

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #87B-2 Building Date: early 19th to
early 20th c.
Building Name: Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings
Location: 21110 Aquasco Road , Aquasco, Md.

Private/Residence-Agricultural/Occupied/Good-Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The Somerville Farm consists of a complex of buildings set back to the east of the Aquasco Road. The house is a two-and-one-half-story frame structure, large and square, with a pyramidal roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay north facade; across this facade is a one-story porch supported by six Tuscan columns. There is a complex of outbuildings to the south and west of the house. Directly south is a small (ca. 12' square) meathouse, sided with a combination of horizontal board and German siding. Further south there is a long shed. Southwest of the house is the oldest of the outbuildings, a two-story gable-front stable or carriage house. This building rests on a sill of heavy hand-hewn timbers, joined with mortise and tenon; the rafters are hand-hewn, and the roof is covered with wooden shake. The siding is wide hand-split horizontal board. West of the house are three more outbuildings: a modern garage, a gable-roofed barn and a concrete-block garage.

Significance

The buildings at the Somerville Farm (Greenwood) represent several different eras, from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. The oldest surviving building is the carriage-house/stable which dates from the early nineteenth century when this was the property of Thomas T. Somerville. Somerville's son sold this plantation in 1863 to William Barker of Woodville, who in 1866 devised it to his nephew and niece Jane and William Turner. It remained in the Turner family until 1980. The old Somerville house burned early in this century, and was replaced by the present house circa 1910; it has many features of the popular "four-square" pyramidal-roof house style. Greenwood Farm is part of the large tract Brook Court Manor, one of the oldest tracts in Prince George's County. Farmed for nearly two centuries by the Somervilles and the Turners, it is today still a large working farm.

Acreage: 160.41 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings

and/or common Greenwood Farm

2. Location

street & number 21110 Aquasco Road (Now on Summerville Road) — not for publication

city, town Aquasco ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

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

name Terrence A. McGuire

street & number P. O. Box 69 telephone no.:

city, town Davidsonville, state and zip code MD. 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5253

street & number Main Street folio 763

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ___ federal ___ state county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #87B-2

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" 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.

#7.

The Somerville Farm consists of a complex of buildings set back to the east of the Aquasco Road and accessible by a long unpaved lane. The farm is on flat open land, presently cultivated.

The house is a two-and-one-half-story frame structure, large and square, with a pyramidal roof. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay north facade through a door with three-pane transom and three-pane sidelights. There is a dentilled frieze above the door. Across the north facade is a one-story porch supported by six Tuscan columns. There are dormers in the north, east and west planes of the roof. Two chimneys flank the dormer on the east plane of the roof, and a third adjoins the dormer on the west. There are two projecting semi-octagonal bays on the west facade of the house. The building rests on a high foundation, brick on the north half of the house, and concrete block on the south. The siding also varies: the north section of the house is sided with plain weatherboard, while the south has German siding, all painted white. The roof is of red asphalt shingle.

There is a complex of outbuildings to the south and west of the house. Directly south is a small (ca. 12' square) meathouse, sided with a combination of horizontal board and German siding, all circular-sawn. It rests on a brick foundation, replaced in some spots with concrete block. Its gable roof is of standing seam tin. Further south there is a long shed-roof shed which rests on concrete blocks.

Southwest of the house is the oldest of the outbuildings, a two-story gable-front stable or carriage house. This building rests on a sill of heavy hand-hewn timbers, joined with mortise and tenon. The rafters also are hand-hewn, and the roof is covered with wooden shake. The siding is wide hand-split horizontal board. A wide door takes up most of the north-east gable end, and above the door is a long horizontal opening, formed by heavy timber sill and lintel, and six vertical support posts. The building is in ruinous condition: a southeast shed wing with corrugated metal roof has collapsed.

West of the house are three more outbuildings. Nearest the house is a (modern) frame two-car garage, with tin roof. Beyond it to the west is a tall gable-roofed barn, with wide vertical siding, some of which is hand cut and some sawn. The interior members are a mixture of hand-hewn joists and circular sawn posts and rafters. The building has a standing seam metal roof. North of this barn is a four-bay garage constructed of concrete blocks.

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
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<input checked="" 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

#8

The building at the Somerville Farm (Greenwood) represents several different eras, from the early nineteenth century to the early twentieth century. The oldest surviving building is the carriage-house/stable which dates from the early nineteenth century when this was the property of Thomas T. Somerville. (The corn crib described in the 1974 survey is no longer standing.) Thomas Somerville's son sold this plantation in 1863 to William Barker of Woodville, who in 1866 devised it to his nephew and niece Jane and William Turner.¹ It remained in the Turner family until 1980.

The old Somerville house is reported to have burned early in this century. The house which replaced it was probably built circa 1910; it has many features of the popular "four-square" pyramidal-roof house style.

Greenwood Farm is part of the large tract Brook Court Manor, one of the oldest tracts in Prince George's County. Farmed for nearly two centuries by the Somervilles and the Turners, it is today still a large working farm.

Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records FS #1:531; Prince George's County Wills WAJ #1:334; WAJ Jr. #1:513.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Morton/Edwards Farm-Outbuildings

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East of Rte. 381, North of Aquasco

CITY, TOWN

Aquasco

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Reba A. Turner

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

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

The two-story, frame farmhouse at this site is not particularly old-probably ca. 1900. However, the outbuildings appear to pre-date it. These consist of a corn crib and a stable. The corn crib sits on brick piers, and has a braced, hewn frame, with wooden slats on the open section and rough split weatherboards on the enclosed part. The old, wood-shingle roof has partially collapsed. Nearby is the stable-shewn-frame building, covered with split siding and having a drive-in opening on the gabled facade. Shed-roof wing is on the south side.

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 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
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<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

It appears that a Mrs. Morton owned a farm here in the mid-19th Century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

6/5/74

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.

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

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE

Somerville-Turner Farm & Outbuildings

P.G. #87B-2

#5253:763
25 Apr 1980
Deed

For \$160,411.70, Joseph Kneffler Taussig, personal representative of the estate of Anne Lee Turner, Admin. #28498, Rebecca Adams Turner, Neale W. Turner and Elizabeth Ann Turner to Terrence A. Maguire; 160.4117 acres in Aquasco District, being the residue of 170.671 acres; same property described in #1846:325, #4456:582 and #5031:694, Wills WTD #6:38 and Admin. #28,498.

CMH #7:531
15 Apr 1980
Will

Estate of Anna Lee Turner who died 9 April 1980; deceased devised her interest in 165 acres known as Greenwood and Weston to her husband's niece, Elizabeth A. Turner; Joseph Kneffler Taussig appointed personal representative.

#5031:694
11 Dec 1978
Deed

Anna Lee Turner, personal representative of the estate of George J. Turner, deceased, to Anna Lee Turner; 161.7407 acres in Aquasco District; all the deceased's interest in property described in #1846:325; same property which was obtained under the estate of George J. Turner, Admin. #26,939.

CMH #2:308
2 May 1978
Will

Estate of George Jeremiah Turner who died 19 April 1978; deceased devised to his wife, Anna Lee Turner, his one-third interest in 165 acres (less 3 acres) known as Greenwood and Weston which he had inherited from his mother, Anna R. Turner; Anna Lee Turner appointed personal representative.

#456:582
27 Jan 1975
Deed

Neale W. Turner, personal representative of the estate of J. Edward Turner, deceased, to Neale W. Turner and Elizabeth A. Turner; 165.627 acres in Aquasco District; same property described in #1846:325.

GSMcG #17:58
8 Apr 1974
Will

Estate of John Edward Turner who died 27 March 1974; deceased devised his entire estate to his wife, Neale W. Turner, and his daughter, Elizabeth A. Turner, share and share alike; Neale W. Turner appointed personal representative.

#1846:325
26 Feb 1955
Deed

L. Caroline and J. Leon Summers to Reba A. Turner, unmarried, J. Edward Turner and G. Jeremiah Turner, as tenants in common; first: 115 acres in Aquasco District known as Greenwood; the grantors' 1/4 ~~interest in the~~ undivided interest in the property; same property L. Caroline Summers inherited from her mother, Anna R. Turner, who acquired same by #99:159.

