

ADDENDUM

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Chicamuxen School, site
Charles County, MD
Chicamuxen vic.
Cathy Hardy, July 2002

7. Description

Chicamuxen School was not located at the time of a recent field survey. According to local residents the site may have been moved to another location. No visible evidence was noted that would indicate the building was demolished.

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Chicamuxen School
Chicamuxen Vicinity
Private

c. 1870's

This one story, one room schoolhouse was built in the 1870's by Negroes in the community. After freedom, the Negro children had first gathered in the small log dwelling of the ex-slave grandparents of local informant William Diggs, but when that building became too crowded, this frame schoolhouse was built.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Chicamuxen School

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Reeder Lane, 1 mile south of its jct. with Rt. 224

CITY, TOWN Chicamuxen VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10

STATE Md. COUNTY Charles

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Reeder Lane was not shown on the tax maps in the county courthouse, and since there were a number of tracts in the vicinity of the telephone #.

STREET & NUMBER Schoolhouse, it was not possible to identify its specific

CITY, TOWN location re; ownership. The county has no records of this STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION school.

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN La Plata STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This building stands on the west side of Reeder Lane, which is today a seldom used dirt road, but ^h which in the 19th and early 20th centuries was one of the major county roads. The facade of the building faces that road with its doorway in the gable end. The roof line runs perpendicular to the road, in a west-east direction.

According to the local Negro oral informant, William Digges, this building was constructed as a school for the Negro children in the vicinity in the ^{late} 1870's. It was built by the Negroes in the community. The building is frame, and is sheathed with overlapping weatherboards. It is one bay in length across the facade, and two in depth. Through the center of the gable roof ascends a brick stove flue. The external appearance of the building today is dilapidated due to neglect, ^u though in earlier days when the school was in use, the grounds and the building would have been well-maintained, ^{AND} the site, which is increasingly overgrown, would have been far more attractive.

The interior consisted of one room. The stove flue descended to the joists, on which a small platform was built to support it. The stove pipe would have ascended to this point and been joined to the chimney. This is one of the few examples seen in this survey in which the chimney was not built down to the ground.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 checked="" 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Local Negroes

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to local informant, William Digges, this building was built as a school for Negroes in the Chicamuxen vicinity. It was built as a replacement for the first school formed after slavery. That schoolhouse was the home of his grandparents, a log house which they built and which served as the ^{family} dwelling, the schoolhouse, and the church on Sundays for the Negro community. By the 1870's that small log house had become too crowded for the many children, so this building was constructed. It remained in use throughout the first half of the 20th century, Digges having attended here in the 1920's.

The building is capable of being salvaged and moved as an auxiliary building for a county school.

