
Want Water or Lyles House

Located at the edge of a tributary of Broad Creek to the northwest of Harmony Hall are the ruins of the house Want Water. Of the story-and-one-half rectangular building with frame sides, brick ends and gambrel roof, only the two brick walls with end chimneys and fieldstone foundations remain. The standing brick end walls are set in Flemish bond with window and door openings flanking the sides of the chimney at each end. Some rotting floor joists remain on the fieldstone foundation. The house was standing in the 1930's when it was recorded by the Historic American Building Survey. The HABS drawings and photographs indicate rich interior paneling which has since disappeared. There were three dormer windows on each side of the gambrel roof. The deed for Want Water was patented by Colonel Thomas Addison on October 16, 1708. Colonel Thomas Addison was the only son of Colonel John Addison, a privy councillor of Lord Baltimore. The house appears to date from the first half of the eighteenth century.

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME						
COMMON:						
AND/OR HISTORIC: Wantwater or Lyles House						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: Livingstone Road (Harmony Hall property)						
CITY OR TOWN: Oxon Hill						
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's			
3. CLASSIFICATION						
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Quins	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY						
OWNER'S NAME: U.S. Department of the Interior: National Park Service						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			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: Historic American Buildings Survey						
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local						
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress						
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street SE						
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC			STATE:			

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The ruins of Wantwater consist of the gambrel-shaped endwalls, foundation, and collapsed framing. The end walls have external chimneys and are laid up in Flemish bond.

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9. 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)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 19 Nov 73

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 _____

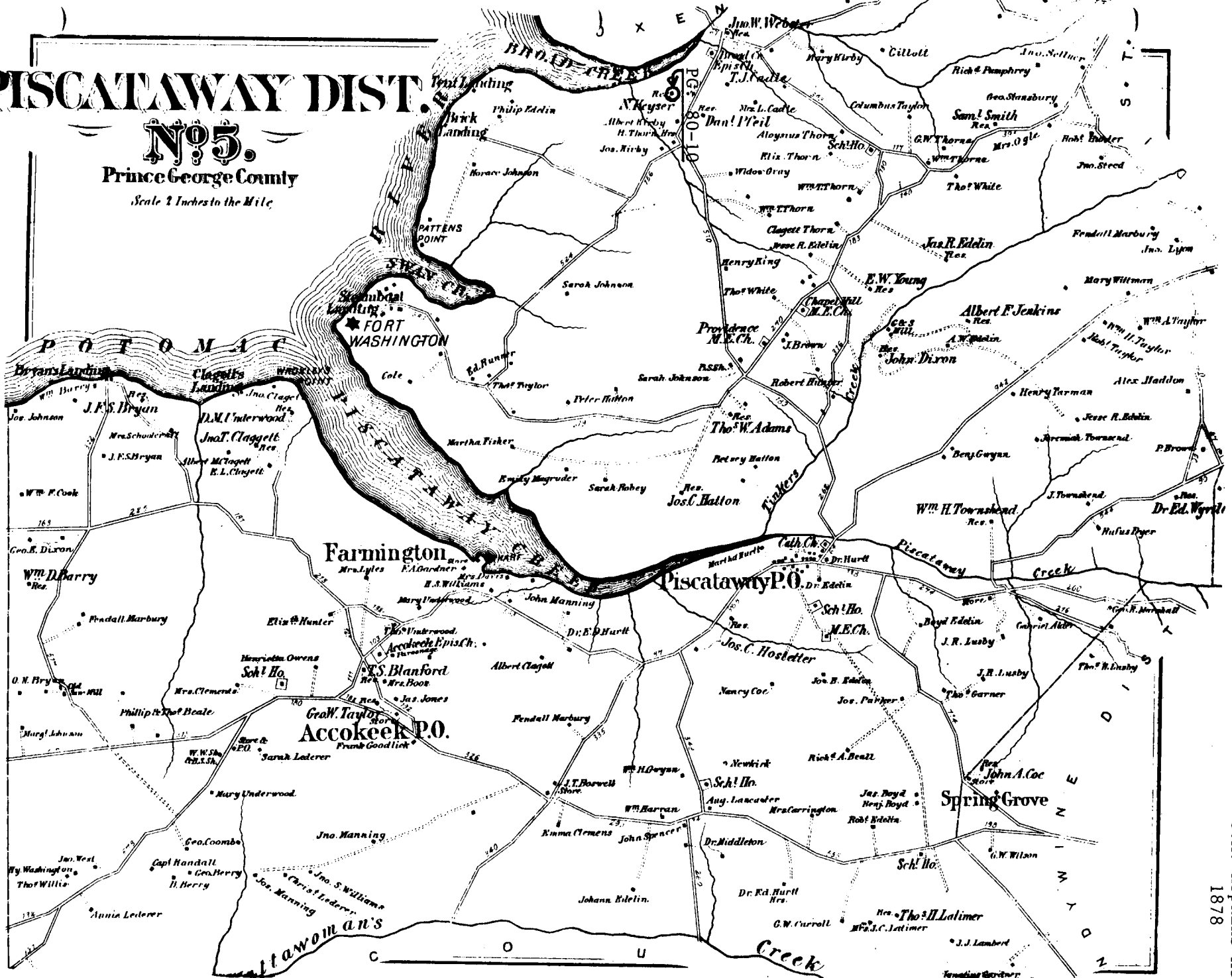
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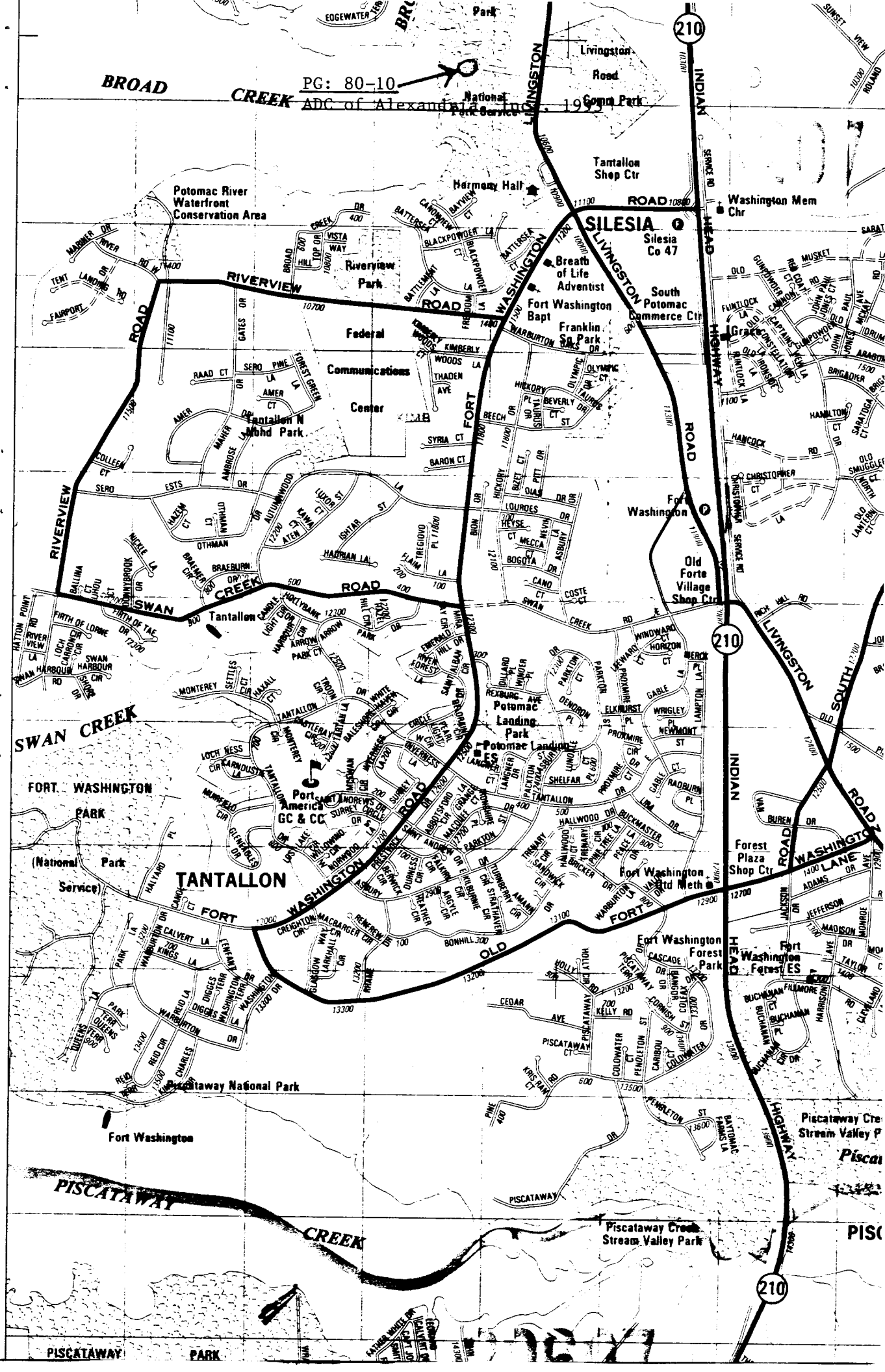


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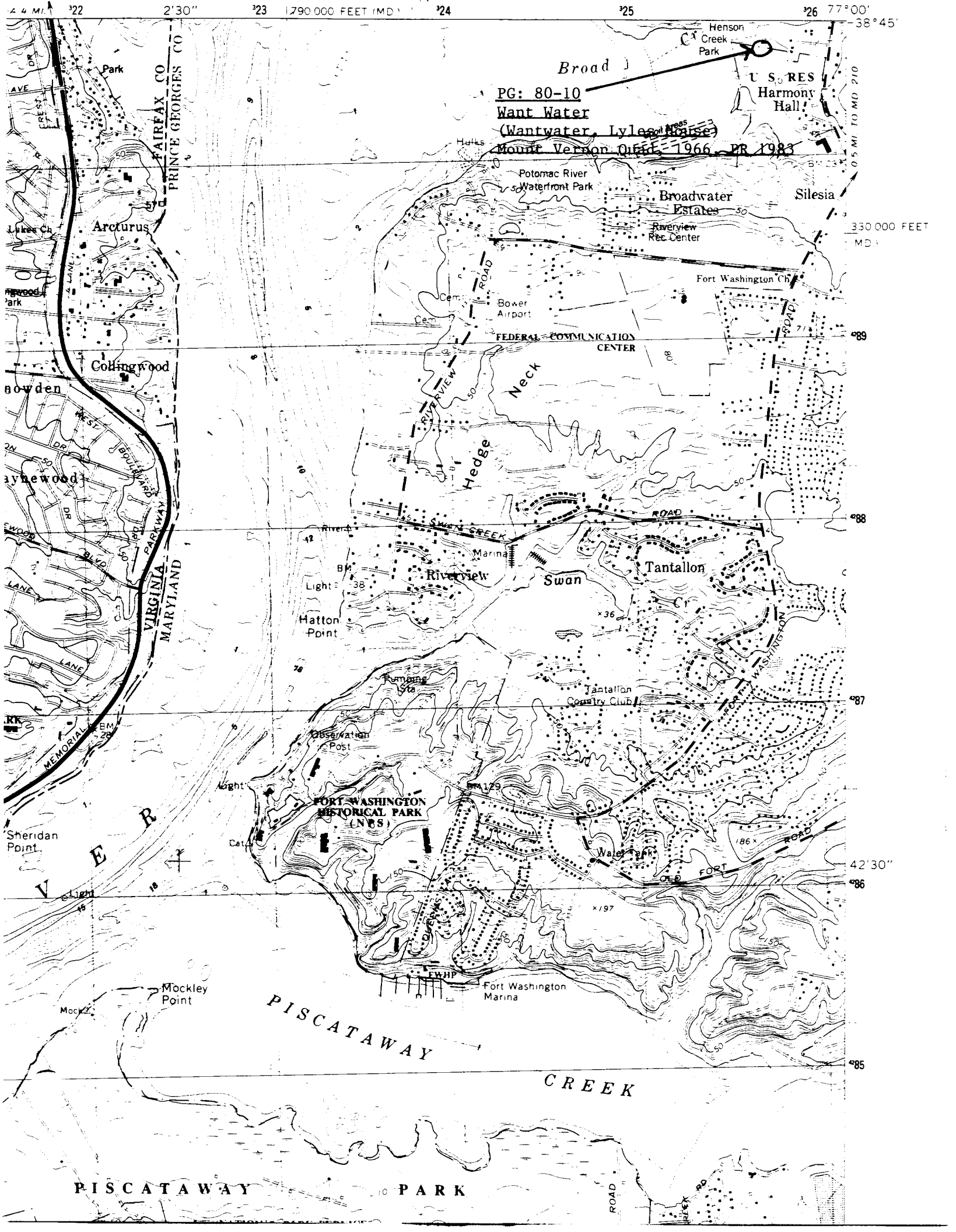
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATION CENTER

