

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-759

Dr. George J. Weems House
4290 Old Town Road
Huntingtown, Calvert County
ca. 1940
Private

The Weems House, constructed circa 1940 in the Colonial Revival style, was the residence of prominent local physician George J. Weems (1910-2000). Dr. Weems, a graduate of St. John's College and the University of Maryland Medical School, began practicing medicine in Calvert County in 1938. In addition to his medical work, Dr. Weems also served as a Calvert County Commissioner in 1970, 1974, and 1982. The Weems House is an excellent illustration of an isolated Cape Cod suburban house, representative of unplanned suburbanization because of its disassociation from a community clusters. The single-family dwelling served as Dr. Weems home and medical office.

This one-and-a-half-story wood-frame structure has a Cape Cod form with Colonial Revival-style detailing. Set on a stretcher-bond brick foundation, the single-family dwelling is clad with wood weatherboard and has a steeply pitched side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The three front-gable dormers on the façade each have 6/6 wood-sash windows. A shed roof dormer with three 6/6 wood-sash windows pierces the rear slope of the roof. Large exterior-end, stretcher-bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps and single shoulders mark the side elevations of the main block. A one-story screened porch wing with Tuscan posts is located on the south side of the house. A one-story, two-bay wing with a raised basement and a half-hipped roof is on the northern side of the house. This wing has a private entry framed by single 6/6 windows and is presumed to have provided access to the doctor's office. The façade fenestration is comprised of 6/6 wood-sash windows with wood block sills, molded wood surrounds, and louvered wood shutters. A Colonial Revival-style surround with Tuscan pilasters framing a four-light paneled wood door marks the central entry. To the west of the house is a one-story, three-bay, wood-frame garage. Contemporaneous with the house, the garage is capped by a front-gable roof sheathed in standing-seam metal, and has a concrete-block, shed-roofed addition on the western side. It has two one-leaf, five-panel, wood doors that flank a roll-up, paneled wood door.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CT-759

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. George J. Weems House
 other

2. Location

street and number 4290 Old Town Road not for publication
 city, town Huntingtown vicinity
 county Calvert

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

name George J. Jr., Thomas Locke, & Courtney J. Weems
 street and number PO Box 127 telephone Unknown
 city, town Huntingtown state MD zip code 20639-0127

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15:283
 city, town Pr. Frederick liber JLB 185 folio 479

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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. CT-759

Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SETTING

The Weems House is located at 4290 Old Town Road in Huntingtown. The 2.4-acre property is located on the northwest side of Old Town Road, north of Huntingtown. The house sits on a small rise approximately 120 years west/northwest of the intersection of Old Town Road and North Solomons Island Road. A wide macadamized parking lot is located to the north of the addition and is connected to a paved driveway.

PRIMARY RESOURCE

This one-and-a-half-story wood-frame structure has a Cape Cod form with Colonial Revival-style detailing. Set on a stretcher-bond brick foundation, the single-family dwelling is clad with wood weatherboard and has a steeply pitched side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The three front-gable dormers on the façade each have 6/6 wood-sash windows. A shed roof dormer with three 6/6 wood-sash windows pierces the rear slope of the roof. Large exterior-end, stretcher-bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps and single shoulders mark the side elevations of the main block. A one-story screened porch wing with Tuscan posts is located on the south side of the house. A one-story, two-bay wing with a raised basement and a half-hipped roof is on the northern side of the house. This wing has a private entry framed by single 6/6 windows and is presumed to have provided access to the doctor's office. The façade fenestration is comprised of 6/6 wood-sash windows with wood block sills, molded wood surrounds, and louvered wood shutters. A Colonial Revival-style surround with Tuscan pilasters framing a four-light paneled wood door marks the central entry.

SECONDARY RESOURCE

To the west of the house is a one-story, three-bay, wood-frame garage. Contemporaneous with the house, the garage is capped by a front-gable roof sheathed in standing-seam metal, and has a concrete-block, shed-roofed addition on the western side. It has two one-leaf, five-panel, wood doors that flank a roll-up, paneled wood door.

8. Significance

Inventory No. CT-759

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 ca. 1940

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates ca. 1940

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.)

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ENDNOTES

(1) All biographical information concerning Dr. George J. Weems is taken from: "Dr. George J. Weems dies," Calvert Independent January 12, 2000. See also: "The passing of an era," Calvert Independent January 19, 2000, A-4.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. CT-759

See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.4

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Weems House is located at 4290 Old Town Road, Huntingtown, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house, along with its historic outbuildings, is noted on Tax Map 15, Parcel 283. It has been historically associated with Parcel 283 since the construction of the house circa 1940.

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Name Dr. George J. Weems House

Continuation Sheet

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"Dr. George J. Weems dies," Calvert Independent January 12, 2000.

