

WI-243
Bailey's Chance
Allen
Private

c. 1870

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Simeon Levi Malone left the left to his three sons through his will, proved in

1891. He directed that:

I will, devise, and bequeath all my lands and premises improved and unimproved to my three sons, Simeon F. Malone, Levi A. Malone, and George T. Malone, share and share alike, paying unto my four daughters, Mary V. Turner, Sally A. Malone, Elizabeth Ellen Malone, and Emma L. Malone each the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in three annual installments of fifty dollars to each one in each of three successive years

In 1904, the property was conveyed to Elias H. Nichols in the wake of a Circuit Court settlement. Fifty-five years later, in September 1959, Elias H. Nichols sold the farm to James L. And Lulu Lee Fields.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Malone Farm "Bailey's Chance"

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-243

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Agriculture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
1815-1870
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family farmhouse
Outbuilding-kitchen

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Bailey's Chance" Levi Malone Farm

and/or common Fields Farmhouse

2. Location

street & number 3570 Post Office Road not for publication

city, town Allen vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 James L. and Lula L. Fields

street & number 3570 Post Office Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 56, P. 54
liber 485

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 163

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-243

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 Fields farmhouse, also known as the Levi Malone farm, is comprised of land known as "Bailey's Chance," and it located at 3570 Post Office Road on the northern edge of the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame farmhouse faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Dating to around 1870, the two-story, three-bay center hall frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is covered with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, four-bay dining room/kitchen wing. A group of wagon sheds stand north of the house. Standing a short distance off the northwest corner of the house is a single-story mortise-and-tenon frame outbuilding.

The two-story, three-bay south (main) facade is covered on the first floor by an enclosed hip roof front porch. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

The northeast and southwest gable ends are essentially alike with two six-over-six sash windows on each floor that flank an interior end brick stove chimney. The attic is lighted by small two-over-two windows. An extended eave with returns at the base trim the edge of the roof.

The northwest (rear) elevation is covered in part by the two-story, four-bay, single-pile dining room/kitchen wing. A two-story shed roof porch extends from the southwest side, and the former porch has been enclosed. There are two small rooms at the end of the porch, one on each floor. Rising through the service wing is an interior brick stove chimney. A modern brick chimney rises against the gable end, which is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor. The northeast side of the dining room/kitchen wing is marked by a large picture window on the first floor along with two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by four six-over-six sash.

The interior was not seen.

The single-story, one-room plan outbuilding is a mortise-and-tenon frame structure supported on a brick pier foundation and sheathed with T-111 vertical board siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with corrugated tin. A door pierces the northeast wall.

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
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<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
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The farmhouse falls into *Category C*, which identifies properties where alterations should be considered carefully since the property retains portions of original fabric and it contributes to the historic nature of the village.

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Bailey's Chance
3570 Post Office Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

485/163 Elias H. Nichols

to

9/5/1959 James L. Fields
Lulu Lee Fields

EAT 39/283 L. Atwood Bennett, Trustee

to

2/27/1904 Elias H. Nichols
Whereas by Decree of Circuit Court
9/22/1902 \$1950.00
120 acres "Bailey's Chance"

ELW 1/238 Last Will and Testament
of Levi Malone

to

Written George T. Malone
7/23/1888 Simeon F. Malone
Proved Levi A. Malone
5/14/1891

3rd Item: I will and devise, and bequeath
all my lands and premises improved
and unimproved to my three sons
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and George T. Malone, share and
share alike, paying unto my four
daughters Mary V. Turner, Sally
A. Malone, Elizabeth Ellen Malone,
and Emma L. Malone each the sum of
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**E DISTRICT BUSINESS REF-
ERENCES.**

TUPP **WEBB**, Dealer in Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glassware, Ready-made Clothing, and Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. Lists of Merchandise usually kept in a country store. Fruitland, Md.

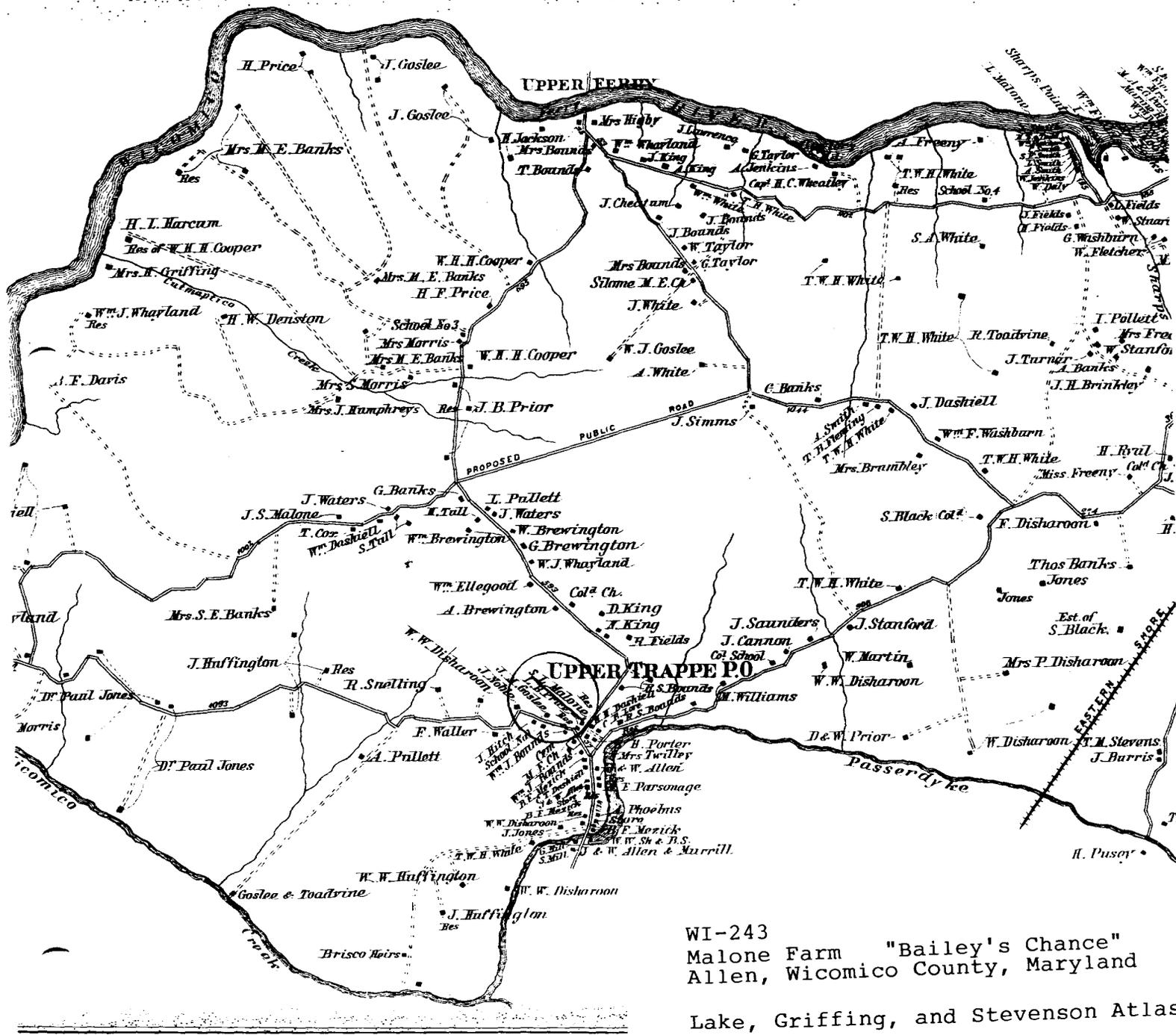
WEBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

BLAND AND SONS, General Dealers and Shippers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits and Apples. Also dealers in all kinds of Merchandise adapted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

ELLEN, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and Goods usually kept in a country store. Cash or Produce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

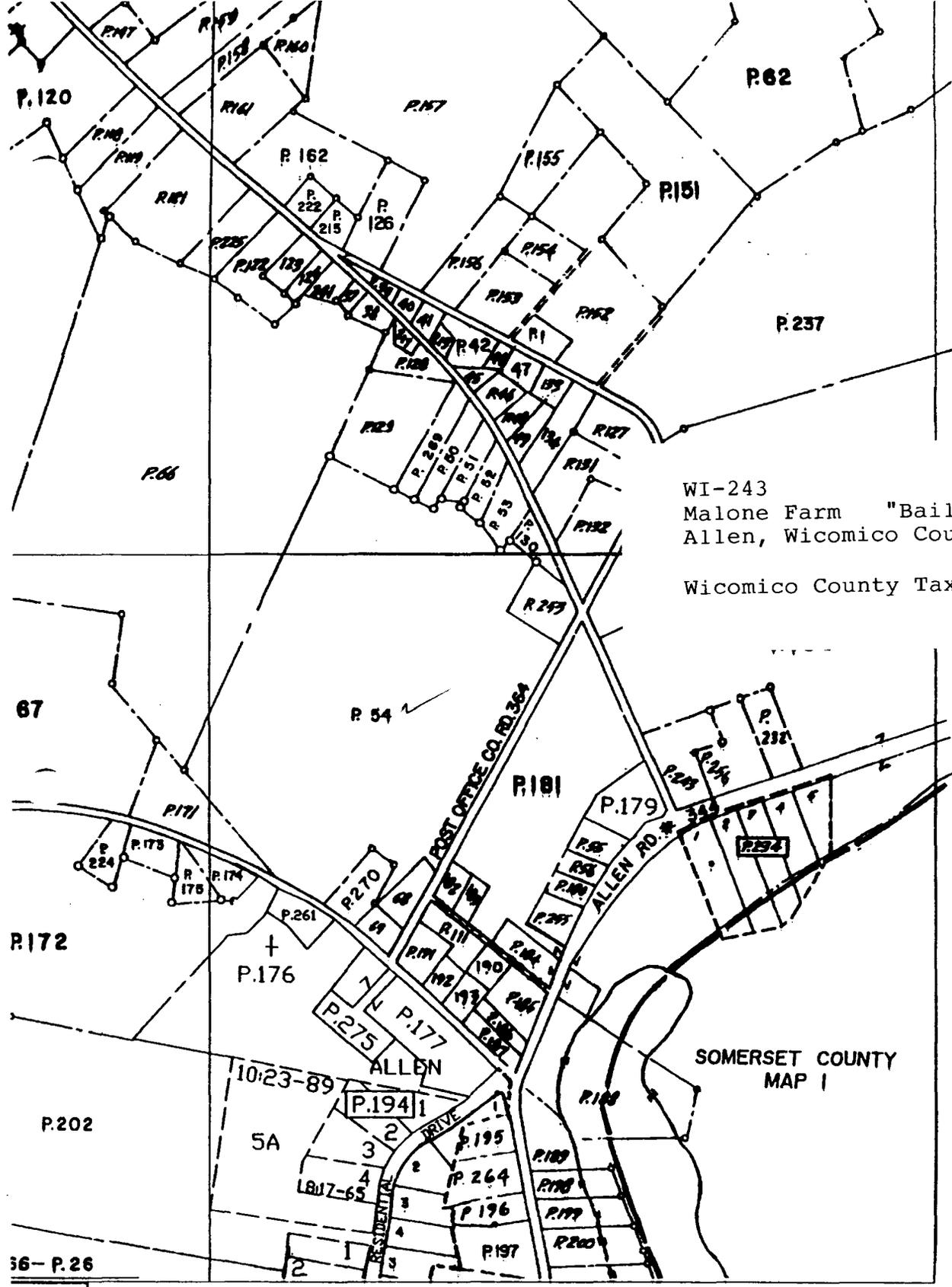
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Wicomico County Tax Map 56
 Parcel 54

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WICOMICO COUNTY,
 MARYLAND

MAP NO.
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Holy Temple

Friendship
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Allen

CREEK

Loretto

Substation

COMRAIL

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Malone Farm "Bailey's Chance"
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42' 30"

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(PRINCESS ANNE)
5860 II NW

PRINCESS ANNE 64 NW
MAP SHEET 5774 22A 11

40'

42

SCALE 1:24 000



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BAILEY'S CHANCE

ALLEN, Wicomico County, MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

11/95, Paul Turner, PHOTOGRAPHER

W.E.G. / MD HISTORICAL TRAILS

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