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George C. Insley Farm
Lakesville vicinity
c. 1880

Merchant George C. Insley (1848-1932) is credited with financing construction of this late nineteenth century farmhouse on land he acquired in the Lake district in several transactions between 1875 and 1897. Residing in the Strait District in 1880, George C. Insley and his wife Melissa (1856-1941) relocated to the village of Lakesville during the late years of the century. The couple is listed in the United States census for 1900 George C. Insley is identified as a dry goods merchant and Melissa as the postmaster. The couple maintained residency on the property until their deaths and they are buried in a small family cemetery in the front yard.

The two-and-a-half story, cross-gabled, center hall/single-pile plan farmhouse repeats a common house type built across the nation during the mid to late nineteenth century. The single-pile front section is extended to the rear by a two-story service wing featuring a two-story turned post porch on its south side.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic George G. Insley Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 2796 Lakesville-Crapo Road not for publication

city, town Crapo vicinity

county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bradley K. Bradford and Peggy J. Bradford, Et al

street and number 2796 Lakesville-Crapo Road telephone

city, town Fishing Creek state MD zip code 21634

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 157 folio 504

city, town Cambridge tax map 94 tax parcel 15 tax ID number 05-069408

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The George C. Insley Farm, comprising 60 acres, has road frontage along the Lakesville-Crapo and Charles Creek roads in the Lakes Election District of southern Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half, cross-gabled, center hall, single-pile plan frame farmhouse, built around 1880-90 has an address of 2796 Lakesville-Crapo Road between the villages of Lakesville and Crapo. Facing east, the three-bay Single-pile frame structure, extended to the west by a two-story service wing, is supported on a brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The farmhouse is accompanied with a small cemetery plot in the front yard, and it contains the burials of George C. Insley (1848-1932) and his wife Melissa F. Insley (1856-1941).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The George C. Insley farmhouse is a two-and-a-half story, cross-gabled, center hall/single-pile plan frame dwelling located at 2796 Lakesville-Crapo Road between the villages of Lakesville and Crapo in the Lakes Election District of Dorchester County, Maryland. Supported on brick pier foundation, the T-shaped farmhouse, built around 1880-90, is sheathed with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. A heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by two-light sidelights and a three-light transom. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a two-over-two sash as well. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and boxed cornice. Piercing the roofline is a pair of interior brick stove chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The north and south gable ends are similarly detailed with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second stories, and a small two-over-two sash window unit lights the attic on each gable end. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with returns at the base.

The west (rear) wall of the front block is partially covered by a two-story, two-room plan service wing, which has a two-story shed roofed porch on its south side. The porch roof is supported by turned posts embellished with sawn corner brackets. The west end of the porch is enclosed as a pantry. Rising through the roof is an interior chimney stack.

The interior was not open for inspection.

Located between the house and the road is an elevated cemetery plot with the burials of George C. and Melissa F. Insley. The stone marking the grave of George Insley has a simple Art Deco design

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reflecting in manufacture during the 1930s.

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George C. Insley Farm
2796 Lakesville-Crapo Road

Chain of title

157/504

Alvin K. Bradford, widower

to

10.11.1968

Bradley K. Bradford & Peggy J. Bradford

RSM 49/90

Albert F. Kirwan

to

3.7.1944

Alvin K. Bradford

... where the late Melissa F. Insley, and her husband, George G. Insley resided at the time of their respective deaths, and known as their "Home Property"... containing sixty acres more or less...

RSM 49/85

Emerson C. Harrington, Executor

to

6.17.1942

Albert F. Kirwan

\$600

... in pursuance of the special power and authority vested in him as Executor, in and by the last Will and Testament of Melissa F. Insley, late of Dorchester County, Maryland, dated April 14, 1912, and now

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of record in RPS 5/66, and pursuant to an order of the Orphans' Court of said Dorchester County, dated May 27, 1941, and passed in the matter of the estate of Melissa F. Insley, deceased, offered for sale, at public auction, the land and property hereinafter described

1910

Thirteenth Census of the United States (1910)
Dorchester County, Maryland, Lake District

George C. Insley, Merchant, General Store

CL 21/32

Winfred Tyler and wife

to

1.20.1897

George C. Insley

\$175

All that parcel or part of a tract of land situated in Lakes District, Dorchester County, lying on the south side of the County road leading from George C. Insley's store to Charles Creek

1880

Tenth Census of the United States (1880)
Population Schedule for Dorchester County, Strait's District