"The passing of an era," Calvert Independent January 19, 2000, A-4.

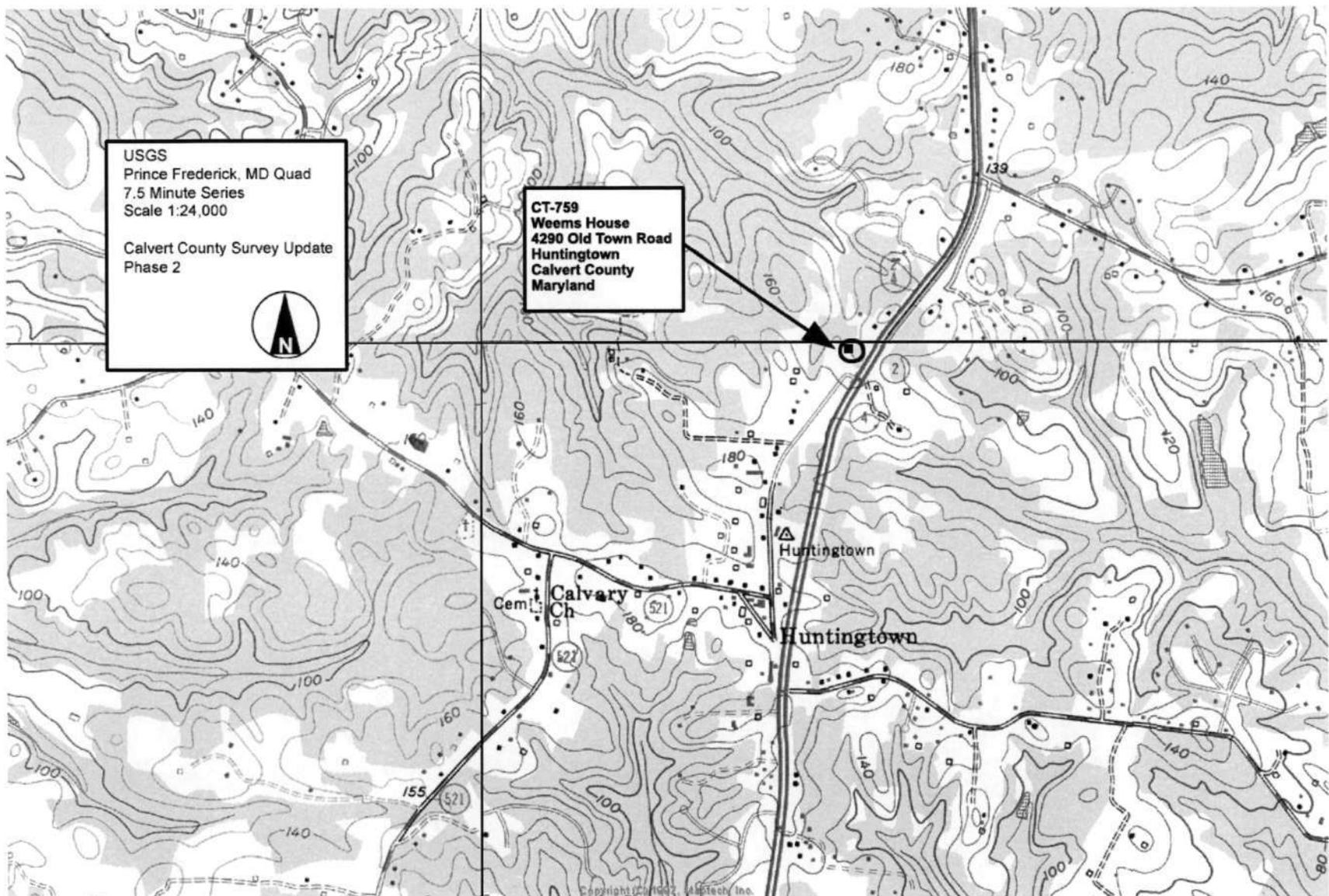
United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form: Historic Residential Suburbs in the United States, 1830-1960, by Linda Flint McClelland, et al. (Washington, DC, 2002).

USGS
Prince Frederick, MD Quad
7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000

Calvert County Survey Update
Phase 2



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Weems House
4290 Old Town Road
Huntingtown
Calvert County
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Weems House, 4290 Old Town Rd

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

Looking west

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Neems House, 4293 Old Town Rd.

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

looking north

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Weems House, 4290 Old Town Rd.

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

Northeast corner

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Weems House, 4290 Old Town Rd.

Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

looking southeast

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Neems House, 4290 Old Town Rd,
Calvert County, MD

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MD SHPO

garage, northeast corner

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Weems House

2. Location

street & number Old Town Road(Maryland Route 524) not for publicationcity, town Huntingtown 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name George Weems

street & number P.O. Box 191 telephone no.:

city, town Huntingtown, state and zip code Maryland 20639

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) folio

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CT-759

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The house faces east from a hillside site overlooking Old Town Road. A brick foundation/cellar accommodates the uneven site. The house itself is one and a half story, framed and weatherboarded with a shingled gable roof. It has a five-bay facade with a central doorway that implies a central-passage plan. However, this correspondence between fenestration and plan was not always so predictable in the 1935-40 era, when this house was probably built. The upper story is illuminated by three gabled dormers on the east side and one monitor dormer on the west. The rear one-story shed is probably original to the house. The south side of the house is sheltered by a one-story screened-in porch. On the north side, there is an added one-story two-bay wing.

8. Significance

Survey No.

CT-759

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 checked="" 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 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

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Directed historical research would more firmly establish the historical significance of this site.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-759

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Prince Frederick, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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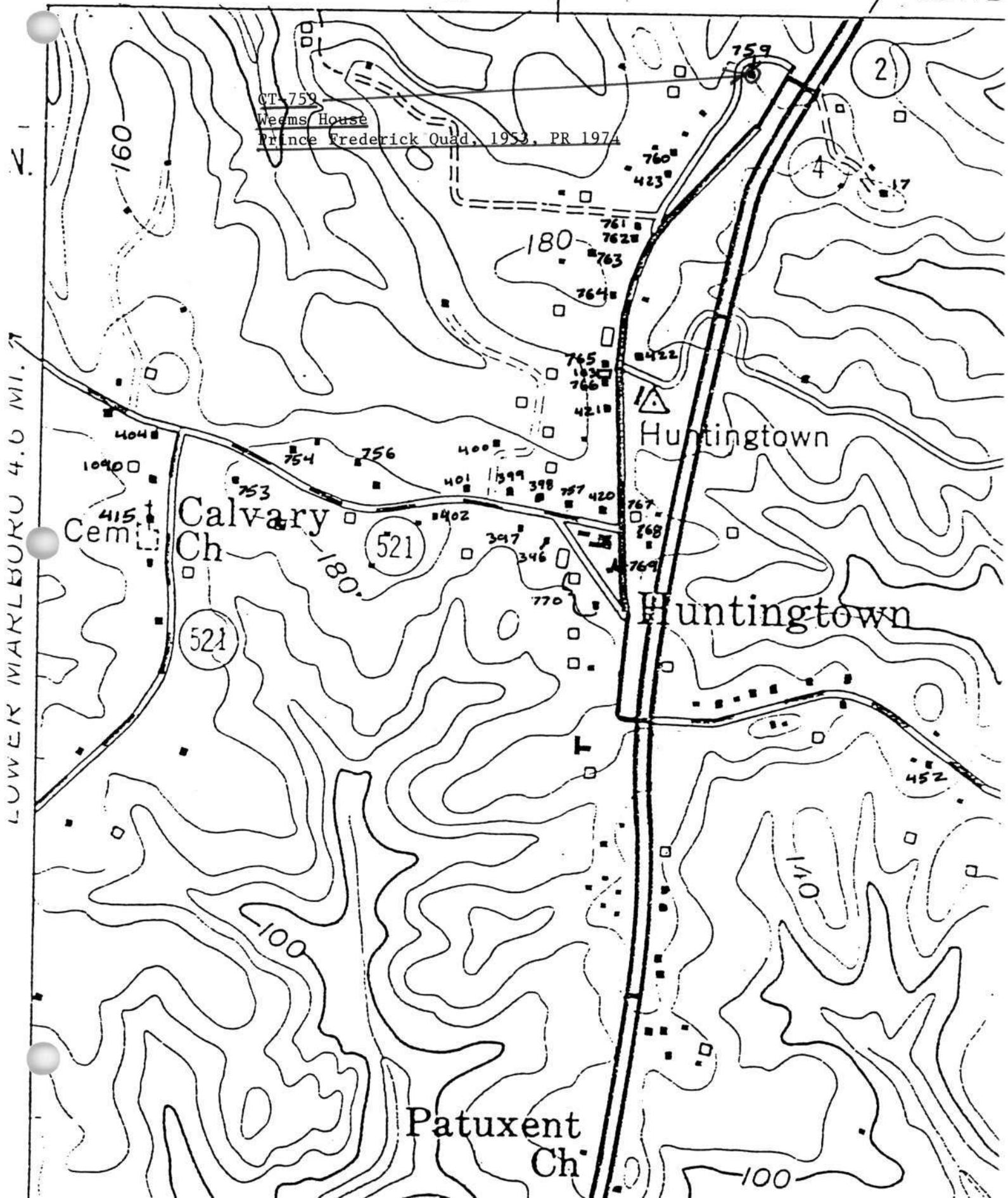
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Weems House
Prince Frederick Quad, 1953, PR 1974

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