

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John P. Williams Barn

AND/OR COMMON

Edgar Cranford Barn and Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broomes Island Road (Maryland Route 264)

CITY, TOWN

Port Republic

VICINITY OF Mutual

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Emma Cranford

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Broomes Island Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: AAH 1/217

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 checked="" 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

Mr. Cranford has owned this property since 1915. He is "past 80" and recalls that this was an old barn when he obtained the farm. He believes John P. Williams, a former owner, may have built the barn in the Mid-Nineteenth Century. John P. Williams was contemporary with Mr. Cranford's grandfather. Men "my father's age" Mr. Cranford says, did not know when this barn was built.

The modern house in which the Cranfords live stands on the site of an old "plantation house." It was the home of John P. Williams.

This is a ten-room tobacco barn. The main block of which measures 20' x 40'. There are sheds on the west side and south end which result in overall dimensions of x . Three transverse sills make this a tripartite barn. The middle sill is the thickest and measures 12" x 7". At least a couple of unusual features were noticed in this barn, one of which is the fact that the distance from the ground to the eaves measured 16' on the east side. 12' or 14' is common and is cited as such by Tatham in his Essay of 1800. The extra four feet results in four tiers of tobacco rather than the usual three.

The plates measure c. 7" x 4" in thickness and are continuous. The roof is A-framed with the collar beams being lap-joined to the rafters and fixed with cut-nails. The trusses are attached to flat false plates.

The original exterior covering appears to have been 4' riven clapboards (requiring 2' studding) lapped on the ends as well as sides. This siding is visible in several places, including the south wall of the west shed. The lack of holes from shingle nails in the rafters of this side suggests that this shed may have been original to the structure. This shed houses a fine prize with a screw-gear which reads "James Lacy, Baltimore, Maryland." There is a scarf plate in this shed which is supported by tree-posts which are joined to it by mortise-and-tenon with trunnels. A number of non-functional mortises, however, suggest the possibility of salvaged materials having been used.

Another unusual feature in this barn (besides the height of the eaves) are the open-faced mortise of the angle braces. These are actually dove-tailed pieces hold in an open-faced mortise by a wooden peg or trunnel.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 27 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Wayne L. Field, II
 Historic Sites Survey
 Brookes Island, Maryland 20615

DATE Winter 76-77

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

TELEPHONE

STATE

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Although there are tree posts in the north shed, the rest of the materials are modern.

Some members of this barn, such as the sills, are hewn and the clapboards are riven, however, the plates and uprights appear to be pit-sawn.

Tenant House

On the same property as the barn is a tenant house, which Mr. Cranford says was there when he acquired the farm.

It is a hewn post-and-beam frame structure covered with plain clapboards attached with cut nails. (German siding under front porch). A T-plan is formed by a two-story, three bay wide and one deep front with a one-story kitchen wing in the rear. The plan provides for two bedrooms upstairs and a center hall flanked by parlors downstairs.

Flues for space heaters are located on all three ends of the house.

A full porch covers the front or southeast facade. A brick pathway once led up to the steps of the porch.

The house rests on a fieldstone base.

(Capsule)

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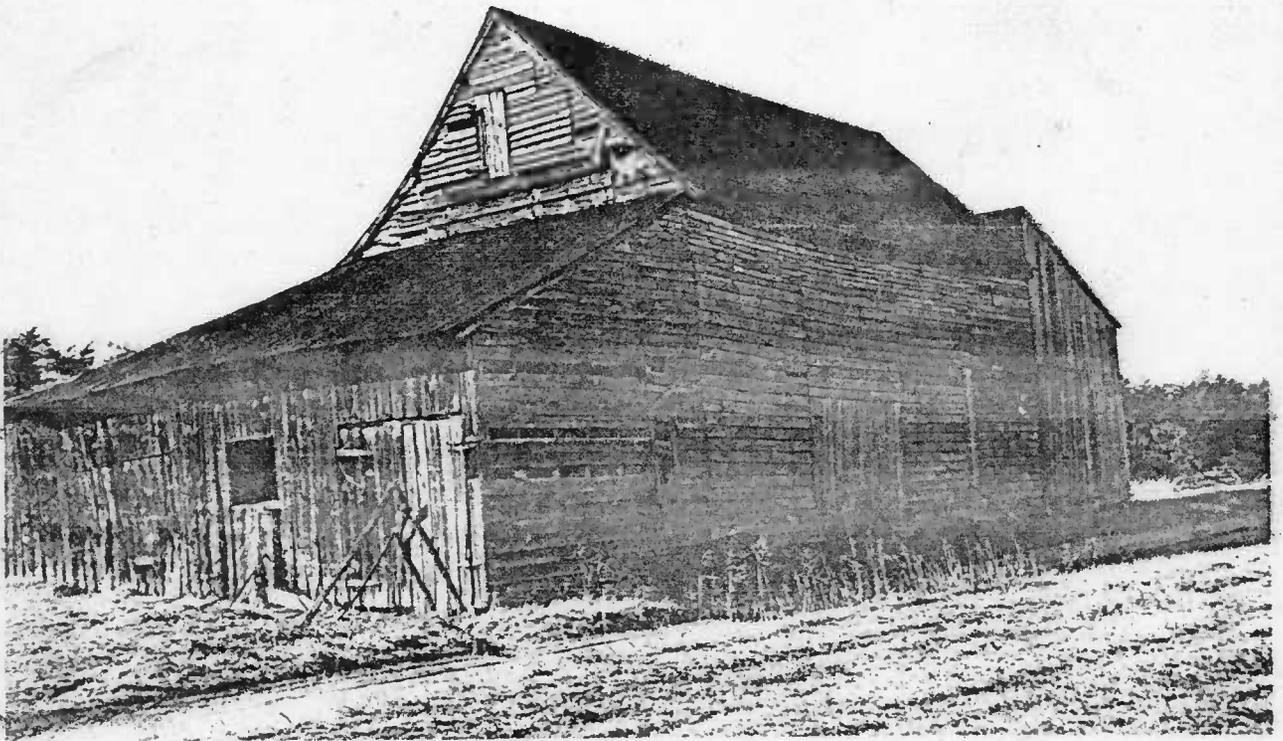


Table of courses & distances for the land of John W. Williams
 his Beginning for lot no 3 at a stone at A on the East side of the
 Public road & running as follows

- 1 N 10 E 54 1/2 to the church lot
- 2 N 43 W 13
- 3 N 1/2 W 10
- 4 N 47 W 12
- 5 S 73 E 2
- 6 N 15 E 7 1/4 to a stone east side the public road
- 7 N 42 W 11
- 8 N 46 E 8
- 9 N 47 1/4 W 136 to Mrs Rebecca Taylor's land
- 10 S 14 W 4 1/2 to a stone
- 11 S 48 1/2 E 2 1/2 to a stake in the branch
- 12 S 32 W 120 to a stake
- 13 S 89 3/4 W 26 1/2
- 14 S 44 W 20 to a stake at N. W. Dorsey's land
- 15 S 23 1/4 E 50

- 16 S 75 E 11
- 17 S 58 1/2 E 14
- 18 S 72 E 50
- 19 S 62 E 15
- 20 S 80 E 6 to Dr Parkers land
- 21 S 68 1/4 E 31 to the public road
- 22 N 68 E 7
- 23 N 40 1/2 E 93 to the beginning
 containing 206 A. 3 R. and platted
 on a scale of 40 Equal parts in a inch
 this 14th day of Sept 1863

By
 H. R. Grover
 S. C. C.

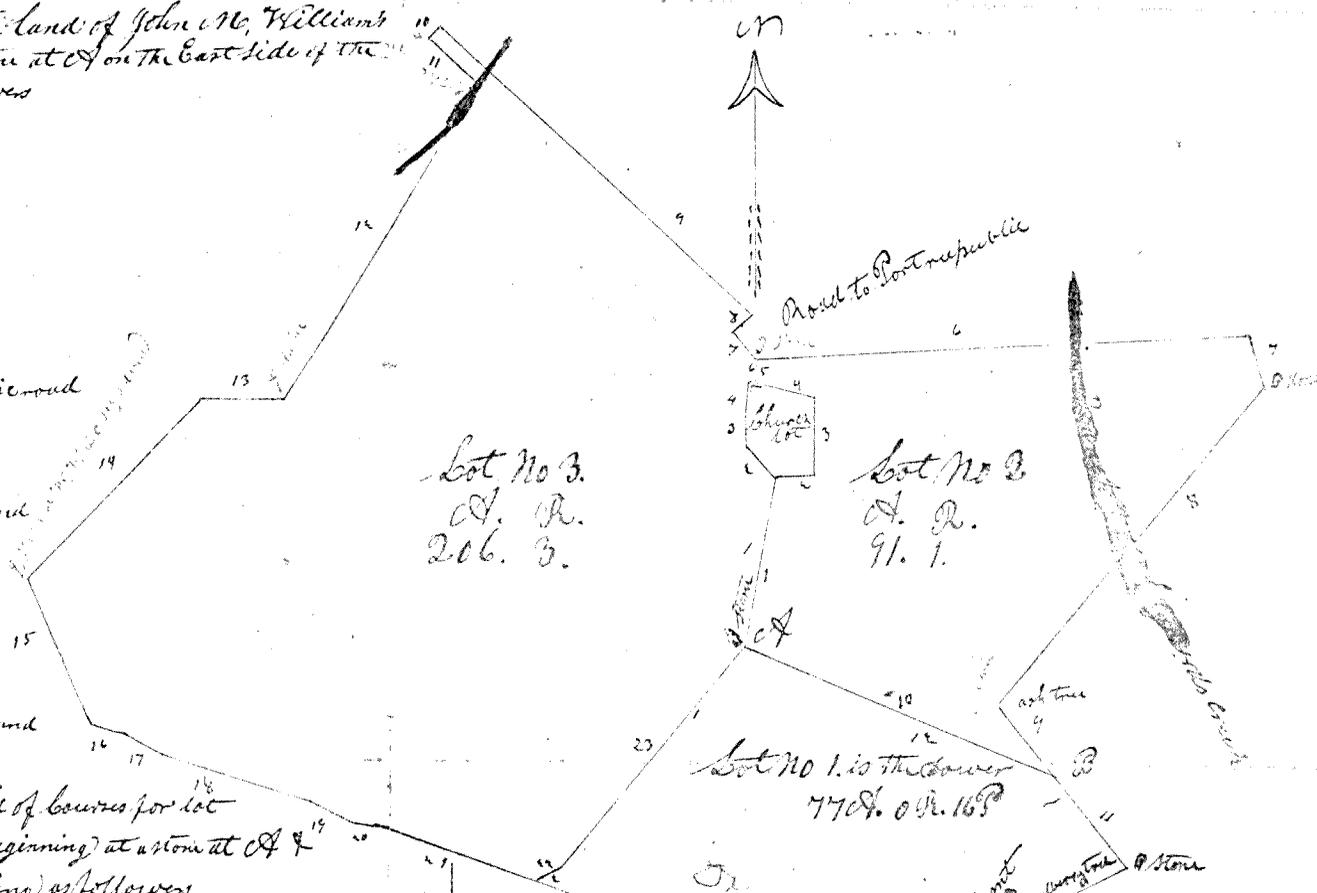
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 No 1 Beginning at a stone at A &
 running as follows

- 1 S 40 1/2 W 93
- 2 S 68 W 7 to Dr Parkers land
- 3 S 68 1/4 E 98 to a stone
- 4 S 12 1/4 W 4
- 5 S 48 E 28 to Sermons land
- 6 N 54 1/2 E 15
- 7 N 43 1/2 E 30 1/2
- 8 N 26 W 8 1/2
- 9 N 73 E 16 1/4 to an old mulberry tree
- 10 N 64 E 38 to a stone near a branch
- 11 N 38 1/4 W 37 to the divisional line at B
- 12 N W to the beginning at A
 containing 77 A. 2 R. 16 P

Table of courses
 for lot No 2 Beginning
 at a stone at A & running as
 follows

- 1 N 10 E 54 1/2 to the church lot
- 2 N 39 E 12
- 3 N 1/2 E 24
- 4 N 73 W 11
- 5 N 15 E 7 1/4 to a stone east side public road
- 6 N 28 1/4 E 15 1/2
- 7 S 13 1/2 E 17 1/2 to a stone boundary of the land of J. Talbot & Perry of Mrs. Williams's
- 8 S 41 1/2 W 133 to a marked ash
- 9 S 28 1/4 E 28 1/4 to the divisional line at B
- 10 N W to the beginning at A containing 91 A. 2 R

