

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-86**

**Smithville Parsonage**

**10680 Southern Maryland Boulevard**

**Dunkirk, Calvert County**

**ca. 1890**

**Private**

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This wood-frame structure consists of a two-and-a-half-story main block and a deep two-story rear ell with two one-story side additions. The main block, dating from the latter part of the nineteenth century, sits on a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation and is covered by a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The roof has an ogee-molded cornice and returns. Clad in vinyl siding, the main block is three bays wide with symmetrically placed 6/6 wood-sash windows that are unequally spaced. The side-passage entry is sheltered by a full-width, one-story porch with an oversized half-hipped roof sheathed in asphalt shingles and Tuscan wood posts. Small four-light casement windows pierce the gable ends of the main block. A large brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the west elevation, set between the main block and the ell. The two-story ell, clad in vinyl siding, is four bays deep with a gable roof finished with an ogee-molded cornice and returns. A large brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the west elevation of the ell. A one-story addition with a hipped roof wraps around the south and west elevations of the ell. Set on a concrete-block foundation, the addition has one-light sliding windows. A one-story addition with a poured concrete foundation and shed roof was added to the north side of the ell.

# Maryland Historical Trust

Inventory No. CT-86

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic                      Smithville Parsonage (former)  
 other                              Karen's Florist

### 2. Location

street and number      10680 Southern Maryland Boulevard                      not for publication  
 city, town                      Dunkirk    vicinity  
 county                              Calvert

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

name                              Lloyd A. and Jeanne R. Marlowe Trustee  
 street and number      2920 Valley Vista Drive    telephone      Unknown  
 city, town                      Sedona    state      AZ    zip code      86351

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.      Calvert County Courthouse    tax map and parcel:      3:22  
 city, town                              Pr. Frederick    liber      ABE 768      folio      805

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1                              buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1                              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:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			2

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" 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 Smithville Parsonage faces east, fronting on Southern Maryland Boulevard in Dunkirk. The building is set on 1.076 acres of land with a paved drive on the south side and parking at the rear. Mature trees (the one in the front yard is said to be over 150 years old) and foundation planting landscape the property. A one-story wood shed was included in the previous MIHP form, but no such building was documented as part of this survey. A poured concrete ramp leads up to the front porch, and an asphalt parking lot sits behind the house.

### PRIMARY RESOURCE

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## 8. Significance

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1890

**Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1890

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) "Smithville Parsonage," CT-86. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey. Historic Property Files. Calvert County Department of Planning and Zoning, Prince Frederick, MD.

(2) "The Slavery Question and Civil War, 1844-1865," UMC.org: the official online ministry of The United Methodist Church (Nashville, TN: United Methodist Communications, 2004 [cited 24 February 2004]) found at <<http://www.umc.org/interior.asp?mid=1213>>.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.07

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Smithville Parsonage is located at 10680 Southern Maryland Boulevard, Dunkirk, Calvert County, Maryland. The historic house is noted on Tax Map 3, Parcel 22. It has been historically associated with Parcel 22 since the building's construction in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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Name Smithville Parsonage (former)

