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Boxley
Near Rock Hall
c. 1758

Boxley, a 300 acre parcel of land, was acquired by Ebenezer Blackiston, a planter from Cecil County in 1674. It had previously been owned by Laurence Symonds and William Davis.¹ The Blackiston family retained ownership for over a hundred years, as it passed from one family member to another. In the mid 18th Century, Michael Blackiston (grandson of Ebenezer) commenced the construction of his brick dwelling house.

Although a typical 1-1/2 story, hall-parlor plan, Boxley possesses a few features which make it different from others. It lacks a basement and is built relatively close to the ground, like Marrowbone (K-179). Its south facade is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers and the two windows and door have segmental arches above. Common bond exists on the other three walls, but on the west gable a little lower than the cornice level, there are two glazed diamonds flanking the chimney. There is a tiny window to light a closet and sloped weatherings at roof level. Michael Blackiston left his mark on the building, as he scratched his cypher in a brick on the facade.

When Michael Blackiston wrote his will, a year before his death in 1758, he left the 200 acre farm to his wife for her lifetime and then it was to go to William, his son (his namesake, Michael, received half of Lot 13 in Chestertown).² There was no mention of a building project, but the listing of "H and HL hinges" and "20 sashes for glass" (the number which exists in the building) point to a house not yet finished at the time of his death.³

When the farm was sold to William Crane in 1805, the grantors included the heirs of Richard Blackiston and James Blackiston of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.⁴ Crane's son, William Bowers Crane, owned the farm in 1852,⁵ but it was tenanted by Gary H. Leaverton.⁶ The buildings were listed as "in bad repair." In an 1858 equity case, the farm was sold to Richard Hynson, the Chestertown lawyer who was to build his residence next to River House in 1870.⁷ Boxley remained in the Hynson family until the 1940's. In the 1970's the house was rehabilitated and again occupied by its owners.

1. Land Records, Lib. A, fol. 318.
2. Wills, Lib. 4, fol. 34.
3. Inventories, Lib. 4, fol. 526

William Crane was the second husband of Araminta Hynson, the daughter of Richard and Araminta Bowers Hynson. Araminta's sister, Mary Ann was married to George B. Westcott.

4. Land Records, Lib. TW 3, fol. 240, 242.
5. 1852 Tax Assessment.
6. Land Records, Lib. JKH 2, fol. 524.
7. Land Records, Lib. WHG 6, fol. 574.

1. STATE *Maryland*
 COUNTY *Kent*
 TOWN *Rock Hall* VICINITY
 STREET NO. *Md. Rt 445, 1 mile north of Md 20*
at Rock Hall - on east side of Road
 ORIGINAL OWNER *Blakistone*
 ORIGINAL USE *dwelling*
 PRESENT OWNER *Kennetts Hill*
 PRESENT USE *dwelling*
 WALL CONSTRUCTION *Brick*
 NO. OF STORIES *1 1/2*

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY *K-103*

2. NAME *Borley*
 DATE OR PERIOD *c. 1730's*
 STYLE *Colonial*
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC *NO*

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered *NO* Interior Exterior *good*

** See vertical file*



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Forman, H.C., Old Buildings , 1967, p 90.
Rock Hall Centennial, 1957, p 11.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne

DATE OF RECORD *Oct 23, 1968*

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Kau. Hill -

Rockhall -

Boxley Farm -

c. 1730
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Blackstone

owner

Kenneth Hill

windowless

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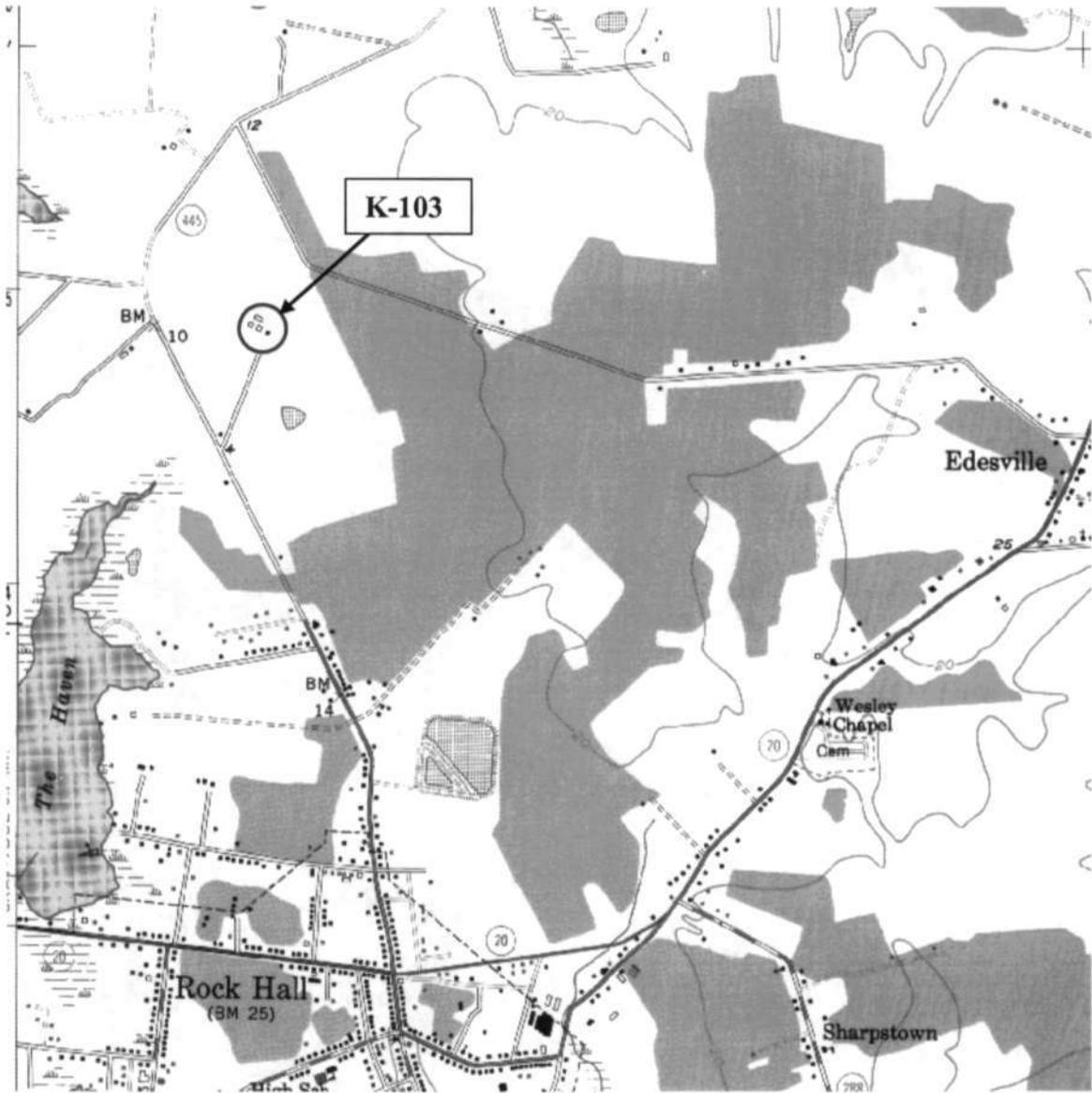
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6399 Tolchester Road (MD 445), Rock Hall
Rock Hall Quadrangle



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(SWAN)

