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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1** NAME

HISTORIC *Bounds Lott; Bounds Chance*  
AND/OR COMMON *Bounds Lott (preferred)*

**2** LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *West of River Road, about four miles west of Allen*  
CITY, TOWN *Allen* VICINITY OF *First*  
STATE *Maryland* CODE *24* COUNTY *Wicomico* CODE *045*

**3** CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS                                       | PRESENT USE  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" 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                   | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> NO       | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:                          |

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *C. Robert Withey*  
STREET & NUMBER *Bounds Lott*  
CITY, TOWN *Allen* VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE *Maryland*  
*21810*

**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Wicomico County Courthouse*  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN *Salisbury* STATE *Maryland*

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE *Maryland Historical Trust/St. Mary's City Commission Survey of Early Tidewater Architecture in Maryland*  
DATE *1972*  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS *Historic American Buildings Survey*  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE *Washington, D.C.*  
*1100 L Street, N.W.* *20240*

**DESCRIPTION**

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| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bounds Lott is situated eight miles southwest of Salisbury and 3.5 miles west of the village of Allen. It stands on a slight rise of ground in the midst of a farm bordering the Wicomico River.

In its present form, the house consists of the original four-bay, one and one-half-story dwelling and three small additions off its east gable, the end two having been moved from Sussex County, Delaware, and remodeled in their new location in 1975.

The original dwelling has an asymmetrical south facade covered with wide beaded shiplap. The windows have 9/6 sash and there is a double door near the center of the facade, but not in line with the dormer above, as are the windows of the first story. The 'A' roof dormers have 6/6 sash, and the roof is covered with fish scale shingles. Both gables are brick, the west having a thin coat of mortar through which traces of Flemish bond with glazed headers are apparent. There is a single window on the south side and two tiny windows in the gable above the belt course. On the north facade is a narrow porch projecting out as far as the 'L' on the east end of the building. There are two windows and a double door beneath the porch and a five-panel door into the 'L' from the porch. A single window breaks the face of the 'L', which has a leanto roof on the same plane as the porch. Its east gable is asymmetrical to conform to the pitch of the roof. Like the opposite end, the brick is laid in Flemish bond and there is a belt course and a chimney rising from the apex of the gable. Before the addition was built, it was possible to see both openings, which were originally windows on the first story. There were also two small casement on the second story.

The floor plan of Bounds Lott consists of a central stair hall with large living room on the west and two rooms on the east with corner fireplaces. It is identical to Long Hill, Wicomico County, and Hampden, Talbot County. The living room possesses a wall of paneling across the fireplace wall with fluted pilasters flanking the seven-foot wide fireplace, glazed cabinets on each side and three diamond panels above the fireplace separated by fluted pilasters. There is a bold dentil cornice and a bolection chair rail.

The open string stair rises in three flights to the second story. There is a heavy molded handrail rising above the turned newels in the manner of Otwell, Talbot County. There are three turned balusters per step with tightly curved step ends. Raised paneling completes the soffits and spandrel.

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DESCRIPTION, continued

In the dining room the corner fireplace also has fluted pilasters flanking the paneled chimney breast. As in the living room, there is a diamond panel above the fireplace. The ceiling has exposed beaded joist painted dark green. Behind the dining room in the 'L' is another room a the same size as the dining room but the lower ceiling is covered with w beaded boards. Its diagonal chimney breast also has paneling, but on a simpler scale than the two aforementioned walls. This room also has an exterior door leading to the porch.

From the dining room there is access to the entry, which is entirely new, with exposed joist and old paneling adjoining the kitchen. The kitchen is the smaller of the two sections moved from Delaware and retains early feather-edge paneling and a glazed cabinet adjacent the fireplace. The bedroom, in the larger section, is finished with dado and doors from the Samuel Adams House which formerly stood in Somerset Count

On the second story of the main house are two rooms and a small one at the head of the stair. With the exception of the wall of paneling separating the hall and the small room, and the living room chamber from its three closets, it is very plainly finished with plaster and baseboards.

In two closets it is possible to see original clapboard roofing and roof framing with a diagonal false plate. The original roofing covers only the earliest portion of the building, which consists of the living room and stair hall. The two rooms with diagonal fireplaces and all of the fine woodwork were installed after the original building had been used for as much as thirty years.

