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AXLEY FARM

Parker Creek

Private

late 19th century

This farm comprises an 18' x 16' log cabin  
and a 16' square log-cabin-turned-barn.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hance Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Axley Farm, Oxley Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Off Wash Hance Road, on Weems Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkers Creek

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Port Republic

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
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas Oxley

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JIB 25/268

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

DETERIORATED

RUINS

UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED

ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE

MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<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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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 181 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11** FORM PREPARED BY **Wayne L. Nield, II**  
NAME / TITLE Historic Sites Survey  
Bassanes Island, Maryland 20615  
586-2939

DATE Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Hance Farm

Among the many structures on this farm two are of particular interest, and they are the cabin and Barn #1. Both are of log construction and appear to be of the same vintage (Mid Nineteenth Century).

The cabin is a true,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  story log structure consisting of one room up/one down plus a kitchen addition on the rear (South). Exterior measurements produced a width of 18'3" and a depth of 16' for the log portion and 10' for the addition. The walls are made of round pine logs saddle notched on the ends. They have been lath-and-plastered inside and clapboarded outside. No chinking was observed; eventhough the logs are laid with 6" spacing inbetween. Little 6" "studs" are randomly nailed (machine cut) upright inbetween the logs presumably to prevent sagging. The log walls rise  $1\frac{1}{2}$  feet above the floor of the upper room. From then to the apex of the gable, the end walls are framed with rough hewn studs and clapboarded. The bottom logs rest on heavy 5" x 8" thick sills which are raised 16" off of the ground by fieldstone and log piers. The floor of the lower room is supported by round log joists, and the floor of the upper room is supported by exposed hewn joists.

In the middle of the west wall, the sill appears altered and there remains the base for a large chimney. On the interior, the mantle appears to have been relocated and a flue chimney now occupies that spot.

The kitchen addition is ten feet deep and runs the length of the south side. Its walls consist of wide, horizontally laid boards attached to corner

posts and covered on the exterior with clapboards. Both machine cut and wire nails were observed in these boards. Like the main section, the kitchen has round log joists supporting the floor and its sills are hewn, lapped, and pegged.

A door vents the south wall of the kitchen and contains a string latch. Wooden shelves, the wide paneling, and exposed rafters (covered with modern panel) shape its interior. In the main room, exposed rafters and plastered walls are the effect. A mantle occupies the west wall of the northwest corner. The mantle is of a simple design containing panels formed by nailing beaded boards to the surface. Exterior evidence suggests that the fireplace was in the center of that wall, and it is possible that the decorative piece was moved, but not discarded in order to accommodate the more modern, interior flue chimney.

An enclosed stairs occupies the southwest corner and leads to the room above. It, of course, is shaped by the slope of the gable end roof and  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ' high walls. The logs are painted but not plastered and are quite visible. Modern tongue-and-groove paneling covers the ceiling and walls, and it has deteriorated. Through an open space, hewn rafters could be seen reinforced by short collars.

The cabin has an  $8\frac{1}{2}$ ' front (North) porch, which appears to contain a combination of old and new materials.

#### Barn #1

Also a log structure, this tobacco barn is somewhat more complicated to analyze than its neighbor. Basically, it consists of a nearly square single log pen of 16', which has 11' sheds on all four sides. The pen is in no way

ordinary, however, as it was observed that the first 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' of the walls are made of squared logs that are lap-joined at the corners. They are of different thickness with the thickest logs on the bottom (8"x 7") and thinnest on top (5" X 5"). From there up to the eaves, (12' between sills and plate-log) one sees round logs which are V-notched on the corners. The building has round sills on the sides which rest on square end-sills. The squared logs have evidence of whitewash on the interior, and the strance presence of a window in the west wall is suggestive of a house and not a barn. There are "front" and "back" doors on the north and south ends. In the east wall is an altered opening nearly 5' wide which even leads one to think about a fireplace. The plan, size, and materials are common to log cabins in this area and this fact suggests that a house was begun, or at least its materials were used in building the bottom half of this barn.

