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J. FRANK BOWEN FARM
Port Republic 1894
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
J. Frank Bowen Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Parker Creek Road

CITY, TOWN
Port Republic

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Berkman Construction Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: AAH 30/15
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mr. Ollie Bowen will be 89 years old in May, and he has spent most of his life in Port Republic. He was born in the house next to Ben I. Bowen's store, and when he was six years old, his father J. Frank Bowen built the house across the street from his present home. The oldest part of that house was built by his brother Edward c. 1912. Edward L. Bowen operated Ben I. Bowen's store during the 1920's and 1930's.

The house which J. Frank Bowen built in the 1890's was built on an existing farm. The barn on the hill west of the house was already there, as was a "tenant house" which has long since been destroyed. Ollie says that his father built the small barn in the hollow north of the house. J. Frank Bowen's house is of frame construction and is very typical with its cross-gable front facade (East) that is three bays in width with a central entrance. This same side exhibits a 1½ bay porch. The main block is two stories in height and is one bay deep. A single story kitchen addition in the rear (West) gives the building an L-plan.

The symmetrically placed windows are 6/6.

The space heaters which warmed the house were serviced by an interior flue chimney on the north end of the building. A smaller chimney served the same purpose on the west end of the kitchen.

Tobacco Barn:

This is a nine room barn which has 10' tree-post sheds on the west, south, and east sides. The main portion has a post-and-beam frame which utilizes angle braces with open-face dovetail joints that are mortise-and-tenoned and held with trunnels. The members of this heavy frame exhibit vertical saw marks where in the sheds circular sawn materials were seen.

2' studding with nail holes in it suggests that clapboards originally covered the exterior walls.

Early strap hinges have been used as braces for the footing of the southwest corner posts of the shed.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1894 and before BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

NAME / TITLE: Wayne L. Nield, II

ORGANIZATION: Historic Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER: Broomes Island, Maryland 20615

CITY OR TOWN: 586-2050

DATE: Winter 76-77

TELEPHONE

STATE

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

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TITLE

J. Frank Bowen Farm

AAH 30/15, August 23, 1932
-heirs of J. Frank Bowen
Henry W. Burkman and Katherine M. Burkman

GWD 8/132, October 17, 1907
$25\frac{1}{2}$ acres Marsha E. Yoe
J. Frank Bowen

TBT 1/225, November 21, 1892
John and Mattie Cook--J. Frank Bowen
248 acres

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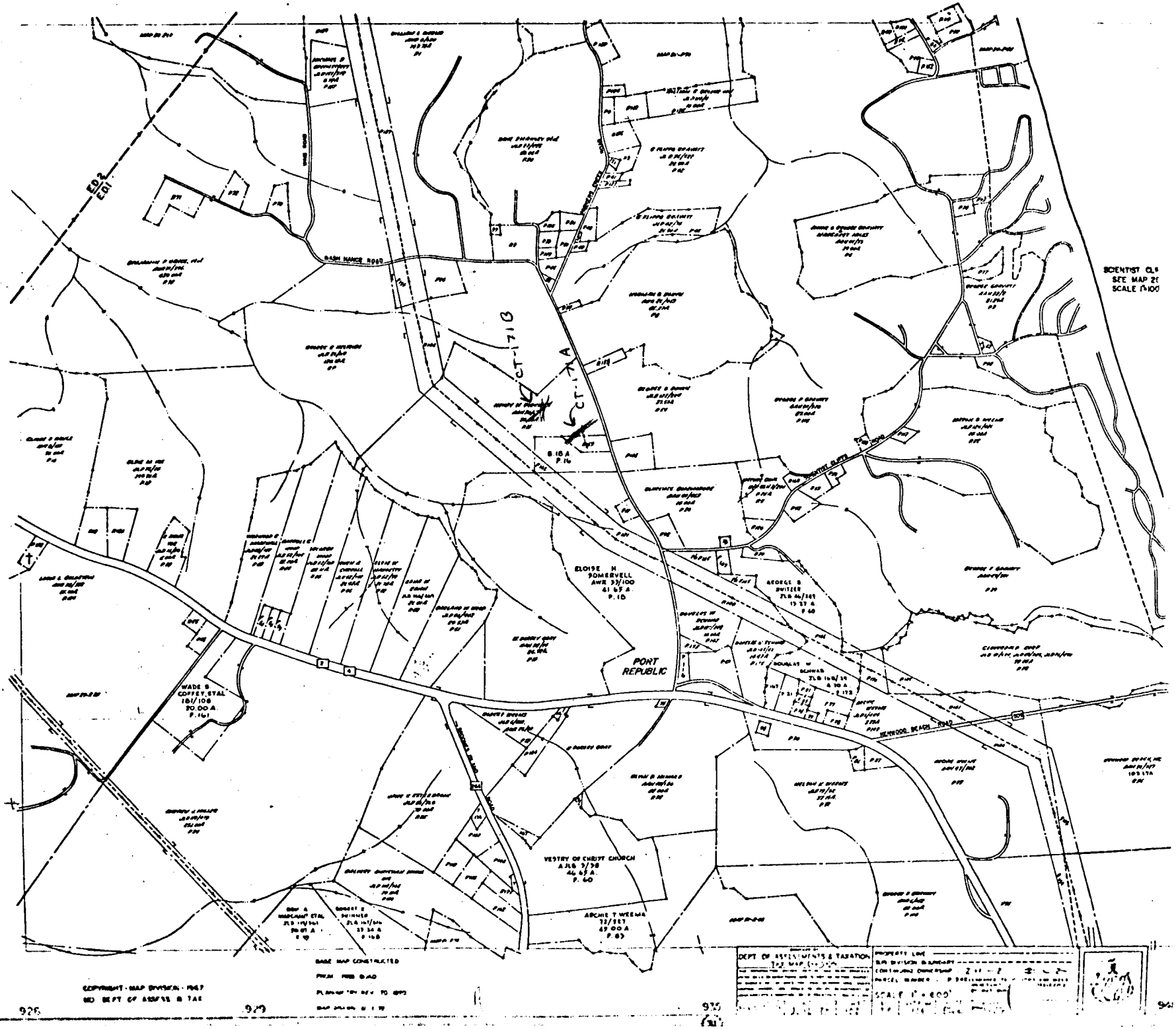

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AWR 33/100
41.65 A.
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PORT REPUBLIC
WADE S. COFFEY, ETAL
181/108
20.00 A.
P. 161
VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH
ARCHIE T. WEEMA
SCIENTIST CLIFFS ROAD
KENWOOD BEACH ROAD
SCIENTIST CL
SEE MAP 2
SCALE 1"=100
DEPT OF ASSESSMENTS & TAXATION
PROPERTY LINE
SUB DIVISION BOUNDARY
CONTINUING OWNERSHIP
PARCEL NUMBER
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MD DEPT OF ASSESS & TAX
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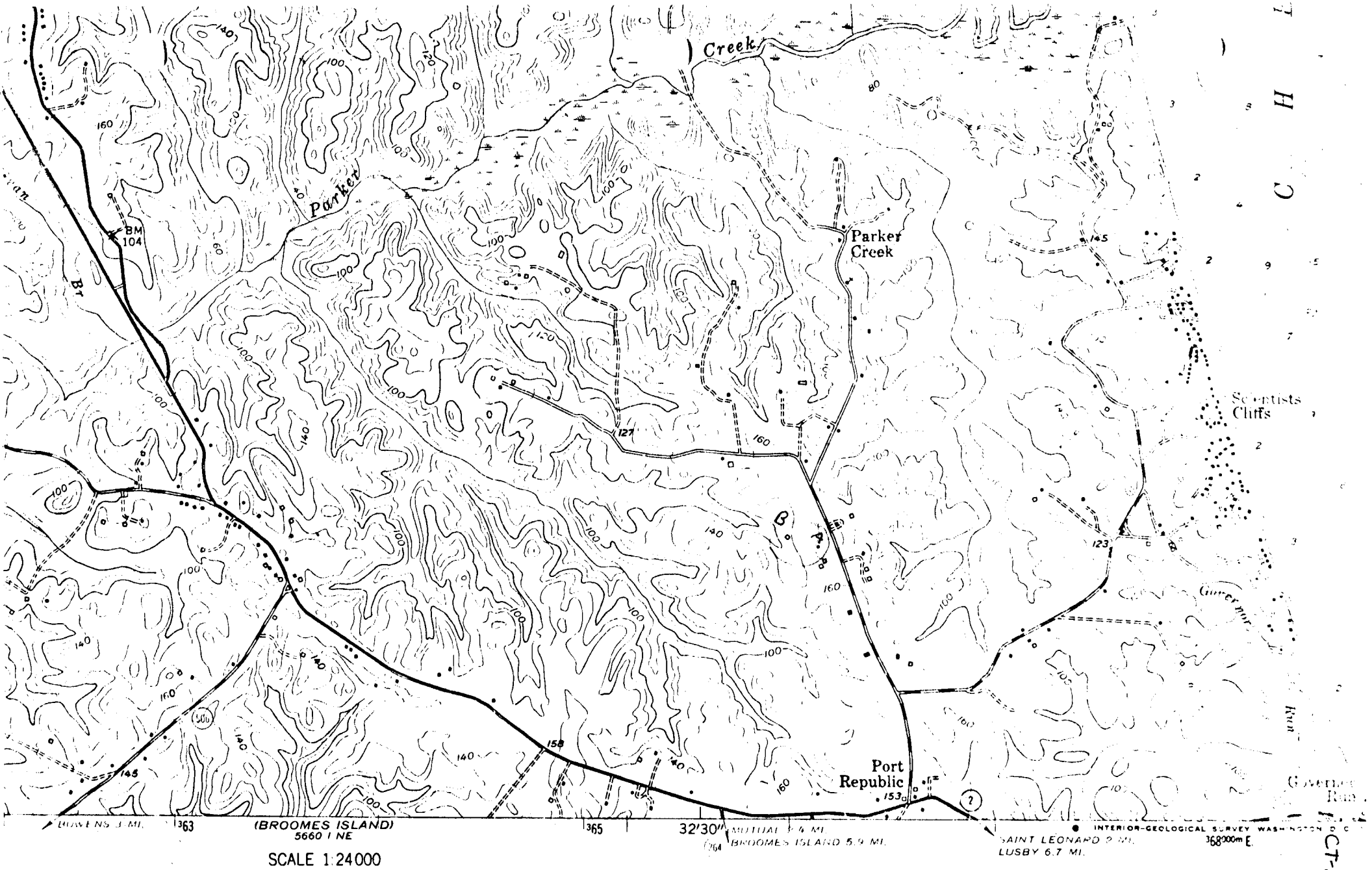

SCALE 1:24000

1 MILE

7000 FEET

1 KILOMETER

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET

DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty — Light-duty

Medium-duty — Unimproved

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