The "Hall and Parlor" house had only one large fireplace, adjacent to an enclosed stair and closet. A window lighted the closet. In all likelihood the feather-edge boards on the second floor were originally over this wall, as there is evidence they were re-used. At this time the joists were exposed in both rooms and the entrance was located in the center of the building, opening into the "Hall." The second story was unfinished and the only light was from the gables. The house was probably built by Jonathan Bounds around 1730 and enlarged by him between 1740 and 1760, although the early portion could easily have been constructed around 1700, based upon the simplicity of the plan and deta which have been uncovered.

# B 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 HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bounds Lott is a very good example of a form and plan once common on the Eastern Shore. The house has shed a great deal of light on the appearance of early 18th century vernacular dwellings in the Tidewater area. Through a thorough investigation of the building, possibly because it is in the process of restoration, many questions have been answered about structural and decorative detail of the earliest buildings remaining on the Eastern Shore. Its interior detail of the mid-18th century remodeling is superior in execution, if a little naive in classical interpretation.

Jonathan Bounds patented 300 acres as Bounds Lott on July 12, 1735 (EI 4/291, 405). It was part of Fairefield (erroneously called Pemberton in the 1732 resurvey), which Bounds and four others had inherited and then had resurveyed on August 1, 1732. Bounds' grandfather, Richard Stevens, left to his daughter, Sarah Bounds, 300 acres, part of Fairefield, to be given to her son, Jonathan Bounds (Will 13/686). It is thought that Bounds built the present house soon after he came into this inheritance.

Bounds had Bounds Lott surveyed again in 1760, changing its name to Bounds Chance (Patented Certificate 399). A new patent, dating from 1761, totaled 274 1/4 acres, and included 18 old apple trees, 21 small peach trees, 20 panels of fence, seven logs high and five acres of cultivated land (Patent BC & GS 16/258).

James Bounds inherited Bounds Chance from his father, Jonathan, in 1767 (Will 38/297). James, born in 1741, died intestate in 1777, leaving his widow, Matilda, and two children, William and Frances. An inventory taken at the time shows the value of his estate to have been 867.0.1, including eleven slaves (Will EB 1/118). This amount of money indicates that Bounds had a very prosperous life (see A.C. Land, "The Planters of Colonial Maryland," Maryland Historical Magazine, 1972).

William Bounds' guardian was Stephen Roach in 1778, the year a report of his estate was recorded in the Somerset County Guardian Bonds and Valuations of Real Estate (EB/25). Described were a frame two-story dwelling house 40 X 18, with six rooms, cellar, and porch, and a separate frame kitchen, 16 X 12. All were said to be in good repair. Thirteen outbuildings are also described.

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SIGNIFICANCE, continued

In the 1798 Federal Direct Tax for Somerset County, William Bounds' house was described as below:

Situated on Wicomico River adjoining Eliza Bounds below a dwelling house 48 feet by 18 feet with an ell of 16 by 6 feet of wood one story originally finished in plain order but some out of repair with 8 windows 54 in. by 28 in., eight ditto 44 in. by 28 in., 2 ditto 24 in. by 20 in. House damaged by worms, kitchen 14 by 12 feet bad, new ditto unfinished 18 by 14 feet erected on 80 perches of land and valued at 200 dollars.

William Bounds sold Bounds Chance to George Fooks in 1801 (Deed N/38). The property passed through many hands until 1966, when the present owner, C. Robert Withey, purchased a lot 230' x 300', with the house (633/269).

Jonathan Bounds (before 1713 - circa 1771) was born in Somerset County, probably around 1700. He was appointed Constable for Wicomico Hundred in November 1723. Bounds had three sons, all of whom served in the Somerset County militia during the French and Indian War. James Jones Bounds, the son who inherited Bounds Lott, was a member of the Somerset County Committee of Safety in 1776.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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St. Mary's City Commission research on Bounds Lott (from Land and Probate Records, Orphans Court Proceedings, Guardian Bonds and Valuation of Real Estates in the Hall of Records, Annapolis). St. Mary's City Commission, St. Mary's City, Maryland 20686.

Bounds, Capt. Harvey. Some Ancestors of Major Harvey Cochran Bounds. Privately published, 1967. (Copy available at the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore.)