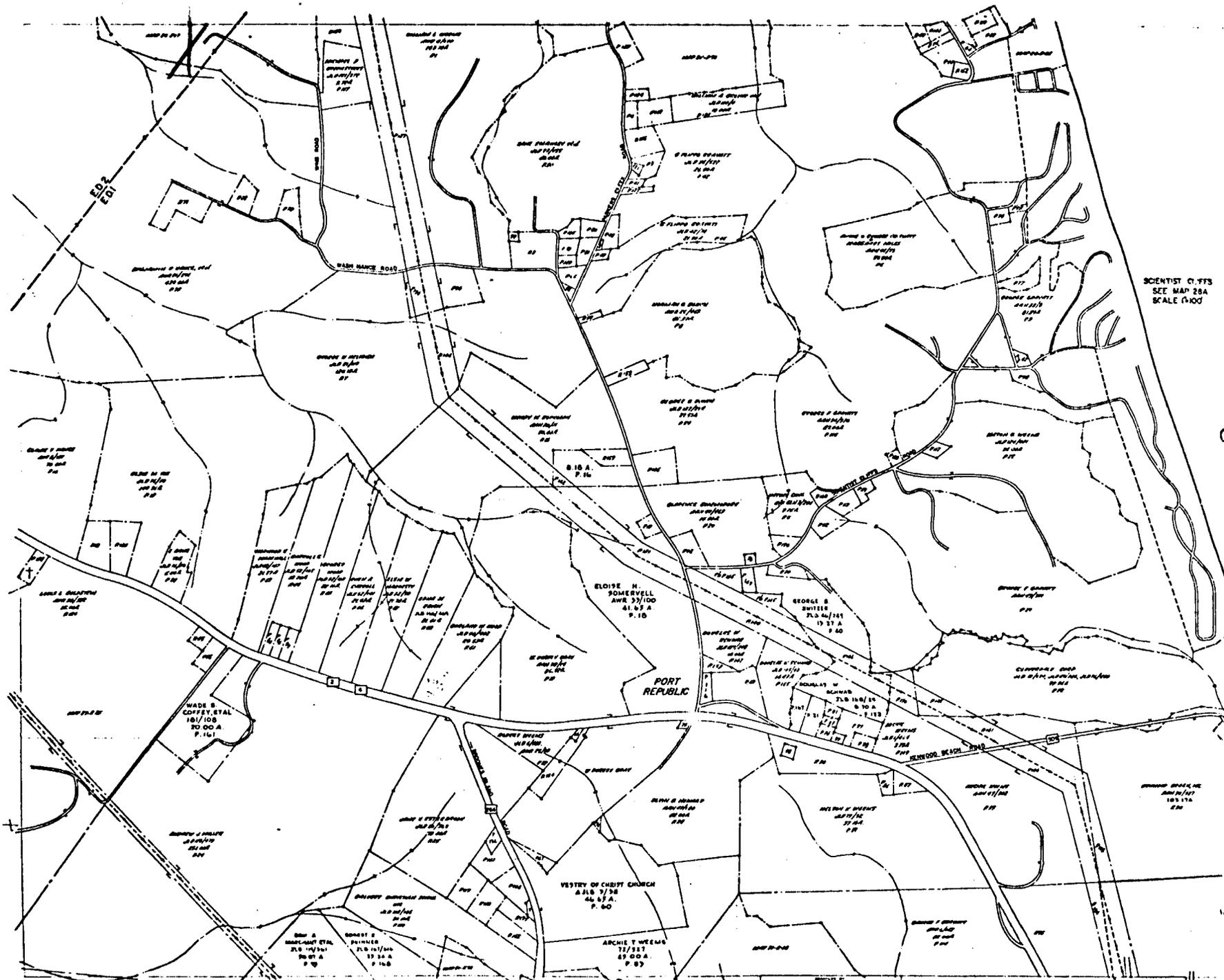
The upper portion of the barn is finished with hewn tie-beams that are pegged into the plates. An A-frame with two lap-joined collars per truss is nailed onto flat false plates. There is no evidence, however, that this was a simple gable roof. Rather, it appears as if all four of the sheds are original. The rafters of the log structure show no signs of having contained shingles or any other kind of roof requiring nails. The rafters extending from the trusses into the east and west sheds appear original. Tie-beams identical in all four sheds extend from the north and south sheds into the east and west sheds far enough to make them interdependent. The roof of this structure was planned as a hipped roof with gables.