Plat # 5



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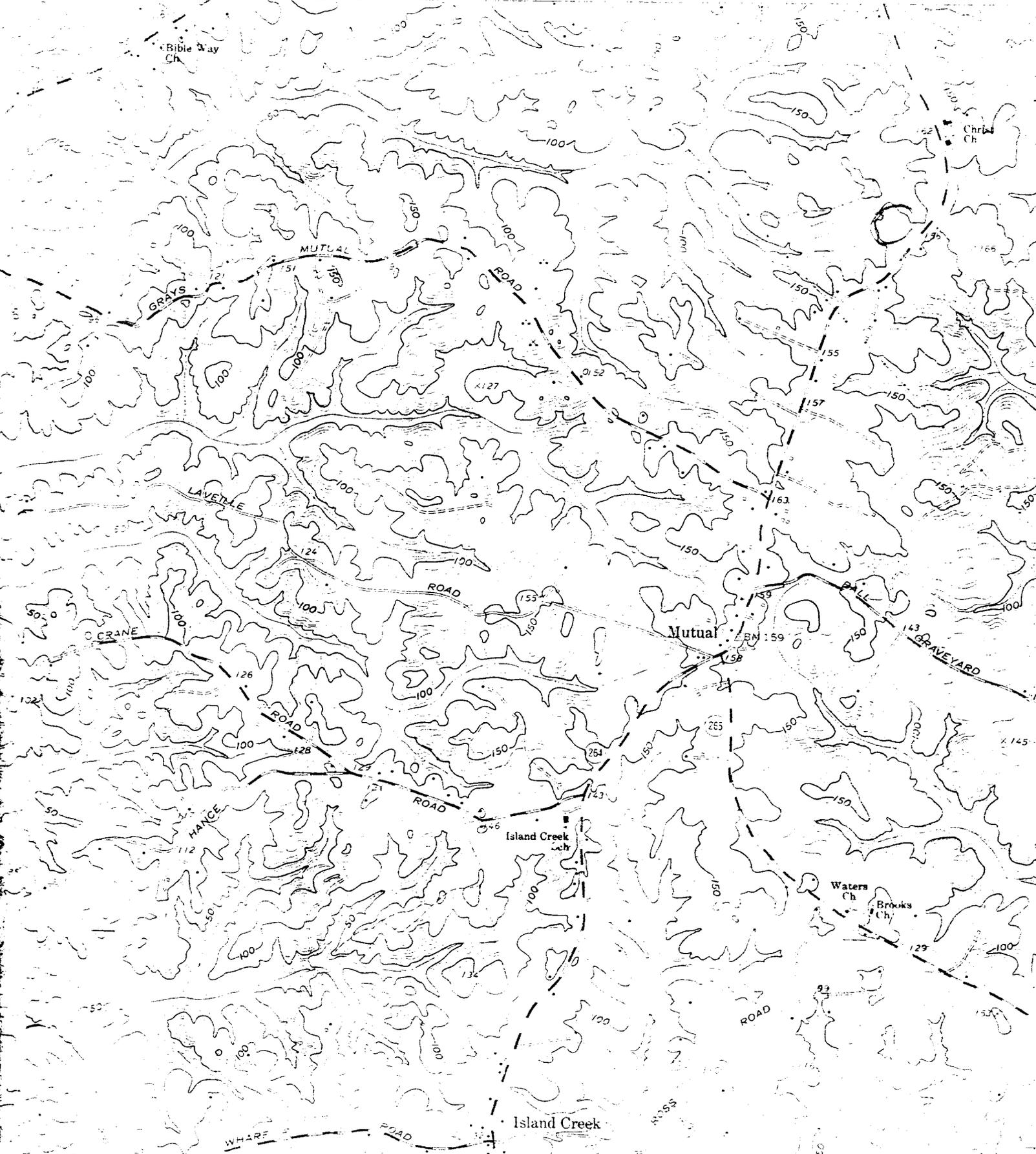
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