

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-347**

**Unpainted Farmhouse**

**Lower Marlboro Road**

**Lower Marlboro, Calvert County**

**c1910**

**Private**

Built circa 1910, the house on Lower Marlboro Road is a rare surviving example of an early 20th-century rural vernacular dwelling in Calvert County. A documentary photograph of the house indicates that it originally was clad in wide, lapped weatherboard and featured 6/6 wood-sash windows flanked by louvered wood shutters and a five-paneled door. The photograph also shows a one-story side-gable extension to the east elevation. The small size of the building and the modest appointment of the exterior suggests that the house was constructed as the dwelling of a farm laborer or individual within the same socio-economic level. The incorporation of the decorative scalloped vergeboard on the façade is an interesting and unusual vernacular element.

The now-vacant single-family dwelling stands two stories in height. Rectangular in plan, the wood-frame structure measures one bay wide and two bays deep. Set on a newly poured concrete foundation the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles and has a front gable roof covered with corrugated metal sheets. The dwelling features cornerboards, overhanging eaves, and a scalloped vergeboard. A repair in the roof marks the location of a removed central interior chimney. The single-leaf entry on the façade holds a six-paneled replacement door set in a narrow square surround. The openings on the façade, west and rear elevations are presently covered with plywood in order to protect the replacement 1/1 wood sash windows. An undated historic photograph documents that the openings once held 6/6 wood sash windows with operable louvered shutters and projecting wood sills. The east elevation was altered by the construction of a one-story addition. This addition was removed when the main block was moved to its present location and the opening is covered with plywood. The removal of this addition has partially exposed the framing of the main block. A single-leaf door is located in the southernmost bay of the east elevation but is no longer accessible due to the removal of a set of stairs.

**Maryland Inventory of  
Historic Properties Form**

**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic Unpainted Farmhouse

other

**2. Location**

street and number Lower Marlboro Road not for publication

city, town Owings vicinity

county Calvert

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mark E. Grace, Jr

street and number 3941 Lower Marlboro Road telephone Unknown

city, town Owings state MD zip code 20736-4228

**4. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 14:47

city, town Pr. Frederick liber ABE394 folio 293

**5. Primary Location of Additional Data**

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

**6. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>1</u>	

---

## 7. Description

Inventory No. CT-347

---

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

---

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1910, this modest dwelling originally reflected ornamental elements associated with the Queen Anne style popular during the early 20th-century. The two-story house was moved to its present location on Lower Marlboro Road in March 2002. Rectangular in plan, the wood-frame structure measures one bay wide and two bays deep. Set on a newly poured concrete foundation the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles and has a front gable roof covered with corrugated metal sheets. The dwelling features wide overhanging eaves detailed with a scalloped vergeboard. An undated photograph accompanying a previous MIHP form indicates the structure was at one time clad in weatherboard and set on a solid concrete block foundation. The property is also improved by the ruins of a masonry wall and a non-historic shed.

**SETTING.** Relocated in March 2002, the building is sited to the south of Lower Marlboro Road and set between two mature shade trees with wooded areas to the west and north. To the south of the dwelling is a brick wall, which according to the current owner is the only visible remains of a church once located on the property.(1) A golf course is located to the east with a driving range to the west.

**PRIMARY RESOURCE.** The now-vacant single-family dwelling stands two stories in height. Rectangular in plan, the wood-frame structure measures one bay wide and two bays deep. Set on a newly poured concrete foundation the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles and has a front gable roof covered with corrugated metal sheets. The building features cornerboards, overhanging eaves, and a scalloped vergeboard. A repair in the roof marks the location of a removed central interior chimney. The single-leaf entry on the façade holds a six-paneled replacement door set in a narrow square surrounds. The openings on the façade, west, and rear elevations are presently covered with plywood in order to protect the replacement 1/1 wood sash windows. An undated historic photograph documents the openings once held 6/6 wood sash windows with operable louvered shutters and projecting wood sills. The east elevation was altered by the construction of a one-story addition. This addition was removed when the main block was moved to its present location and the opening is covered with plywood. The removal of this addition has partially exposed the framing of the main block. A single-leaf door is located in the southernmost bay of the east elevation but is no longer accessible due to the removal of a set of stairs. A rectangular opening in the new foundation is symmetrically located below the entry.

