The Plains **Last quarter 19th century**
CH-120
Charlotte Hall vic.
Private

The Plains is currently a 2-story front-gable-and-wing structure with unusual paired exterior end-chimneys on either end. The house likely incorporates an earlier structure probably built during the early 19th century. Standing adjacent to the 18th century Trinity Episcopal Parish (CH-123), The Plains has been associated with the Gough family since 1854 when William Gough purchased a number of tracts totaling 360 acres formerly belonging to Major James Latimer. The property remained in the Gough family until 1923 when I was sold to Robert P. Bowling. Recently the property has been acquired by Gough family descendants and is referred to as "Gough's Plains". Land records simply identifies the tract as "The Plains".

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-120

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	The Plains
other	Robert Bowling House

2. Location

street and number	9565 Dubois Road	___	not for publication
city, town	Charlotte Hall	X	vicinity
county	Charles		

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

name	August V B Millard, Jr.				
street and number	c/o Carpenter Management Co.			telephone	unknown
city, town	Waldorf	state	MD	zip code	20604-2625

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	66 p. 117		
city, town	LaPlata	liber	1360	folio	370

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

___ Contributing Resource in National Register District
___ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
___ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
___ Recorded by HABS/HAER
___ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
___ Other _____

6. Classification

Category
___ district
X building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
X private
___ both

Current Function
___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
X domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	3	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	3	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 1

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
___ good	___ ruins
_X_ fair	___ altered

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

Formerly identified as the Robert Bowling House for the 20th century tenure of the Bowling family, the Plains is a 2-story frame front gable-and-wing dwelling standing near the Trinity Episcopal Church (CH-123), on a 16 acre lot. The house faces south onto Dubois Road and is approached by a straight lane bordered by a fenced pasture. Three non-contributing resources share the site including a stable to the west of the dwelling and two sheds to the rear.

Five bays in length with a centered entrance, this Victorian dwelling probably incorporates an earlier structure. Evidence of this earlier construction are found in the transom lights above the entrance door and irregular bond external end chimneys flanking either side elevation. The entire structure has been reclad in vinyl siding and windows. The home has a concrete block foundation, and an asphalt shingle roof. The side gable The interior was not available at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philospohy
X 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime industry	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1875-1925 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates Circa 1875-1925

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____ Maryland Register X not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Plains stands on property historically associated with the Gough family. Between 1871 and 1883, Lucinda Gough acquired the interests of the William Henry Gough's heirs in the property known as the Plains then containing 350 acres adjoining the Cooksey farm to the north. Her will of 1896, leaves the upper portion of the farm upon which I now reside, adjoining Trinity Church parish to her son Richard. Richard Gough made a home here for his family until 1923 when it was sold by his widow to Robert Bowling.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 16.78

Acreage of historical setting 350

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Plains is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 66, Parcel 117, Grid 2.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy C. Hardy/Historic Preservation Planner		
organization	Charles County Planning	dat	3/26/2002
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	3014-396-5815
city or town	LaPlata	stat MD	zip code 20646

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

Chain of Title:

1975 Louis P. Jenkins and Frank G. Perrin, trustees to Joseph A. Duley, Sr. Dietrich H. Steffens and James R. Latham. Parcel No. 3. containing 102.913 acres. Plat book 22/122.
394/90

1974 Robert P. Bowling, III and Lillian I. Bowling rep. For the estate of Robert P. Bowling, Jr. to heirs (See estate No. 4249.) Being all the remaining land Robert P. Bowling and Catherine S. Bowling acquirred from Winifred E. Dyson July 7, 1942.
327/145

1942 Winifred E. Dyson to Robert P. Bowling, Jr. and Catherine S. Bowling
326.64 acres
76/422

1924 Robert P. Bowling, Sr. and wife to Robert P. Bowling, Jr.
42/494

1923 Annie S. Gough, widow of Richard Gough to Robert P. Bowling, "The Plains", "where Annie S. Gough now resides". 375 acres near Trinity Church. Acquired by Richard Gough, late husband
-by his mother Lucinda Gough, Feb 1896 18/56
-by Winifred Smoot in 1893 JST 5/661
-by Alexander Freeman and wife in 1902 BGS 12/473
- by Vestry of Trinity Parish in 1920 WMA 37/276
Save and excepting:
1st To Robert H. Turner 1896 JST 8/156
2nd Mary E. Long 1909 FDM 19/680
3rd By two deeds to the vestry of Trinity parish, 1920 WMA 36/225; 1920 WMA 37/129
WMA 42/563

1922 Will of Richard Gough. To wife Annie S. Gough
CND 20/271

? Last will and testament of Lucinda Gough:
- James H.- part of Parnham's Ammendment where he now resides
- Thomas B. Parnham Hall where he now resides
- Charlotte Hayden lower portion of Parnhams Ammendment
- **Richard - upper portion of farm upon which I now reside, the same adjoining Trinity Church Parish**
- Mary R. Hayden - northern portion of the farm on which I now reside
MT 18/569

Equity 3573?
1871-1883 Lucinda Gough acquirred all remaining interests in the Plains, formerly beloning to the estate of William Henry Gough. 350 acres.

