

CAPSULE SUMMARY
12395 Pope's Creek Road/Edge Hill Road (CH: 570)
Charles County, Maryland

The house at 12395 Pope's Creek Road/Edge Hill Road is an example of the Colonial Revival style houses that were constructed in Charles County at the beginning of the 20th century. Possibly erected by James Dorsett, the dwelling has served as the home of the Dorsett family since 1910. Located near the Baltimore and Potomac rail line, the siting of this house reflects the importance of the railroad to community development in southern Maryland.

Constructed circa 1900, the Colonial Revival style house is two-and-a-half-stories in height and three bays in width. Rectangular in plan, it features a solid concrete foundation and stucco clad walls. A one-story, three-bay wide porch extends the full width of the façade. A front gable asphalt shingle roof is pierced by one exterior end brick chimney and an interior chimney. The house is a slight variation of the traditional American Four-square plan, with its side entry. The house is situated at the southwest corner of Edge Hill and Pope's Creek Roads.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH:570

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 12395 Pope's Creek Road/Edge Hill Road not for
publication _____
city or town Faulkner vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Charles County code 17 zip code 20632

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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>1</u>	<u>2</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>2</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)

Colonial Revival (Vernacular)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Parged Concrete
Roof Front Gable: Asphalt Shingle
Walls Frame: Stucco
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

Period of Significance 1900-1950

Significant Dates c. 1900

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.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 51.9705 acres

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

The property at 12395 Pope's Creek Road is designated as Parcel 1, Grid 4 as indicated on Map 79.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 12395 Pope's Creek Road has historically been associated with Parcel 1 since its erection circa 1900.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title R. Weidlich and C. Novelli, Architectural Historians
organization EHT Traceries, Inc. date July 7, 1999
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner
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name Harold H. and Routh H. Chandler
street & number 12395 Pope's Creek Road telephone _____ city _____
or town Faulkner state MD zip code 20632-2113

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The house located at 12395 Pope's Creek Road is situated at the southwest corner of Edge Hill and Pope's Creek Roads. The sloping lot is adorned with scattered mature trees and shrubs. Constructed circa 1900, the Colonial Revival style house is two-and-a-half-stories in height and three bays in width. Rectangular in plan, it features a solid concrete foundation and stucco clad walls. A one-story, three-bay wide porch extends the full width of the façade. A front gable asphalt shingle roof is pierced by one exterior end brick chimney and an interior chimney. The house is a slight variation of the traditional American Four-square plan, with its side entry.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade or east elevation of the single dwelling is three bays in width. Across the first story of the house is a one-story, three-bay wide porch with a half-hipped asphalt shingle roof. The porch has solid parged foundation with Tuscan columns and a square balusters. The house is entered through a side entry that holds single-leaf wood door with fifteen lights. Five-light sidelights flank the entry. The façade is asymmetrically pierced by two 6/6 wood windows on both the first and second stories. A pair of replacement 1/1 aluminum windows is located in the front gable at the attic level. All of windows framed by square-edged wood surrounds and louvered shutters.

The foundation of the north elevation contains two three-light windows. At the first story, there is a single-leaf metal paneled door flanked by a 6/1 wood window to one side and paired 1/1 aluminum windows to the other. A small wood deck with a square cut balustrade sits to the front of the entry. Three 6/1 wood windows pierce the second story. All of windows framed by square-edged wood surrounds and louvered shutters.

A one-story shed roof addition obscures the first story of the rear or west elevation. Set on a concrete pier foundation, the addition is partially enclosed with screening and stucco pierced by a 6/1 wood window. Behind the addition sits a four-light window and a single-leaf, wood paneled door. Two 6/1 wood windows pierce the second story and a 6/1 wood window pierces the half-story. All of windows framed by square-edged wood surrounds and louvered shutters.

