MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTAION STUDY

Property Name:Edelen Brothers Warehouse
Survey No.: PG:79-41a (PACS A225)

Property Address 15501 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address
Year Built 1941

Description:

The Edelen Brothers Warehouse, previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1981 and 1985, is no longer extant. The lot at the intersection of Marlboro Pike and Crain Highway is now occupied by a gas station.

National Register Evaluation:

The site of the Edelen Brothers Warehouse is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is no longer extant and the site of the structure does not retain sufficient integrity to represent an important architectural trend or distinctive characteristics of a type or method of construction. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D. because of substantial disturbance related to construction of warehouse

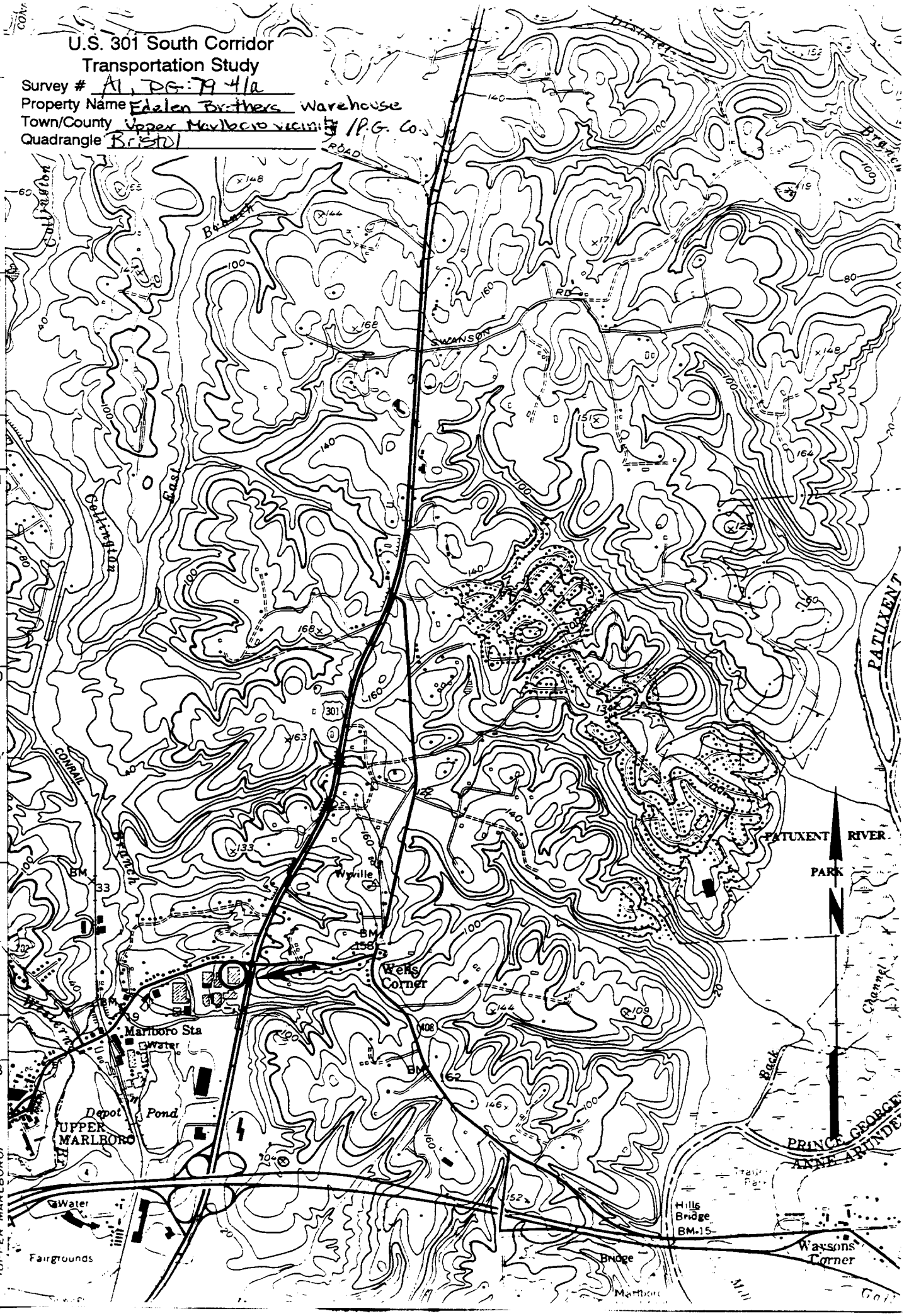
MHT CONCURRENCE:
Eligibility ____recommended X not recommended
Criteria ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments:

Suzanne Pickens 07/21/1997 BKintz 7/21/97
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date Reviewer, NR program Date

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
September 1996

U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # A1, PG:79-41a
Property Name Edelen Brothers Warehouse
Town/County Upper Marlboro vicinity / P.G. Co.
Quadrangle Bristol