I called the county system to learn more of the history of the school and to document the oral information, but the representative from the school system did not know of the school, did not know of any records that the county would have of its history, and in general was ignorant and uncooperative.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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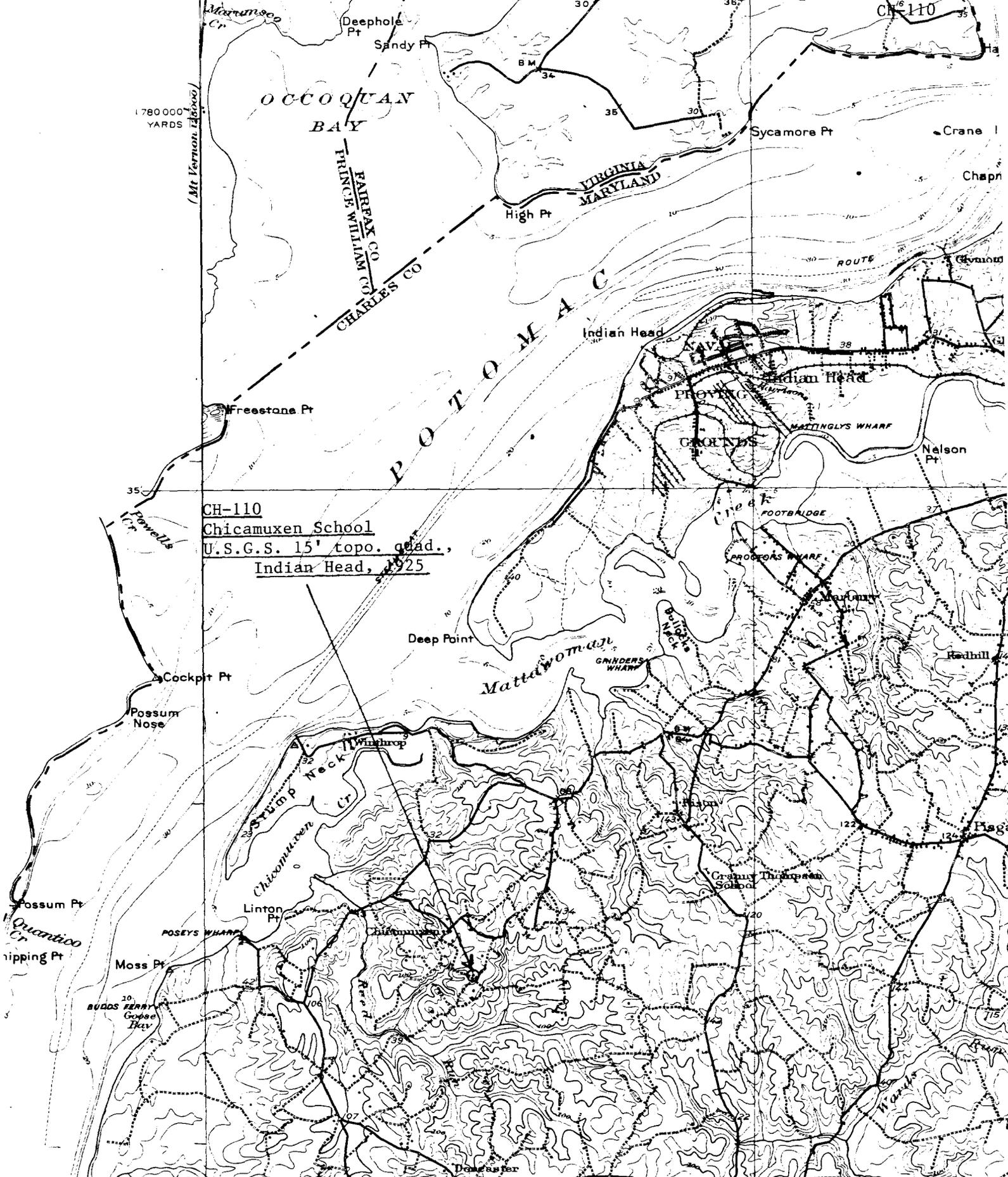
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Chicamuxen School
U.S.G.S. 15' topo. quad.,
Indian Head, 1925

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Goose Bay

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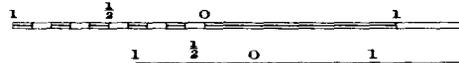
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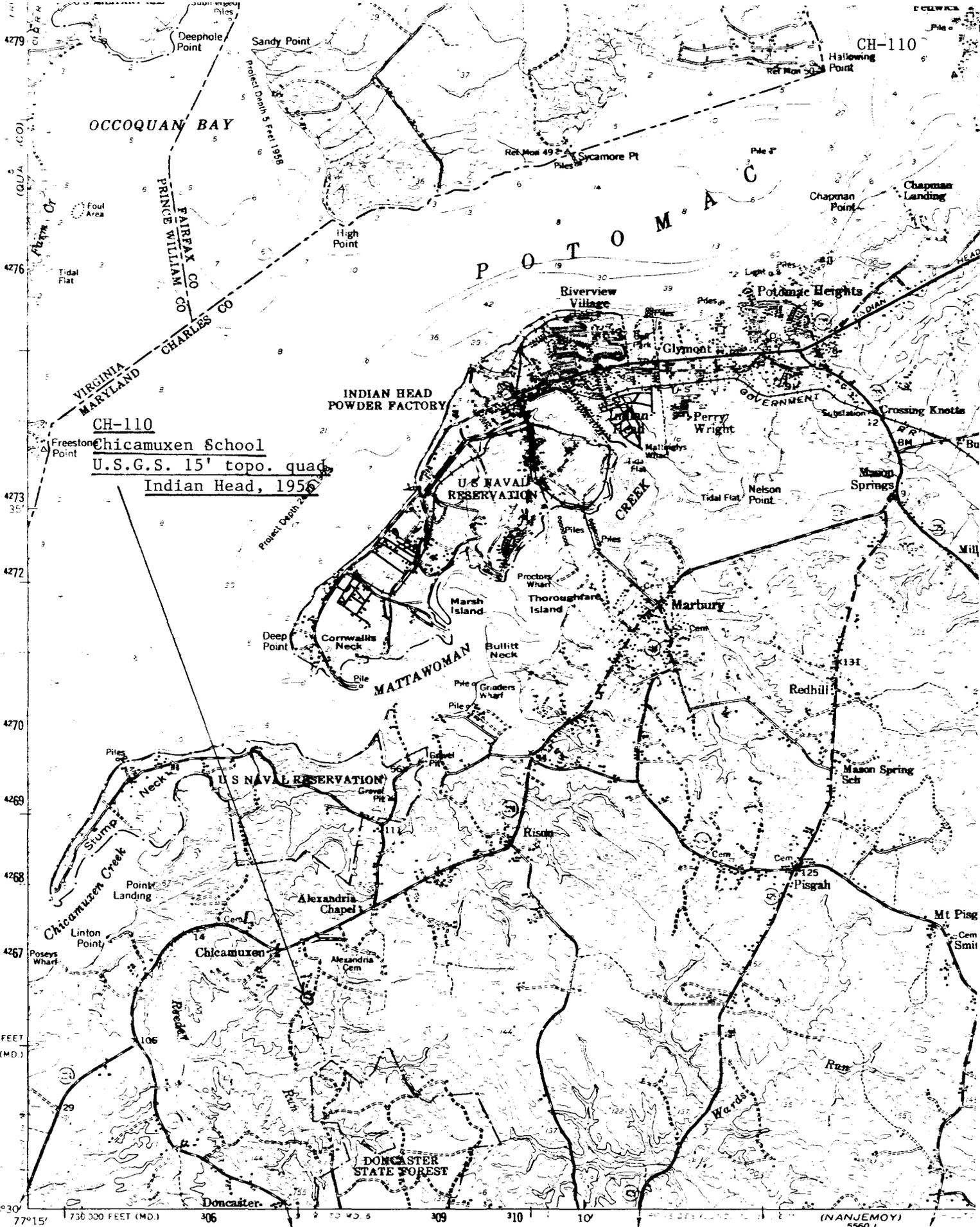
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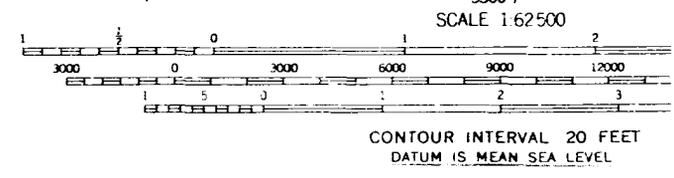
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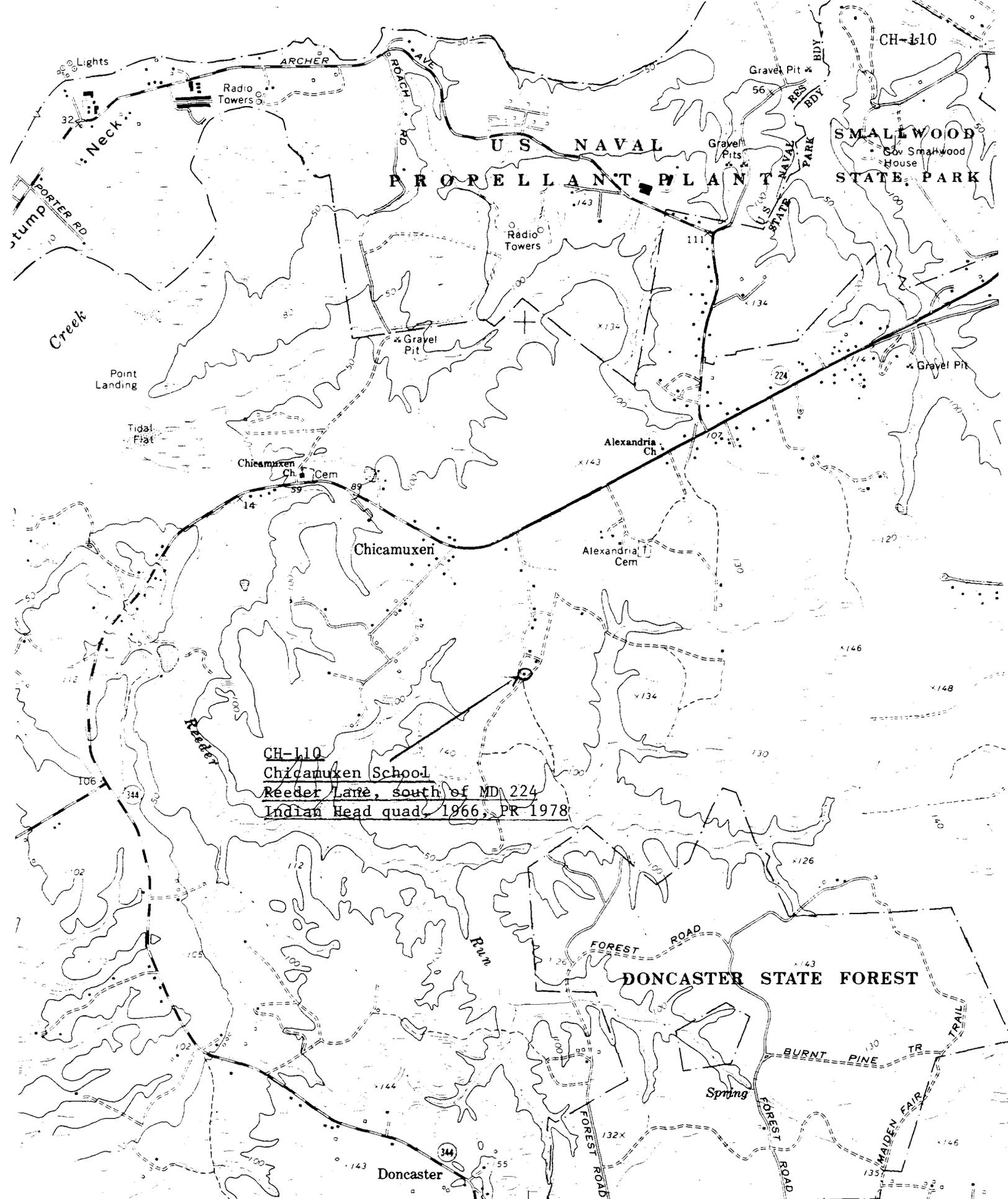


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 Chicamuxen School
 U.S.G.S. 15' topo. quad
 Indian Head, 1956

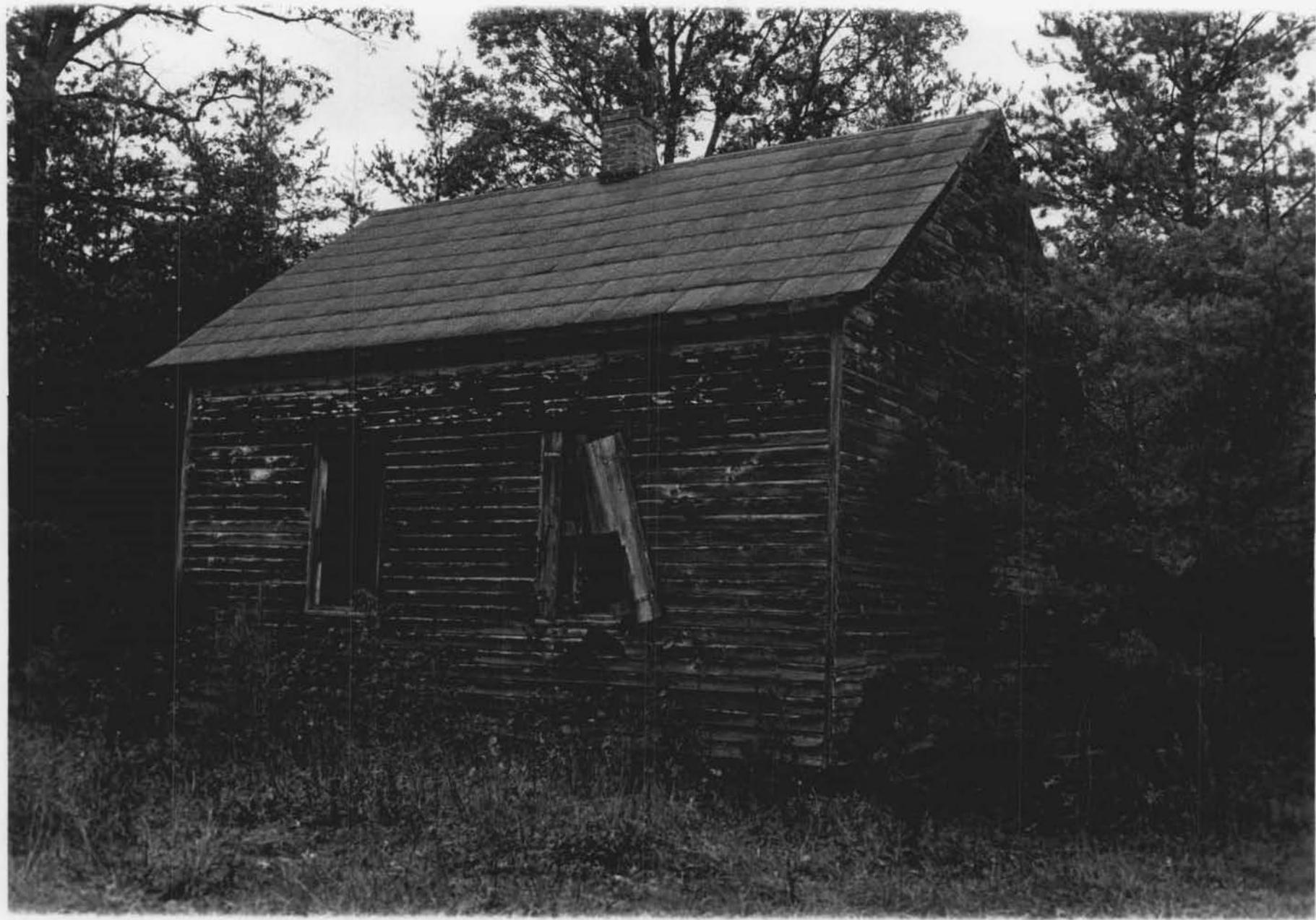
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 Chicamuxen School
 Reeder Lane, south of MD 224
 Indian Head quad, 1966, PR 1978



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Chicamuxen School

Chicamuxen, Maryland

South elevation

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Chicamuxen School

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Facade, East view

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