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Like the north elevation, the south elevation has two three-light windows cut into the foundation. The exterior end single-shouldered brick chimney graces this wall. The first story contains a triple and two single 6/1 wood windows, while four 6/1 wood windows light the second story. Framing all of the window openings are square-edged wood surrounds. The south elevation of the rear addition has a 6/1 wood window. All of windows framed by square-edged wood surrounds and louvered shutters.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

To the rear of the dwelling, there are two outbuildings dating from the middle of the 20th century. The one-story, two-bay garage is clad in corrugated metal sheeting and has a corrugated metal shed roof. The one-story, one-bay shed has aluminum siding and a corrugated metal shed roof.

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Popular in the United States between 1880 and 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from the rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival domestic buildings were drawn primarily from the Georgian and Federal styles. While Colonial Revival buildings of the first quarter of the twentieth century reflected their colonial influences more clearly, those that were constructed after World War II were more simplified, with details that suggested rather than duplicated the original examples.

Following the Civil War, southern Maryland adjusted to shifts in economic activity and population centers. Railroads made the greatest impact upon community development in this period, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns in southern Maryland grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. The need for better roads to transport tobacco and produce from southern Maryland to northern destination resulted in the construction of the Robert Crain Highway in 1922. By 1930, 167 miles of gravel roads and five miles of concrete highway had been laid in Charles County, contributing to the growth and development in the region.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 12395 Pope's Creek Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 10/12/92

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 8/14/00

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Economic

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:

- August 17, 1883: Thomas H. Maddox to Walter Benjamin Wood
Land Records of Charles County
Liber BGS 6 Folio 545
- December 2, 1905: Sarah E. Wood, widow, Charles Wood, Samuel H.
Wood, George B. and Ada V. Wood, Matilda and
Daniel J. Jones to Robert S. Davis
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 16 Folio 585
- May 30, 1910: Robert S. and D. S. Davis to Mitchell Diggs,
Trustee
Land Records of Charles County
Equity Case 1124
- August 31, 1910: Adrian Posey and Mitchell Diggs, Trustees to
James A. Dorsett
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 23 Folio 13
- James A. Dorsett devised to William N.
Dorsett, Margaret T. H. Hickey, E. Routh
Rollings, and J. H. Maddox Dorsett
PARCELS 1, 2, 3, and 4
- January 19, 1924: J. H. Maddox Dorsett and Charlotte M. Dorsett
to Margaret T. H. Hickey
PARCEL 1
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 41 Folio 647
- April 29, 1924: William N. and Loretta P. Dorsett to Margaret
T. H. Hickey
PARCEL 2
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 42 Folio 54
- December 16, 1944: Margaret T. H. and William H. Hickey to E.
Routh Rollings
PARCELS 1, 2, and 3
Land Records of Charles County
Liber 81 Folio 41

