

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-32b Building Date: 1920

Building Name: Burns Wilson Shop

Location: 12804 Croom Road, Naylor

Private/Commercial/Unoccupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

Burns Wilson Shop is a one-story, gable roof 30-by-60 foot board and batten building of rectangular plan located immediately north of Brookfield Methodist Church on Croom Road. The five-bay south facade has three large board and batten doors on rollers with metal tracks above the doors. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the second and fourth bays. There are overhanging eaves, and cornice kicks in the gable ends. The roof is covered with slate shingles, the siding coated with kreosote. The five-bay north facade has a lean-to addition on the first bay, which served as Wilson's office. The east gable end has a low two-by-one bay board and batten blacksmith shop. The interior of the blacksmith shop has a dirt floor. Entering the main block from the northwest corner of the blacksmith shop, the building is one open room with exposed rafters. The three large doors were car entrances and three bays for car repair were maintained in the central shop area. The small office room is lined with built-in shelving and drawers for parts and equipment. There are old tools and equipment, placed around the main room.

Significance:

The Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973), well known in the southeastern county as a handy man. Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things. Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill there. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and deteriorating. The house, a small bungalow constructed of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. It is also simple in plan and construction materials, and is presently inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Acreage: 1 acre

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Burns Wilson Shop

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 12804 Croom Road (Maryland Route 382)  not for publication

city, town Naylor  vicinity of congressional district 4

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"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Unused

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

name David Wilson

street & number 12804 Croom Road telephone no.:

city, town Naylor state and zip code MD. 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's Courthouse 5774  
liber

street & number Main Street folio 292

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/a

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD.

## 7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #82B-32b

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

Burns Wilson Shop is a one-story, gable roof 30-by-60 foot board and batten building of rectangular plan. It is located immediately north of Brookfield Methodist Church and fronts closely on Croom Road.

The five-bay south facade has three large board and batten doors on rollers with metal tracks placed above the doors. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the second and fourth bays. There are overhanging eaves, and cornice kicks in the gable ends. The gable roof is covered with slate shingles. The building is of board and batten siding coated with kreosote and is set on a cement slab.

The two-bay west gable end, facing Croom Road, is marked by two 2/2 sash windows. The five-bay north facade has a lean-to addition on the first bay, which served as Wilson's office. The east gable end has a low two-by-one bay board and batten addition which served as a blacksmith shop. The roof of the addition is standing seam metal. There is an entrance in the east gable end.

Entered from the east, the interior of the attached blacksmith shop has a dirt floor. A ceramic tile interior chimney on the east wall connected to the blacksmith forge. Entering the main block from the northwest corner of the blacksmith shop, the building is one open room with exposed rafters. The three large doors on the south wall were car entrances and three bays for car repair were maintained in the central shop area. The small office room entered from the northeast corner of the main block is lined with built-in shelving and drawers of various sizes made by Burns Wilson. There are built-in counter tops and drawers for parts and equipment along the walls of the main block. There are old tools and equipment, including a drill press, band saw and miter box dating from the 1930's and 40's placed around the room.

# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

**Specific dates** 1920 **Builder/Architect** Burns Wilson

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973). Wilson was well known in the southeastern county area as a fix-it and handy man.

Because his wife was from Naylor, Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920.<sup>1</sup> Wilson made a living repairing cars, blacksmithing, wood and metal working. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things.<sup>2</sup> Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead on Mill Town Landing Road (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor with the assistance of his father and brother, shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill on that property.<sup>3</sup> It is furnished with built-in drawers and shelving Wilson made to hold tools and parts. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and in deteriorating condition.

The Wilson house, a small bungalow constructed of layers of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. The house is also simple in plan and construction materials. It is presently owned and inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 163:282.
- 2 Interview with Fannie L. Wilson, April 1986; and obituary in the Marlboro Enquirer Gazette, Thursday, April 26, 1973.
- 3 Ibid.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Map 138, Parcel 41

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro A

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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/title	Marina King, Architectural Historian		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	August 1986
street & number	14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Room 4010	telephone	952-3520
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD. 20772

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  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## Chain of Title

Burns Wilson House and Shop  
P.G. #82B-32b

5774:292  
11 Oct 1983  
Deed  
Henrietta W. Peterson and Marie E. Litterer to David Burns Wilson and Fannie L. Wilson. For \$1,000 grantors convey that tract in the 4th District, Lot 3 of Maria A. Duvall property. Contains 1 acre. Life tenant Ruth M. Wilson died November 19, 1980. Same described 4707:305.