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-41a Building Date: 1940

Building Name: Edelen Brothers Warehouse

Location: 15501 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description

The Edelen Brothers Warehouse is a large, rectangular, two-story gable roof frame structure supported on cement piers, situated on a graveled lot in an industrially developed area of Upper Marlboro. Other privately owned tobacco warehouse complexes are west of the building. The 22 bay north (main) facade is in the gable end. There is a row of 6/6 windows with plain wood surrounds, interrupted by an entrance door east and west of the facade center and two wide loading dock doors centered on the facade. A sign centered on the facade reads "Edelen Brothers Warehouses, Inc.". The vertical wood siding and boxed cornice is now covered with corrugated metal. The wide gable roof is covered with sheets of asphalt and is pierced by numerous skylights which light the interior of the warehouse. The east side of the building has a long shed roof overhang supported on square wood posts, sheltering loading docks with eighteen-panel doors which open vertically. A graveled lot surrounds the building. The interior is a large open space with exposed wooden roof trusses, resting on square wood posts, lighted by natural light. The wooden floor is raised to the level of the loading docks.

Significance

The Edelen Brothers Warehouse represents continuation in the 20th century of Upper Marlboro as a regional tobacco center. Since designation in 1747 as a location for a state warehouse, tobacco has been significant in Upper Marlboro's commercial activity. Tobacco marketing has evolved over the years in methods of sale. In 1939 local tobacco auctioning was initiated due to dissatisfaction with the practice of shipping hogsheads of tobacco to Baltimore to be sold. The Marlboro Tobacco Market, Edelen Brothers Warehouse and Planters Tobacco Warehouse were constructed to serve as looseleaf tobacco holding areas and auction warehouse. Edelen Brothers, Inc. operated out of Baltimore, as a wholesaler of farm products, including tobacco. They opened a looseleaf warehouse in Upper Marlboro in 1940, under the management of Bobby Jameson, Sr. It is still partially owned and operated by Jameson's sons. The warehouses are function specific, used primarly during the tobacco selling season in the spring of each year.

Acreage: 4.6 acres

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #79-41a Building Date: 1941

Building Name: Edelen Brothers Warehouse

Location: Marlboro Pike at 301, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

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Acreage: 5.3 acres

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Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Edelen Brothers Tobacco Warehouse

and/or common Edelen Brothers Tobacco Warehouse

2. Location

street & number 15409 Marlboro Pike (Maryland Route 725) ___ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ 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 Edelen Brothers Warehouses, Inc.

street & number 15409 Marlboro Pike telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code MD 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1338

street & number Main Street folio 311

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

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 Edelen Brothers Warehouse is a large, rectangular, two-story gable roof frame structure supported on cement piers. It is situated on a paved lot in an industrially developed area of Upper Marlboro. It faces Marlboro Pike and is situated directly south of the road. There are other privately owned tobacco warehouse complexes to the west of the building.

The twenty-two bay north (main) facade is in the gable end. There is a row of 6/6 double-hung sash windows with plain wood surrounds, interrupted by an entrance door east and west of the facade center and two wide loading dock doors centered on the facade. There is an exterior brick chimney between the first and second bay. A sign above the first story, centered on the facade reads, "Edelen Brothers Warehouses, Inc.". The warehouse had vertical wood siding which is now covered with corrugated metal. There is a boxed cornice also covered with corrugated metal and a wide plain raking cornice up the north gable end. The wide gable roof is covered with sheets of asphalt and is pierced by numerous skylights which light the interior of the warehouse.

The east side of the building has a long roof overhang supported on square wood posts, sheltering loading docks with eighteen-panel doors which open vertically. There are seven loading docks on the east side of the building. Asphalt driveways run down the east and west sides of the building and across the back.

The interior floor is wooden and raised to the level of the loading docks. The interior is a large open space with the wooden roof trusses exposed and resting on square wood posts. The interior is lighted by natural light from the windows, loading dock doors and skylights.

8. Significance

Survey No. PG 79-41 a

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
___ 1800–1899	X commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	X other (specify) local History
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1941 **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 Edelen Brothers Warehouse represents the continuation in the twentieth century of Upper Marlboro as a major tobacco center in the region. In 1706 an Assembly Act for the Advancement of Trade established Upper Marlboro as one of six towns in Prince George's County to serve as a port for shipping tobacco. In 1747 Upper Marlboro was designated as an official location for a tobacco inspection warehouse.[1] The process of marketing tobacco has evolved over the years in methods of packing, shipping and selling.[2] In 1939 local tobacco auctioning was initiated in southern Maryland due to dissatisfaction with the practice of packing tobacco in hogsheads and shipping it by rail to Baltimore to be sold.[3] Auctioning, the method for tobacco sales in Kentucky and the Carolinas, had never been used in Maryland until this time. The Marlboro Tobacco Market, and shortly thereafter the Edelen Brothers Warehouse and Planters Tobacco Warehouse were constructed to serve as looseleaf tobacco holding areas and auction warehouses.

Edelen Brothers, Inc. had been operating out of Baltimore for many years, buying and reselling hogsheads of tobacco. The company opened their looseleaf warehouse in Upper Marlboro in 1941, under the management of Bobby Jamison, Sr. The warehouse is still partially owned and operated by Jamison's sons.[4]

Edelen Brothers, and the two other warehouses along the south side of Marlboro Pike were built to be function specific, with numerous loading docks for loading and unloading tobacco, large open interiors for stacking of tobacco, and skylights piercing the roof to light the interior for visual inspection of the tobacco. The buildings are used primarily during the tobacco selling season, in the spring of each year. In recent years, they have been used for antique shows in the summer and fall.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG 79-41 a

See Footnotes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6 acres

Tax map 93, parcel 27

Quadrangle name Bristol Section D

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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/title Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1981

street & number 14743 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state MD

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Notes:

1 Prince George's Heritage, Louise J. Hienton, Baltimore, Maryland: Maryland Historical Society, 1972, pg. 126.

2 Conversation with Paul Summers, Jr., July 11, 1985.

3 Ibid.

4 Ibid.

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Prince George's County

Historic Preservation Commission

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING • UPPER MARLBORO, MD. 20772 • (301)952-3520

November 5, 1987

MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission

VIA: Gail Rothrock, Executive Director GCR

FROM: Marina King, Architectural Historian MK

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation on Evaluation of P.G. #79-41A and b, Edelen Brothers Warehouse and Planters Tobacco Warehouse for Classification as Historic Sites

The Edelen Brothers and Planters Tobacco Warehouse are large wood frame buildings, constructed in 1940 and 1942, respectively, for the purpose of providing space for loose leaf tobacco storage and sale by auction. Altogether, three privately owned warehouses were constructed in Upper Marlboro between 1939 and 1942, the oldest being the Marlboro Tobacco Market (1939).

In applying the criteria for evaluation of historic properties, staff must constantly make comparisons to present recommendations on the relative value of a property as representing an element in the County's history. We find that the warehouses do meet two of the criteria for classification as Historic Sites:

1a In that the warehouses have value as part of the economic development and agricultural heritage of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland. Prior to 1939, tobacco grown in southern Maryland was packed into hogsheads and shipped to Baltimore for sale. In 1939, the tobacco auction was brought to southern Maryland, beginning simultaneously in Hughesville and Upper Marlboro, to provide a way for buyers to inspect the tobacco they were purchasing, and, it was hoped, provide better prices for growers. The looseleaf auction warehouses represent a radical change in the method of sale of Maryland tobacco. They quickly spelled the end of the hogshead sale market.

2e In that the warehouses are established and familiar visual features in Upper Marlboro and are landmarks for those involved in the tobacco trade, and those traveling through the County on Route 301.

However, although the criteria for evaluation of historic resources do not impose an age limit on resources on the Inventory, the County's criteria are based on the criteria for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register criteria state:

> "Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, ...and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years shall not be considered eligible for the National Register. However, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:
>
> .....G. A property achieving significance within the last 50 years if it is of exceptional importance."

Staff cannot recommend classification of 79-41a and b as Historic Sites. The buildings have no remarkable architectural character. They were constructed using the most expedient materials and construction methods for the time (1939-42). Their warehouse structure is a basic, utilitarian form.

These are two of the three buildings in Upper Marlboro and the County that served this function. It should be noted that other tobacco auction warehouses exist in southern Maryland, the closest being the Triangle Warehouse at Wayson's Corner, Anne Arundel County. Constructed in the 1950's, it is still in use as an auction facility, and as a more modern structure, it is more adaptable for other, future uses.

Although the warehouse structures represent a phase of the modern tobacco industry, staff cannot recommend that they are of exceptional importance. Therefore, it is the staff's recommendation that P.G. #79-41a and 79-41b be deleted from the Historic Sites and Districts Plan.

A letter from the Prince George's County Farm Bureau refers to an idea for a Tobacco Museum. The Upper Marlboro Special Treatment Area Plan suggests a National Tobacco Museum in Upper Marlboro. This idea may never be realized, either for a national or local museum. However, with the demise of these buildings, many of the traditions, auction procedures, and color of the markets will soon be lost from memory. We recommend that the owners photograph the exteriors and interiors, and collect historic photographs as well as any artifacts or implements involved with the auction process. Perhaps the last auctions should be filmed or videotaped. These materials could be donated to the History Division of M-NCPPC.

Attachment: National Register Criteria of Evaluation

cc: John Walton, History division

MK/lg

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The significance of properties nominated to the National Register is evaluated in accordance with an established set of criteria. This evaluation process, along with the other responsibilities of the National Register program, is carried out for the Secretary of the Interior by the Register's professional staff with the cooperation of the State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Federal preservation representatives appointed by the heads of their agencies, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Criteria for Evaluation

The following criteria are designed to guide the States, Federal agencies, and the Secretary of the Interior in evaluating potential entries (other than areas of the National Park System and National Historic Landmarks) for the National Register.

