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N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Site of "Rose Hill"

AND/OR HISTORIC: William Paca's house site

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters southwest of Abingdon Road about 0.3 mi east of old Philadelphia Road (Md 7)

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

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

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐	Comments	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☐	Other (Specify)	☐		
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐	Garden			
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐	Site only of "Rose Hill"			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs Howard K McComas Jr & three other heirs of William Sewell

STREET AND NUMBER: Abingdon & Philadelphia Roads

CITY OR TOWN: Abingdon | STATE: Md 21085 | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR | STATE: MARYLAND | CODE:

ACREAGE — 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:

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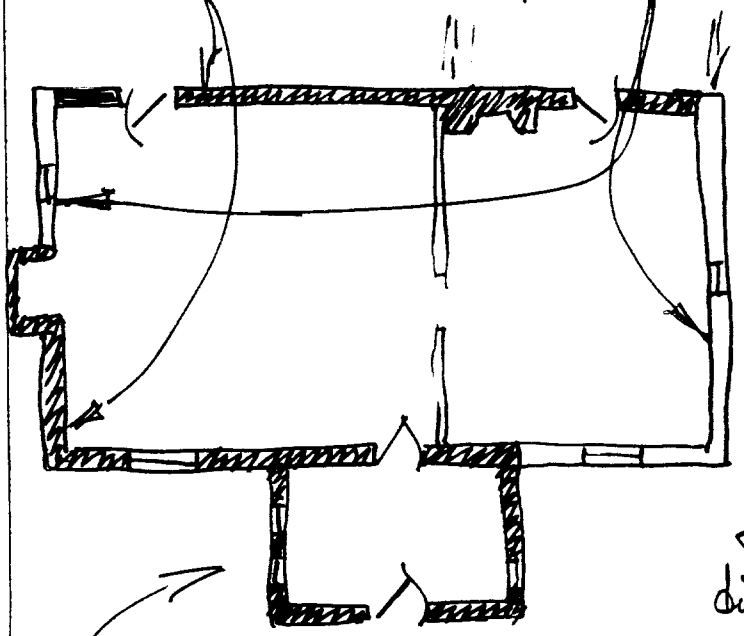
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☑ Removed	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) ~~Altered~~ Destroyed ~~Unaltered~~ ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☑

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

We have only the site of Rose Hill. Foundation walls are obliterated.

Henry Chandlee Forman is our authority for the plan sketched below and one photograph. He gives dimensions: 36' 6" x 20' 6", ceilings 8' 2" sills 33". The earlier two of three sections only are sketched here. Walls are composed of an uneven mixture of brick and frame clapboard.



The gambrel roof ridgeline ran northwest to southeast.

There were two brick chimneys - one in the southeast end wall rose from heating fireplaces on each floor, the other in the dining room was larger but cooking was done in an outside building.

A later addition of the hall was a 2 story A-roof section incongruous in scale and style with the old house. (An even later wing blocked the magnificent view from the dining room.)

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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)* 8

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

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

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

Built in 1782 by William Paca who was born 2 miles south southeast of this site in 1740,* the second son of John & Elizabeth Smith Paca. He graduated from the College of Philadelphia (now the University of Pennsylvania) in 1759 and studied law in Annapolis and London. Married in 1763 to Mary Chew of Annapolis, who died in 1774. He married again in 1777 to Ann Harrison of Philadelphia.

In 1788 he was one of four representatives of Harford in the State Convention which adopted the Constitution of the United States.

Earlier he had been a member of Provincial Legislature 1768; member of the first and second Continental Congress, 1774 and 1775-9; signer of the Declaration of Independence 1776; Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Maryland 1778-1780, and Governor of Maryland 1782-1785. In 1789 he was appointed by President Washington Federal District Judge in Talbot County, where he died in 1799.

* See HA 845, HA 875

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Wright, C Milton. Our Harford Heritage p 412-13

(Seward family photographs of Rose Hill are accessible through Mrs. Howard K. McCormick of Abingdon.)

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		
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION | DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | 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.

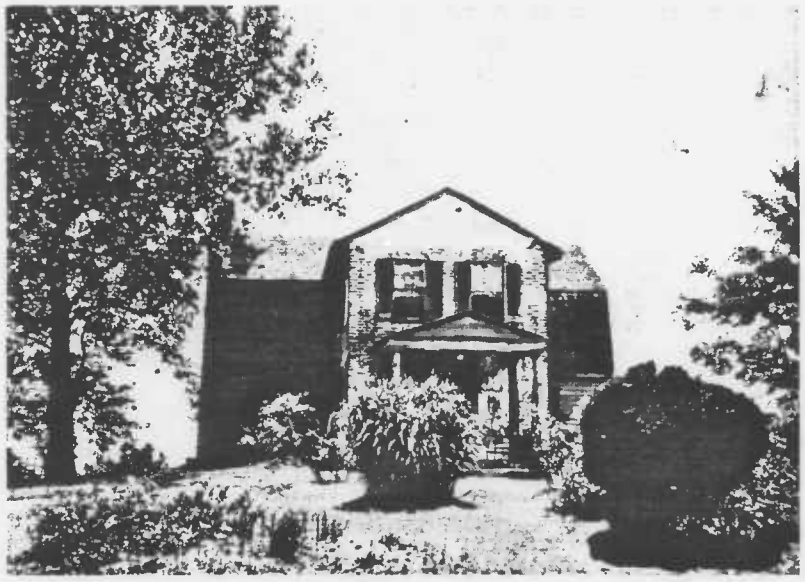
_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

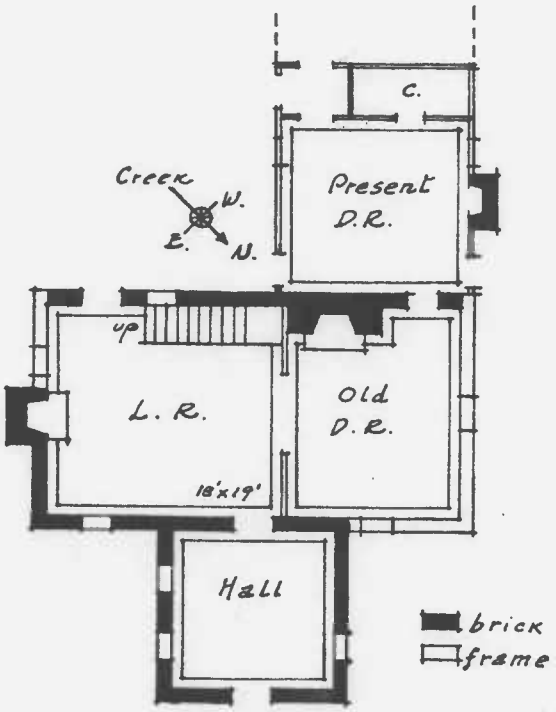


ROSE HILL

1782

Old home of the Sewells, it sits upon a knoll, breezy on hottest summer days. While the main wing has a strange mixture of brick in some places and clapboards in others, as may be seen in the plan, the Hall wing is of later date, having the common bond.

View: From Northeast.
Dimensions:
Overall, main wing, 36-6 by 20-6.
Ceiling about 8-2.
Sill, 33.



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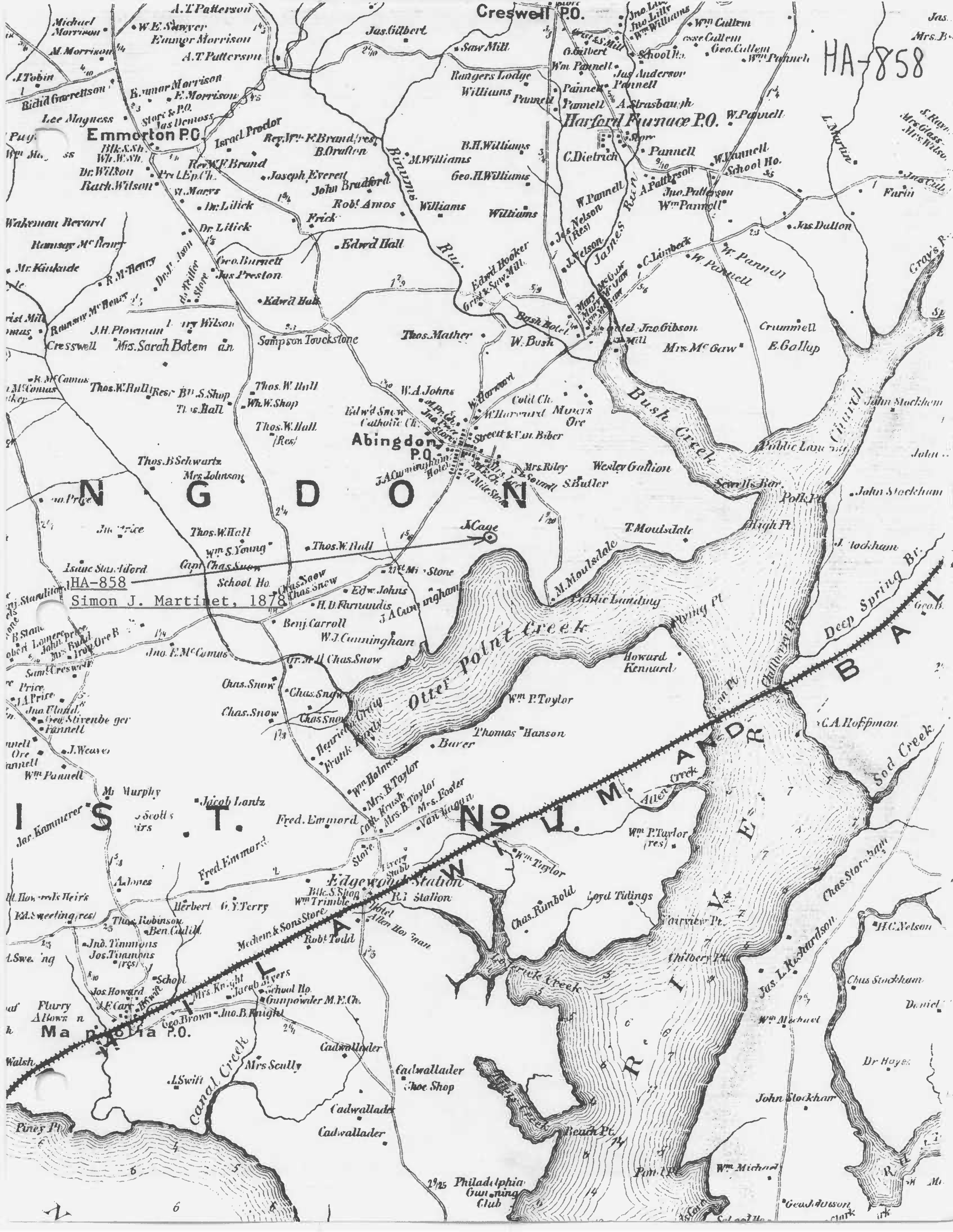
Baltimore: Bodine and Associates, Inc., P. 130.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Edgewood Station
R.R. Station
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Bush Creek
Otter Point Creek
Binnams Run
James Run
Canal Creek
Sod Creek
Deep Spring Br.
Allen Creek
Lockrick Creek
Grays R.
Church
Public Landing
Piney Pt.
Beach Pt.
Pond Pt.
High Pt.
Polk Pt.
Flying Pt.
Chilbery Pt.
Fairview Pt.
Philadelphia Gunning Club
Rangers Lodge
J. Cage
A.T. Patterson
Jas. Gilbert
Saw Mill
Williams
Thos. Mather
W. Bush
Bush Hotel
Edw'd Hall
Edw'd Hooker
Grist & Saw Mill
Geo. Burnett
Jas. Preston
Dr. Lilick
Joseph Everett
John Bradford
Rob't Amos
Frick
Sampson Touckstone
Mrs. Sarah Bateman
