

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no

Property Name: Vansville Site Inventory Number: PG:62-11

Address: 5404 Odell Road City: Beltsville, MD Zip Code: 20705

County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville

Owner: Felix Ross Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 51 Tax Map Number: 13 Tax Account ID Number: 10056341

Project: US 1/MD 201: Sunnyside Ave. to MD 198 Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes  no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_

NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_ yes  no

Criteria:  A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

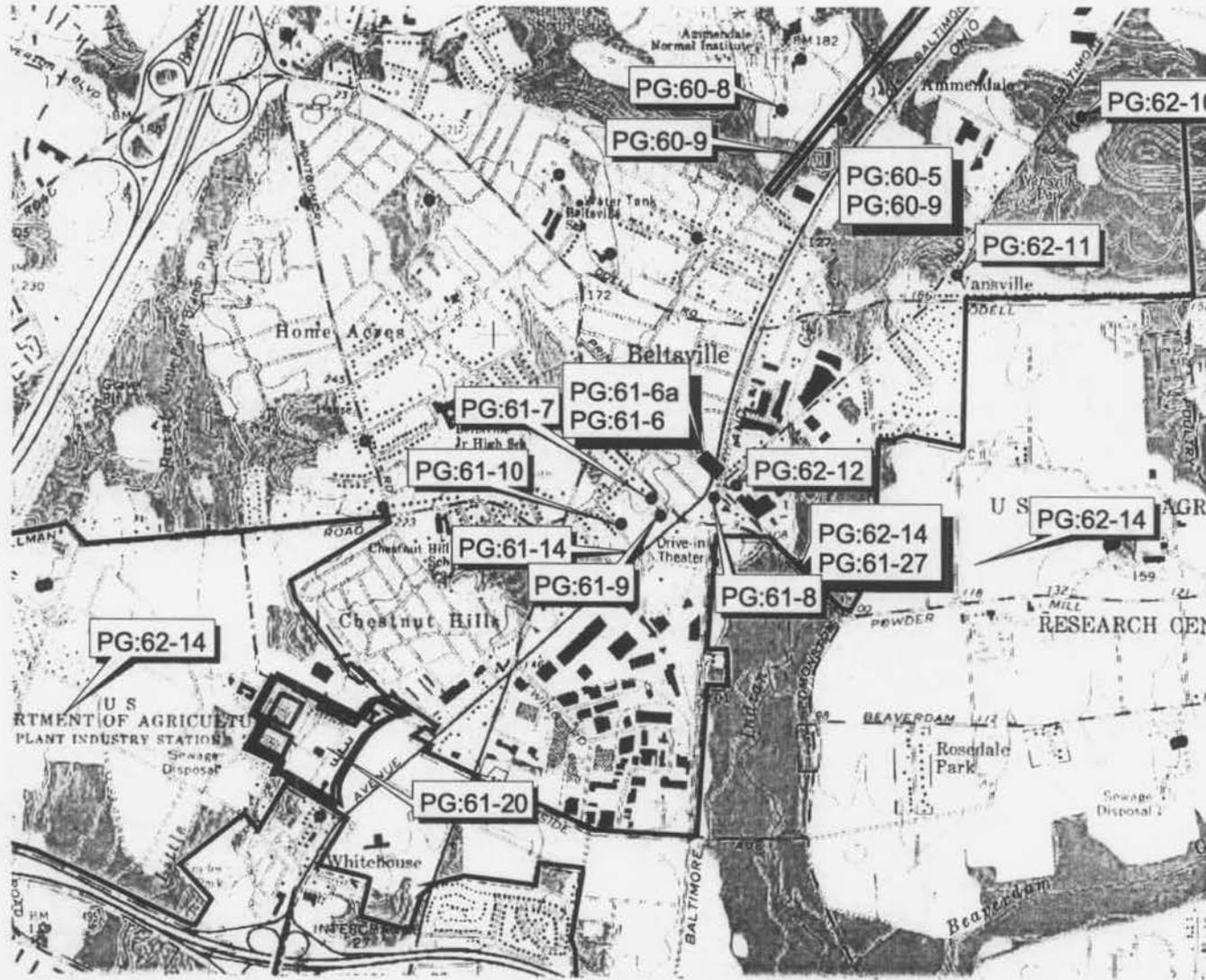
The Vansville site is the location of the former Van Horne Tavern and Post Office according to the MIHP form prepared in 1973. The form noted that nothing was found, although an outbuilding (a smokehouse) was reputed to be standing in the area. The associated building lot and those surrounding it (48, 49 and 50) are all 1940s era houses that are a part of the Vansville Community. This area was identified on a separate DOE form but is not National Register-eligible. Likewise, the Vansville site also is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of mid-20th century suburban development, no evidence for the former Tavern can be found. The historic marker which recalls the site stands in the southeast corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Odell Road.

Prepared by: A. Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist. Date Prepared: 10/22/2002

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>3/27/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>3/17/03</u> Date

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# US 1/MD 201 Historic Resources Map #1



*BELTSVILLE*

*PG:62-11*

-  Mhp.shp
-  USGS Topo Quad Index
-  County





Vansville Site (historical marker only)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Vansville, Md.

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Odell Road & Old Baltimore Pike

CITY, TOWN

Beltsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(residential area)

NAME

residential area

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Nothing old remains at the site. The last-reported surviving structure—a brick smokehouse—could not be found. Only a metal roadside marker is here, and this details the Colonial background of Van Horne's Tavern—once located here.

# 8. SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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

This was an important stopping place on the old post road in Colonial days. The Van Horne family (for which the area was named) ran a tavern, stage line, and a post office here. They also operated a mill nearby. The Vansville Farmers Club is one of the oldest agricultural organizations in the State of Maryland.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) WASHINGTON STAR, "The Rambler" (Dec. 10, 1916; Nov. 20, 27, 1921; Dec. 4 & 11, 1921; March 19, 1922; Nov. 6, 1921.)
- 2) PRINCE GEORGE'S POST, (Sept. 14, 1967; March 13, 1969.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**10 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/30/73

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

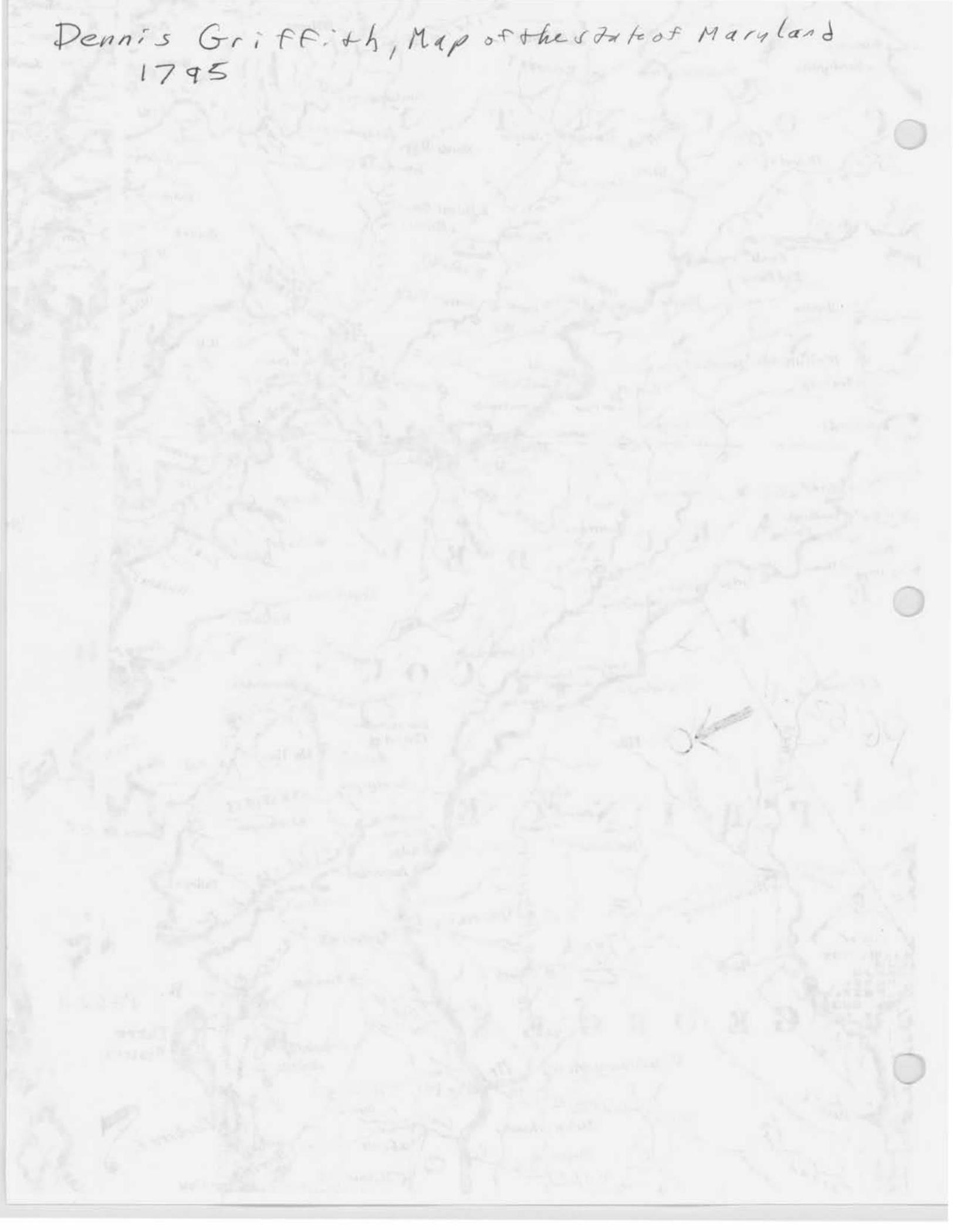
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

