

CH-58
Mill Hill Road House
Berry vic.
Private

circa 1830

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-58

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Mill Hill Road House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 2440 Mill Hill Road not for publication _____

city or town Berry vicinity X state Maryland code MD

county Charles code 017 zip code 20603

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling
AGRICULTURE Processing/storage

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling
AGRICULTURE Storage

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Federal (altered)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation solid: stone? infilled w/ concrete
roof side gable: sheet metal
walls wood frame: weatherboard (replacement)
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE
AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance circa 1830

Significant Dates circa 1830

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 12.37 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is designated as Parcel 262 on Map 7, Grid 8 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Mill Hill Road House has been associated with Parcel 262, Map 7 since its construction circa 1830.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian
 organization Charles County Planning Dept. date November 1998
 street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
 city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Alverta B. Berry (contact Diane Rausch, daughter of owner)
 street & number 3669 Old Washington Rd. telephone 202-358-4510
 city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20602

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county and state

Known as the "Mill Hill Road House," this modest frame dwelling represents an almost complete reconstruction of the original building that stood on the site. Badly deteriorated in the 1930s, the house was acquired by Alverta Berry and stabilized. Since that time, the dwelling has undergone several renovations.¹ While little of the original building fabric remains, the dwelling retains its typical vernacular Southern Maryland form and interior layout. The only distinguishable original feature is the enclosed dog-leg stair.

Located on a rolling 12-acre tract, the house is sited atop a small hill facing north. The house and its immediate surroundings are enclosed by a chainlink fence and only a handful of trees adorn the lot. There are three associated outbuildings, one being a early-to-mid-19th century tobacco barn.

The house displays a common vernacular form for the region. It is 1-1/2-stories in height with a simple single-pile, 2-room plan, and exterior end chimneys. It likely had a full-width front and possibly rear porch. Today, what was once the rear porch has been mostly enclosed to create a utility room.

The building's foundation is not readily visible, but a course of randomly placed stone located at the base of the eastern chimney indicates that it may have once sat on a stone foundation. A recent owner indicated the much of the sill and foundation were replaced or shored-up during the last renovation. The exterior is clad in replacement wood weatherboard, and no original exterior features are evident. Both exterior gable-end chimney stacks have been reconstructed. While the larger of the two chimneys at the eastern gable end was reconstructed in an authentic historic form and incorporates original bricks, the western chimney's design was altered to accommodate the large modern windows that light this

¹ The house was minimally surveyed in the 1970s by J. Richard Rivoire who noted that the house was a "One story frame house one room in depth and two in length. Roof ridge runs E and W with chimney at each gable end. Boxed in corner stair on rear center wall of E room. Second floor has narrow center hall sheathed in vertical battens with two rooms containing fireplaces and eave storage. Chimneys fallen and house going fast. Offered once to Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco but turned down." See Maryland Inventory of Historic Sites Inventory Form for CH-58, "Mill Hill Road House," n.d.

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elevation.

The facade arrangement reflects the original hall-parlor plan, featuring a single-leaf off-center entry with a window located directly west of it, and another window set at the eastern end of the facade. Both the 6/6 sash windows and the panel-and-light wood door are replacement materials. A shallow shed-roofed front porch extending across the majority of the facade, is supported on 4" x 4" wood posts and covered with sheet metal roofing. The main side gable roof is also clad with sheet metal and forms a steeply pitched profile.

Two 6/6 wood sash windows open into each of the gable ends, one on the first story and one on the second. The rear elevation is broken by only one window opening that contains a wood 4/4 sash. The only other entrance to the house is located at the west end of the enclosed rear porch. This entry holds a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door.

The house's interior has been significantly altered, although the essential layout appears to remain. The house is divided into two rooms on the first floor now used as a kitchen and living room. The entry opens into the living room with the stair located in the southwest corner of the kitchen. During one of the renovations the original flooring, mantels, and many of the chimney bricks were given to the Barbours who lived at Stagg Hall in Port Tobacco (see CH- ???). Today, the interior is finished with modern Colonial Revival style finishes. The original enclosed dog-leg stair features beaded wood paneling, narrow treads and tall risers, and a beaded tongue-and-groove vertical board closet door below the stairs.