**SECONDARY RESOURCES.** The brick masonry wall is constructed of Flemish-bond brick with glazed headers and denotes the location of the church that once improved the site. A large one-story wood-frame shed, circa 2001, is clad in corrugated metal. It has a gable roof with v-crimped metal sheets.

### ENDNOTES

(1) Interview with Mark E. Grace, Jr. by Carrie E. Albee, February 4, 2003.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. CT-347

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** c1910, 2002 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** c1910, 2002

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Built circa 1910, the house on Lower Marlboro Road is a rare surviving example of an early-20th-century rural vernacular dwelling in Calvert County. A documentary photograph of the house indicates that it was originally clad in wide, lapped weatherboard and featured 6/6 wood sash windows flanked by louvered wood shutters, and a five-paneled door (1) The photograph also shows a one-story side-gable extension to the east elevation. The small size of the building and the modest appointment of the exterior suggests that the house was constructed as the dwelling of a farm laborer or individual within the same socio-economic level. The incorporation of the decorative scalloped vergeboard on the façade is an interesting and unusual vernacular element.

### ENDNOTES

(1) Stinson, Merry. "Unpainted Farmhouse," CT-347. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

---

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

---

Inventory No. CT-347

See continuation sheet.

---

## 10. Geographical Data

---

Acreage of surveyed property 3.89 AcresAcreage of historical setting UnknownQuadrangle name Lower MarlboroQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

---

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located on Lower Marlboro Road in Owings, Maryland. The house was moved to Tax Map 14, Parcel 47 in March, 2002. The current deed to the property can be found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 394, Page 293. Prior to its relocation, the dwelling had been located a short distance east of its current site and had the street address 3350 Lower Marlboro Road.

---

## 11. Form Prepared By

---

name/title Carrie E. Albee and Laura V. Trieschmann, Architectural Historiansorganization EHT Traceries, Inc.date 2/4/03street and number 1121 5th Street, NWtelephone 202-393-1199city or town Washingtonstate DC zip code 20001

