

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #81A-15 Building Date: 1868
Building Name: Blake Cabin
Location: 9001 Daniels Lane

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Poor/Accessible

Description

The Blake Cabin is a one-and-one-half-story frame dwelling, built in several sections. It consists of a rectangular, gable roof main block of two-by-two bays, measuring fourteen-by-twenty-three feet, with a two-bay lean-to addition constructed of ceramic tile on its south elevation and a two-by-two bay gable roof frame addition on its east elevation. The two-bay north (main) facade of the main block has entrance in the second bay. A 6/6 double-hung-sash window is in the first bay. Both door and window have a plain board surround. There are overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends. The main block is of log construction, the logs held together by dove-tail joints at the buildings corners. The logs were covered with flush wood siding which was covered by asbestos shingle on the main facade. The west gable end has a central entrance and a 6/6 sash window in the upper gable. The east gable end has an exterior brick chimney flanked by two windows at loft level. The east gable end is dominated by the two-by-two-bay, one-story, frame addition. There is a shed roof one-bay porch on its south side. The south side of the main block is dominated by a two-by-one-bay shed roof addition constructed of ceramic drain tile held together with cement. The interior is in bad condition. The wall and ceiling covering are falling off - revealing the log construction of the main block. A corner stair leads to the second story immediately under the roof.

Significance

The Blake Cabin is significant as one of the very few log structures surviving in the County. Dated by dendrochronology to 1868, it is situated on what was a part of the His Lordship's Kindness estate. The property's ownership and occupancy is difficult to trace. Parts of the property were owned by Joseph Stephenson and Sylvester King, both small farmers, during the 1870's and 80's. It is unusual that a log structure would have been built as late in the nineteenth century as the 1860's, when wood frame construction was by then widely used. The cabin was well constructed, apparently by a builder who was skilled in the method of log construction.

Acreage: 1.91 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Blake Cabin

2. Location

street & number 9001 Daniel Lane (Now on Royal Fern Court) not for publicationcity, town Clinton vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Thomas Blakestreet & number 9404 Miller Court telephone no.:city, town Clinton state and zip code Maryland 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6081street & number Main Street folio 240city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title n/astate federal state county localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission Rm. 4010, CABcity, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair				

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

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The two-bay north (main) facade of the main block has entrance in the second bay, through a door with two lower horizontal panels and an upper glass light. A 6/6 double-hung-sash window is in the first bay. Both door and window have a plain board surround. There are overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends.

The main block is of log construction, the logs held together by dove-tail joints at the buildings corners. The logs were covered with flush wood siding which was covered by asbestos shingle on the main facade. The east gable end is covered with wood shingle, the west gable end with an asphalt or tar paper covering. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The west gable end has a central entrance and a 6/6 sash window in the upper gable. The east gable end has an exterior brick chimney flanked by two windows at loft level. The east gable end is dominated by the two-by-two-bay, one-story, frame addition. The addition has a short gable roof slope to the north and a long, south slope, covered with corrugated metal. It is sided with a combination of German siding and newer, horizontal board siding. There are 6/6 sash, 2/2 sash, and 1/1 sash windows. It rests on a cement foundation. There is a shed roof one-bay porch on its south side, and a two bay, one-story shed roof addition.

The south side of the main block is dominated by a two-by-one-bay shed roof addition constructed of ceramic drain tile held together with cement. The addition rests on a cement foundation, the roof is covered with asphalt or tar paper. Windows are 6/6 sash with wide board surrounds. A shed roof dormer with two windows projects from the roof of the main block above the roof of this additon.

The interior of the Blake cabin is in very bad condition. The interior wall and ceiling covering are deteriorated to the point of falling off - revealing the log construction of the main block. A corner stair leads to the second story which is immediately under the roof, the rafters covered by fiber board, but logs visible in the lower wall area.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History

Specific dates	1868	Builder/Architect
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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 Blake Cabin is significant as one of the very few log structures surviving in the County. Dated by dendrochronology to 1868¹, it is situated on what was a 324 part of the His Lordship's Kindness estate. The property's ownership and occupancy is difficult to trace. Approximately 271 acres was sold by George H. and Charles B. Calvert to Francis Mullikin after 1844.² Mullikin broke the parcel into sections and sold a 62 and a 52 acre parcel to Francis E. Duckett in 1862.³ Parts of the property were owned by Joseph Stephenson and Sylvester King, both small farmers, during the 1870's and 80's.⁴

