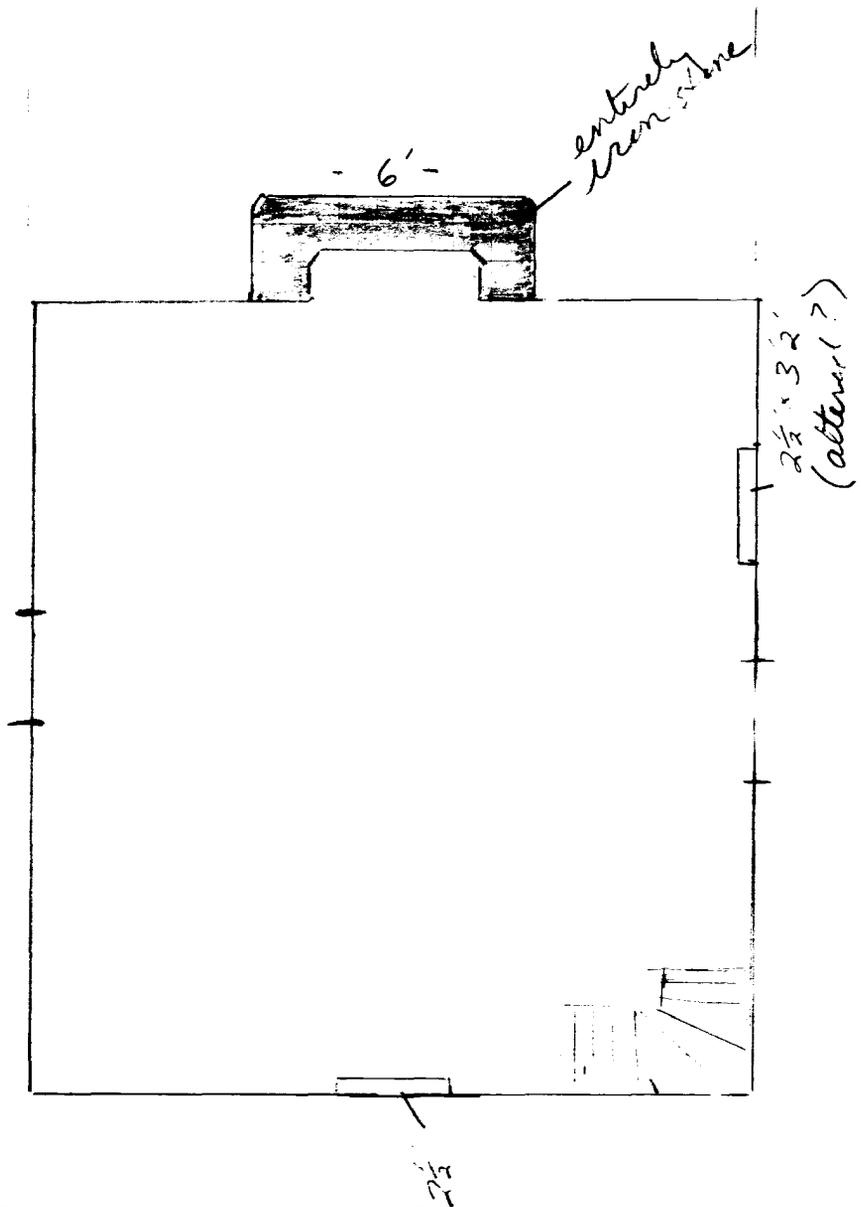
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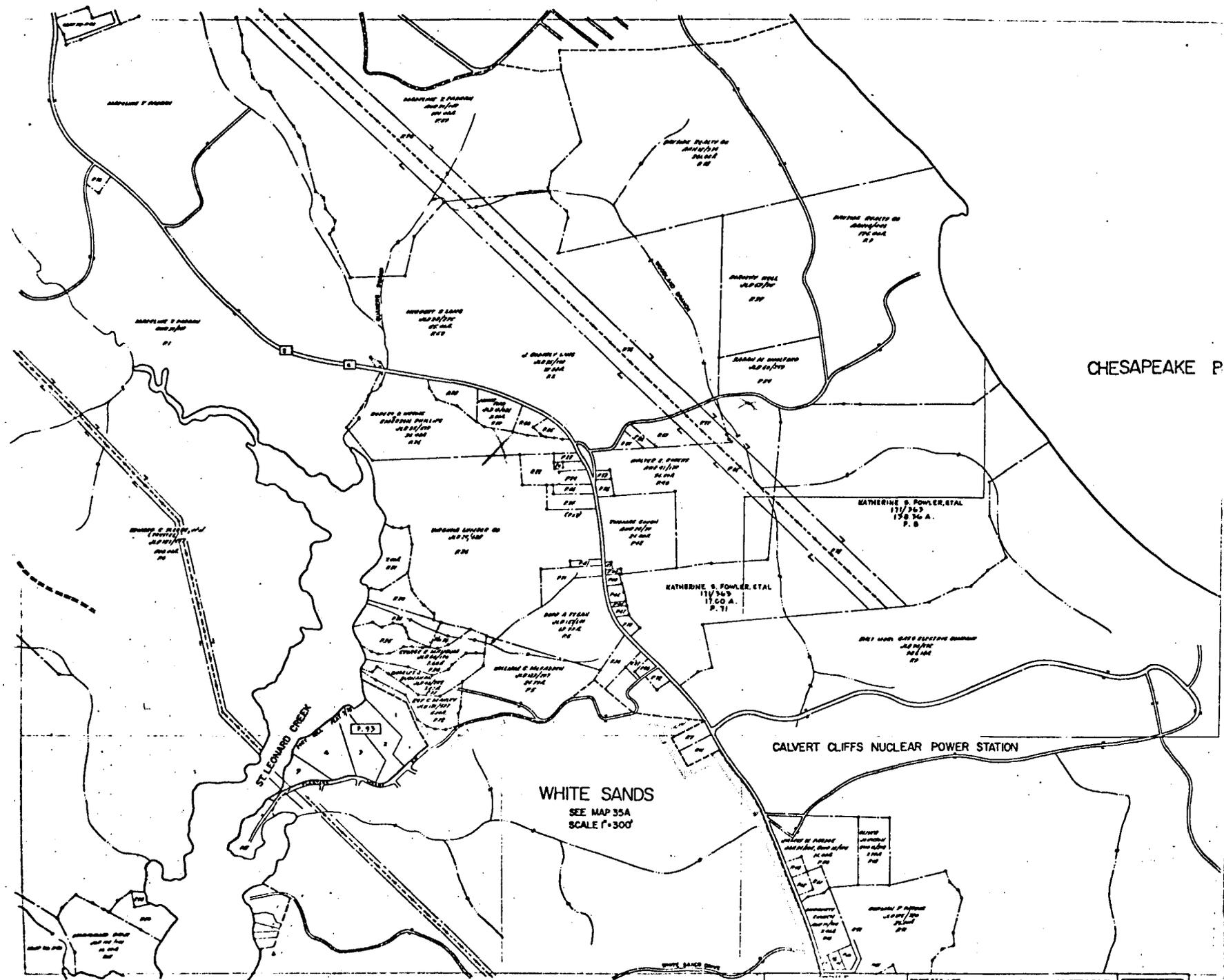
South of the house on either side of the dirt lane is evidence of destroyed outbuildings. On the west side of the lane, approximately 25 yards south of the house, the remains of hewn timbers, wire nails, and riven clapboards were observed. On the other side of the dirt road, directly opposite the remains of a small log structure, were noted along with fragments of farm equipment.