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-347

Name Unpainted Farmhouse

Continuation Sheet

Number 9 Page 1

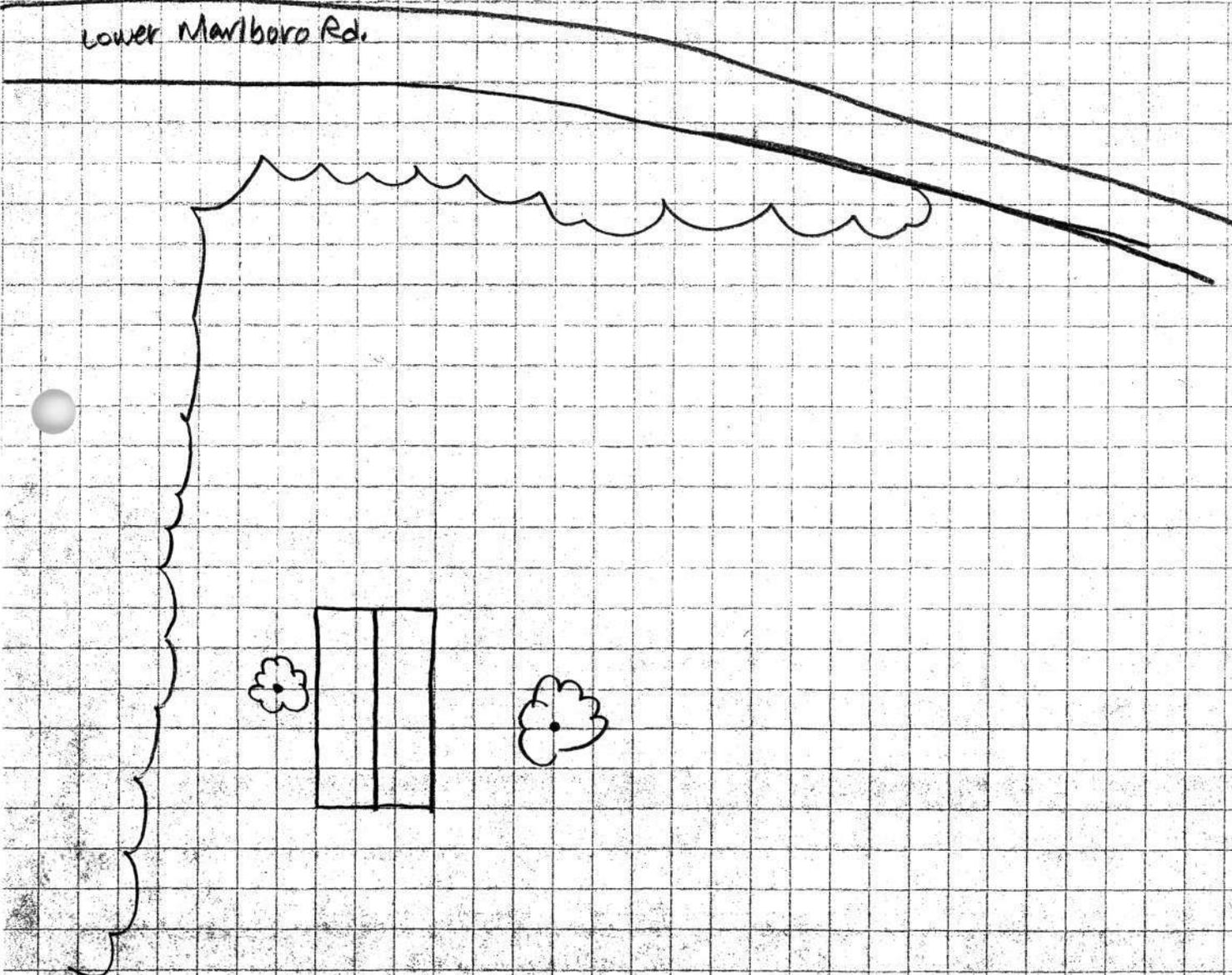
---

Stinson, Merry. "Unpainted Farmhouse," CT-347. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

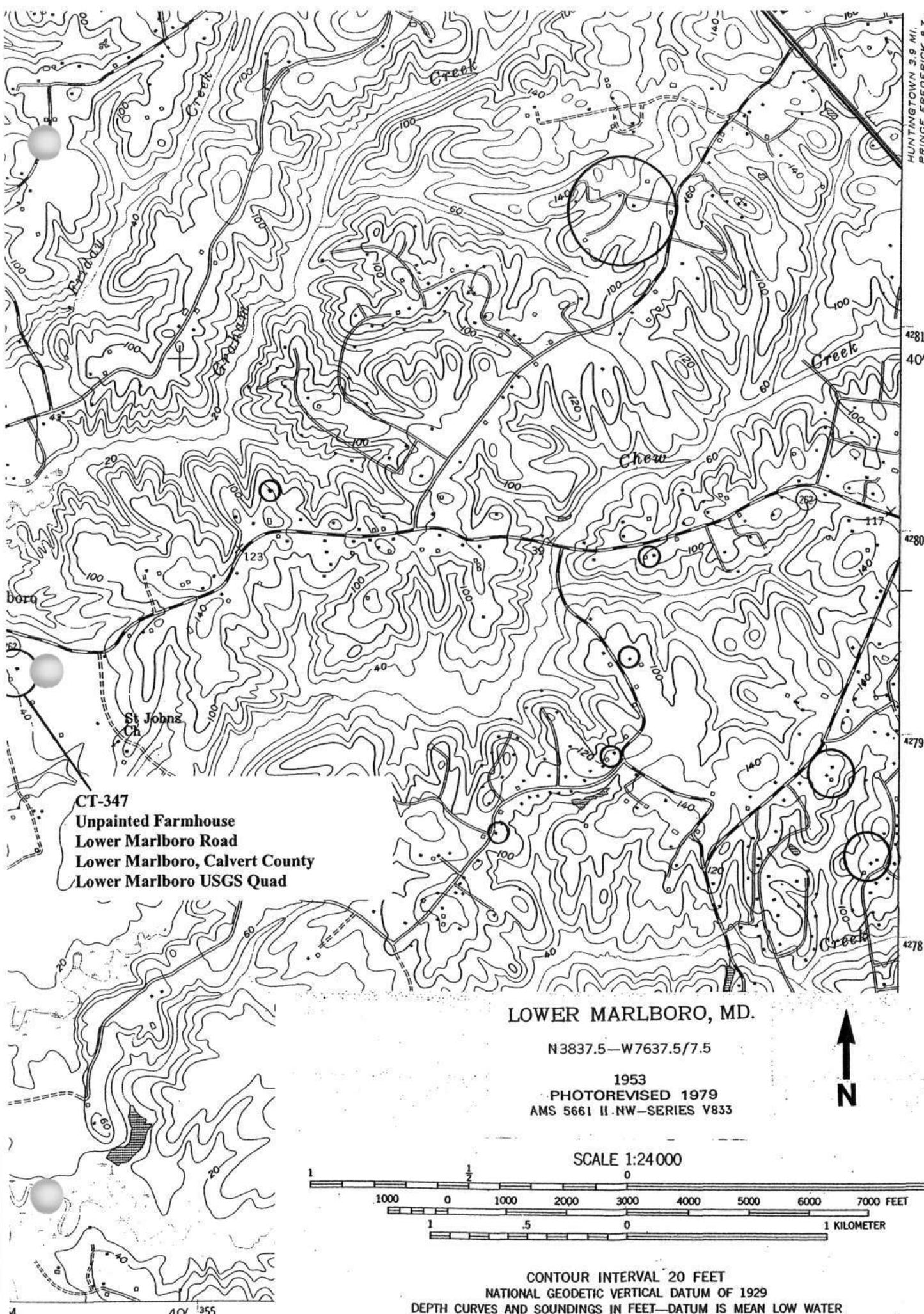
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP  
CT-347  
UNPAINTED FARMHOUSE  
LOWER MARLBORO  
CALVERT COUNTY



