CAPSULE SUMMARY CT-1123

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DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cleary/Ward Barn A

2. Location

street & number Chaneyville Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk x vicinity of Chaneyville congressional district

state MD county Calvert

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	x agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	x unoccupied	___ commercial	___ parl.
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	x other: storage

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

name Frank Cleary

street & number telephone no.: 257-9490

city, town Lower Marlboro state and zip code MD 20736

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 MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

See Attachment.

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	X agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **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.

See Attachment.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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 Tora Williamsen-Berry

organization c/o Calvert County Historic District Commission Dept. of Planning and Zoning

date June 30, 1990

street & number Courthouse

telephone 535-1600

city or town Prince Frederick

state MD

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7. DESCRIPTION CT-1123

Cleary/Ward barn A is located on what used to be the Kenneth Ward farm. The farm is on Chaneyville road, approximately four miles from its intersection with highway four. At the point where the road makes a ninety degree turn, one must stop driving. The barn is then reached by hiking approximately one mile down an old farm road that leads west to the river bottom. The barn is near the river on a flat plain and is oriented on an east-west axis. There are other barns nearby, all of which are associated with the farm of Alan Swann. The barn uses modern construction materials and techniques. It is divided by two internal rows of posts into three separate aisles. The barn measures forty-eight by thirty feet and has double doors along all sides. The main doors are on the gable ends and lead into the central aisle.

The barn is divided into eight and six foot bays. The doors on the north and south side, measure eight feet wide, and are located slightly west of center. The double doors on the east and west sides are twelve feet wide and are centered exactly. Two rows of internal posts lead from these doorposts to the other side of the barn. The frame of the barn is supported on poured concrete piers. The materials are all circular sawn and nailed with wire nails. The posts are mortised and nailed.

The walls are covered with plain vertical wall siding with side-hinged ventilation doors. There are eight ventilation doors on the north and south sides, and two on the east and west. The roof has shingle nailers underneath the standing seam metal covering. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two, two by six inch timbers nailed together and the posts are mortised and nailed to this top plate. There are four windbraces, one on each diagonal, and four collars that support the roof. There are four levels of tier poles to the tie beam. The first level has been removed, the second is of peeled logs, and the third and fourth are circular sawn timbers. There are two rows of posts down the central axis. Each post is separated by four feet horizontal distance. These posts are half-lapped against the tie beams. Brackets have been placed inside notches cut into these posts, and the tier poles are supported on these brackets.

There is a partially underground stripping room built into the southeast corner of the barn. This stripping room measures twenty-four by twelve feet. It is floored three feet three inches above the surface of the ground in the barn, and is excavated three feet below ground. Stairs lead down into it from its northwest corner. There are three exterior windows on the south side, and one on the east side. A cyclone door is built into the floor above the stripping room. This door allows tobacco to be passed from the barn into the stripping room with ease. There is no evidence of any heating. Portions of hogsheads remain.

8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1123

Cleary/Ward barn A is architecturally significant as a representative of tobacco barns built during the early-mid twentieth century. The materials used are by and large still being used today. However, a few elements are indicative of its early twentieth century date. Chief among these is the plan. Although the barn has essentially an axial plan, with three aisles dividing the barn along the same axis as the roof, there are the remnants of a cross-aisle in the eight foot wide doors centered along the facades. The area spanned by this eight foot wide aisle in the interior of the barn is not interrupted by any posts. Another element indicating the early-mid twentieth century date of this barn are the shingle nailers underneath the metal roof. The partially underground concrete block stripping room is typical of barns of twentieth-century construction, and may indicate that the date of the barn is closer to ca. 1930 than 1900.

This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

The barn has not undergone many significant architectural changes. The main change has been the removal of the shingled roof and its replacement with a metal roof. The most significant changes to the barn have been in its use. According to Mr. Cleary, this barn is located on what was previously the Kenneth Ward farm, and was here when he purchased the property in 1971. The barn is currently being used for storage of hay bales, and tobacco is no longer grown on the property.

#2096 - CT 1123 - Cleary/Ward Barn - Frank Cleary current owner, was the Kenneth Ward Farm. Directions: highway 4 to Chaneyville Rd., located next to the river. JDB Recorder. Private Ownership, occupied for hay storage. Unaltered, original site, good condition.

The barn is located on what used to be the Kenneth Ward farm. The barn is near the river on a flat plain and is oriented on an east-west axis. The frame of the barn is supported on poured concrete piers. The materials are all circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The posts are the only mortised timber. The walls are covered with plain vertical wall siding with side-hinged ventilation doors. There are eight ventilation doors on the north and south sides and two on the east and west. The roof has shingle nailers underneath the standing seam metal. The rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. The top plate is formed of two two by six inch timbers nailed together and the posts are mortised and nailed to this top plate. There are four windbraces, one on each diagonal and four collars that support the roof. There are four levels of tier poles to the tie beam. The first level has been removed, the second is peeled logs, the third and fourth are circular sawn timbers. There are two rows of posts down the central axis. Each post is separated by four feet horizontal distance. The posts are half-lapped with the tie beams. Brackets have been placed inside notches cut into these posts and the tier poles are supported on these brackets.

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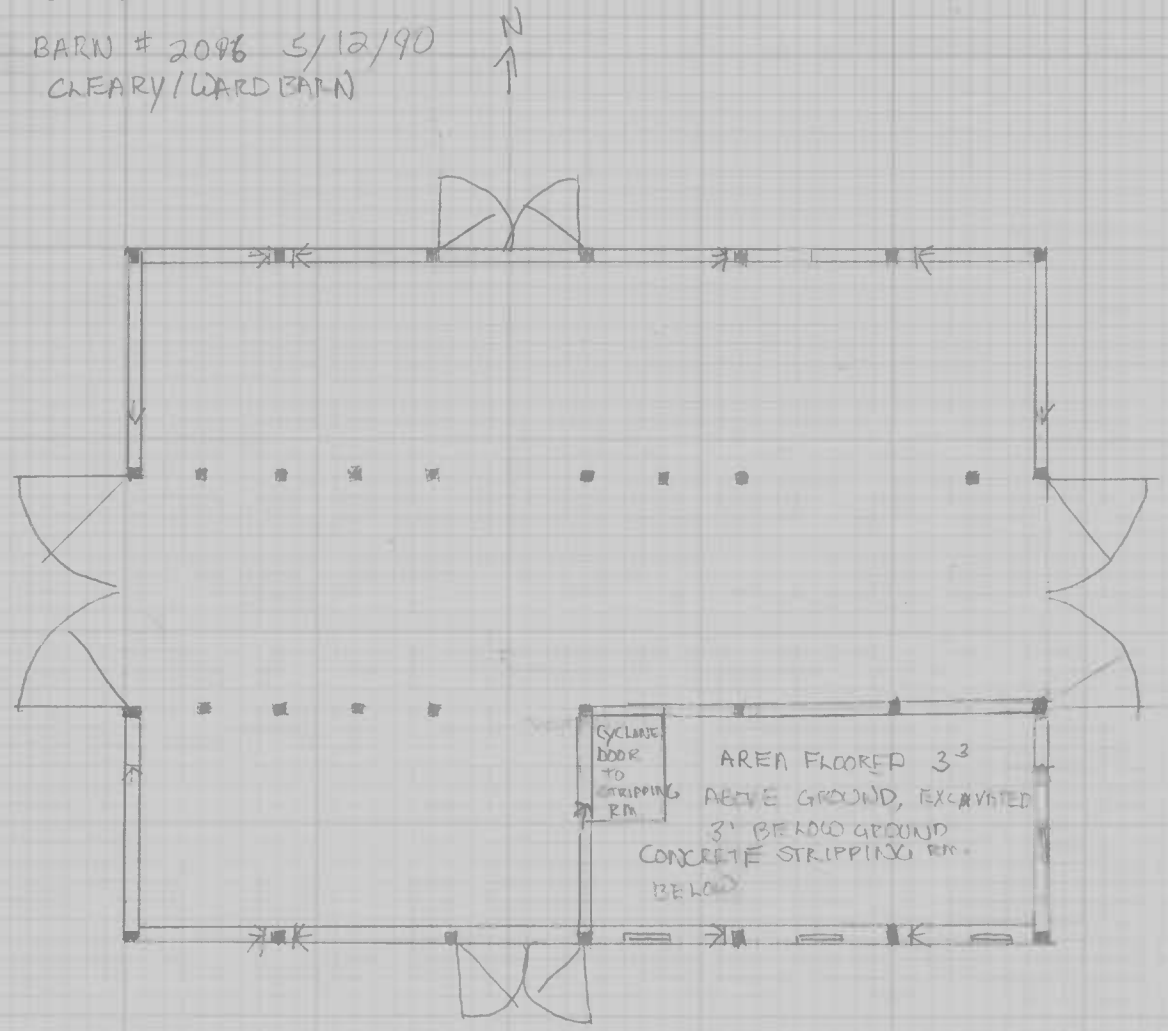

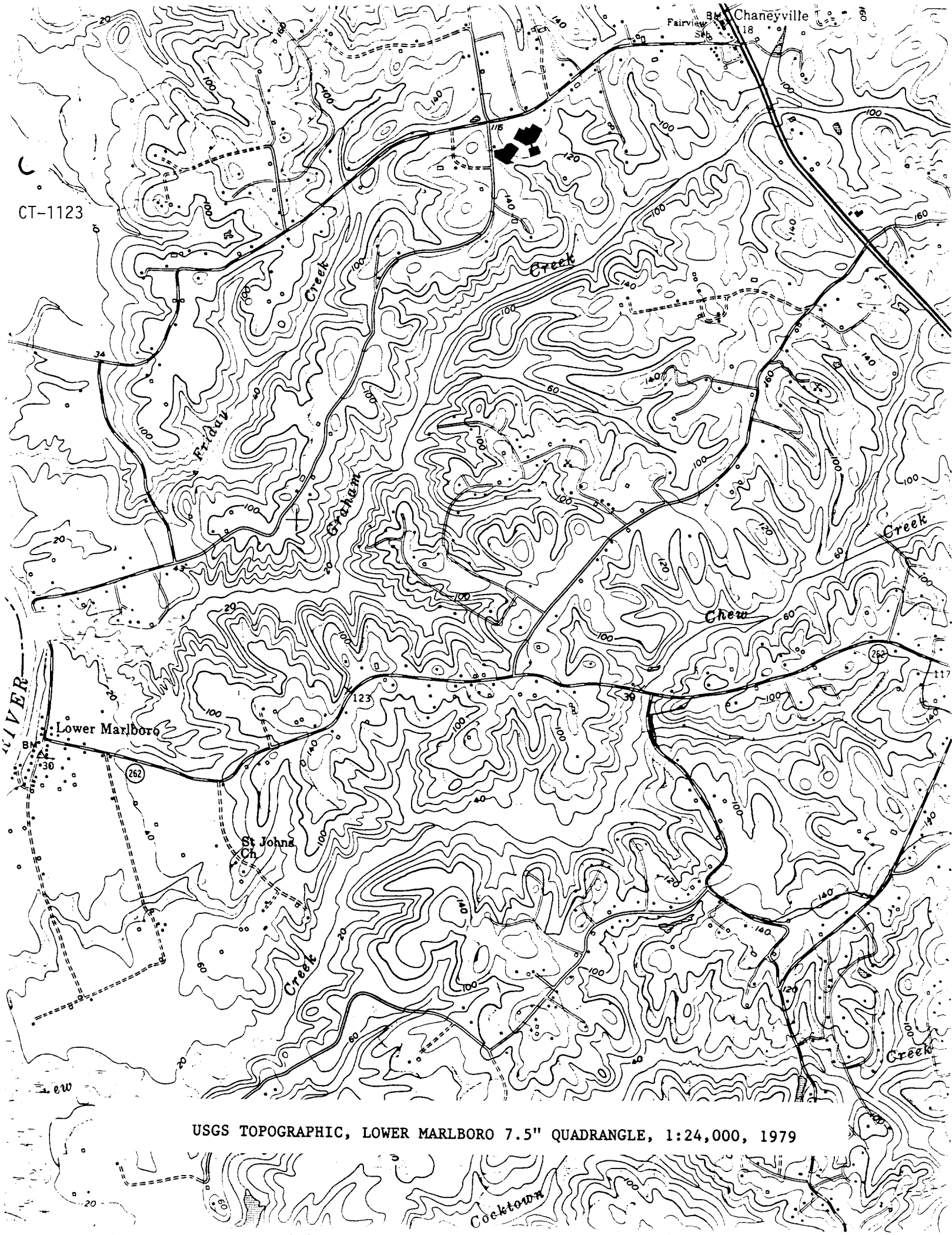

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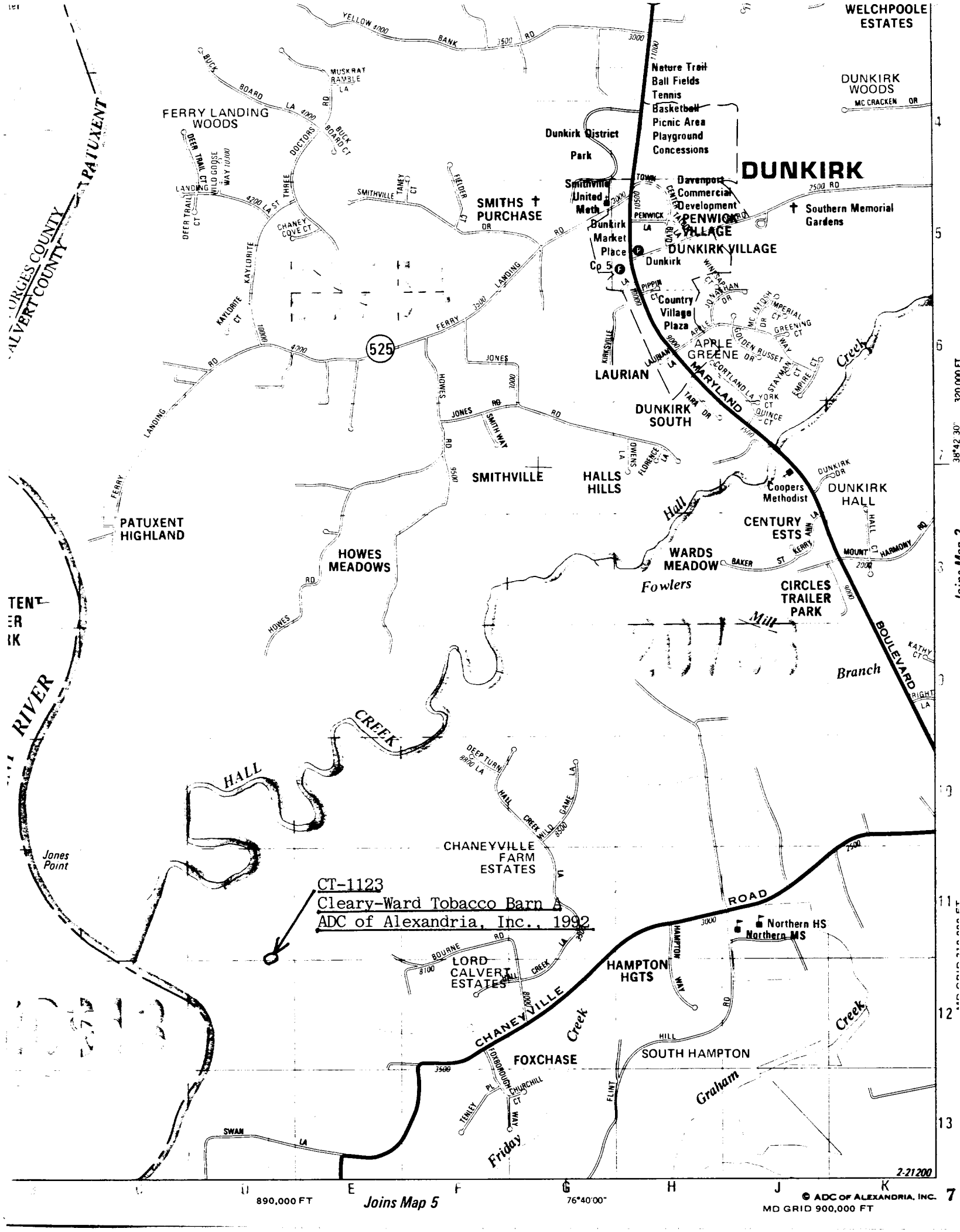
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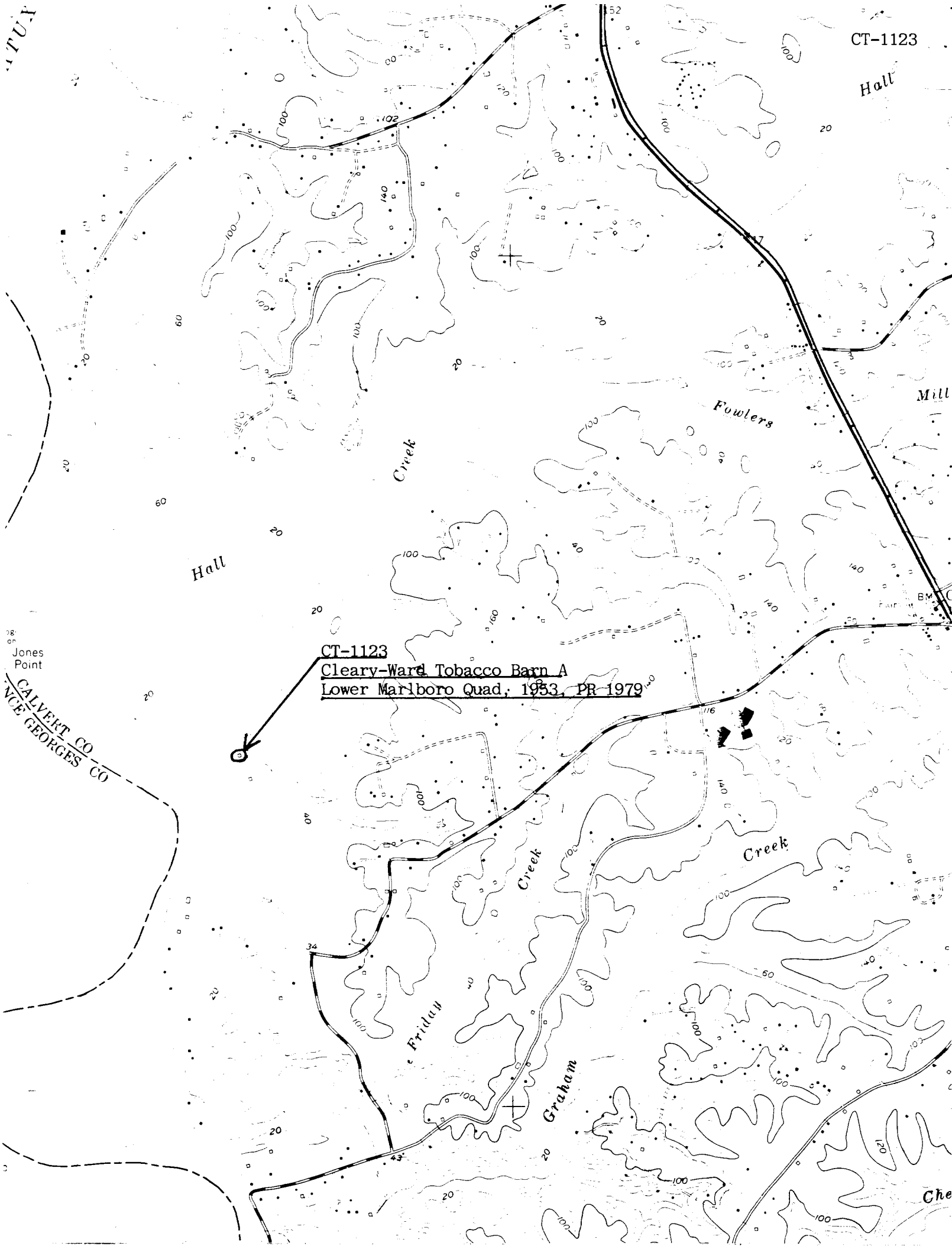
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