Potomac River Waterfront Park

Broadwater Estates

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Bower Airport

Henson Creek Park

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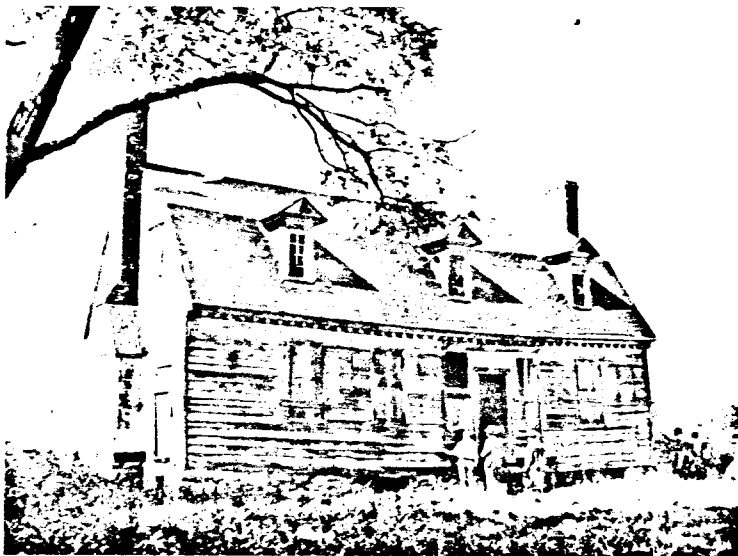
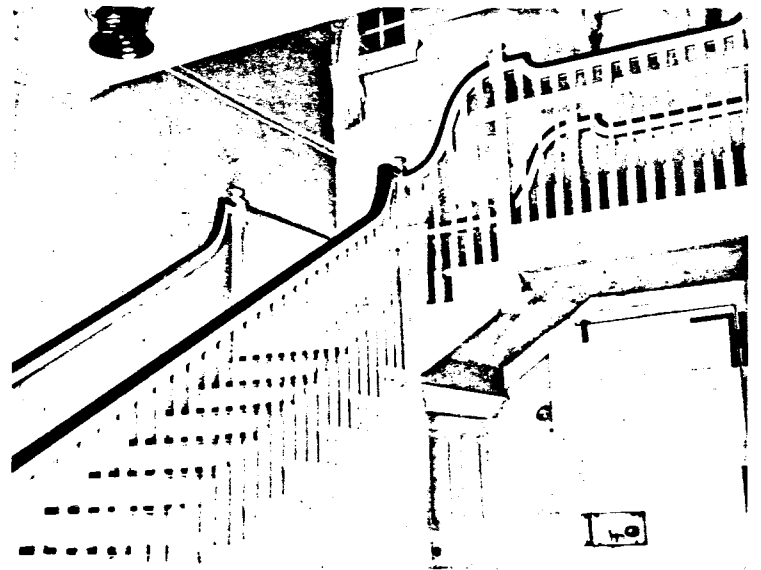
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HARMONY HALL was probably built in 1722 or 1723 on land called "Battersea", patented in 1662 to Humphrey Haggett, a lawyer. The house was named "Harmony Hall" in 1793 by the wife of Walter Dulaney Addison, daughter of Hesselius, the portrait painter.

Col. Lyles owned HARMONY HALL in 1795. The grand staircase has saddles in the rails. The bullseye window, the foliated dormers, the cornice, and the double door on the front, were all added in the late Eighteenth Century. The brick base and string course are moulded.



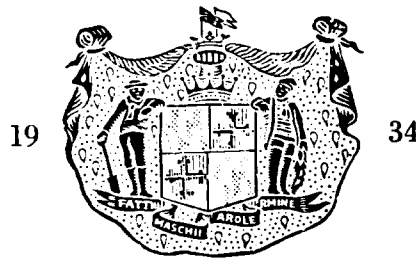
WANT WATER was patented in 1708 by Col. Thomas Addison, only son of Col. John Addison, a privy councillor of Lord Baltimore. The house was probably built by the patentee. In 1761 Enoch Magruder owned the place. Inside is rich paneling in ruinous condition. The stair is small and boxed.

EARLY MANOR AND PLANTATION HOUSES OF MARYLAND

An Architectural and Historical Compendium, 1634-1800,
with three hundred twenty photographs and one hundred
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WANT WATER

The historically documented features of Want Water on Broad Creek indicate that this was once the home of a family of distinction. All that remains today are two brick end walls with chimneys, hand-hewn sills, the summer beam, and stone foundations. ☉ Want Water was built for Colonel Thomas Addison, the first county surveyor, soon after 1706-07. The property remained in the Addison family until 1736. In 1761 it was purchased by Enoch Magruder, who also was a wealthy county landholder. The house evidently was occupied by his daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Colonel William Lyles, and it remained in their

family until 1845. ☉ Want Water's ruins present significant information about the construction techniques and architecture of the period. It had a gambrel roof and interior details such as paneled and plastered walls and large round-arch fireplaces. Although representative of Tidewater-style dwellings of the time, Want Water was unusual in its substantial construction, fine details, and its center-hall plan. ☉ Later occupied by tenants and eventually abandoned, Want Water was already in a deteriorated state when it was first photographed by the Historic American Buildings Survey in 1936.





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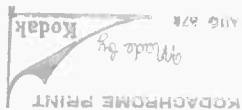
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