Lower Marlboro Rd.



remains of wall



HUNTINGTOWN 3.9 MI.  
PRINCE FREDERICK 8.7

4281  
40'  
4280  
4279  
4278

**CT-347**  
Unpainted Farmhouse  
Lower Marlboro Road  
Lower Marlboro, Calvert County  
Lower Marlboro USGS Quad

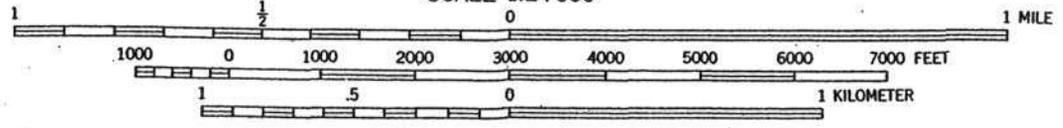
**LOWER MARLBORO, MD.**

N3837.5—W7637.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
AMS 5661 II NW—SERIES V833



SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER

4 40' 1355



CT-347

UNPAINTED FARMHOUSE  
Lower Marlboro Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, northwest corner

1 of 3



CT-347

UNPAINTED FARMHOUSE  
Lower Marlboro Road  
Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Northeast corner

2 of 3



CT-347

UNPAINTED FARMHOUSE

Lower Marlboro Road

Calvert County, MD

Traceries

1/2003

MD SHPO

House, Southwest Corner

3 of 3

CT-347  
Elsie Cox Farmhouse  
Lower Marlboro  
Private

Late 19th century

This house is a two-story, three-bay gable front frame structure covered with plain lapped boards. There is a small one-story, one bay kitchen wing to one side. The house rests on concrete block foundations which are set directly upon the ground. Windows have six over six pane sashes and are located on either side of the front door. At the second story there is one window centered in the front wall. The main entrance consists of a plain door with five horizontal panels. The roof overhangs the walls on all sides and the gable front has a decorative scalloped barge board. There are also decorative brackets at the front of the eaves.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CT 347

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Elsie Cox Farmhouse

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lower Marlboro Road (Rt 262) and Saint John's Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

MD

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

Elsie Cox

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Lower Marlboro Road (MD 262) & St. John's Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 20736

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Court House

Liber #:  
Folio #:

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

CT-347

**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

This house is a two story, three bay gable front frame structure covered with plain lapped boards. There is a small one story, one bay kitchen wing to one side. The house rests on concrete block foundations which are set directly upon the ground. Windows are 6/6 sash and are located on either side of the front door. At the second story there is one window centered in the front wall. The main entrance consists of a plain door with five horizontal panels. The roof overhangs the walls on all sides and the gable front has a decorative scalloped barge board. There are also decorative brackets at the front of the eaves. The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

CT-347

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

---

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rt 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