The sheds are tree-post supported and have hewn plates with mortise-tenon-and-trunnel joints.

The northwest corner of the west shed contains a large vertical prize.

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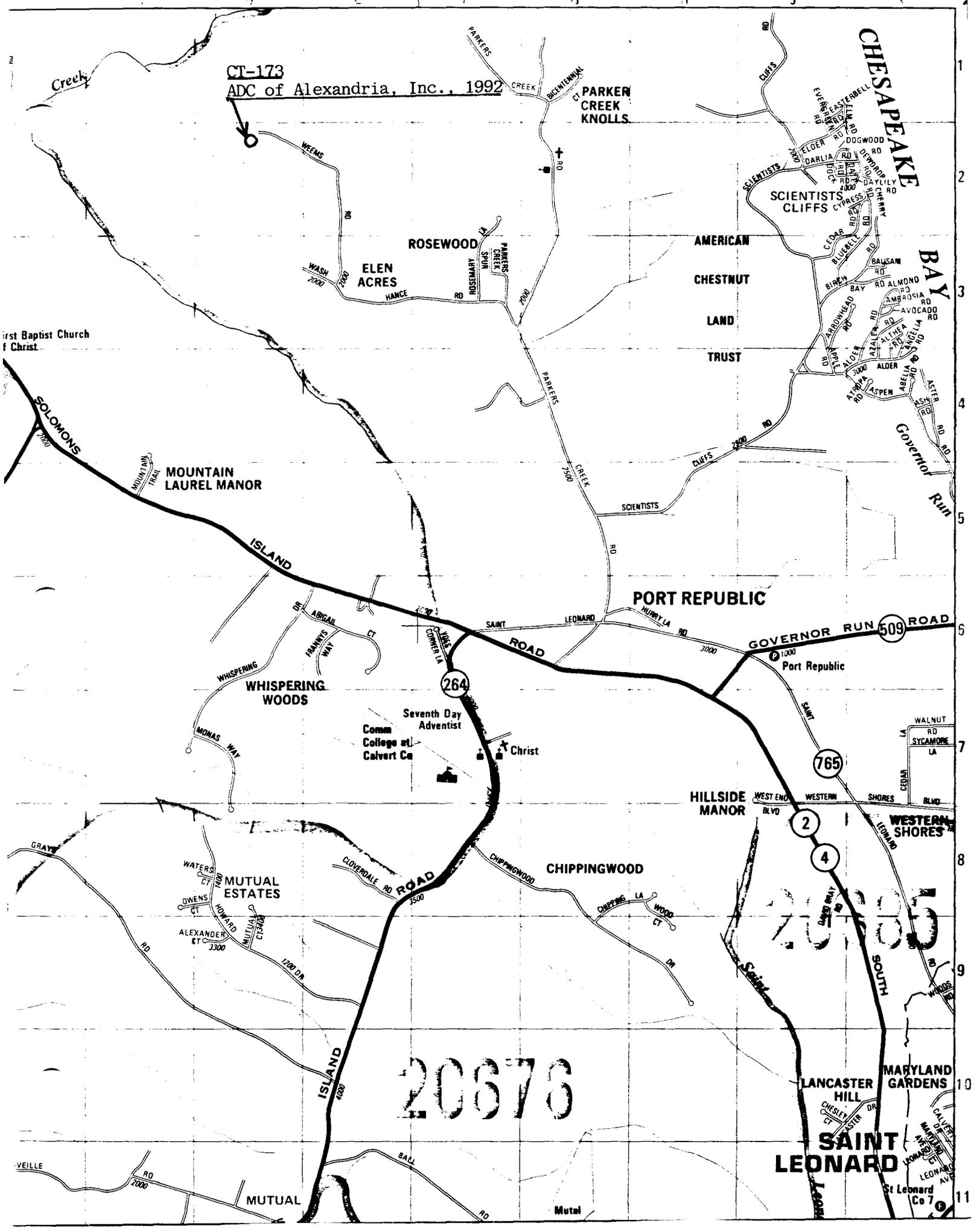
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 PROPERTY LINE  
 OWNERS BOUNDARY  
 (CONTRACTED OWNERS)  
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**PARKER CREEK KNOLLS**

