

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Contee House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Enterprise Road (Site now on Vandine Street)				
CITY OR TOWN: Largo				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Contee				
STREET AND NUMBER: Enterprise Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Largo		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a one story, two room frame structure with a lower one-story kitchen wing. The exterior is sheathed with unpainted clapboards; fenestration is irregular. A small chimney stack rises on the exterior of the east end of the larger block. On the interior, the walls are sheathed with clapboards, vertical planking, and horizontal flush beaded boarding. A boxed staircase to the two upper rooms rises from the southeast corner of the east room.

The house has no utilities and is heated by a wood-burning stove.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 20 Sept. 73

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC CONTEE HOUSE
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER ENTERPRISE RD.
 CITY, TOWN LARGO VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 STATE MD 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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCY
<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Mr. Contee Telephone #: No Telephone
 STREET & NUMBER Enterprise Rd.
 CITY, TOWN Largo VICINITY OF Md. STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: Registry of Deeds, ETC. P. G. County Court House Folio #:
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE Survey of Historic Sites - Prince George's County
 DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust
 CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Md.

7 DESCRIPTION

96-041-57

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Years ago forests and fields surrounded this house. Recently, these natural features were bulldozed and a large subdivision of split level houses now spread across the landscape. Right in the middle stands this unpainted frame house with a rusty tin roof. Though the house has been humbled (a large pit has been gouged out in the front yard and its windows boarded over with posters pasted on: "Condemmed: Unfit for Human Habitation"), the house stubbornly refused to give way to modernity. The owner, it was reported, is suing in court to prevent the forced sale of his land and house.

This weatherboarded, frame structure, which measures 36'7"xl6'9", consists of a main block and an addition. The main block has one and a half stories and consists of three bays -- one door flanked by two windows, asymmetrically placed along the principal facade. Its rear length consists of two bays, a central door and one window. The house faces south. To the east, a one story appendage has been added. Its construction material (hewn sills and studs and cut nails) is similar to that of the main block was built.

Since the owner was not present, the interior could not be investigated. But I was told by neighborhood children that the downstairs of the main block was one open room and the downstairs of the appendage was used as a kitchen, wood-burning stove being piped into the brick chimney.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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

According to Mike Dwyer, who surveyed this house for the Maryland Historical Trust, Mr. Contee said that his grandfather, who was a manumitted slave, built this house. Though my previous attempts to locate Mr. Contee have not brought results, I plan to continue as well investigate Prince George's County Courthouse records in hopes of verifying this account and to learn more of the history of this house. If the house, which appears to be mid-19th century, was built by a manumitted slave, it provides an structural example for an insightful comparison between the houses of slaves and free blacks in antebellum southern Maryland.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

2/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 W. Madison Street

301- 383-3648

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Md.

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.

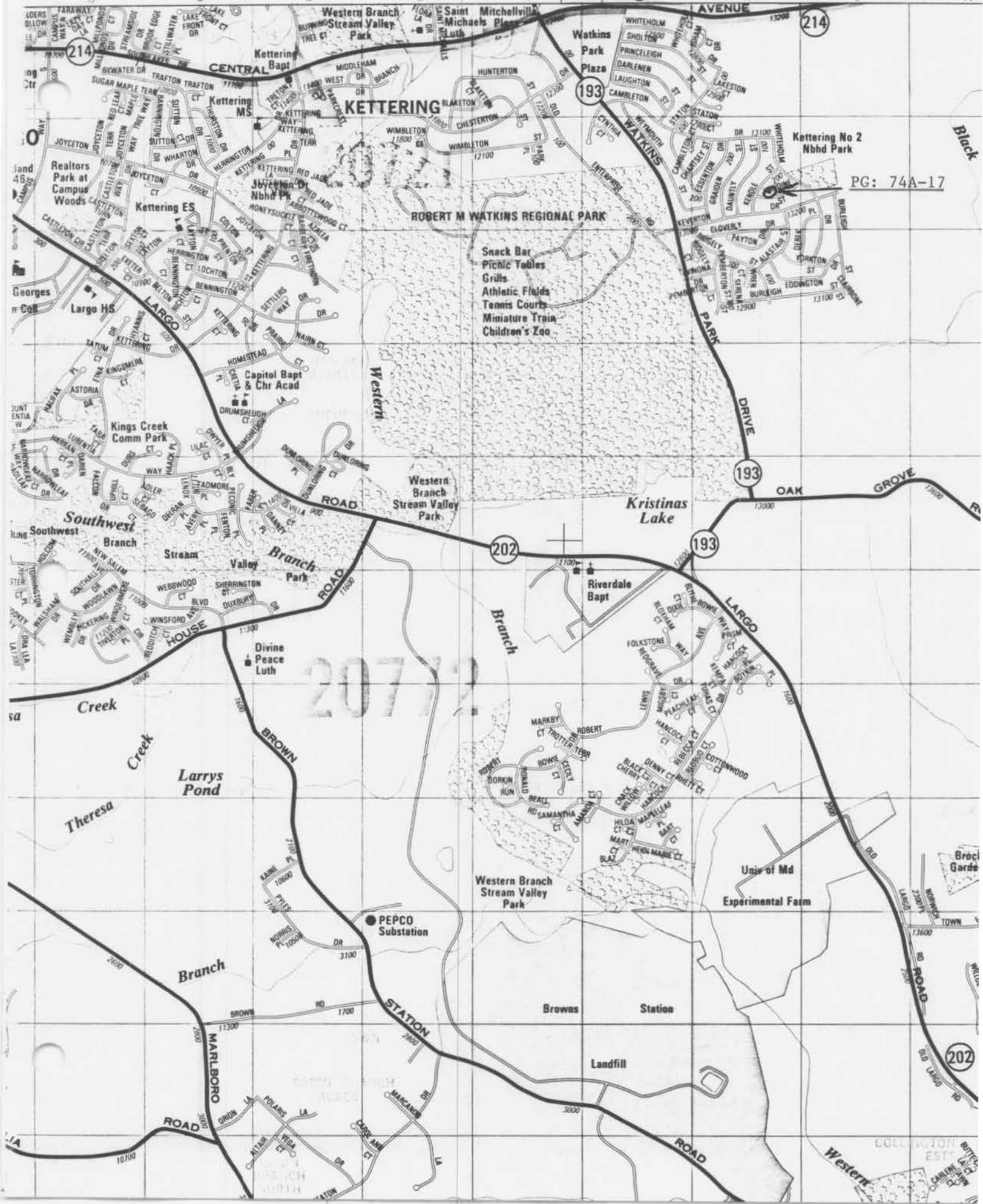
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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



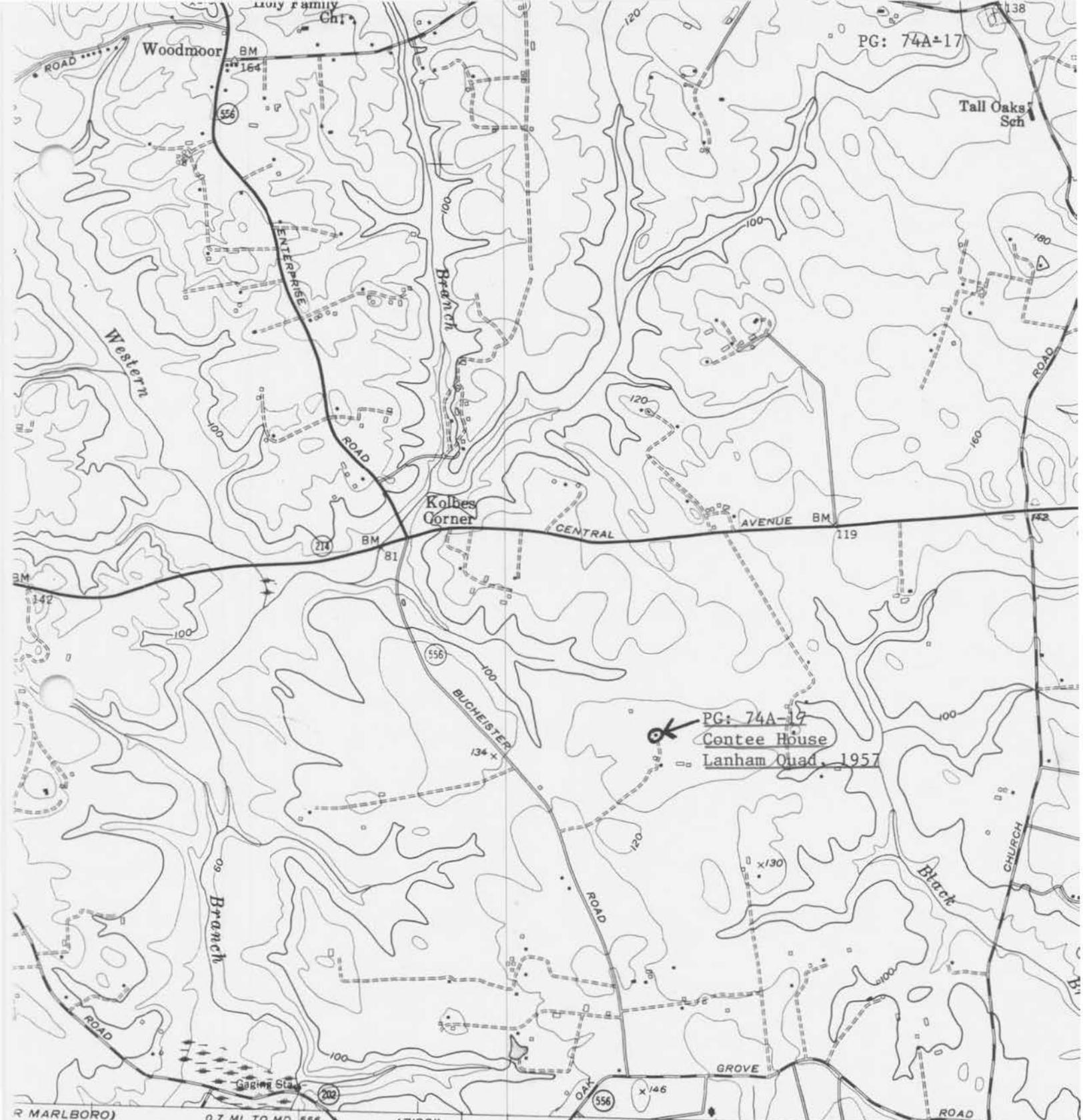
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 Cotee House
 Lanham Quad, 1957

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 UPPER MARLBORO 5.3 MI.

0.1 MI. TO MD. 202

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515
 348

SCALE 1:24000



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 MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