George C. Insley, 30, Dry Goods Merchant
Melissa F. Insley, 24, Keeping House

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CL 8/475

James Todd

to

12.8.1886

George C. Insley

\$100

FJH 10/238

Charles Lake, Trustee

to

7.23.1875

George C. Insley

\$517.00 25 acres

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	X religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates

Evaluation for:
 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The George C. Insley farmhouse repeats the two-and-a-half story , cross-gabled, center hall/single-pile plan house form popularly built throughout the region during the mid to late nineteenth century. The Insley farmhouse is one of the few nineteenth century structures remaining along the Lakesville-Crapo Road in the vicinity of the former village of Lakesville.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Merchant George C. Insley (1848-1932) is credited with financing construction of this late nineteenth century farmhouse on land he acquired in the Lakes district in several deeds between 1875 and 1897.¹ Residing in the Strait District in 1880, George C. Insley and his wife Melissa (1856-1941) relocated to the village of Lakesville during the late years of the century and financed construction of this two-and-a-half story cross gabled frame dwelling. The couple is listed in the United States census for 1900; George C. Insley is identified as a dry goods merchant and Melissa is designated as the postmaster.² The couple maintained residency on this farm until their deaths and they are buried in a small family cemetery in the front yard.

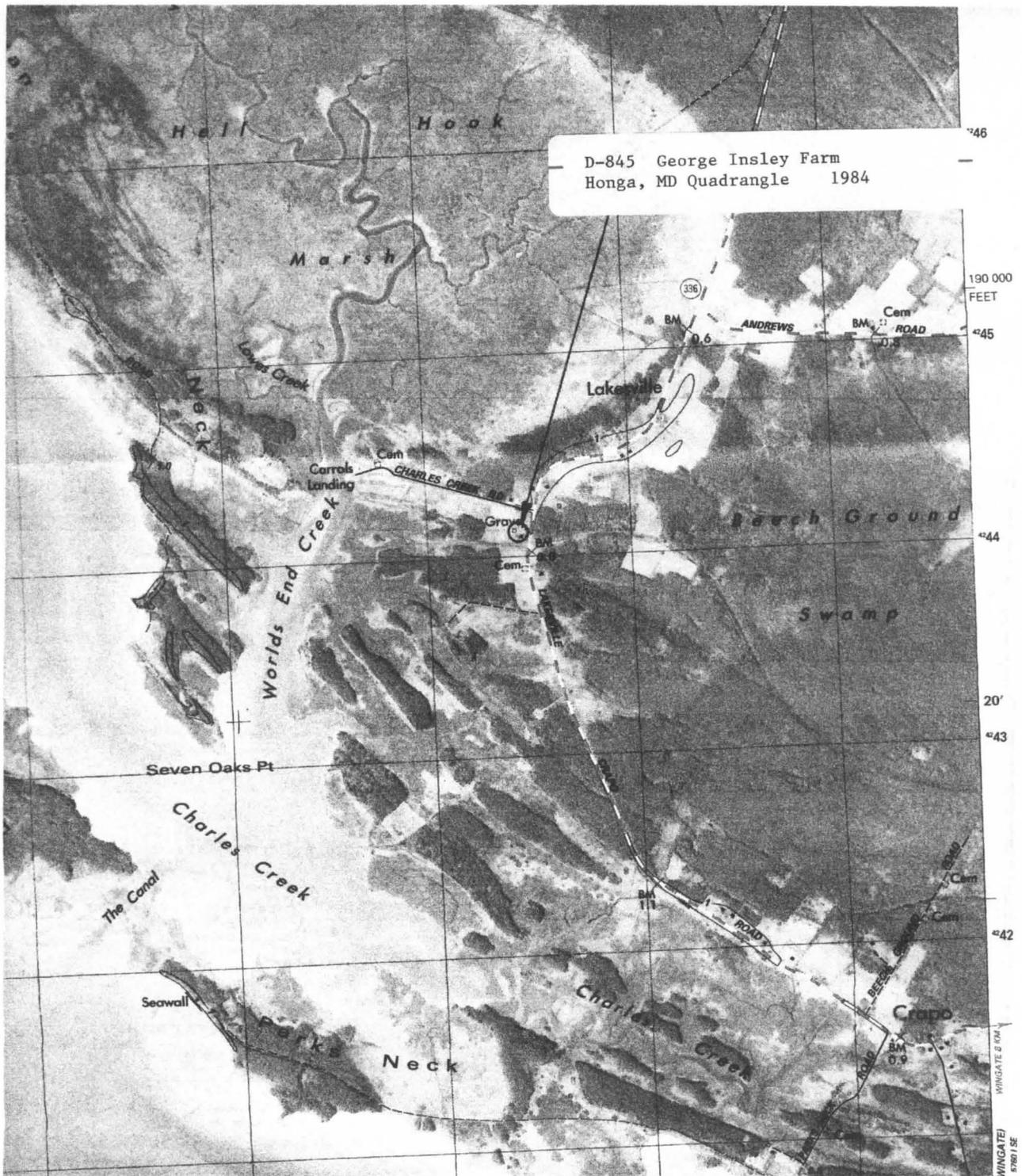
¹ Dorchester County Land Records, FJH 10/238, 23 July 1875; CL 8/475, 8 December 1886; CL 21/32, 20 January 1897; the 1897 transfer references Charles Creek and George C. Insley's store.
² Twelfth Census of the United States, Population Schedule for Dorchester County, Ancestry.com.

