

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87A-25 Building Date: 1901

Building Name: Vine Cottage

Location: 17401 Milltown Landing Road

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

Vine Cottage is a two-story frame dwelling of two-by-two-bays with a two-story, two-by-one-bay frame kitchen wing. Located just south of Milltown Landing Road, it is surrounded by open fields. The two-bay north gable end has entrance in the second bay through a door with twelve upper glass lights and a lower, horizontal wood panel. Windows are 1/1 with louvered shutters. A three-bay entrance porch wraps around the northwest corner of the building and across the west facade. The porch roof is supported by turned and chamfered posts. The building has horizontal wood siding and rests on a brick foundation. The crown molded, boxed cornice is returned in the gable ends. The pediments in the north and west gable ends are sided with fishscale shingles. The two-bay west facade has a two-story, gable roof projecting bay with the same pediment treatment as the north gable end. The south gable end is dominated by the gable roof kitchen wing on the southwest corner. The wing is contemporary with the main block. The complex of outbuildings east and south of Vine Cottage includes a two-story gable roof barn/stable which predates the house. A large tobacco barn and a one-by-one-bay frame gable roof meat house are contemporary with the house. Close to the road is a two-story, two-by-one-bay shop building of vertical wood siding. The building contains a line drive from which several types of farm or woodworking equipment were run simultaneously. East of the house is a one-story, one-by-one-bay gable roof frame generator house and south of the house is a terraced garden.

Significance:

Vine Cottage was built in 1901 by James Burns Wilson, in the vicinity of an earlier Wilson house. The 59.7 acre property was a part of four parcels totaling 655 acres acquired by James Wilson in 1739. The Wilson family has held a part of this property to the present time. Vine Cottage is a fine example of a late 19th/early 20th century farmhouse in Prince George's County. Stylistic elements include its two-story height, wrap-around porch with turned posts, gable end entrance displaying prominent cornice returns and decorative shingle. The dwelling is part of a complex of agricultural buildings built during the early 20th century. These include a 1-1/2 story 1 x 1 frame structure built during the 1920's to house a generator. There is also a two-story shop building. Vine Cottage is one of three Wilson family dwellings in the vicinity. They are local landmarks due to architectural style and association with one family. Vine Cottage is also significant for its complex of farm buildings.

Acreage: 59.7 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Vine Cottage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 17401 Milltown Landing Rd. not for publication

city, town Aquasco vicinity of congressional district 4

state Md. county Prince George's County

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| <u> </u> district | <u> </u> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <u> </u> agriculture | <u> </u> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <u> </u> unoccupied | <u> </u> commercial | <u> </u> park |
| <u> </u> structure | <u> </u> both | <u> </u> work in progress | <u> </u> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <u> </u> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <u> </u> entertainment | <u> </u> religious |
| <u> </u> object | <u> </u> in process | <u> </u> yes: restricted | <u> </u> government | <u> </u> scientific |
| | <u> </u> being considered | <u> </u> yes: unrestricted | <u> </u> industrial | <u> </u> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <u> </u> military | <u> </u> other: |

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

name Robert B. and Patricia I. Wilson

street & number 17401 Milltown Landing Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine state and zip code Md. 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5877

street & number Main Street folio 263

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. 46-87A-25

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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 of move _____ |
| <input 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.

Vine Cottage is a two-story frame dwelling of two-by-two-bays with a two-story, two-by-one-bay frame kitchen wing. It is located just south of and fronting on Milltown Landing Road, and is surrounded by open fields.

The two-bay north (main facade) gable end has entrance in the second bay through a door with twelve upper glass lights and a lower, horizontal wood panel. Windows on the facade are 1/1 double-hung-sash with wooden louvered shutters. A three-bay hipped roof entrance porch wraps around the northwest corner of the building and continues across the west facade. The porch roof is supported by turned and chamfered wood posts. There is a wide plain frieze below the porch cornice.

The building is sided with horizontal wood siding painted white and rests on a brick foundation. The crown molded, boxed cornice is returned in the gable ends. A wide plain siding board runs around the building below the cornice, forming a frieze and creating pedimented gable ends. The pediments in the north and west gable ends are sided with fishscale shingles.

The two-bay west facade has a two-story, gable roof projecting bay on the southwest corner of the main block. It has the same pediment treatment as the north gable end. There is an entrance on the north side of the projecting bay, sheltered by the west three bays of the ell-shaped entrance porch.

The south (rear) gable end is dominated by the gable roof kitchen wing on the southwest corner. The wing is of the same materials and is contemporary with the main block. Windows are 6/6 double-hung-sash. The south gable end of the wing is unfenestrated and has an interior corbelled brick chimney at the gable peak. There is a shed roof screened porch on its west side, sheltering a central entrance with a four panel door.

There is a complex of outbuildings east and south of Vine Cottage. A small, two-story gable roof barn/stable with vertical wood siding and standing seam metal roof predates the house. A large gable roof tobacco barn resting on brick piers, and a one-by-one-bay frame gable roof meat house are contemporary with the house. Northeast of the house, close to the road, is a two-story, two-by-one-bay shop building with vertical wood siding, a gable roof and central double entrance doors facing south. The building contains a line drive suspended at head level along the south wall. Several types of farm or woodworking equipment were run simultaneously using this piece of equipment. There are also various antique hand tools in the building. The shop building is also contemporary with the

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates 1901 **Builder/Architect** James 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.

Vine Cottage was built in 1901 by James Burns Wilson, in the vicinity of an earlier Wilson house which was torn down at that time.¹ The 59.7 acre property was originally a part of four parcels, Haddington, Dunbar, Trenant and Good Luck, totaling 655 acres, which was acquired by James Wilson in 1739.² The Wilson family has held and farmed a part of this property through to the present time.³

Vine Cottage is a fine example of a late nineteenth/early twentieth century vernacular farmhouse built in Prince George's County. Stylistic elements include its two-story height, wrap-around porch with turned posts, gable end entrance displaying prominent cornice returns and use of decorative shingle. The dwelling is a part of a complex of agricultural buildings built during the early twentieth century. Outbuildings include a story-and-one-half, one-by-one bay frame structure built during the 1920's to house a generator for production of electricity for the farm.⁴ There is also a two-story shop building, contemporary with the house, which contains early twentieth century tools and mechanical equipment. There also was a small sawmill, recently demolished, northeast of the house.

Vine Cottage is one of three surviving Wilson family dwellings in the vicinity. The dwellings, within eyesight of each other on Millton Landing Road, are local landmarks due to architectural style and association with one family. Vine Cottage is also significant for its complex of early twentieth century farm buildings.

Notes

- 1 Conversation with Edna Connick Wilson, April 1985.
- 2 Land Records of Prince George's County, Y:100.
- 3 Land Records of Prince George's County, JRM 9:179; and Wills, Docket 1810, Josiah Wilson and David B. Wilson; William James Wilson, Administration #651.
- 4 Conversation with Mary E. Wilson, January 1986.

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house. There was a small saw mill west of the shop building which has recently been demolished. Directly east of the house is a one-story, one-by-one-bay gable roof frame generator house on a high cement foundation. This building was built during the 1920's and housed a generator which provided electricity for the house.

South of the house is a terraced garden. The garden terraces and a decorative pond west of the house were formed using the distinctive fossilized oyster shell rock found in this area.

The interior of Vine Cottage has door and window surrounds of banded wood molding with bullseye corner blocks. The molding is varnished rather than painted.

Chain of Title

Vine Cottage
P.G. #87A-25

5877:263
10 April 1984
Deed

Mary E. Wilson to Robert B. and Patricia I. Wilson and Clifford A. and Roberta W. Jenkins. For \$125,000 grantor conveys tract in Aquasco of 59.7 acres. Same land described in deed from Odell C. Rawlings to Ellen Wilson and Mary E. Wilson, 1106:178, 3-11-1949.

1106:178
19 Feb. 1949
Deed

Odell C. Rawlings to Ellen Wilson and Mary E. Wilson. For \$10.00 grantor conveys that land obtained from William Burns Wilson, 19th February 1949 recorded prior hereto. Tract 59.7 acres.

1106:176
19 Feb. 1949
Deed

William B. and Ruth E. Wilson, Kenneth G. and Edna C. Wilson, Bessie and Bertram Kalisch, Ellen Wilson and Mary E. Wilson to Odell Rawlings. Esther Wilson died intestate 1947, leaving brothers and sisters as heirs. She died possessed of one-third interest in property obtained from James B. Wilson and Henrietta Wilson, 16 Feb. 1934, 417:82. 59.7 acres.

417:82
16 Feb. 1934
Deed

James B. Wilson and Henrietta Wilson convey to Ellen Wilson, Esther Wilson and Mary E. Wilson that parcel containing 59.7 acres. Same conveyed to James B. Wilson by deed of partition from William Walter Wilson and Emma G. Wilson, 21 Aug. 1886, JWB: 38:203.

JWB 38:205
21 Aug. 1886
Deed

William Walter Wilson and Emma G. Wilson to James Burnes Wilson. Both then tenants in common of property inherited from parents, William James Wilson and Margaret Johns Wilson. Decide on a division of equal worth. James B. Wilson allotted eastern parcel, contains 96.20 acres, Lot 2 of this division. Same land inherited by William James Wilson from his father David B. Wilson. Dunbar, Tenant and Good Luck, purchased by James Wilson from Thomas Sheredive by deed dated October 30, 1739, Liber Y:100 and partitined among his heirs in JRM 9:179.

JAMES H. ELLER
4954/969
32.85A.
P. 75

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M. 174 -
P. 18

KENNETH G. WILSON
417/081
36.50A.
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LANDING
ROAD

HARLES W. ELLIS
3126/135
95.29A.
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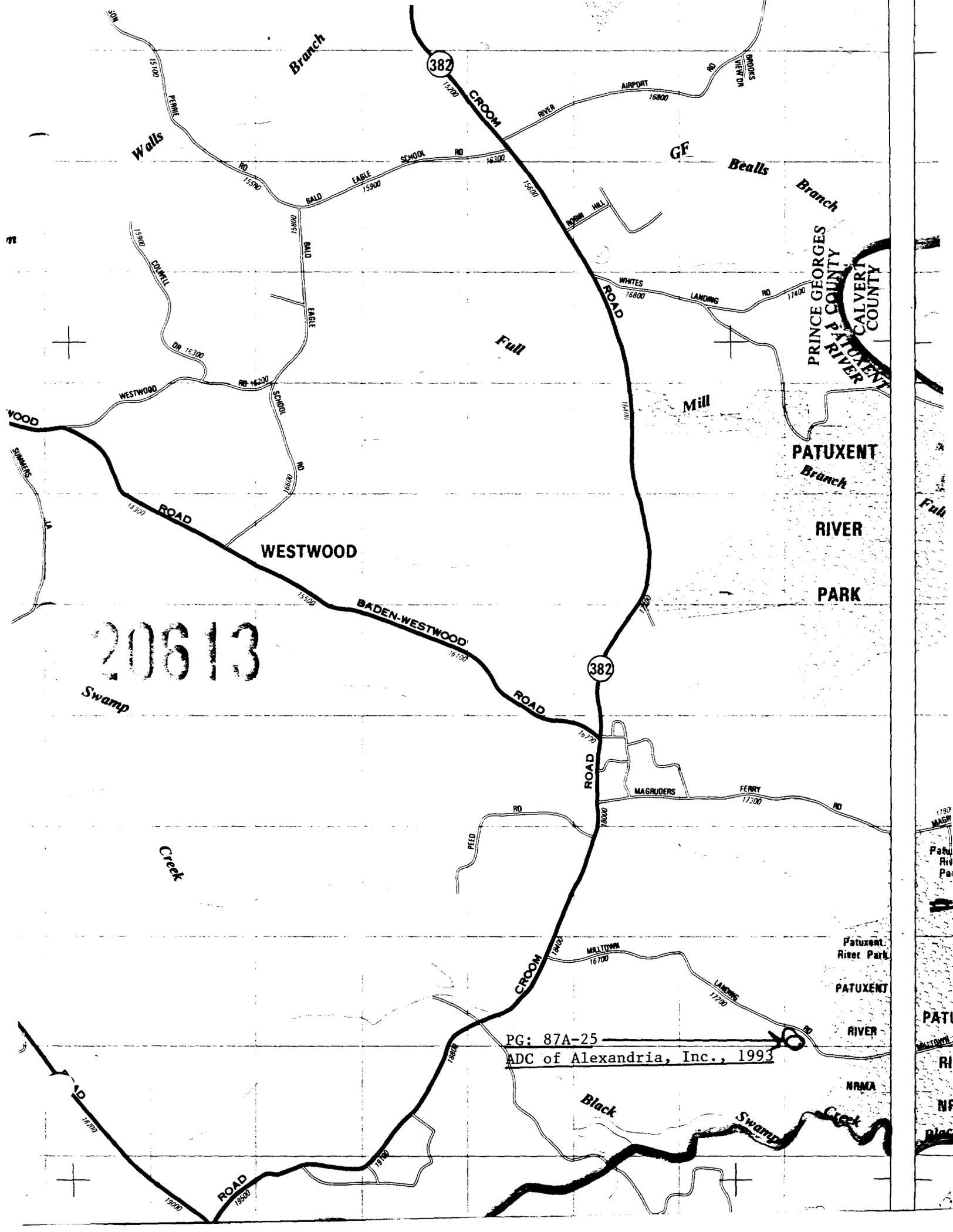
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ROBERT B. WILSON, ETAL
5877/263
59.70A.
P. 7

