

Name of Property: U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base/Calvert Marina

MIHP Number: CT-800

Location: 14485 Dowell Road

Town/Vicinity: Dowell

Date of Construction: 1942

Access: Public Private

The Calvert Marina is a multiple building complex that encompasses the former U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base. The base operated from 1942-1945, after which the state of Maryland took over ownership before selling it in 1959 for use as a private yacht club and marina. The period of significance for the property is 1942-1945, when the Navy operated a training base there; the Navy was responsible for the WWII-era condemnation on the land and construction of the buildings that make up the complex. Only a small percentage of the original buildings remain and there is new residential development on the east side of the peninsula. Many of the buildings that do remain are in ruins and others have been heavily modified. Overall, the site is no longer intact and does not give an accurate representation of the former training base.

There are approximately 17 remaining structures from the former naval base. The remaining structures include the twin brick sentry houses, several single-story brick utility buildings, modified wood frame commanding officer's quarters, several wood frame warehouses with corrugated metal siding, wood-frame boathouses, a brick brig, several tanks overgrown with vines, a brick boiler house and the brick ruins of several structures including the officers' mess. The boiler house was remodeled as a restaurant.

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base/Calvert Marina Inventory Number: CT-800

Address: 14485 Dowell Road Historic district: yes no

City: Dowell Zip Code: 20269 County: Calvert

USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island

Property Owner: Calvert Marina Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 294 Tax Map Number: 44

Project: MD-4: Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey Agency: Maryland SHA

Agency Prepared By: Hardlines Design Company

Preparer's Name: Maria Gissendanner Date Prepared: 6/4/2009

Documentation is presented in: MHT State Historic Sites Inventory Form CT-800

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Calvert Marina, formerly the Naval Amphibious Training Base, Solomons, was established in 1942 when the Navy purchased 115 acres of the Dowell Peninsula. This purchase included a 55-acre parcel which included an 1809 plantation house, owned by H.H. Hellen; the estate had been in his family since 1840. Hellen was paid \$35,000 for the house and 55 acres. The Navy demolished the house upon acquisition and erected a Colonial Revival-style house, the Commanding Officer's Quarters, in the same location.

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Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

2/23/10
Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

2/26/10
Date

single-story brick utility buildings, the Colonial Revival-style wood-frame commanding officer's quarters, several wood-frame warehouses with corrugated metal siding, wood-frame boathouses, a brick brig, several tanks overgrown with vines, a brick boiler house, and the brick ruins of several buildings including the officers' mess. The boiler house was converted to a restaurant.

HDC NRHP Recommendation: Recommended as not eligible for the NRHP

Criterion A: The U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base is significant as the first amphibious training facility in the country. The station was constructed as a temporary installation and only operated for three years before being turned over to the state of Maryland and converted into a marina. Most of the original buildings have been demolished and not enough of the original layout of the station remains to give an accurate representation of the activities that occurred here and is therefore recommended as not eligible under Criterion A.

Criterion B: No important historical persons were associated with this station and it is recommended as not eligible under Criterion B.

Criterion C: The majority of the resources at the training base have been demolished and many of the remaining buildings have been heavily altered or are in ruins. The buildings were most likely built from standard plans developed by the U.S. Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks and there are likely similar buildings at the Patuxent NAS and the Naval Recreation Area, which were also established around 1942. The complex does not retain enough integrity to be considered eligible as a district and the remaining individual buildings do not possess enough significance to be considered for listing. The Calvert Marina is recommended as not eligible under Criterion C.

Criterion D: The property was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