The log structure appears to have been built with the intention of covering it with siding. The logs on the side are curved or recessed to receive a vertical board covering. It is unusual that a log structure would have been built as late in the nineteenth century as the 1860's, when wood frame construction was by then widely used. The cabin was well constructed, apparently by a builder who was familiar and skilled in the method of log construction.⁵

Notes

- ¹ Investigation by John Walton, Historian, M-NCPPC, summer 1985.
- ² Land Records of Prince George's County, JBB 4:1.
- ³ Land Records, FS 1:420.
- ⁴ Land Records, JWB 9:550; and Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, #9, 1876.
- ⁵ John Walton, op. cit.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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Description (continued)

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The yard around the cabin is overgrown and filled with trash. There is evidence of plantings around the building, including a very large broad leaf tree at the building's northwest corner, a magnolia and some evergreen bushes north and east of the house.

Chain of Title

Blake Cabin
P.G. #81A-15

6081:240
20 March 1985
Deed
George and Mae Thornton to Thomas J. and Vera Blake. For \$10 grantor conveys same property described in 1246:494. Total paid \$23,000 for conveyance.

1246:494
28 June 1950
Deed
Orin W. and Irene D. Winn to George and Mae Thornton. For \$10.00 grantor conveys parcel in Suratts District, same obtained from Veda and George Spangler, June 23, 1950, 1243:209. Contan 1.91 acres together with right-of-way.

1243:209
23 June 1950
Deed
Veda C. and George H. Spangler to Orin and Irene D. Winn. For \$10.00 grantors convey parcel, same obtained from Florence Booth Milligan, September 13, 1947, 991:12, 1.911 acres.

991:12
13 Sept 1947
Deed
Florence B. and E. J. Milligan to Veda C. Stinger. For \$10.00 grantors convey 1.911 acres in Suratts District.

400:279
4 Aug 1933
Deed
Compton Mulliken to Florence Milligan. For \$10.00 grantor conveys all that parcel in Surratts District devised to grantor under will of Edward H. Booth deceased, bearing Ad. #41635.

194:390
30 May 1923
Deed
Beryl Marquis to Elmo J. and Florence B. Milligan. With Bank of Brandywine. For \$1 grantor conveys 1 acre in Surratts Districts. Same grantor acquired from William A. Simpson.

164:471
14 Sept. 1921
Deed
William A. Simpson of Washington, D.C. to Beryl Marquis. For \$10 grantors convey land obtained from Galen E. Green, 9 April, 1917, 119:372.

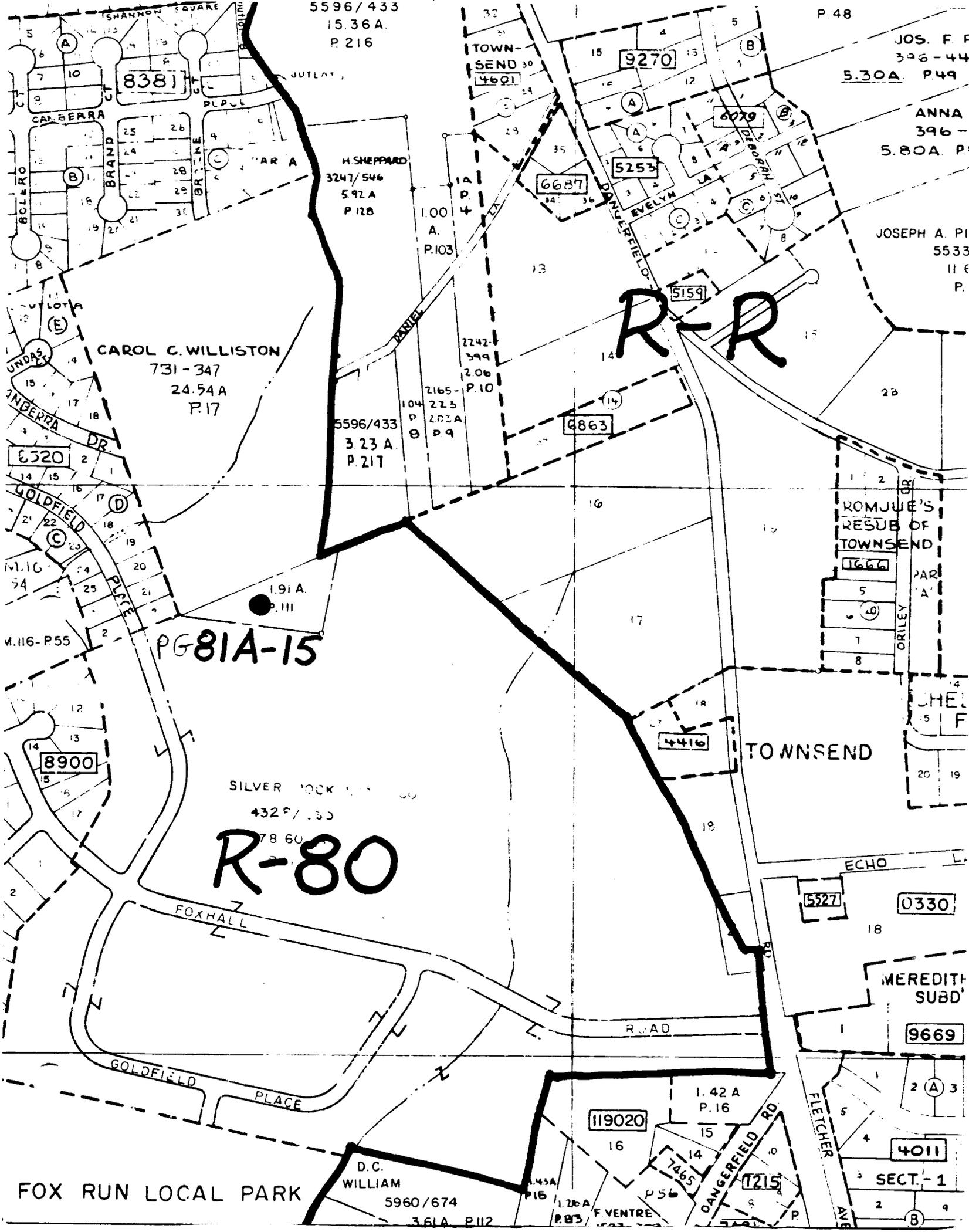
119:372
9 April 1917
Deed
Galen E. Green to William A. Simpson. For \$10 grantor conveys same land obtained from Henry M. Baker, 14 March 1908, 43:412.

43:412
14 March 1908
Deed
Henry M. Baker to Galen E. Green, two parcels subject to \$2,000 mortgage to Phil H. Tuck of Baltimore.

13:557
16 July 1903
Deed
Joseph C. Mattingly, Trustee to Henry M. Baker. By Equity #2991, Charles W. Stephenson defendant, Henry M. Baker acquires 148 acres of His Lordship's Kindness.

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- 5:198
12 Sept. 1901
Deed
Henry E. Nichols of Washington, D.C. to Henry M. Baker of New Hampshire, three parcels in Surratts District. Sixty-two acres, 52 acres and 157 acres, subject to a mortgage, JWB 26:482. Same obtained 22 July 1899, JB 9:366.
- JWB 26:482
19 Oct. 1892
Mortgage
Amos F. Wellen, Sophia and Lillie G. Wellen and R.B.B. Chew Trustee to Phil H. Tuck of Baltimore. Grantors indebted for \$1,000, #2053 Equity. Two parcels, 62 and 52 acres, same obtained from Francis E. Duckett, 13 April 1882, WAJ 3:593. 157 acres conveyed to Wellen by James J. Perkins, Trustee, JWB 9:550.
- JWB 9:550
27 April 1888
Deed
James T. Perkins, Trustee to Amos J. Wellen. Equity #1592, 93, Charles Clagett vs. Ruth A. Hall for estate of John Hall, regarding uncollected taxes on land of Joseph Stephenson, 157 acres. Sold to Wellen for \$200.
- FS 1:420
23 Sept. 1862
Deed
George H. Calvert and Charles B. Calvert to Francis E. Duckett. Calverts to sell land for Francis Mullikin, 52 and 62 acres to Duckett.
- JBB 4:1
5 Nov. 1844
Deed
Nicholas C. Stephenson, Trustee to Charles B. and George H. Calvert, lands of Edward H. Calvert, called His Lordship's Kindness.



5596/433
15.36 A.
P.216

P.48

JOS. F. F.
396-44
5.30A P.49

ANNA
396-
5.80A P.

JOSEPH A. P.
5533
116
P.

