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Port Tobacco Courthouse  
Port Tobacco

c. 1820

A simple, three-part Federal-style brick structure built between 1819 and 1821, the central block of the courthouse was destroyed by fire in 1892 and only the two flanking wings were left standing. Eventually the north wing was demolished, and the south wing renovated as a Baptist Chapel. In 1972, with State funding, the main block and north wing were rebuilt and the surviving south wing returned to its original appearance. In the course of an archeological study of the site in 1968, a portion of what was believed to have been the foundations of the 1709 Protestant church were found beneath the west wall of the south wing and the south wall of the main block.

Owned by the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco, the building is maintained by that organization as their headquarters and as a museum of local history, and is a frequently visited county tourist attraction.

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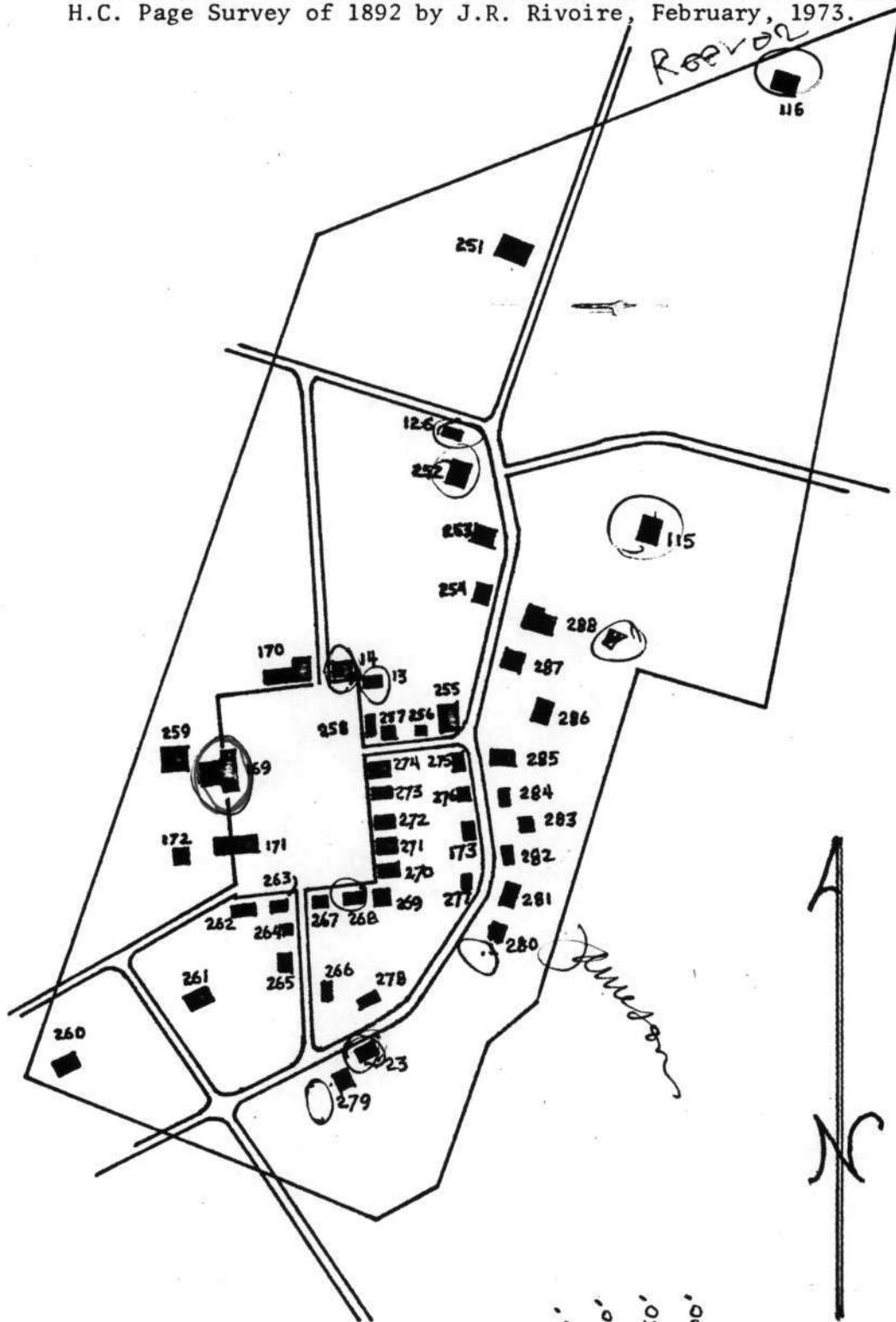
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Port Tobacco Courthouse  
Reconstruction 1971-72  
(Site - Original Courthouse: 1819-92)

Port Tobacco Courthouse within the Port Tobacco Historic District  
(NR) CH-372.

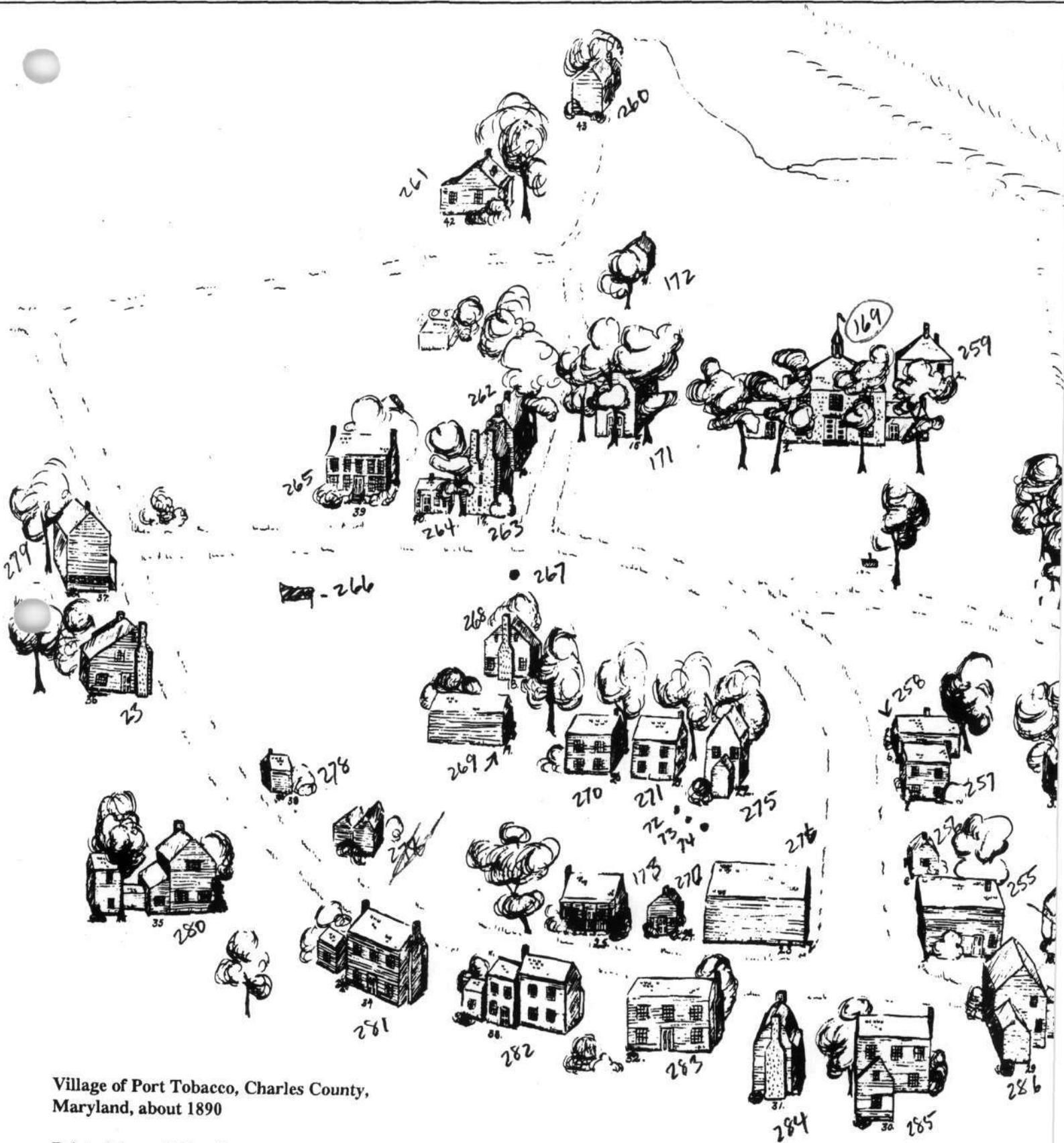
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Port Tobacco Court House  
(Approximate location based on  
H.C. Page Survey of 1892 as drawn by J.R. Rivoire [1973])  
Port Tobacco  
Port Tobacco Quad.  
Charles County



1892 Boundaries of the Village of Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland, Showing the Locations of Buildings, Sites, and Areas (Aboriginal and Colonial) of Archaeological Significance, that Exist Within the Settlement. Reduced and Drawn from the Original H.C. Page Survey of 1892 by J.R. Rivoire, February, 1973.



Scale 50' 100' 150' 200'



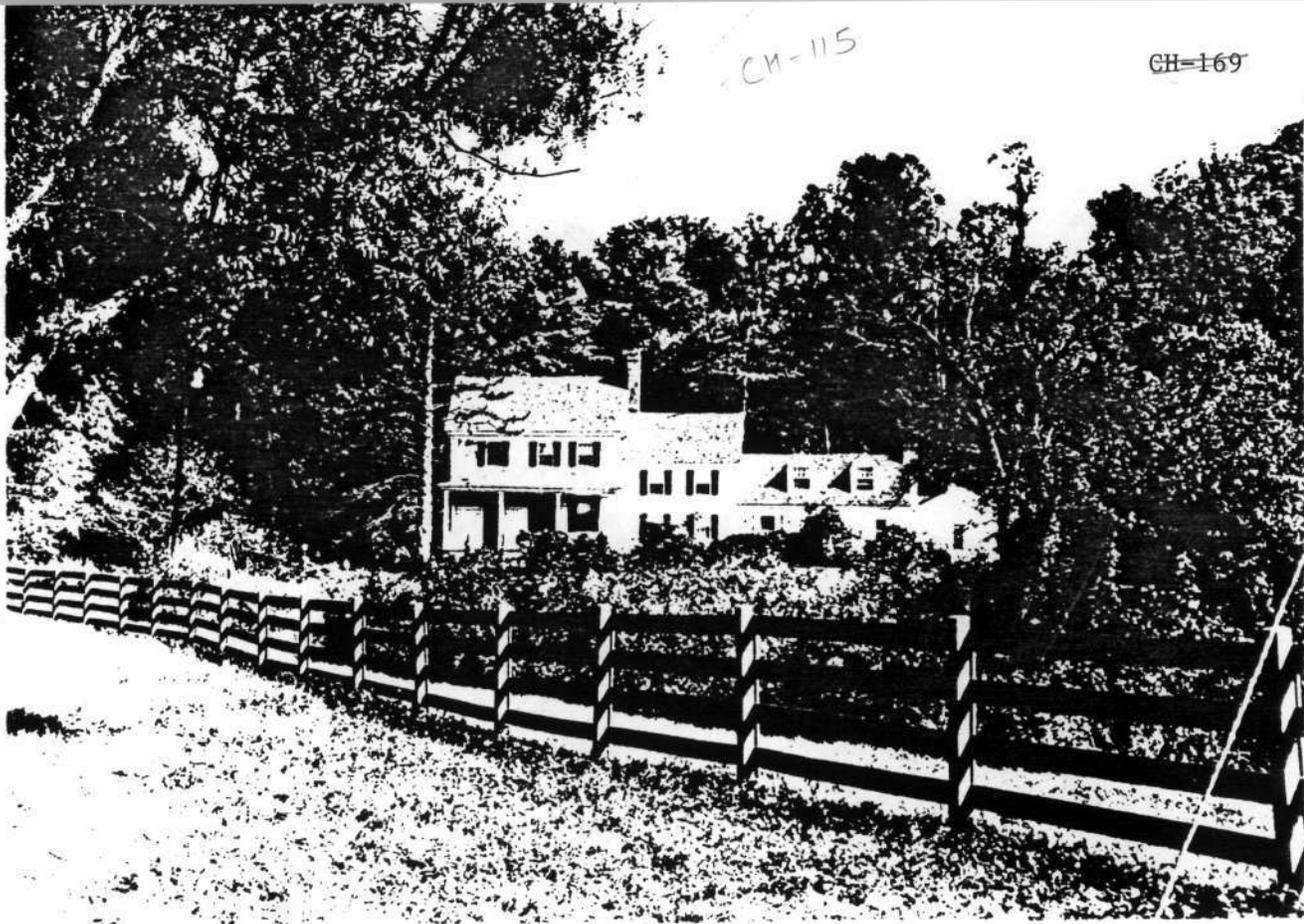
Village of Port Tobacco, Charles County,  
Maryland, about 1890

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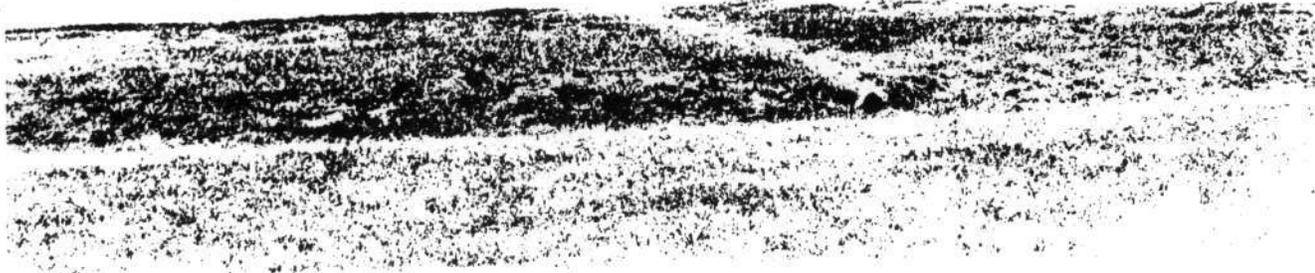
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MARYLAND SHPD  
BOSWELL-COMPTON HOUSE, W. FRONT, FROM  
CHAPEL POINT ROAD

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PORT TOBACCO  
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J.R. RIVORE  
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MARYLAND SHPD

EAST FRONT OF 1819-1821 COURTHOUSE (FELON.);  
1950 WELL HOUSE TO VIEWERS RIGHT

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PORT TOBACCO  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
S. R. RIVOIRE  
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1819-1821 COURTHOUSE (RECON.) AS  
VIEWED FROM NE

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PORT TOBACCO  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
S. R. RIVOIRE  
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MARYLAND SHPD

CHIMNEY HOUSE TO LEFT; STALL HALL TO RIGHT.  
CAMERA FACING NORTH

B/18



PORT TOBALCO  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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MARYLAND SHPD

MODERN RESIDENCE ON SITE OF CUSWZEL'S  
STORE. EARLY BUILDING SITES IN  
FOREGROUND.

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PORT TOBALCO  
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
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VIEW OF RECONSTRUCTED COURTHOUSE FROM  
SE WITH SITE OF CHRIST CHURCH '51  
EAST 20TH & CEMETERY IN FOREGROUND.