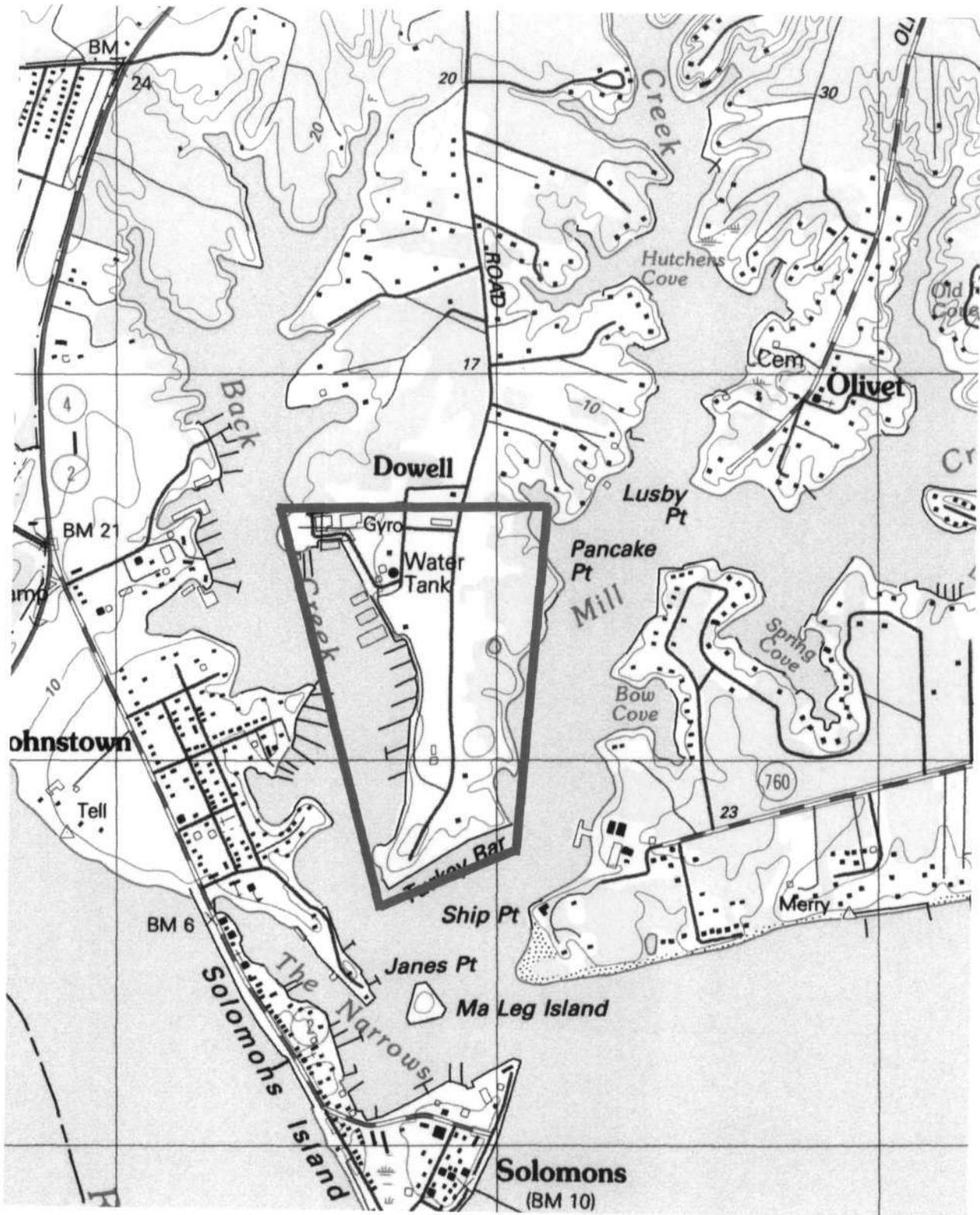
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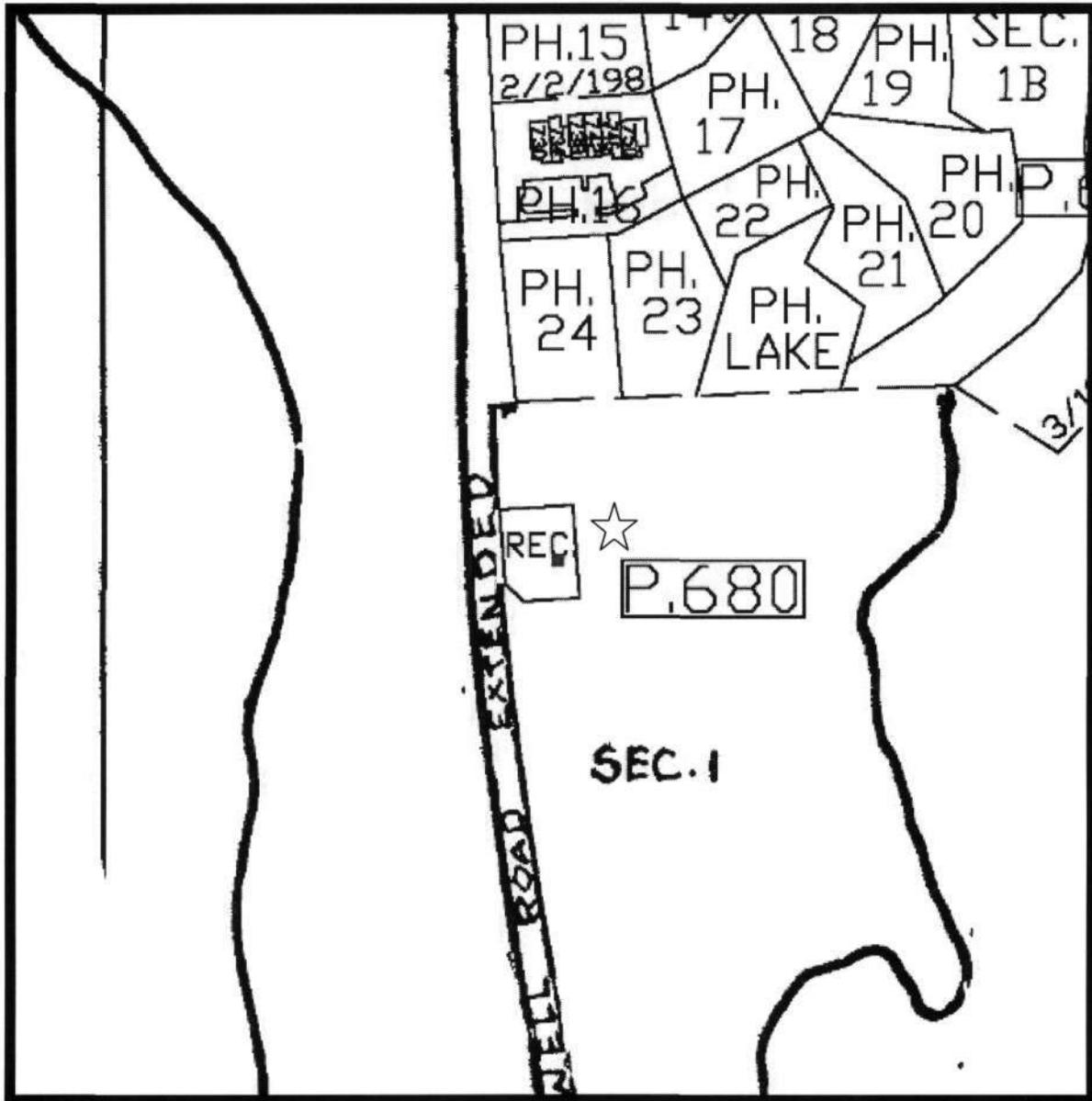
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Solomons Island Quadrangle, Maryland
USGS 7.5' topographic series, 1987