The dwelling's second story contains two small bedrooms, similarly re-finished. There was no access to the building's roof structure at the time of the survey.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Of the four related outbuildings, only two can be considered contributing. The oldest of these is a early-to-mid-19th century tobacco barn. The barn is constructed of rough-hewn support posts set in the ground that are mortise-and-tenoned to the sill. The steeply pitched gable roof consists of common rafters butted and nailed at their apex. Many of the barn's original tobacco drying

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rods remain in place. Sheds have been added to all four sides, and concrete piers added at the corners. The exterior is clad with vertical boards.

The second contributing outbuilding is a frame corn crib erected in the 1920s. Standing on a wood pier foundation, the building features a front gable roof covered with standing seam metal and slatted walls with weatherboards in the gables.

The remaining two outbuildings are directly related to the house. One, a 1950s garage, features a front gable roof, a hinged double-leaf door, and vinyl siding. The roof is covered with sheet metal. The last outbuilding is a pre-fabricated 1970s-1980s frame shed with an asphalt-shingled gambrel roof.

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Five years later, Jenkins sold the same tract to Richard T. Ward of Washington, D.C. The property continued to switch hands going from one absentee owner to another until 1928 when the then owner, George Gibson sold the property to the Hamilton family. The Hamilton's retained ownership until 1972, when they sold 14 acres with the house to Alverta B. Berry. Berry continues to own and rent out the house.

A survey made in the 1970s before the most recent and most major renovation, indicates that the house was constructed circa 1830. (see footnote #1) Little remains today to confirm that date, however.

At one time, the building was offered to the Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco as a period dwelling, but the society turned it down. The former surveyor noted that the house happens to have the same dimensions and similar form as the old Port Tobacco Times building that once stood in Port Tobacco.

The many alterations made to the house have jeopardized its historical significance. However, the building continues to illustrate a typical vernacular form popular in Southern Maryland during the late 18th and early 19th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition,
1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE
AGRICULTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling
AGRICULTURAL/Storage & processing

Known Design Source: Unknown

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June 8, 1911: John D. Jenkins, widower of Prince
George's County to George W. Gibson
of Washington, DC
100 acres, Subdivision of a tract
known as "Friendship"
Charles County Land Records
Liber HCC 23 Folio 435

December 3, 1928: George W. & Grace B. Gibson to
Norman L. & James L. Hamilton
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 49 Folio 429

May 5, 1942: Norman L. & James Hamilton to James
L. Hamilton
55 acres near what was Bolton Post
Office called "Friendship" or "Part
of Friendship"
Charles County Land Records
Liber 76 Folio 425

June 30, 1972: Ralph P. Hamilton, Judith Ann Lloyd
& C. Ricardo Hamilton to Alverta B.
Berry
14.16 acres, Parcel "A" of land of
James L. Hamilton
Plat May 10, 1972 Plat Book 18,
Folio 146
Charles County Land Records
Liber 259 Folio 183

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: "MILL HILL ROAD HOUSE"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Hill Road

CITY OR TOWN: Waldorf

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Charles CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Charles County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: La Plata STATE: Maryland CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

House situate on the E side of Mill Hill Road.
 One storey frame house one room in depth and two in length. Roof ridge runs E and W with chimney at each gable end. Boxed in corner stair on rear center wall of E room. Second floor has narrow center hall sheathed in vertical battens with two rooms containing fireplaces and eave storage.

Chimneys fallen and house going fast. Offered once to Society for the Restoration of Fort Tobacco but turned down.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ca. 1830

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Though this house seems in bad shape it is not beyond resotration. From personal notes I found that this house is exactly the same size and shape as the old Port Tobacco Times Building. There is some talk of reconstructing the old Times building and it was suggested that materials from this house be used or at least use it as a pattern but when the house was offered to the Society (when it was still in rather good condition) it was refused.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

N. R. FIELD SHEET

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Kivoire

ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust DATE _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE Maryland CODE _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