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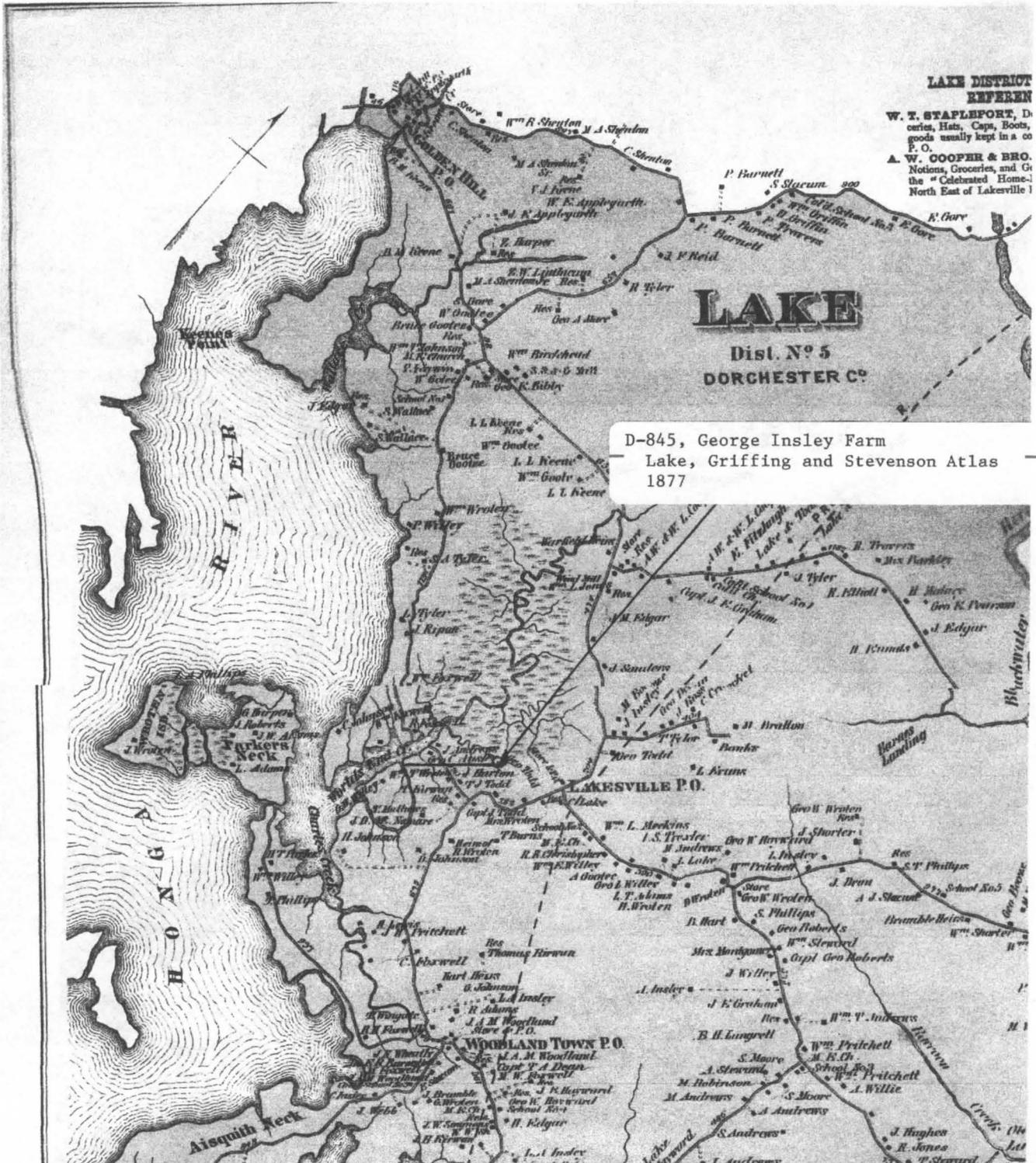


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Touart, 10.2013

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge.