**CHESAPEAKE BAY**

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**PORT REPUBLIC**

**WHISPERING WOODS**

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 Common College at Calvert Co  
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**HILLSIDE MANOR**

**CHIPPINGWOOD**

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**LANCASTER HILL**

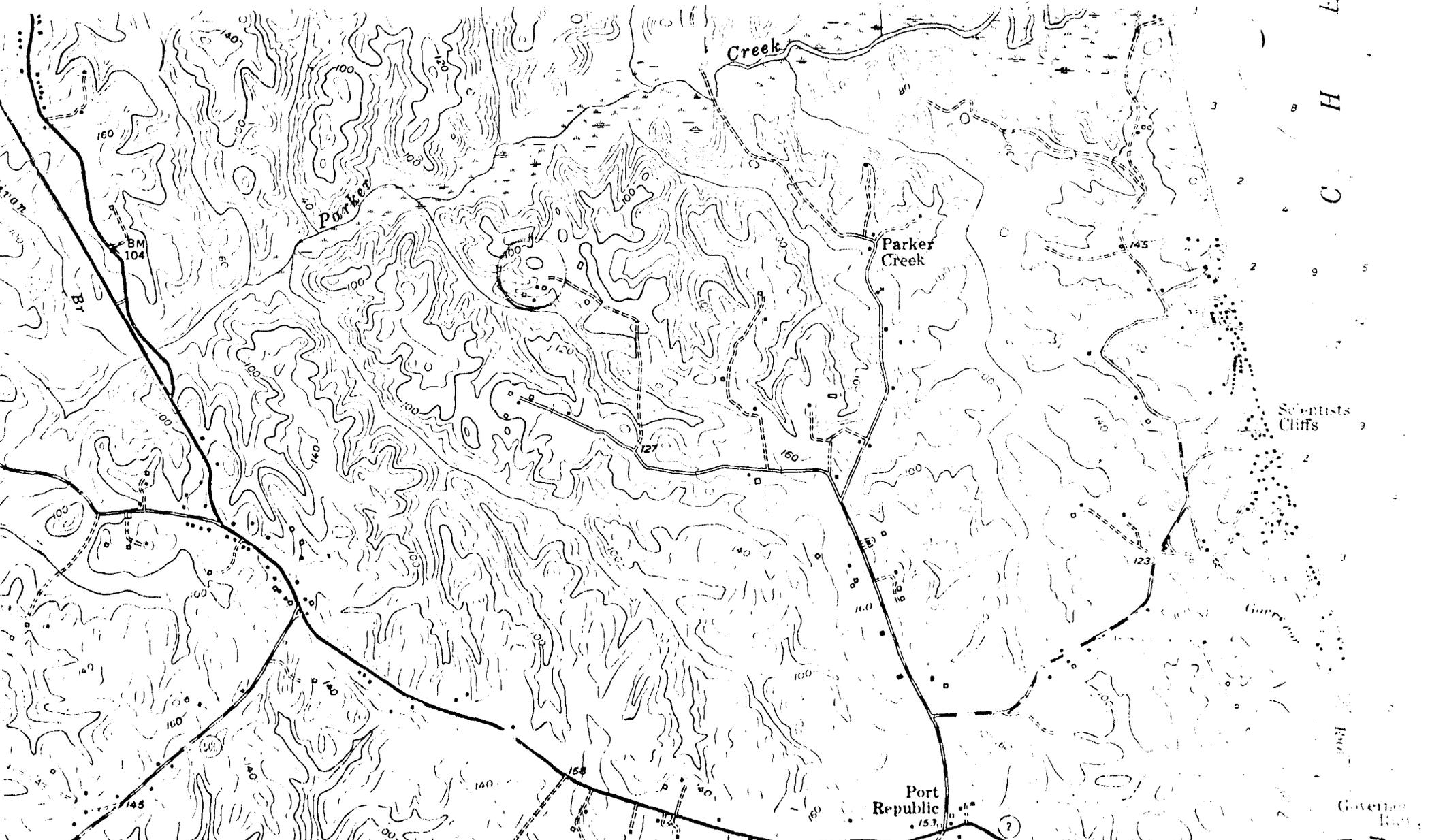
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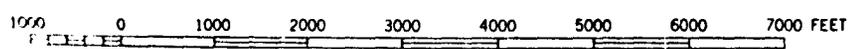
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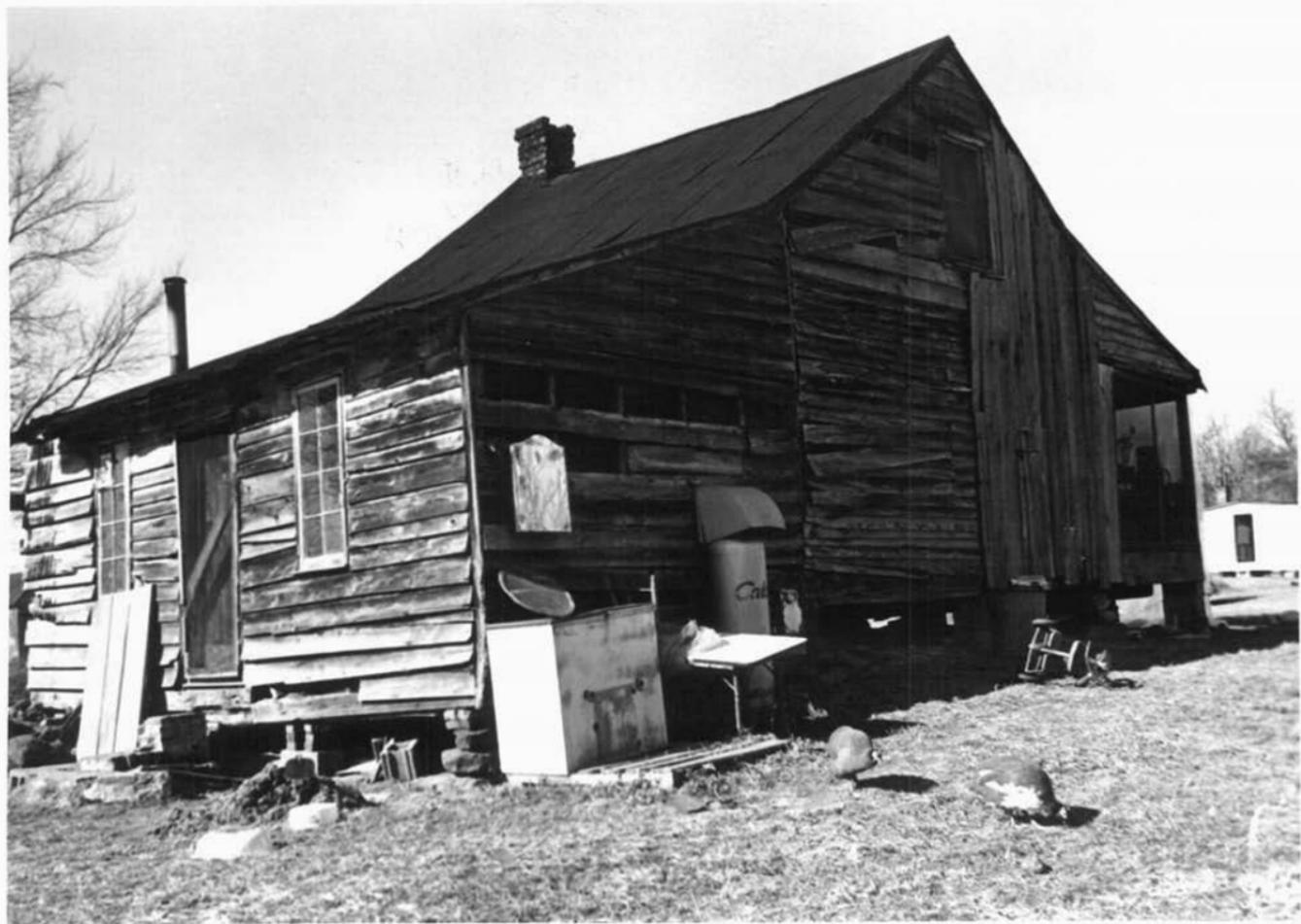


**ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved	
	U. S. Route		State P.

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