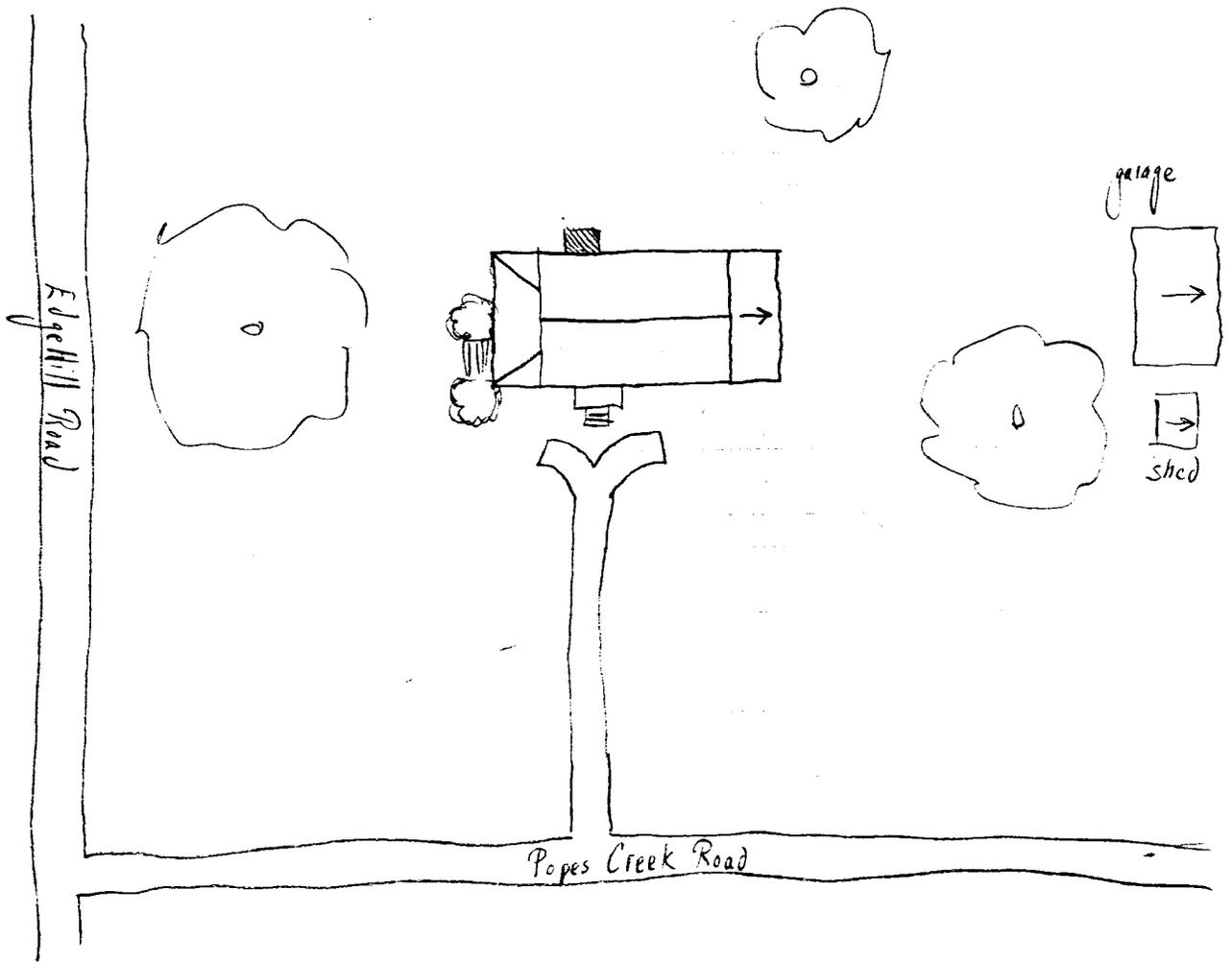
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July 24, 1954: E. Routh and John A. Rollings to Harold H. and
 Routh H. Chandler
 PARCELS 1, 2, 3, and 4
 Land Records of Charles County
 Liber 113 Folio 117



