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late 19th century

Atkinson Farm

Chestertown

One of Kent County's most important late 19th century farmhouses, Atkinson Farm on Wilkens Lane, is unusually complex in its design. The main house is a 5 bay wide, 2-1/2 story frame house with a central hall and rear ell. The projecting central pavillion and similarly projecting, pedimented entry bay of the front porch reflect in a simple way the volumetric irregularity and freedom of the more sophisticated late Victorian houses like those along Washington Avenue in Chestertown. The importance of this house is due to its design and to the relative scarcity of late 19th century farm houses in the county. A carriage house, with interesting detailing is also located on the farm.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Atkinson Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Northeast side Wilkens Lane 2 miles east of Quaker Neck not for publication

city, town Chestertown vicinity of congressional district ^{Rd.} FIRST

state Maryland county Kent

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert Atkinson

street & number RD #3, Box 50, Wilkens Lane telephone no.:

city, town Chestertown state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Court House liber WHG 17

street & number folio 475

city, town Chestertown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. K-455

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The main house on the Atkinson Farm is a 5-bay wide 2½ story house with a central hall and rear ell. Its most significant architectural feature is a one-bay pavillion at the entry. There is also a front porch with a central pediment. The building is frame.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

One of Kent County's most important late 19th century farm-houses, this building is unusually complex in its design. The projecting central pavillion and similarly projecting, pedimented entry bay of the front porch reflect in a simple way the volumetric irregularity and freedom of more sophisticated late-Victorian houses like those along Washington Avenue in Chestertown. Aside from these features, the building has a central-hall plan and rear ell form nearly identical to dozens of other late 19th century houses. The importance of this house is due to its interesting design and also to the relative scarcity of late 19th century farm houses in the county. The carriage house is a charming structure with interesting detailing.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

B [][] [][][][] [][][][][]
Zone Easting Northing

C [][] [][][][] [][][][][]

D [][] [][][][] [][][][][]

E [][] [][][][] [][][][][]

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G [][] [][][][] [][][][][]

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

Table with 4 columns: state, code, county, code. Two rows for listing overlapping boundaries.

11. Form Prepared By

Form with fields: name/title (Marsha L. Fritz, Surveyor), organization (County Commissioners of Kent County, Historical Society of Kent County), street & number (The Court House, Church Alley), city or town (Chestertown), date (7/8/81), telephone (778-4600, 778-3499), state (Maryland 21620).

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (continued)

Building Form and Material

1. Size - Main Section: 2½ stories, 5 bays wide, 2 bays deep
Wing A: 2½ stories, 2 bays wide, 3 bays long
Wing B: 1 story, 1 bay wide, 3 bays long
2. Plan Type - Central Hall, one room deep, rear ell
3. Roof Type - Gable
4. Chimney - Location: Enclosed in gables
Materials: Brick
Decorative Elements: Fairly decorative with corbelling,
and bonding.
5. Material - Frame: Covered with asbestos shingles
Roof: Asphalt shingles
Foundation: Brick, stuccoed
6. Age - Late 19th century (wing - same with later modifications)
7. Style - Late Victorian, vernacular

Building Elements and Details

1. Doors - Main Entry: Center of main facade. Double doors with rectangular panels (2) and bolection moldings. A 2-light transom & 3-light side lights both with rolled glass. Pilasters with bracket at top. A shallow, molded pediment hood above doorway.

Secondary Entry: Formerly in rear of central hall. Wing encloses this area. Entries into rear rooms of ell.
2. Windows - Main Section: type - double-hung
lights - 2/2
details - Plain trim & wooden sills.
Same hood as door above major windows.
shutters - louvered, wooden

Wing: type - double hung
lights - 2/2
details - same as main house
shutters - same as main house
3. Dormers - Gable with wide, overhanging eaves & 2/2 sash in main house and wing.

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7.2 DESCRIPTION (continued)

4. Roof Details - Main Section: Edge of roof/soffit has a composite molding. Rafters are exposed; underside of roof is enclosed with beaded boarding. The same detail is used on the front porch.
Wing: Same
5. Porch - There is a 3-bay porch across the front of the house. The central (entrance) bay projects and is pedimented. Corners are emphasized with groups of three chamfered columns.
6. Color - Current: Tan shingles, white trim, green shutters.
7. Other - Modern porch, screened, wraps around north side and rear of wing.