14485 Dowell Road, Calvert Marina, CT-800

Tax Map 44, Parcel 680 (marked by star)

Solomons, Calvert County, Maryland

Source: <http://www.dat.state.md.us/>



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14485 Dowell Road / Calvert Marina

MD-4 Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Gissendanner

May 26, 2009

Maryland SHPO

Facing southeast towards the former Brig building

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14485 Dowell Road / Calvert Marina

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Calvert County, Maryland

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May 20, 2009

Maryland SHPO

Facing southwest towards bathhouses

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MD-4: Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Gissendanner

May 26, 2009

Maryland SHPO

Facing southwest towards warehouses

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14485 Dowell Road / Calvert Marina

MD-41 Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Giissendanner

May 26, 2009

Maryland SHPO

Facing southwest towards gate posts

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THE HARBOUR AT SOLOMONS ISLAND

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14485 Powell Road / Calvert Marina

MD-4 Thomas Johnson Bridge Historic Building Survey

Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Glissendanner

May 26, 2009

Facing northwest towards "Harbours" building

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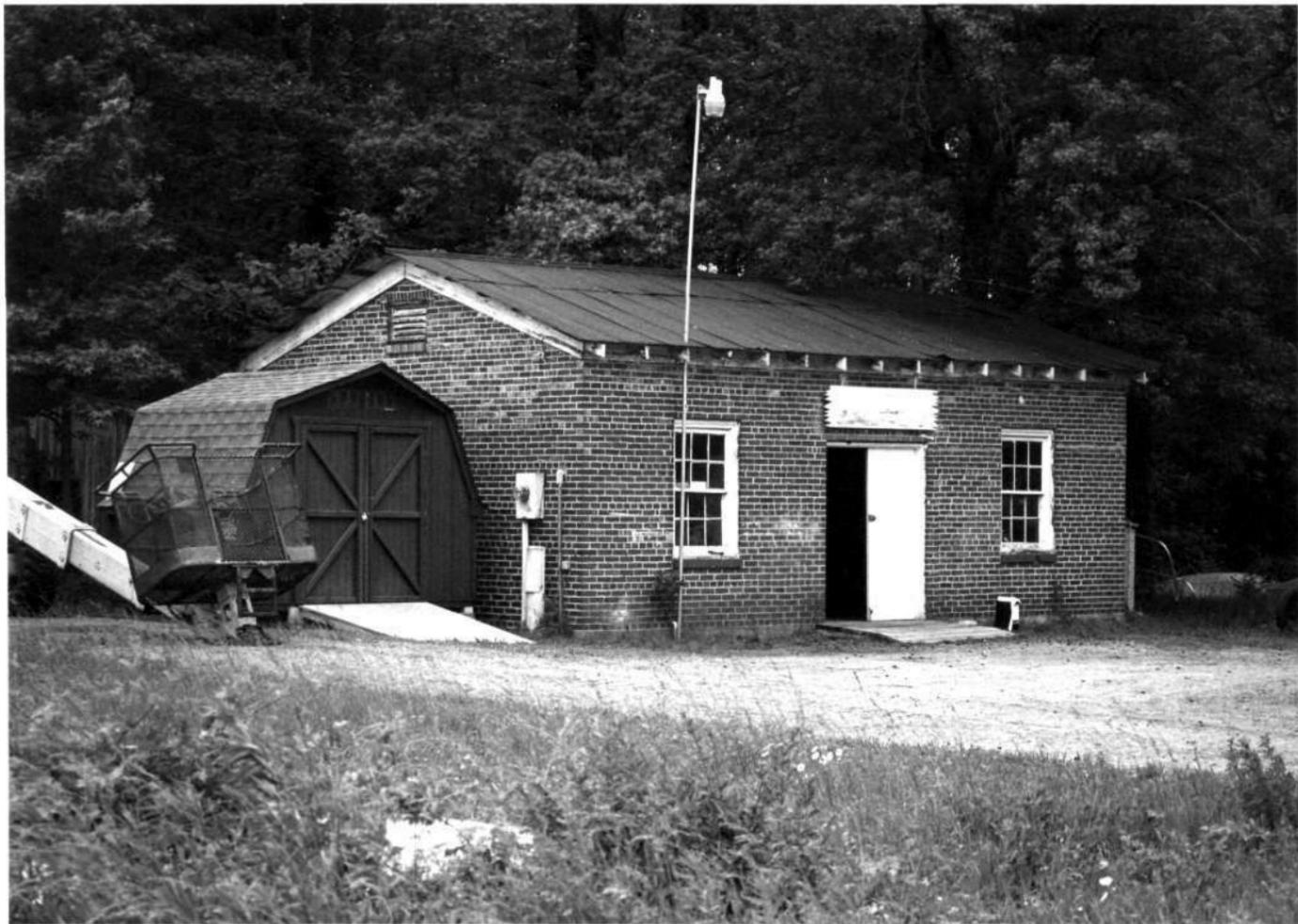
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Maryland SHPO

Facing north towards brick building ruins

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Calvert County, Maryland

Photographer: Maria Grissendanner

May 26, 2009

Maryland SHPO

Facing northeast towards brick utility building
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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base

and/or common Calvert Marina (Lord Calvert Yacht Club)

2. Location

street & number Dowell Road _____ not for publication

city, town Dowell _____ vicinity of _____ 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Calvert Marina c/o Matt Gambrill

street & number P.O. Box 154 _____ telephone no.:

city, town Solomons, _____ state and zip code Maryland 20688

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse _____ liber

street & number Main Street (MD 765) _____ folio

city, town Prince Frederick _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. CT-800

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input 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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Consult attached site plan.