WTD #6:38
7 Nov 1939
Will

Estate of Anna R. Turner who died 23 July 1939; deceased devised all her real estate to her husband, George Jeremiah Turner, during his life and then it was to be equally divided among her children, John Edward, Rebecca Adams and George Jeremiah Turner and Lettice Caroline Summers.

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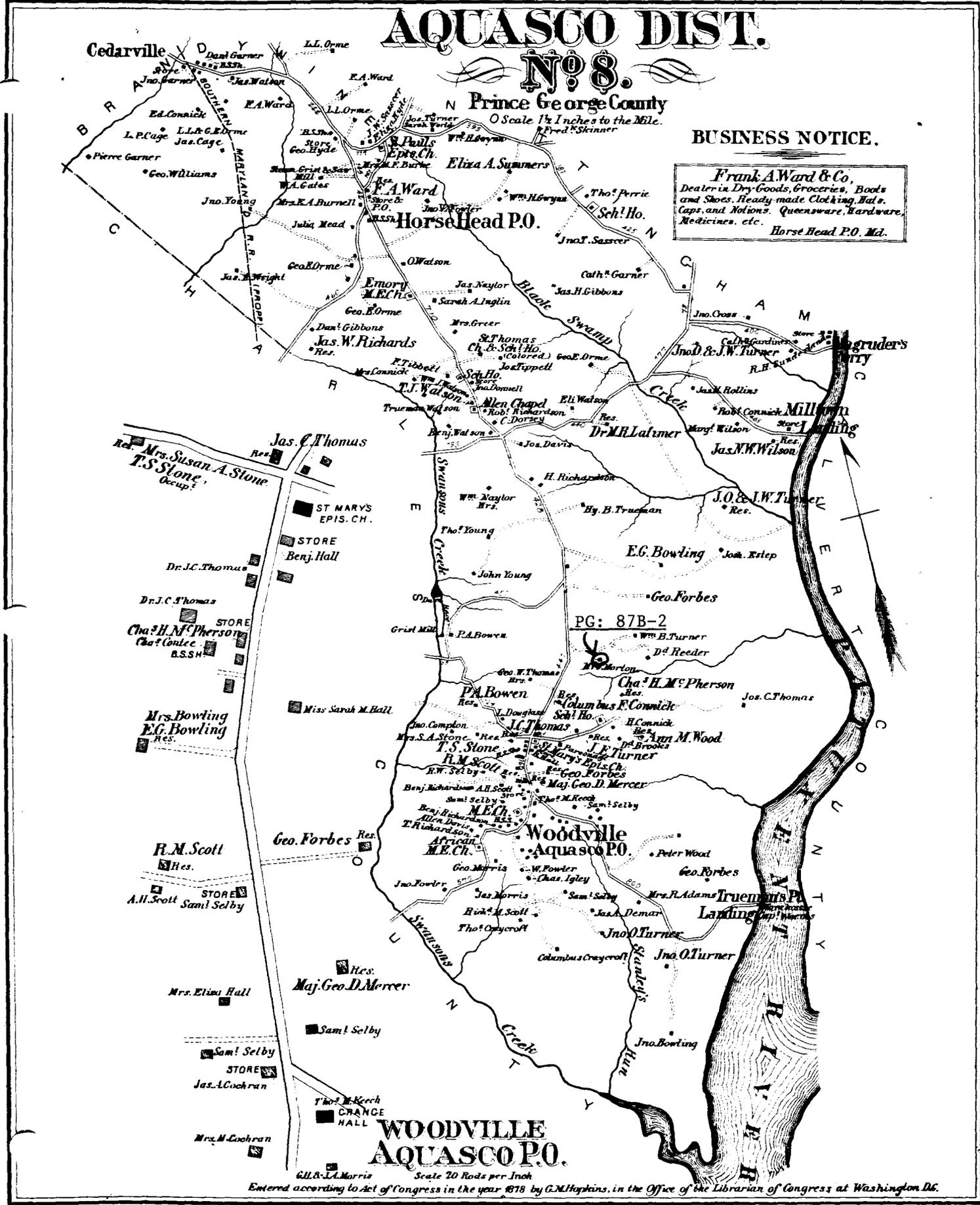
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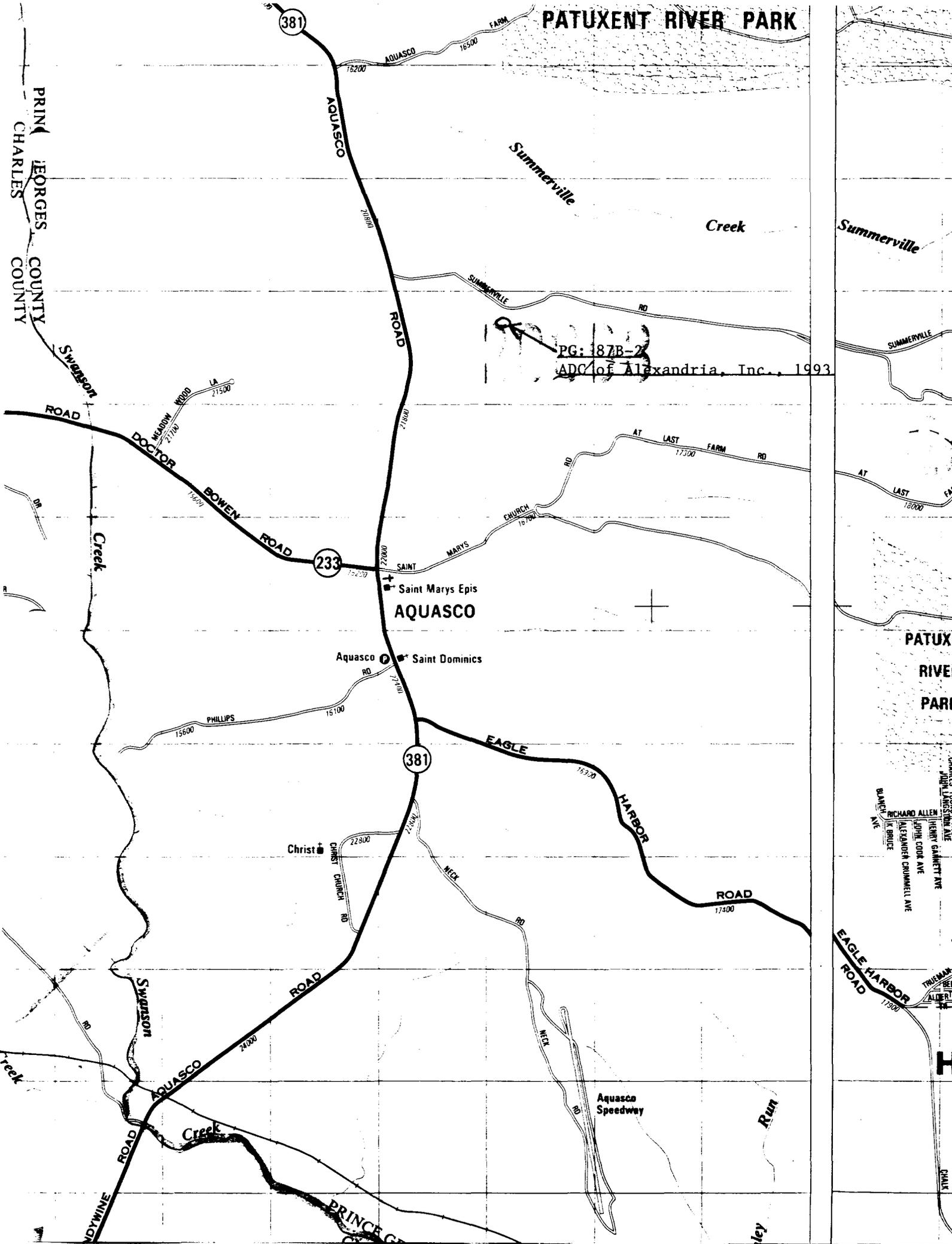
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PATUXENT RIVER PARK



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Summerville

Creek

Summerville

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CHARLES COUNTY

PATUXENT RIVER PARK

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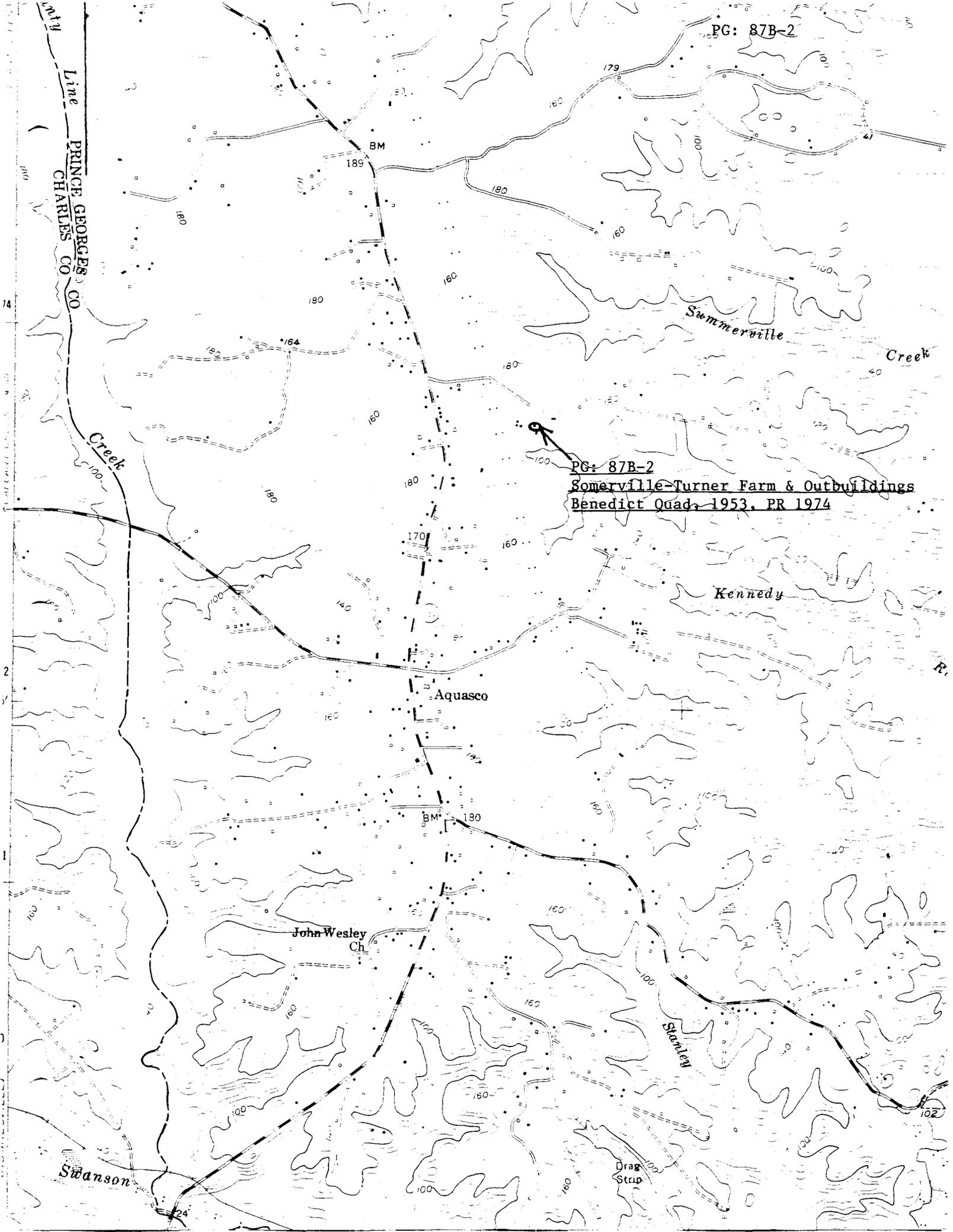
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 Somerville-Turner Farm & Outbuildings
 Benedict Quad, 1953, PR 1974

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 CHARLES CO

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Summerville
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Kennedy

Aquasco

John Wesley Ch

Swanson

Drag Strip

Stanley

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Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Barn, southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Stable, North 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Somerfile-Turner Farm & Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
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Meathouse, northwest 3/4 elevation
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Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
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Northeast elevation, stable
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Somerville-Turner Farm and Outbuildings
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1985
Stable, interior
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NAME # 87B-2 MORTON/EDWARDS FARM - OUTBLDG.

LOCATION OFF Rt 381 AQUASEO, Md

FACADE NE

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