

CH-182
Alice V. Sideler House
Pisgah vic.
Private

circa 1890
circa 1930

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-182

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Alice V. Sideler House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 7995 Poor House Road not for publication _____

city or town Pisgah vicinity X state Maryland code MD

county Charles code 017 zip code 20646

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th Century: I-house (altered)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: not visible

roof side gable: asphalt shingles

walls frame: aluminum siding

other original cladding: wood German siding

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance circa 1890

Significant Dates circa 1890
circa 1930

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 27.584 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 7995 Poor House Road is designated as Parcel 4 on Map 42, Grid 2 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 7995 Poor House Road has been associated with Parcel 4, Map 42 since its construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By

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 organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Nov. 25, 1998
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 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Patricia Buckley Oesterling
 street & number 6815 Annapolis Woods Rd telephone 301-743-7694
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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Defined by its vernacular I-house form, the Alice V. Sideler House is a 2-story wood frame structure with a side gable roof and a single-pile, center hall plan. The building is three bays wide and one deep with a full-width enclosed porch dominating the facade. The house is minimally decorated with plain square-edged wood casings defining the window and door openings. The majority of the original 2/2 wood sash has been replaced, and some of the windows enlarged. The exterior has been reclad, and a substantial 2-story frame addition was made to the house's south gable end circa 1930.

The Sideler House occupies a level, generally open 27.5-acre lot located at the west corner of the intersection of Ripley/Annapolis Woods Road and Poor House Road. The house faces east and is surrounded by several mature trees and four domestic outbuildings. A narrow dirt driveway accesses the house from Poor House Road, to the north.

Standing on a pier foundation of indeterminate material, the house rises to two framed stories clad in aluminum siding. Originally, the building featured wood German siding on its exterior. The side gable roof has also been reclad with asphalt shingles, and the north end exterior chimney added or rebuilt. The roof terminates in open non-decorative eaves.

The house's unassuming facade is dominated by a 1-story, 3-bay full-width porch that has been enclosed with wood German siding and groups of triple windows. The porch is roofed with a asphalt-shingled half hip and the main entry is now located at the center of this enclosed porch. The entrance holds a panel-and-light wood door that is flanked by a group of three 1/1 wood sash windows on either side. Similar groups of windows light the north and south walls of the enclosed porch.

The second story of the facade is divided by three window openings, the center one being distinctly smaller in size due to the height of the porch's roof. It contains a 6/6 sash window, while the two larger windows that flank it contain 1/1 wood sash. Based on the building's proportions and the size of its single remaining original sash (on the north gable end), it is likely that these windows, and those of the opposite elevation, were enlarged at one time.

The north gable end of the house contains a single second-story opening consisting of a 2/2 wood sash window. This appears to be the sole remaining original sash, and most likely reflects the

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original dimensions of the building's windows.

The rear elevation has a similar layout as the facade. Facing west, this elevation is again dominated by a 1-story, full-width enclosed porch. Larger in dimensions than the front porch, this porch appears to represent an addition to the original structure. The porch is enclosed with a continuous band of 1/1 wood sash windows trimmed with square wood casings. The shed roof of the porch is covered in asphalt shingles, and a single multi-light wood door opens into the porch.

The west wall's second story is pierced by three identical window openings, each containing a single 1/1 wood sash, and surrounded by a square-edged wood casing.

Located at the south gable end of the original I-house, the circa-1930 2-story frame addition exceeds the original house in height. Set on a poured concrete foundation, the addition is 1-bay wide and one deep. Its side gable roof aligns with the original house, and is also clad in asphalt shingles. The addition features a boxed cornice that terminates in decorative scroll-sawn returns.

Both the south and east elevations of this addition are pierced by two sash windows, one 6/6 window on the first story, and one 1/1 sash on the second. No casings surround the windows. At the rear of the addition, no windows break the wall surface. Instead, a 2-story tower without windows has been added adjacent to the rear porch of the original house.

In addition, the owner indicated that a partial basement was dug underneath the original house during the late 1930s. The bulkhead entry to the basement is located on the north gable end of the house.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Four outbuildings, three contributing and one non-contributing, surround the house. The one-story frame chicken house once stood on another part of the property, but is now sited just south of the main house. Set on a wood pier foundation, the chicken house features a side gable roof covered in deteriorated asphalt shingles, a centered panel-and-light door, wood German siding, and 6/6 wood sash windows. The building appears to date to the 1930s or 1940s.