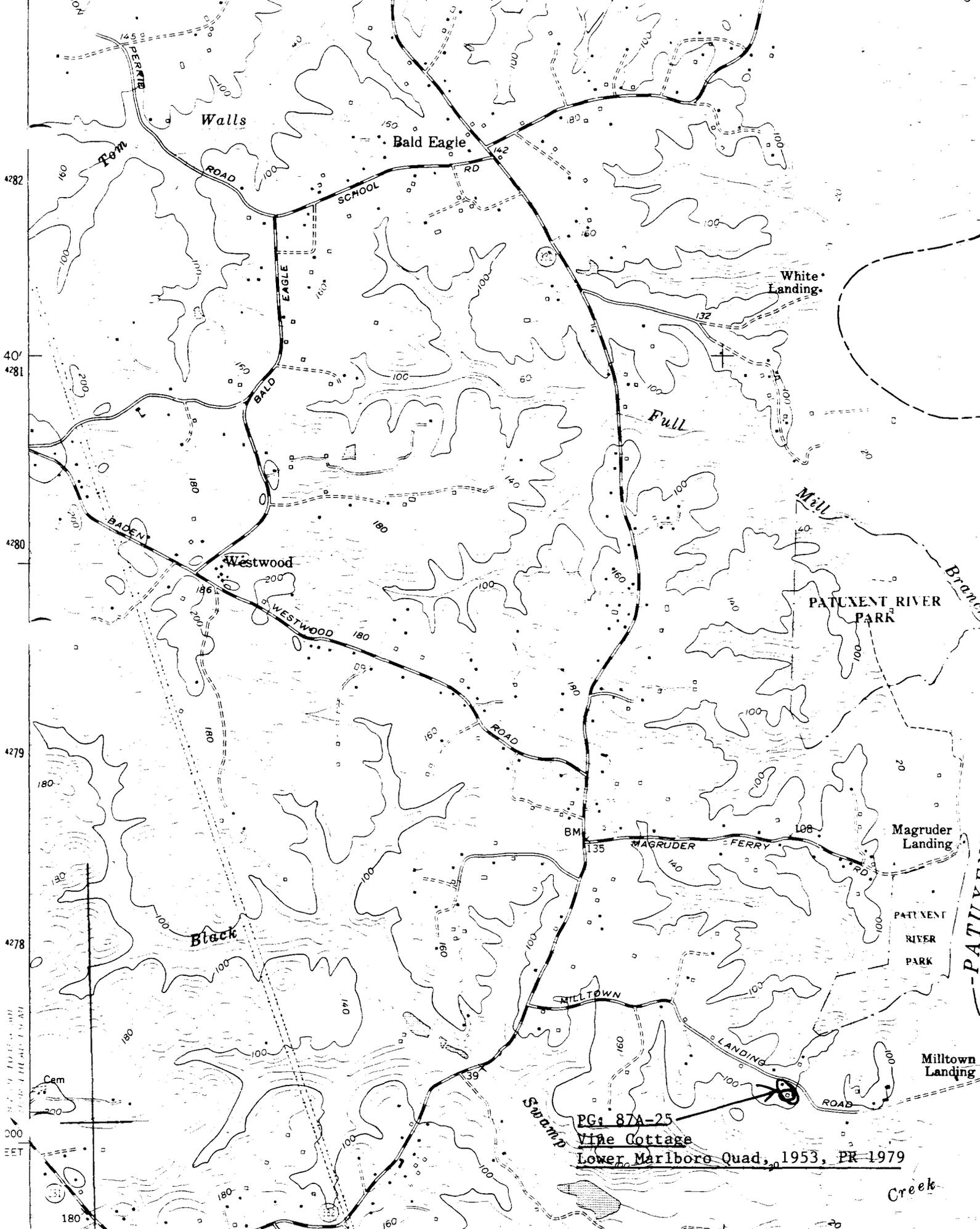
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ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1993



PG 87A-25
 Vine Cottage
 Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979



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Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
Generator, meat house, north elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #87A-25

Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
January 1986
Workshop, south elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Jan 1986
North facade
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
January 1986
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Jan 1986
West facade
Neg: MD Hist Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.#87A-25

Vine Cottage
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Jan 1986
Southeast facade
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD