

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grover House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Grover's Turn Rd. (Now on Owings Manor Court)

CITY, TOWN

Owings

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

___YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

MD

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Beneath the brown shingles of this farmhouse are clapboards of whitewash. They are attached to the frame with various types of nails. Cut nails were removed from the northwest corner.

Beneath the house one can see hand hewn joists which run north and south in the east wing and in the west wing. The east wing rests upon a brick foundation which raises it off the ground C. 24". Exposed sills on the north wing reveal mortise and tenon construction with trunnels.

The fenestration varies in each section. There are 9/9 windows in the west wing. In the east wing, there are 6/6 downstairs and 3/6 upstairs. Both sections have gabled-end roofs covered with wooden shingles, the west wing has a pedimented dormer with stylized "deep cornices."

There is an exterior chimney on the east end of the building.

The interior is not without plan. The east wing is one up/one down with a hall and stairs on the west end. This portion of the house possesses rather elegant molding throughout with corner blocks that have five pointed stars cut into them. The panelled door with side windows also has a series of smaller star blocks worked into its design. The fireplace is bricked up but there is a wooden mantel remaining which has some decorative carving on it.

The west wing is one and a half story possessing one full room downstairs. It too has a bricked up fireplace with a similar mantel that also has turned columns. The kitchen or north wing is attached to this room.

Exposed areas show that both sections contain machine cut lathes with plaster.

Behind the house off of the northwest corner is a meathouse constructed of round logs joined by notching.. It is covered with vertical weatherboards. Cut nails were pulled from the southwest corner.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1967 survey evaluates this house as having an 18th Century wing onto which the main block was built C. 1820. This is possible.

Examination of the interior reveals little about the west wing which is supposed to be the 18th Century portion. There is a single pedimented dormer on that portion with characteristics of the Greek Revival.

The interior of the main block bares out the assertion that it is Federal Era, although 1820 may be too early. The plan is end-hall with one room down and one up. In addition to Adamsesque-like mantles the hall and parlor are trimmed with molding with corner-blocks. Each cornerblock has a five point star carved into it. The South entrance is somewhat elaborate. The same star-block pattern is worked in miniature around the sidelights of a four-paired door.

Fisk Kimball gives 1818 as the first appearance of moulded bands and cornerblocks with Latrobes Decatur House being the nearest example. In dating Huntley in Fairfax County at 1820, the presence of corner-blocks was sited as an item of sophistication indicative of an architects involvement. Although possible, it seems unlikely this little frame farmhouse is the work of an architect and to date it at 1820 seems to place it in a class with the brick mansions of Washington's famous families like Van Ness, Decatur Mason et al.

