

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Oliver L. Hutchins House Inventory Number: CT-335
 Address: 35 W. Mt. Harmony Road Historic district: yes no
 City: Owings Zip Code: 20736 County: Calvert
 USGS Quadrangle(s): North Beach
 Property Owner: Joseph Watkins, Jr. Tax Account ID Number: 03-077012
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0387 Tax Map Number: 0007
 Project: MD 2 at Mt. Harmony Road Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Matt Manning Date Prepared: 01/15/2013
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Oliver L. Hutchins House is a modified two-story, side-gabled single-family dwelling. The building occupies a 2.03-acre parcel west of MD 2 (Solomons Island Road) in Mt. Harmony, Maryland. According to state tax data, the property was constructed in 1940, however physical evidence and historic maps suggest an earlier construction date. The building is oriented on an approximately east-west axis, and its asymmetrical facade faces south along Mt. Harmony Road. It is located in a semirural area amid agricultural land, scattered single-family dwellings, and small residential subdivisions.

The house is a two-story, four-bay dwelling with a side-gabled roof. The facade's three east bays are oriented beneath a flush, single-bay cross-gable. The entrance, located in the west bay of this grouping, comprises a paneled wood door with upper-half glazing. The glazed upper half consists of three horizontal lights separated by wide wood muntins. The entrance is fronted by a wood-framed screen door and includes a flat wood surround. A single concrete step leads to the door. Wood-framed, six-over-six double-hung sash windows occupy the two east bays next to the door. The second level windows are three-over-six units of the same type, except the upper sashes are half as tall as the lower sashes. The cross gable, centered above the three window bays, holds a peaked wood-framed four-light window. The house's west bay is set apart from the others and features first and second floor windows identical to the east bays.

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MHT Comments: *Undistinguished example of a common type.*

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 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date
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 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

The house is sheathed with wood shingles and has painted wood corner trim. Its ribbed metal roof includes an overhanging, wood-framed boxed rake and eave painted to match the trim. Exterior chimneys, constructed of concrete chimney block, are centered on the east and west (side) elevations. The east elevation includes a single window bay south of the chimney. The windows are wood-framed double-hung sash units with four-over-four glazing. The west elevation lacks fenestration. A secondary entrance fronted by a small wood-framed deck is located on the north (rear) elevation. Fenestration includes two windows on the first floor and three on the second, all similar in composition to those on the facade.

The house fronts a grass lawn along Mt. Harmony Road; wood utility poles line the highway. A dirt driveway extends north from the road along the house's west elevation. No pathway leads to the facade entrance; the rear entrance, accessible from the driveway via a wood deck, may be used more frequently. Large trimmed bushes are planted along the facade's foundation wall, and scattered deciduous and evergreen trees occupy the front lawn. A small gable-roofed shed with ribbed metal cladding stands northwest of the house, and a concrete well is located at the parcel's east end, near MD 2.

Mount Harmony is a small rural crossroads formed by the intersection of Mt. Harmony Road and Mt. Harmony Lane (MD 765) in Calvert County. Members of the Mount Harmony Methodist Episcopal (M.E.) Church (CT-355) have congregated at the intersection since before 1847, when the church's first permanent home was constructed.

An 1860 map (Martenet) shows the Mount Harmony M.E. Church, an African-American church, a school, and a steam mill all located near the intersection. The Baltimore and Drum Point Railroad, chartered in 1868, was planned to pass just west of Mt. Harmony; although right-of-way was acquired and the railroad bed graded, work stopped in the late nineteenth century due to a lack of support from local counties. A post office was opened in Mt. Harmony in 1890; it operated until 1926. By 1902, multiple residences were clustered in the area, primarily along what is now Mt. Harmony Lane. This road was part of a north-south route between Baltimore and Solomons Island and eventually became part of MD 2 with the formation of the Maryland State Roads Commission in the early twentieth century.

Much of the land north of Mt. Harmony Road and east and west of Mt. Harmony Lane was owned by the Hutchins family throughout the majority of the twentieth century. Although the property was used primarily for farming, Francis W. Hutchins opened a funeral home near the intersection of Mt. Harmony Road and Mt. Harmony Lane in the mid- to late 1800s. In March 1901, a house fire claimed the lives of Francis, his wife, Elizabeth, and one of their four children. Following Francis's death, his son, William Harry (W.H.) Hutchins, inherited the property. Over the next ten years, he consolidated approximately 210 acres north of the Mt. Harmony Road/Mt. Harmony Lane intersection. In addition to taking over operations of the funeral home, W.H. Hutchins served as postmaster of Mt. Harmony from 1914 to 1917.

W.H. Hutchins had four children: Virginia, Robert Earl, Oliver, and W.H. Hutchins, Jr. According to the 1940 U.S. Census, W.H. Hutchins, Sr., owned a house on Mt. Harmony Road and lived there with his second wife, Nellie (nee Ward) and his son Robert. W.H. Hutchins, Jr., and Oliver Hutchins rented neighboring houses in the area for \$10 per month. All four men, including Robert, cited "farmer" as their occupation, although the funeral home remained in operation. The enumeration district map from the same census year shows multiple dwellings on the Hutchins property, and it is not clear which family members might have occupied the Oliver L. Hutchins house at that time.

The Oliver L. Hutchins House was among the properties Robert Hutchins inherited upon his father's death in 1958, and the house passed to Oliver Hutchins and his wife, Mary, in 1967. Mary Hutchins sold the property in 1977.

The original house most likely began as a basic I-house. Typical I-houses are one room deep and at least two rooms wide. They have a variety of plans, but central hallway and hall-parlor plans are observed most often. The house form was present across the

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United States before the advent of railroads, especially in the Tidewater region of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. As railroads expanded, the form became popular in the Midwest and throughout the eastern United States. Post-railroad examples were frequently elaborated with fashionable stylistic details. The Oliver L. Hutchins House's asymmetrical facade with unaligned entrance and front gable suggest multiple alterations since its original construction.

Mt. Harmony Road (as MD 260) was straightened between 1934 and 1938, and MD 2 was realigned west of Mt. Harmony in 1964, becoming Solomons Island Road. During the realignment of MD 2, it appears the Oliver L. Hutchins house was moved west of its original location. Prior to construction of Solomons Island Road, USGS quadrangle maps and aerial photographs show a house located on Mt. Harmony Road's north side, directly across from a driveway leading south to the John L. Simpson House (CT-336); these sources depict no structure at the current location of the Oliver L. Hutchins House. Aerial images from 1970 and later show the realigned highway and a single house located approximately 125 feet west of the Simpson House driveway. This corresponds to the present location of the Oliver L. Hutchins House.

The Oliver L. Hutchins House has a concrete block foundation and similar chimneys. Concrete block was used for some residential construction in the 1920s, and became common after the mid-twentieth century. The use of concrete block is out of character with the house's form and materials, characteristic of a late nineteenth- to early twentieth-century I-house. Similarly, the house's narrow footprint, wood-framed windows, and the metal roof are not typical of mid-1960s construction. These discrepancies suggest the Oliver L. Hutchins House was likely moved at the time of the MD 2 realignment.

Much of the Hutchins land was subdivided during the second half of the twentieth century; many new residences have been built in the Mt. Harmony area since the end of World War II, with most built following the improvements to MD 2 in the 1960s. The funeral home, now owned by the Rausch family, continues to operate at Mt. Harmony Lane. The area remains a small rural residential community with residences that date from the early to late twentieth century.

The Oliver L. Hutchins House was evaluated under the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C.

The Oliver L. Hutchins House is a common example of a small late nineteenth- to early twentieth-century rural I-house in Calvert County; the building has undergone repeated changes and has been moved. The house was constructed in the early 1900s, well after Mt. Harmony was established as a rural crossroads community. Research did not identify significant associations with events of local, state, or national importance; the Margaret Phipps House is therefore not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A.

The Hutchins family lived on the property for most of the twentieth century, farming the surrounding land and operating a small funeral home; however, their activities were not significant in the development of Mt. Harmony or Calvert County. Research did not reveal other individuals of local, state, or national significance, and the property is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion B.

The Oliver L. Hutchins House has been modified by later additions and has been relocated. Changes to the adjacent highways in the 1930s and 1960s have further altered the surroundings, and the property no longer retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, workmanship, setting, location, or feeling. The Oliver L. Hutchins House is not a significant architectural example of a late nineteenth- to early twentieth-century dwelling and lacks integrity. Therefore, the property is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion C.

The property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this investigation. Under Criteria Consideration B concerning moved properties, the house does not retain sufficient integrity to be eligible for its architectural value, nor is it the property most importantly associated with a historic event or person's life. Based on the evaluated Criteria, the Oliver L. Hutchins House is not eligible for listing in the NRHP.

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The boundary for the property encompasses 2.03 acres and is confined to the current property tax parcel which is found on Calvert County Tax Map 007, Parcel 0387 (2012).

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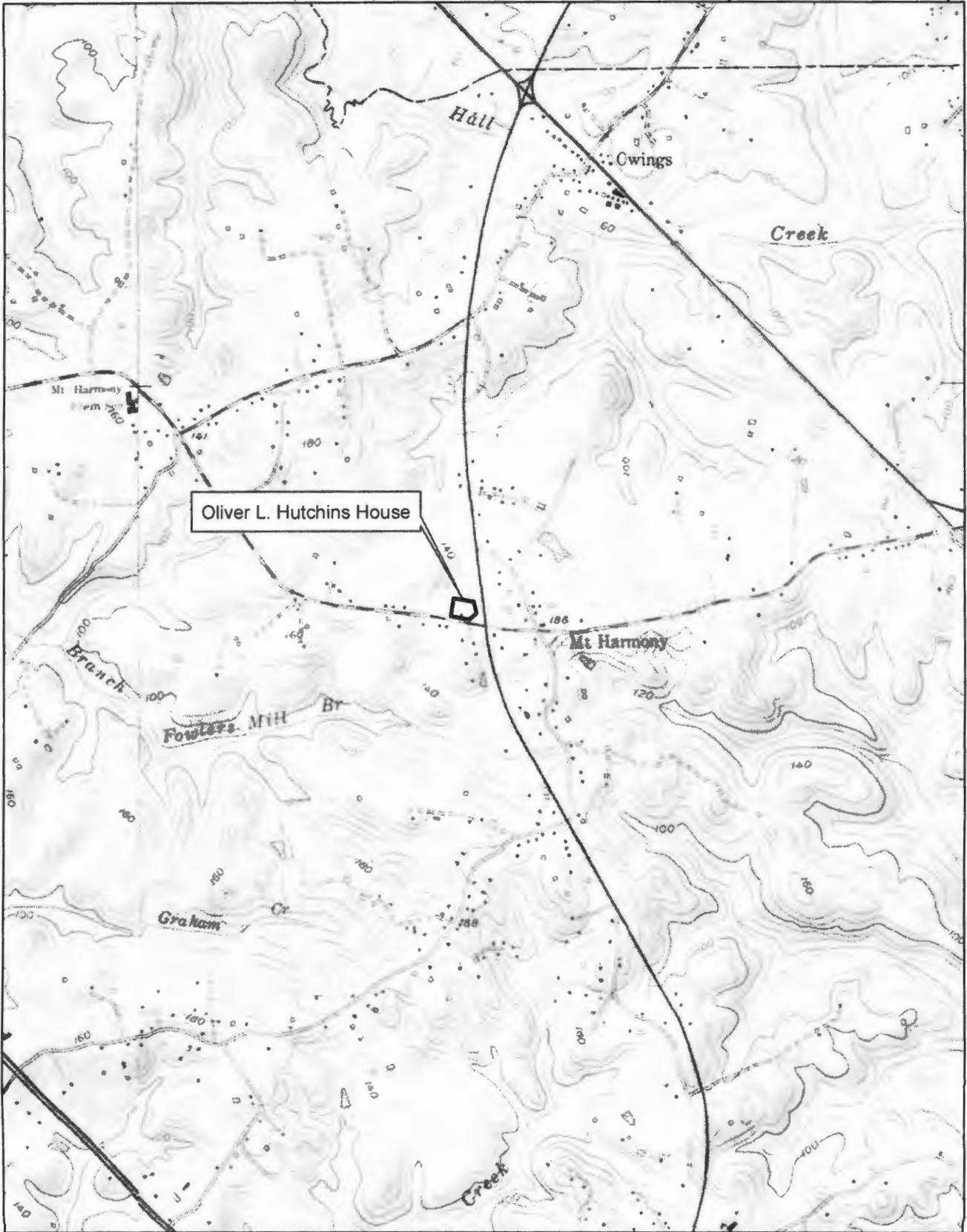
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35 W. Mt. Harmony Road - Calvert County



USGS 7.5' Quadrangle - North Beach
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View NW from Mt. Harmony Rd.

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View NE from Mt. Harmony Rd.

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SW corner of concrete block fine

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Late 19th century

(Mabel I. King House, William E. King House) Oliver L. Hutchins House
(Owings Vicinity) West Mount Harmony Road, Mt. Harmony

Private

This house is a two-story, four-bay shingle covered frame dwelling with an off center, steeply pitched cross gable. In the gable is a small window with a pointed top. Windows and doors are arranged irregularly in the front elevation, with the entrance and two window bays crowded into approximately one-half the total length. At the first story, windows have six over six pane sashes, while upper story windows have three over six lights. The main entrance is located near the center of the front elevation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC William E. King House

AND/OR COMMON Oliver L. Hutchins House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER W. Mt Harmony Road

CITY, TOWN Owings

VICINITY OF Mt. Harmony

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE MD

Calvert

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME William E. King (Oliver L. Hutchins)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER W. Mt Harmony Road

CITY, TOWN Owings

VICINITY OF Mt. Harmony

MD

STATE, zip code 20736

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Calvert County Court House

Liber #: AAH 31

Folio #: 297

STREET & NUMBER Main Street (MD 765)

CITY, TOWN Prince Frederick

MD

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CT-335

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a two story, four bay shingle covered frame dwelling with an off-center steeply pitched cross-gable. In the gable is a small window with a pointed top. Windows and doors are arranged irregularly in the front elevation, with the entrance and two window bays crowded into approximately one half the total length. At the first story, windows have 6/6 sash while upper story windows have 3/6 lights. The main entrance is located near the center of the front elevation. The roof is covered with channel drain sheet metal and a concrete block flue is located at the west end wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical Calvert County farmhouse of no particular significance.

The property was evidently owned by Mabel I. and James Leroy King at one time, and was since given to one of their seven children, William E. King.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Rt 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown,

MD

STATE

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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2'30"

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5661 11 NW
(LOWER MARLBORO)

DUNKIRK 3.8 MI.
CHANEYVILLE 1.2 MI.

4281

40'

Hall

Owings

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Paris

Mt Harmony

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Oliver L. Hutchins House
(William E. King House)
North Beach Quad, 1953, DR 1979

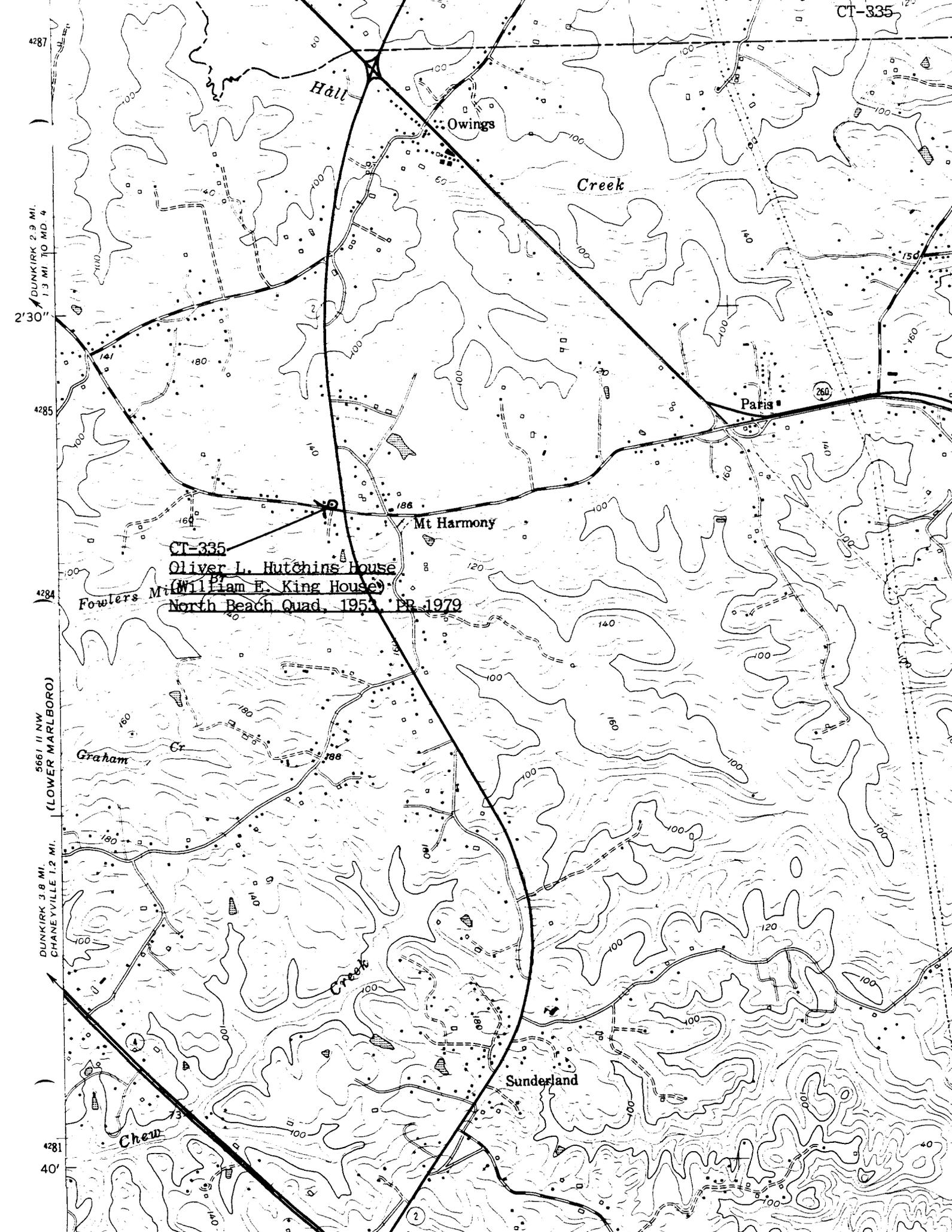
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Mabel I. King House
Calvert County
Merry Stinson 4/81
S & W elevations

