PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82B-32b Building Date: 1920

Building Name: Burns Wilson Shop

Location: 12804 Croom Road, Naylor

Private/Commercial/Unoccupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description:

Burns Wilson Shop is a one-story, gable roof 30-by-60 foot board and batten building of rectangular plan located immediately north of Brookfield Methodist Church on Croom Road. The five-bay south facade has three large board and batten doors on rollers with metal tracks above the doors. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the second and fourth bays. There are overhanging eaves, and cornice kicks in the gable ends. The roof is covered with slate shingles, the siding coated with kreosote. The five-bay north facade has a lean-to addition on the first bay, which served as Wilson's office. The east gable end has a low two-by-one bay board and batten blacksmith shop. The interior of the blacksmith shop has a dirt floor. Entering the main block from the northwest corner of the blacksmith shop, the building is one open room with exposed rafters. The three large doors were car entrances and three bays for car repair were maintained in the central shop area. The small office room is lined with built-in shelving and drawers for parts and equipment. There are old tools and equipment, placed around the main room.

Significance:

The Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973), well known in the southeastern county as a handy man. Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things. Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill there. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and deteriorating. The house, a small bungalow constructed of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. It is also simple in plan and construction materials, and is presently inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Acreage: 1 acre

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Burns Wilson Shop

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: 12804 Croom Road (Maryland Route 382) ___ not for publication

city, town: Naylor ___ vicinity of congressional district: 4

state: Maryland county: Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X 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	X no	___ military	X other: Unused

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

name: David Wilson

street & number: 12804 Croom Road telephone no.:

city, town: Naylor state and zip code: MD. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Prince George's Courthouse liber: 5774

street & number: Main Street folio: 292

city, town: Upper Marlboro, state: MD.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: n/a

date: ___ federal ___ state ___ 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	X unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
X fair	___ unexposed		

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

Burns Wilson Shop is a one-story, gable roof 30-by-60 foot board and batten building of rectangular plan. It is located immediately north of Brookfield Methodist Church and fronts closely on Croom Road.

The five-bay south facade has three large board and batten doors on rollers with metal tracks placed above the doors. Two 2/2 double-hung-sash windows are in the second and fourth bays. There are overhanging eaves, and cornice kicks in the gable ends. The gable roof is covered with slate shingles. The building is of board and batten siding coated with kreosote and is set on a cement slab.

The two-bay west gable end, facing Croom Road, is marked by two 2/2 sash windows. The five-bay north facade has a lean-to addition on the first bay, which served as Wilson's office. The east gable end has a low two-by-one bay board and batten addition which served as a blacksmith shop. The roof of the addition is standing seam metal. There is an entrance in the east gable end.

Entered from the east, the interior of the attached blacksmith shop has a dirt floor. A ceramic tile interior chimney on the east wall connected to the blacksmith forge. Entering the main block from the northwest corner of the blacksmith shop, the building is one open room with exposed rafters. The three large doors on the south wall were car entrances and three bays for car repair were maintained in the central shop area. The small office room entered from the northeast corner of the main block is lined with built-in shelving and drawers of various sizes made by Burns Wilson. There are built-in counter tops and drawers for parts and equipment along the walls of the main block. There are old tools and equipment, including a drill press, band saw and miter box dating from the 1930's and 40's placed around the room.

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	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X 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
		X invention		

Specific dates 1920 **Builder/Architect** Burns Wilson

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 Burns Wilson House and Shop are significant for their vernacular architecture and for their connection with their builder, David Burns Wilson (1890-1973). Wilson was well known in the southeastern county area as a fix-it and handy man.

Because his wife was from Naylor, Wilson acquired one acre of property in Naylor from Maria A. Duvall in 1920.[1] Wilson made a living repairing cars, blacksmithing, wood and metal working. He seemed to have a genius for making and repairing things.[2] Before he married, he had worked out of a shop on his family's homestead on Mill Town Landing Road (P.G. #87A-27). He built the shop building and his house in Naylor with the assistance of his father and brother, shortly after 1920. The shop is of lumber from the Wilson farm on Mill Town Landing Road, sawed in the sawmill on that property.[3] It is furnished with built-in drawers and shelving Wilson made to hold tools and parts. In style it is a simple, functional building with no architectural embellishments. It presently is unused and in deteriorating condition.

The Wilson house, a small bungalow constructed of layers of poured concrete, has walnut interior wood work made by Wilson. The house is also simple in plan and construction materials. It is presently owned and inhabited by two of Wilson's children.

Notes

1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 163:282.

2 Interview with Fannie L. Wilson, April 1986; and obtituary in the Marlboro Enquirer Gazette, Thursday, April 26, 1973.

3 Ibid.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Map 138, Parcel 41

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro A

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, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date August 1986

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city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

PS-2746

Chain of Title

Burns Wilson House and Shop
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5774:292 11 Oct 1983 Deed	Henrietta W. Peterson and Marie E. Litterer to David Burns Wilson and Fannie L. Wilson. For $1,000 grantors convey that tract in the 4th District, Lot 3 of Maria A. Duvall property. Contains 1 acre. Life tenant Ruth M. Wilson died November 19, 1980. Same described 4707:305.
4707:305 18 Dec 1976 Deed	Ruth Marie Wilson to David Burns Wilson, Fannie L. Wilson, Marie E. Litterer, Henrietta W. Peterson. For $10 grantor conveys to second and third party a life estate and to fourth and fifth parties as tenants in common that parcel of 1 acre described in deed, 163:282.
163:282 16 Sept 1920 Deed	Maria A. Duvall to William Burns Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson. For $10 grantor conveys that parcel, a part of land grantor obtained from Joseph B. Duvall and wife, August 11, 1914, 99:261. One acre.
99:261 11 Aug 1914 Deed	Joseph B. Duvall and Elizabeth W. Duvall to Maria A. Duvall. Lot #3 in partition of the property of the late William E. Duvall.