It is no less valuable for being later, for its decorations are actually unique, but it seems safer to date it C. 1830.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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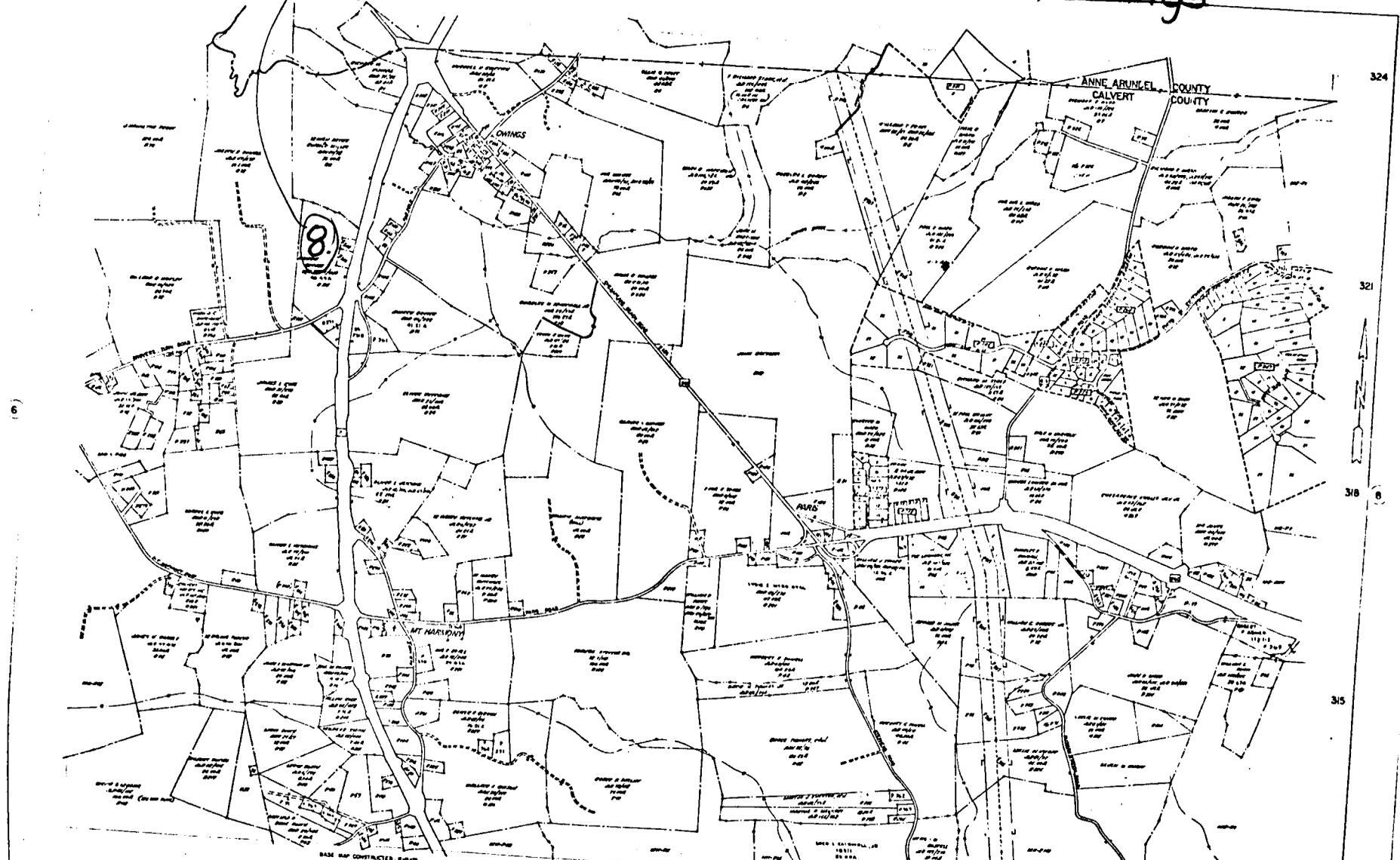
1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert TOWN VICINITY Owings Creek STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE Small Farmhouse PRESENT OWNER A.W. Grover, Owings, Md. PRESENT USE Tenant Farmer's House WALL CONSTRUCTION shingled NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2 w/1 1/2 storey wing	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME CT-8 DATE OR PERIOD Main house early 19th c. STYLE Simple rural colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p>This is a very simple farmhouse, three bays wide with a door on the left, there is an exterior chimney on the right. From the slope of the roof it appears that this part of the house is c. 1820. The small wing on the left is 2 bays wide with its own door. The roof is very steep, and pierced by one pedimented dormer. There is no evidence of an exterior chimney in this wing, but the pitch of the roof and the 9/9 windows are evidence that this is probably 18th century and originally was the main house.</p> <p>At present it is a Negro tenant farmer's house and very run down in condition.</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior very bad	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD July 17, 1967

