

(Capsule)

John B. Dowell House (SITE)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC *John B. Dowell House*
 Log House, Lusby John B. Dowell House, site
 AND/OR COMMON
 Woolford House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Solomons Island Road (Maryland Routes 2,4)
 Dirt Road, east of *A* and East of power lines at head of St. Leonards Creek
 CITY, TOWN Woodland Bridge, St. Leonard *X* VICINITY OF Walnut Cove
 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 Walter E. Rogers Telephone #: 586-1087
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE, zip code _____
 _____ VICINITY OF _____

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: AWR 41/173
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. 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 type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Log House

Approximately one-half mile back the dirt road (east of power line) adjoining the south side of Long's property are the remains of a house which has been destroyed by fire.

This appears to have been a one up/one down house (east wing) which was later doubled in size by a two-story addition.

The first floor of the original house was constructed of logs joined at the ends via half-dovetail joints. The second floor was of frame construction suggesting the possibility that it was also an addition.

The west wing is a frame structure which exactly doubled the size of the original 17' x 14' house. The whole structure measures 34' x 14' and was partitioned off to form a central hall and double parlor plan with two entrances on the north facade (front), one for each wing. Each wing was heated by an interior flue chimney serving false fireplaces (at least on the first floor.)

Destruction caused by fire and subsequent abandonment makes further description difficult however this much is known of the building's history:

In an interview (3/16/77) with Mrs. Grace M. Truman (eighty-nine years old), who was raised in this house, the following information was gained.

Her father, Ben Dowell, purchased the log cabin, and it was he who built the additions on to it. It was one up/one down, and Mrs. Truman remembers a fireplace with a large chimney outside.

When they lived here, her father operated a store on the Old Bayside Road, which was only 20 - 30 yards east of the house. The house had a porch, and one had a wonderful view of the bay from this spot.

Fishermen from Crisfield and other places across the bay used to stay in shanties down on the beach during certain seasons of the year. They came up to Mr. Dowell's store for supplies, and some would visit at the house where they were entertained by the Dowell's pump organ and games of croquet.

There were outbuildings, which included two barns, a stable, and a meathouse.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 checked="" 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 Pre-1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

STATE OF MARYLAND - CHECK AND LIST BELOW
ARCHITECTURE
ARTS
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EDUCATION
ENGINEERING
GEOGRAPHY
HISTORY
LITERATURE
MEDICINE
MILITARY
NATURE
POLITICS
SCIENCE
SOCIAL SCIENCES
SPORTS
TRANSPORTATION
UNIVERSITIES
ZOOLOGY

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY OF _____
LOCALITY OF _____
ADDRESS OF _____

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 DATE: Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER: c/o Planning Office TELEPHONE: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Prince Frederick, MD 20678 STATE: _____

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JLB 60/259, (November 21, 1952) shows Sarah M. Woolford, one heir, taking ownership from the other heirs of John B. Dowell. His wife, Laura, was originally one of the heirs; she died in 1947.

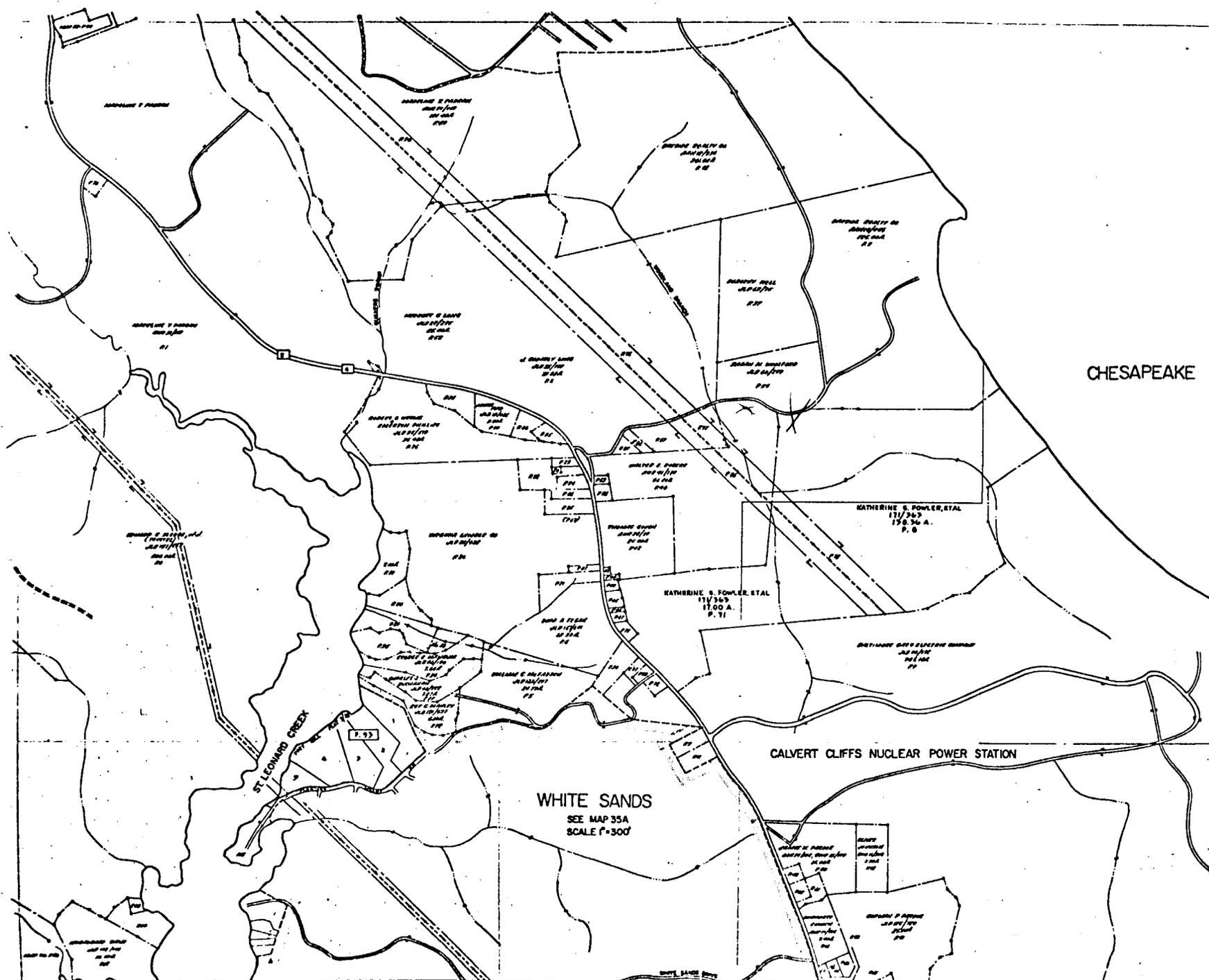
SS7/394, (September 3, 1886) shows that John B. Dowell bought the property in 1884. It was sold to him by a court appointed trustee settling the equity case concerning the property of Margaret E. Somervell. The case involved 125 acres which ran from the bay westward and included this site.