Interior Description

1. Plan type - Central Hall with rear ell.
2. Major stair - Dog leg, rises to third story. Open string, no step brackets. Very slender, about 2 3/4" diameter newel & intermediates, turned; round handrail circa 2 1/4" diameter. One square baluster per step.
Other stairs - Stair up to rooms in rear of wing.
3. Major mantles - Grecian design slate mantle in parlour. Others removed or rebuilt. One mantle shelf with decorative brackets remains on second floor.
4. Major Trim - Windows/doors: Wide beaded trim with applied fillet-ogee-half-round backband used for major trim.
Baseboards: 6" with Gr. ogee & bevel upper molding.
5. Major doors - 6-panel doors with long lower panels & 2 pair of short upper panels. Panels are raised but have no panel moldings.
6. Floors - Med. with pine covered with narrow oak.
7. Walls/ceiling finishes - plaster.

Outbuildings/Site Description

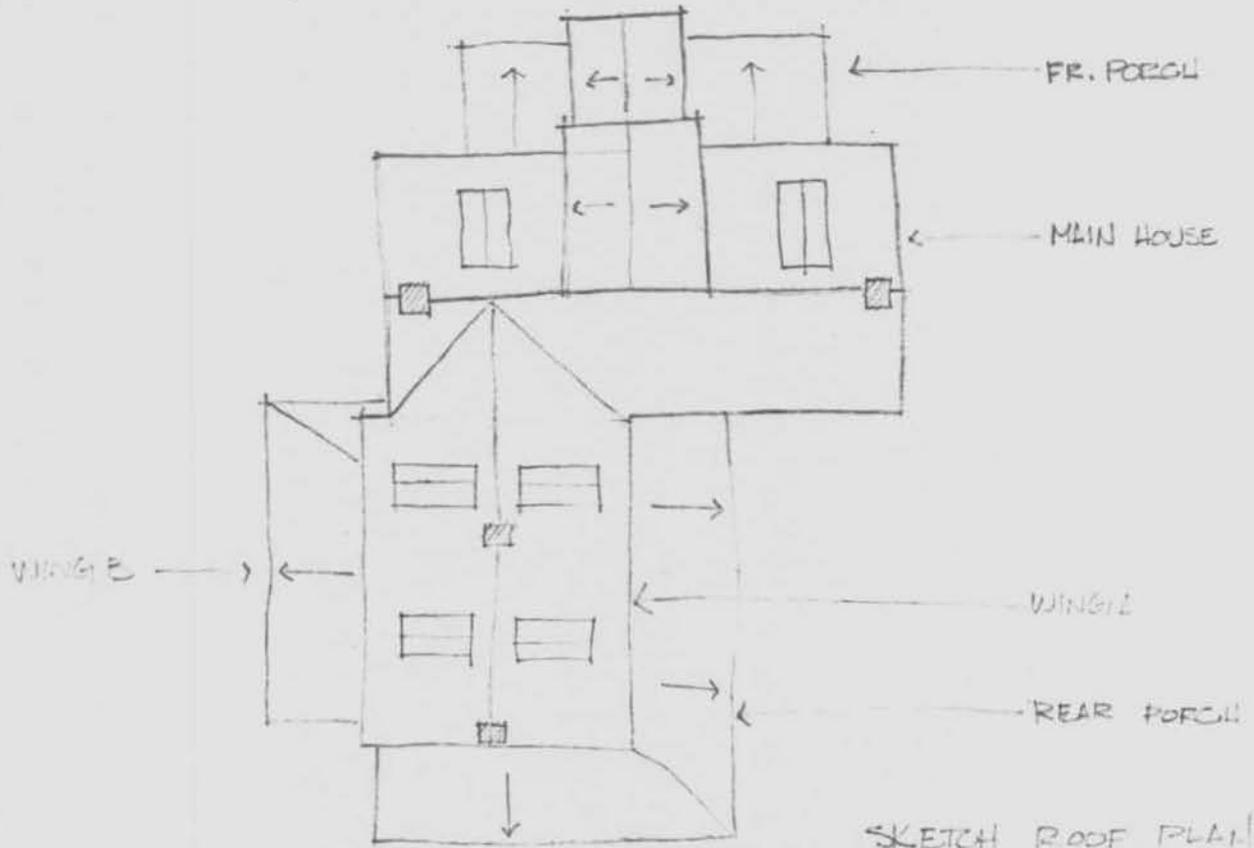
1. Major outbuildings - Stable: gable roof, 1 x 2 bay. Board and batten/sheet metal roof. This interesting building has a cupola, pigeon cote, wide barn doors and round-arched louvered windows.

