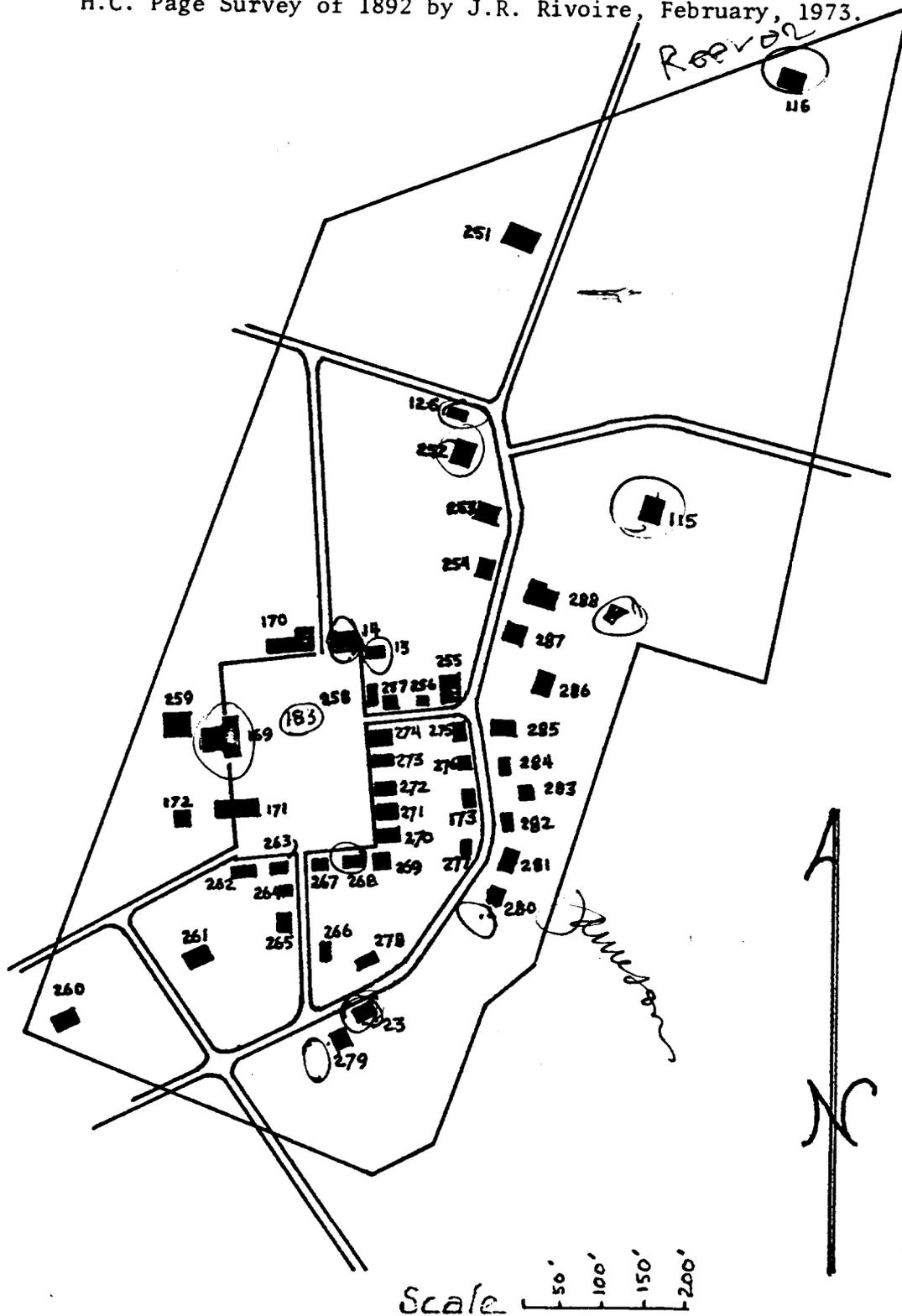


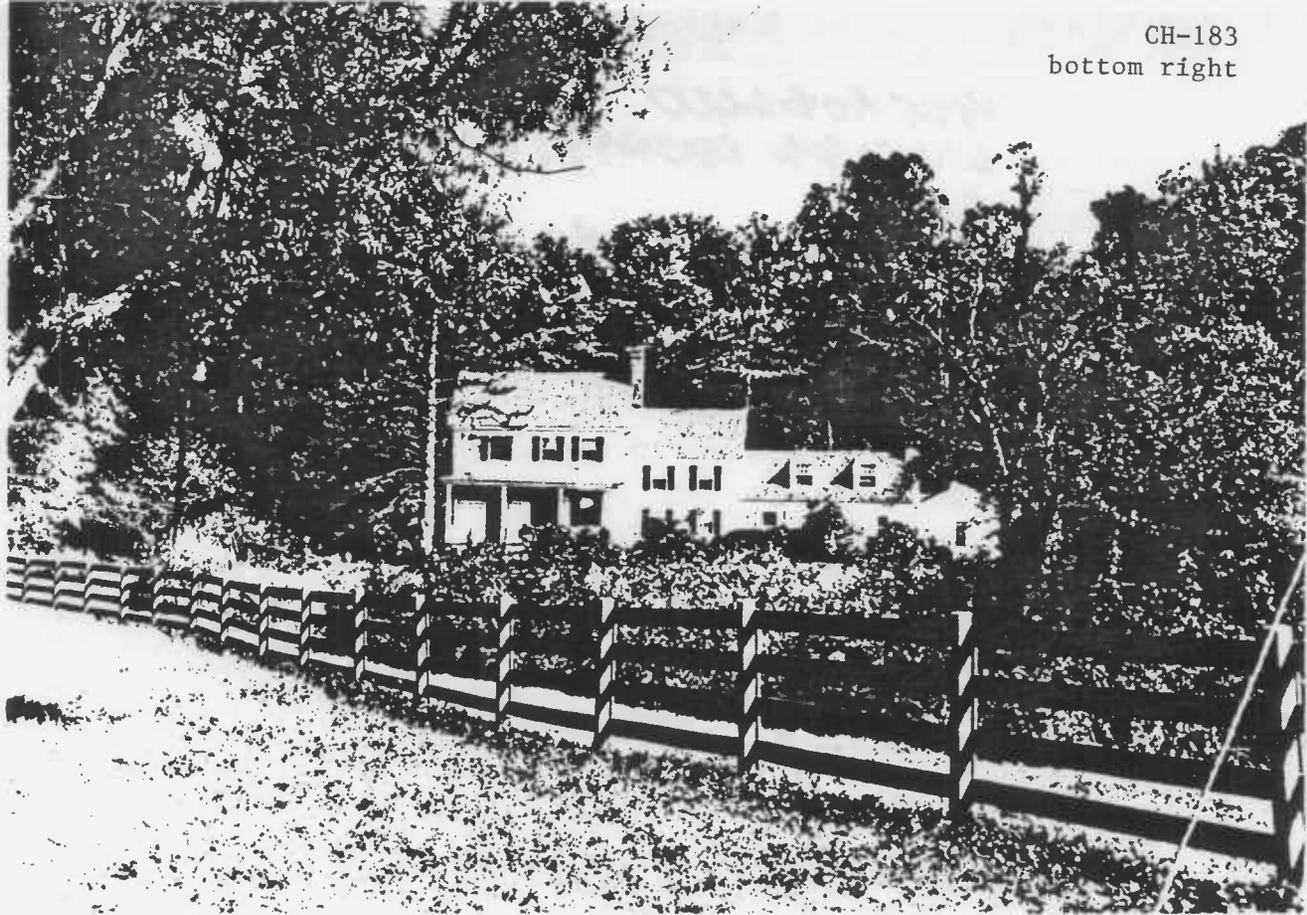
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Spring House or Well House  
Port Tobacco

mid 19th century; 1958

A square, pyramid-roofed brick structure with arched openings in each side, this was built in 1958 to commemorate Charles County's tercentary. The building shelters a public hydrant dating from the mid-nineteenth century and fed by a system of pipes that brought water here from a spring on a hill east of town. In a February, 1897 article in the Port Tobacco Times regarding long overdue repairs to the town hydrants the editor quipped, "One of the old residents told me that until the water supply was piped to our village from Mr. Digges' hill no children were raised in Port Tobacco. From the difficulty in getting the spring again in running order it would seem that another blow is to be struck at an infant industry which makes the nation great and populous."

1892 Boundaries of the Village of Port Tobacco, Charles County, Maryland, Showing the Locations of Buildings, Sites, and Areas (Aboriginal and Colonial) of Archaeological Significance, that Exist Within the Settlement. Reduced and Drawn from the Original H.C. Page Survey of 1892 by J.R. Rivoire, February, 1973.





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BOSWELL-COMPTON HOUSE, W. FRONT, FROM  
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EAST FRONT OF 1819-1821 COURTHOUSE (KELON.);  
1958 WELL HOUSE TO VIEWERS RIGHT

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