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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

CAR-287

Property/District Name: A.A. Christian House (Riverdeen) Survey Number: CA-287

Project: Repl. Br. #5011, MD 314 over Choptank Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the A.A. Christian House, also known as Riverdeen, located at the intersection of Boyce Mill Rd. and Greensboro-Goldsboro Rd. and MD 314, outside of Greensboro, Maryland, is individually eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria C for Architecture. Constructed at the turn-of-the century, the imposing Queen Anne style house is unusually large and exhibits rather elaborate decoration for the Greensboro area. Despite some alterations through the years, the house retains a high level of integrity of historic character.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File & Inventory
form CA-287

Prepared by: Rita Suffness

Elizabeth Hannold December 13, 1993
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
R. Andrews 12.14.93
Reviewer, NR program Date

Survey No. CA

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

A.A. Christian House (Riverdeen)
Greensboro, Caroline County

Historic Context

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil County)

Chronological/Developmental Period (s): Industrial/ Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function (s) and Use (s): Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CAR-287

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historical name A.A. Christian House (Riverdeen)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Intersection of Boyce Mill Rd. and Greensboro-Goldsboro Rd. and MD 314 N/A not for publication

city, town Greensboro vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Caroline

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 Donald and Marcella McGill

street & number Rural Route #1, Box 55 telephone no.: 410-482-2206

city, town Greensboro state and zip code Maryland 21639

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse of Caroline County liber 213

street & number folio 450

city, town Denton 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

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

unaltered

altered
on interior

Check one

original site

moved

date of move _____

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

SEE ATTACHMENT
DESCRIPTION 7.1

8. Significance

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates · 1902 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

N/A 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.

SEE ATTACHMENT
SIGNIFICANCE 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal communication with Don McGill, Jean Kelly, Hugh Butler, and Roberta Legett
Land Records and Wills of Caroline County

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property ~~N/A~~ 1.47 acres

Quadrangle name Denton

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

~~N/A~~ Tax Parcel

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date 4/16/93

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21202

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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A.A. Christian House
Description 7.1

The A.A. Christian House, known as Riverdeen when owned by the Christian family from 1900 to 1928, is a large, imposing, three-story dwelling located at the junction of Boyce Mill Road and Greensboro-Goldsboro Road in Greensboro, Maryland. The A.A. Christian House is located in the part of Greensboro well east of the core of the community, in an area which is being developed with suburban and low income housing. Many buildings previously located along MD 314 in the vicinity of the house have been removed. It was evidently utilized briefly as a maternity hospital in the 1940's when the property was in a severe decline. It appears that this period of use is largely undocumented in official records.

The steeply pitched gable roof parallels the west, or principal entrance facade, with a projecting bay located on the second story above the full width, one-story porch and below the prominent shingle-clad cross gable with a Palladian window. The cornices are deep and supported by large brackets. The full width one-story porch wraps around the southwest corner to terminated in a porte-cochere. The porch is carried on columns located in duplicate or triplicate and place on brick plinthes. Some columns and sections or railing are missing.

The structure is clad in wood shingles (Cortright's Victorian Shingles) on portions of the second and third story levels, with horizontal wood siding on the first floor principal elevation, and brick pattern asphalt cladding on the remaining surfaces.

Triple or single windows are located in the two end gables. The south elevation, with a porte cochere, is characterized by a shallowly projecting bay and two round topped windows corresponding to the entrance hall on the interior, plus a pyramidal roofed, two window dormer on the south slope of the cross gable (which runs east-west to intersect the principal roof). This east elevation is clad in asphalt sheathing, and has a partially enclosed one-story porch on the first floor level. The current owner reports that the dwelling was utilized as a maternity hospital in the 1940's, following the ownership of the Nasholds. In the interim between its use as a hospital and its return to residential use, the structure became derelict, fell into severe disrepair, and was trashed by transients. Some graffiti is still present. The dwelling has been renovated by the current owners who have owned it since 1981. They report that they have undertaken great internal modification and removed all of the internal division of the ten rooms on the second story in preparation for creating an apartment. Original fireplaces and mantles have either been removed or heavily modified, and much finishing material has been replaced. The owners report that they are in the process of removing ceilings and plaster in order to replace them with plasterboard in some rooms.

The various owners have parcelled off portions of the land over the last sixty years. There are no other standing structures on the property.

A.A. Christian House
Significance 8.1

This large imposing residence called Riverdeen, built for A.A. Christian in 1902, is significant as a good local example of an architectural amalgamation of the Shingle and Colonial Revival styles. It has many stylistic affinities, in its exterior appearance, with the large Shingle Style mansions in the eastern United States, especially those found in rural New York state constructed in the 1880's and 1890's and characterized by large, visually dominant gable ends.

A.A. Christian was a Philadelphia entrepreneur who had Riverdeen constructed as a summer residence. He had evidently spent a portion of his childhood in the town, and married the daughter of William A. Satterfield, a local merchant. The dwelling is located on a portion of the estate that Christian purchased in an auction in 1900 to liquidate the holdings of the Satterfield family. The estate was subdivided in 1928 after Christian's death, and current owners continue to sell off parcels.

There are no other dwellings of the early twentieth century in Greensboro which equal the size and sophistication of the A.A. Christian House. Greensboro is not thought to have been a magnet for summer residences.

Evidently there was a short lived use of the property during and after World War II as a maternity hospital, although it is largely undocumented in official records.

A.A. Christian House
(Riverdeen)
Greensboro, Caroline County
9.1 Major Bibliographical References

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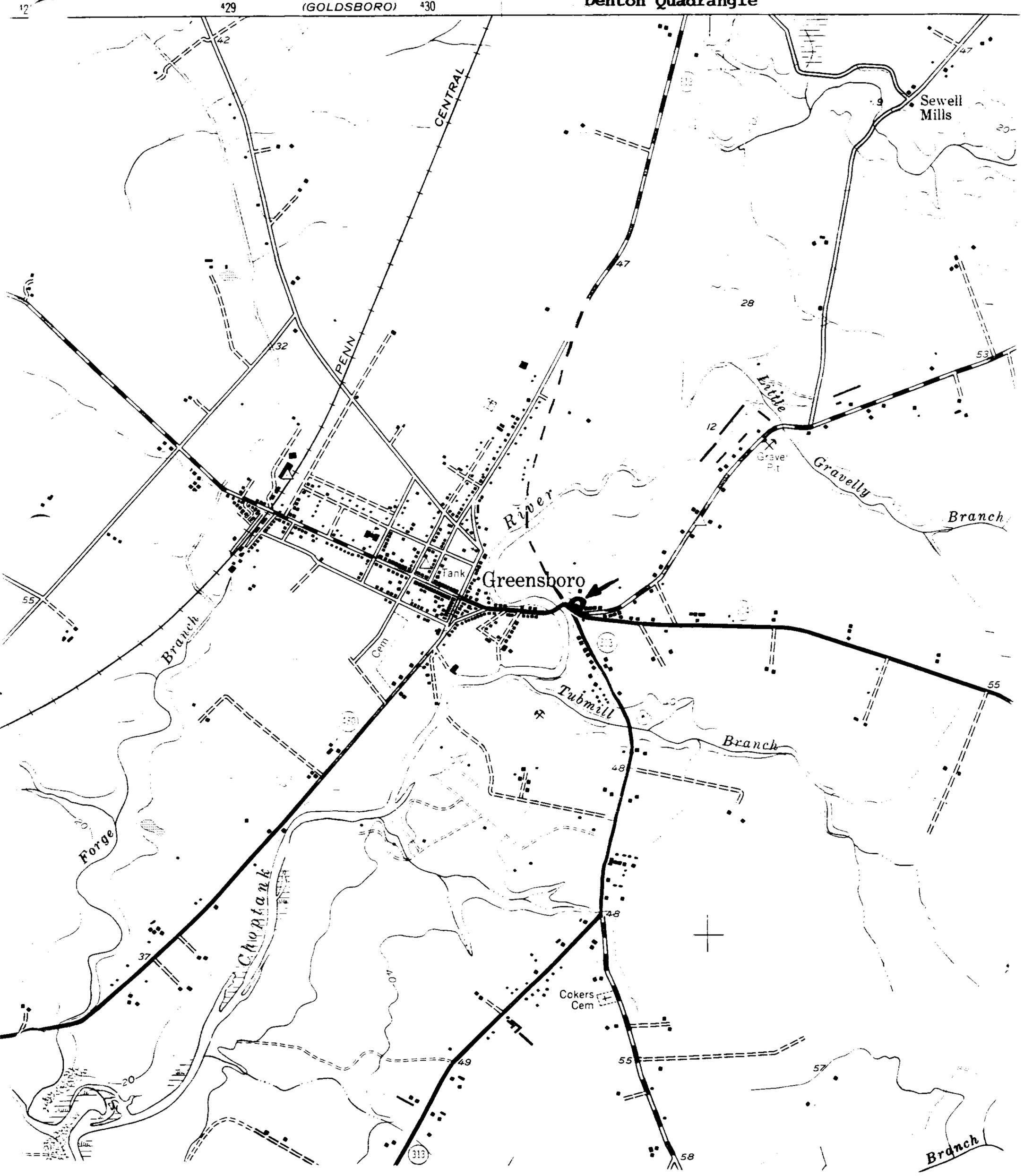
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Denton Quadrangle

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(GOLDSBORO) 430





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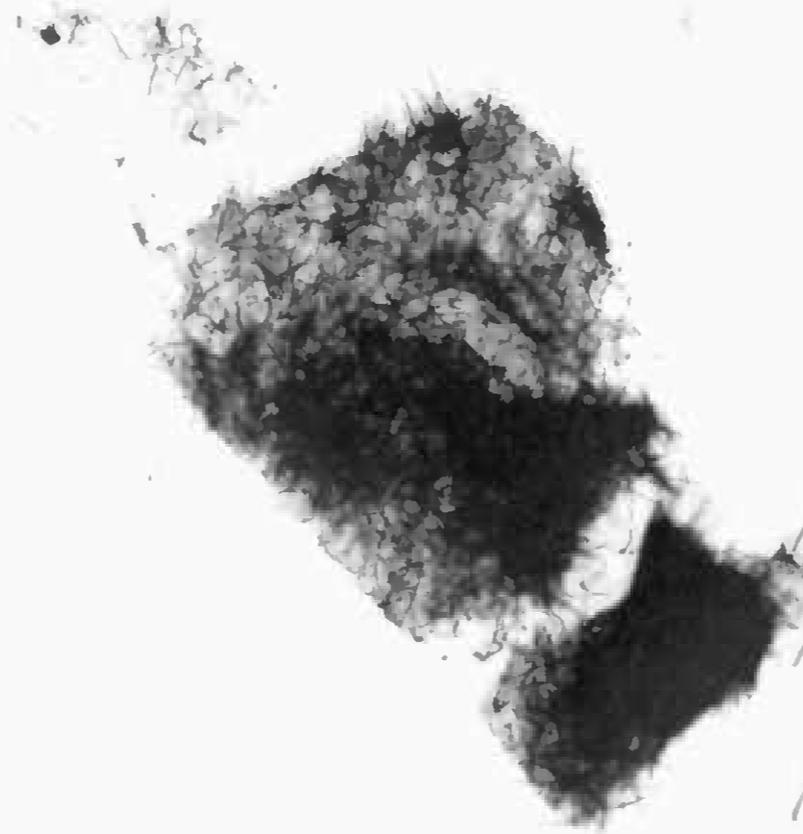
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Greensboro, Caroline Co.
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Negative at Maryland
State Hwy Dept
South Elevation

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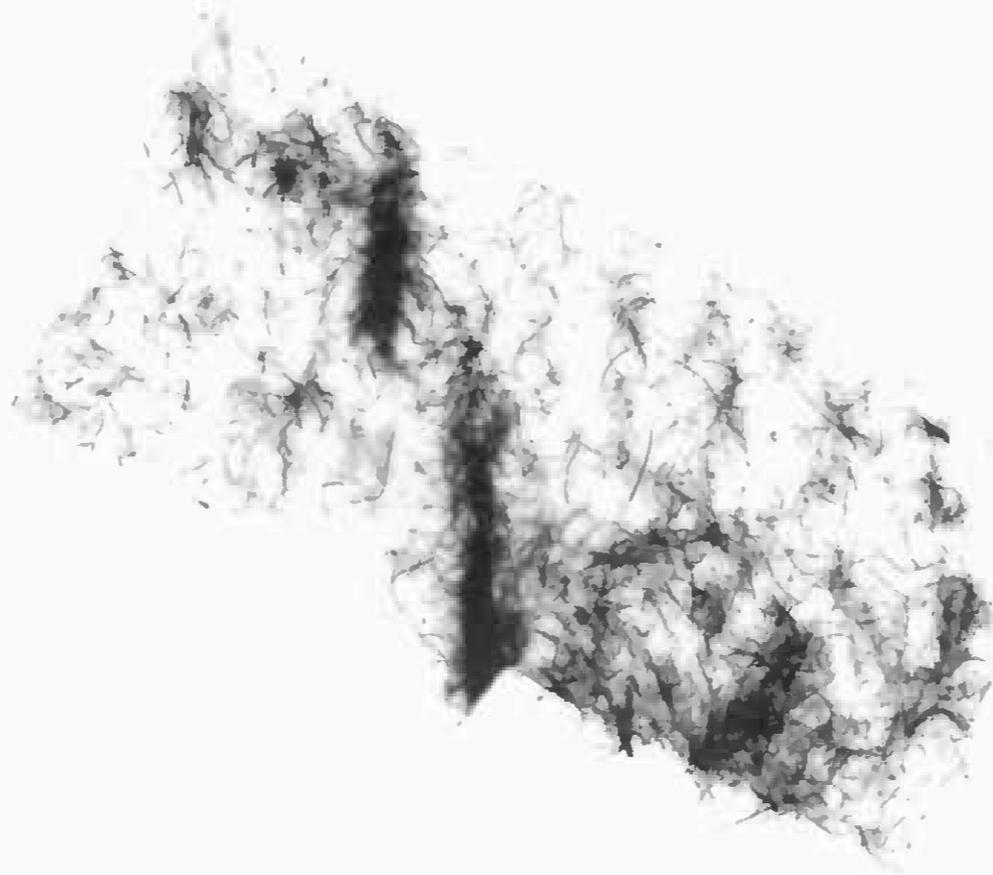
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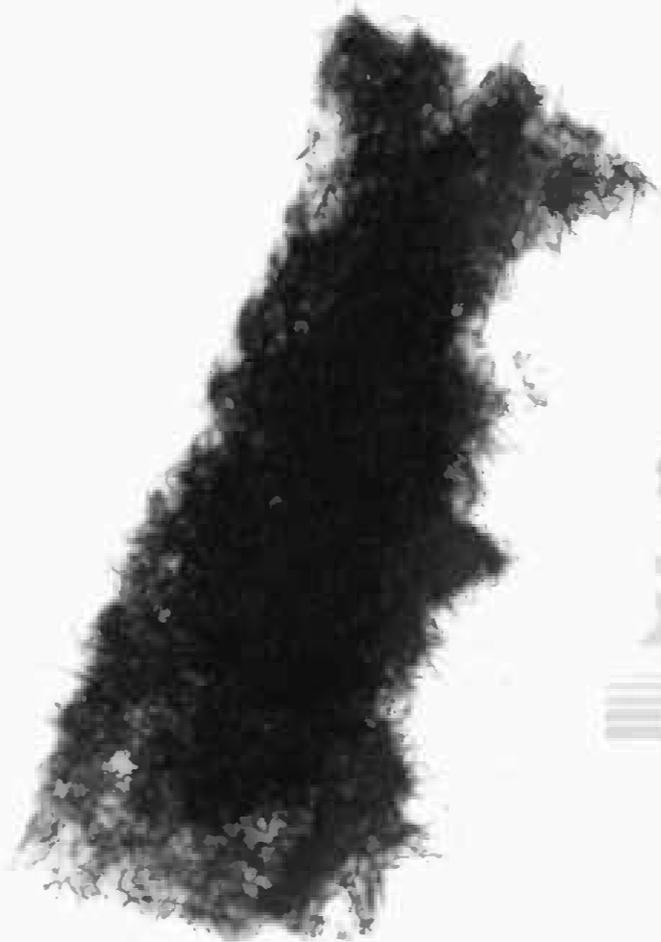
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Greensboro, Carolina
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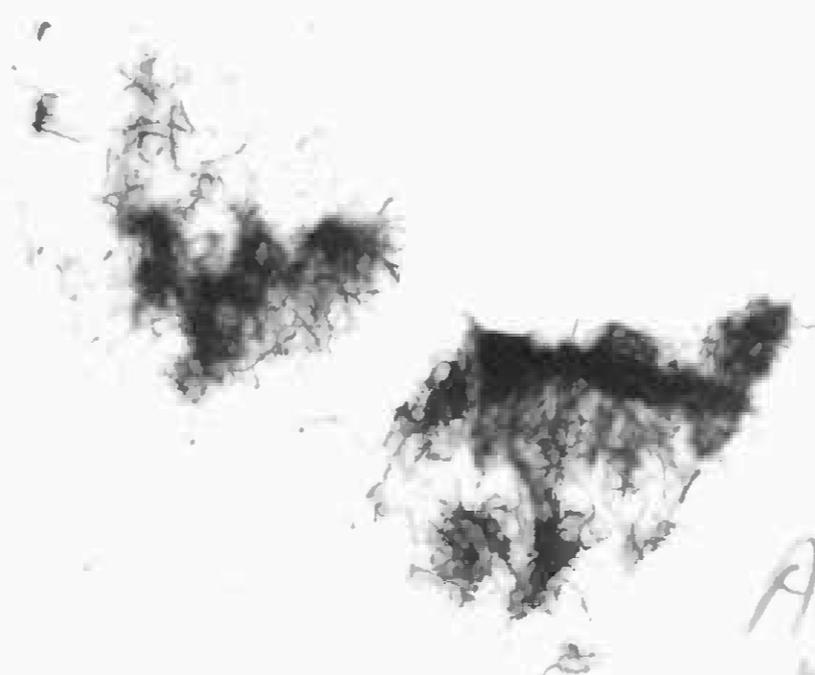
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