PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-7 Building Date: ca. 1896-1906

Building Name: Buck-Rembold House

Location: 4106 Old Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Buck-Rembold House is two stories, of frame with an asphalt shingle gable roof. Viewed from the south, the house can be described in three sections. Section A, the original house, has an entrance on the west facade, beneath a three-story tower with a bracketed cornice and a pyramidal roof. The entrance facade is three bays with a 4-bay entrance porch. The first story has two large 2/4 windows. The rest of Section A has 2/2 windows with plain wood surrounds. There is a plain boxed cornice throughout. Section B consists of frame, one-story additions on cement foundations. On the south facade, the first seven bays are a family room, added since 1977. Added early in the 20th century is a projecting semi-octagonal central bay and a shed roof addition. On the north facade is a semi-octagonal central bay also added in the early 20th century. Section C consists of a two-story, two-bay kitchen addition on a cement foundation, on the east facade of the house. The interior plan has a south side stairhall with a large north parlor. There are two back rooms, served by two adjacent interior chimneys on the hipped east slope of the roof. The house is on a hill three-eights of a mile east of Old Crain Highway. There are two large 20th century gambrel roof barns on the property. There is a one-story, gable roof frame cottage with board-and-batten siding north of the house.

Significance

The Buck-Rembold house was probably built between 1896 and 1906 by John Dominick Bowling, grandson of Col. John Dominick Bowling, builder of the Villa de Sales in Aquasco. The Buck-Rembold house is built on a part of lot 3 in the division of the Bleak Hill Estate. Bleak Hill House is west of this property, across Old Crain Highway. The Buck-Rembold House originally was a small structure, with a somewhat unusual sidehall, two parlor and back room plan. The house was enlarged after 1906 by Bruce L. Buck to accommodate his 11 member family. A one-story addition was added on the north facade in 1977. The house is an exception to the typical small, late 19th century farm house because of its third story tower, original to the house, and its somewhat formal plan. It has exceptional siting on a high hill overlooking its 60 acre lot and Old Crain Highway.

Acreage: 60

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Buck - Rembold House

2. Location

street & number 4106 Old Crain Highway ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name George R. Rembold

street & number 4106 Old Crain Highway telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro, state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. County Courthouse liber 4803

street & number Main Street folio 698

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1972 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division - MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Md.

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Buck Rembold house is situated on a high hill approximately three-eights of a mile east of Old Crain Highway. The house is located on a dirt drive and faces the highway. It is a two-story frame structure with a asphalt shingle roof. There is a three-story tower on the southwest corner of the building. Viewed from the south, the house can be described in three sections: (A) the two-story, German sided, gable roof main structure; (B) across the north and south facades, shed roof one-story additions; (C) to the east, a two-story kitchen addition.

Section A, the original structure, has the main entrance on the west facade. The facade is three bays, with the entrance on the third bay. It has a double, modern door surmounted by a 3-light transom. The first two bays are large 2/4 windows. There are two 2/2 windows on the first and second bays of the second story. The third bay of the second story is a double 1/1 window. The windows throughout Section A have plain wood surrounds. There is also a plain boxed cornice throughout the section. Above the third bay on the west facade is a third story tower with a bracketed cornice and pyramidal roof. Across the west facade is a four-bay hipped roof entrance porch. It is enclosed on its north end. It has plain wood posts resting on a half-wall of rusticated cement blocks. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance on the north facade of Section A. There is a corbelled brick interior chimney at the north gable ridge of the building and two corbelled brick interior chimneys on the hipped east-facing slope of the roof.

Section B consists of frame, one-story additions on cement foundations. On the south facade, the first seven bays are a family room, added since 1977. Added in the early 20th century is a projecting semi-octagonal central bay and a projecting bay with a side entrance. On the north facade is a central one-story semi-octagonal bay, also added early in the 20th century.

Section C consists of a two-story, two-bay kitchen addition to the east facade of the house. The kitchen addition is in two one-bay sections, one completed prior to 1906, and the other shortly after 1906. Both are on a high cement foundation. One has a gable roof and the other a flat roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	X agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	___ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	X other (specify)
		___ invention		Local History

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
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.

The Buck-Rembold house was probably built between 1896 and 1906 by John Dominick Bowling, grandson of Col. John Dominick Bowling, of Aquasco.[1] The property is just south of his father's property, Bowling Heights. The property is part of lot 3 of the division of the estate of Richard S. Hill.[2] Hill's house, Bleak Hill, is located west of the Buck-Rembold house, across Old Crain Highway. John Dominick Bowling bought the property in 1896 from Catherine S. Hill, Richard S. Hill's daughter, who acquired it in the division of the Richard S. Hill estate.[3]

The house originally was a small structure with a somewhat unusual sidehall, three-room plan. The house was enlarged after 1906 when it was acquired by Bruce L. Buck.[4] Bruce L. Buck was one of four sons of Daniel and Susan Buck from Pennsylvania, who settled in Upper Marlboro shortly before the turn of the century.[5] His brothers Harry and George Buck were merchants in Upper Marlboro. Harry Buck bought the Wardrup-Buck House in Upper Marlboro from Richard Hill (son of Richard S. Hill) in 1907 and lived there until the house was bought by M-NCPPC in 1974.

Bruce L. Buck enlarged the Buck-Rembold house to accommodate his 11 member family. He extended the southeast room by eight feet, and enclosed the porch in the northeast parlor to enlarge that room. The kitchen wing on the east side of the building was doubled in size. He also built the two large barns presently on the property. According to his son, there are two much older barns on the property, one very large barn to the west of the house and a "well" barn to the northwest. Both older barns were removed by the present owner. The barns appeared on an 1888 plat of the Bleak Hill Estate. "Quarters" for the estate are indicated on the plat, on the site of the present Buck-Rembold house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See #8, Footnotes.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 60

Tax Map 93-D-3 40 03

Quadrangle name Bristol - D

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King

organization Historic Preservation Commission date May, 1985

street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state Md. 20772

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.

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#7. (Continued)

The interior of the Buck-Rembold house has a south side stairhall with a large front parlor to the north. The parlor was served by the chimney at the north gable ridge of the house. There are two east rooms served by the two adjacent interior chimneys on the hipped east slope of the roof. These rooms were enlarged in the early 20th century. The east-facing kitchen wing was doubled in size at that tme. The interior door and window surrounds have wide-multi-band molding with bullseye corner blocks. The third story tower has an unfinished attic room.

There are two large gambrel roof barns on the property. Both are 20th century, built by Bruce L. Buck. One is at the bottom of the hill to the south of the house. The other is to the north, close to the house. Both have standing-seam tin roofs. A one-story, gable roof frame cottage with board-and-batten siding and louvered shutters is to the north. It has cement foundation and a standing seam tin roof.

#8. Continued

The Buck-Rembold house is an exception to the typical small, late 19th century farm house because of its third story tower, original to the house, and its somewhat formal plan of three parlors. It has exceptional siting on a high hill overlooking its present 60 acre lot and Old Crain Highway to the west.

Notes

[1] Effic Gwynn Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County, Richard, Virginia, Garrett and Massie, 1947.

[2] Prince George's County Deeds, 4803:698.

[3] Ibid.

[4] Conversation with Russell M. Buck, April 8, 1985.

[5] Wardrop-Buck House History, History Division, M-NCPPC, Prince George's County.

[6] Ibid.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Richard S. Hill House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Crain Highway (Rte. 408)

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ 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

OWNER'S NAME: Harry Buck Heirs

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame building with a square, three-story tower on the facade. The facade is three bays with a porch across the front. There is a chimney on the west end. The cornice is plain except for the tower, which has decorative bracketing. The window and door frames are board fascias.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

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

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

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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 TEN ACRES					
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SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
30 Oct. 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐*

Signature

Chain of Title

Buck House
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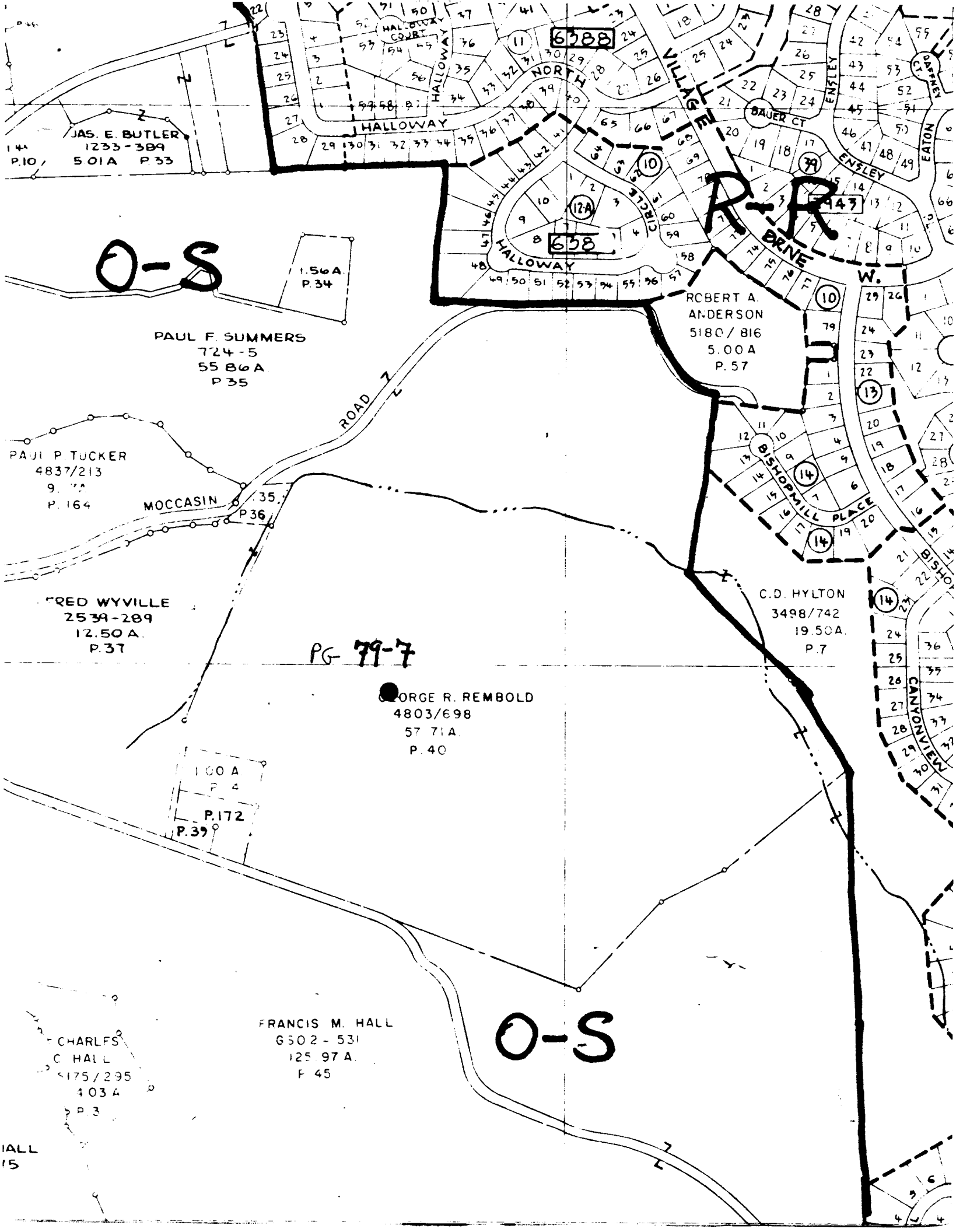
#4803:698 24 June 1977 Deed	George R. Rembold to George R. and Electra E. Rembold; 60 acres in Marlboro District, part of Lot 3, of Bleak Hill (excepting 0.28 acre conveyed by #374:98 and 1 acre conveyed by #4254:871); same which grantor acquired by #4775:352.
#4775:352 25 May 1977 Deed	Heirs at law of Bruce L. Buck, deceased to George R. Rembold; 60 acres in Marlboro District, part of Lot 3 of Bleak Hill (excepting 0.29 acre and 1 acre); same which was conveyed to Bruce and Emma Buck by #1038:182.
Admin. #18,726 1968	Bruce L. Buck died intestate 13 July 1968, leaving Reginald B. Buck, Russell M. Buck, Hilda B. Suit, W. Irwin Buck, Mildred S. Mandell, Edward M. Buck, Edith R. Anderson, Patricia Suit Ridgeway and Louis C. Buck. He died possessed of 59.71 acres in Marlboro District, on the east side of Route 3 and the west side of Wells Corners appraised at $104,492.50.
#1038:182 16 June 1948 Deed	Matilda W. Duvall to Bruce L. and Emma C. Buck; 60 acres, part of Lot #3, Bleak Hill (excepting 0.29 acre); same which grantor acquired by deed recorded prior hereto and same which B.L. Buck acquired by #38:132.
#1038:180 16 June 1948 Deed	Bruce L. and Emma C. Buck to Matilda W. Duvall; 60 acres, part of Lot #3, Bleak Hill (excepting 0.29 acre); same which Bruce Buck acquired by #38:132.
#38:132 29 Sept. 1906 Deed	For $3,250 Mildred W. N. and J. Dominick Bowling to Bruce L. Buck; 60 acres, part of Lot #3, Bleak Hill, and 137.82 acres, part of Division "C" of the real estate of Richard S. Hill which was divided by Equity #1684.
#38:263 8 Sept. 1896 Deed	For $3,000 Catherine S. Hill to Mildred W. Nalle Bowling, wife of John Dominick Bowling, 137.84 acres, part of Bleak Hill, assigned to Grantor by Equity #1684, being a part of Division in said suit brought by the heirs of Richard S. Hill (excepting 20 acres retained by the grantor).



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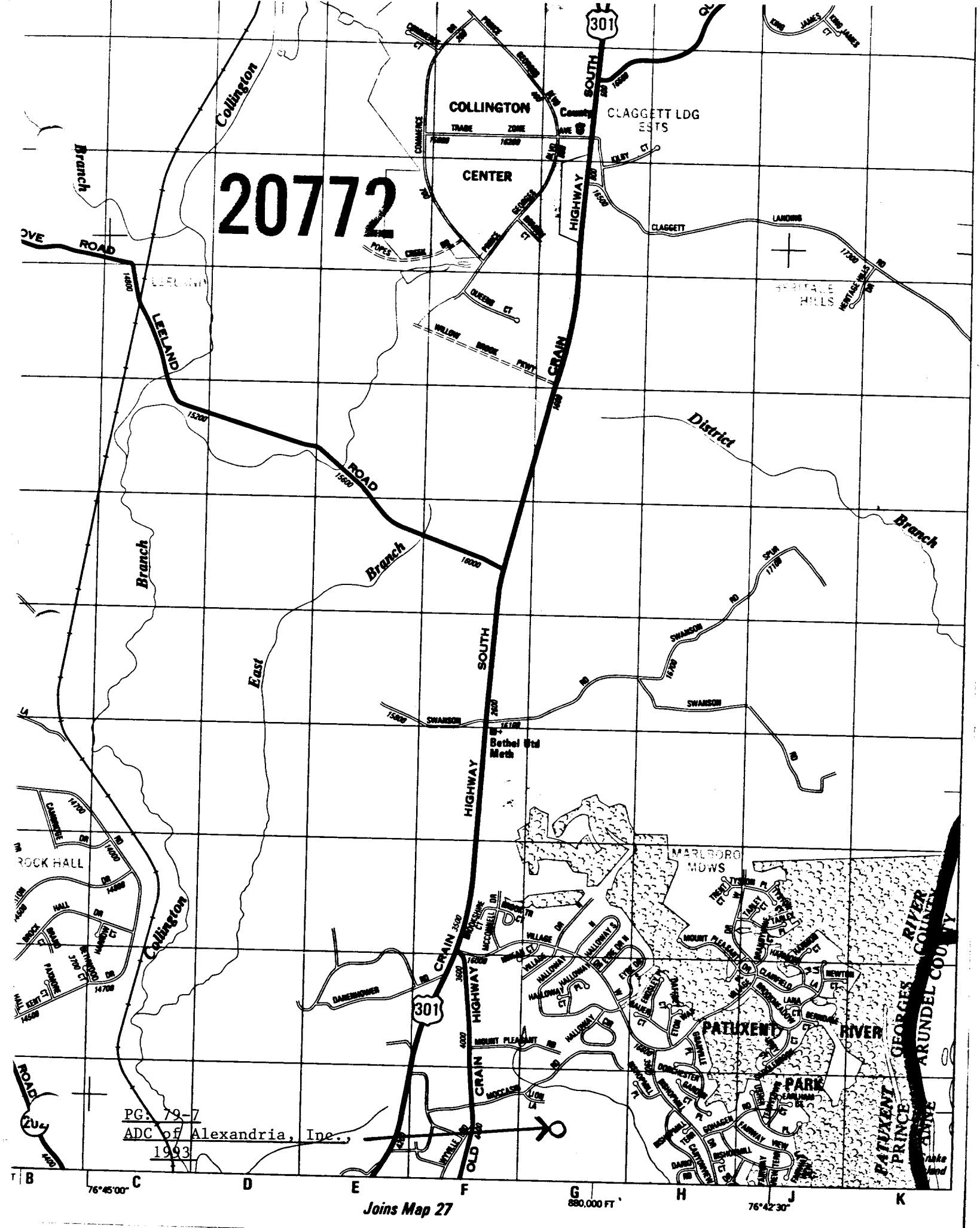