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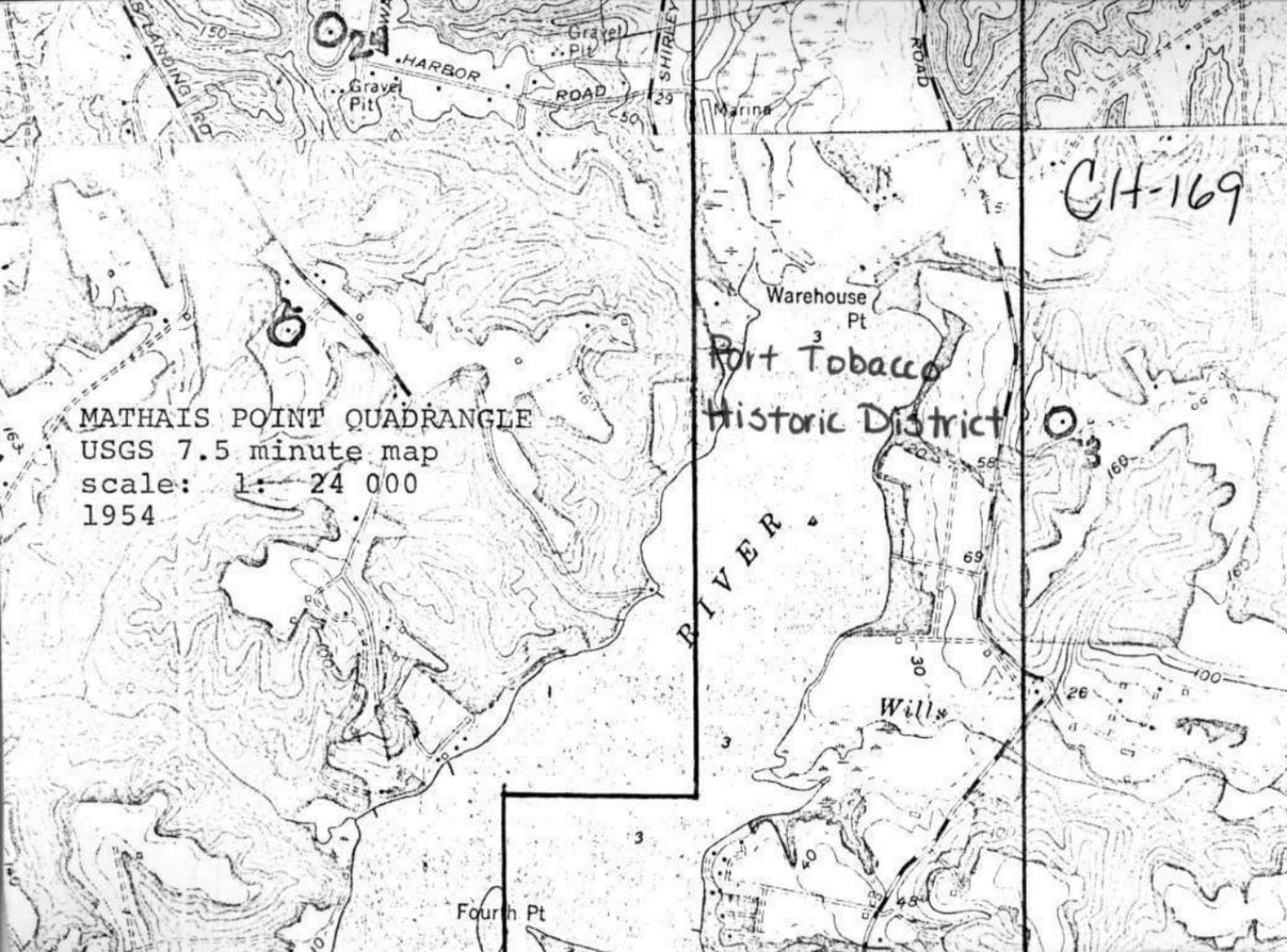