8381

TOWN-
SEND
4691

9270

6079

5253

6687

5159

6863

1666

4416

0330

5527

9669

4011

119020

1.42 A
P.16

7465

7215

CAROL C. WILLISTON
731-347
24.54 A
P.17

5596/433
3.23 A
P.217

2242-
399
2.06
P.10
2165-
225
2.03 A
P.9

1.91 A
P.111

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SILVER ROCK
4329/133
78.60

R-80

TOWNSEND

ECHO

MEREDITH
SUBD'

FLETCHER

DANGERFIELD RD

FOX RUN LOCAL PARK

D.C.
WILLIAM
5960/674
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1.26 A
P.83
F. VENTRE

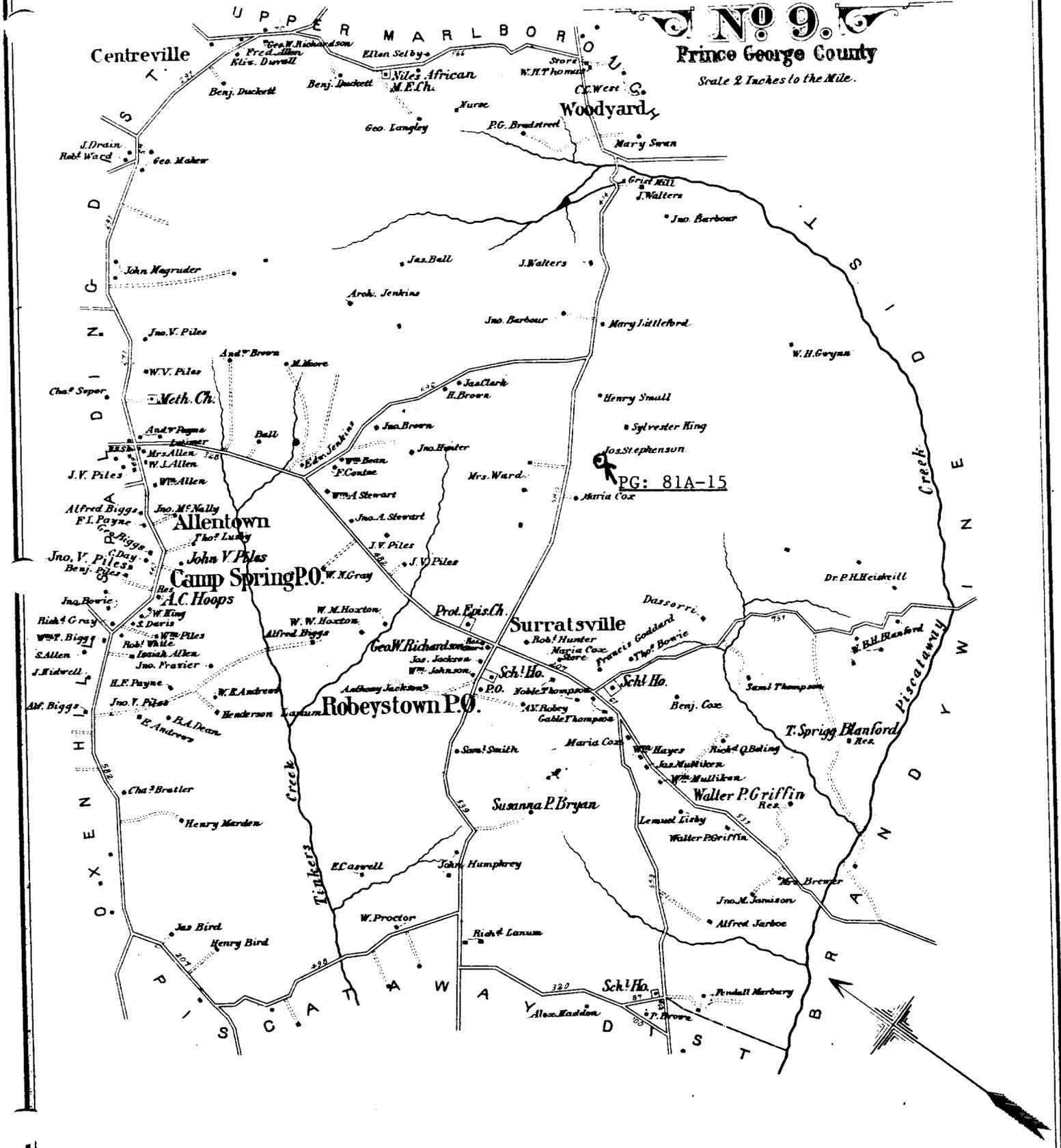
SECT.-1

SURRATS DIST.