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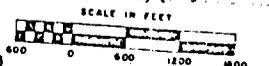
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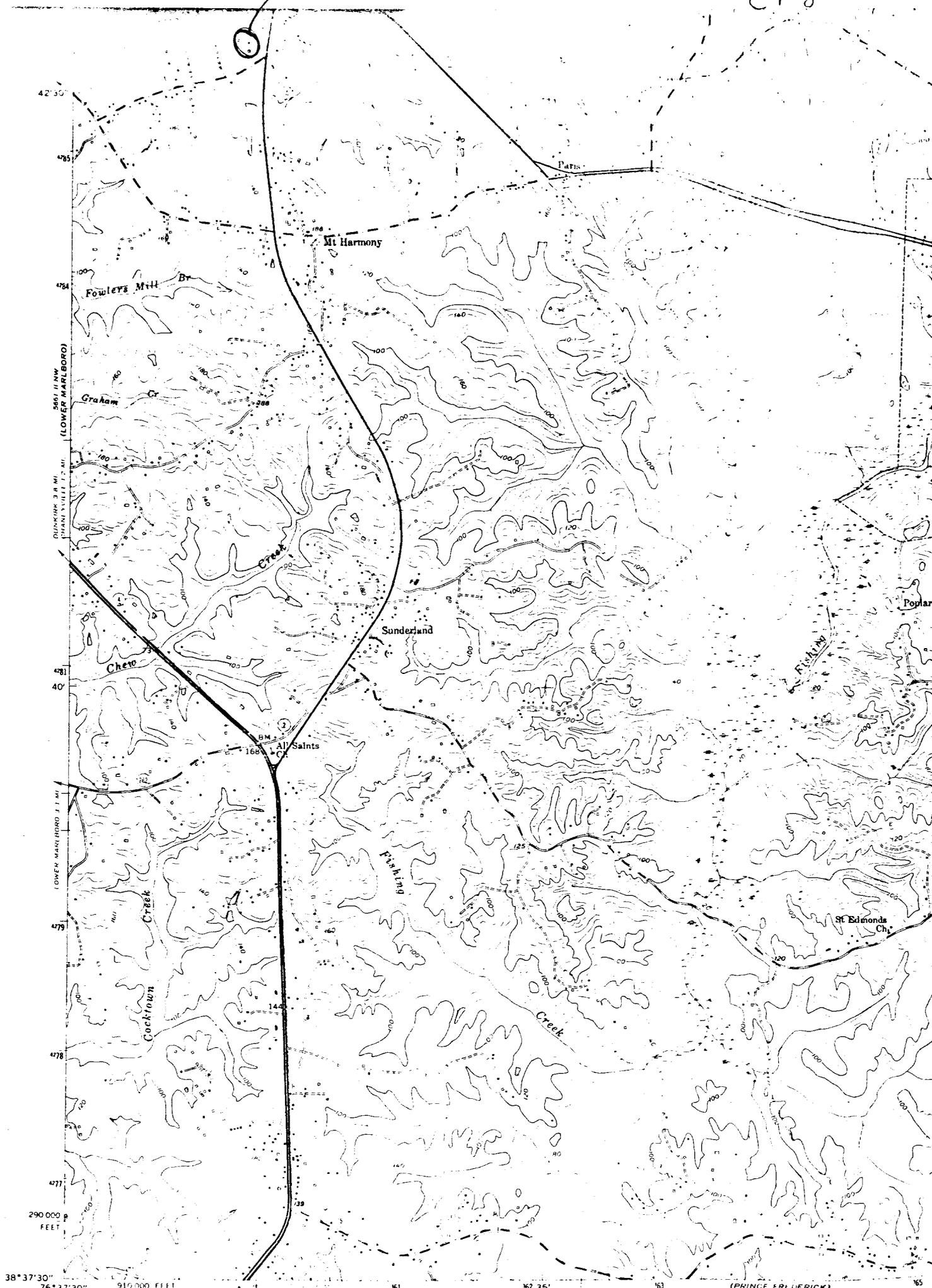


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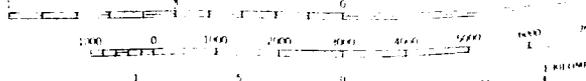
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 13,000 feet based on Maryland geodetic system

Vertical datum: Mean Low Water

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