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Form 10-300  
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Anne Arundel
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ENTRY DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Hancock's Resolution

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Hancock's Resolution

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Bayside Beach Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Pasadena

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
Fourth

STATE: Maryland      CODE: 24      COUNTY: Anne Arundel      CODE: 003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>wildlife</u> <u>sanctuary</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Historic Annapolis, Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER:  
18 Pinkney Street

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN:  
Annapolis

STATE:  
Maryland

CODE:  
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970       Federal     State     County     Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Washington

CITY OR TOWN:  
Washington

STATE:  
D.C.

CODE:  
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The major structures of Hancock's Resolution are a stone two-story gambrel roofed dwelling in all probability constructed prior to 1700 and a small one-story gable roofed outbuilding. Both structures are built of local ironstone, shaped into rectangular blocks and laid in lime mortar, which has been decorated by galleting (small stone chips inlaid into mortar).

The main dwelling, rectilinear in plan, has a one-and-one-half-story frame gable roof addition (c. 1800) with a connecting one story hyphen. A frame lean-to addition to the one-and-one-half-story wing was added c. 1900. The roof covering of the wing and lean-to is modern asphalt shingles, while the roof covering the original stone structure is roofed with sawn white cedar shingles, put on in the 1960's. The east elevation of the stone dwelling consists of a central doorway with an oversized window on each side, creating a seven bay composition. The existing sash, 6/6, appears to be of late 18th c. construction. Two shed roof dormers light the upper story, one in line with the right hand window below; the other randomly spaced. The south elevation is capped by a central brick chimney slightly below the ridge line, and has a small square casement window in the second story, lighting the interior stairway, and a partially below grade door to the cellar. The west elevation has an off center door, flanked on the right by a window, with a shed roof dormer directly above, and a second dormer spaced to the left of the rear door.

The simple one room wing is covered with modern sawn shingles, over the original vertical plank siding, much of which is deteriorated. The shingle covering continues to the one story store room added c. 1900, indicating at least early 20th c. for the date of the shingles. The wing has a door and double hung 6/6 window on the east and west elevations. The four foot wide connecting hyphen has a window in each elevation, as does the shed door addition to the north in the west wall, with doors in the north and east wall.

The first floor plan of the original dwelling is that of a typical yeoman's cottage with a single large room with an enclosed stairway to the upper level located in the southwest corner. A massive fireplace occupies most of the south wall. All walls of this room are plastered, with no cornice but with a beaded chair rail and base mold. The south wall is paneled in the southwest corner with a raised two panel door hung on H-L hinges to a closet, which hides a trap door to the cellar, and a raised four panel door to the enclosed spiral stair to the upper floor. The fireplace is framed with a simple dog eared framed with molded shelf, and all doors and windows are trimmed out with a beaded panel with simple ogee backband. All interior woodwork appears original in this room. The upper floor of the original

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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"Hancock's Resolution," long associated with the Hancock family, was originally a 204 acre tract patented in 1793 from an earlier land patent, "Homewood's Range," and adjoining vacant land. The exact date of the stone dwelling, which forms the larger of the two sections of the present farmhouse, is unknown. An Historic American Buildings Survey suggests that this farmhouse, which took its name from the land tract, may well have been built before 1700. During the year repairs have followed the early simple style typical of a pioneer Chesapeake Bay waterfront farmstead in southern Maryland. It is one of the few remaining buildings of this type. A preliminary archaeological investigation completed in 1971 indicates that by the mid-18th century "at least three buildings stood on the little knoll though without doubt several additional farm buildings stood to the north of the group. Largest was the standing main house measuring about 24'X22'."

The Hancock family was well established in Anne Arundel County by 1700. The name Stephen Hancock, the first of the family, who arrived in 1663, appears in legal documents several times before his death in 1701, and it is known that he served as a militia officer of Anne Arundel County in the 1690's. Deeds, wills and parish records trace the growing interests of the Hancock family in Anne Arundel County during the 18th century. Men of the family served in such public and parochial offices as: Constable for Magothy Hundred, Overseer of Lower Town Neck, Constable for Town Neck, Churchwarden at Westminister Parish, Overseer of the Road in Magothy Hundred, and others. A Stephen Hancock is recorded as a private in the Maryland State regiment during the Revolution and for his service was entitled to land in Western Maryland. Several early historians mention the buildings as having been used as a signal post in the Revolution and War of 1812 alerting Baltimore to the arrival of British ships. During the War of 1812, Francis Hancock was Captain of the 22nd Regiment of the Anne Arundel County militia, having been appointed Lieutenant in 1807. At least two members of the Hancock family served under him as private during the War.