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Standing just east of the chicken house is a 1930s two-car frame garage with a front gable roof and wood German siding. Two sheds occupy the area southwest of the main dwelling. One, built circa 1930, has a side gable roof, a single-leaf paneled door accompanied by a single window, and wood weatherboard cladding. Its original use was not determined. Finally, a non-contributing 1-story concrete block shed with a front gable roof and double-leaf vertical board door stands south and west of the historic shed.

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Alice Sideler acquired the property on which the house stands in 1883 from Pamela O. Sideler. At that time the lot was only seventeen acres in size. In later years (1935 and 1941), the family acquired additional acreage, resulting in the present 27.5-acre plot.

Alice Sideler and her husband had the original house erected circa 1890.¹ By 1931, Alice was widowed, and she passed ownership of her property to Agnes R. Buckley. Agnes and her husband, James M. Buckley, retained the property for many years, transferring the property to their daughter, the current owner, in 1981.

During the late 19th and into the early 20th century, Charles County was predominantly rural and agricultural. Following the Civil War, the County underwent a long period of recession, with many of its wealthy farming families abandoning their farms and moving out of the area. Their large estates were slowly divided among former tenant farmers into smaller farms, and cultivated with a more diverse array of crops, including grains, vegetables, and tobacco. By the early 20th century, many of these smaller farmsteads had become well established and their owners had the means to construct relatively substantial homes.

¹ Date derived from owner's information. Owner indicated that her mother, Agnes R. Buckley, was born at the house in 1893.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-
1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcel A:

February 4, 1873:

Barnes & Mary H. Compton to Stephen
McKeel & James W. Husted
352 acres, 1 rood, 20 perches
Known as "Annapolis Woods"
Charles County Land Records
Liber GAH 3 Folio 575

July 1, 1897:

Helen M. Husted of Peekskill, NY to
J. Benjamin Mattingly of La Plata,
MD
\$1200
352 acres, 1 rood, 20 perches
Part of "McConkie's Deal" & "Pine
Grove," known as "Annapolis Woods"
Being a portion of land of a life
estate left to Barnes Compton by the
will of John Barnes around 1844
Charles County Land Records
Liber JST 9 Folio 374

April 30, 1918:

J. Benjamin & Anna J. Mattingly to
Joseph H. Howard & Francis E.
Mattingly
\$10
192 acres
Part of two tracts called
"McConkie's Deal" and "Pine Grove"
and recently known as "Annapolis
Woods"
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 33 Folio 40

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March 5, 1935: Francis E. & Sarah E. Mattingly to
James M. & Agnes R. Buckley
\$10
22.25 acres as shown in survey made
by Louis H. Steffens, August 30,
1934
A portion of a tract of land
formerly owned by Francis Mattingly
& Joseph H. Howard
Charles County Land Records
Liber 61 Folio 632

Parcel B:

December 11, 1883: Pamela O. Sideler to Alice V.
Sideler
\$40.00
3 acres (following deed notes this
as an error, actually 17 acres)
Known as "Port of Three Sisters" on
the road leading from Port Tobacco
to Pisgah and adjoining "Annapolis
Woods," formerly owned by Barnes
Compton
Charles County Land Records
Liber BGS 7 Folio 256

July 29, 1931: Alice V. Sideler, widow to Agnes R.
Buckley
\$5.00
17 acres surveyed by Louis H.
Steffens, July 15, 1931
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 53 Folio 679

June 8, 1937: Agnes R. & James M. Buckley to James
C. Mitchell
Charles County Land Records
Mortgage
Liber WMA 65 Folio 473

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June 5, 1937:

James C. Mitchell to James M. &
Agnes R. Buckley
17 acres on south side of the road
leading from Port Tobacco to Pisgah
near the intersection of that road
with the road to Hill Top
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 65 Folio 474

Parcel C:

December 16, 1887:

Pliny Bowie to George Willis
\$10
2 acres
Known as "Annapolis Woods" being
part of a farm called "Greenwood
Farm"
Charles County Land Records
Liber HCC 25 Folio 39

Parcel C1:

August 15, 1913:

Hattie & Walter Smith, James & Bell
Willis, Bertice & Arthur G. Wood
(heirs at law of George Willis) of
Washington, DC to George Hackerson
\$125
4 acres
part of 'Greenwood' farm
Charles County Land Records
Liber HCC 26 Folio 618

Parcel C2:

August 15, 1913:

Hattie & Walter Smith, James & Bell
Willis, Bertice & Arthur G. Wood of
Washington, DC to George Hackerson
\$25
2 acres
part of 'Greenwood' farm
Charles County Land Records
Liber HCC 26 Folio 619

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Parcels C: & C2:

March 3, 1941:

Joseph & Aline Hackerson of Pisgah
and James C. Mitchell of La Plata to
James M. & Agnes R. Buckley of
Pisgah
\$125
6 acres
"Part of Greenwood": Part of land
inherited by Joseph Hackerson from
George Hackerson
Charles County Land Records
Liber 73 Folio 525

Parts of Parcels A, B & C:

July 31, 1981:

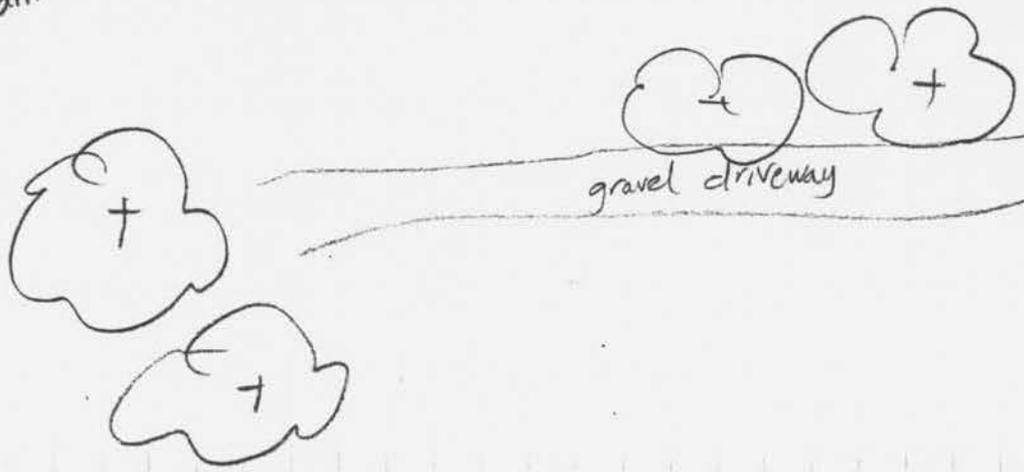
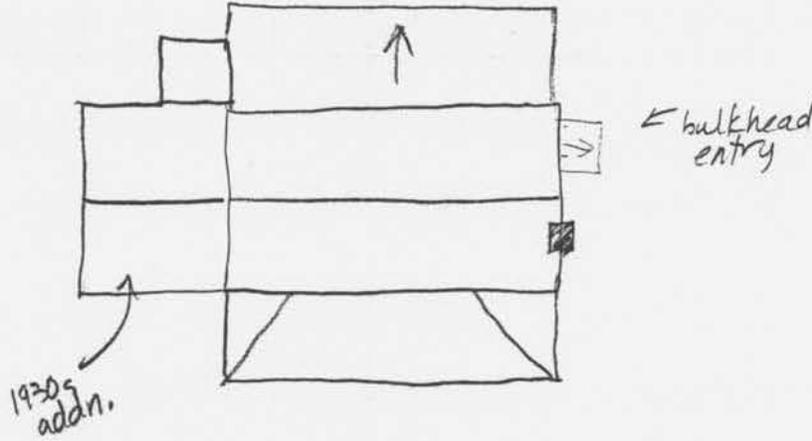
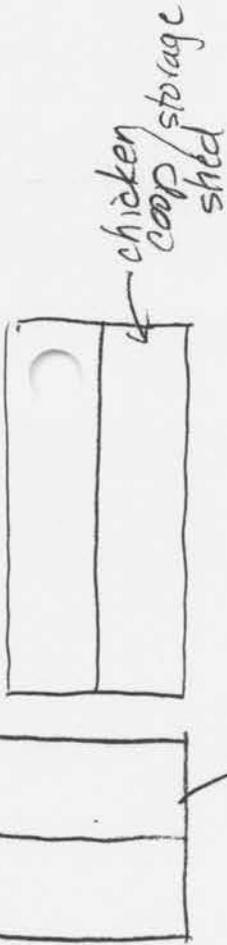
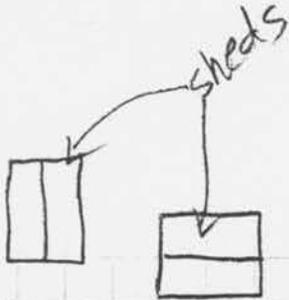
Agnes R. Buckley to Patricia Buckley
Oesterling
42.94 acres as shown on plat dated
November 3, 1970 by D.H. Steffens
Charles County Land Records
Liber 793 Folio 229

