

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-927

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Darby Farm

2. Location

street & number off of Bellevue Road not for publication

city, town Royal Oak vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John M. and Eileen H. Camper

street & number telephone no.: 745-2251

city, town Royal Oak state and zip code MD 21662

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 435

street & number folio 325

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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.

The Darby Farm is located on the west side of Bellevue (Ferryneck) Road in the town of Royal Oak, Talbot County, Maryland. The Darby Farm is located at the end of a dirt road on a site next to Edge Creek's Darby Cove. The house faces east with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The Darby farm house is a three bay, two-story structure sheathed in polychrome cement block cast to look like chisled stone. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the house is supported by a brick pier foundation.

The east (main) elevation has a central six panel door with a five light transom and four light sidelights. This entrance door is flanked on either side by one six-over-six sash window with narrow surrounds and black, louvered shutters. The second floor is lit by three of these windows. A one-story, gable roof modern addition sheathed in white vinyl siding and supported by a cinderblock foundation extends to the north of the house. This addition is lit by two one-over-one sash windows.

The south elevation is blind. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of this gable end. A modern, one-story, shed roof addition extends to the west, lit on the south side by one one-over-one sash window.

The west elevation has a modern, one-story, shed roof addition which extends across the first floor and to the north of the house's main body where it becomes a full gable roof addition. This addition is pierced by one sliding glass door, one one-over-one sash window and four six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lit by three six-over-six sash windows with narrow surrounds and black, louvered shutters.

The north elevation has the one-story addition across the first floor lit by one six-panel door and one one-over-one sash window. The second floor is lit by one six-light window. The ghost of an earlier, larger-scale, one-story addition appears on this elevation.

Six other buildings stand on this property. One of these structures is a large barn which has recently been transformed into a two car garage with a second floor living space and a wooden deck. The former barn is sheathed in yellow vinyl siding. A large tin shed stands on the property which is used to house farm machinery. A small cottage, still used as at least a part-time residence, is located on the northern end of the property. Three gable roof

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

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** _____

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.

"Darby Farm" is a new name for this property which sits on "Darby Cove," a cove of Edge Creek. A 1941 plat (T.C. Land Records 1/165) shows "Darby Point," owned by Dr. George Gardiner, located across the cove from this property which is identified as the "James Duvall Farm."

Bernice Leonard writes about this property in Twig and Turf III. The farm was part of a 280 acre tract patented in 1697 by Robert Grundy under the name of "Yorkshire." Deeds from the eighteenth century speak of this area at the head of Edge Creek's Darby Cove as a "great marsh." Today it is simply low ground.

In the mid-1700s Samuel Chamberlaine of Oxford purchased "Yorkshire." In 1801 "Yorkshire" was resurveyed for Lloyd Nicols. He joined it with other properties into a 280 acre tract named "Plaindealing Enlarged." Owen Kennard purchased this tract which passed to his widow in 1810. In 1821 she sold the portion now known as Darby Farm to Captain Joshua E. Leonard as part of a 218 acre tract.

Daniel Leonard purchased 106 acres of Plaindealing Enlarged in 1841 from the estate of Captain Joshua E. Leonard. This portion of the tract was known as "Oak Farm" or "Oak Plantation." He resided here until his death in 1854. The home farm then passed to one of his sons, Thomas Bruff Leonard.

Thomas Bruff Leonard ran into great financial troubles which forced him to make a Deed of Trust to Nehemiah E. Nicols in 1868 for all of his personal property and for his home farm. Nicols sold the farm to James Seth who died before the sale was finally ratified. In 1915, T. Hughlett Henry, trustee for the estate of Sallie S.S.Covey conveyed the farm to George Seymour. Seymour sold it to Harold F.A.Starr and Gertrude A. Kane in 1929 who lost the property in a mortgage foreclosure to W.F.Seymour.

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Darby Farm Description cont'd.

outbuildings stand next to the former barn. Two of these are roofed with tin, and one is roofed with wood shingles.

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Darby Farm Significance cont'd.

