

**CH-522**

**circa 1890**

**"Sandy Field" Farmhouse**

**Mason Springs vic.**

**Private**

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-522

1. Name of Property

historic name "Sandy Field" Farmhouse  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number Hawthorne & Chicamuxen Rd not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Mason Springs vicinity  state Maryland code MD  
county Charles code 017 zip code 20640

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

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>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No

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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: Vacant Sub: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th century Vernacular I-house  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: concrete block (infilled with block)  
roof side gable: asphalt shingles  
walls wood frame: weatherboard  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 circa 1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates circa 1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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 1.227 acres

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

The property is designated as Parcel 161 on Map 21, Grid 1 on the Charles County Property Map.

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

Sandy Fields Farmhouse has been associated with Parcel 161, Map 21 since its construction circa 1890.

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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 May 2, 1999  
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 Mary G. Rountree and W. Travers Rountree, Jr.  
street & number P.O. Box 24 telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Indian Head state MD zip code 20640  
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Standing on a level lot set approximately 10 feet below the grade of Hawthorne Road that runs in front of it, the house is surrounded by mature bushes. Chainlink fencing extends along the southern border of the property, while the northern edge is wooded. A steep driveway descends from Hawthorne Road.

The house is characterized by its plain I-house form and restrained decoration. The building is in a relatively good state of preservation. All the original 2/2 window sash remains, as does the square-edged window and door casings that feature slightly overhanging ears. The exterior narrow-width weatherboard may be a later 20th century addition, but it retains the original character of the house. A full-width half-hipped roof porch with turned wood posts and a standing seam roof crosses the facade, and corner boards adorn the house's edges.

A 1-story rear "ell" with a south side shed-roofed porch appears to be original as well. There is only one original chimney located on the interior of the south gable end and crowned by a corbelled cap. The other exterior chimney is an addition. Constructed of brick, theis chimney rises along the seam between the main house and the rear "ell" along the north wall.

The facade is symmetrically arranged with the central entry containing a single-leaf pane-and-light door. The doorway is framed by 2/2 windows on either side, while the second floor contains three original window openings that coincide the the three first story bays. The only other entrance to the house is located on the south wall of the rear "ell." This entryway also contains a panel-and-light wood door.

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Noel J. MacIntyre purchased the 75-acre "Sandy Field" farm, also known as "Part of Araby," from Charles H. and Ann M. Wills for \$910 in 1882. McIntyre died intestate prior to 1899, and a dispute over ownership of his property arose. A court decree required that the land be sold at a public sale, held December 19, 1899. Edwin E. Hanson, a local resident of Mason Springs, purchased the property which was described in a newspaper advertisement as being "improved by a dwelling house, 2 barns, a store house and other outbuildings, and would make a most excellent "Truck" farm. Its proximity to Glymont and to Indian Head make its location particularly desirable."<sup>1</sup> Hanson paid \$2500 for the property.

In 1905, after defaulting on a mortgage, Hanson was forced to sell his property. A sale was held August 29, 1905 with S. Henry Cox being the highest bidder. Cox, who passed away between 1905 and 1910, devised his property in Mason Springs to R. Hampton Cox. Cox quickly sold the entire tract to Hamilton Cassard for \$2500. Cassard apparently subdivided the tract circa 1912, and sold off the 25-acre section containing the dwelling house in 1924 to William & Annie Murphy. The Murphys held the property for ten years until they were sued by the County Trust company for default. The subsequent public sale brought \$1325 for the remaining 23 acres of "Sandy Field" Farm. John M. Harvey was the purchaser. Harvey sold the tract to William F. Travers, Sr. in 1943. Travers's heirs now own the remaining property.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Times-Crescent*, December 15, 1899.

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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:**

Tract 1 (75 acres):

April 22, 1882:

Charles H. & Ann M. Wills to Noel J.  
MacIntyre  
\$910 "Sandy Field"  
75 acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber BGS 5 Folio 612

March 10, 1900:

L. Allison Wilmer, Trustee to Edwin  
E. Hanson  
Decree of Circuit Court in case of  
Clement & Selina MacIntyre vs. Mary  
MacDonald  
Public sale: December 19, 1899  
\$2500  
"Sandy Field" 75 acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber BGS 10 Folio 576

Tract 2 (1 acre):

August 31, 1895:

Charles H. Wills, et al. to Edwin E.  
Hanson  
\$50  
Part of "Araby Farm" at SE corner of  
roads leading to Port Tobacco and to  
Pisgah, 1 acre  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber JST 7 Folio 499

Tracts 1 & 2:

October 9, 1905:

Walter J. Mitchell, Attorney to S.  
Henry Cox  
Public sale: August 29, 1905 due to  
default on mortgage  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber FDM 16 Folio 501

August 15, 1911:

Will of Samuel Henry Cox  
Devises property to R. Hampton Cox  
Charles County Register of Wills  
Liber CHP 19 Folio 466

November 1, 1911:

