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PARKER HOUSE
(early 19th century)
Port Republic
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Parker House (p 69)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 4 (Now on Hurry Lane)

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

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

___ COMMERCIAL

___ EDUCATIONAL

___ ENTERTAINMENT

___ GOVERNMENT

___ INDUSTRIAL

___ MILITARY

___ MUSEUM

___ PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___ RELIGIOUS

___ SCIENTIFIC

___ TRANSPORTATION

___ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hurrey, Ross C.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 52/671

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

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" 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 First half 19th Century **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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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ORGANIZATION

Winter 76-77
DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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Deedbooks JLB 52/671 (1962) and AAH 14/124 (1926) and Will Book VCC 1/191 establish a chain of title for this property back to 1875. The oldest portion of this house, however, dates far earlier than these records. The oldest tenant who could be found is Mr. Ollie Bowen, who is approaching his 18th birthday. He says that he was born in this house and lived there until he was six. He remembers that at that time his father was renting.

In his will of 1875, Dr. John Parker expressed the desire that his wife Mary "rent out the farm at Fort Republic", and that it should upon her death go to Everett Taylor Duke.

Dr. Parker did not reside in this house. Where he obtained it and the identity of his tenants is as yet uncertain. This deed and the information provided by Ollie Bowen suggest that during the last quarter of the Nineteenth Century the house was rented out.

There are three distinct sections to the house. The one story, north wing is modern. The center portion appears to be the oldest with the two-story, south section being of some age but nevertheless an addition.

The center portion appears to have been a one up/one down house with a hall on the south side and a basement below. In that basement, one can observe hewn joists and a summer beam as well as the supports for an exterior chimney on the north end. Timbers on either side of the chimney were fastened into the sill at 90° angles by running tenons completely through the sill and anchoring

them with pegs. (A similar arrangement has been recorded in this region for the anchoring of prize sheds to log tobacco barns.) The fireplaces in each of the rooms above have been filled in and obscured in one instance by modern paneling. Two additional fireplaces were provided by the south addition which was a chimney on its end that is altogether different in materials and design.

Other notable features of this oldest section include the random-width pine flooring upstairs and the walnut banister in the side hall.

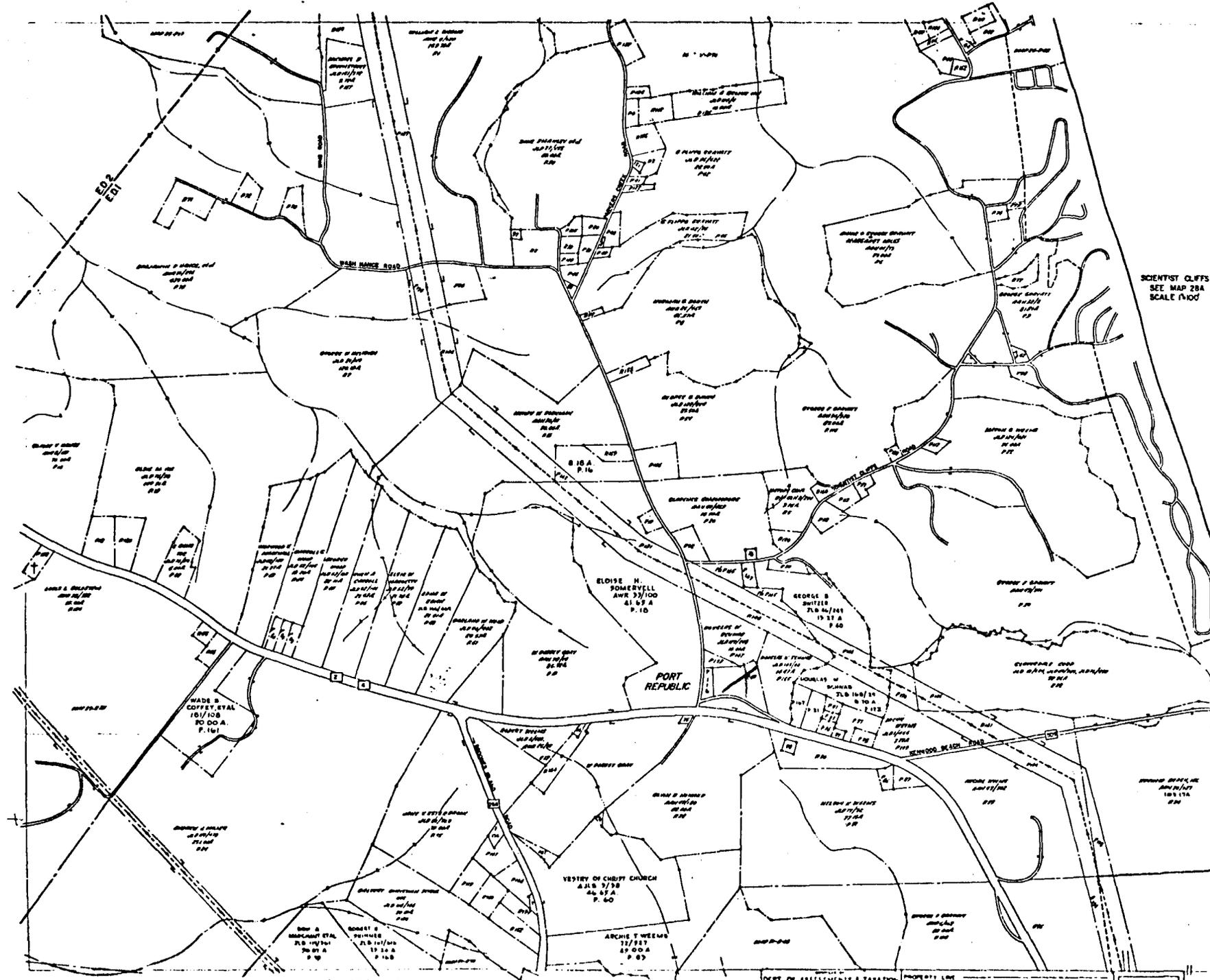
Alterations on the inside have been considerable. Aluminum siding covers the whole of the exterior which presumably had clapboards in its original state.