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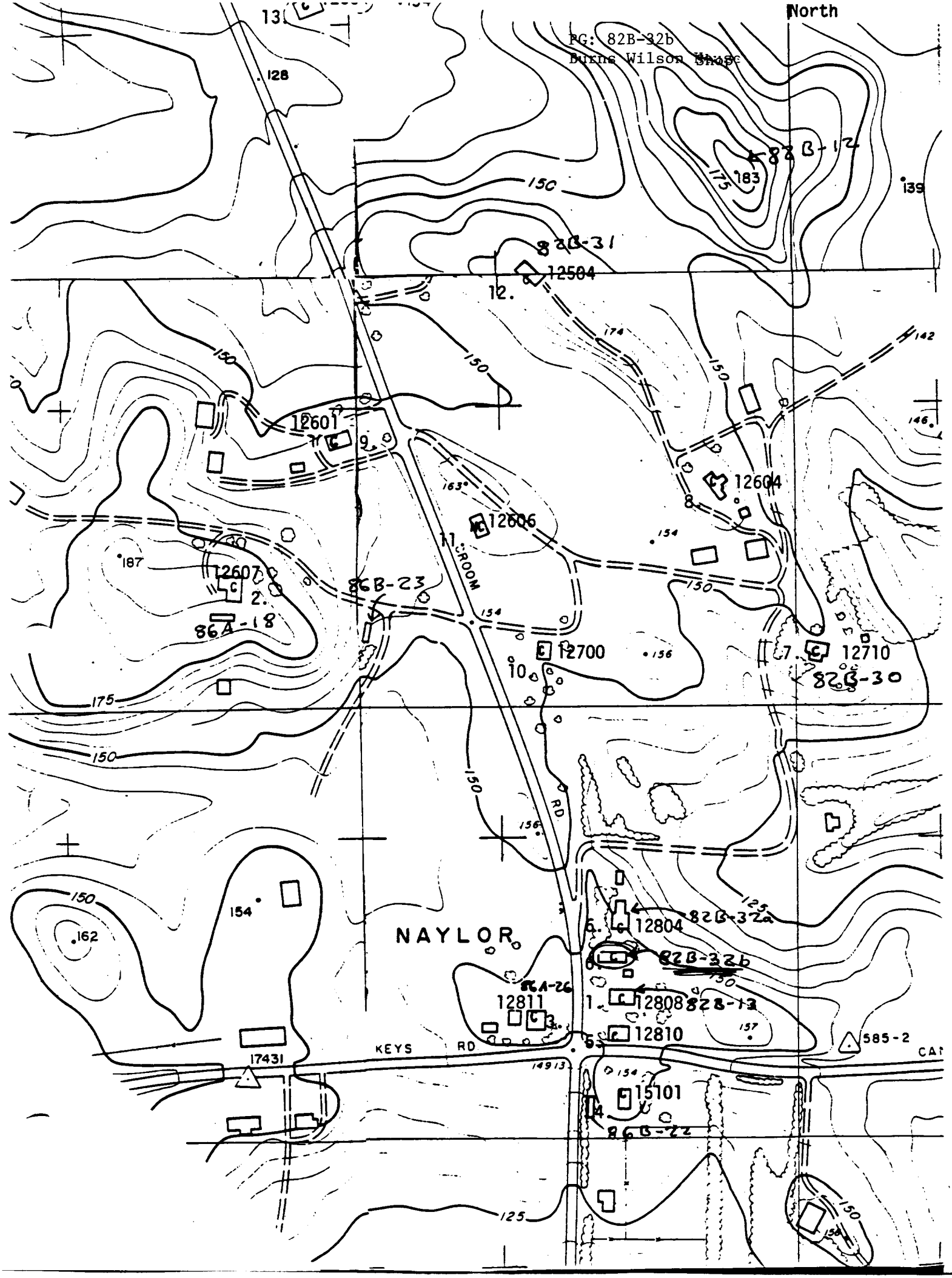
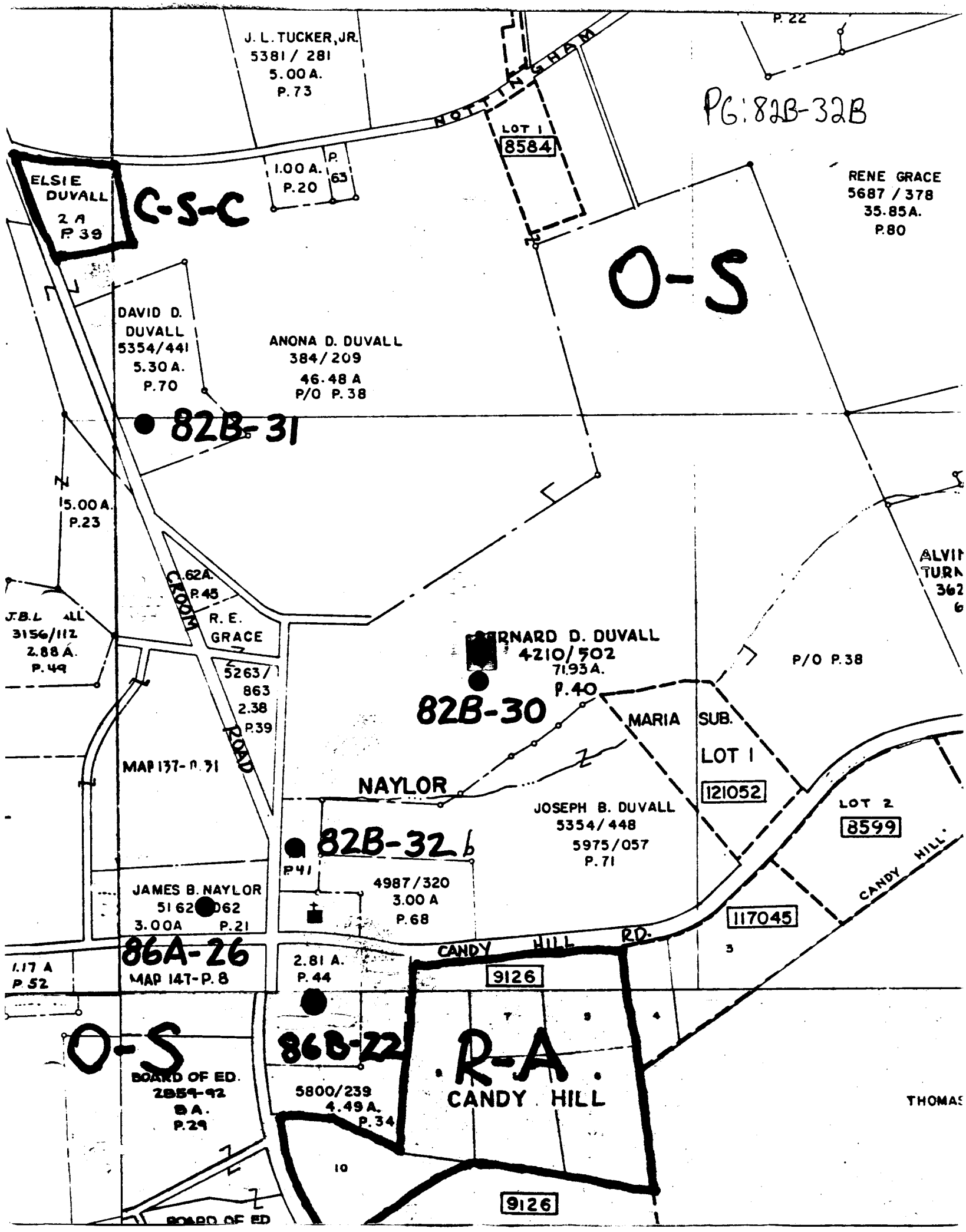
Burns Wilson House