R. Hampton & Kathryn J. Cox of

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Charles County to Hamilton Cassard  
\$2500 and the assumption of the  
mortgage on the property  
2 tracts: 1) 75 acres "Sandy Field"  
north of Glymont Port Tobacco Road  
and extending to Mattawoman Run  
2) 1 acre, part of "Araby" located  
at Southeast corner of intersection  
of Port Tobacco and Pisgah roads,  
being the site of the dwelling house  
formerly occupied by Edwin E. Hanson  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber HCC 23 Folio 637

May 16, 1924:

Hamilton Cassard, widower of  
Baltimore City to William C. & Annie  
Murphy  
Lot no. 2 at Mason Springs = 25  
acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber WMA 42 Folio 136

August 10, 1934:

Robert V. Cooksey, Sheriff to John  
M. Harvey  
Circuit Court decree June 12, 1934  
in case of County Trust Company of  
MD (sucessor to the Eastern Shore  
Trust Company) vs. Annie Murphy  
Henson & Hanson Henson  
Public Sale: \$1325  
22 acres, Lot no. 2 at Mason Springs  
surveyed December 6, 1912  
part of "Sandy Field," originally  
part of "Araby"  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber WMA 59 Folio 316

Parcel 1:

August 10, 1946:

Dorothy May Brown to William F. &  
Irene Travers  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber TBM 84 Folio 584

Parcel 2:

October 2, 1943:

John M. & Bessie C. Harvey , et ux.

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to William F. Travers  
\$100  
.5 acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber TBM 79 Folio 183

Parcel 3:

May 15, 1947:

John M. Harvet, et ux. to William F.  
Travers  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber PCM 85 Folio 159

June 11, 1985:

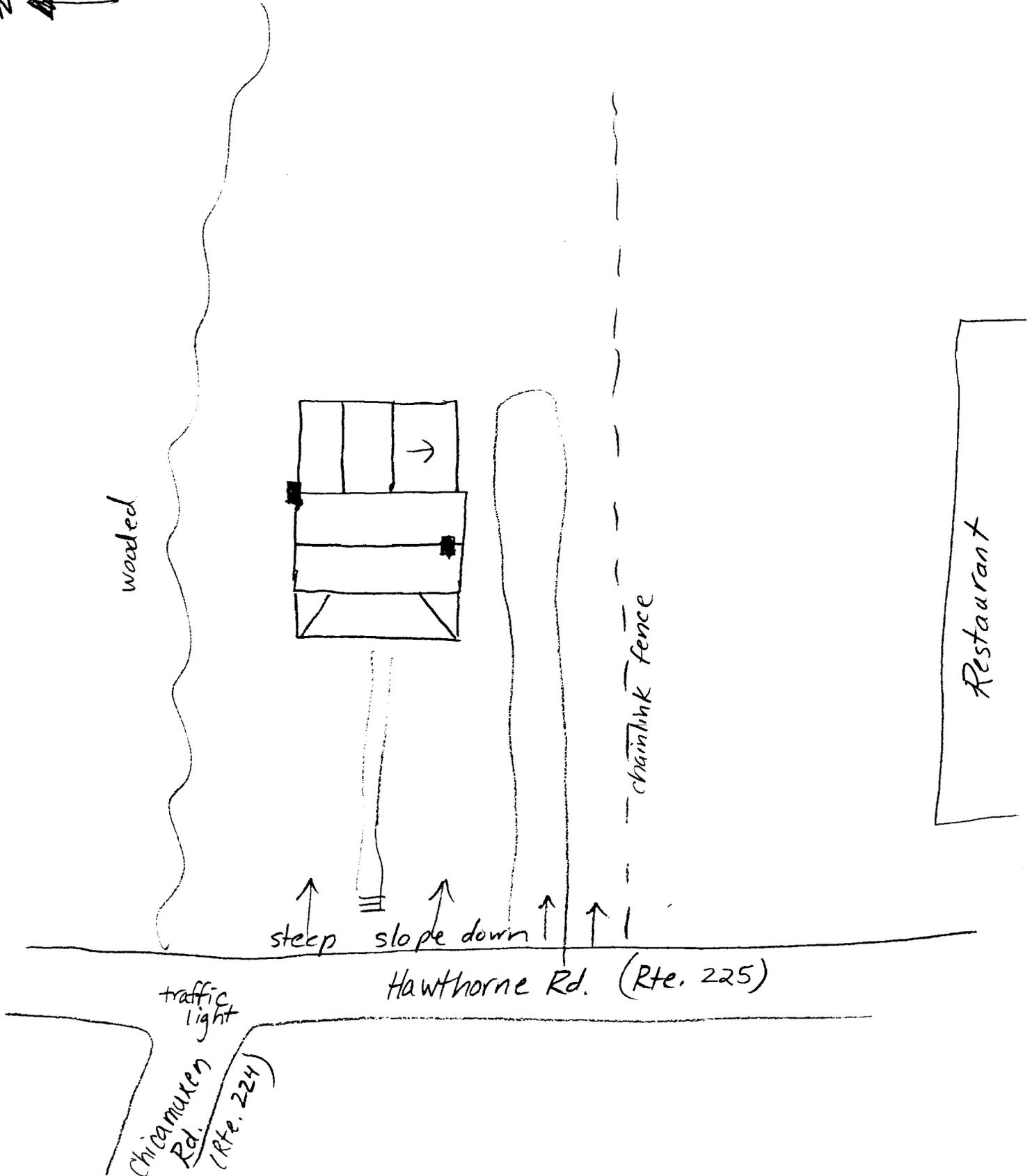
Mary G. Rountree & William F.  
Travers, Jr., representatives of the  
estate of William F. Travers (d. May  
21, 1981) to Mary G. Rountree & W.  
Travers, Jr.  
1.5 acres  
Charles County Land Records  
Liber 1070 Folio 405