Continuation Sheet

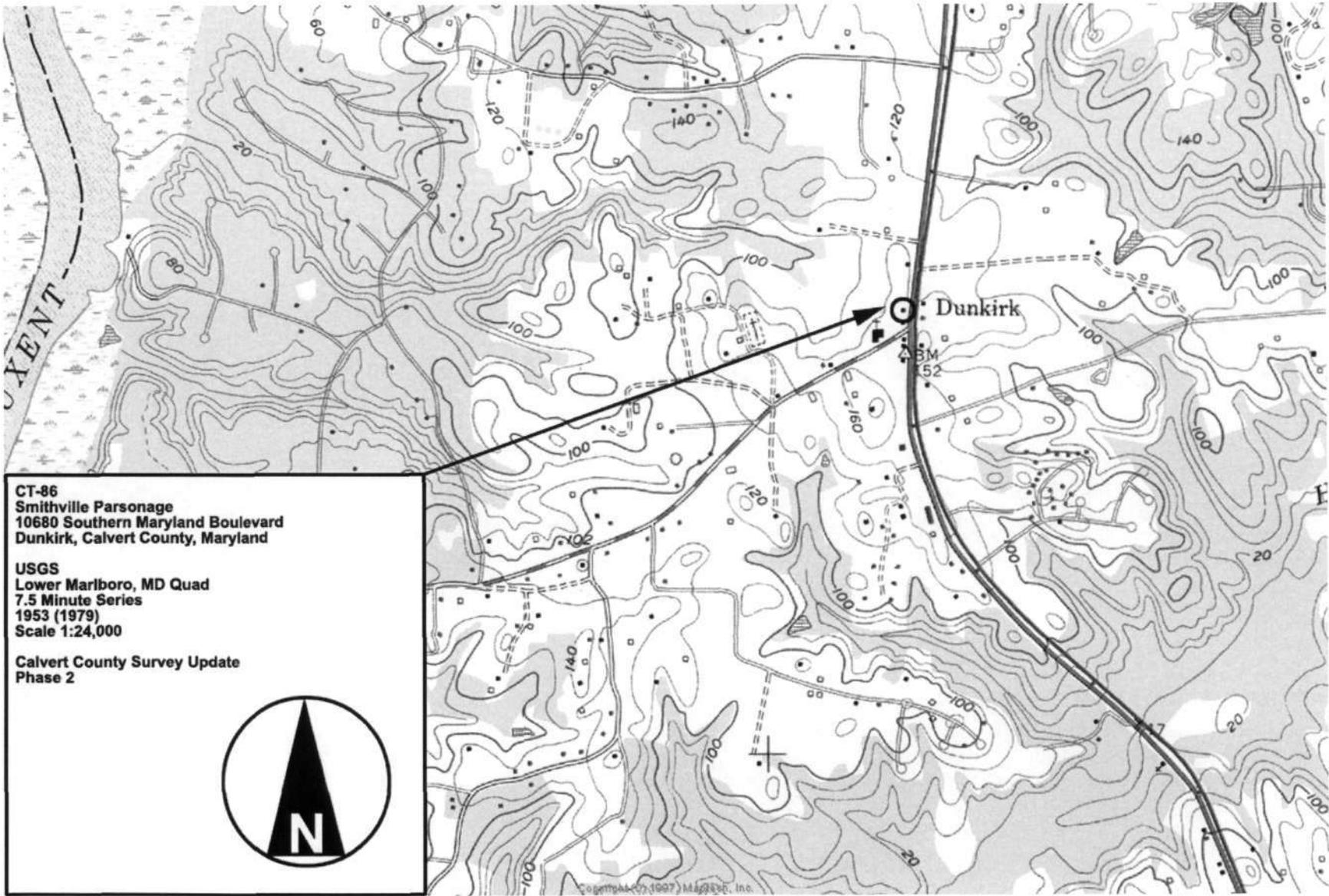
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Smithville Parsonage  
10680 Southern Maryland Boulevard  
Dunkirk, Calvert County, Maryland

USGS  
Lower Marlboro, MD Quad  
7.5 Minute Series  
1953 (1979)  
Scale 1:24,000

Calvert County Survey Update  
Phase 2





10680

**FLORIST**

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Smithville Parsonage, 10680 Southern Maryland Blvd.

Calvert County MD.

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MD SHPO,  
east elevation

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Smithville Parsonage, 10680 Southern Maryland Blvd.

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MD SHPO

South elevation

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Smithville Parsonage, 10650 Southern Maryland Blvd.  
Calvert County, MD

EHT Traceries

11/2003

MD SHPO

Northwestern corner

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Smithville Parsonage, 10680 Southern Maryland Blvd.  
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MP SHPO

West elevation

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## (Capsule)

## Smithville Parsonage

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The second reason why this building should be considered significant is not of lesser importance than its architectural value. The role of churchlife in rural America particularly prior to modern times, is sometimes underestimated. In a small 19th Century community such as Smithville, the local church or churches, often provided not only moral strength and guidance on Sundays, but social, educational, and other services as well throughout the week. It was in many instances the only gathering place which could house large groups of people. No less important then was the man in charge of the church or the building designated as his residence. Oral tradition as well as deed ref: AAHS/137 (copy attached) in the records of Calvert County reveal that this property was owned by the "Methodist Episcopal Church South" at "Smithville also called Dunkirk" and was the "parsonage property of the West River Circuit" at least until 1922 when, it was sold to Clinton T. Trott.

According to the present owner, a former resident of Smithville who is now deceased, \_\_\_\_\_, remembers attending school in the room of this building. Apparently tutoring was among the many duties which the the pastor performed for his community.

One can see then that his house played an important role in the lives of those residents of Smithville who belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, for it houses their pastor and tutor and today continues to have importance as an example of a specific period in American architectural history.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
Smithville Parsonage  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Southern Maryland Boulevard (Maryland Route 4)

CITY, TOWN  
Dunkirk

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Calvert

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

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

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN  
STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN  
STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**

The exact dates of this house are as yet unknown, however, it is known that it was owned by Smithville Methodist Church and used as a parsonage until 1922 (reference). Smithville Methodist Church was built in 184 . The front (E) portion of the house looks very much like it belongs to the Greek Revival period with its three bay wide, one deep plan and the gabled-end roof with deep cornices.