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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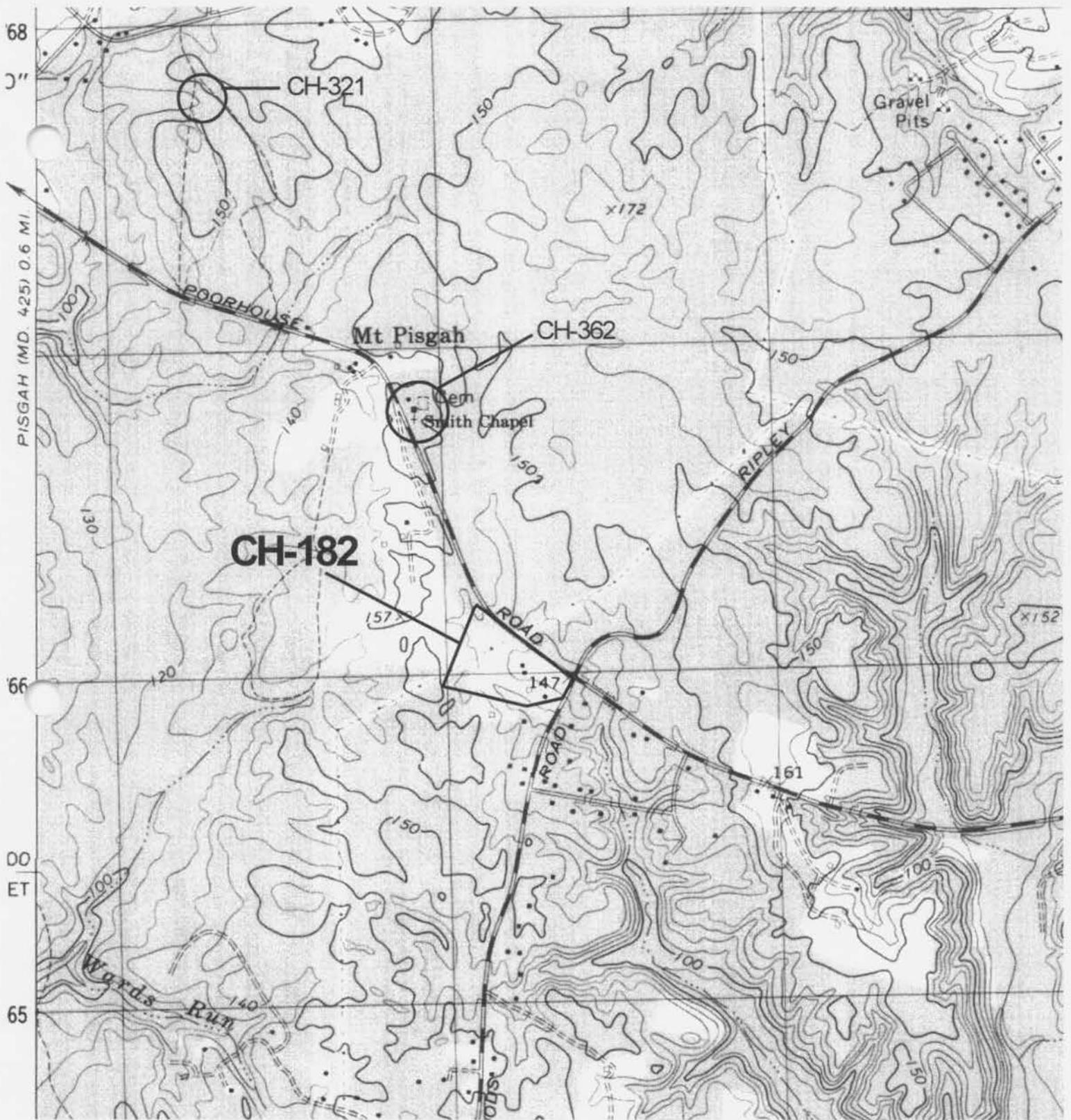
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7995 POOR HOUSE RD.
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Poor House Rd.

Annapolis Woods Rd.



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OUTBUILDINGS, GARAGE & CHICKEN HOUSE, LOOKING
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OUTBUILDINGS - SHEDS, LOOKING SW

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