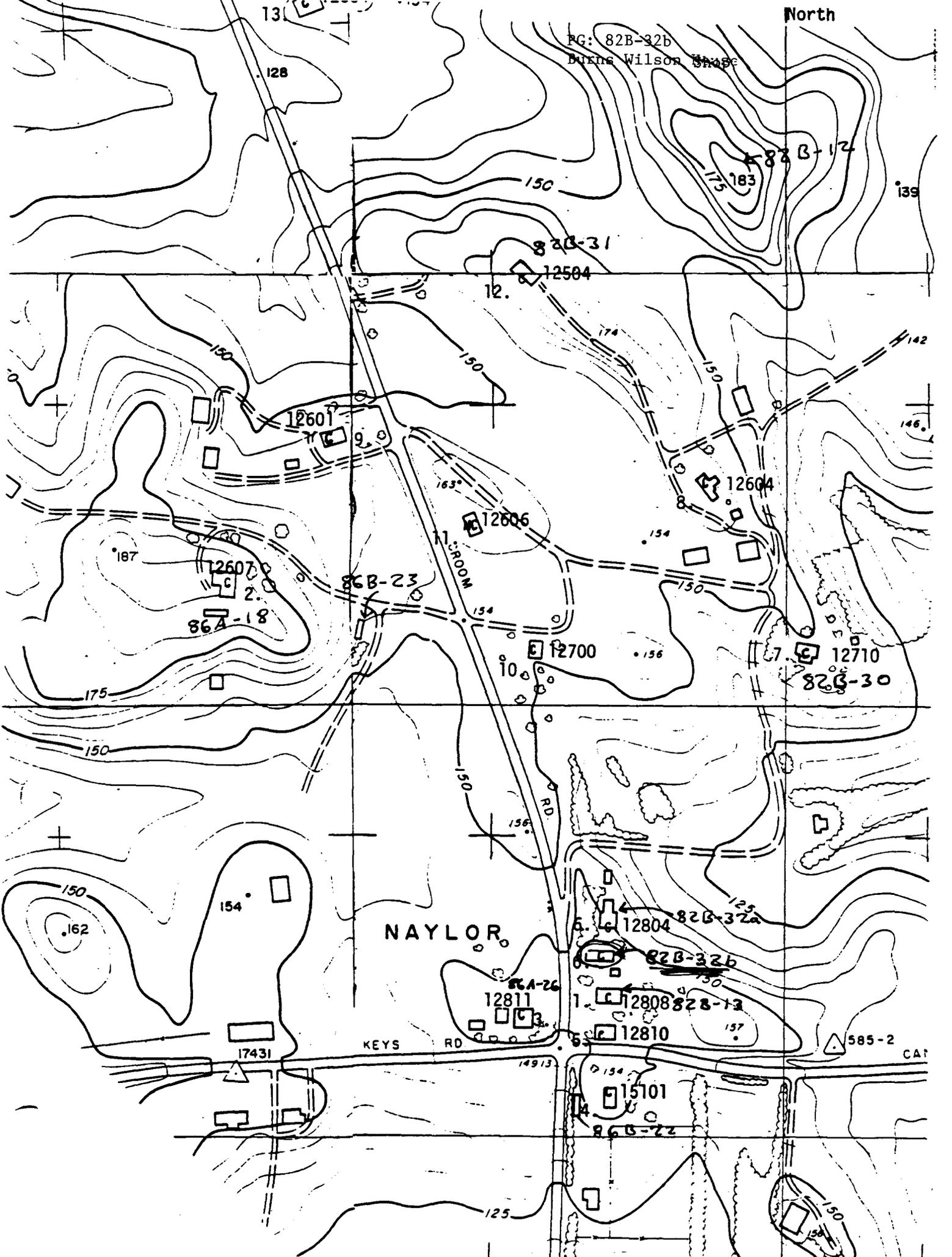
4707:305  
18 Dec 1976  
Deed  
Ruth Marie Wilson to David Burns Wilson, Fannie L. Wilson, Marie E. Litterer, Henrietta W. Peterson. For \$10 grantor conveys to second and third party a life estate and to fourth and fifth parties as tenants in common that parcel of 1 acre described in deed, 163:282.

163:282  
16 Sept 1920  
Deed  
Maria A. Duvall to William Burns Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson. For \$10 grantor conveys that parcel, a part of land grantor obtained from Joseph B. Duvall and wife, August 11, 1914, 99:261. One acre.

99:261  
11 Aug 1914  
Deed  
Joseph B. Duvall and Elizabeth W. Duvall to Maria A. Duvall. Lot #3 in partition of the property of the late William E. Duvall.

North

PG: 82B-32b  
Burns Wilson Bridge



J. L. TUCKER, JR.  
5381 / 281  
5.00A.  
P.73

P.22

PG: 82B-32B

NOTTINGHAM

LOT 1  
8584

1.00 A. P.  
P.20 63

RENE GRACE  
5687 / 378  
35.85A.  
P.80

ELSIE  
DUVALL  
2 A  
P.39

**C-S-C**

**O-S**

DAVID D.  
DUVALL  
5354/441  
5.30 A.  
P.70

ANONA D. DUVALL  
384 / 209  
46.48 A  
P/O P.38

● **82B-31**

15.00 A.  
P.23

ALVIN  
TURN  
362  
6

62A  
P.45  
R. E.  
GRACE

J.B.L. ALL  
3156/112  
2.88 A.  
P.49

5263/  
863  
2.38  
P.39

BERNARD D. DUVALL  
4210/502  
71.93A.  
P.40  
**82B-30**

P/O P.38

MAP 137-P.71

NAYLOR

MARIA

SUB.

LOT 1

121052

JOSEPH B. DUVALL  
5354 / 448  
5975 / 057  
P.71

LOT 2  
8599

● **82B-32 b**

JAMES B. NAYLOR  
5162 / 062  
3.00A P.21

4987 / 320  
3.00 A  
P.68

**86A-26**  
MAP 147-P.8

2.81 A.  
P.44

CANDY HILL RD.

117045

1.17 A  
P.52

**O-S**

● **86B-22**

**R-A**

CANDY HILL

BOARD OF ED.  
2854-92  
B.A.  
P.29

5800/239  
4.49A.  
P.34

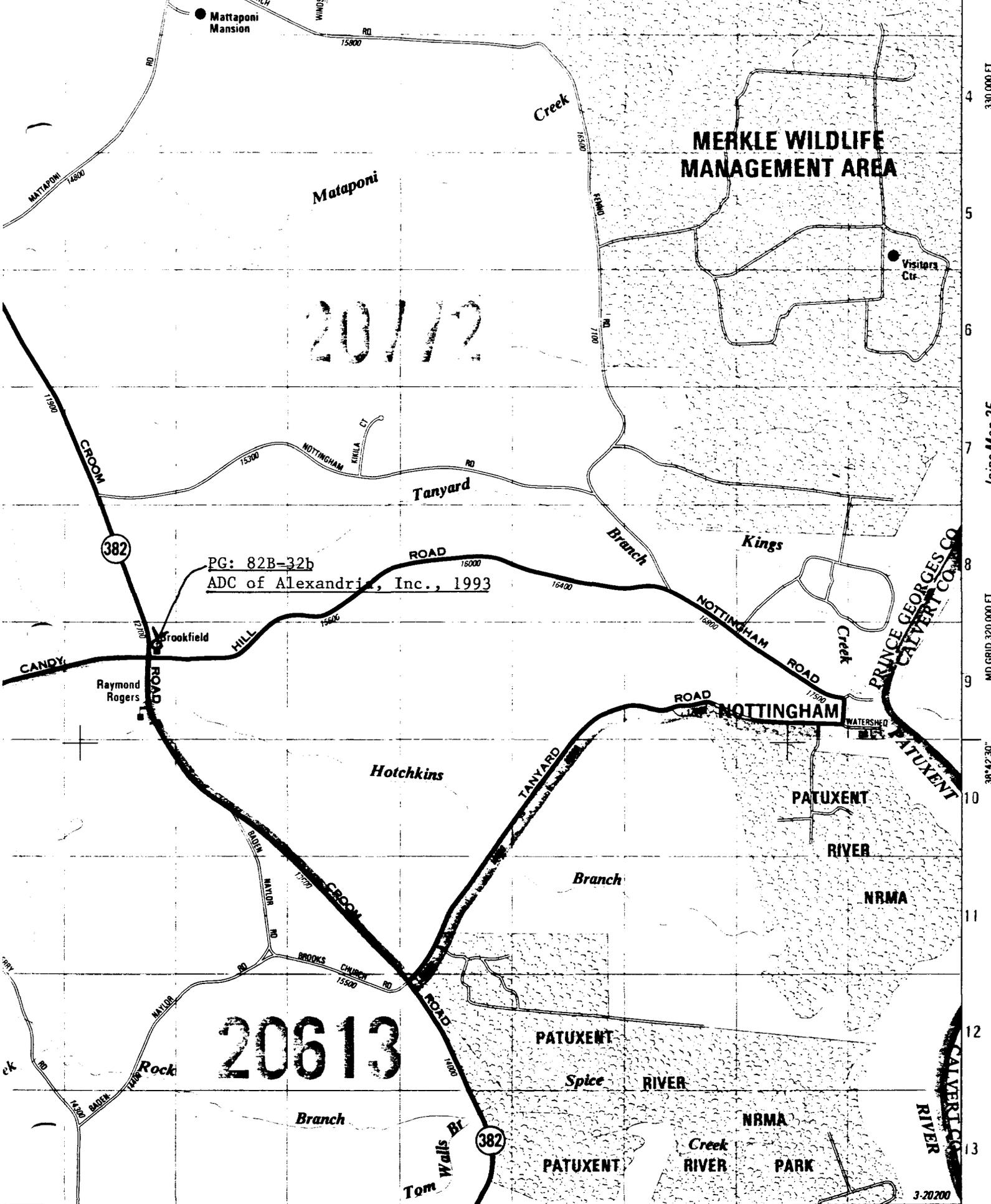
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PG: 82B-32b  
ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1993

20613

330,000 FT

Inns Man 35

MD GRID 320,000 FT

38°42'30"

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Burns Wilson Shop  
Prince George's County  
Marina King  
April 1986  
East elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82B-32b

Burns Wilson Shop  
Prince George's County  
Marina King  
April 1986  
North elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82B-32b

Burns Wilson Shop  
Prince George's County  
Marina King  
April 1986  
North elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#82B-32b

Burns Wilson Shop  
Prince George's County  
Marina King  
April 1986  
Southwest elevation  
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD