

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Parran's Park Inventory Number: CT-58  
 Address: 1650 Calvert Cliffs Parkway Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: Lusby Zip Code: 20657 County: Calvert  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Cove Point  
 Property Owner: Constellation Energy Tax Account ID Number: 000578  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 9 Tax Map Number: 35  
 Project: Phase I Cultural Resources Survey Agency: NERC  
 Agency Prepared By: GAI Consultants, Inc.  
 Preparer's Name: Matthew G. Hyland Date Prepared: 3/9/2007  
 Documentation is presented in: Phase IB Cultural Resources Investigation

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)*

Parran's Park (CT-58) is located in the Old Bay Farm Section of the project area in the northwest corner of the APE. This resource consists of three former tobacco barns (Structures 3, 4, and 5). The main residence at Parran's Park was built circa 1750, but sustained severe fire damage in 1955 and was then abandoned. The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company demolished the main residence in 1972 soon after construction of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. However, ancillary agricultural outbuildings remain extant. CT-58 consists of three former tobacco barns (Structure #3, Structure #4, and Structure #5). Two modern buildings stand proximal to CT-58.

Based on information in the CT-58 MHT site form, the main residence was framed with wood and stood one-and-a-half stories high under a side gable roof prior to demolition. The main residence developed its dimensions over time. Originally a one room house with an encased stair that led to an overhead loft, a central passage and second room were added circa 1825. In its final massing, the house stood two-bays deep and five-bays wide and appears to have represented a typical Chesapeake Bay vernacular style house from the eighteenth century. Based on a review of historic photographs, the main building stood as a one-and-a-half story, side-gable, hall-and-chamber residence with a central passage. The gable ends featured shouldered brick chimney stacks with corbelled caps. Gable-roof dormer windows pierced the slope of the roof, on both the front and rear. Surrounding the building were

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**MHT Comments:**

Jonathan Sages 6/4/07  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date  
[Signature] 5/25/07  
 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

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ancillary outbuildings typical of local tobacco farms.

Some of CT-58's outbuildings have survived, but they have been altered. Outbuildings standing closest to the demolished residence at CT-58 have been demolished as well. However, the property's former tobacco barns remain and have been re-used as storage. Structure #3 at CT-58 is a gable-roof tobacco barn framed with wood and standing on a concrete pier foundation. In the MHT documentation for the property, Structure #3 is identified as CT-58A. This tobacco barn, which dates from the early twentieth century, is three-bays wide and four-bays deep. Entrance apertures have been let into each elevation. This tobacco barn is clad in vertical wood siding planks and roofed wood rafters (whose tails are covered with fascia boards) with corrugated metal. The doorway apertures and siding planks feature metal strap hinges. A shed-roof addition (perhaps a stripping room) has been appended to the northwest elevation. The fenestration of the addition consists of a two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows.

Structure #4 at CT-58, which dates from the early twentieth century, is a gable-roof building framed with wood and standing on a continuous concrete block foundation. In the past, it was used as a tobacco barn. Presently, Structure #4 is three-bays wide and four-bays deep. Entrance apertures have been let into each elevation. Structure #4 is clad in vertical wood siding planks and roofed wood rafters (whose tails are covered with fascia boards) with corrugated metal. The doorway apertures and siding planks feature metal strap hinges. One-story, shed-roof additions (perhaps a former stripping room or prize room) have been appended to the northeast, southeast, and southwest elevations. The additions feature exposed rafter tails. The fenestration of the southwest addition consists of two-over-two, double-hung, wood sash windows. Poured concrete ramps and improved foundations have been built to allow vehicle access to the former tobacco barn. Updates to the barn also include the installation of utilities, as the building also serves as a small office for fire suppression teams at the nuclear power plant.

Structure #5, which dates from the early twentieth century, is a gable-roof tobacco barn framed with wood and standing on a concrete pier foundation. In the past, it was used as a tobacco barn. Structure #5 is two-bays wide and four-bays deep. Structure #5 is clad in vertical wood siding planks and roofed wood rafters (whose tails are exposed) with corrugated metal. The doorway apertures feature metal strap hinges.

CT-58 is not NRHP eligible under Criteria A, B, or C. None of the surviving agricultural outbuildings are individually eligible for NRHP listing. Foundations and fenestration on the buildings have been altered. The property lacks sufficient integrity, architectural distinction, and historical significance for NRHP listing under Criteria A, B, or C. No information could be identified that would demonstrate a link between the property and significant historic events or individuals of local prominence or historically noteworthy character. Demolition of the main residence has compromised the integrity of setting, workmanship, feeling, association, and use. Due to construction of the nuclear power plant, there is no potential for a rural historic landscape. Moreover, the property no longer conveys its historic association with tobacco farming. The remaining buildings at CT-58 lack sufficient integrity and historic associations for NRHP listing as they are no longer used for an agricultural purpose. A contemporary metal shell storage building has been erected on a poured concrete foundation at the site—further compromising the site's integrity of location, design, workmanship, feeling, setting, and materials. Evaluation of the property under NRHP Criterion D falls under the purview of the project archaeologist's report.

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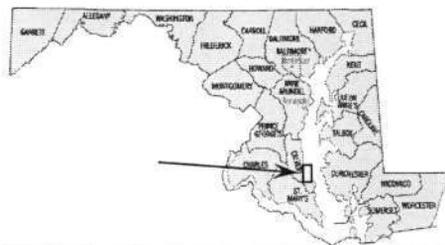
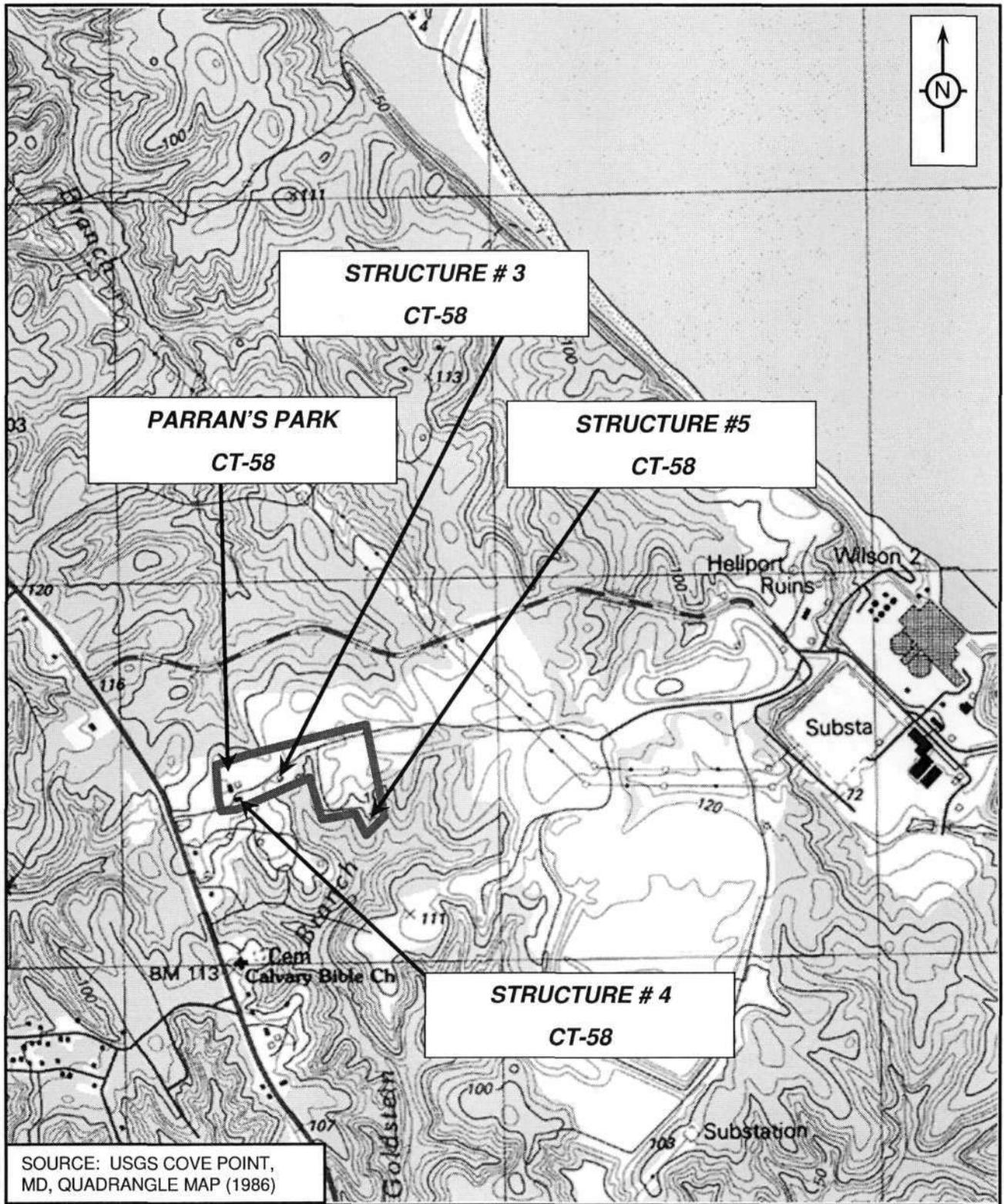
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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Date



**FIGURE**

LOCATION OF  
CT-58 PARRAN'S PARK  
CALVERT CLIFFS NUCLEAR  
POWER PLANT PROJECT



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CT-58  
Structure #3  
Parron's Park  
Calvert County MD  
Matthew G. Hyland  
December 2006  
M.D. S.H.P.O.

SW & SE elevations of tobacco barn,  
facing N



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~~22A~~

~~26~~

ET - 58  
Structure #3  
Carron's Park  
Calvert County, MD  
Matthew J. Hyland  
December 2006  
M D S H P U

NW + NE elevations of tobacco  
barn, facing S



3 96

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CT-58  
Structure #4  
Parson's Park  
Calvert County, MD  
Matthew S. Hyland  
December 2006  
MD S&PO

SW + S elevations of tobacco  
barn, facing NE



4 of 6

~~24A~~

~~26~~

CT. 58  
Parrow Park  
Structure #4  
Calvert County, MD  
Matthew G. Hyland  
December 2006  
MD SHPO

NW + NE elevations of tobacco barn,  
facing S



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#5

Parron's Park  
Calvert County, MD  
December 2006  
MDSHPO

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NW + NE elevations of tobacco  
barn, facing S



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Parrons Park  
CT-58  
Structure #5  
Calvert County MD  
Matthew S. Hyland  
December 2006  
MD SHPO

SW and SE elevations of tobacco  
barn, facing N

CT-58

PARRANS PARK

ea. 19th. c.

After suffering extensive damage by fire in 1955 and abandoned since that time, this house was demolished in 1972 by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, present owners of the property.

Believed to have evolved from an initial one room block, Parrans Park, in its final stage, was three bays in length and one and one half stories in height with a single stone and brick chimney at each end. The interior fabric was of interest for its first floor exposed and beaded ceiling joists and simple beaded moldings, including the fireplace surrounds. The exterior sheathing was of random width beaded boards. There were two pedimented dormers at the roof level.

Parran's Park

The site of Parrans Park has been so well cleared that even its potential archeological value is dubious.

No additional historical information has been gathered, however, a copy of a HABS photograph has been obtained which is supposed to be of the building which stood on this site. Mrs. Betty Briscoe doubts that this site was actually Parran's Park but she agrees that this is a photograph of the house which stood on the site identified as CLVT-58.

HABS has no information other than identifying the photo as "Goldstein House".

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Parran's Park

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant Property, Nursery Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Lusby

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

MD

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Baltimore Gas and Electric

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lusby

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: JLB 90

Folio #: 532

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

CT-58

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		

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The ceiling boards of the house are beaded on both edges. The chair rails are beaded on both top and bottom. The ceiling beams were exposed and beaded. The clapboards on the exterior of the house were also beaded. The mantels were simple beaded boards with molding around the edges. The bricks of the fireplace opening were plastered over. The original paint color on the plastered walls appears to have been grey. The baseboard around the floor is nearly flush with the plaster wall and beaded on its top edge.

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#### BARN

Although the house known as "Parran's Park" has been destroyed it is survived by a much altered tobacco barn. HABS has in its collection a photograph of a house in deteriorated condition identified as "Goldstein House" that has been identified by locals as "Parran's Park".

Inside of the large structure that now houses equipment and offices for BG&E is the frame of an unusual eleven room tobacco barn. It is a post-and-beam frame utilizing both hewn and pit-sawn timbers that are joined via mortise-tenon and trunnels. The angle braces are joined to the sills and uprights with open-faced dove-tails and trunnels. There is two inch studding indicative of clapboard siding. The south shed is an addition; riven roof shingles still remain on the southwest corner. They are attached with what appear to be early cut-nails.

An interesting feature of this barn is the door in the south side. This door has been trimmed with beaded moulding containing early cut-nails. Tobacco barns seldom receive decoration and this beaded trim is a most interesting oddity.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house was destroyed by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company in 1972. Judging from previous descriptions, the early section may have been an 18th century house. There is some local debate over whether this house stood on the tract "Parran's Park."

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

SEE HABS photo: "Goldstein House"  
Calvert County

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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** House description by Paul Brinkman, 1967. Barn description by Wayne Nield, 1977. Form compiled by:

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

August 1978

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Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

MD  
STATE

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*House Demol  
Barn extant*

CT-58

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
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Wayne L. Nield II

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Winter 76-77

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Calvert County</b> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. <b>Lusby Vicinity</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER <b>Parran family</b> ORIGINAL USE <b>Dwelling</b> PRESENT OWNER <b>Baltimore Gas &amp; Elec. Co.</b> PRESENT USE <b>Ruin</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>Clapboard</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>1-1/2</b>	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>ET-58</b>  2. NAME <b>Parran's Park</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>C. 1750</b> STYLE <b>Maryland Colonial</b> ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE _____
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered    Interior    Exterior

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→ **RUINS**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  
**PAB 7/20/67**

DATE OF RECORD \_\_\_\_\_

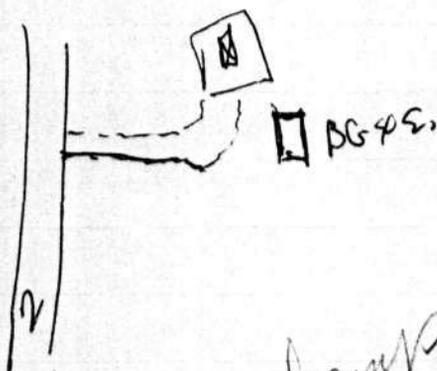
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Paran's Park -

torn down 5/72  
by B6 & E

pie - shell alg -  
over: B G & E.

house faces W.



Ray Brokamp

Paran's Park

58 - 51

by location's given by  
Tax assessor - Calvert Co. Ct. use  
P. Fred,

on Nuclear Power Plant land

PARRANS PARK TOBACCO BARN  
(Interim Description)  
Calvert Cliffs

c.1840-60

Heavily constructed, box-framed tobacco barn measuring approximately 44 ft. by 24 ft. The barn is constructed with 4 ft. rooms assembled in three 12 ft. bays and one 8 ft. bay. The end bays are long to provide room for the angle braces, while the central bays are short to stiffen this part of the wall (the third 12 ft. bay is reinforced by the heavy door post) creating a post pattern comparable to Hall Farm tobacco barn no. 1 at Tracy's Corner, Anne Arundle County.

Of the timber observed, the sills, and corner and door posts are hewn. The remaining scantlings--studs (3 3/4 inch by 2 3/4 inch), intermediate posts (3 3/4 inch by 6 inch), angle braces, and roof truss members are sawn--most pit sawn, but the board false plates may be reciprocal mill sawn.

In striking contrast to the sawn framing members are the crude, riven runners nailed to the inside of the studs to support the tobacco tier rails. While some are only short, heavy lath, others are crude boards of considerable length (13 ft. long by 5 inch wide by 1 inch maximum thickness). The two long runners preserved on the SE side were deftly split from an axe felled young tree. The swell of the stump is conspicuously visible. The tier rail supports are generously spaced (3 ft. 6 inch) for large tobacco. They pass in front of the thin (3 3/4 inch) intermediate posts.

At an early date, the SE side of the barn was shedded and the clapboard on this side replaced with riven lath. This shed has totally disappeared, and it has been replaced by an early 20th-century shed (pine pole rafters, circular sawn lumber). The evidence for an earlier shed consists of the 19th-century riven lath that divided it from the barn, original 19th-century barn shingles preserved under the roofs of the two generation of sheds, and notches on the exterior corner of the east barn corner post. Spaced at nominal 3 ft. vertical intervals, these diagonal notches seem to be the runner mortises for a vertically planked shed.

The barn was originally roofed with side-lapped shingles nailed to pit-sawn lath on 15 inch centers. The shingles--riven from oak or chestnut--are 19 inches long and from 4 to 4 1/2 inches wide. They were exposed 3 to 3 1/2 inches to the weather. These appear to be the original covering of the barn as there are no nail holes for an earlier set of the shingles. They are fastened with mature, machine-cut, machine-headed nails. One shingle and two nails were collected and are on file at the St. Mary's City Commission.

Of the original barn, only the roof and SE wall survive relatively intact. The other walls--apparently unprotected by sheds--have been extensively rebuilt. The present building is excellently maintained by Baltimore Gas and Electric as a farm and maintenance center.

INTERIOR  
SE WALL

JOISTS

Riven  
Runners {

3'6"

3'6"

Removed Runner  
(Nail Evidence) 2'5"

RAFTERS

4 FT RMS

False Plate  
Plate

DOOR POST

FOUNDATION

CT-58A

Tobacco Barn

Approx. Scale 1" = 8 ft



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GWS

20TH-CENTURY SHED

PLAN

7 1/2 x 3 1/2" post notched  
for early shed  
runners

Riven lath

3 3/4" x 6"

DOOR

3'1"

6 1/2 x 6 1/2"