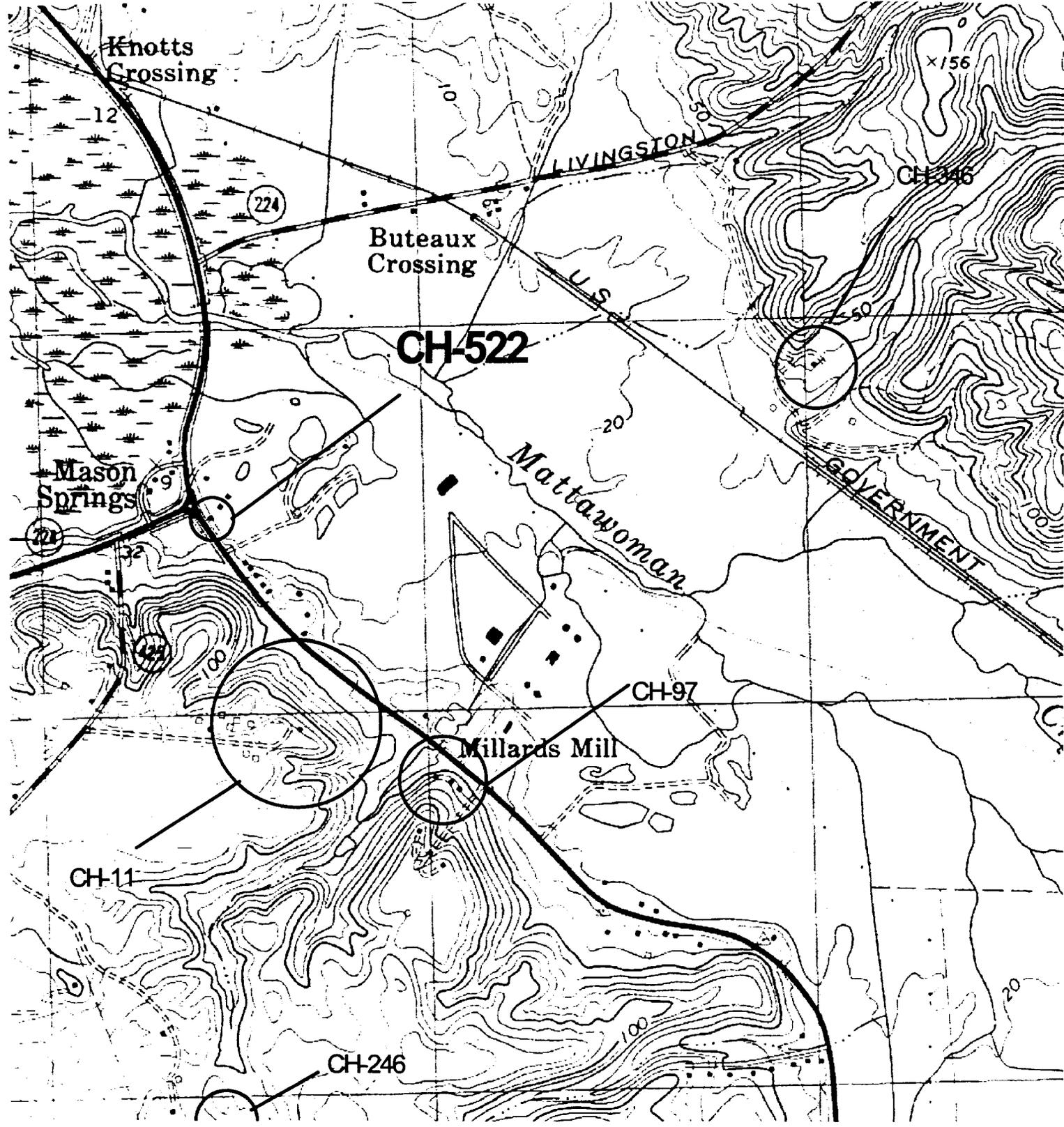
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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"SANDY FIELD" FARMHOUSE  
Glymont Vic.  
CHARLES COUNTY, MD





"Sandy Field" Farmhouse  
Charles County, MD  
PORT TOBACCO, MD QUAD

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD  
K.G. SMITH  
4/99  
MARYLAND SHPO  
LOOKING EAST  
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