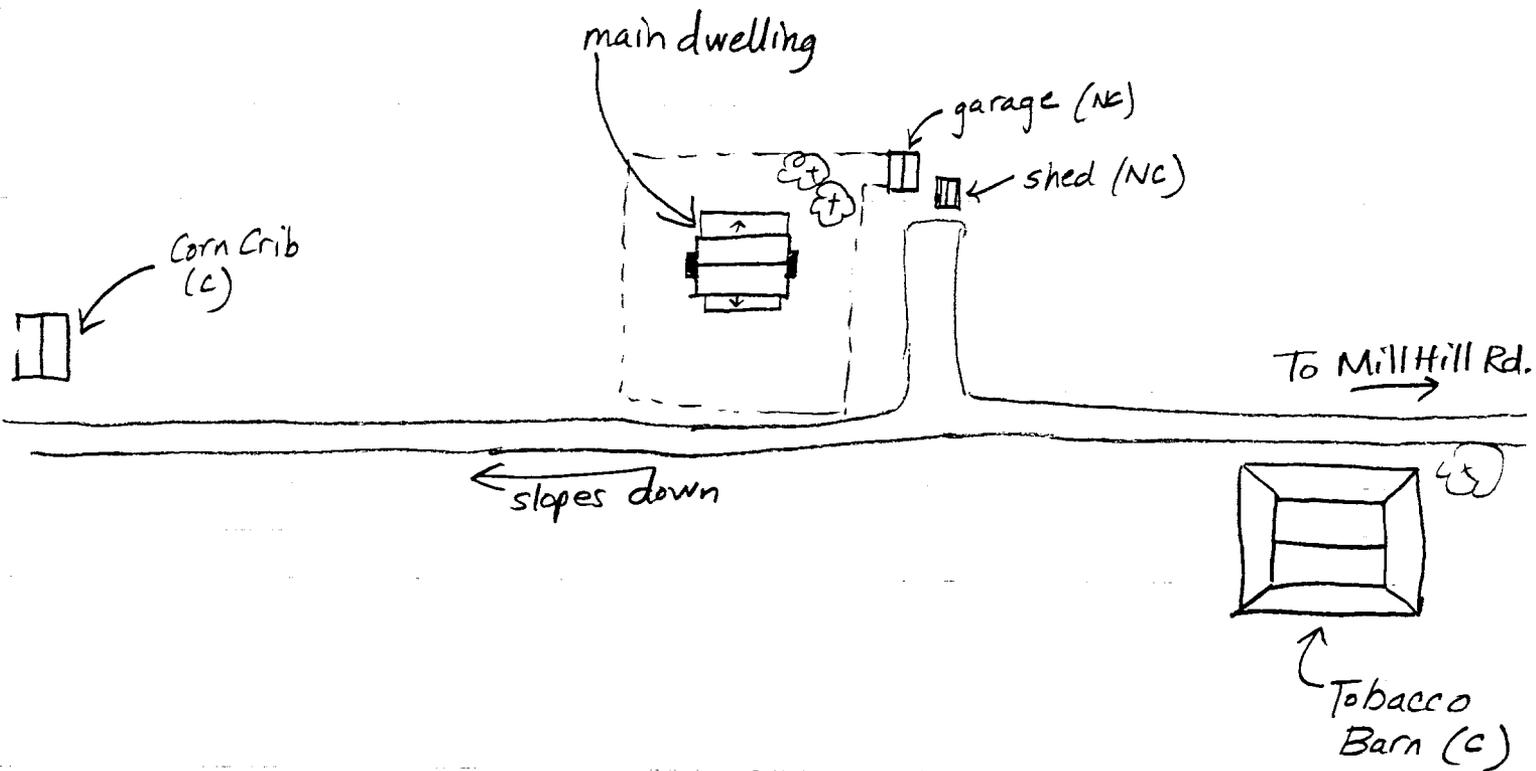
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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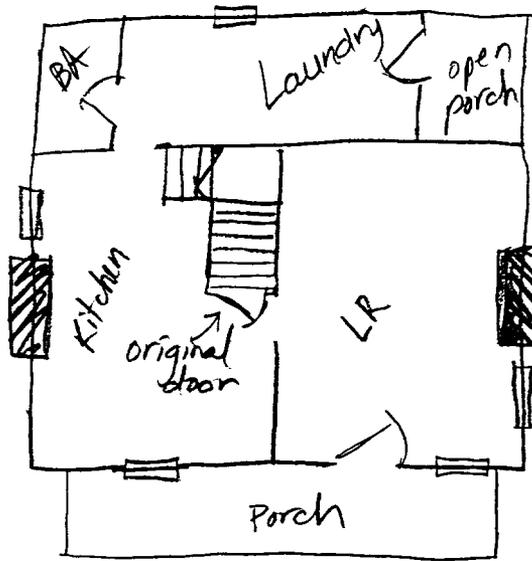