1. Brick sentry boxes and gate.
2. Brick flat-roofed pump house.
3. Framed and weatherboarded bungalow with a gable-end entrance.
4. Framed warehouse covered with vertical boarding and corrugated sheet metal.
5. Three-bay brick utility building with a gable roof.
6. Framed, gable-roofed machine shop sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. The structure has side sheds and clerestory windows.
7. Framed, gable-roofed machine shop sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. The structure has side sheds and clerestory windows.
8. Small framed and gable-roofed well house with six-over-six double-hung sash in domestic sized bays.
9. Warehouse sheathed in corrugated sheet metal.
10. Brick square-plan building with a segmental-arched roof. It was used as a boiler house.
11. Small brick structure surmounted by framed walls fitted with window frames and a gable roof. It was used as a brig.
12. Low one-story brick sterilizing house with a gable roof.
13. Diesel generator sunk into a molded concrete pit and used as a salt water pumping device.
14. Brick chimneys surviving from the original officers' mess.
15. Brick and gable-roofed pump house.
16. Framed and pyramidal-roofed service building.
17. Two-story framed and weatherboarded double-pile five-bay gable-roofed dwelling set on a brick foundation and with brick exterior gable-end chimneys. Built in the 1940s to serve as the commanding officer's quarters. The main entrance is sheltered by a Doric portico with a Greek key motif in the frieze.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 1942, 1945 **Builder/Architect**

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 U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base was established in 1942 to meet the threats posed by the several fronts of World War II. Training at this facility emphasized the skills necessary for ship-to-shore landings on hostile territory, the sorts of invasions expected for Europe and in islands of the Pacific. Selection of the peninsula between Mill Creek and Back Creek for the military training facility was confirmed on June 11, 1942. The base was needed and in use long before it was completed, and despite its importance to the war effort, it never lost its temporary character. Facilities were apparently always inadequate for the quantity of people and variety of functions accommodated. It was closed on April 1, 1945. A total of 67,698 officers and enlisted men had been trained during a less-than three-year span.

For several years after the ATB was closed, the State of Maryland used the site and the buildings for a variety of purposes. The property was offered for sale by the State in 1959, and has been operated as a private yacht club and marina since that time.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CT-800

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Solomons Island, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Camille Wells