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Maryland

Resource Sketch Map 1999
Not Drawn to Scale



11150 CRAIN HIGHWAY
CH-567

11165 CRAIN HIGHWAY
CH-568

12395 EDGE HILL ROAD
CH-570

1680 EDGE HILL ROAD
CH-569

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FEET

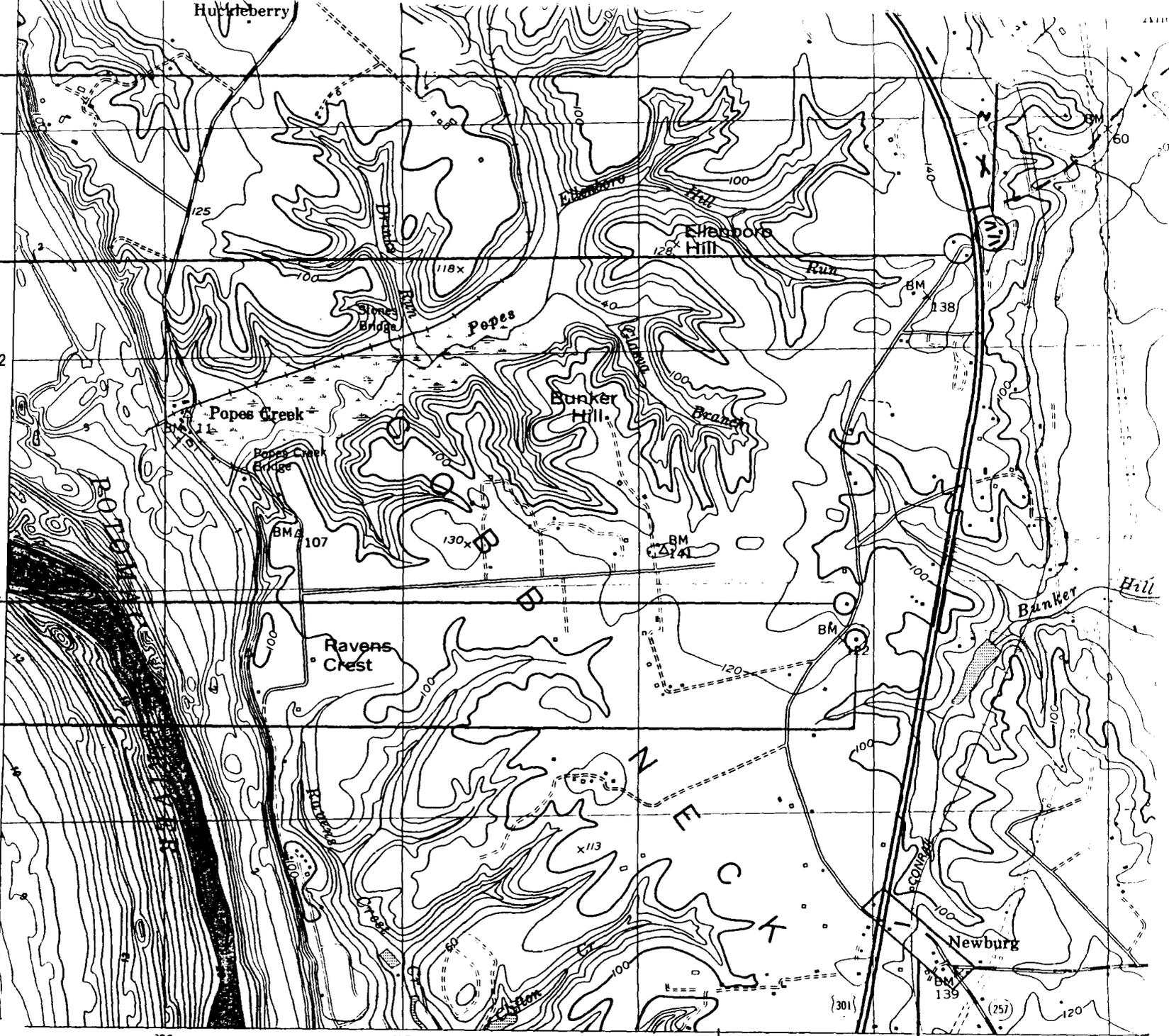
Pope's Creek USGS Quad



Prepared by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
Compiled and published by the Geological Survey

NATIONAL OCEAN SURVEY
HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX

NEWBURG CROSSROAD
SURVEY DISTRICT
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1810 000 FEET 57'30"

GOV NICE MEM BRIDGE 1 MI

MORGAN TOWER



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12395 POPE'S CREEK ROAD

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TRACERIES

JULY 1999

MD SHPO

east elevation

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MD SHPO

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12395 FOPE'S CREEK ROAD

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TRAZERIES

JULY 1999

MD SHPO

west elevation

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12395 POPE'S CREEK ROAD

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TRACERIES

JULY 1999

MD SHPO

south elevation

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TRACERIES

JULY 1999

MD SHPO

garage and shed

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