AB →

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Modern Shed

OPEN

TRANSVERSE TIE-SILL

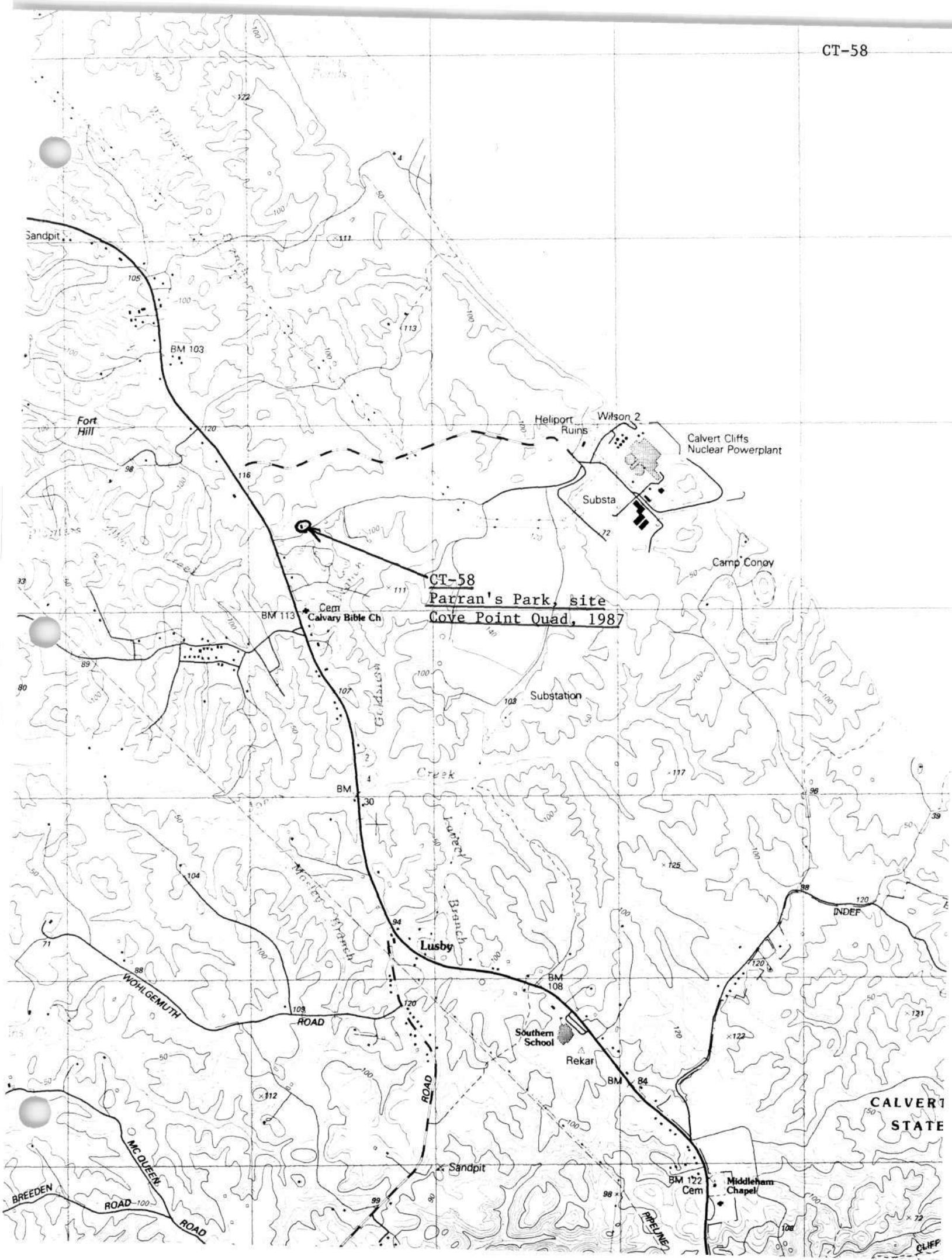
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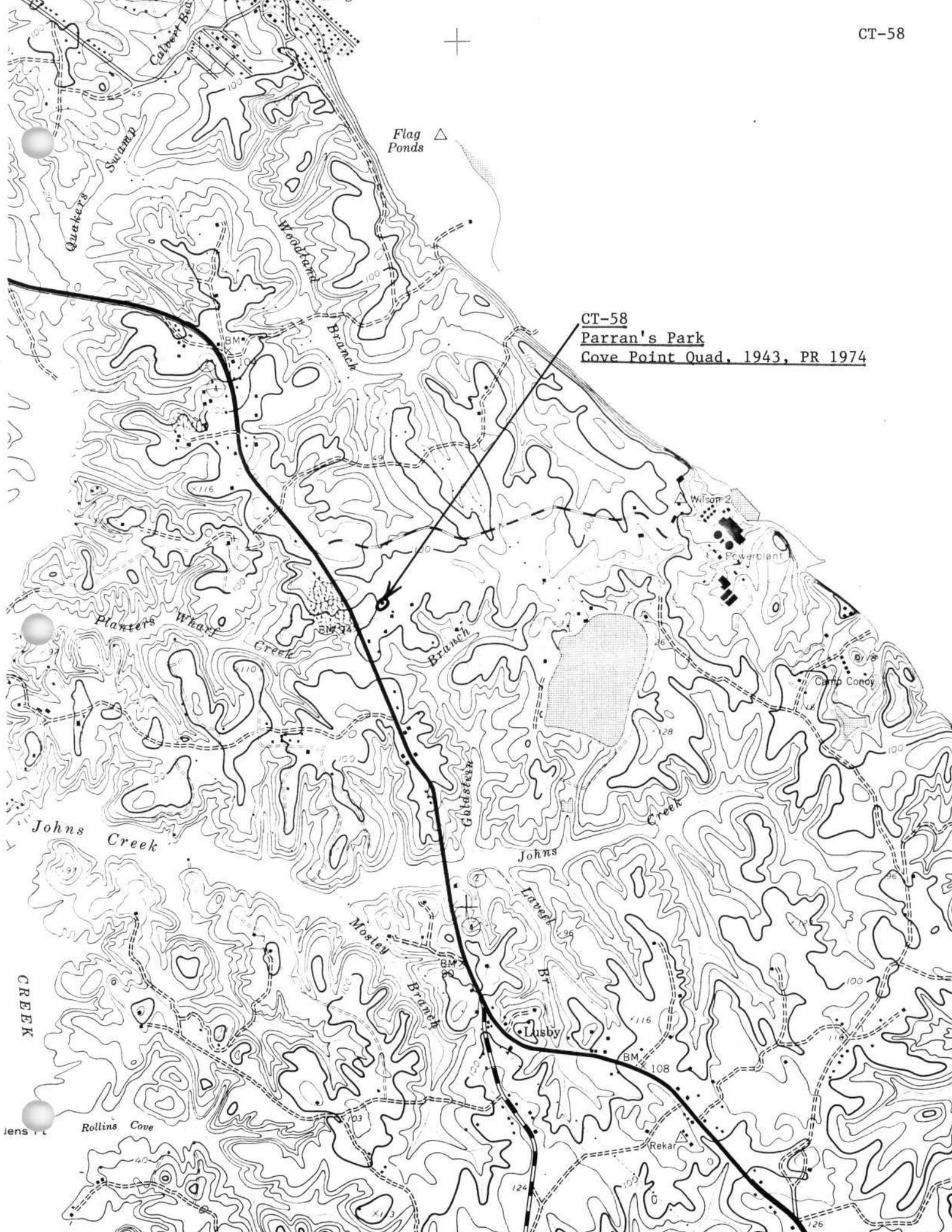
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Parran's Park  
Cove Point Quad, 1943, PR 1974