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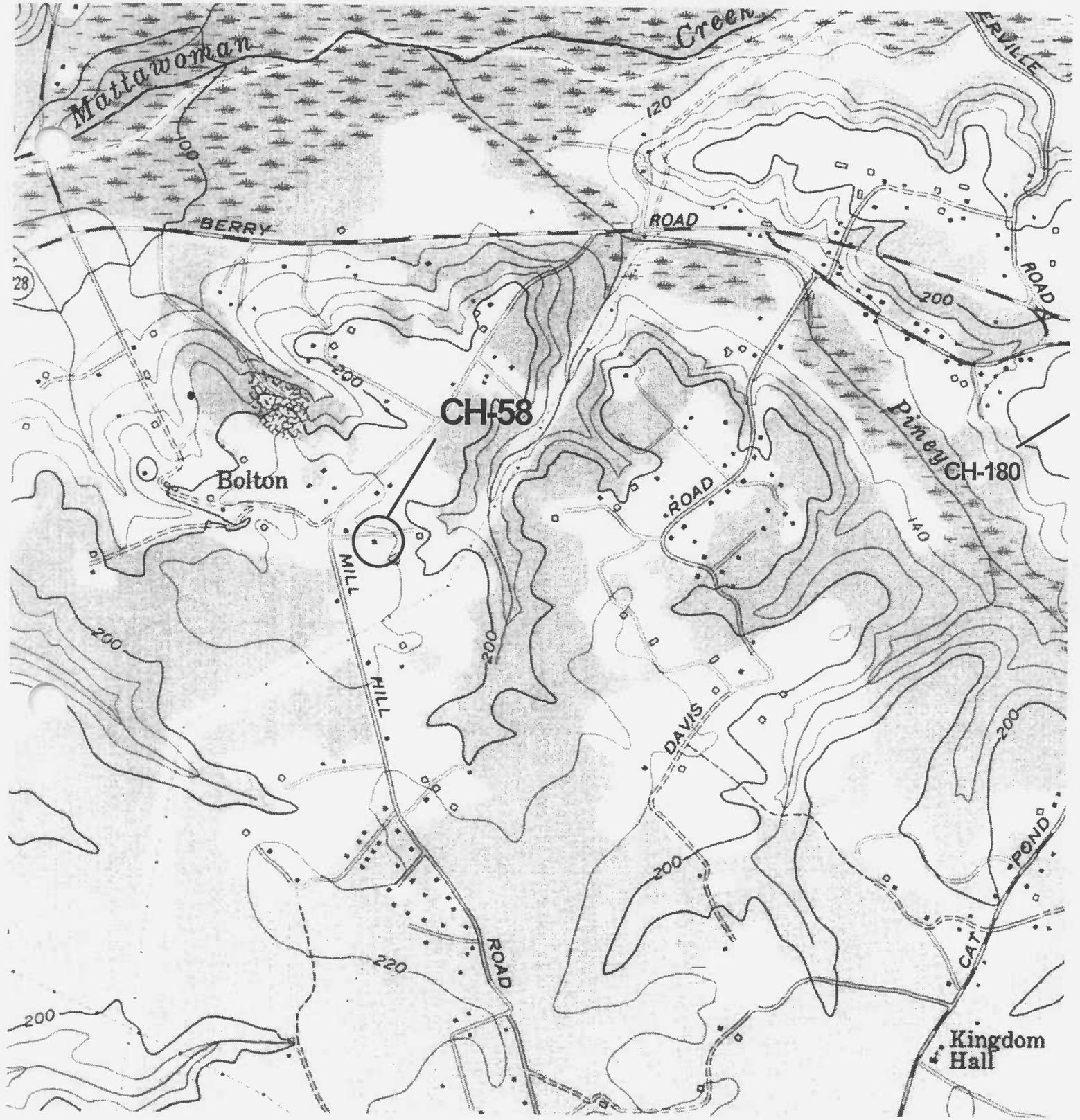
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CHARLES COUNTY, MD

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CORN CRIB - LOOKING SE

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD
K.G. SMITH

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