

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: James Ellis House Survey Number: CT-517

Project: MD 2/4 N of MD 765 to N of Stoakley Rd Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on available information, the James Ellis House, located at 1475 Solomons Island Rd., Prince Frederick vicinity, meets the National Register Criteria for listing under criterion A for agriculture. The property, consisting of a c. 1910 frame, cross gable farmhouse, two mid-to-late tobacco barns, and a modern brick rambler, is representative of Calvert County tobacco culture in the 20th century.

Of the Maryland counties growing tobacco, Calvert County has retained the strongest ties to this 300 year tradition. Throughout the 20th century, up until the last decades, Calvert County has remained a largely traditional, rural farming community, characterized by small scale, family run tobacco farms. What had been a relatively steady market for tobacco collapsed in 1983, leading to a 60% decrease in acreage under cultivation. The traditional way of life represented by these tobacco farms has come under increasing pressure in recent decades not only from the collapse in tobacco prices, but also from the growth of the Washington Metropolitan area and high labor costs. Because tobacco cultivation in 20th century Calvert County has been characterized by modest farms, one would not expect high style resources. In addition, because the period of significance for tobacco cultivation extends well into the 20th century, and perhaps even up to 1983, tobacco barns which were built in the 1940s, 1950s and even later could be considered to contribute to the farmsteads.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory Form CT-518 and project file

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Elizabeth Hannold July 8, 1994
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
[Signature] 7-16-94
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single family residence, Agricultural

Known Design Source: n/a

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JAMES ELLIS CROSS-GABLE
(early 20th century)
Prince Frederick
Private

A one-story dormered kitchen on this
two-story frame cross-gable farmhouse is
a variant from the usual two-story kitchen.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Ellis Cross-gable

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 4/2) Solomons Island Road

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

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

James Ellis

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

SAME

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
20678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 170

Folio #: 488

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 765) Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Early 20th century

A one-story dormered kitchen on this two-story frame cross-gable farmhouse is a variant from the usual two-story kitchen. The south-facing facade comprises three bays, with a single-bay depth. A hip-roofed, screened porch covers the facade. A concrete block addition fills the northeast corner of the "L". Chimneys heat the north end of the kitchen and the west end of the house. Asbestos shingles sheath the dwelling, whose roofline is accented by a deep cornice and barge board. 2/2 sash windows light the house and 6/6 sash fill the dormers, while a half-circle window highlights the cross-gable.

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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 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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF 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

Historic Sites Survey

DATE

March, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

STATE

MD

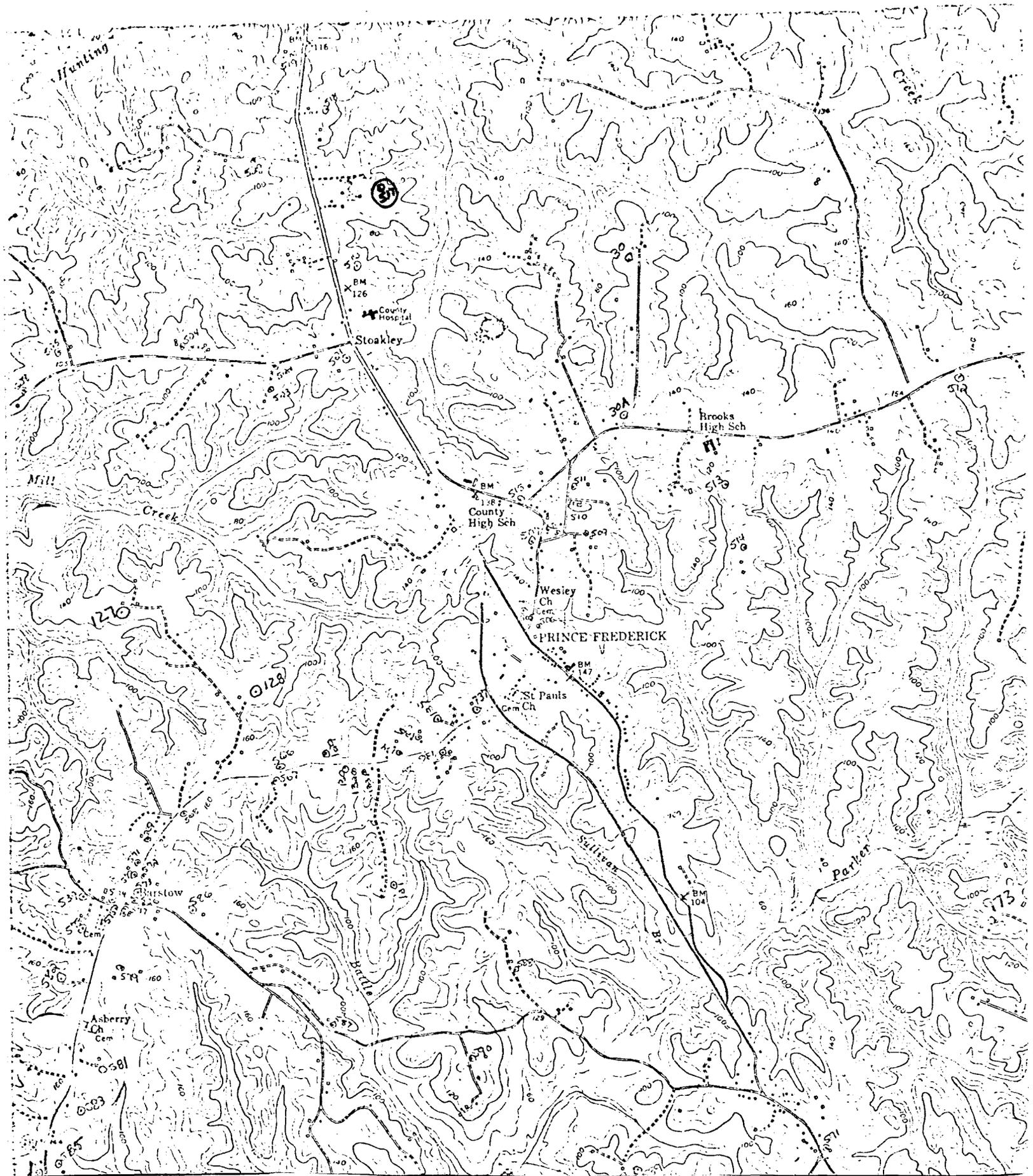
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