Jew House  
St. Leonard's Creek  
12/23/76



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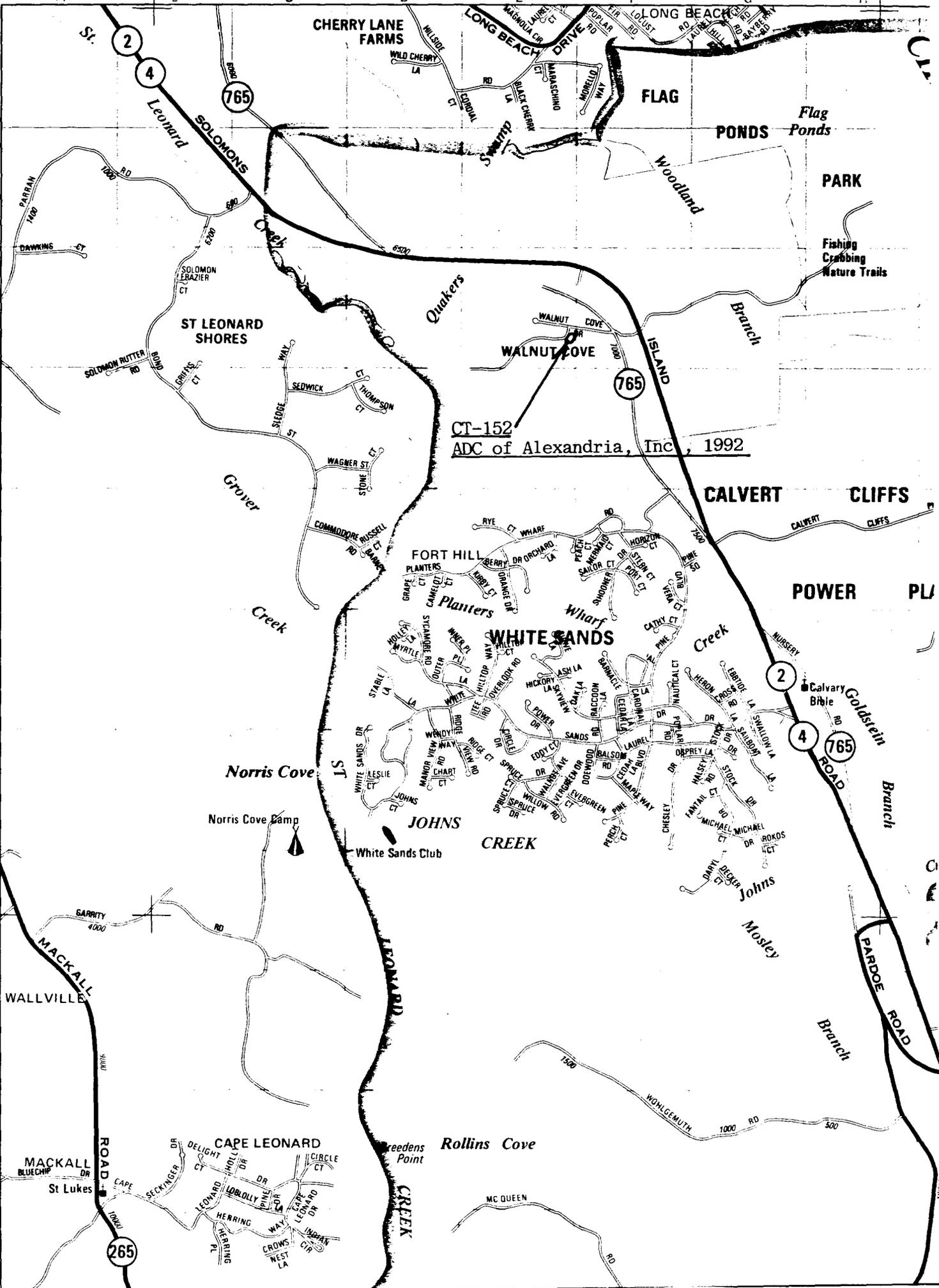
CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR POWER STATION

WHITE SANDS  
SEE MAP 35A  
SCALE 1"=300'

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CHERRY LANE FARMS

LONG BEACH DRIVE

FLAG PONDS

ST LEONARD SHORES

Quakers

WALNUT COVE

CT-152  
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1992

CALVERT CLIFFS

WHITE SANDS

Norris Cove

JOHNS

CREEK

POWER PL

Norris Cove Camp

White Sands Club

Calvary Bible

Goldstein

WALLVILLE

MACKALL ROAD

CAPE LEONARD

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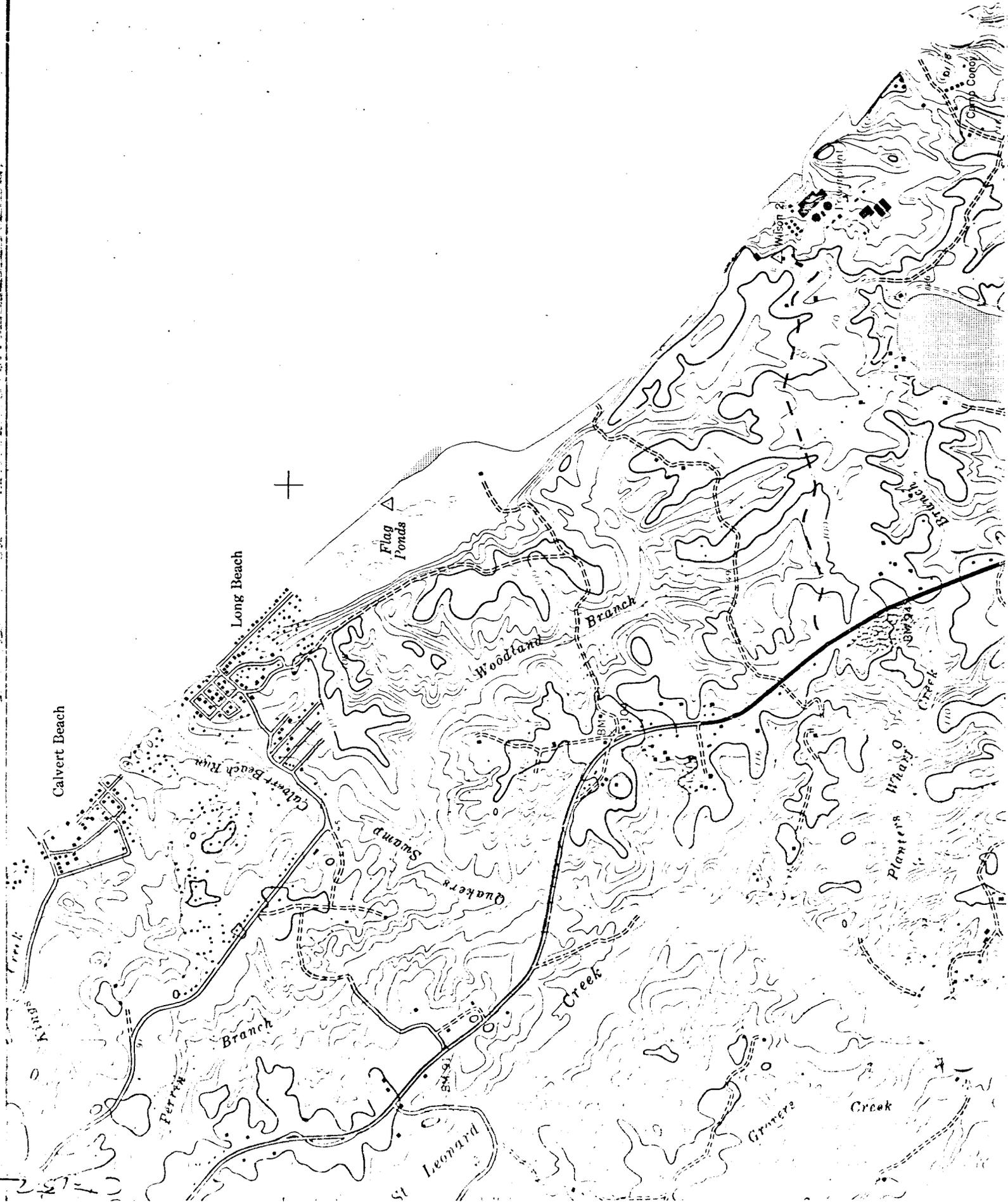
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