Several outbuildings are located south of the house, the oldest of which appears to be the tobacco barn. Tree-post sheds on all four sides hide the fact that within is the frame of the original post-and-beam structure.

The barn is in bad repair and has suffered alterations. It is a ten-room tobacco barn with three transverse sills. The sills appear to have been continuous, although they have been cut to allow easier passage through the doors which vent the middle of each side. The plates are continuous (40'). Uprights are fastened to the sills and plates via mortise-and-tenon with trunnels. Angle braces are fastened to the posts and sill in the same manner except that they have open-faced dovetails and the wooden pegs are supplemented with three cut nails per joint.

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SCIENTIST CLIFFS
SEE MAP 28A
SCALE 1/100

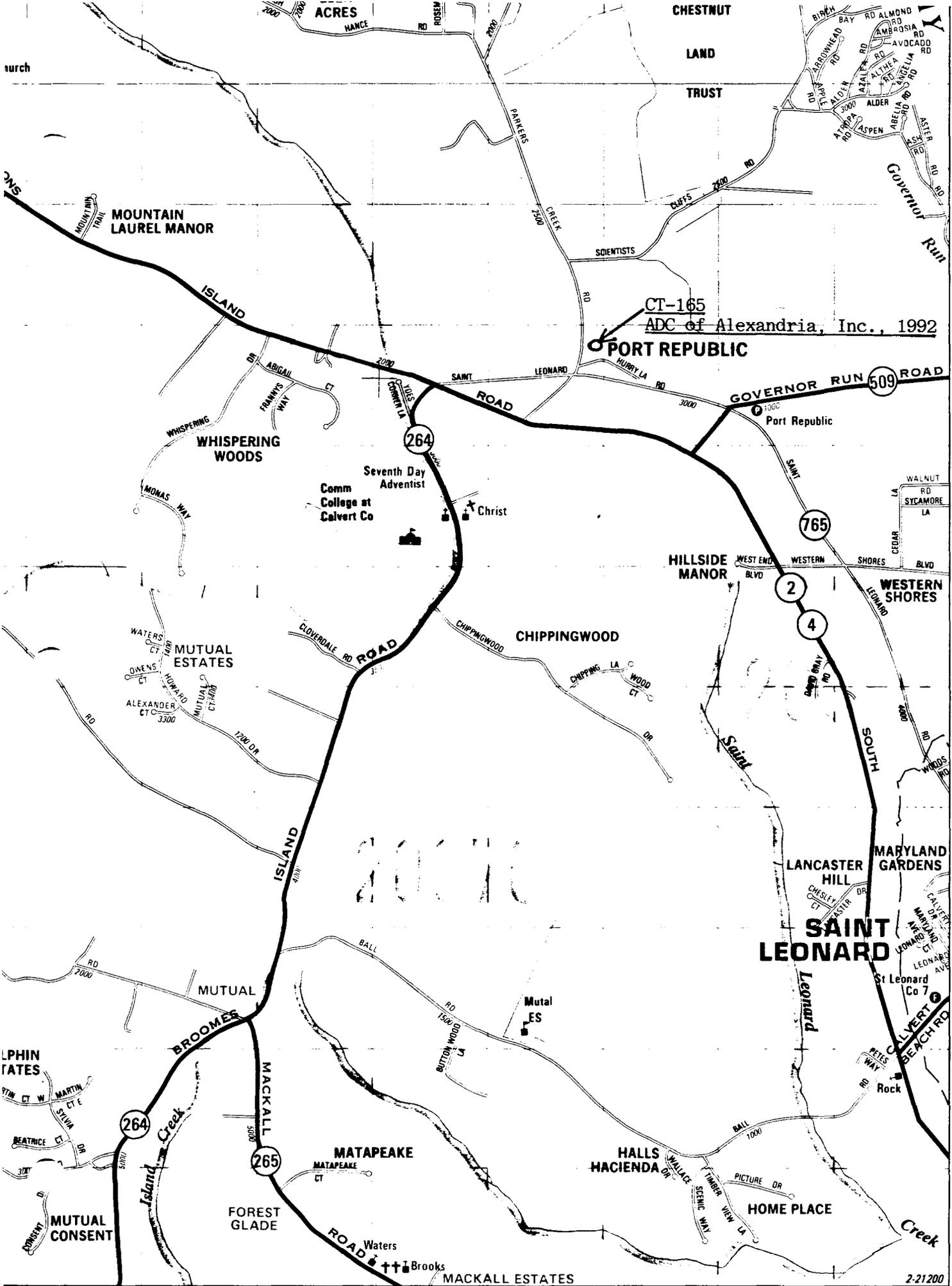
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PROPERTY LINE
 2 1/2" - 2"
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 SCALE 1" = 400'





250

38°30'00"

Joins Map 13 240,000 FT

MD GRID 230,000 FT

Joins Map 15

930,000 FT 76°32'30"

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MD GRID 940,000 FT

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