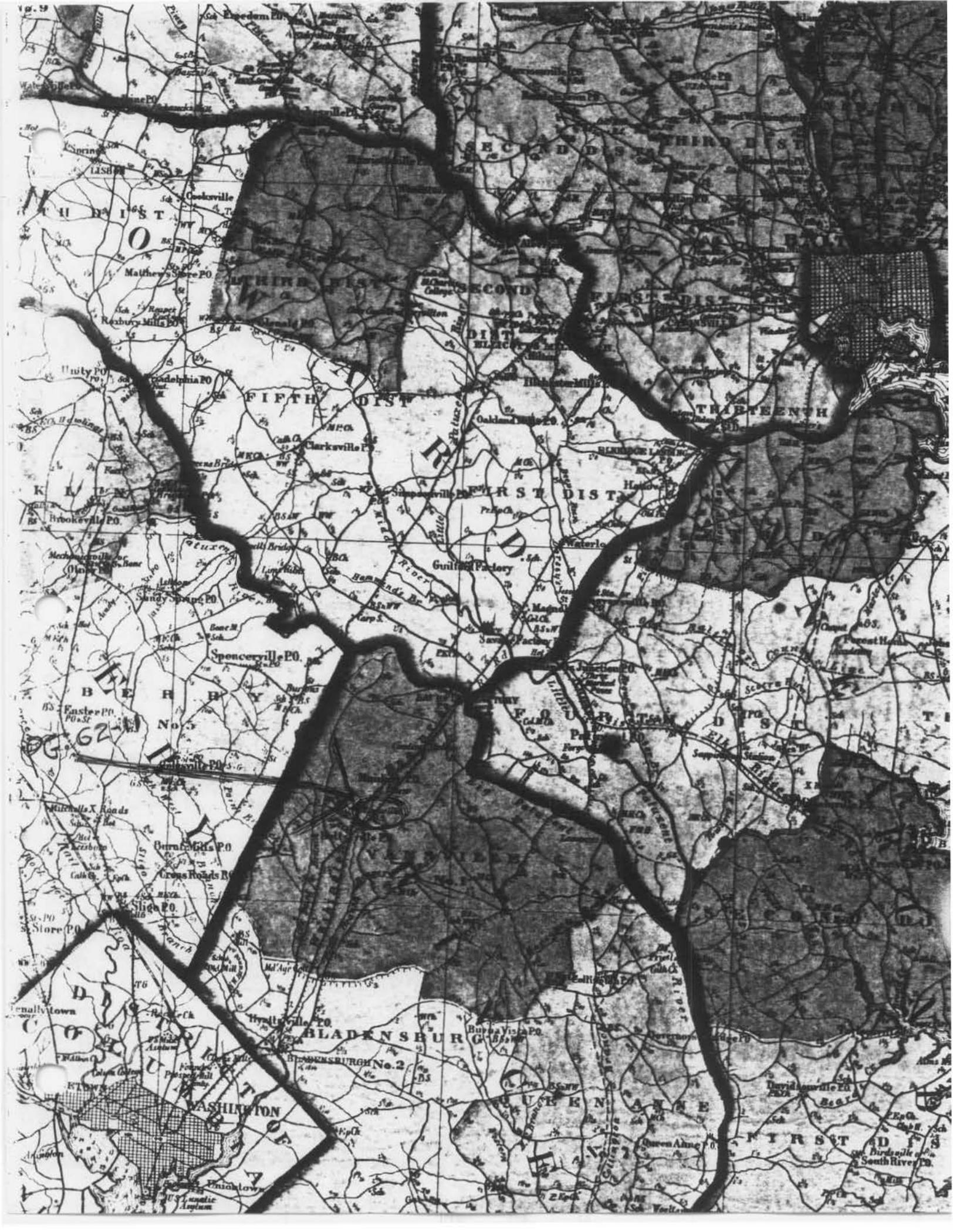
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438