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

structure is now divided into three chambers, one running the full depth of the house along the south wall, heated by a large fireplace and light by dormer windows in the east and west walls and the casement window at the stair landing. The two smaller chambers subdivide the right half of this floor, each lit by a single dormer window. Originally this may have been one large chamber, converted into three rooms later in the 18th century.

The c. 1800 gable roofed addition, used as a dining room (and kitchen?) has a large fireplace in what was the north wall, flanked on the left (west) by a stairway to the attic storage space and a small closet, and to the right (east) by a large closet. This room is connected to the main house by the narrow hyphen (passage and closet) with a door and window in both the east and west exterior walls. The storage shed addition is served by a door in the north and east walls and a window in the west, but is not accessible from the dining room addition.

A one room, one story gable roofed ironstone outbuilding (identified in 19th c. deeds as a dairy, but evidently a smoke house at one time) is sited to the north of the dwelling and is thought to have been constructed c. 1670. The stonework is identical to the dwelling, including galleting and the roof is wood shingles, now deteriorating.

8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Throughout the 19th century the Hancocks continued to be active in the affairs of Anne Arundel County, serving in many of the same offices their ancestors had held a century before. The family held title to the property until 1964 when twelve acres including the old house came to Historic Annapolis, Inc., a private, non-profit preservation society, through the testamentary bequest of John H. Hancock.

Much of the present twelve acre site is used as a wildlife sanctuary by the Maryland Ornithological Society. Plans for the preliminary restoration of the building are being prepared and it is hoped that work on the farm site, now under the supervision of a caretaker, will begin in the near future.