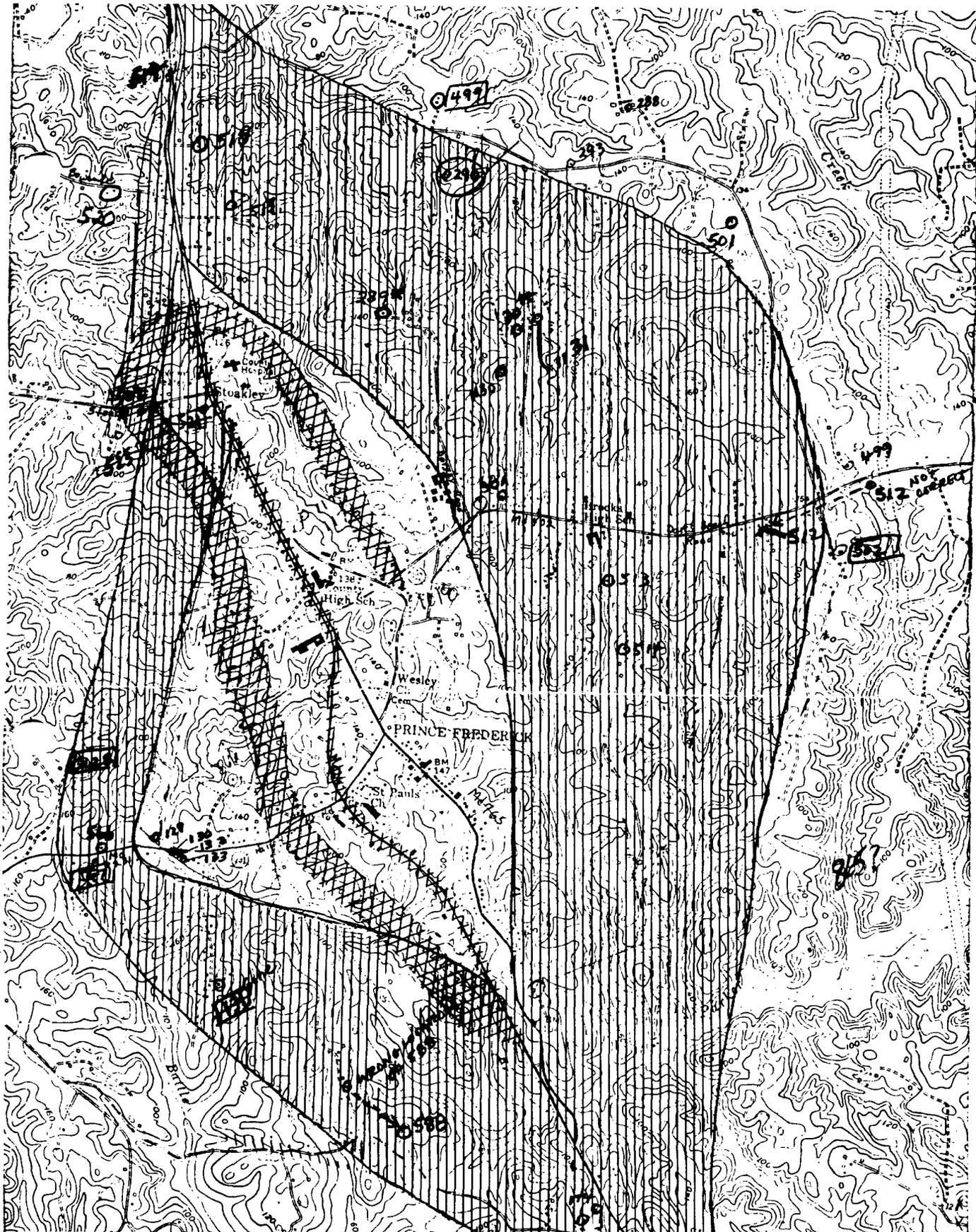
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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James Ellis Cross-gable

1:25,000
Oblique angle



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LEGEND

-  Area of potential effect for additional bypass corridors
-  Area of potential effect for initial corridors
-  Historic Structures no longer extant
-  PNRE or NR

Public Property

Photographs, Page 1
James Ellis House
(CT 517)



James Ellis House
Distant view, looking
east



Dwelling
South Elevation



Dwelling
South Elevation



James Ellis House
East Elevation



Dwelling
North Elevation



Dwelling
N.W. Corner

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James Ellis House
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Barns, ca. 1948



New Rambler

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James Ellis Cross-gable
Route 4
Prince Frederick
Calvert County, MD
Southeast elevation

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Merry Stinson
March, 1980