John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 60 acres

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name onga, Maryland Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

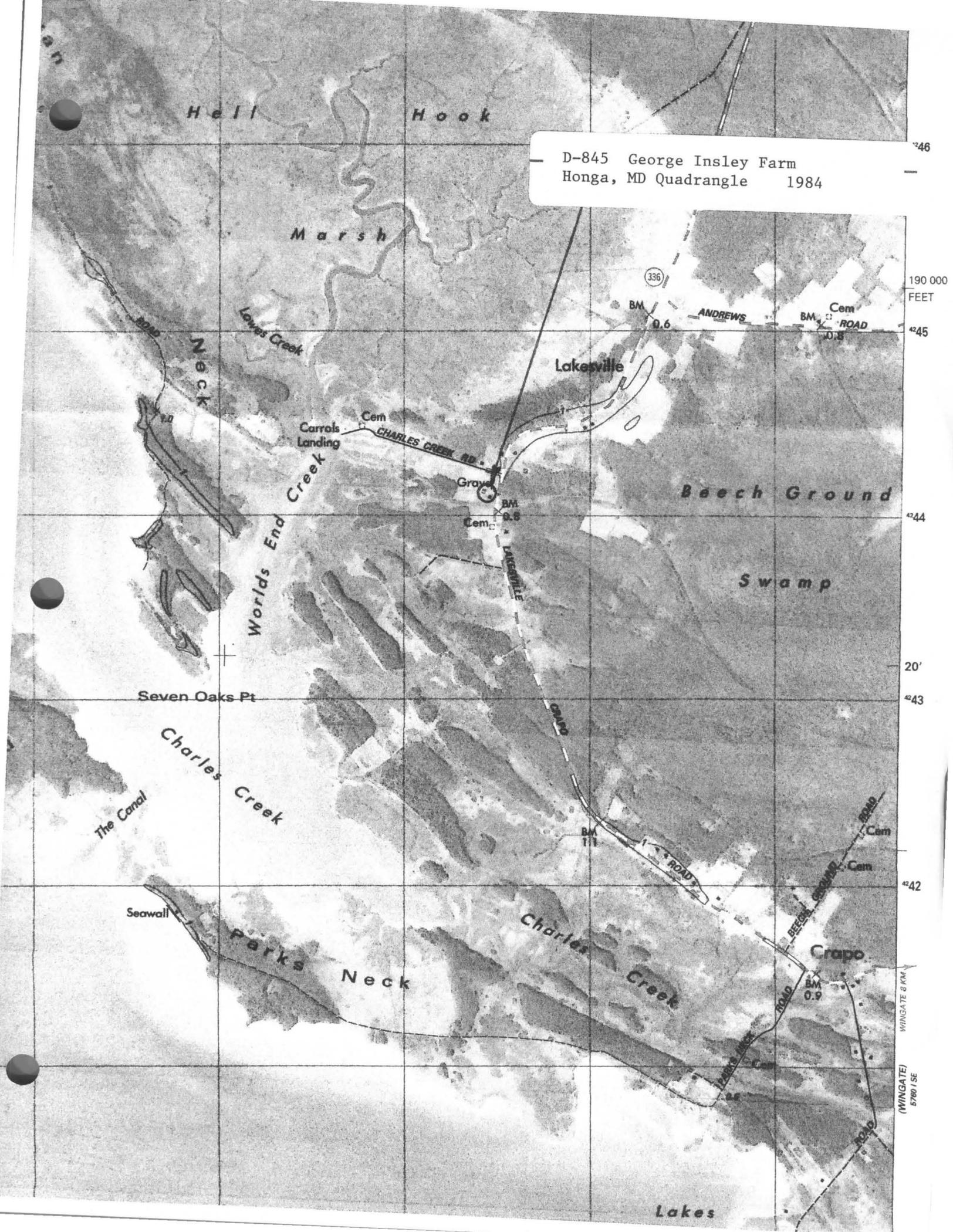
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10.4.2013
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Honga, MD Quadrangle 1984



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GEORGE C. INSLEY FARM
LAKESVILLE VIC, DORCHESTER CO. MD.
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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George C. Insley known
LANESVILLE VIC., DOUBLETOWN CEMETERY
ENT. ELEVATION
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GEORGE CINSLEY

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GEORGE C. INSLEY FARM
LAKEVILLE NC, DOUGHERT
CO. - MD.

BURIAL MARKER FOR
GEORGE C. INSLEY

(1848-1932)

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PHOTO.

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