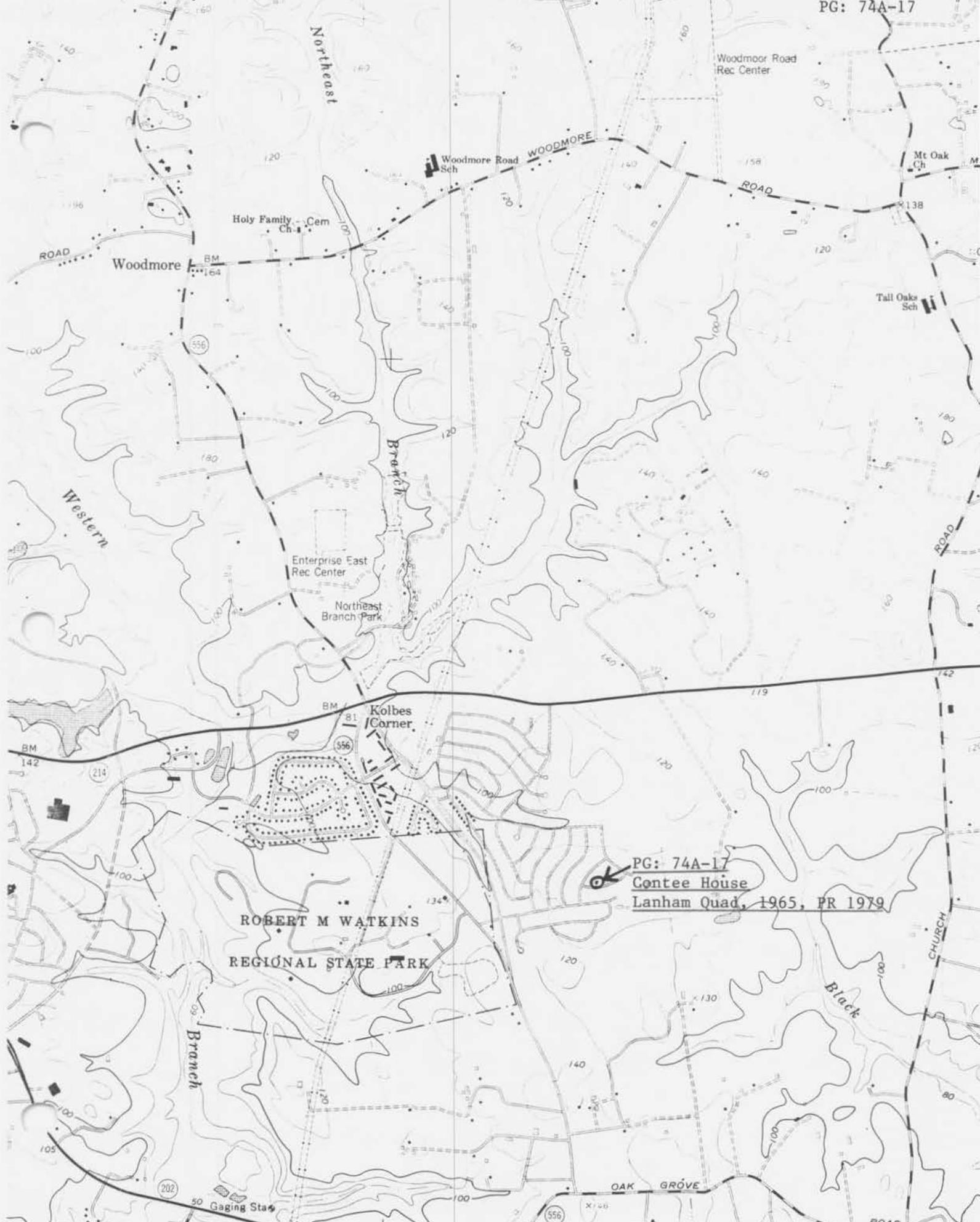
ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

LANHAM, MARYLAND

NE/4 UPPER MARLBORO 15' CORNER
 N 3852.5 - W 7645.0

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS



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 Contee House
 Lanham Quad, 1965, PR 1979

ROBERT M WATKINS
 REGIONAL STATE PARK



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT Rd. OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK, ENTERPRISE Rd.
KOLBES CORNER, MO.

FACADE S.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



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NAME CONTEE HOUSE

LOCATION END OF DIRT RD OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK ENTERPRISE RD
KOLBES CORNER, MD

FACADE S.E.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT RD OFF ENTERPRISE RD OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK
KOLBES CORNER, Md

FACADE N.W.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



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CONTEE HOUSE

GEORGE M^CDANIEL

1976



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION DIRT Rd. OPP. WATKINS PARK, KOLBES CORNER
MIL

FACADE EAST ROOM

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NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT Rd. OFF ENTERPRISE Rd. OPPOSITE
WATKINS PARK, KOLBES CORNER, MD.

FACADE WEST ROOM

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Contee House

GEORGE Mc DANIEL

1976