King's Hill Archeological Site, St. Joseph, MO (St. Joseph Museum)

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
C. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
D. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Ordinarily cemeteries, birthplaces, or graves of historical figures, properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes, structures that have been moved from their original locations, reconstructed historic buildings, properties primarily commemorative in nature, and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years **shall not be considered eligible** for the National Register. However, such properties **will qualify** if they are integral parts of districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

A. a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
B. a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a historic person or event; or

Prairie Homestead, Interior vicinity, SD (John Derby)

C. a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life; or
D. a cemetery that derives its primary significance from graves of persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
E. a reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
F. a property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
G. a property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

Survey No. P.G. #79-41a

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DOE __yes __no

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state Maryland county Prince George's

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	___ 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 O. Bennett Jameson III

street & number P. O. Box 671 telephone no.:

city, town La Plata state and zip code Maryland 20646

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1338

street & number Main Street folio 311

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

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city, town Commission, Rom 4010, C.A.B. Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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Condition		Check one	Check one
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_X_ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Edelen Brothers Warehouse is a large, rectangular, two-story gable roof frame structure supported on cement piers. It stands on a graveled lot in an area of warehouses and commercial uses near Upper Marlboro. It faces Marlboro Pike and is situated at the southwest corner of the intersection of Marlboro Pike and Route 301. There are other privately owned tobacco warehouse complexes to the west of the building.

The twenty-two bay north (main) gable end is marked by a row of 6/6 double-hung sash windows with plain wood surrounds, interrupted by an entrance door east and west of the facade center, and two wide loading dock doors centered on the facade. There is an exterior brick chimney between the first and second bay. A sign above the first story, centered on the facade reads, "Edelen Brothers Warehouse, Inc.". The warehouse has vertical wood siding which is now covered with corrugated metal and a wide plain raking cornice. The wide gable roof is covered with sheets of asphalt and is pierced by numerous skylights which light the interior of the warehouse.

The east side of the building is sheltered by a long roof overhang supported on square wood posts. There are seven loading docks on the east side of the building. A graveled lot surrounds the building.

The interior is a large open space with the wooden roof trusses exposed and resting on square wood posts. It is lighted by natural light from the windows, loading dock doors and skylights. According to the owner, the roof is greatly deteriorated, even dangerous, at this time. The wooden warehouse floor is raised to the level of the loading docks.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G.#79-41a

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1940 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
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The process of marketing tobacco had not changed much in Prince George's County, from the 18th century through the early 20th century.[2] Then, in 1939 local tobacco auctioning was initiated throughout the five tobacco growing counties in southern Maryland, due to dissatisfaction with the practice of packing tobacco in hogsheads and shipping it by rail to Baltimore to be sold.[3] Auctioning, the method of tobacco sales in Kentucky and the Carolinas, had never been used in Maryland until this time. The Marlboro Tobacco Market, and shortly thereafter the Edelen Brothers Warehouse and Planters Tobacco Warehouse, were constructed to serve as looseleaf tobacco holding areas and auction warehouses. The number of auction warehouses in the State peaked during the 1950's, with 9 warehouses in the counties of Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's. These included a warehouse in Hughsville and the Marlboro Tobacco Market opening in 1939. In 1940 Edelen Brothers Warehouse opened in Upper Marlboro, as well as three warehouses in Waldorf, Hughesville and LaPlata. In 1942, two more warehouses opened, Planters Tobacco Warehouse in Upper Marlboro and a replacement building for Waldorf. One more warehouse was constructed at Hughesville in the late 1940's and the Triangle Warehouse at Wayson's Corner was constructed in the 1950's.[4]

When the Hughesville and Upper Marlboro auction markets opened in 1939, they sold 24% of that spring's tobacco crop. In 1940, one half of the State's tobacco crop was sold by the auction method. By the 1950's, 90% of Southern Maryland's tobacco was sold through the area's 9 auction warehouses.[5] Sale of tobacco packed in hogsheads declined dramatically after 1959. The last farmer in Prince George's County using the hogshead method was noted in 1977.[6]

Edelen Brothers, Inc. was established in Baltimore in 1887 as a wholesaler of farm products including tobacco. The company opened a looseleaf warehouse in Upper Marlboro in 1940, under the management of Bobby Jameson, Sr. The warehouse is still partially owned by Jameson's sons. There are plans to cease operations before the 1988 tobacco season begins. The company owns a tobacco warehouse in LaPlata, Maryland and will transfer all operations there.[7]

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Notes

1 Prince George's Heritage, Louise J. Hienton, Baltimore, Maryland: Maryland Historical Society, 1972, pg. 126.

2 Baltimore Sun, April 13 and May 14, 1939.

3 Conversation with Paul Summers, Jr., July 11, 1985; and Baltimore Evening Sun, November 28, 1940.

4 Conversation with John Buchheister, September 1987; and Loose Leaf Auction Marketing of Maryland Tobacco, Paul Francis Summers, Jr., thesis submitted to Graduate School of University of Maryland for the Degree of Masters in Science, 1953.

5 Ibid.

6 Baltimore Sun, June 9, 1977.

7 Baltimore: Gateway to the South, Baltimore, Maryland, 1898, pg. 152; and conversation with John Buchheister, September 1987.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#79-41a

See Footnotes, # 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.6 acres

Tax map 93, parcel 27

Quadrangle name Bristol Section D

Quadrangle scale

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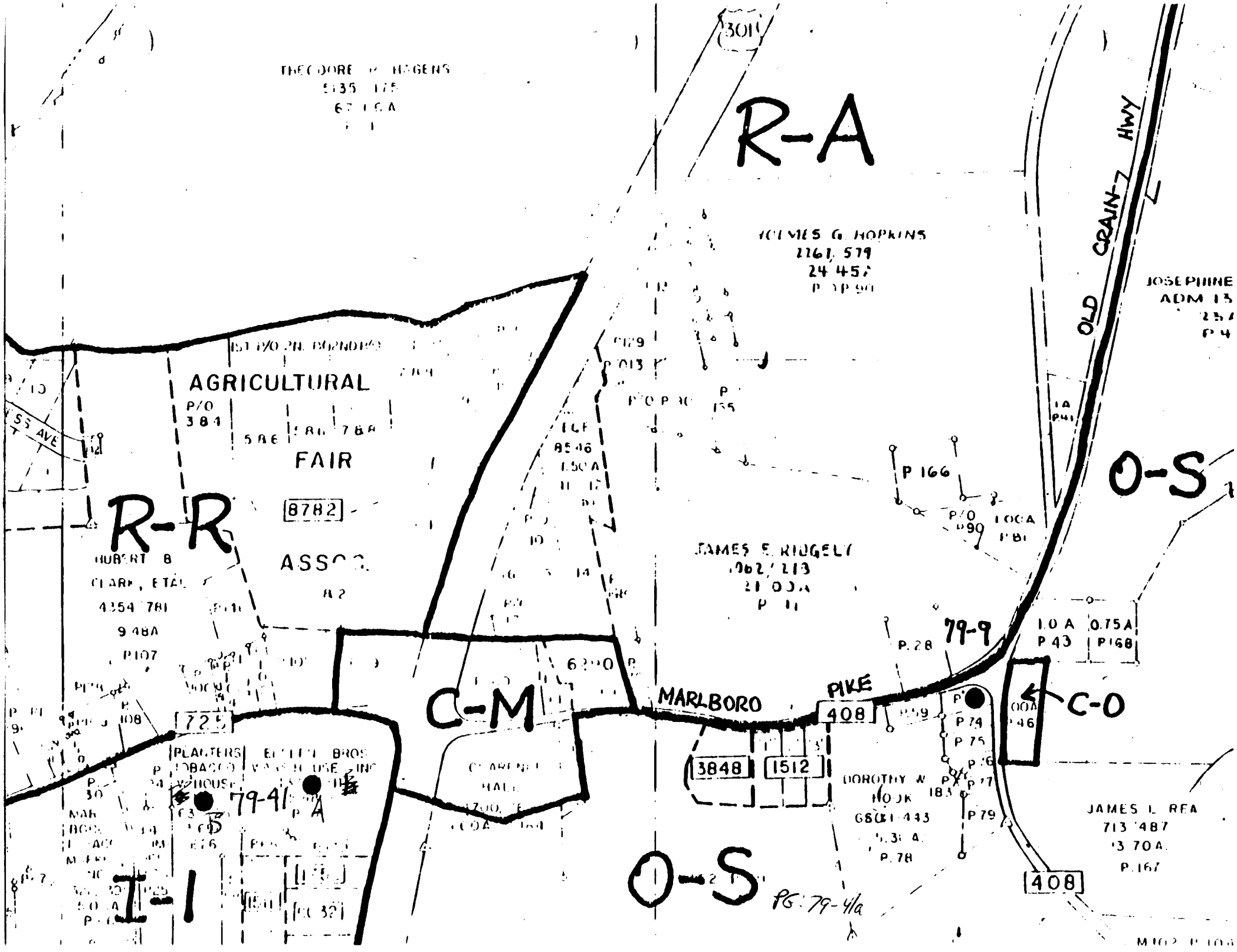
Chain of Title