Cresswell
J.H. Plowman
Thos. W. Hall
Thos. B. Schwartz
Mrs. Johnson
Thos. W. Hall
Wm. S. Young
Capt. Chas. Snow
School Ho.
Isaac Standiford
Chas. Snow
Edw. Johns
H.D. Farnandis
J.A. Cunningham
Benj. Carroll
W.J. Cunningham
Jno. E. McComas
Chas. Snow
Wm. P. Taylor
Thomas Hanson
Baker
Howard Kennard
T. Moulsdale
M. Moulsdale
Wesley Gallion
S. Butler
Mrs. Riley
Crummell
E. Gallop
Mrs. McGaw
C. Limbeck
W. Pannell
Jas. Dalton
John Stockham
C.A. Hoffman
Chas. Stockham
Jas. L. Richardson
H.C. Nelson
Wm. Michael
Dr. Hayes
Jacob Lantz
Fred. Emmord
A. Jones
Herbert
G.Y. Terry
Thos. Robinson
Ben. Cullil
Jos. Timmons
Rob't Todd
Mrs. Knight
Jacob Myers
School Ho.
Gunpowder M.E. Ch.
Jno. B. Knight
Geo. Brown
Cadwallader
Mrs. Scully
J. Swift
Chas. Rumbold
Loyd Tidings
Wm. Trimble