Dennis Griffith, Map of the State of Maryland  
1795





This is a detailed topographical map of a region in Virginia, showing the Shenandoah River and its tributaries. The map is divided into numerous districts, including the Shenandoah, Harrison, and Bladenburg districts. Major towns and cities such as Washington, Bladenburg, and Harrisonburg are labeled. The map also shows various roads, railroads, and smaller settlements like Spencerville and Guilford Factory. The Shenandoah River is a prominent feature, winding through the center of the map.

**DISTRICTS:** SHENANDOAH DISTRICT, HARRISON DISTRICT, BLADENSBURG DISTRICT, WASHINGTON DISTRICT, and others.

**Towns and Cities:** Washington, Bladenburg, Harrisonburg, Spencerville, Guilford Factory, and many smaller settlements.

**Geographical Features:** Shenandoah River, various creeks and tributaries, and topographical contours.

**Infrastructure:** A network of roads and railroads is shown throughout the region.

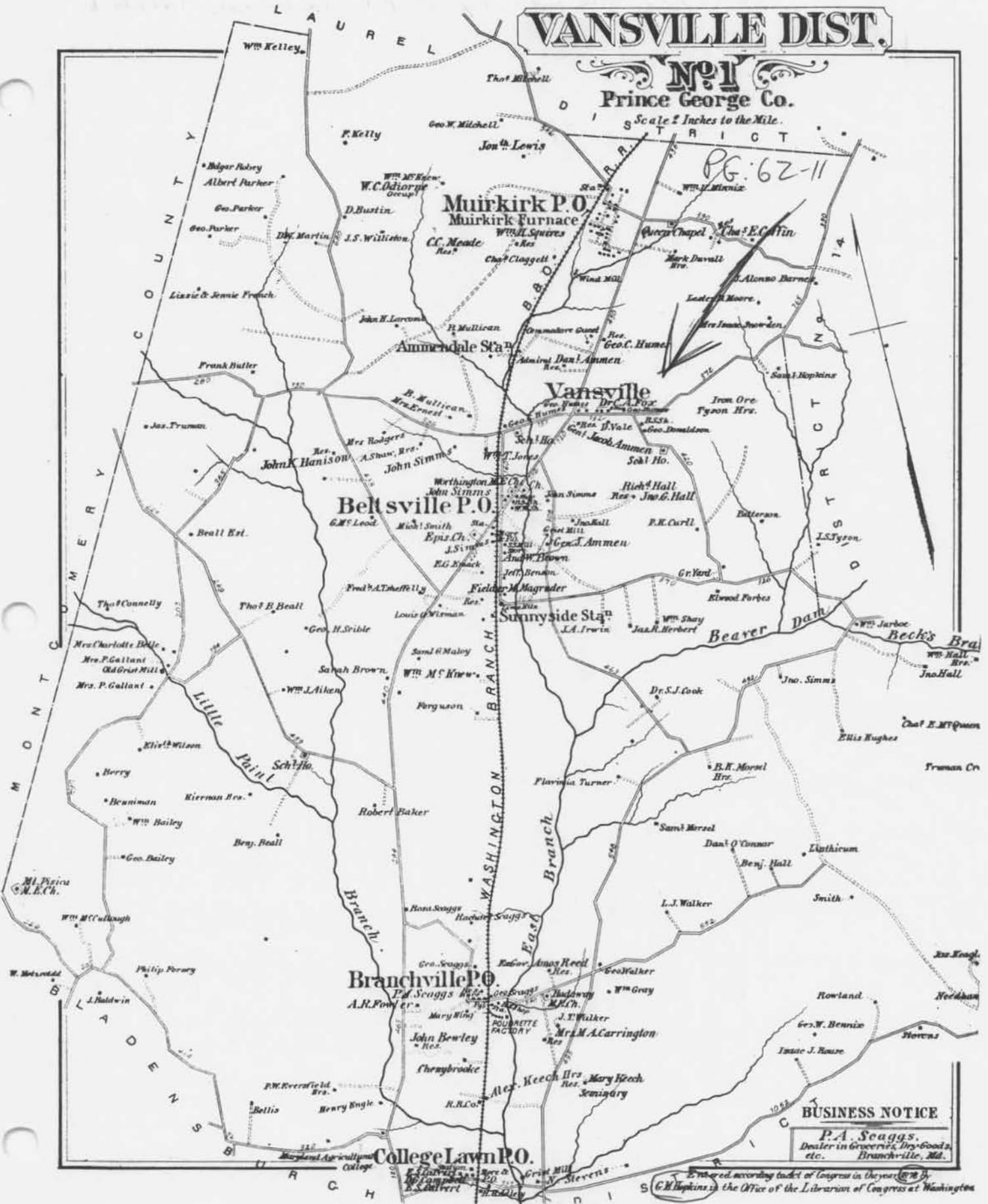
Simon J. Martinetti Map of Maryland  
1865