Tenant house: 3 x 2 bay, gable roof, rear ell. Frame with lapped weatherboarding and asphalt shingle roof. Bay framing - late 19th century.

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7.3 DESCRIPTION (continued)

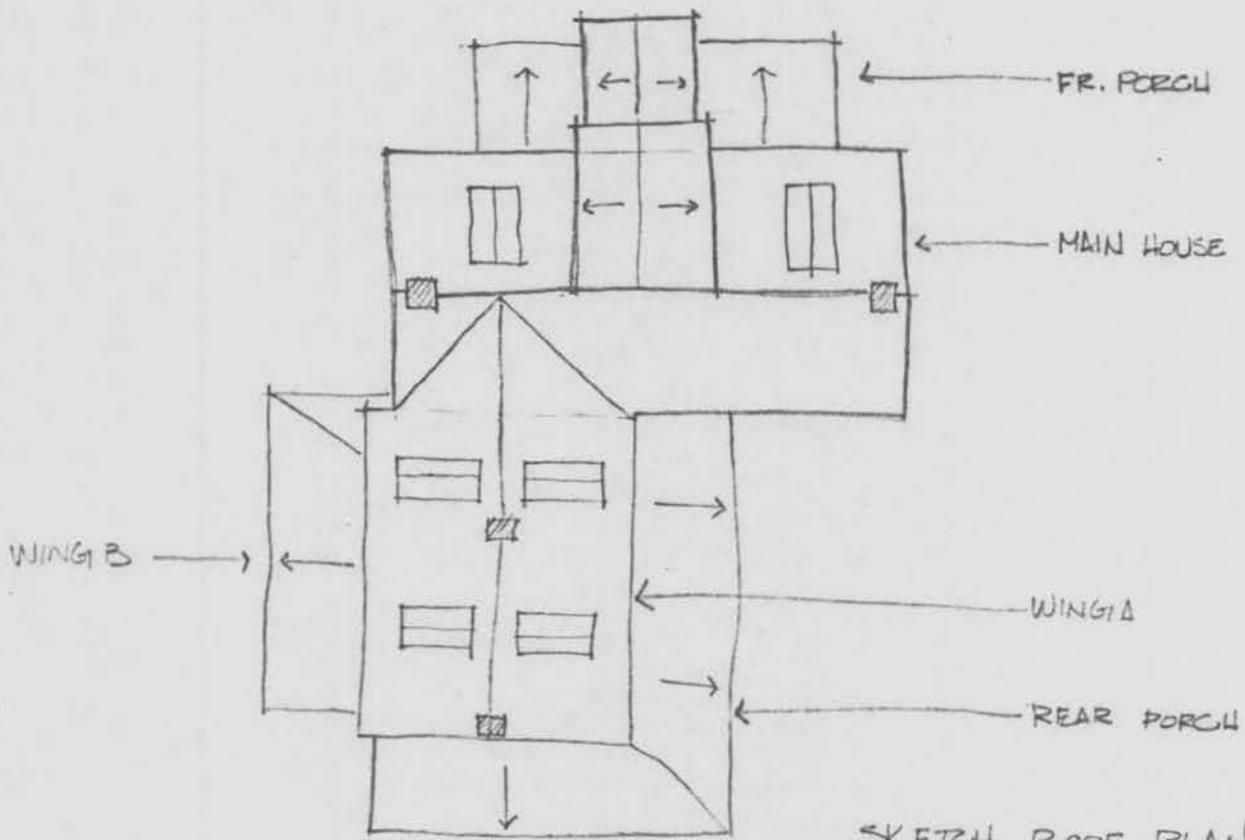
2. Site description - The house faces Wilkin's Lane but set back some distance from it. To the north of the house are barns and outbuildings and a tenant house. The house is approached by a lane that ends in a circle in front of the house. The generous lawns have beautiful, large trees and box wood.
3. View - Primarily of farmlands and woodlands.
4. Use of Building - Current: Residence
Historic: Residence