Mechem & Sons Store
Wm. Taylor
Mrs. Foster
Wm. Holmes
Mrs. B. Taylor
Jas. Kammerer
Wm. Pannell
J. Weaver
Lee Magness
Rich'd Garrettson
J. Tobin
M. Morrison
Michael Morrison
W.E. Sawyer
Emmor Morrison
Israel Proctor
B. Orafton
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Geo. H. Williams
M. Williams
C. Dietrich
A. Strasbaugh
A. Patterson
Jno. Patterson
Wakeman Bevard
Ramsay McHenry
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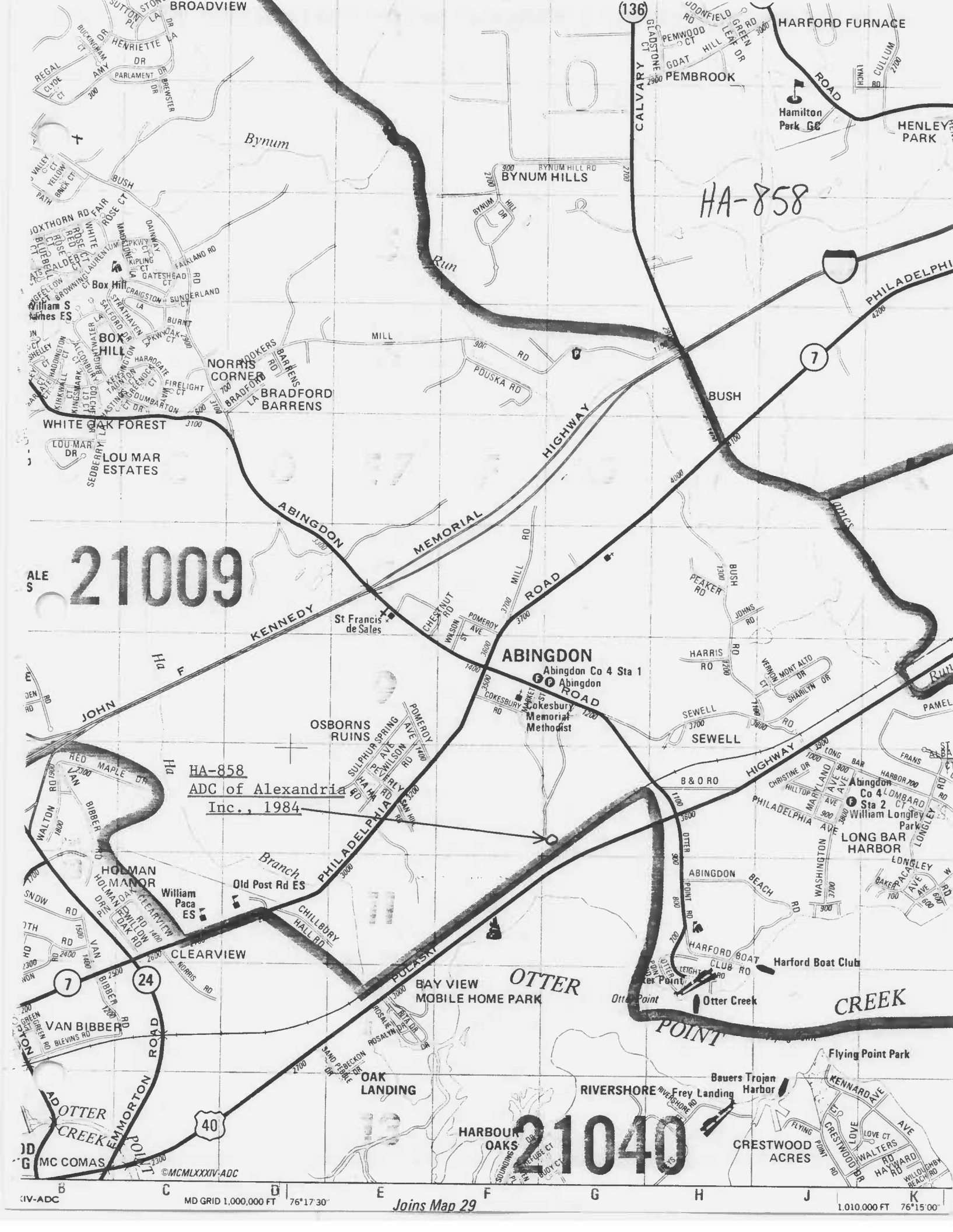
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William S James ES
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NORRIS CORNER
BRADFORD BARRENS
WHITE OAK FOREST
LOU MAR ESTATES
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ABINGDON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