A Maple tree in the front yard is reported to be 150 years old.

The rear or west wing appears to be one or even two additions. The exterior siding of the rear portion is in shorter lengths and doesn't quite match that of the front and on the interior the floorboards of the two wings run in opposite directions. At the same time, however, continuous siding (which appears original) on the north facade and examination of the rafters in the attic suggest that the house may have been more than one bay deep originally. It is possible that the plan was already a L-shape and that only the portion which now contains the kitchen was added.

The present structure has 7" overlapping clapboard. The fenestration is regular and there is a third gable in the rear which matches those on the north and south facades. The windows are 6/6 and contain what may be some original glass. The floorboards are random width and appear to be original as does the molding and hardware.

There is a porch on the front or east end of the house. The materials (tongue/groove ceiling) and its relationship to the off center windows suggests that it may be a later addition, most likely of this century.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**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

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NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

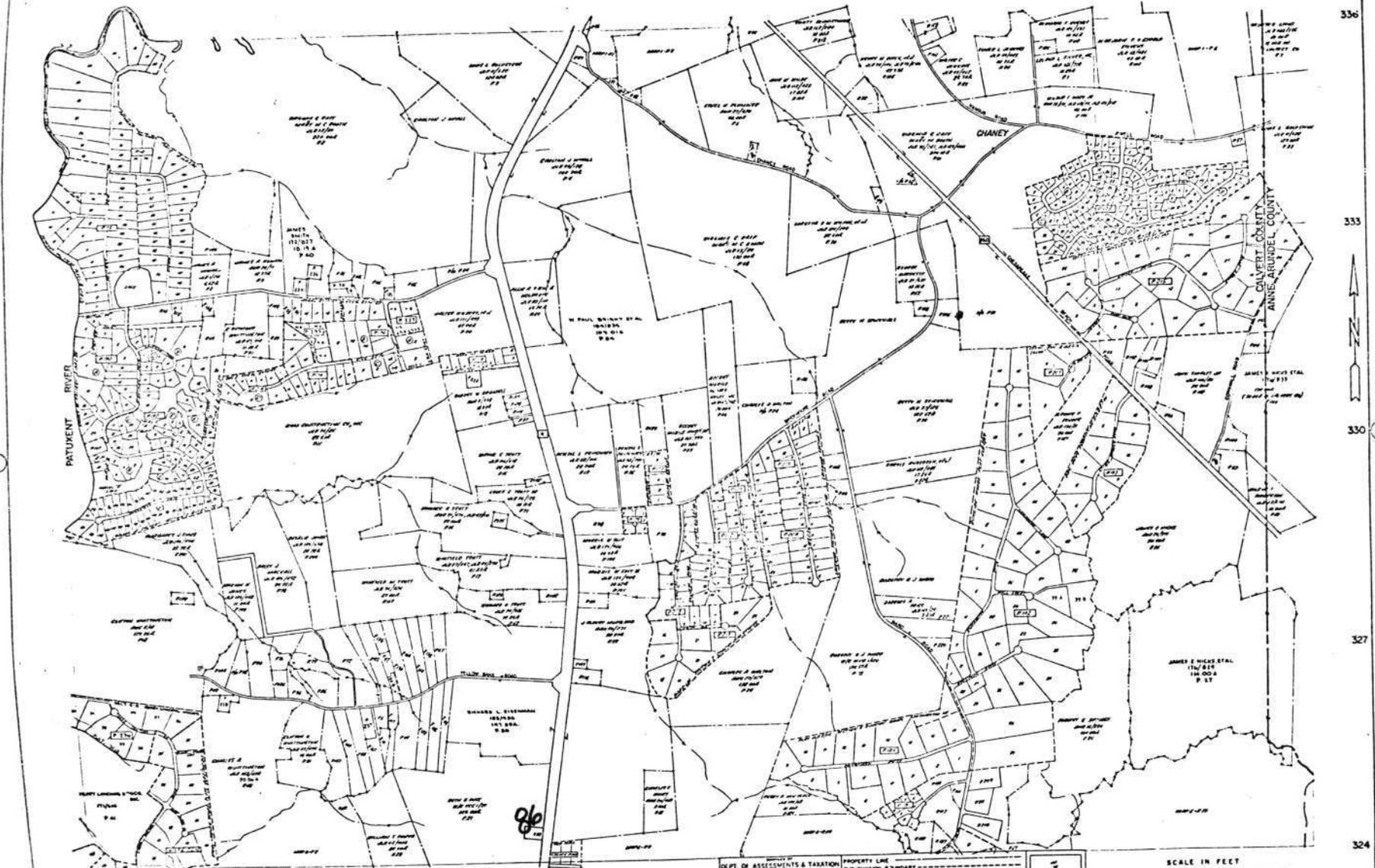
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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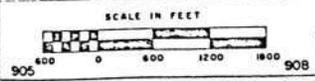
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 PLANNED BY  
 MAP SHEET 1-3-73