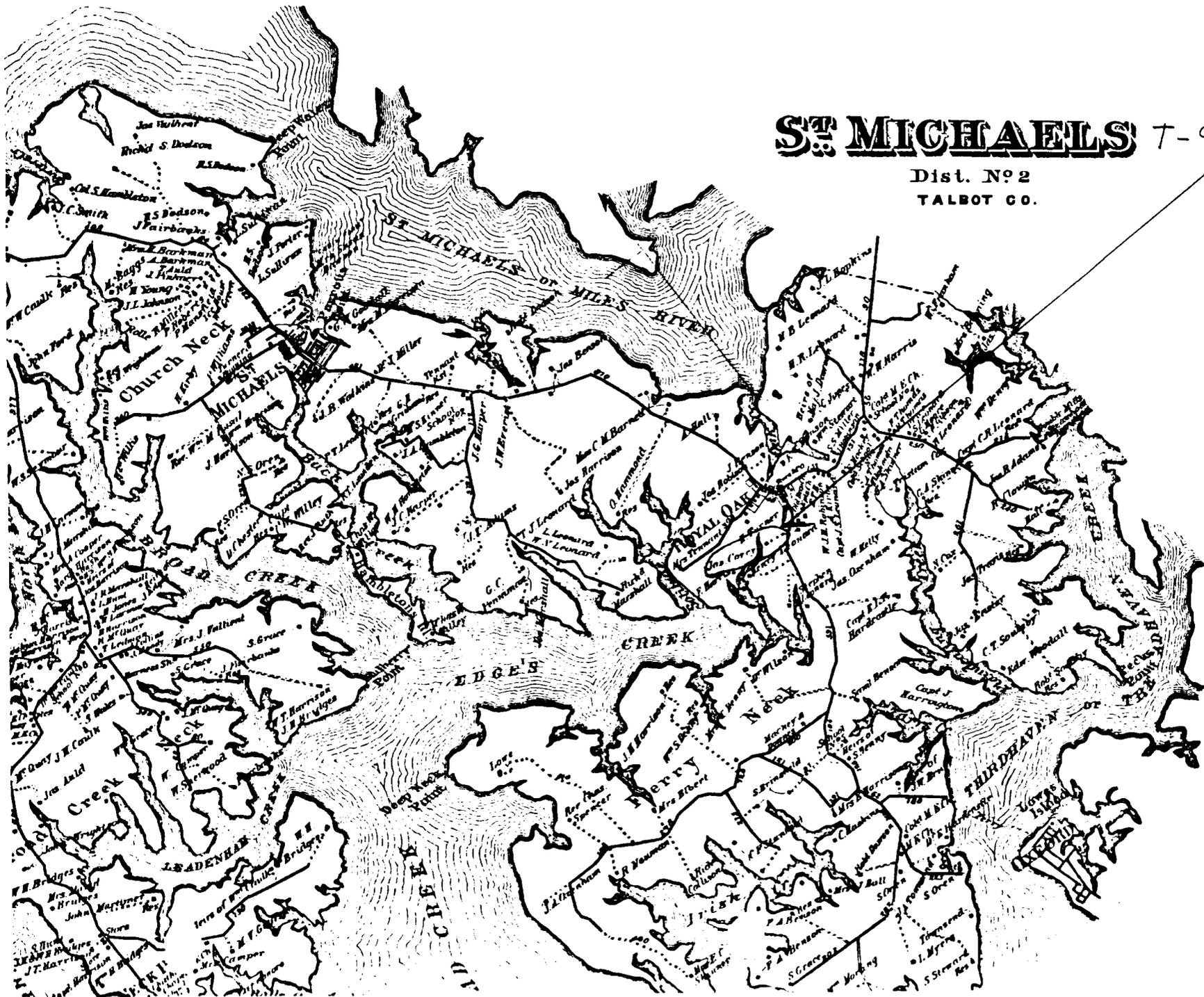
W.F.Seymour conveyed the farm to Dr. George Ray Leon in 1941 who passed it on to Maud Thomasina MacInnes in 1942. In 1965 it was sold to George Mulligan and known as the "James Duvall Farm."