No. 9.

Prince George County

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile.



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Charles Branch

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2 BOISE DR
3 BOISE CT S

WOODYARD

ROSARYVILLE

Base Lake

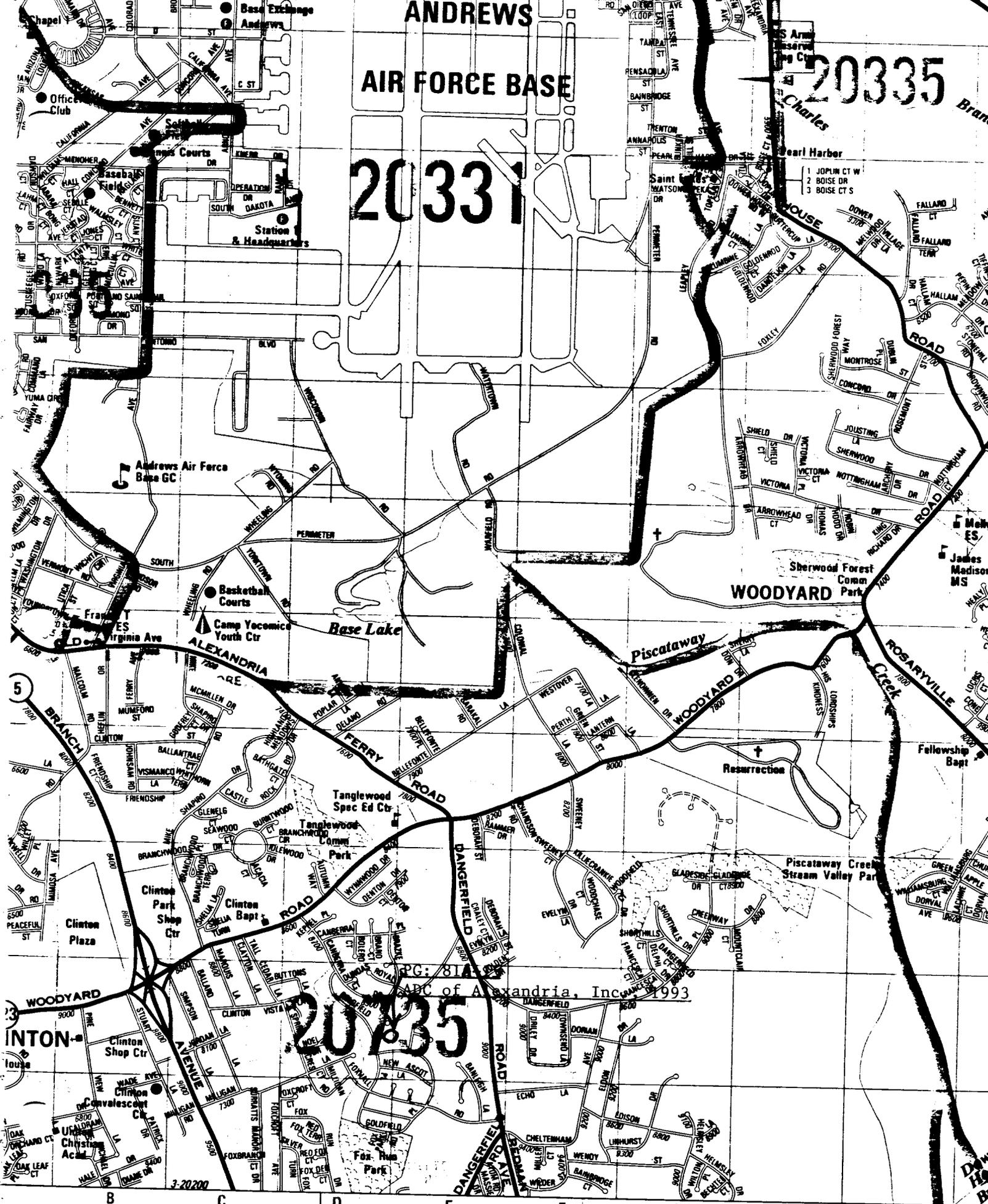
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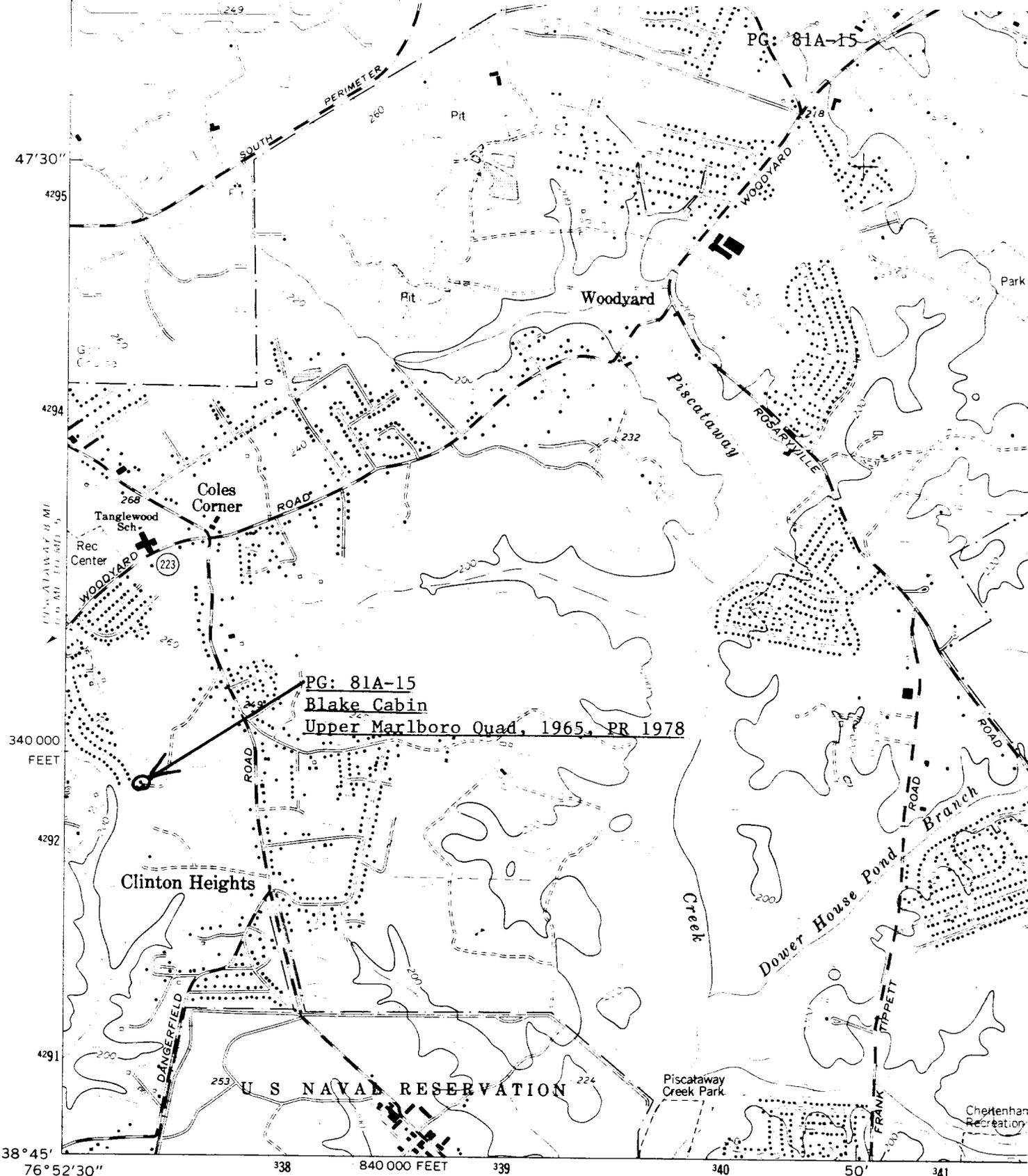
Resurrection

Piscataway Creek Stream Valley Park

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Blake Cabin
 Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

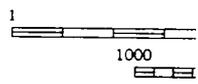
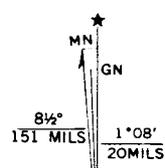
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Blake Cabin
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Feb 1986
Southeast elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Blake Cabin
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North elevation
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Blake Cabin
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Feb 1986
Southwest elevation
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Blake Cabin
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
Feb 1986
2nd Floor, detail
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Blake Cabin
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
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First floor, detail
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Blake Cabin
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
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Stair well, detail
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