

**CH-502  
Thompson Property  
Bryans Road vic.  
Private**

**1850-1870  
1934**

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The more recent frame Bungalow erected in 1934 along the southwest side of Marshall Hall Road is typical in form and style of the many simple rural dwellings erected in Charles County during the 1920s through the 1940s.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-502

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Thompson Property  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 2549 Marshall Hall Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Bryans Road vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Charles code 017 zip code 20616

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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

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Storage shed

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

No style

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: not visible

roof side gable: corrugated metal

walls frame: wood weatherboard

other \_\_\_\_\_

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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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1850-1870  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates 1850-1870

1934  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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Acreeage of Property 2.068 acres

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

The property at 2549 Marshall Hall Road is designated as Parcel 62 on Map 5, Grid 12 on the Charles County Property Map.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The dwelling at 2549 Marshall Hall Road has been associated with Parcel 62, Map 5 since its construction between 1850 and 1870.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian  
 organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Oct.14,1998  
 street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689  
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Joseph H. & Connie M. Thompson  
 street & number 2549 Marshall Hall Rd. telephone 301-283-3029  
 city or town Bryans Road state MD zip code 20616

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county and state

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19TH CENTURY DWELLING:

The frame 19th century dwelling is 1-1/2-stories in height and measures approximately 16 by 26 feet in plan. The symmetrical facade is three bays wide with a centered entrance flanked by window openings that are missing their sash. Only two other window openings light the interior, both on the northwest gable end. The windows pierce the wall at the lower and upper stories. The lower of the two has been covered over by exterior cladding, but is visible from the interior.

The foundation of the building was not visible at the time of the survey. It appears that whatever its material and configuration, it has deteriorated to the point that the building's sill now sits nearly directly on the ground. The building's exterior has various cladding. The facade is covered in wood German siding common to the late 19th and early 20th century, while the sides and rear have rough wood weatherboard cladding, loosely applied as if to an outbuilding. The roof is covered with replacement corrugated metal sheets.

The interior of the dwelling is divided into two rooms, with the larger of the two on the southeast end. This larger room contains a steep stair that rises to the loft space above. A light partition wall divides the two first floor rooms. Evidence of plaster and lath attached with cut nails remains on the undersides of the second floor joists. Horizontally applied tongue-and-groove beadboard, typical of early 20th century interiors, was added on the walls of the smaller room. The floor consists of 3-inch tongue-and-groove boards.

The building is lightly framed with a hand hewn sill and some reciprocal sawn studs and corner posts. The structure is down braced at its corners. Many replacement elements have been introduced, including the roof structure and second floor joists which are circular sawn. The owner suggested that it was once a 2-story structure which has been lowered to 1-1/2 stories. In addition, the lack of evidence of a heat source suggests that the

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building may have been moved to this site after it was abandoned as a dwelling.

1930s BUNGALOW:

The frame bungalow, erected at the front of the property circa 1934, consists of a 1-1/2-story front gable building with an inset front porch. The house stands on a pier foundation screened from view by an aluminum curtain pressed to simulate rusticated stone blocks. Clad in aluminum siding, the house is pierced by several single and paired windows containing original 6/6 and 6/1 double-hung sash. Two interior corbeled cap chimneys break the asphalt shingle-clad roof, along with two gable front dormers on each roof slope.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Three outbuildings surround the 1930s bungalow. The largest of these is a 1-story, 2-part frame workshop. Constructed in the 1930s or 1940s, the workshop is constructed of solid vertical boards set in the ground and covered by a corrugated metal gable roof. A 1-story frame addition extends off the northwest end of the workshop, while an interior brick stove flue breaks the roof line.

A 1950s front gable shed also occupies the property. Of frame construction, this shed features a poured concrete foundation, vertical board cladding, and an asphalt shingle roof. The third outbuilding is a small 1940s machine shed with a sloping shed roof covered in asphalt shingles. The shed stands on a poured concrete foundation and is clad in vertical boards.

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The Thompson Property also incorporates a second historic house which is indicative of the bungalow form of the 1920s and 1930s. This circa-1934 frame bungalow is one of the good examples of the form remaining in the northern section of Charles County. The house has been only minorly altered and displays typical features of its period and style.

The Thompson Property was once a part of a larger tract known as "Market Overton" (see CH-56, Market Overton). Richard B. Posey purchased "Market Overton" in 1859, and later, in 1874, sold 214 acres of it to William H. Clagett. The Clagett family retained the property until 1902, when they sold a 10 acre portion of it to Johnson Raymond. Raymond sold off 2 acres of this tract to William H. Thompson in 1932. William Thompson died intestate in 1970, leaving his property to his sons and daughters. The current owner, who acquired the property outright in 1990, is one of William Thompson's heirs.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Agricultural-Industrial Transition,  
1815-1870  
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:**

May 4, 1859: John W. Mitchell, Trustee to Richard  
B. Posey  
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Charles County Land Records  
Liber JHC 1 Folio 132

November 3, 1874: Richard B. & Elizabeth B. Posey to  
William H. Clagett  
\$2000  
214 acres, Part of "Market Overton"  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber GAH 4 Folio 491

March 3, 1896: William & Hattie R. Clagett to  
George Clagett & James J. Clagett  
140 acres known as part of "Market  
Overton" in Pomonkey and lying on  
the west side of the road leading  
from Pomonkey to Marshall Hall  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber JST 8 Folio 250

May 29, 1902: George M. Kate Clagett of  
Washington, DC & James G. Clagett of  
Charles County to Johnson Raymond  
\$100  
10 acres more or less  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber BGS 13 Folio 61

March 12, 1932: Johnson Raymond, widower of  
Washington, DC to William H. &  
Esthelery A. Thompson  
\$10  
2 acres  
On west side of the main road  
leading to Marshall Hall  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber 54 Folio 690

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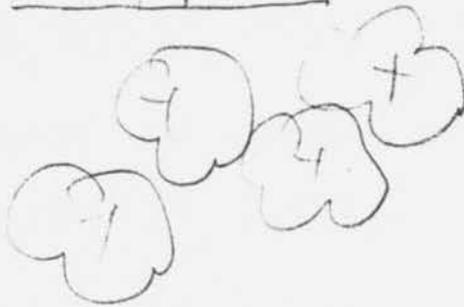
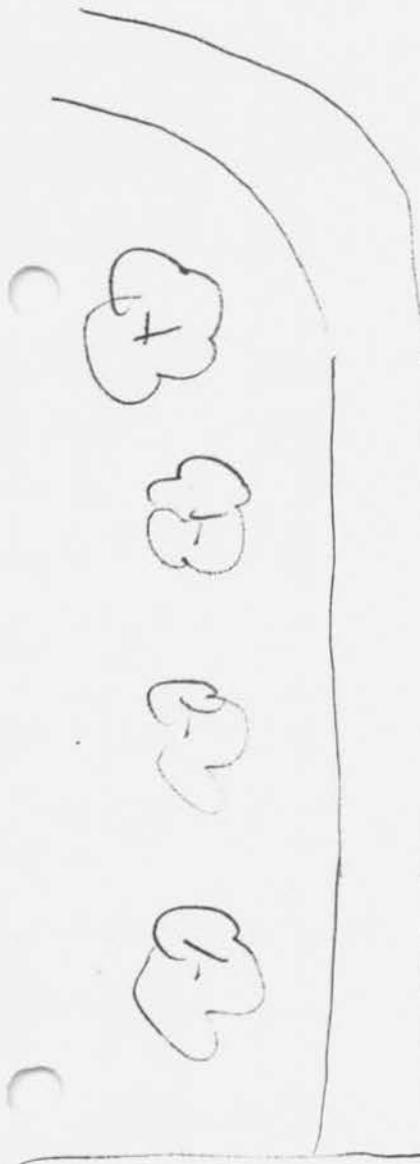
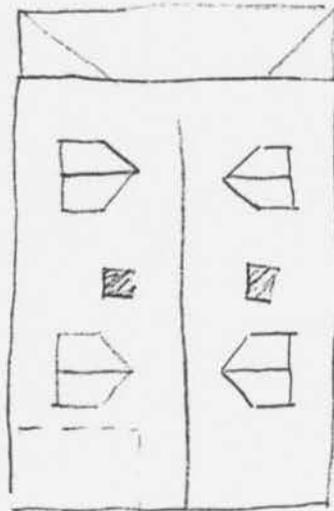
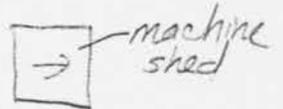
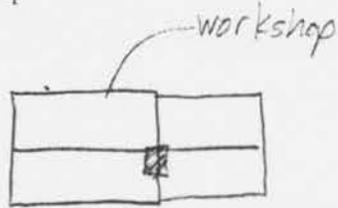
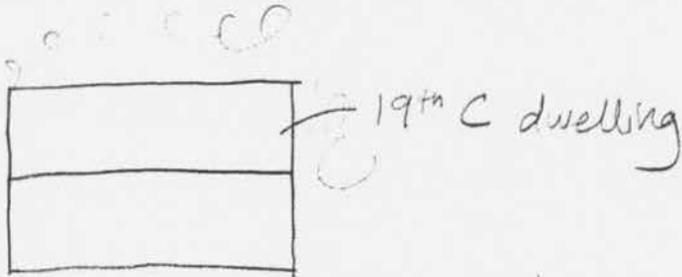
Alice McCaskill, Mildred L.  
Thompson, Hosea N. Thompson and  
Pearl C. Furey to Joseph H. & Connie  
M. Thompson  
2 acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber 1446 Folio 21