Hancock's Resolution, when restored, will interpret early Maryland rural life, as it may be said to be typical of the 18th century farm, located near the water for the convenient shipping of tobacco and other agricultural and marine products of the Tidewater Maryland.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Anne Arundel County Wills, Deeds, Inventories, Court Records  
 Deposited: Maryland Hall of Records.  
 Anne Arundel County Courthouse.  
 Hancock Family Bible, Deposited: Maryland Historical Society.  
Exploratory Excavations at Hancock's Resolution: A Field  
Report. Henry T. Wright, 1971.  
 St. Anne's, St. Paul's & Westminster Parish Records.  
 Historic American Buildings Survey: drawings 1970.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39° 08' 09"	76° 26' 55"		°	'	"
NE	39° 08' 08"	76° 26' 39"				
SE	39° 08' 01"	76° 26' 44"				
SW	39° 08' 05"	76° 26' 56"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 15 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: (See continuation sheet No. 2)  
Nancy T. Baker, Executive Secretary; St. Clair Wright, President  
 ORGANIZATION: Historic Annapolis, Inc. DATE: Nov. 1974  
 STREET AND NUMBER: 18 Pinkney Street  
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Arthur C. Townsend  
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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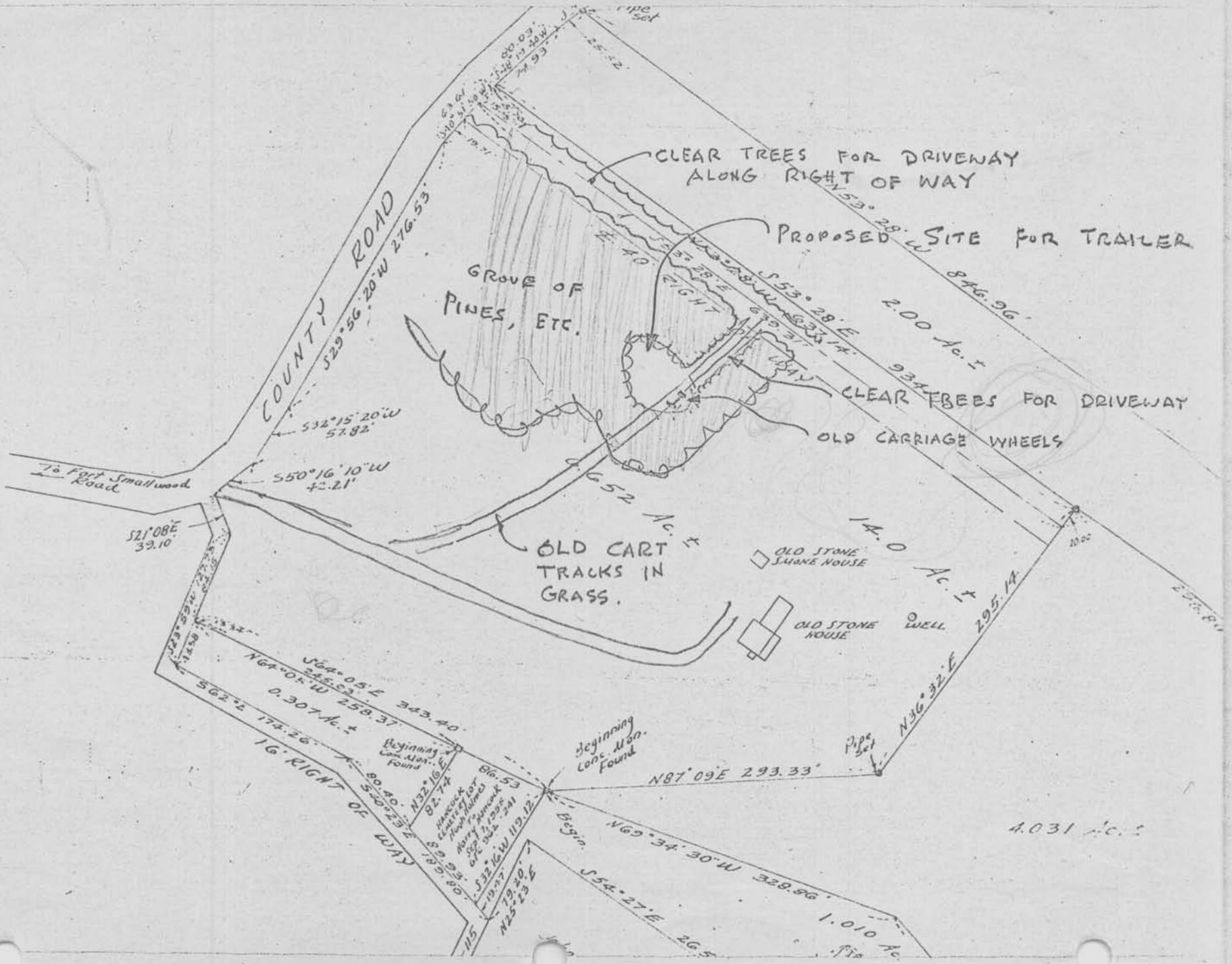
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Russell Wright, AIP  
for Historic Annapolis  
November 1974

