AA-1055 late 19th/early 20th century
Elvaton House
Elvaton
Private

Elvaton House is a simple late 19th/early 20th century vernacular frame dwelling associated with the growth and development of the small town of Elvaton, following the 1887 establishment of the Baltimore & Annapolis Shortline Railroad. The size, style, and location indicate this house indicate it was occupied by persons of limited economic means.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:
- Category Type: Building
- Historic Environment: village
- Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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DOE ____ yes ____ no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Elvaton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8450 Elvaton Road ____ not for publication

city, town Elvaton ____ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
____ district	____ public	____ occupied	____ agriculture	____ museum
x building(s)	x private	x unoccupied	____ commercial	____ park
____ structure	____ both	____ work in progress	____ educational	x private residence
____ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	____ entertainment	____ religious
____ object	____ in process	____ yes: restricted	____ government	____ scientific
	____ being considered	____ yes: unrestricted	____ industrial	____ transportation
	____ not applicable	x no	____ military	____ other:

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

name Leonara P. Gary

street & number 7908 S. Ritchie Highway telephone no.:

city, town Glen Burnie state and zip code: MD 21061

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2315

street & number Church Circle folio 054

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

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
____ excellent	x deteriorated	x unaltered	x original site
____ good	____ ruins	____ altered	____ moved date of move _____
____ fair	____ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Elvaton House is an east-facing, two-story, gable-roofed, frame dwelling. Walls are sheathed in board and batten siding and rest on a brick pier foundation. Built with a three-bay front facade, the main body of the house is built with a center-hall, single-pile configuration. This plan is augmented by a one-story, full-width, shed-roof section on the rear, and on the west side, by a one-story, gable-roofed section. Both are collapsing. Differences in the foundation suggest these sections of the building are later additions, but they are historic and are clad in the same exterior wall covering as the rest of the house. The roofline features slightly overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends. The roofline is is pierced at the gable's apex, on the west side, by a short, corbelled stove chimney, which is disintegrating.

Spanning the front of the main block and situated at grade level, is a badly deteriorated porch. It is supported by three remaining square posts; a fourth post, located at the south end, is missing, compromising the porch's structural integrity. In addition, the floor is rotted and collapsed. All windows are boarded. The only unaltered opening is the front entrance, which retains its original five-horizontal-panel door.

Elvaton House sits on a small lot, fronting Elvaton Road. It is surrounded by a number of mature trees. It is immediately adjacent a parking lot associated with the neighboring store.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
____ prehistoric	____ archeology-prehistoric	____ community planning	____ landscape architecture	____ religion
____ 1400-1499	____ archeology-historic	____ conservation	____ law	____ science
____ 1500-1599	____ agriculture	____ economics	____ literature	____ sculpture
____ 1600-1699	x architecture	____ education	____ military	____ social/ humanitarian
____ 1700-1799	____ art	____ engineering	____ music	____ theater
x 1800-1899	____ commerce	____ exploration/settlement	____ philosophy	____ transportation
x 1900-	____ communications	____ industry	____ politics/government	____ other (specify)
		____ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

Check: Applicable Criteria: ____ A ____ B x C ____ D

and/or

Applicable Exception: ____ A ____ B ____ C ____ D ____ E ____ F ____ G

Level of Significance: ____ national ____ state x local

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

Elvaton House is a late 19th/ early 20th century vernacular frame dwelling associated with the development of the railroad town of Elvaton. The buildings limited size, low level of architectural finish, as well as its proximity to the railroad tracks associated it with persons of limited economic means.

The community of Elvaton developed in response to the establishment of the Baltimore and Annapolis Shortline Railroad which began operation in 1887 and spurred the growth and creation of towns along its route. The house, as well as most of the community of Elvaton exists on part of a 353 acre tract presented as Piney Grove. In the 3rd quarter of the 19th century Piney Grove was owned by Osburn S. Pumphrey, an relatively affluent area truck farmer. Pumphrey rented and sold parts of his holdings as Elvaton developed. No evidence suggests Pumphrey lived in the dwelling known as Elvaton House. It is believed that the dwelling was used as a tenant house, probably by railroad workers or employees of Elvaton Station, which was located across the road from this house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No AA-1055

Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Liber SH 5 Folio 397.
Equity Records of Anne Arundel County, Case #7827, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD.
1876 and 1893 Anne Arundel County Tax Assessments, District 3, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, MD.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 15,000 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Round Bay

Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

While 3.5 acres are legally associated with this structure, the maintained yardage is quite small. The proposed acreage reflects this and is typical of other town lot sizes.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
[illegible]e	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Sherri M. Marsh		
organization	Anne Arundel County Historical Sites Survey	date	1996
street & number	2664 Riva Road	telephone	(410) 222-7441
city or town	Annapolis	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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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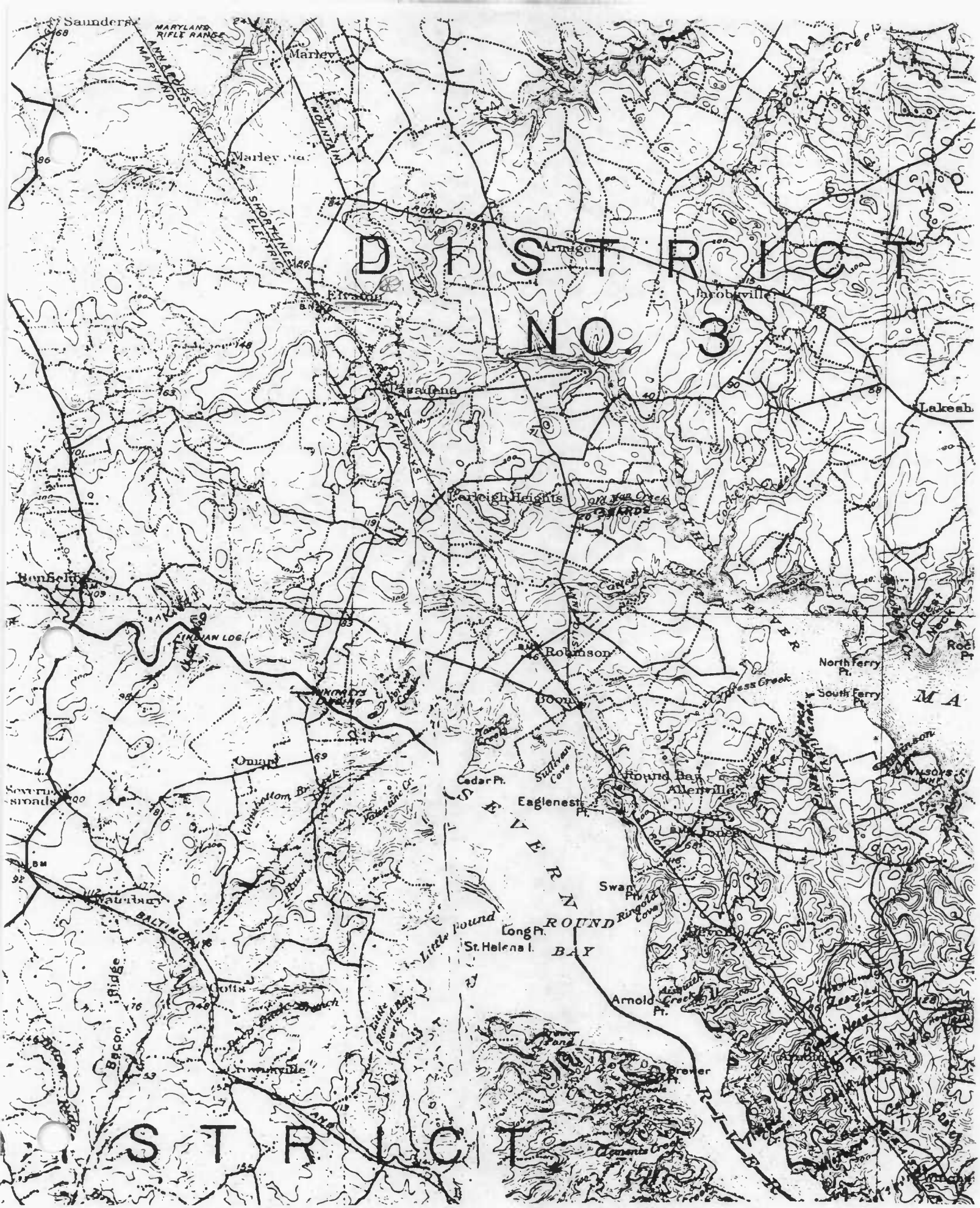

Elvaton as shown on USGS Map 1907

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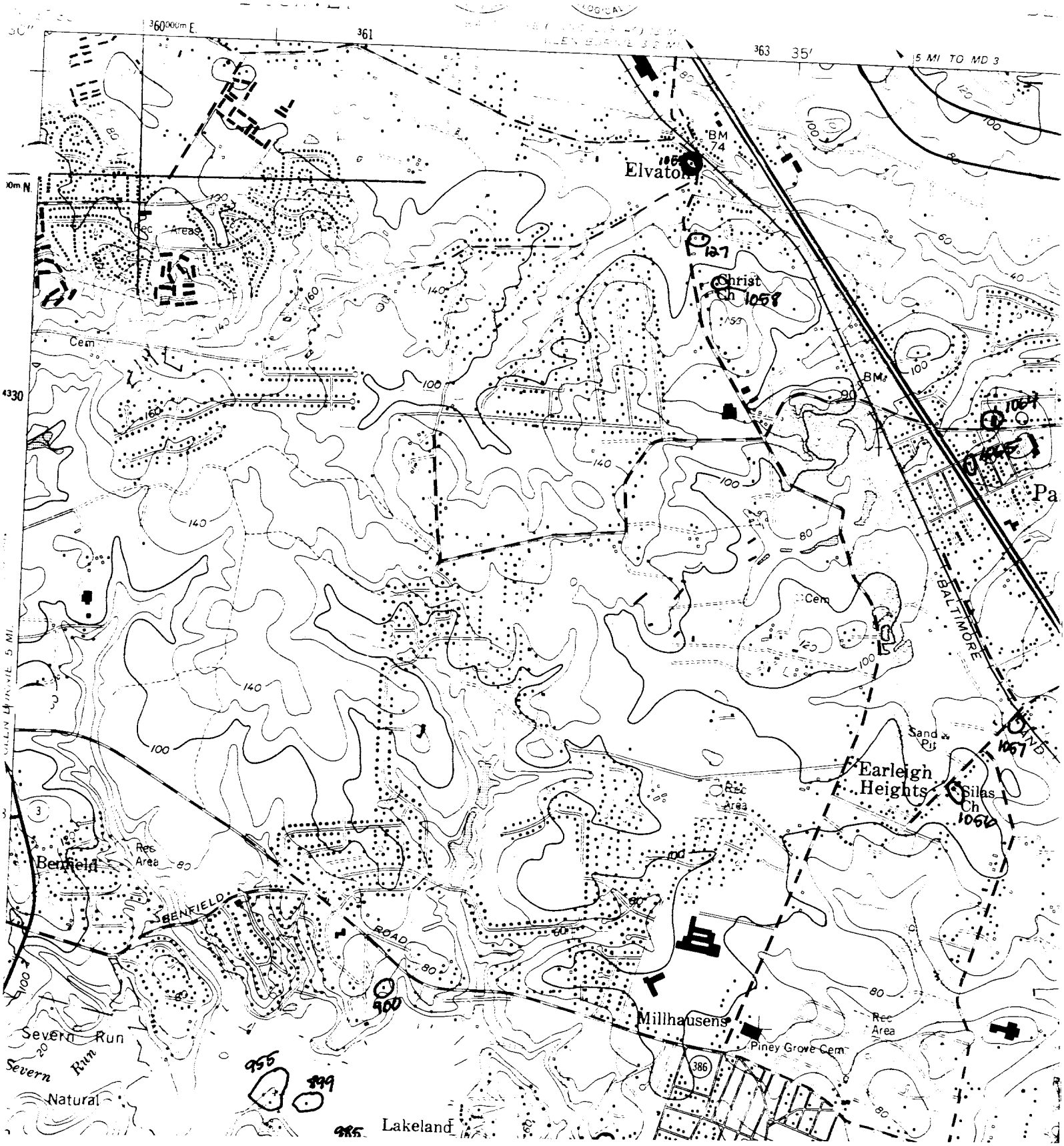
Site Name: Elvaton House



ROUND BAY
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24,000
1956, photo revised 1979

Site Number: AA-1055
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Location: 8450 Elvaton Road, Elvaton

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EAST Elevation

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S.W PERSPECTIVE

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