organization MHT/Calvert Planning Department date 9/30/86

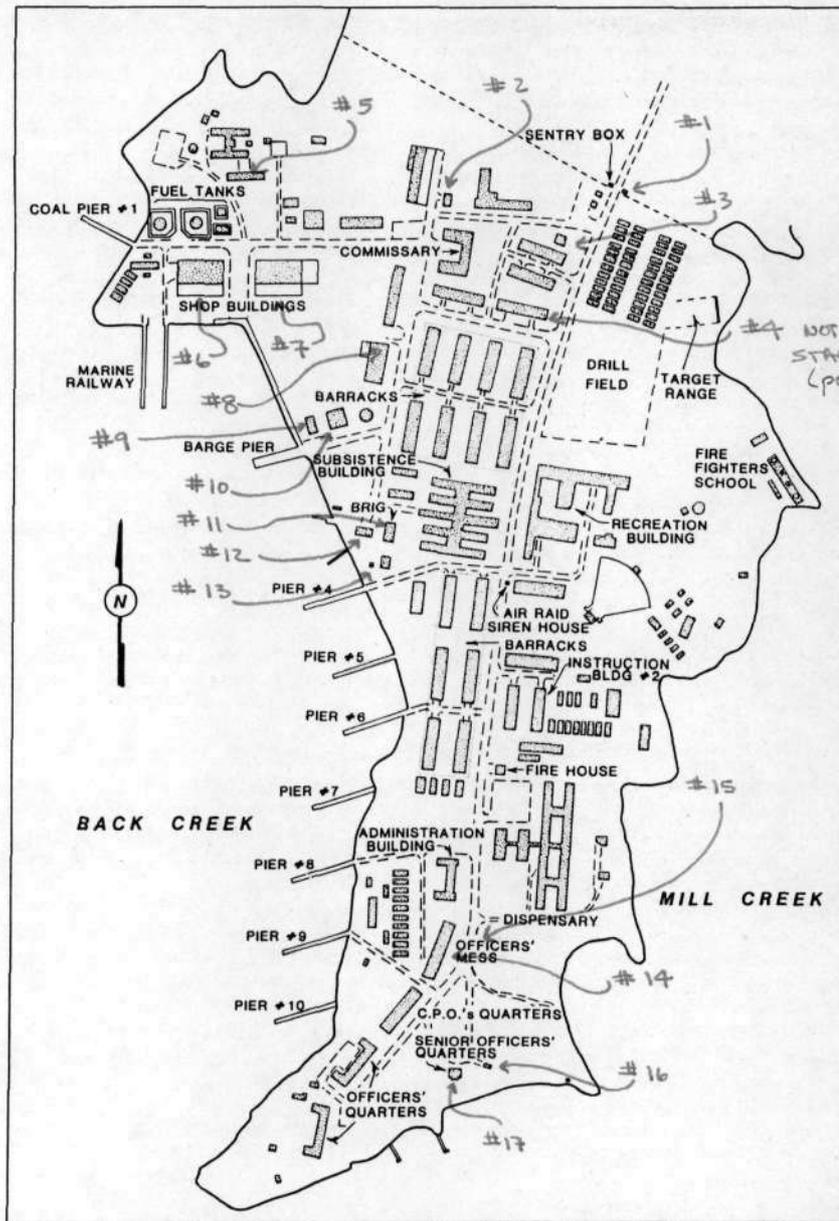
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city or town Prince Frederick state Maryland 20678

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Adapted from "Map of Amphibious Training Base, Solomons, MD., Showing Conditions on June 30, 1945, P.W.D. No. 1185," Public Works Div., Potomac River Naval Command.

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DOWELL ROAD

ST JOHN CREEK

BACK CREEK

ALONDRALE

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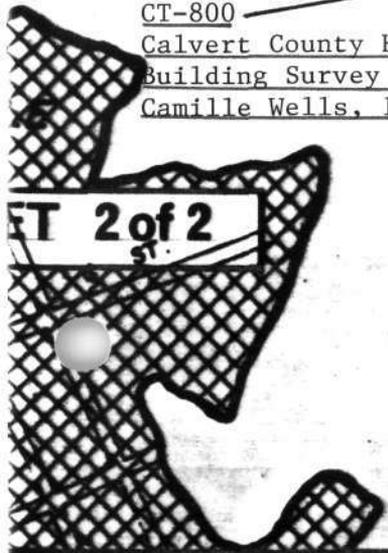
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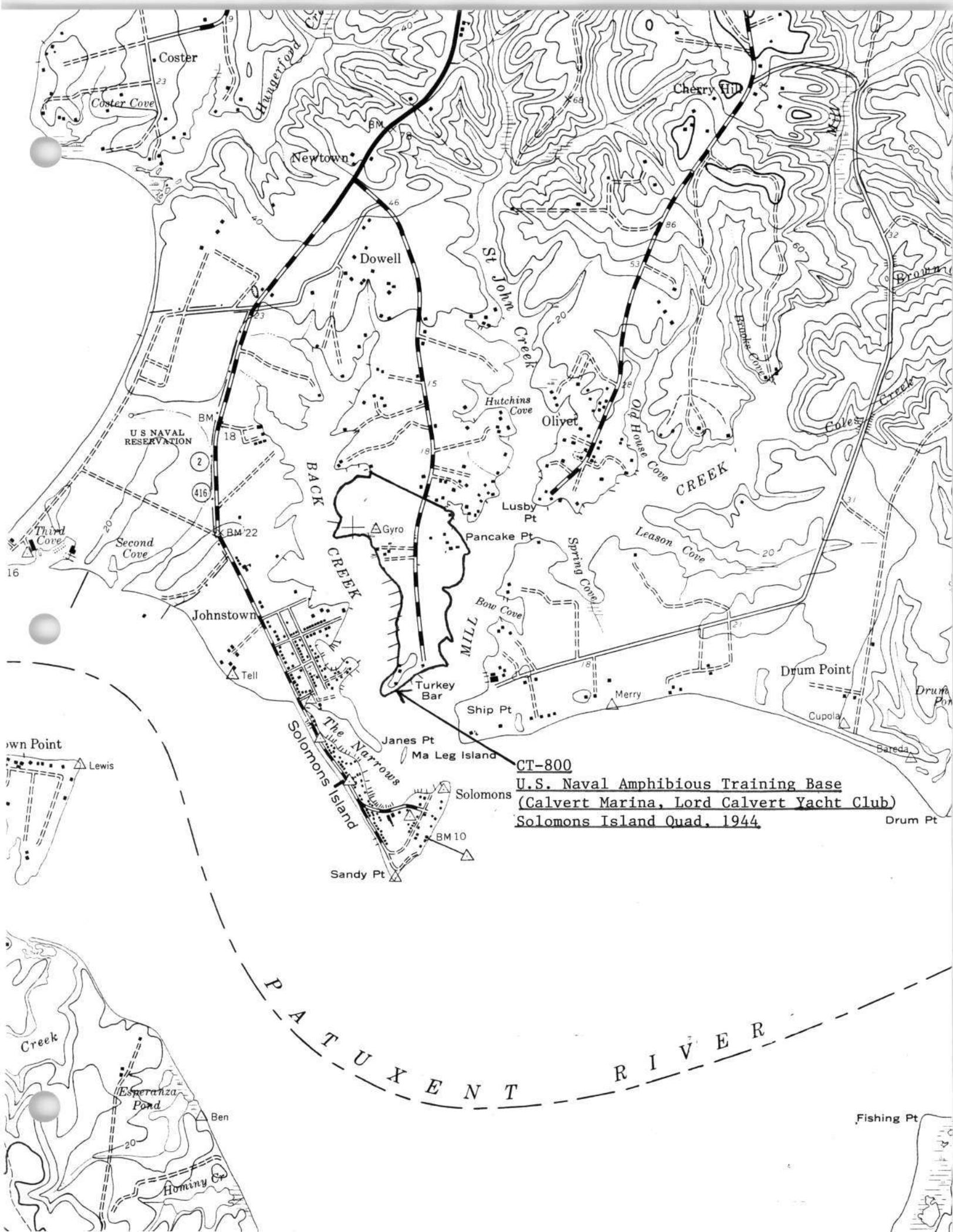
ST. JOHN CREEK

BACK CREEK

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(Calvert Marina, Lord Calvert Yacht Club)
Solomons Island Quad, 1944

U S NAVAL RESERVATION

Johnstown

The Narrows
Solomons Island

PATUXENT RIVER

Coster

Newtown

Dowell

Cherry

St John Creek

Old House Creek

BACK CREEK

CREEK

Second Cove

Third Cove

Hutchins Cove

Olivet

Lusby Pt

Pancake Pt

Spring Cove

Leason Cove

BM 22

Gyro

Turkey Bar

Ship Pt

Merry

Drum Point

own Point

Lewis

Janes Pt

Ma Leg Island

Solomons

Sandy Pt

Drum Pt

Creek

Esperanza Pond

Ben

Hominy Cr

Fishing Pt



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Hoopers

Coster

Neck

Newton

Cherry Hill

Eastern Ch Cem

Gravel Pit

NAVAL AIR TEST CENTER
(PATAXENT RIVER)

Boat Ramp
Heliport

Johnstown

Dowell

Gyro
Water Tank

Lusby Pt

Pancake Pt Mill

Olivet

Creek

Drum Point

Solomons Island

Ma Leg Island
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U.S. Naval Amphibious Training Base
(Calvert Marina, Lord Calvert Yacht Club)

Solomons Island Quad, 1987

Solomons
(BM 10)

Sandy
Sandy Pt

Drum Pt
Li

PATAXENT RIVER

Fishing Point



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Training Base
gate and sentry boxes
Dowell Road
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the south

