

(Capsule)

Torney House

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Torney House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4 (Now Maryland Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

St. Leonard

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF Walnut Cove

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

X BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

X PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

X YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

__NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Virginia Lumber Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Liber #: JLB 25/428

Folio #:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

According to Kenneth Parker, this house was standing when he came to this neighborhood fifty years ago. It was built by Sam Torney, a black man, to simulate his father's house which stood beside it until the present owners demolished it. Mr. Parker says that Sam Torney lived to be ninety years old and that he has been dead for "some years" now.

JLB 25/248 (June 22, 1959) shows that the Virginia Lumber Company purchased this land from the Torney family. The same deed indicates several out-conveyances by Sam Torney. AAH 23/478 shows Sam Torney acquiring the property from Moses Torney in 1930. GWD 6/328 indicates that Moses Torney acquired the property from Tom Parran in 1906. There is no source showing who owned the land before Parran or when he got it. It is assumed that the house which Moses Torney lived in was a Nineteenth Century house that could possibly have dated from the early part of that century. Mr. Parker says that the house which Sam built looks "just like" his fathers.

Sam Torney's house appears somewhat Federal in character with its nearly square end-hall plan. It is three bays wide and almost as deep with an entrance on the north end of the east (front) facade. The building is two-stories high and of wood frame construction. It is covered with clapboards and has a gable-end roof with a gentle pitch. An interior flue-chimney is located in the north end. That facade is windowless except for a long, square window in the gable on the east side of the chimney. The south end is nearly windowless too except for one window on the first level and an attic window in the gable.

There is equally irregular fenestration of the west facade which has two 6/6 windows to the left, or north of the entrance door but only two such windows on the upper story. One of these is over the door, and the other is in the center leaving a "blind spot" above the end window on the first floor. The front ((east) facade contains a full porch and regular fenestration.

The house commands a hilltop site that is one of the highest in the immediate area. What was once productive fields below have become the site for a large logging operation.

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 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

SPECIFIC DATE _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

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Edgemoor Island, Maryland 20615

686-2050

Winter 76-77
DATE

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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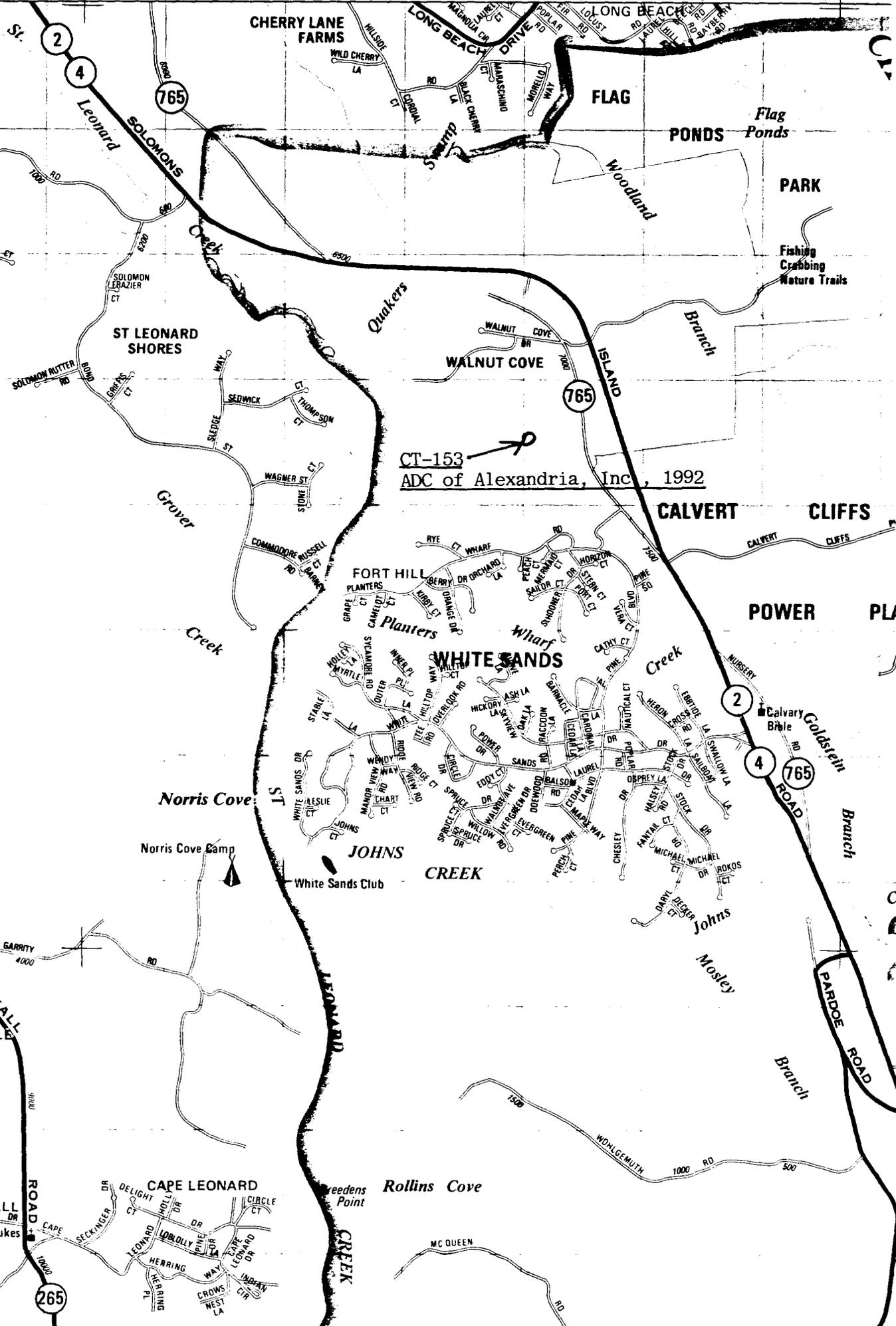
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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St Lukes
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GARRITY 4000
WALLVILLE

Norris Cove Camp

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JOHNS
White Sands Club

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CREEK

WHITE SANDS

FORT HILL
PLANTERS

CALVERT CLIFFS

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CAPE LEONARD

DELIGHT
HOLL DR
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WAY
INDIAN CIR

MC QUEEN

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Goldstein

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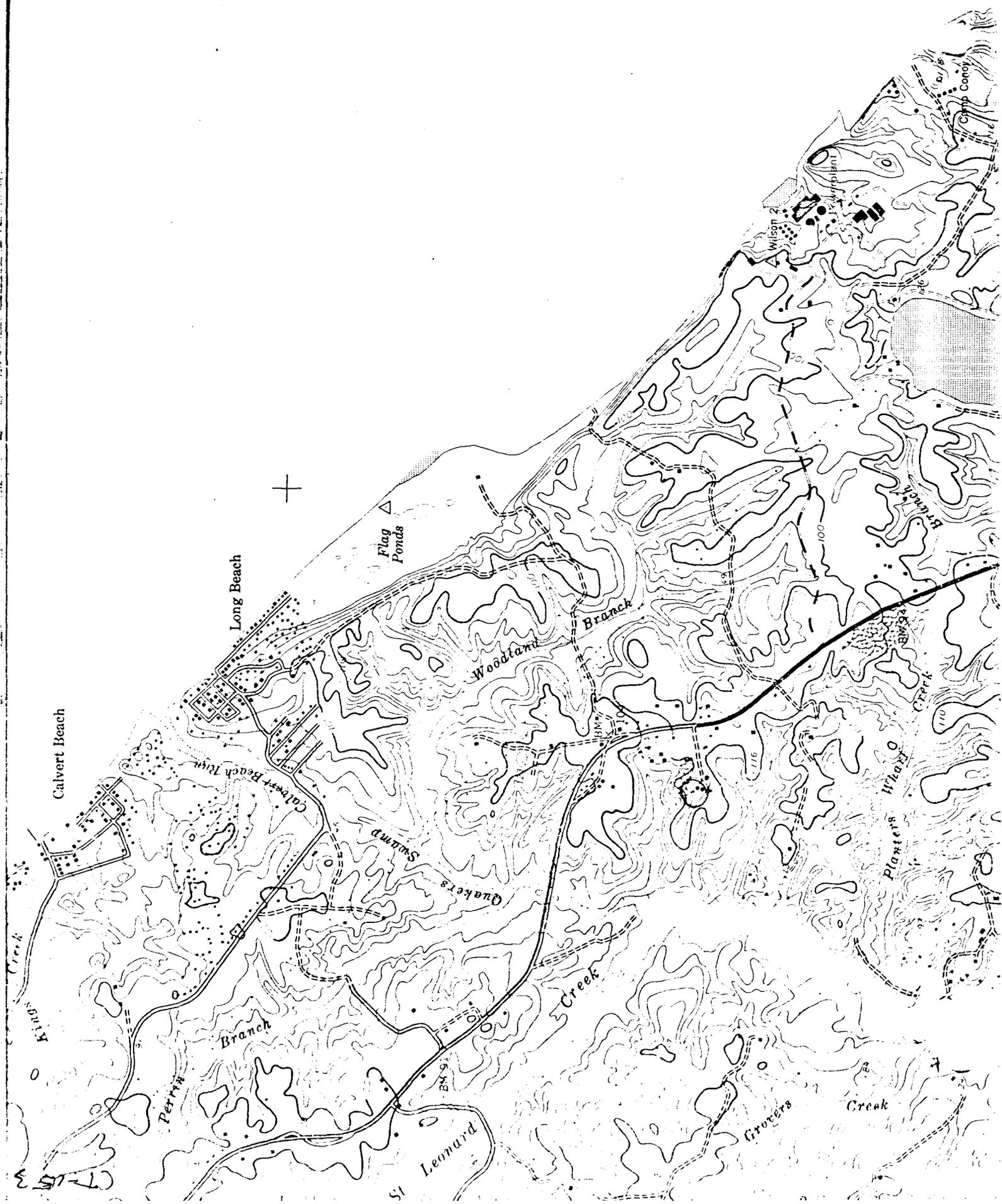
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