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

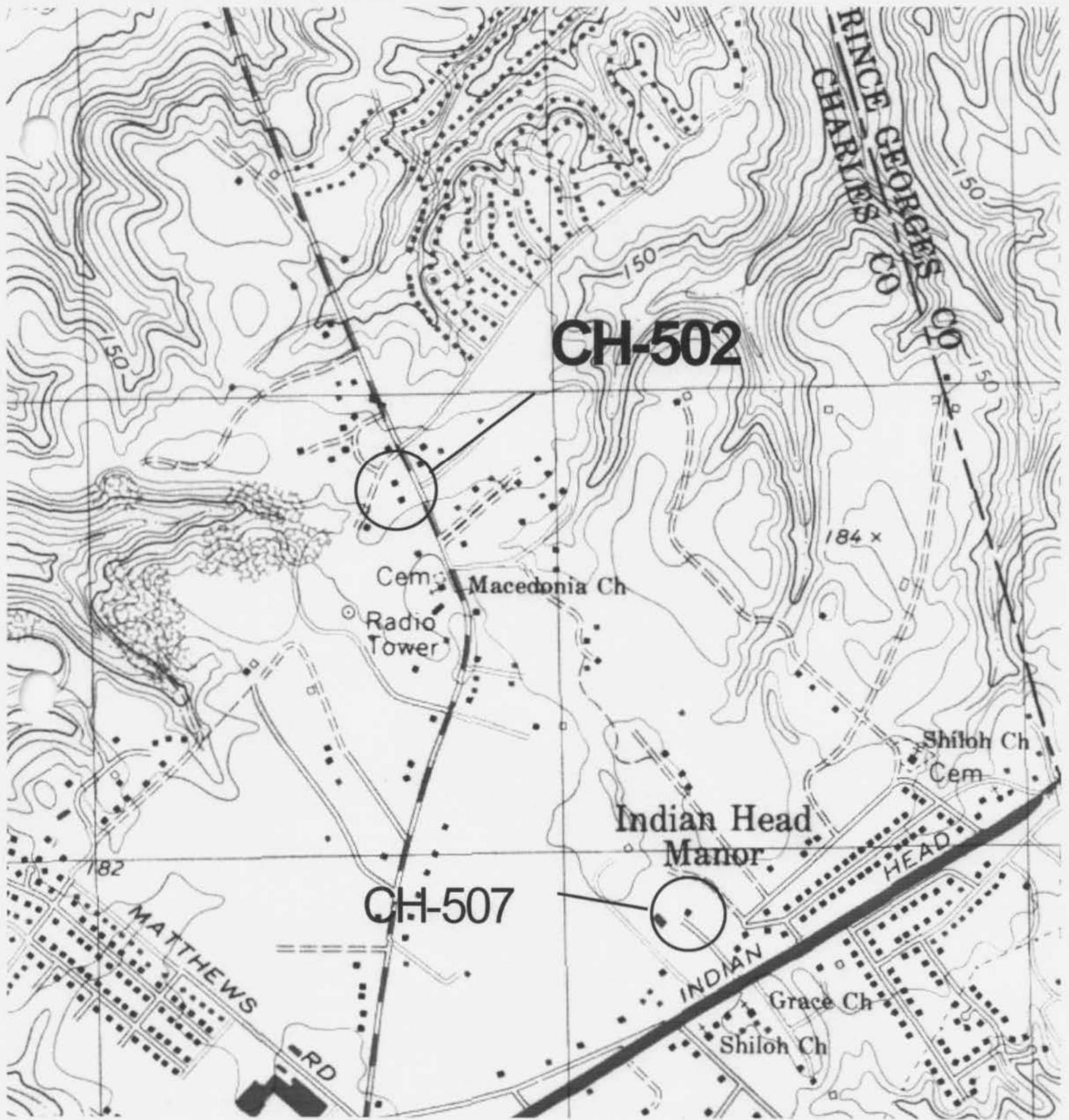
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ORIGINAL ~~SHPO~~ DWELLING - EAST ELEVATION

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ORIGINAL DWELLING - LOOKING SW

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ORIGINAL DWELLING - WEST ELEVATION

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1930s BUNGALOW - LOOKING NW

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1930S BUNGALOW - LOOKING SE

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WORKSHOP, MACHINE SHED, SHED (~~SHED~~)<sup>RtOL</sup> - LOOKING NE

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