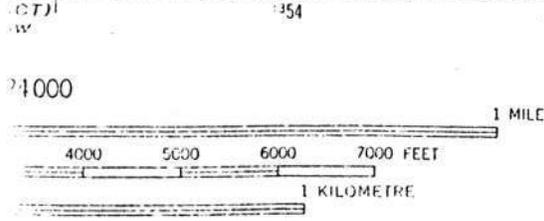
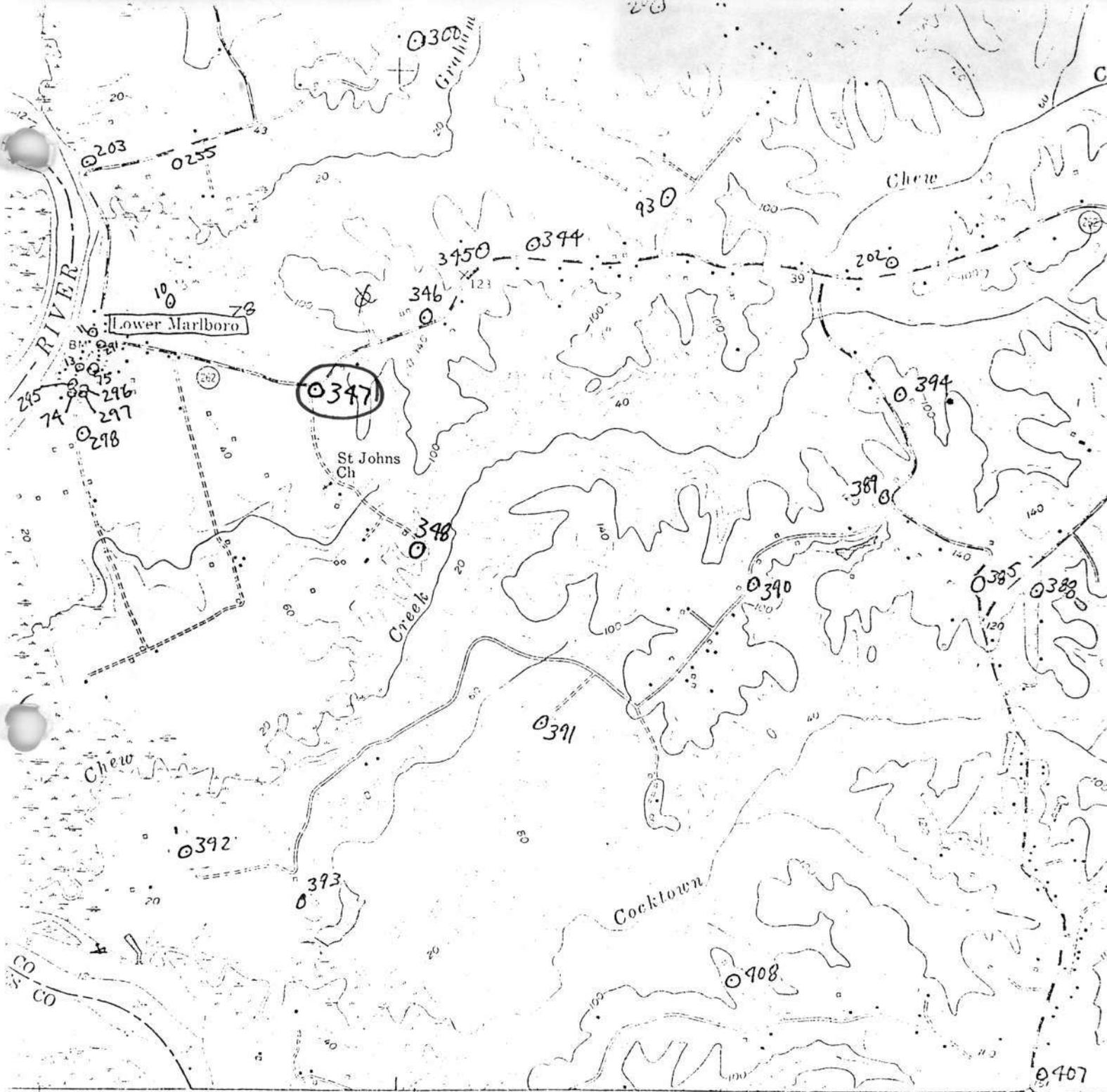
MD

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.

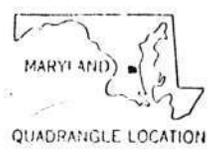
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



DATUM OF 1929  
 DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 IS 2.5 FEET

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 VEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

**CT-347**  
**Elsie Cox farmhouse**



Lower Marlboro Quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

LOWER MARLBORO

N 837.5 W 7637.5

1953  
 PHOTO REPRODUCED  
 AMS 5661 II NW SERIE



CT-347

Elsie Cox Farmhouse

Calvert County

Merry Stinson 4/81

N elevation

N.

13