KENNEDY ROAD
JOHN F
St Francis de Sales
ABINGDON
Abingdon Co 4 Sta 1
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Cokesbury Memorial Methodist
OSBORNS RUINS
SEWELL
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Abingdon Co 4 Sta 2
William Longley Park
LONG BAR HARBOR
HOLMAN MANOR
William Paca ES
Old Post Rd ES
CLEARVIEW
PULASKI
BAY VIEW MOBILE HOME PARK
OTTER POINT CREEK
Harford Boat Club
Otter Creek
Flying Point Park
Bauers Trojan Harbor
RIVERSHORE
Frey Landing
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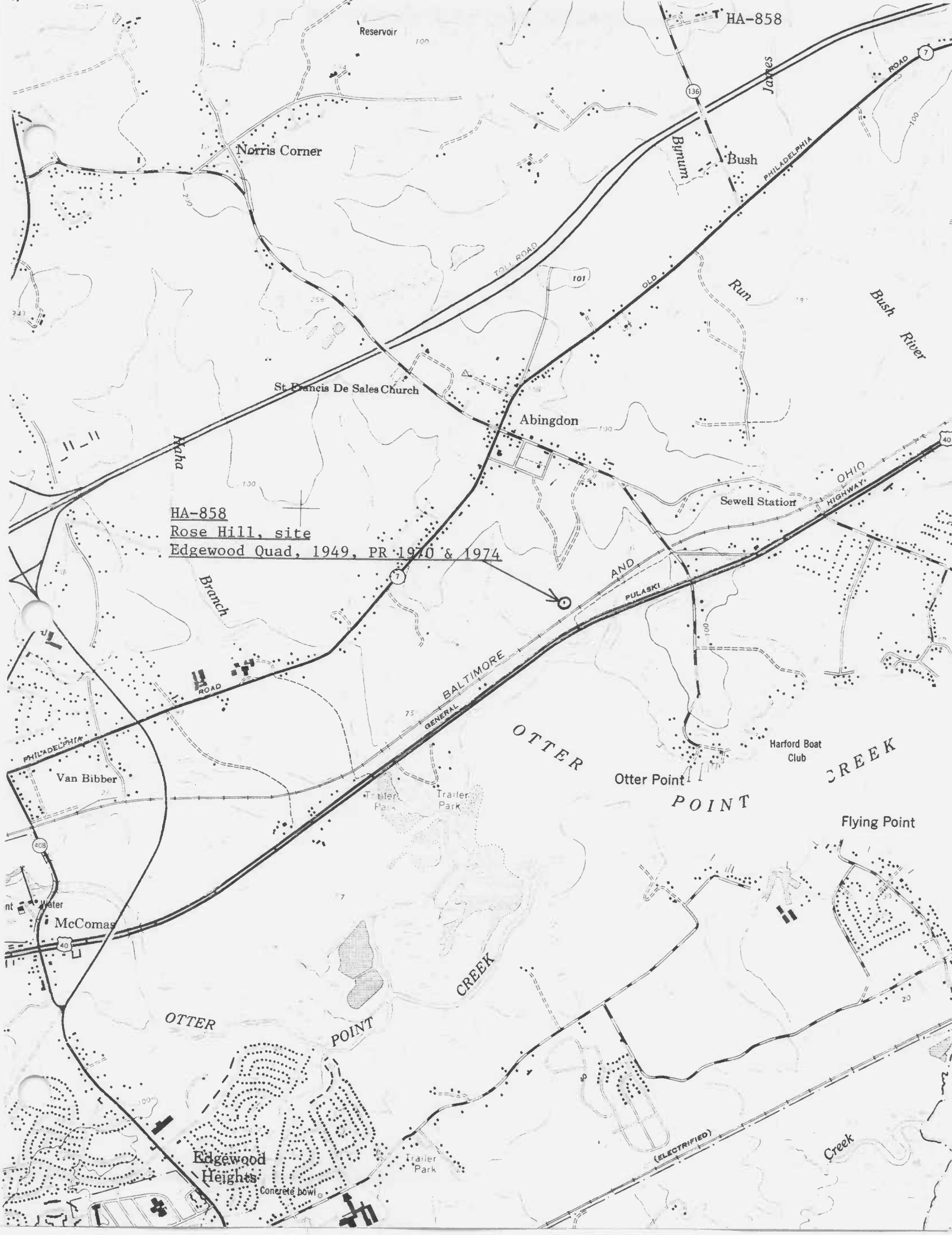
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Rose Hill, site
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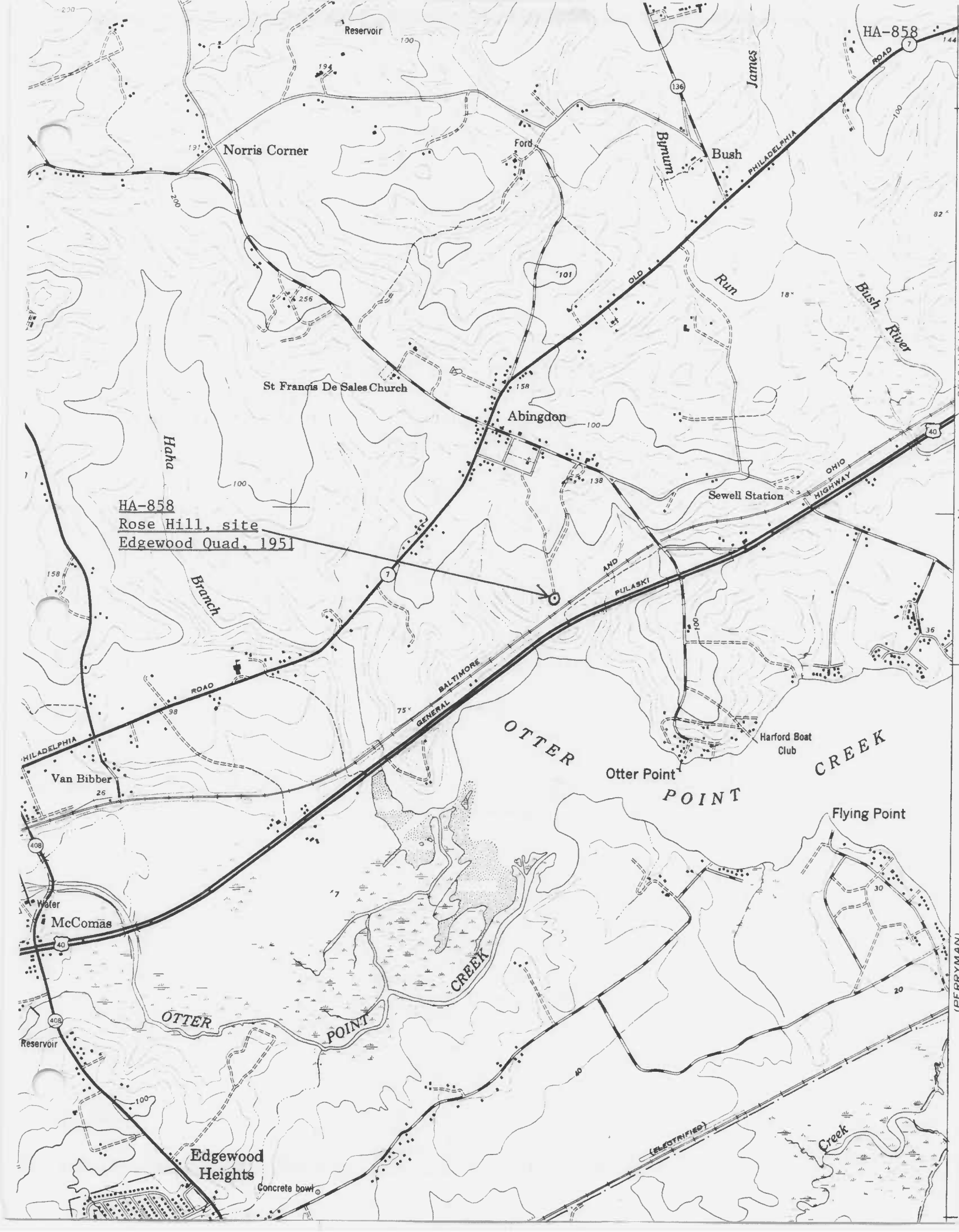
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