Edelen Brothers Tobacco Warehouse
P.G. #79-41a

1338:311 21 Feb. 1941 Deed	Clarence A. and Alice Hall to Edelin Brothers Warehouses, Inc. for $1000.00 grantors convey a parcel, being a part of the same land grantors obtained from Matilda W. Duvall, 12-20-1941, 630:264, beginning at a concrete marker on the westerly line of the Marlboro bypass, at the northeast corner of Hebron Farm Subdivision Section #3 and running west to intersect the easterly boundary of a prior conveyance to Edelin Brothers, Inc. of 5.08 acres. This parcel contains .3 acres, more or less. Note: Entry includes a plat.
547:290 29 Dec. 1939 Deed	James Thomas, Frank M. Hall Trustees and Clarence A. Hall to Edelen Brothers Warehouses, Inc. for $5.00 grantors convey to Edelen Brothers Warehouses, Inc. title to that property beginning at an iron spike in the center of Robert Crain Highway, containing 5.077 acres - a part of the land described in deed dated 7-14-1939 from Francis W. Hill, Jr. and W. Burnside, Trustees to James Thomas and Frank M. Hall, Trustees - formerly owned by Clement Hill, 364 acres - being all of that parcel granted by George J. Seufferle to John D. Bowling 6-6-1885, JWB 4:62.
630:264 20 Dec. 1941 Deed	Clarence A. and Alice Hall to Matilda W. Duvall, for $10.00 grantors convey: First, that tract known as Forest Hall. Second, that tract formerly owned by Clement Hill containing 364 acres, described in a deed from George J. Seufferle to John D. Bowling et. al. Trustees, 6-6-1885, FWB 4:662 - Excepting the two tracts heretofore conveyed by Frank M. Hall and James Thomas, Trustees to Clarence Hall, 12-11-1941.
630:265 20 Dec. 1941 Deed	Matilda W. Duvall to Clarence A. and Alice H. Hall, for $10 grantor conveys the above parcel.



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OLD CRAIN HWY
AGRICULTURAL
FAIR
ASSOC.
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JAMES E. RIDGELY
JOSEPHINE
JAMES L. REA
DOROTHY W. HOOK
PLANTERS TOBACCO WAREHOUSE
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MAP 27

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870,000 FT

880,000 FT

76°45'30"

38°47'30"

360,000 FT

350,000 FT

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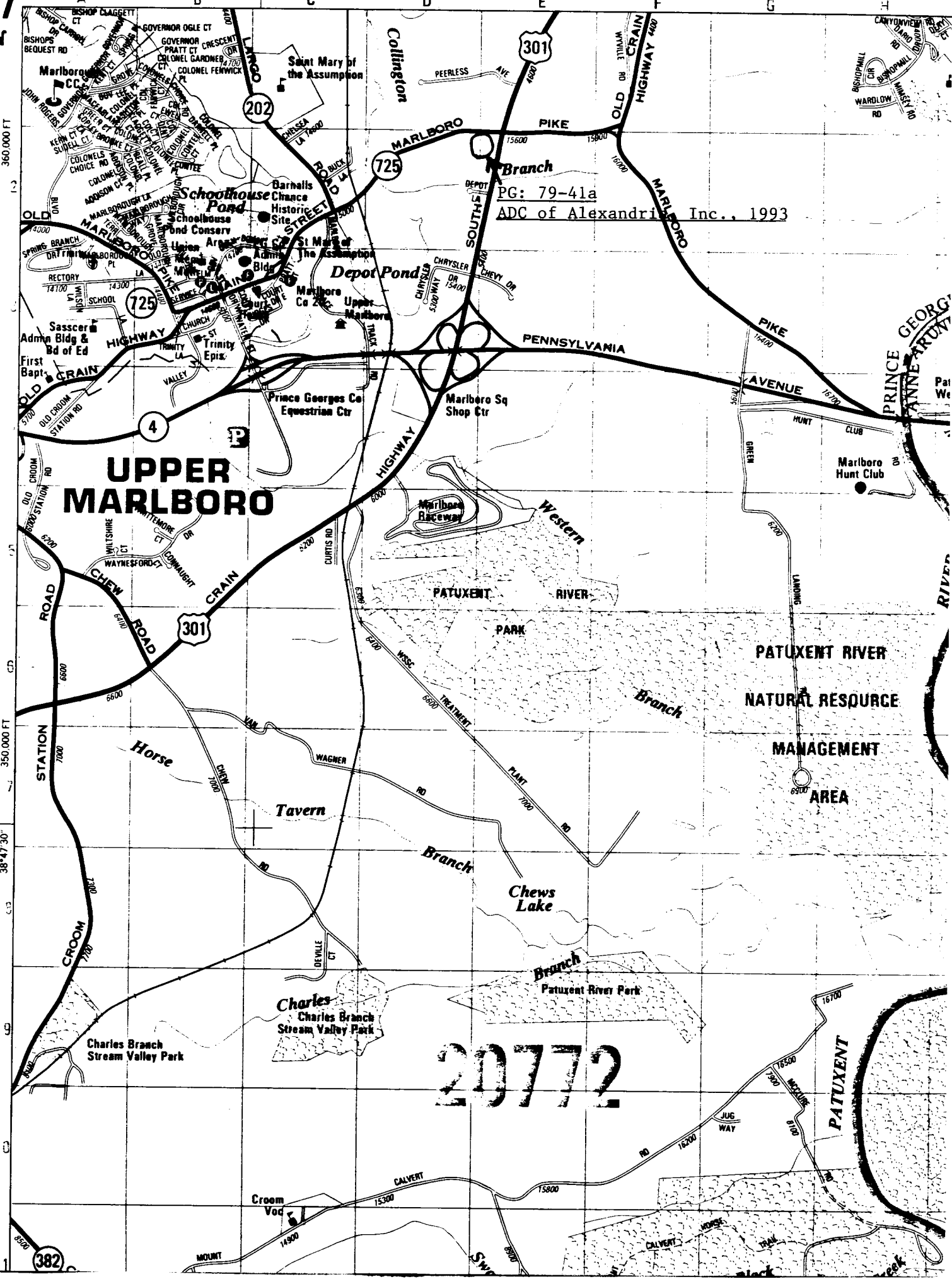

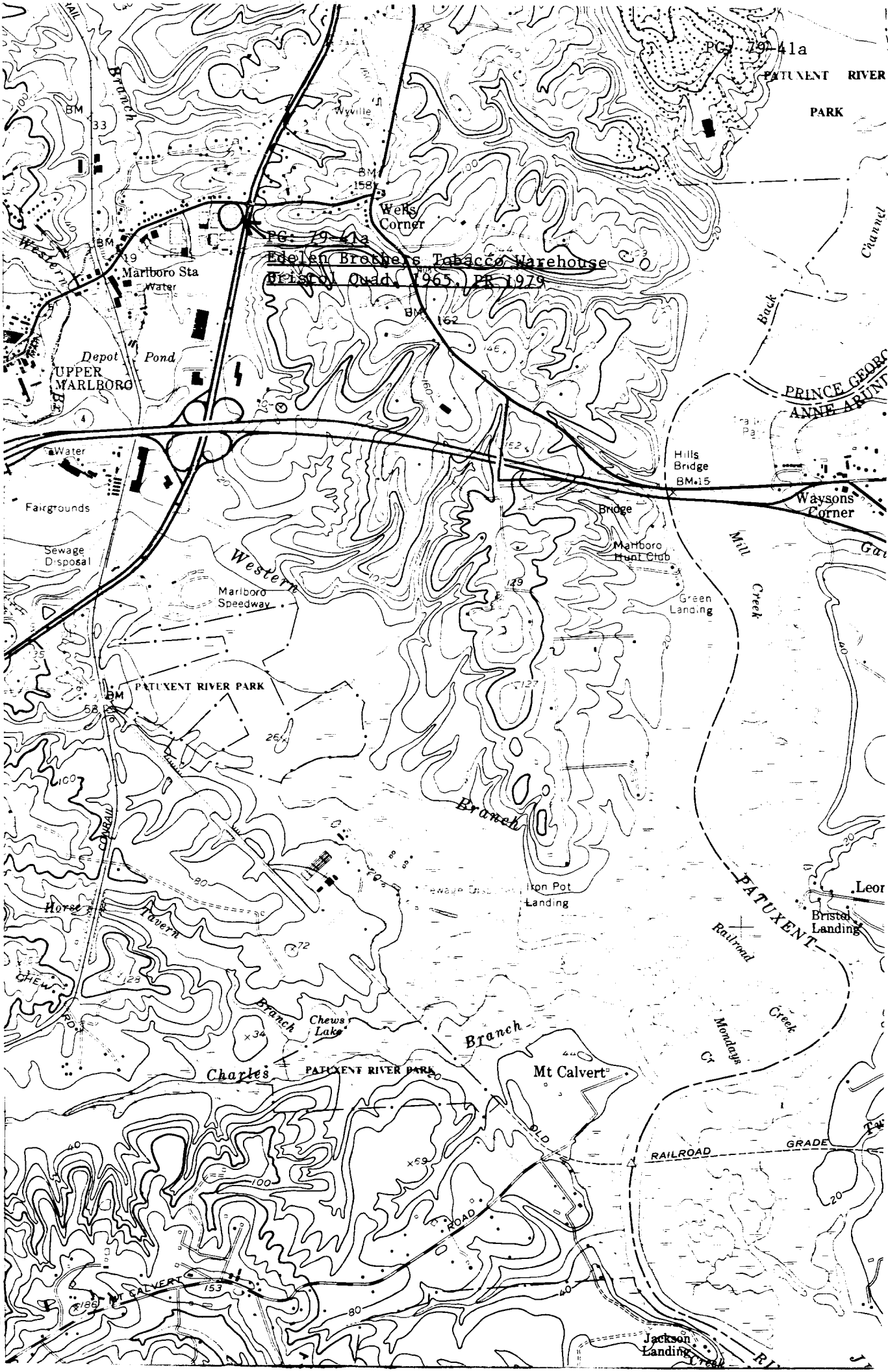
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PATUXENT RIVER PARK
Wyville
Wells Corner
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Edelen Brothers Tobacco Warehouse
Bristol Quad, 1965, PR 1979
Marlboro Sta
Water
Depot Pond
UPPER MARLBORO
Water
Fairgrounds
Sewage Disposal
Western Branch
Marlboro Speedway
PATUXENT RIVER PARK
Hills Bridge
BM 15
Bridge
Waysons Corner
Marlboro Hunt Club
Green Landing
Mill Creek
Back
PRINCE GEORGE
ANNE ARUNDEL
Iron Pot Landing
Bristol Landing
PATUXENT
Railroad
Mondays Cr
Creek
Horse Tavern Branch
Chews Lake
Charles Branch
PATUXENT RIVER PARK
Mt Calvert
OLD ROAD
RAILROAD GRADE
MT CALVERT
Jackson Landing
5661 IV SE
(UPPER MARLBORO)
4298
4295
4294
4293
47'30"

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FOR THE SALE OF LEAF TOBACCO

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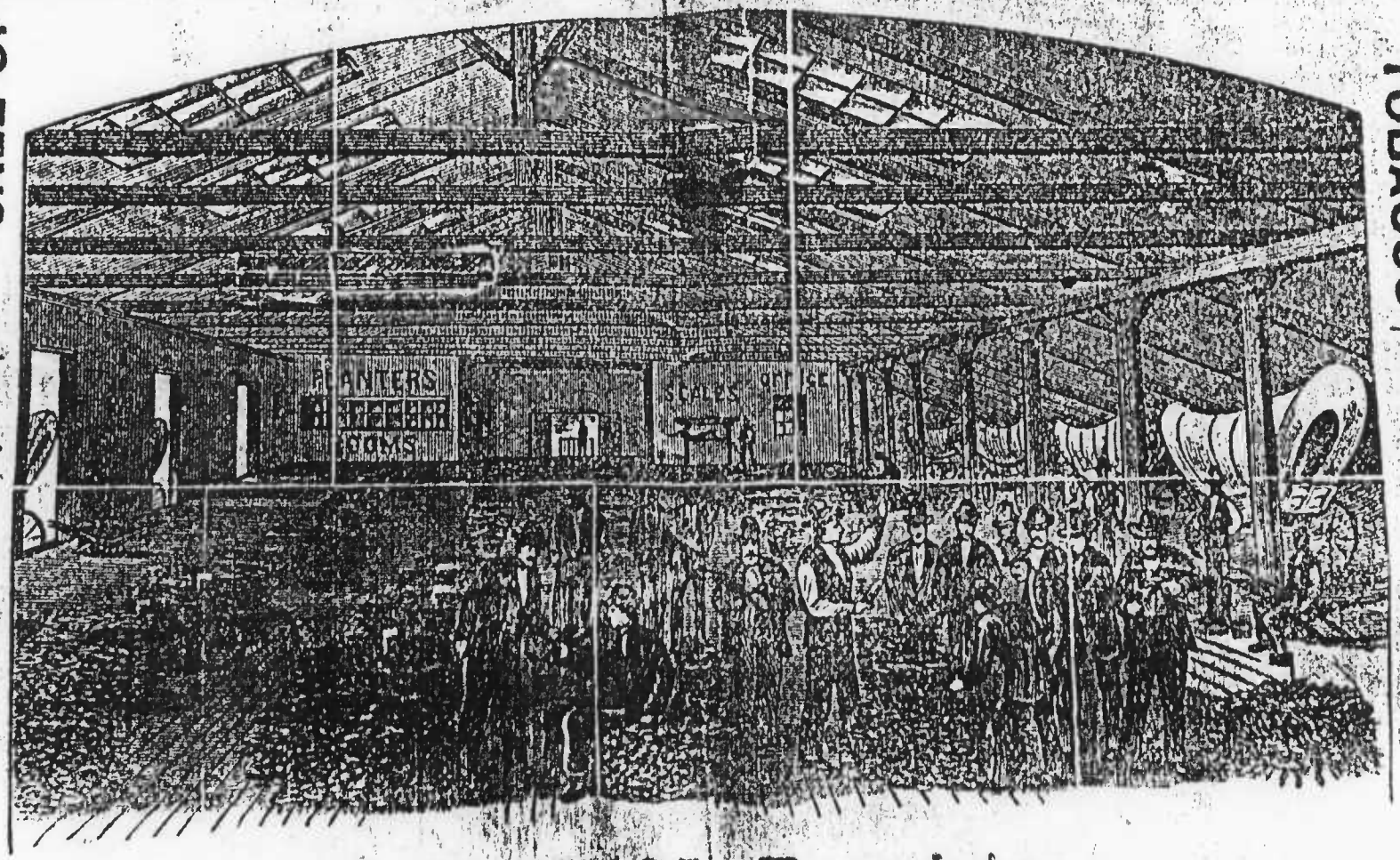

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