11-20-50

# VANSVILLE DIST.

**No. 1**  
Prince George Co.  
Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.

PG: 62-11



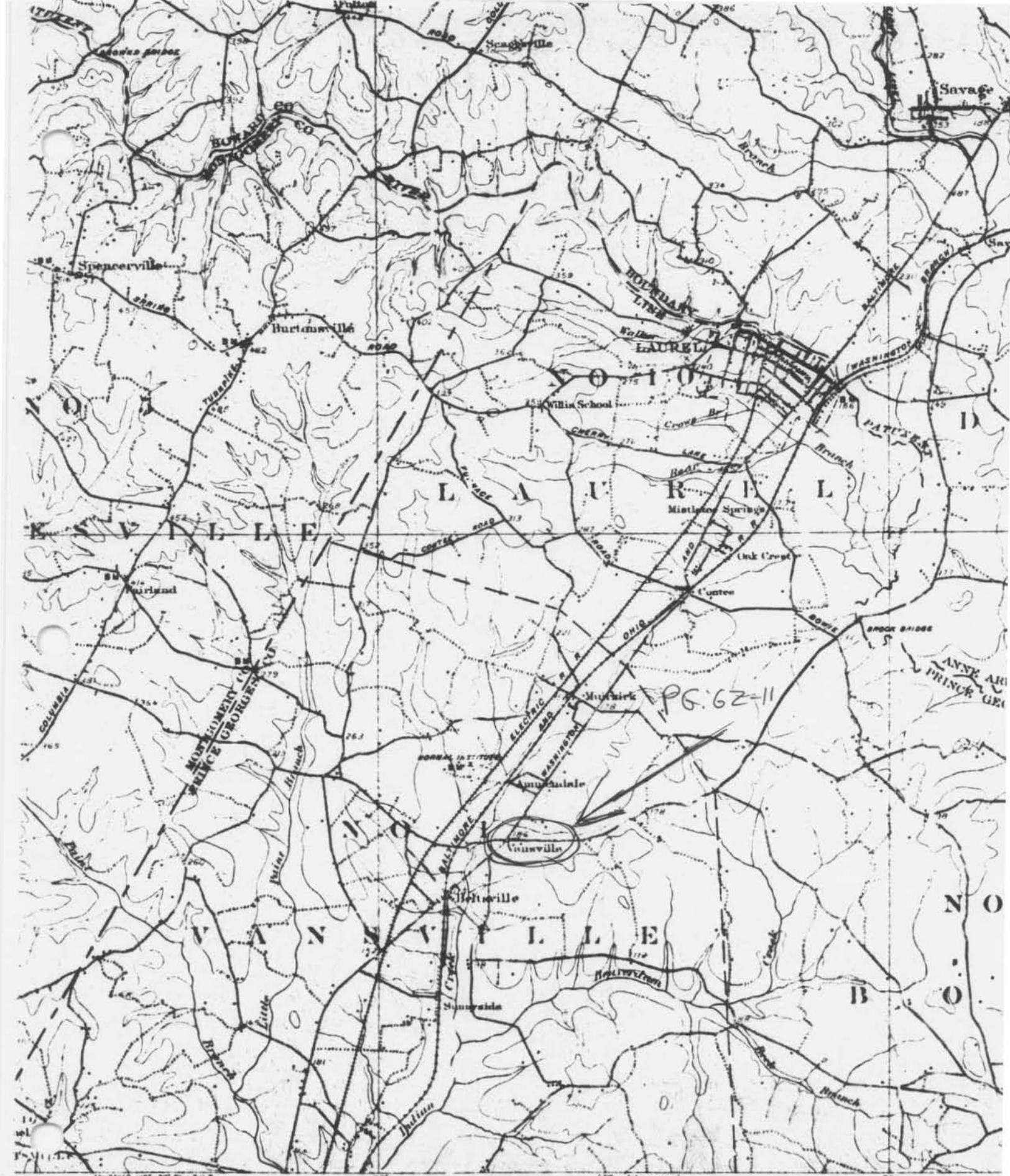
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includes the County of Prince George, Maryland

