

CLVT- 188E

c. 1869

James Harrod House, ruin  
Island Creek Vicinity  
Private

This house began as a small, <sup>two</sup> room log house that was built soon after emancipation by an ex-slave family, the Harrods, Harrod himself having recently returned from service in the Union Army. The house was built in the style similar to the houses that slaves had known. Over the years, the house was enlarged with frame additions, using the newer methods of framing as well as commercially made materials. The result is a house that reflects the changes in housing brought about by land ownership and a cash income, as opposed to those enabled by sharecropping.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CT-188E  
 CLVT-188E  
 MAGI # 0501885504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC James Harrod House, ruin

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West side of Ben's Creek Rd., c. 0.25 mile south of its jct. with Williams' Wharf Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Island Creek X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Md.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Abandoned

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Celia Harrod (deceased) (c/o Blanche Wilson) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Ben's Creek Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Island Creek X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: AAH 10

Folio #: 201

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two story house faces east, towards Ben's Creek Rd. The fields and gardens that once surrounded the house are no longer cultivated, and have become meadow land. The house is abandoned, has been thoroughly vandalized, and is increasingly deteriorating. The house consists of three sections: a front block; a log block along the rear length; and a frame addition to the south side of the log section. The log block was the original house, built by the ancestors of Miss Blanche Wilson soon after emancipation. The evolution of this house, the history of its occupants, and the significance of this house in regard to other houses of black families are presented in the attached pages, which are taken from the essay I wrote summarizing the results of this survey of 19th century farm houses of black families in southern Maryland and which I have submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust.

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |   |

1910

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1869; 1880's; c. 1910 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  
George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE  
Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

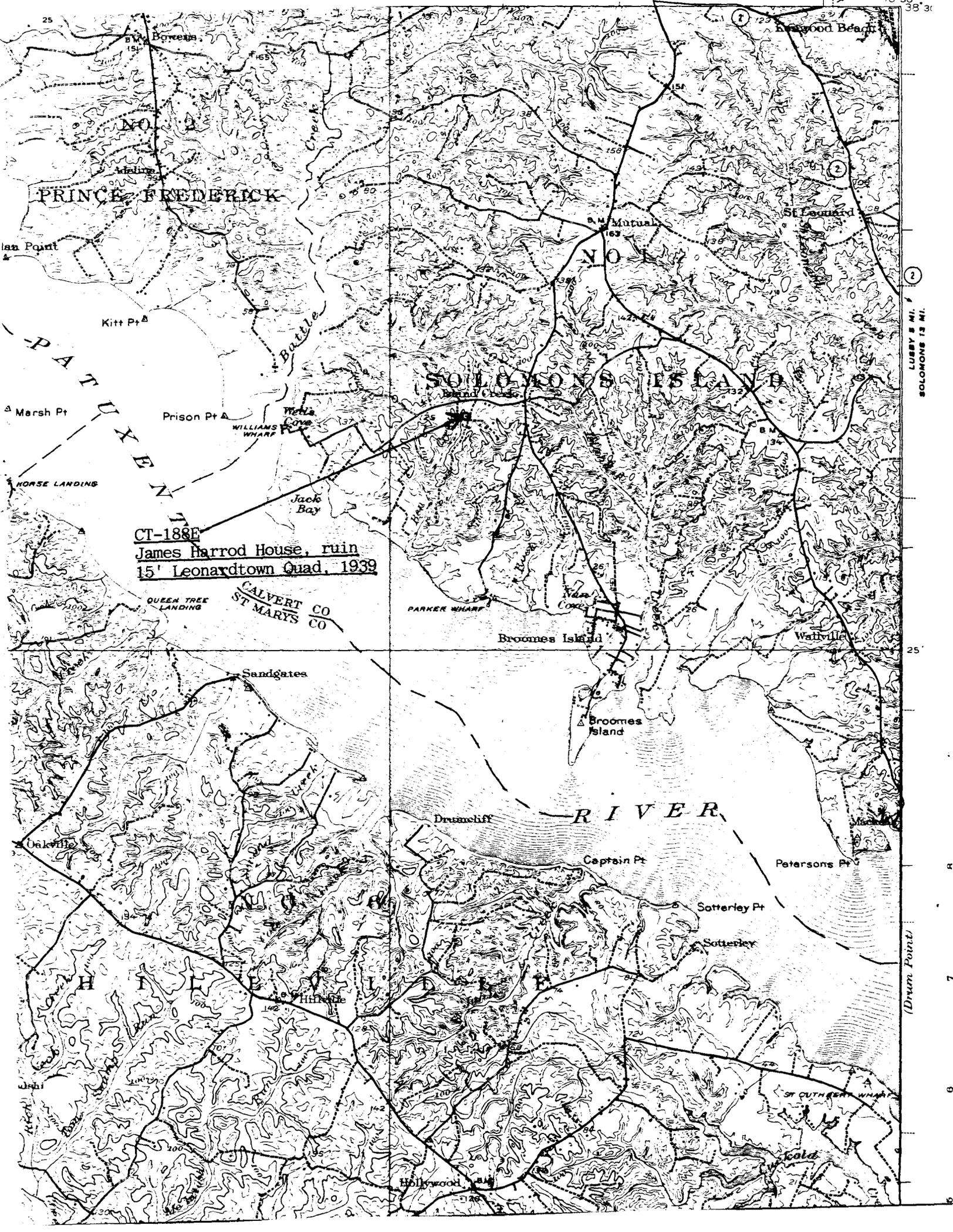
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE  
20 Dean St.