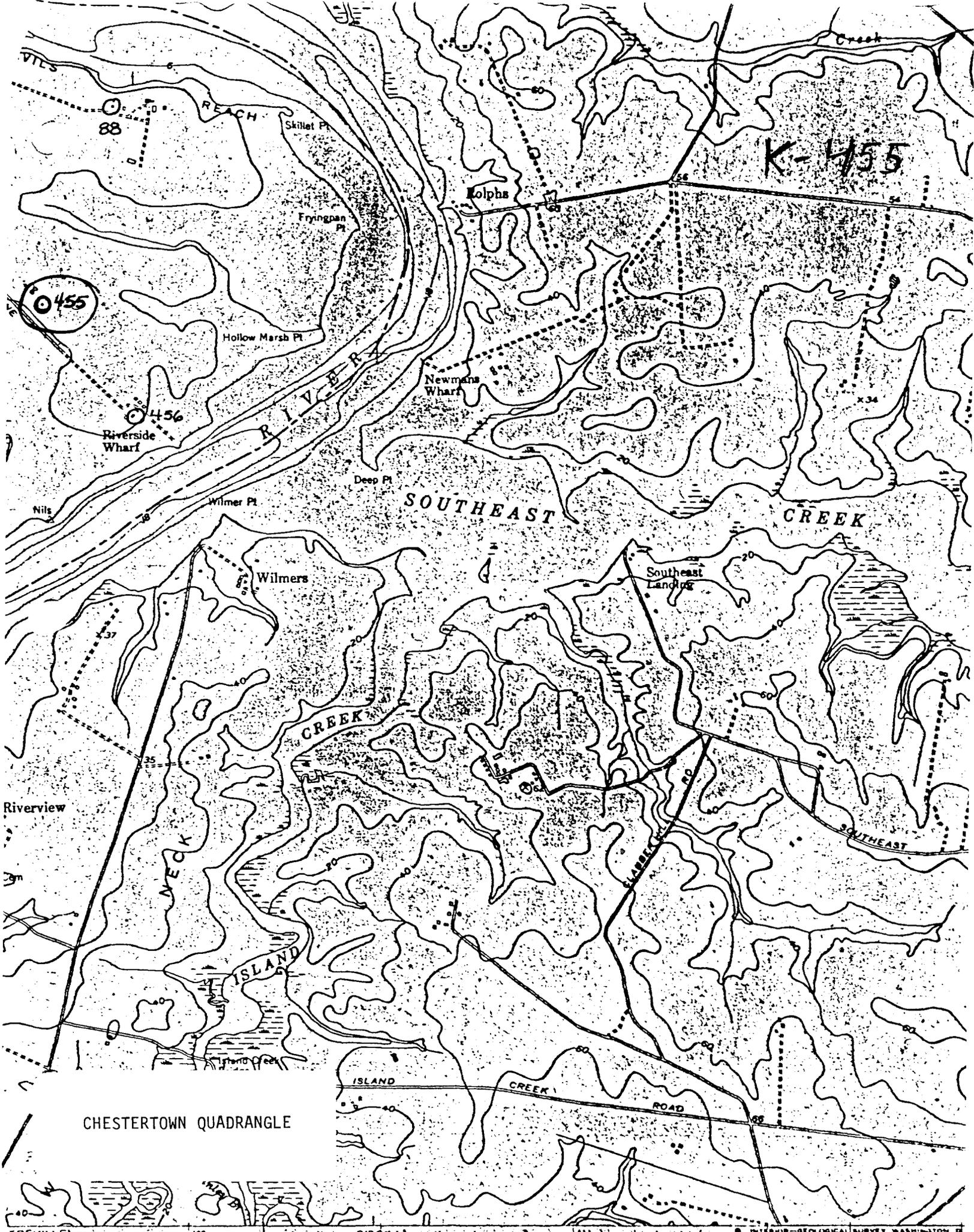
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Wilkins' Lane, Quaker Neck, near Chestertown

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View to north



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Carriage house-view to north