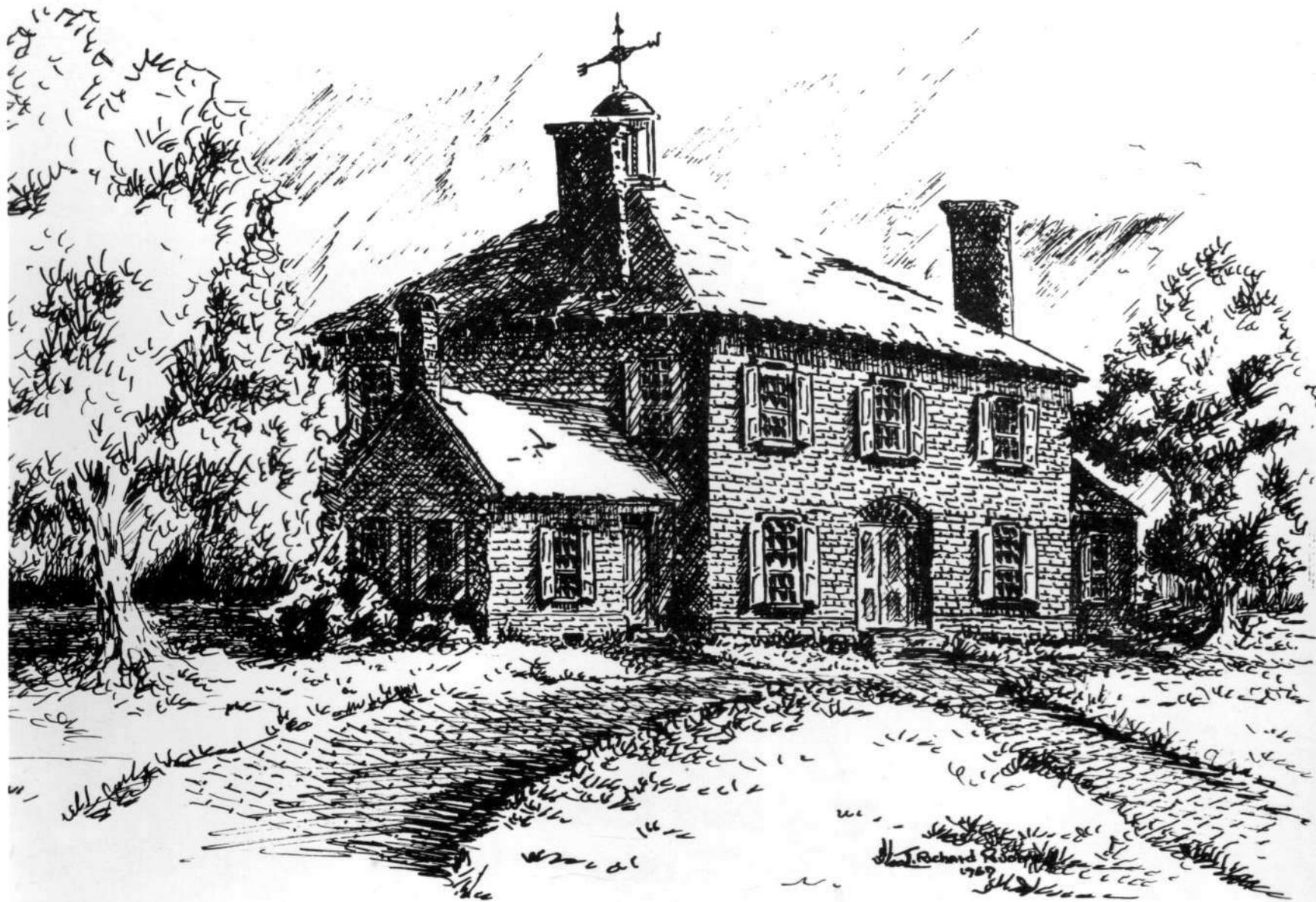
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USGS 7.5 minute map  
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1954

Warehouse Pt  
Port Tobacco<sup>3</sup>  
Historic District

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Fourth Pt





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