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P. 63
ELSIE DUVALL
2 A
P. 39
C-S-C
RENE GRACE
5687 / 378
35.85 A.
P. 80
O-S
DAVID D. DUVALL
5354/441
5.30 A.
P. 70
ANONA D. DUVALL
384/209
46.48 A
P/O P. 38
82B-31
5.00 A.
P. 23
.62 A.
P. 45
CROOM
R. E. GRACE
J.B.L ALL
3156/112
2.88 A.
P. 49
5263/863
2.38
P. 39
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P/O P. 38
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NAYLOR
JOSEPH B. DUVALL
5354/448
5975/057
P. 71
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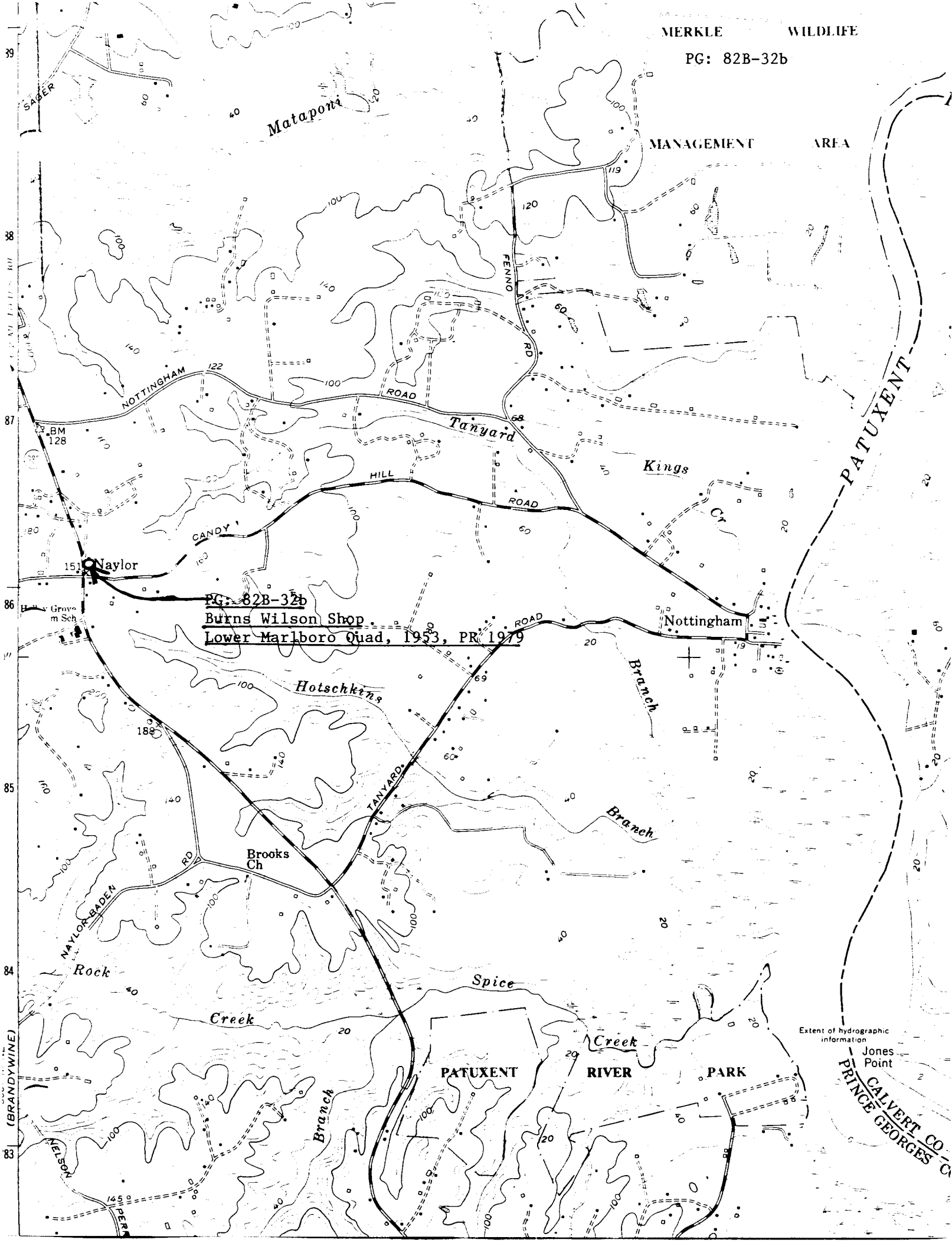
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NOTTINGHAM ROAD
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HILL ROAD
CANDY
Kings Cr
PATUXENT
BM 128
Naylor
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Burns Wilson Shop
Lower Marlboro Quad, 1953, PR 1979
Nottingham
ROAD
Hotschkins
Branch
TANYARD
Branch
Brooks Ch
NAYLOR-GADEN RD
Rock
Spice
Creek
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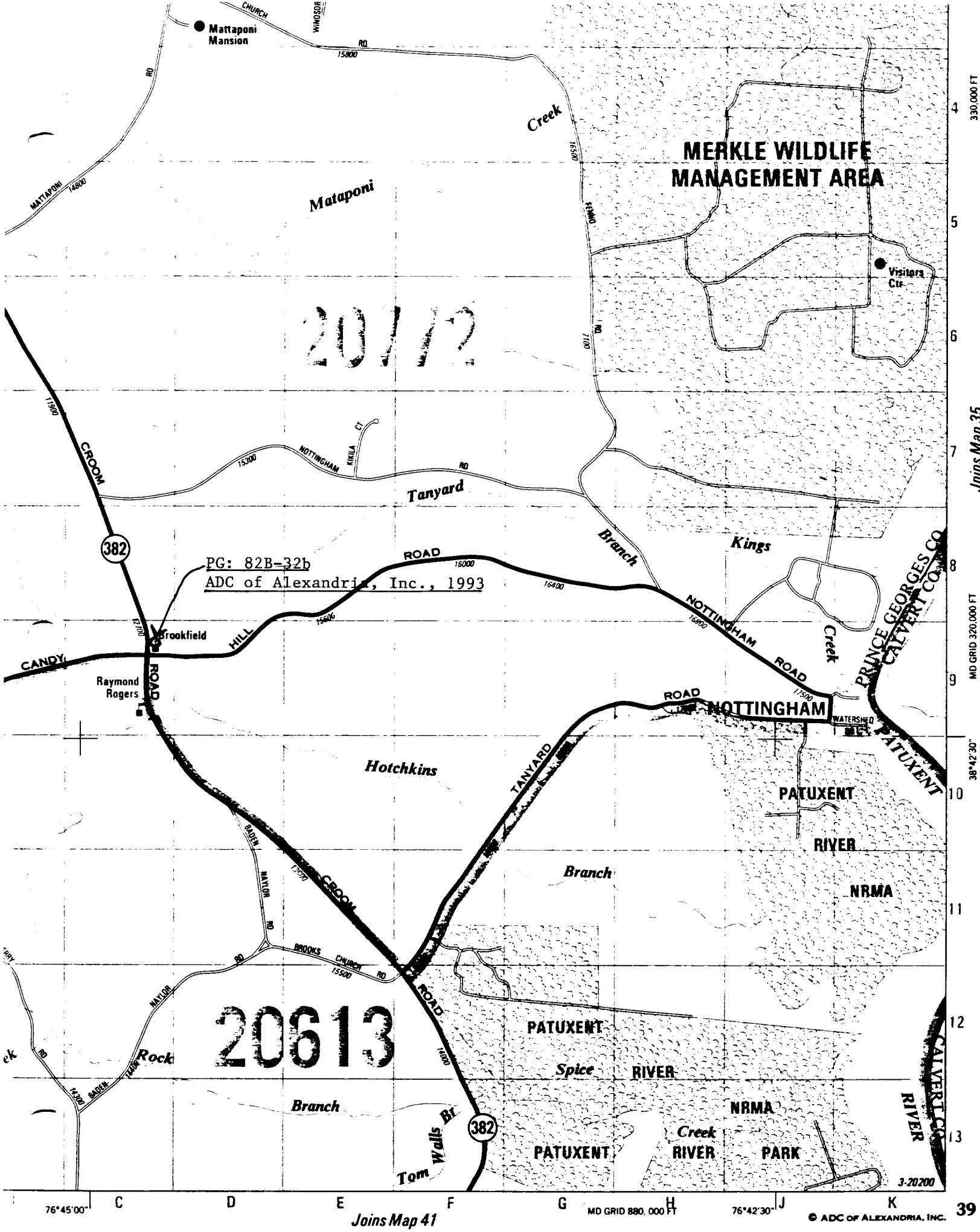