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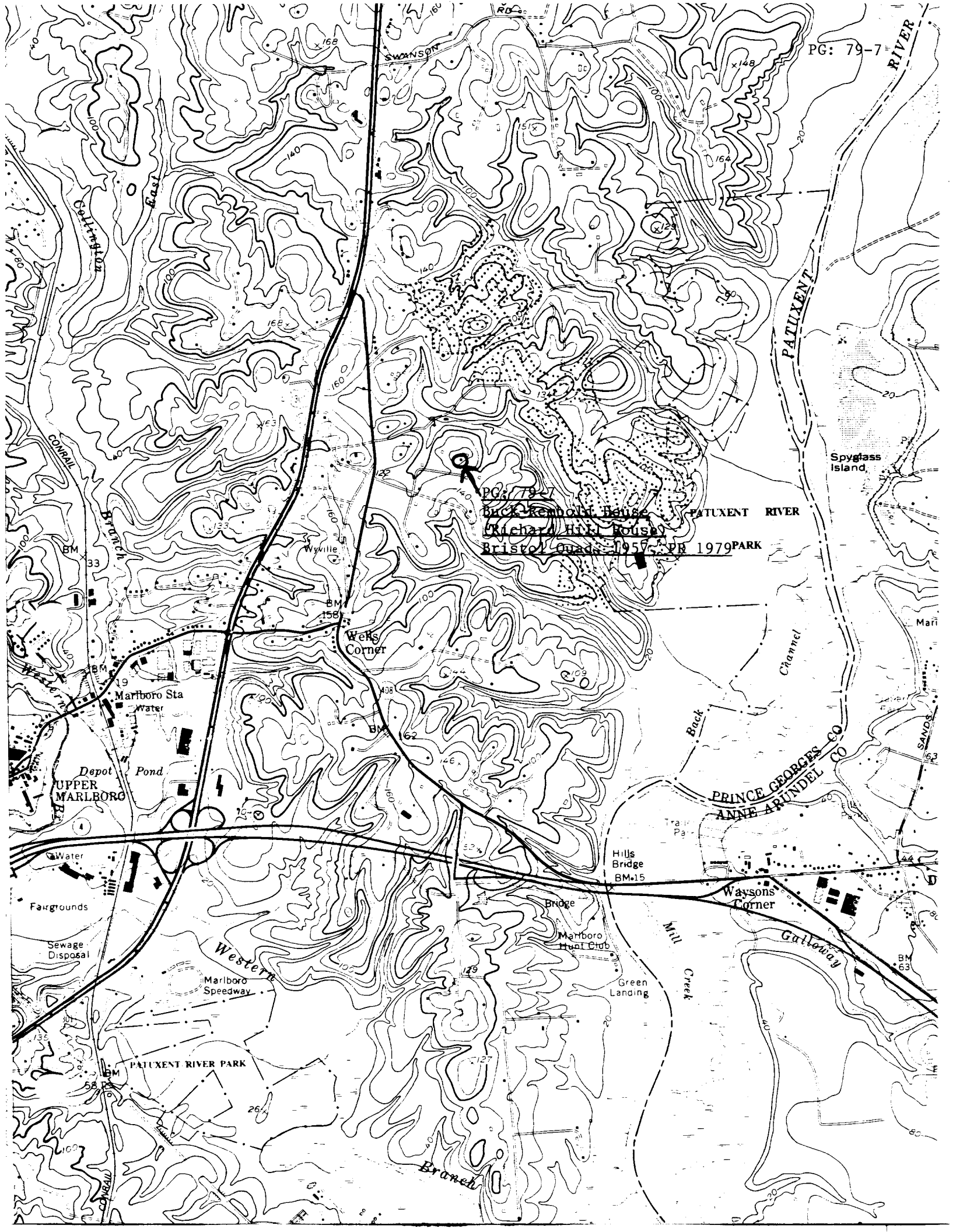
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Buck-Rembold House
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Marina King
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West elevation
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