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Training Base

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Dowell Road
Solomons

Camille Wells
view from the southwest

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commanding officer's quarters
Dowell Road
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Camille Wells
view from the north

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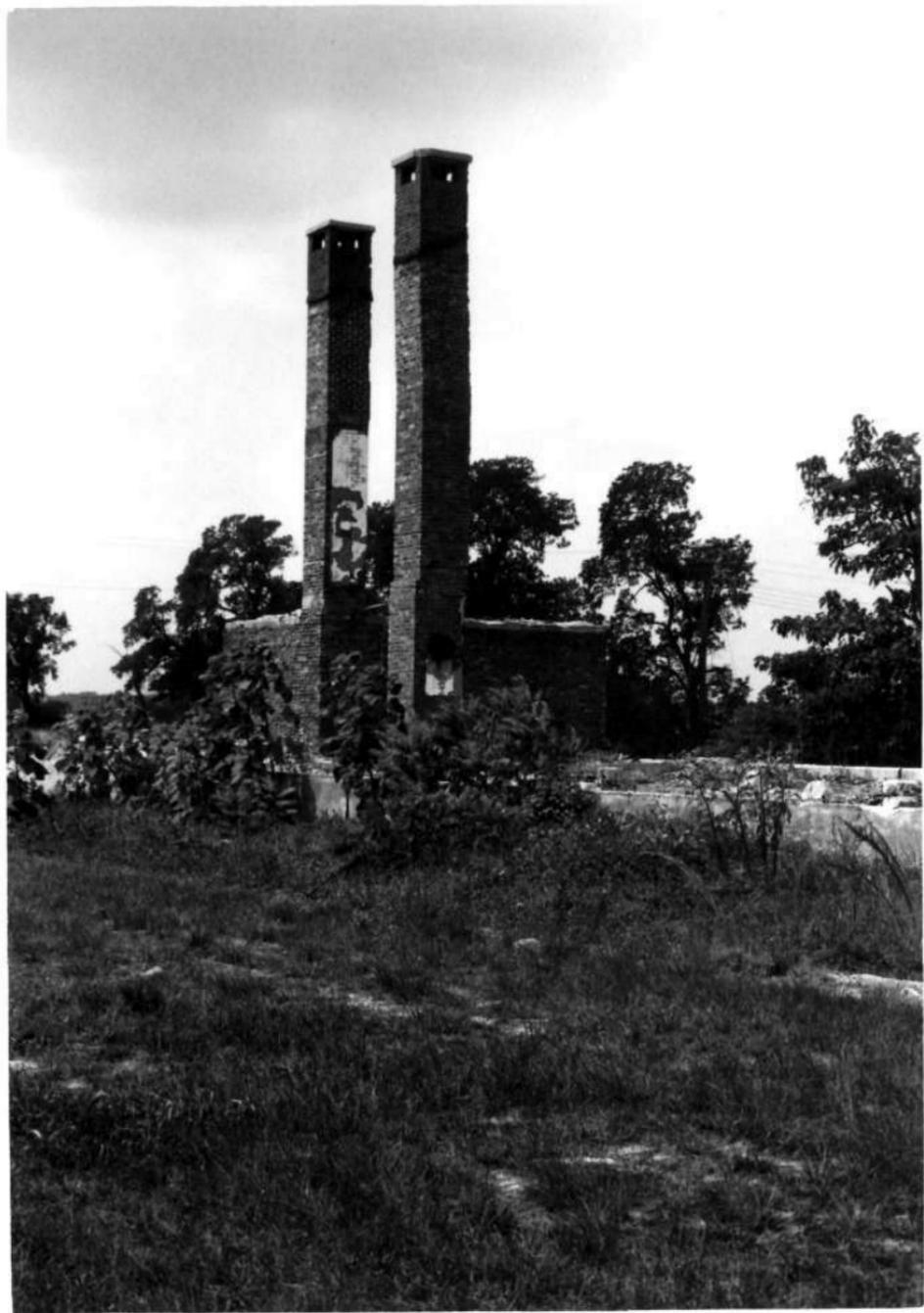


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machine shops
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officers' mess
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