896

899

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 PROPERTY LINE  
 SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY  
 CONTAINING CORNER  
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 REVISED TO: 04-1-73



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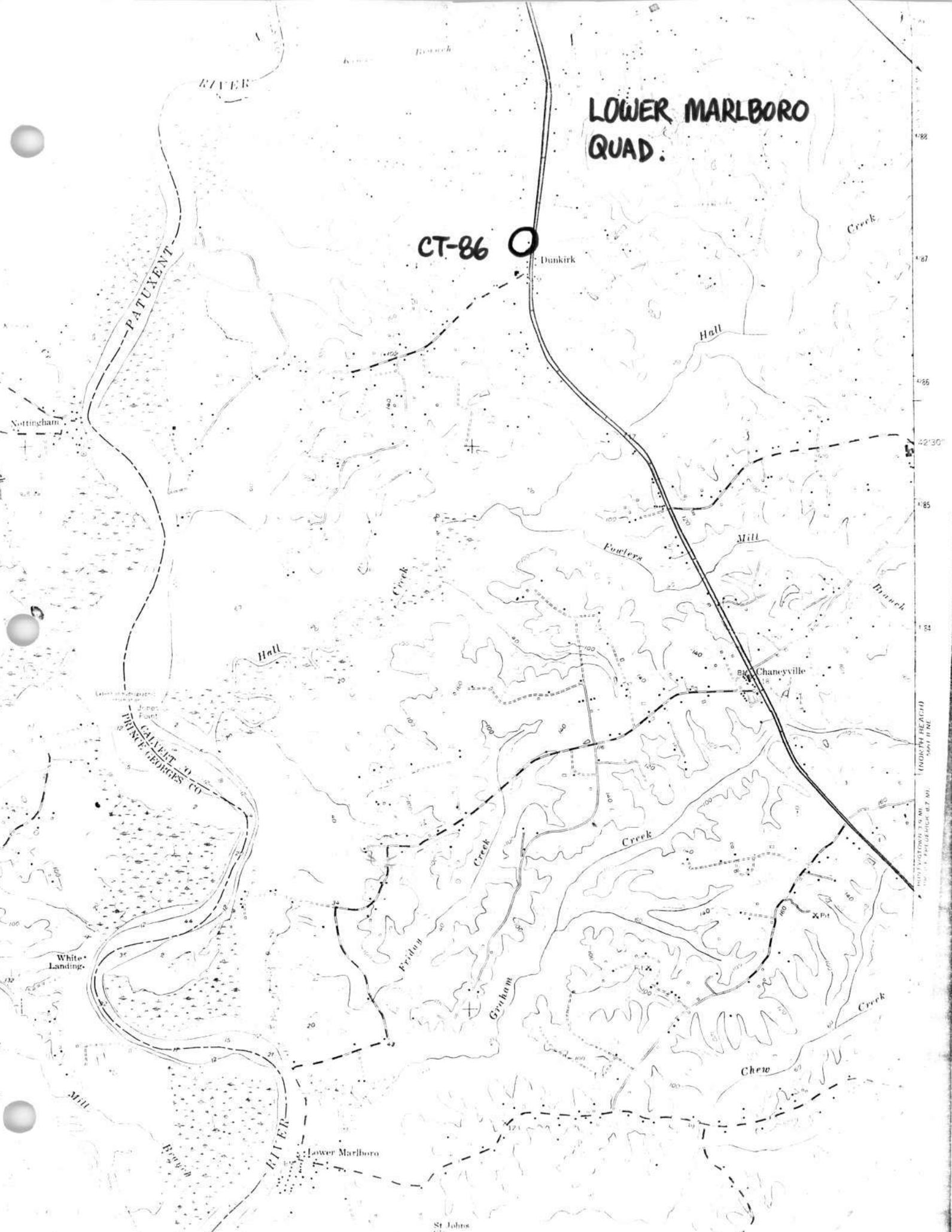
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 NOT TO SCALE

# LOWER MARLBORO QUAD.

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Dunkirk



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PHOTOGRAPHED BY AIR FORCE PHOTOGRAPHIC CENTER  
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