CITY OR TOWN STATE  
Annapolis Md.

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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SOLOMONS ISLANDS

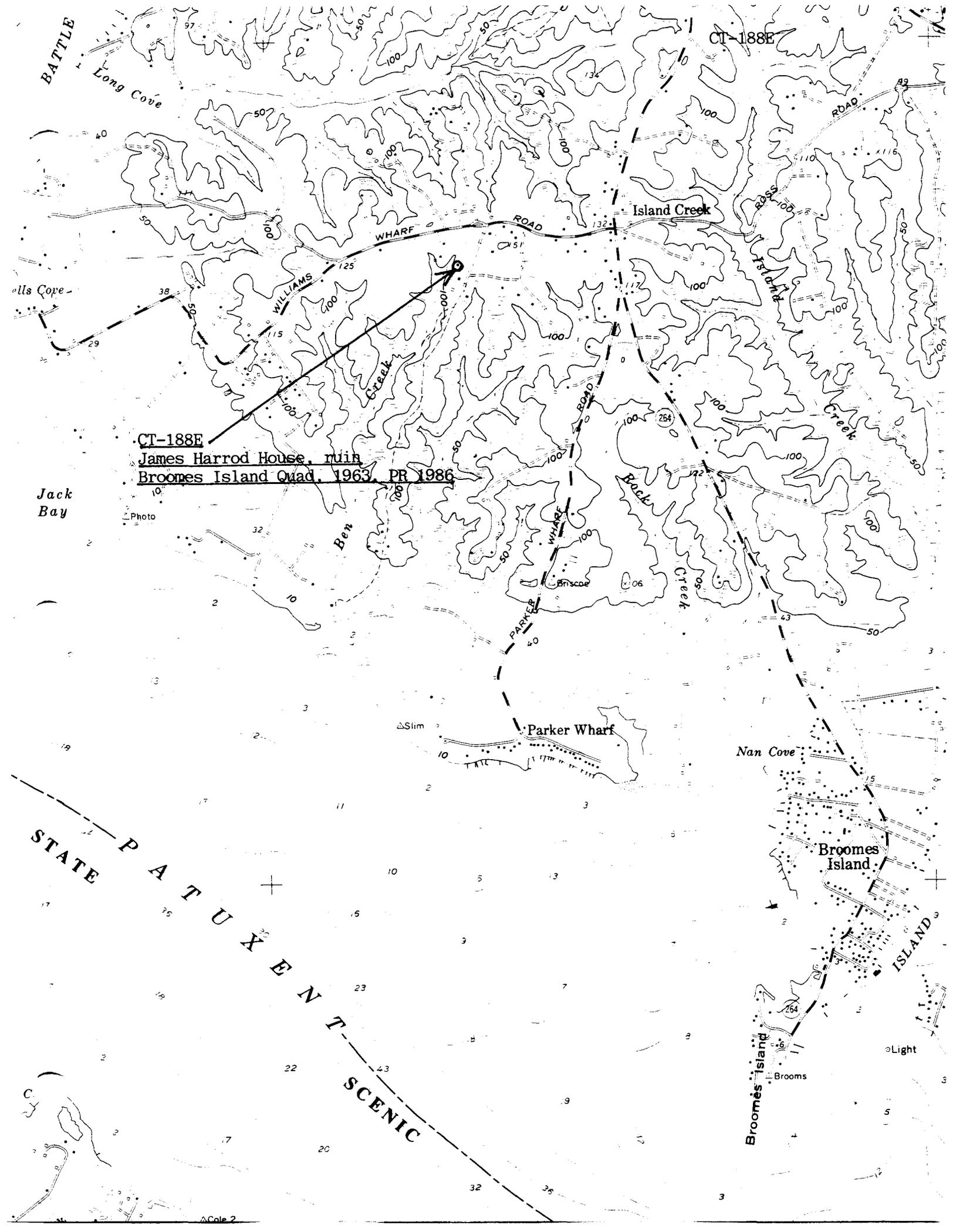
RIVER

CT-188E  
James Harrod House, ruin  
15' Leonardtown Quad, 1939

CALVERT CO  
ST MARYS CO

LUSSY 5 MI.  
SOLOMONS 13 MI.

(Drum Point)



CT-188E

BATTLE Long Cove

Island Creek

CT-188E  
James Harrod House, ruin  
Broomes Island Quad. 1963 PR 1986

Jack Bay

Photo

Ben Creek

Parker Wharf

Broomes Island

Nan Cove

Broomes Island

Light

STATE PATUXENT SCENIC



Hood House  
CT-100E  
S.E. view  
Island Creek  
mi

4/77  
G. W. M.



Hand 1 House  
CT - 107E

E. View  
Isham Creek  
4/27  
md  
GCM



Stone Chimney  
of Log Block

Harrod House

CT - IPPE

Island Creek,  
Md.

GUM

4/77



Harold H. H. C.

CT-107E

N View

Isham Creek

mi'

6000

4/77



Chas. Golden Basket  
CT-1PPE

(Brother of Celia  
G. Harrod)

Island Creek,  
Md.

GUMM

3/77

No negative



Harrod House  
CT-18PE

Chas. Golder  
Basket

(~~Uncle~~ of Celia  
Brother

Golder Harrod

Island Creek, Md.

G W M

3/77

No negative



Cedia Golder  
CT - IPPE

(wife of James  
Harrod)

Island Creek md.

GUMM

3/77

No Negative