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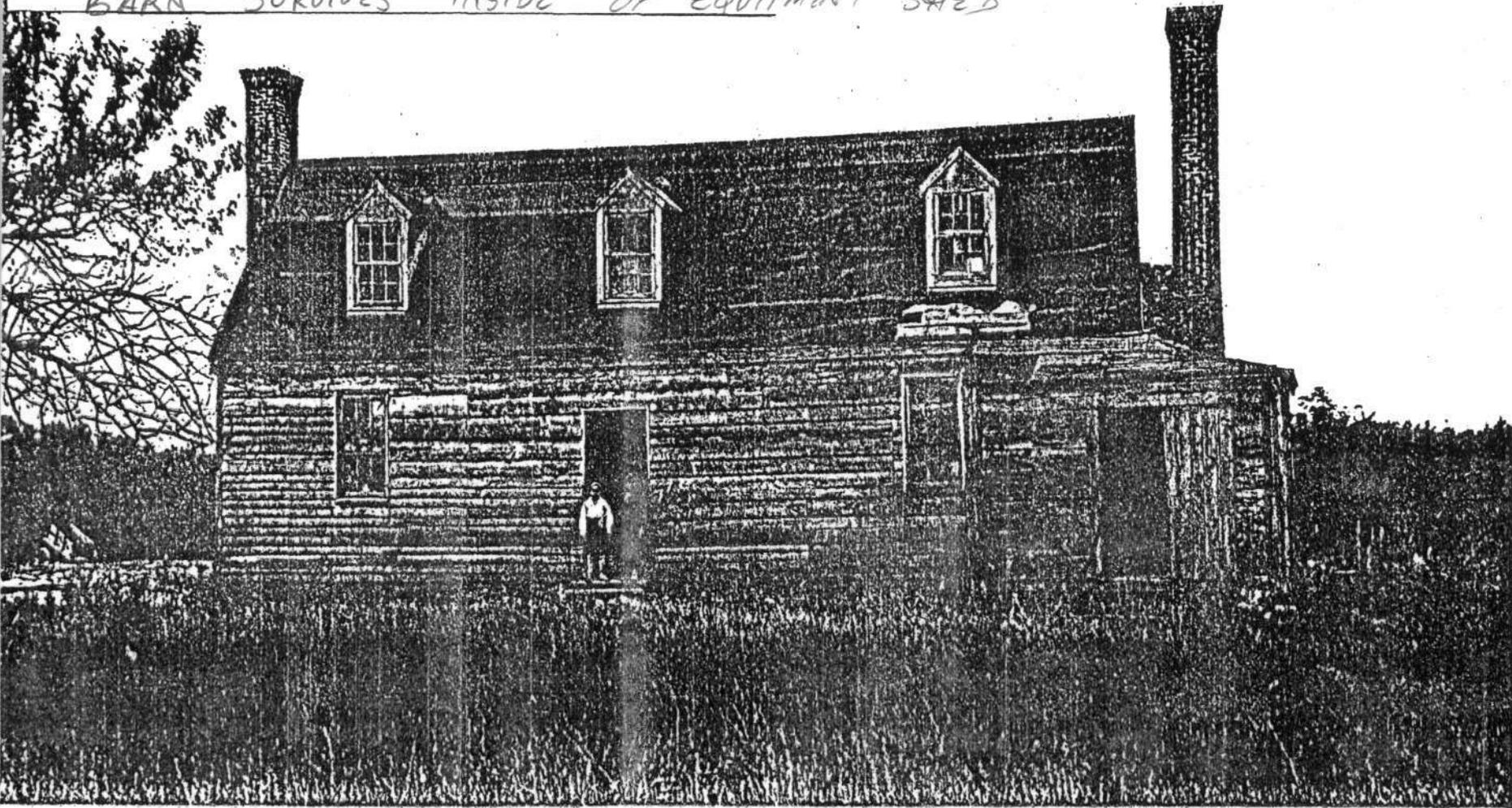
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PARRANS PARK (site)  
Calvert Cliffs  
Private

early 19th century

After suffering extensive damage by fire in 1955 and abandoned since that time, this house was demolished in 1972 by the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, present owners of the property.

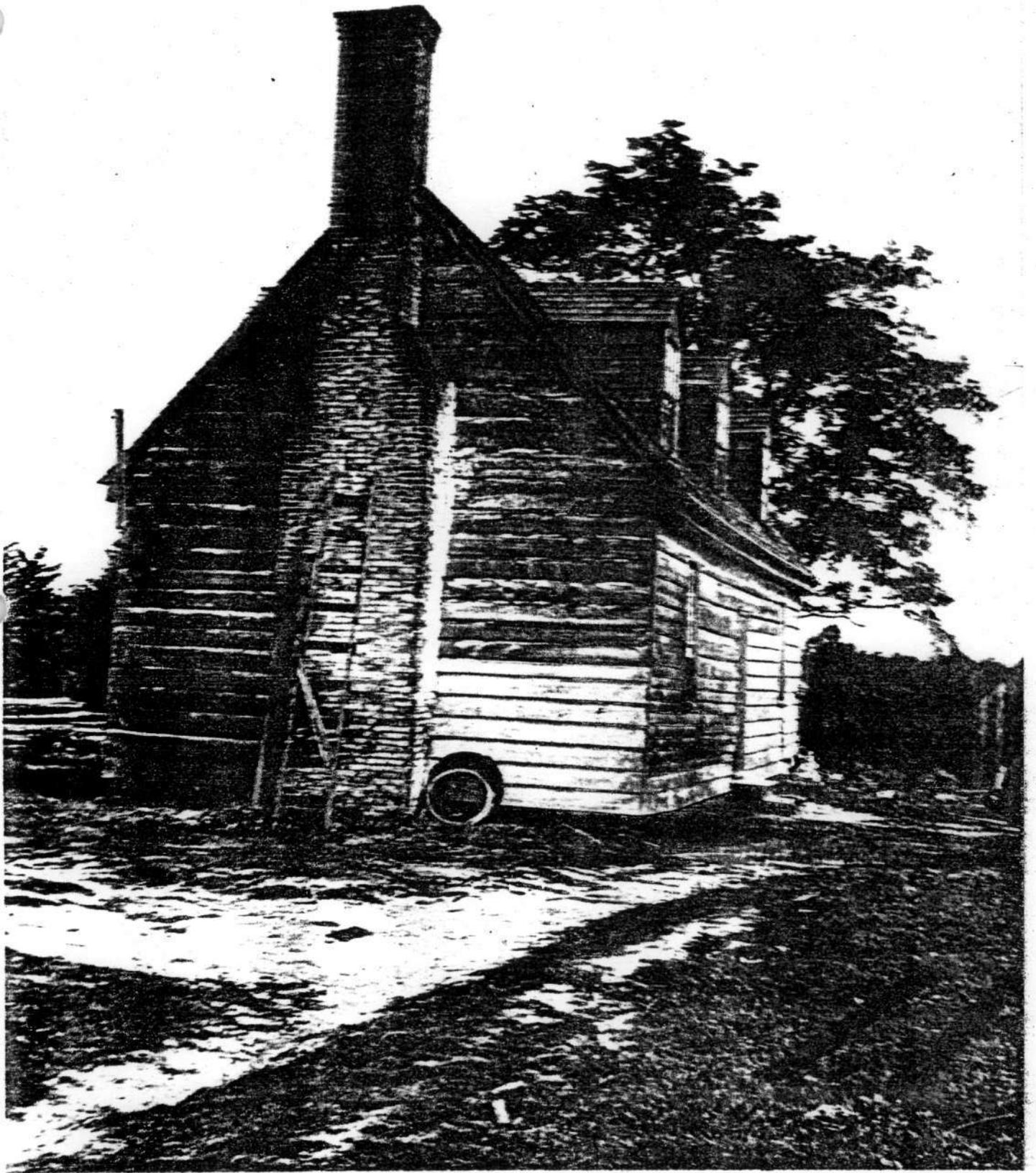
Believed to have evolved from an initial one-room block, Parrans Park, in its final stage, was three bays in length and 1½ stories in height with a single stone and brick chimney at each end. The interior fabric was of interest for its first-floor exposed and beaded ceiling joists and simple beaded moldings, including the fireplace surrounds. The exterior sheathing was of random-width beaded boards. There were two pedimented dormers at the roof level.