SS1/60 shows Margaret E. Somervell selling 7 acres to John T. Johnson on June 29, 1880, and the property is described as "being part of Flag Ponds Farm." There are no other records concerning Margaret Somervell's ownership.

SS1/16/18 shows that she was the wife of Alexander Somervell as early as 1873. SS5/154, however, indicates that his residence in 1877 was "Point Patience" near Solomons. It is presumed that the Somervells did not occupy the log cabin near Flag Ponds.

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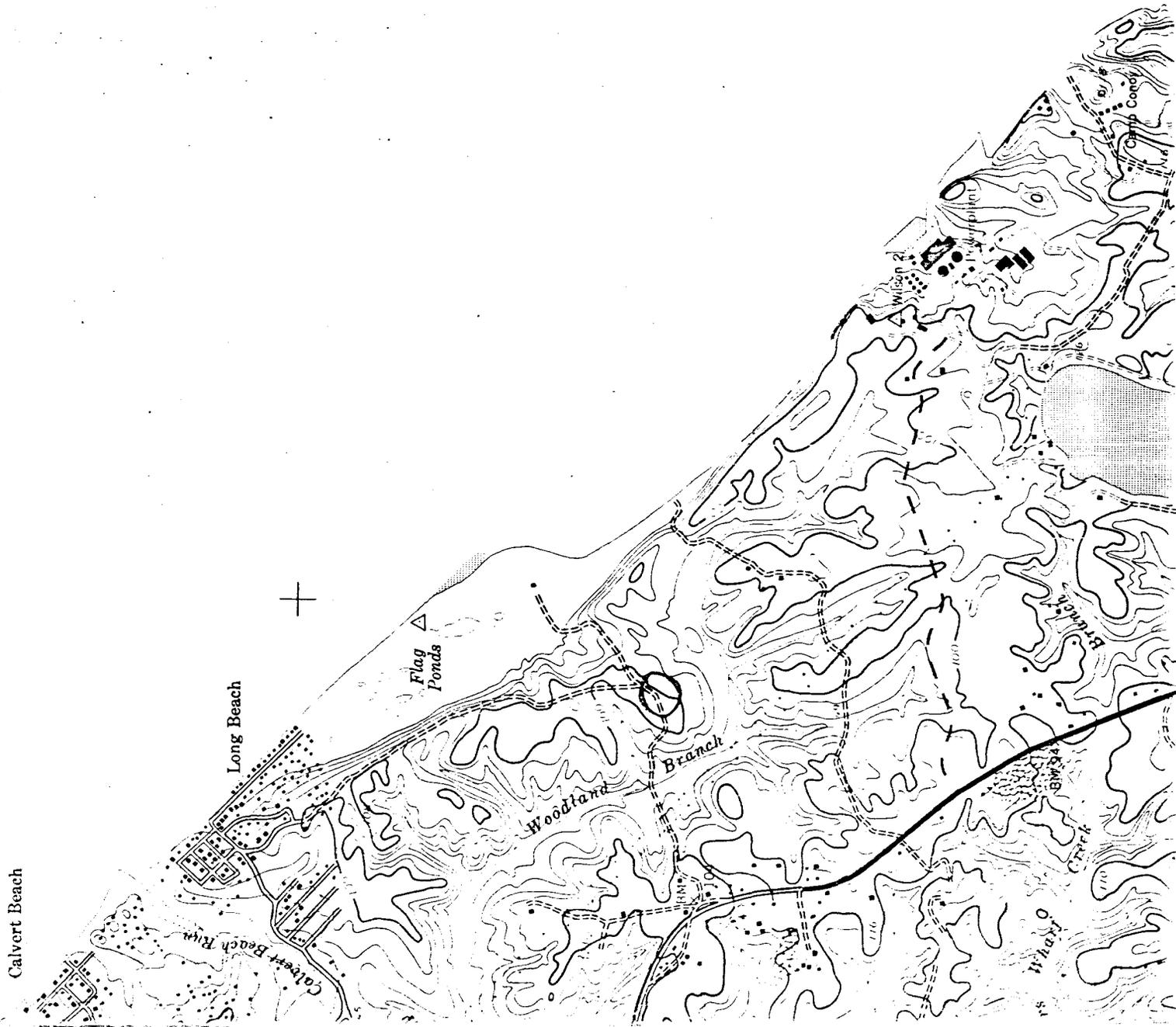
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