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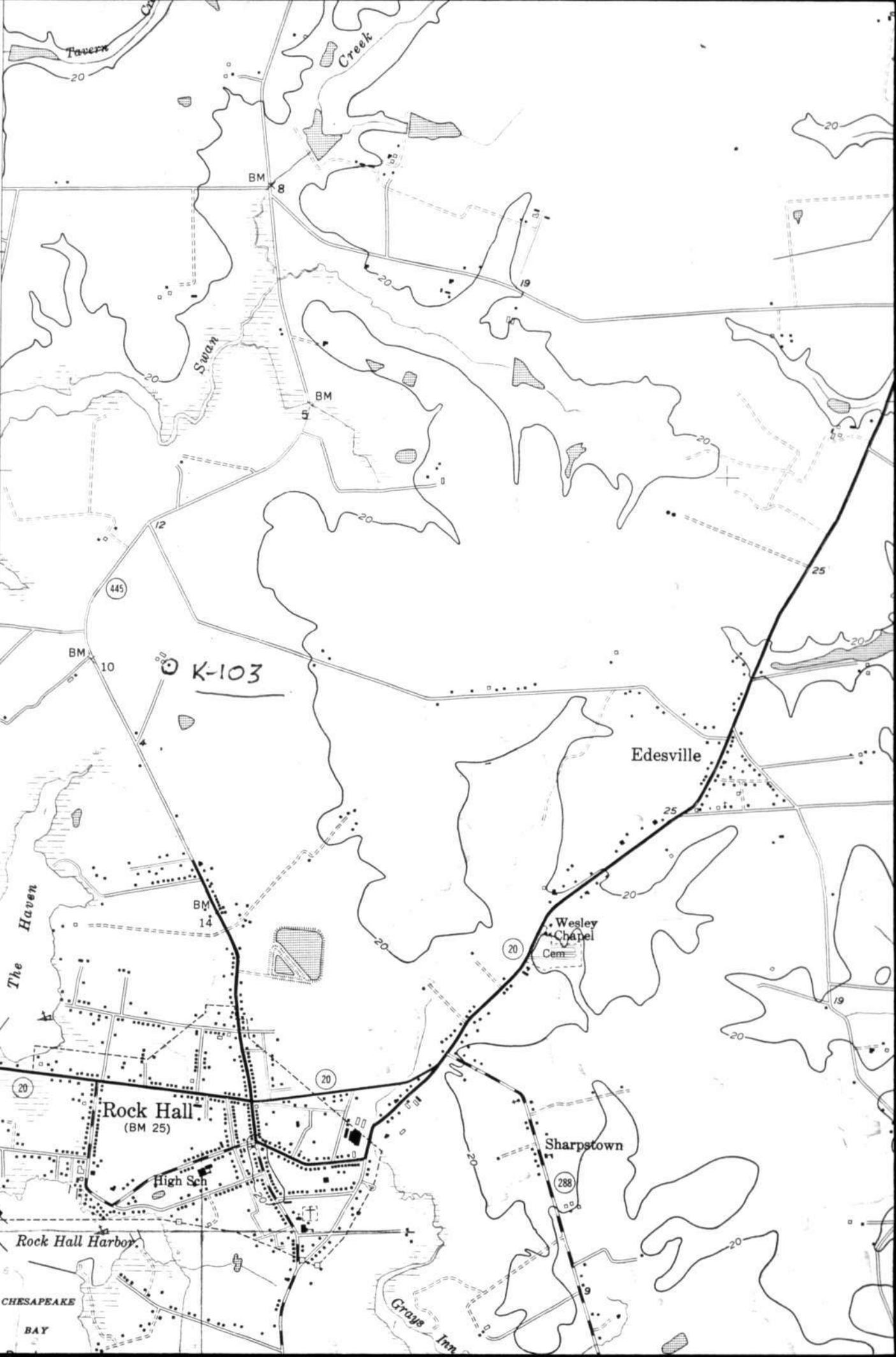
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HALL
QUAD



BM 8

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BM 14

Rock Hall
(BM 25)

High Sch

Rock Hall Harbor

CHESAPEAKE
BAY

Edesville

Wesley
Chapel
Cem

Sharpstown

Graye Inn