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre  
UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

|                 |                              |                             |
|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NAME / TITLE    | Michael Bourne; Pamela James | DO                          |
| ORGANIZATION    | Maryland Historical Trust    | DATE<br>February 1978       |
| STREET & NUMBER | 21 State Circle              | TELEPHONE<br>(301) 269-2438 |
| CITY OR TOWN    | Annapolis                    | STATE<br>Maryland 21401     |

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer, Maryland DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

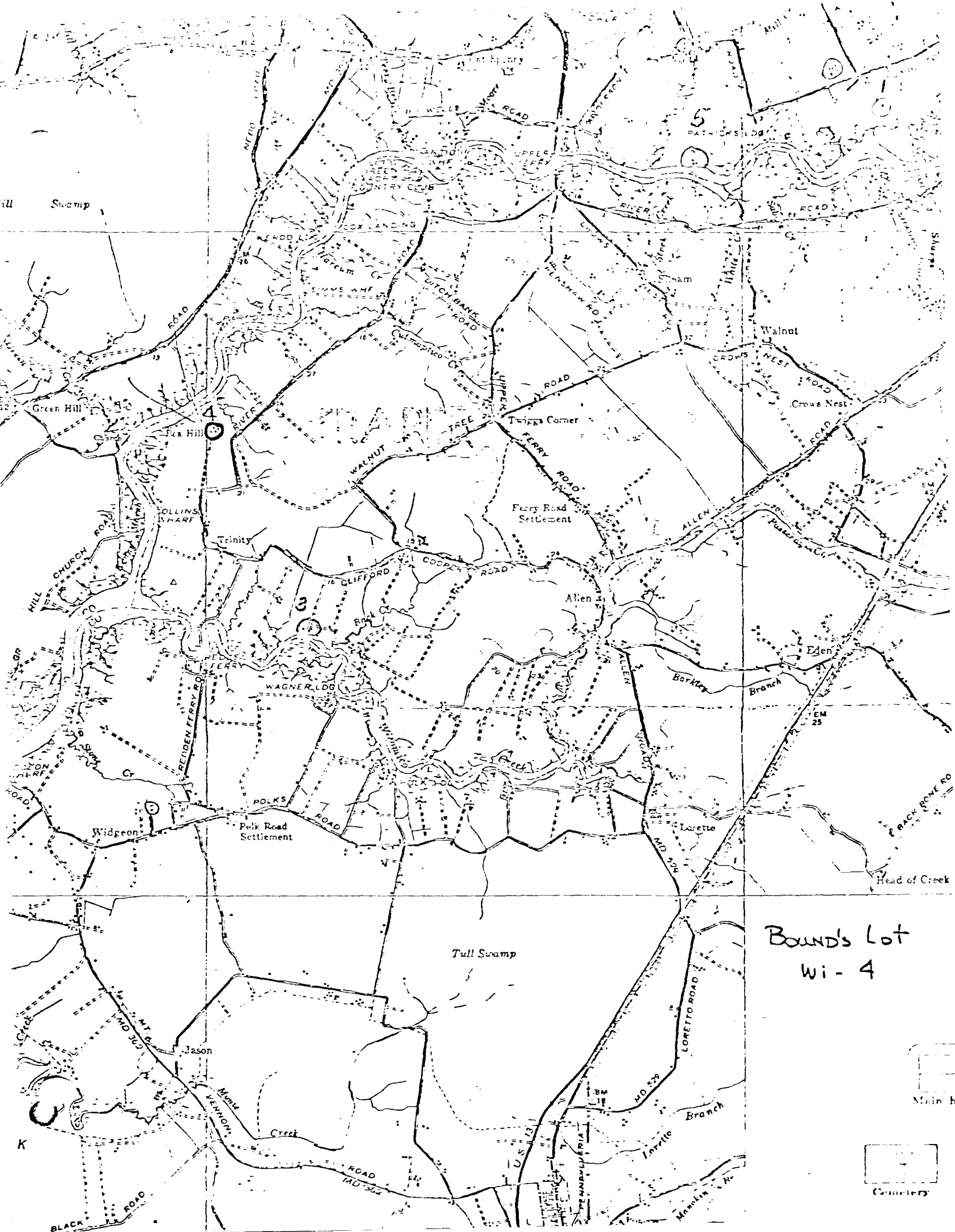
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

ATTEST:

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Dining Room paneling - Bound's List - Wi-4

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