BARN SURVIVES INSIDE OF EQUIPMENT SHED



HASS

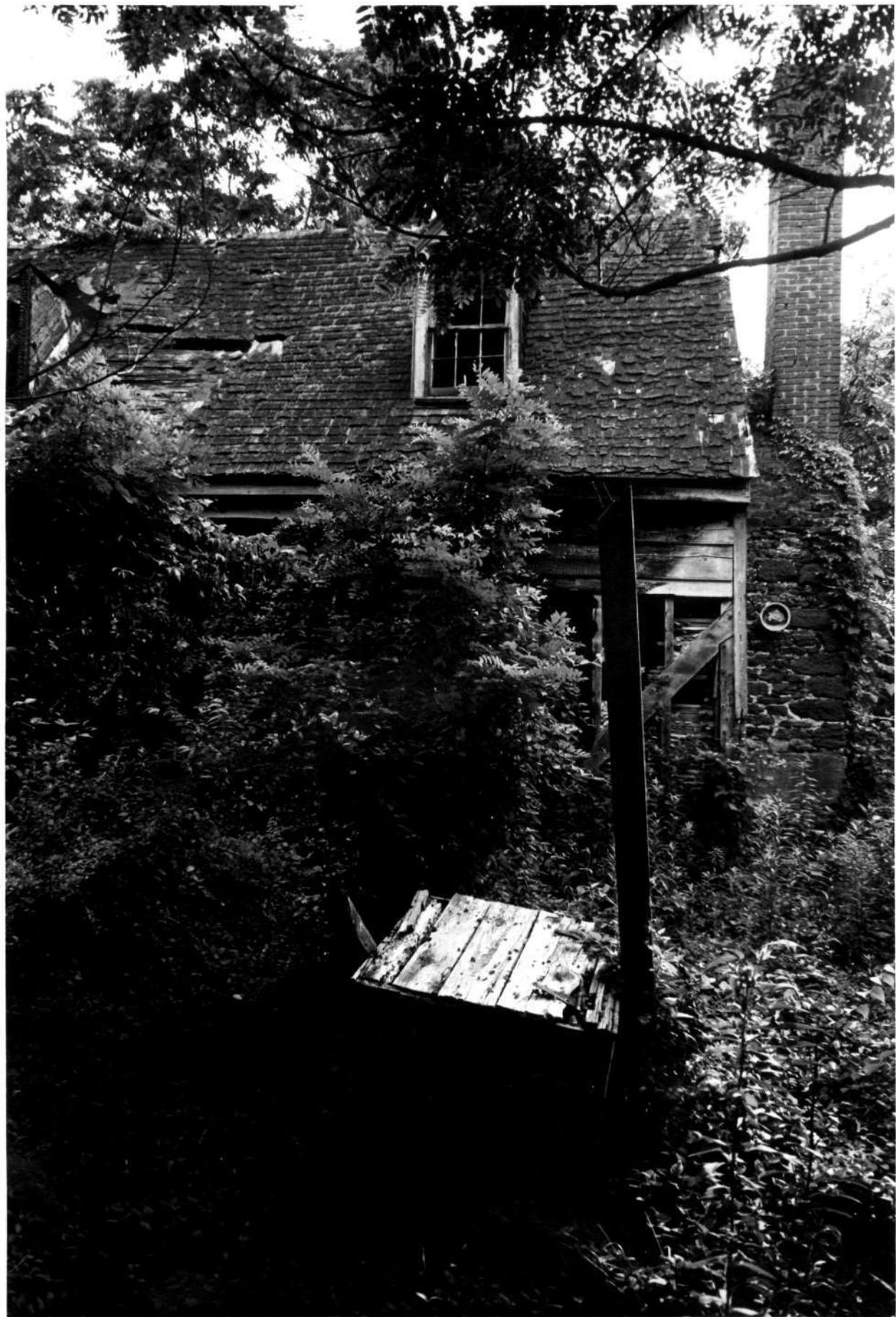
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