Hansen House

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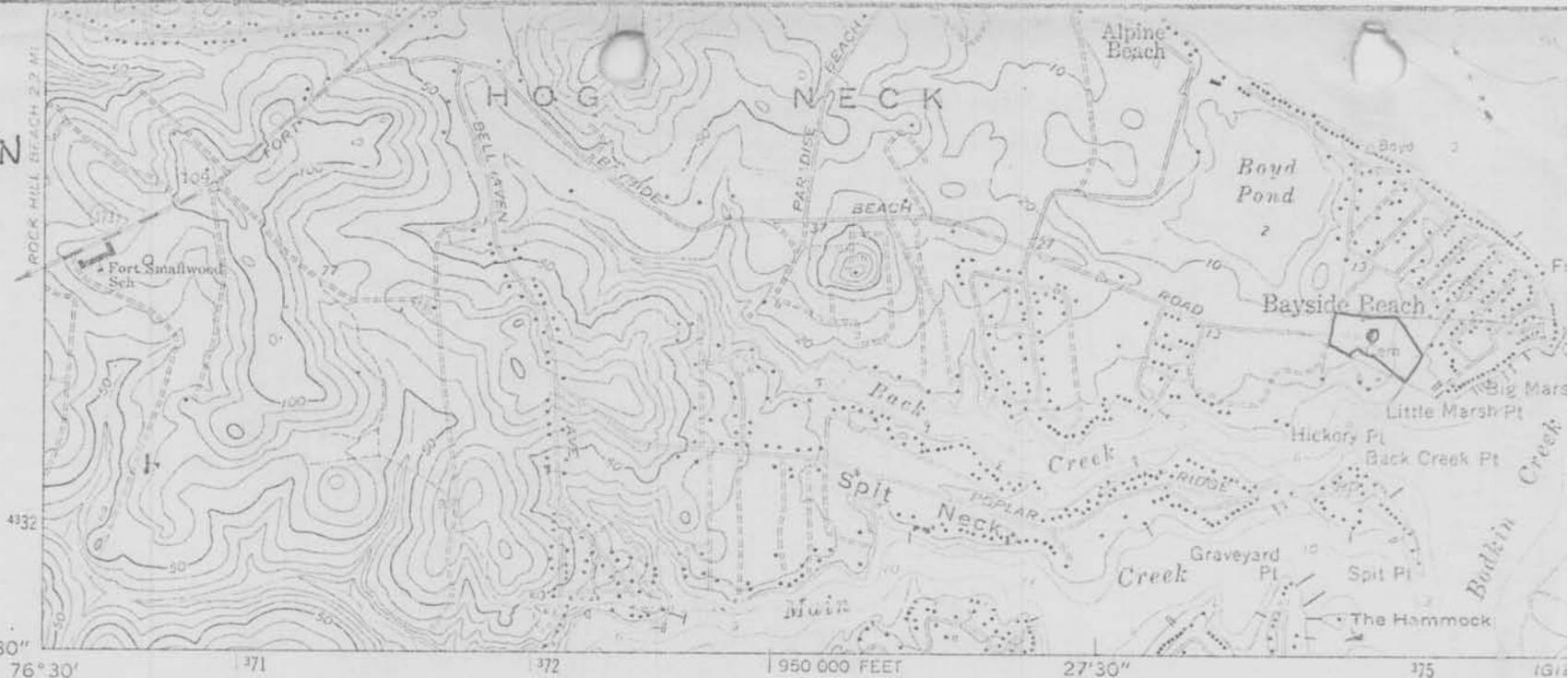
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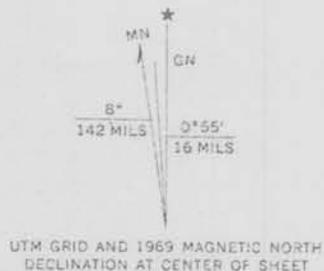
Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1966. Field checked 1969  
Supersedes Army Map Service map dated 1944

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS Charts 549 (1969)  
and 545 (1970)

This information is not intended for navigational purposes

Polyconic projection, 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR  
DATUM :

DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDING  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS  
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Pent Window - Smoke House

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East Side

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River on East Side

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View of all existing buildings  
W. F. Groverman

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Reconstructed Tony Bellows

W. F. Government

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First floor view from Upper

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Snake House

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View from Smoke House  
W. F. Gorman

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Basement Entrance

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House from main road

W. F. Gorman

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Smoke Saw windows

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First floor fireplace + stairs  
to 2nd floor

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Hancocks Resolution - AACo



Hancock Grove Yard

W. F. Government

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Hancock Resolution A.A.C.



Primer Fund of Clean-up Crew

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Hancock's Store

W. F. Grovermann

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Walnut Tree

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Hancock granite site

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Samuel New yard  
W. F. Government

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In Memory of  
STEPHEN W  
HARRIS  
Born  
Dec. 1807  
Aged 55 years

In Memory of  
LEMUEL J  
JENKINS  
Died  
Feb. 19th 1840  
Aged 34 years

*Fambstone now missing*

*W. F. Gorman*

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Hancock graveyard

W. F. Government

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