1878

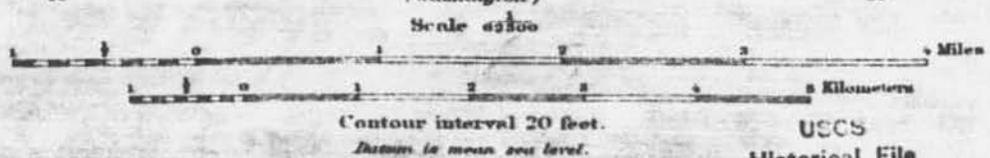




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 W.C. Hall, L.S. Leopold, A.O. Burkland,  
 and J.S.B. Daingerfield.  
 Survey, C.B. Kendall, and W.M. Beaman.  
 1904-1906.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND

APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION 1906.



(Washington)

Scale 43300

Contour interval 20 feet.  
 Datum is mean sea level.

USCS  
 Historical File

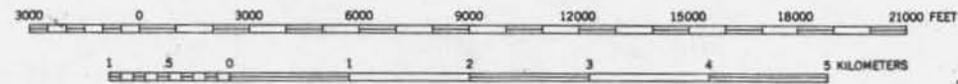
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USGS 15' Topo. Quad. Laurel, MD  
1907





1 FEET  
 1:62,500  
 HYATTSVILLE 3 MI.  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 11 MI.  
 55'  
 EAST RIVERDALE 2.8 MI.  
 4.8 MI. TO U.S. 80  
 (UPPER MARLBORO)  
 SCALE 1:62,500  
 GLENDALE 2 MI.  
 LINCOLN 4.1 MI.  
 50'  
 LANH  
 BLADEN



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

7°  
 TRUE NORTH  
 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 APPROXIMATE MEAN  
 DECLINATION, 1949



THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 FOR SALE BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON 25 D. C.

Division of

USGS 15' Topo. quad, LAUREL, MD  
1949

11-22-79



LAUREL 2.8 MI.  
BALTIMORE 21 MI.

(LAUREL) 5662 III SE  
4325

4324

4323  
2'30"

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4321

USGS 7.5' Topo. Quad,  
BELTSVILLE, MD  
1964, R1979

R.F. 11





**SITE OF  
VAN HORN'S TAVERN**

**AN IMPORTANT STOPPING PLACE IN  
COLONIAL DAYS. MENTIONED BY  
WASHINGTON, LAFAYETTE AND OTHER  
NOTED MEN AFTER THE REVOLUTION.  
COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU'S  
TROOPS CAMPED HERE IN JUNE 1782  
ON THE RETURN MARCH FROM THE  
VICTORY OF YORKTOWN.**

**STATE ROADS COMMISSION**

NAME VANSVILLE - MARKER # 62-11

LOCATION ODELL Rd + OLD BALTIMORE PIKE

FACADE BELTSVILLE, Md

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