The modest house which stands on the property today is clearly a tenant farmhouse which was originally a frame structure. The farmland surrounding this house, now a rental property, was planted this past year in sunflowers and soybeans. It is remembered for producing tomatoes, corn, and wheat in years past.

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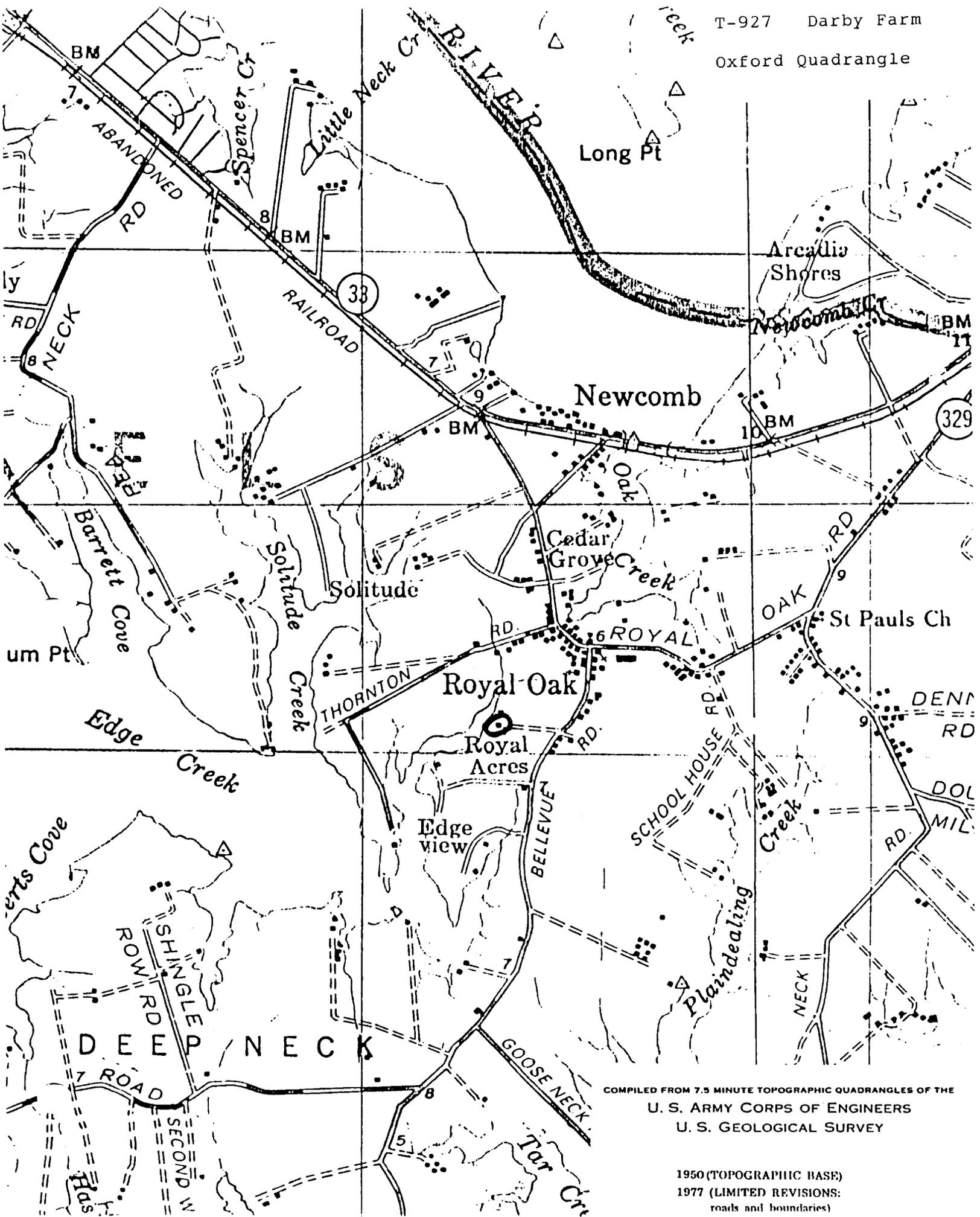
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DARBY FARM

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