1854 Chapman and Lydia Billingsley to William H. Gough $4400. All that tract composed of other tracts, *Meadow Ground, Ash Swamp, Sumby, & Hitchin* lying in Trinity Parish containing 360 acres. Being same formerly beloning to Major James Latimer. Building and improvements. 360 acres

Major Bibliographic References:

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

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

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

Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

CH 120

0901205204

STATE:
COUNTY:
FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER / DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Robert Bowling House "Plains"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Trinity Church Road (MD 232)

CITY OR TOWN: Newport (Dentsville vicinity)

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Charles | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
					No: ☒

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☒	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Robert Bowling John H. Cook + Gloria B. Cook

STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 1, Box 60

CITY OR TOWN: Newport Charlotte Hall | STATE: Maryland | CODE: 20622

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:

STATE: COUNTY: FOR NPS USE ONLY ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☒ Unaltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☒

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A frame two storey dwelling five bays in length with center door on the first storey level.

Though the ~~s~~ chimney~~s~~ stacks have been shortened and made ~~smaller~~ narrower the house retains two chimneys at each gable end. The roof line was changed during the Victorian era by adding a gable to the south east front giving the roof ridge a ell shape.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☒	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	_____
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	_____
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	_____
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	_____
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	_____
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		_____

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

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	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	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

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

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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: Annapolis

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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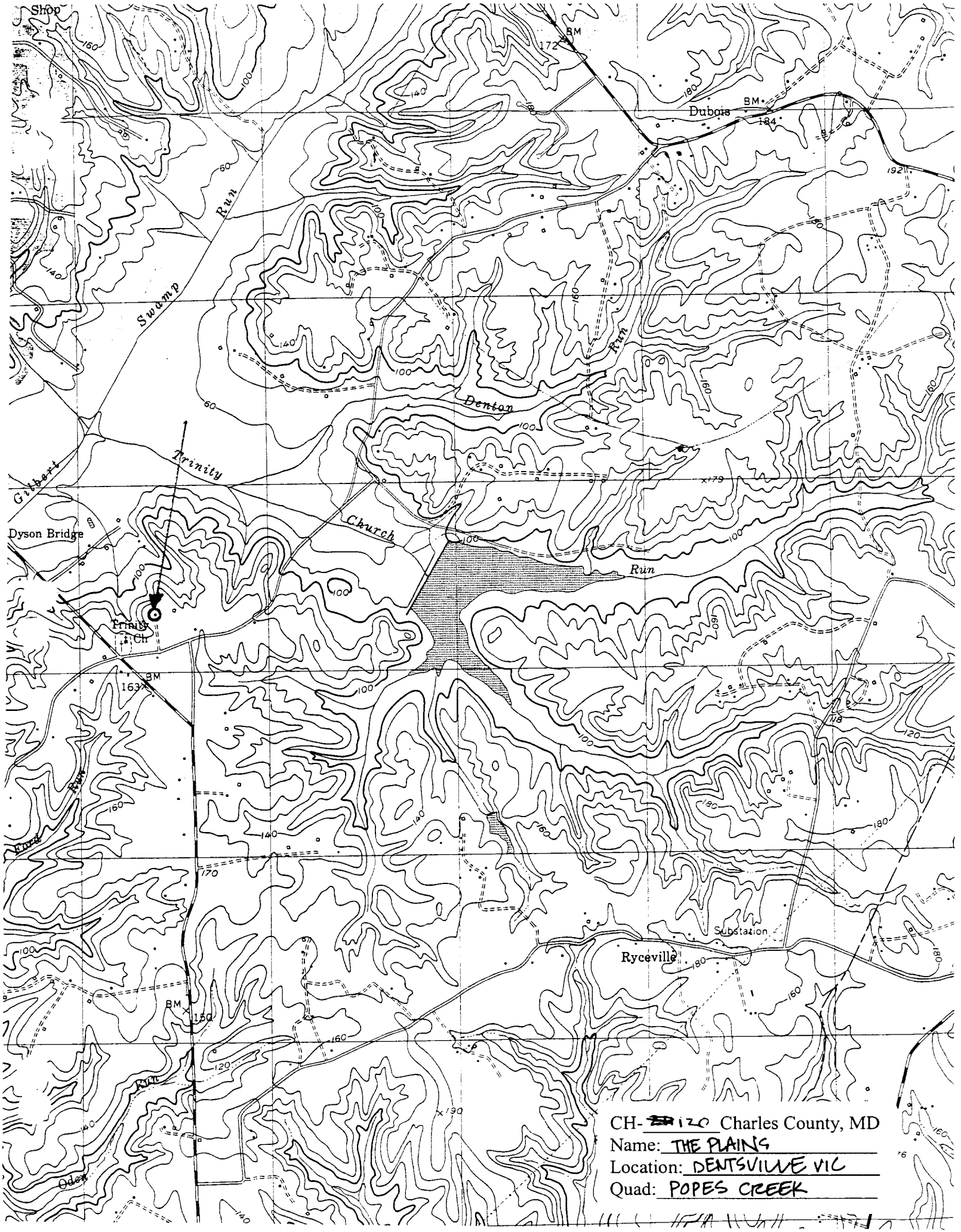
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Quad: POPES CREEK

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