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Creek
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FENNO
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Visitors Ctr
20772
11900
CROOM
15300
NOTTINGHAM
KIKILA CT
RD
Tanyard
Branch
Kings
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CALVERT CO
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Raymond Rogers
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Burns Wilson Shop
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
East elevation
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Burns Wilson Shop
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
North elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD

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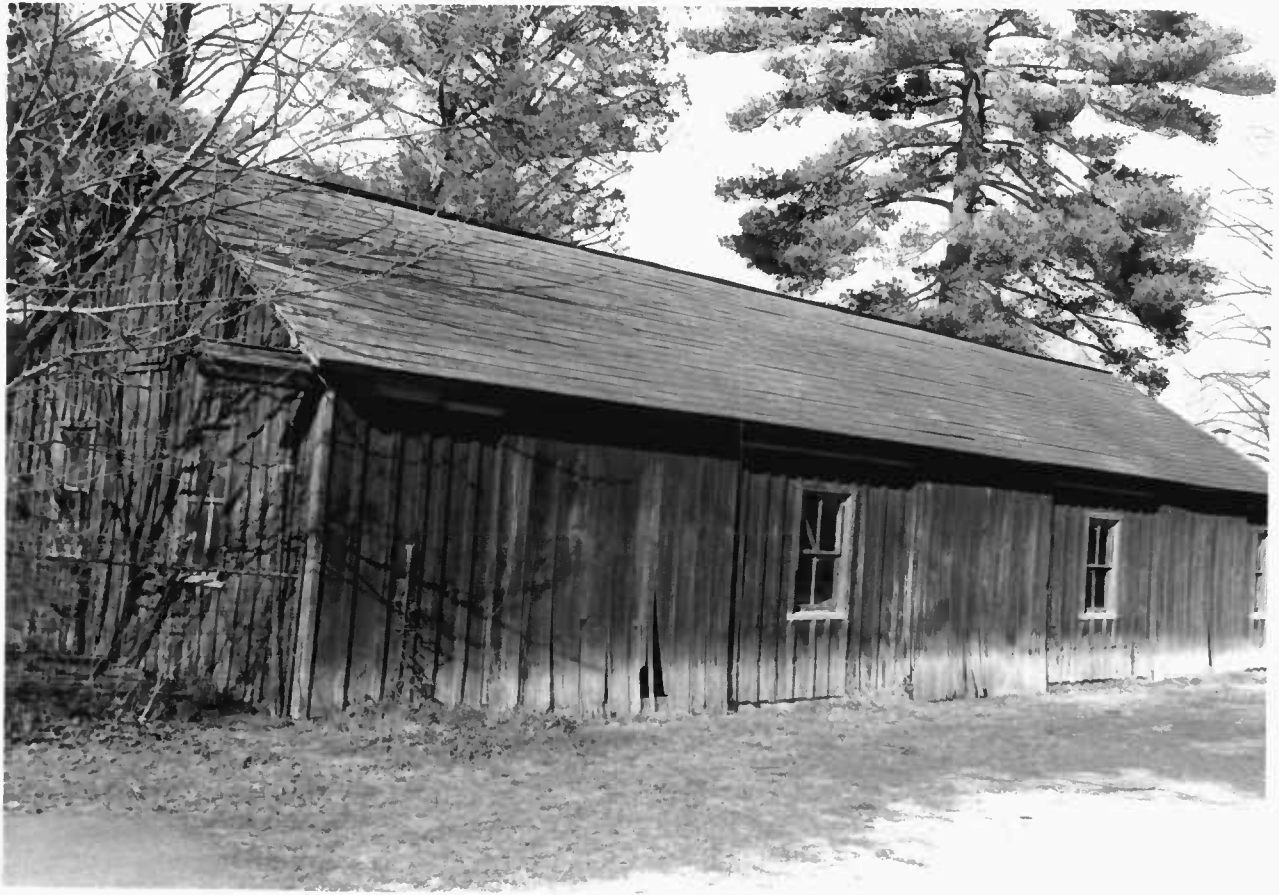

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Burns Wilson Shop
Prince George's County
Marina King
April 1986
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