

CAPSULE SUMMARY (CT - 1137):

Whitehall Barn A is an interesting example of an early- to mid- 19th century tobacco barn. It's smaller size, raised cross-sill, and unusual plan do make it stand out somewhat. The additions made to barn in the 20th century speak of the expansion of tobacco production at that time. This barn certainly adds to our understanding of the change in agricultural practises during the past 150 years.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT - 117

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whitehall Barn 'A'

and/or common Eisenman Barn 'A'

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Off Maryland Route 4 on Yellow Bank Road

 not for publication

city, town Dunkirk

 vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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"/> 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 Mary and Dick Eisenman

street &amp; number Maryland Route 4

telephone no.:

city, town Dunkirk

state and zip code MD 20754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

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street &amp; 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

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

### Check one

unaltered  
 altered

### Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

(see attached Description)

**1. Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**2. Location** \_\_\_\_\_  
**3. Classification**

<input type="checkbox"/> museum	<input type="checkbox"/> school	<input type="checkbox"/> office	<input type="checkbox"/> residence	<input type="checkbox"/> other
<input type="checkbox"/> park	<input type="checkbox"/> church	<input type="checkbox"/> public building	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> farm
<input type="checkbox"/> private residence	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> religious	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> religious	<input type="checkbox"/> historical	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> utility
<input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> other	<input type="checkbox"/> other

**4. Owner of Property** \_\_\_\_\_  
**5. Location of Legal Description** \_\_\_\_\_  
**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys** \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_





7. DESCRIPTION (CT-1137):

Whitehall, or Eisenman Barn 'A' is located on the west side of Maryland Route 4. The barn is associated with a surrounding farm owned by the Eisenman family. Dunkirk Regional Park lies directly to the south. The farm dates to the early 19th century, (although the present house was built circa 1850) and includes three other tobacco barns, two rental houses, and a polling house which was moved to the property.

The 32 x 24 barn (original section) and 16 x 32 south shed were probably constructed at the same time, circa 1830-1860; materials include hewn timbers and fully mature, machine-cut nails. The barn's length is divided into four eight-foot bays (eight four-foot rooms). Doorways are along the north, east and west walls. Eight foot double doors are centered (east removed when the barn was extended) along the east and west walls. The eight foot north door is located just east of center. Interesting features include large, miocene fossil and wood block piers; a raised cross sill, and two small windows in the west gable. Doors on the south, north and west sides of the shed provide entry into the barn. Additions to the east end included a 16 x 24 foot barn extension, and a 16 x 16 foot shed. An original southern shed had hewn, in-ground posts, but no sills. The shed and barn extensions have circular sawn sills cut out at the doorways. Major differences include a standing seam and corrugated metal roof (unlike the original section's shingle roof). Timbers are also circular sawn and smaller than the hewn ones. Wire nails and toe-nailed carpentry techniques also differ from earlier styles. In spite of the differences in materials and techniques, the bay and nailer systems are remarkably similar.

8. SIGNIFICANCE (CT - 1137):

Whitehall or Eisenman Barn 'A' is representative of antebellum barns in Calvert County. The 32 x 24 foot measurements are regularly encountered, but occur most frequently in the older structures. The plan of this barn is rather unusual, however, as the transverse plan is not readily apparent. Its association with a mid-19th century house and farm heightens its significance. Directed historical research may help interpret the changes in construction techniques, materials, and agricultural practices that have occurred in the past 160 years.

Historic Period Theme(s): agriculture, tobacco

Geographic Organization: Western Shore, Chesapeake Bay, Calvert County

Chronological/Developmental Period: 1830-present

Resource Type(s): tobacco barn

This structure was originally constructed as a roughly rectangular 32 x 24 foot air-cured tobacco barn with a 32 x 16 shed on its southern side. Sometime after 1880, and possibly as late as 1900, both the barn and shed were extended 16 feet to the east.

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Private	Occupied
PJM, TW recorders	Good weather/65
Original site	Altered
Good condition	East-west axis

Vertical siding

Original shingle roof replaced by combination standing seam/corrugated metal sheets.

No evidence for flue-curing

Miocene fossil piers and wood block support system

Original hewn materials (posts, down braces, et cetera) and pit sawn

Raised cross-sill at second tier pole level (8 x 11 inch, hewn)

Fully-mature machine-cut nails

Two small windows in west gable of barn, not clear whether matching pair originally in east gable.

Tie beams lapped over plate, NO FALSE PLATE on south side where there is an original shed.

Common rafter roof on 4' centers, windbraces at opposite angles on north side. None on south side. 3 collars and king posts

Peeled log tier poles, ran through holes cut into center posts.

Vertical distance 44".

Horizontal screw prize in south shed, no marks.

East end of barn is an addition on poured concrete piers, circular sawn timbers. Plate is two 2 x 6's joined to form right angle. angled queen posts. One side-hinged, single-plank ventilation door per bay on east side.

South shed materials are all like the barn. Tie beams scarfed to original barn tie beams and also lapped over the plate.

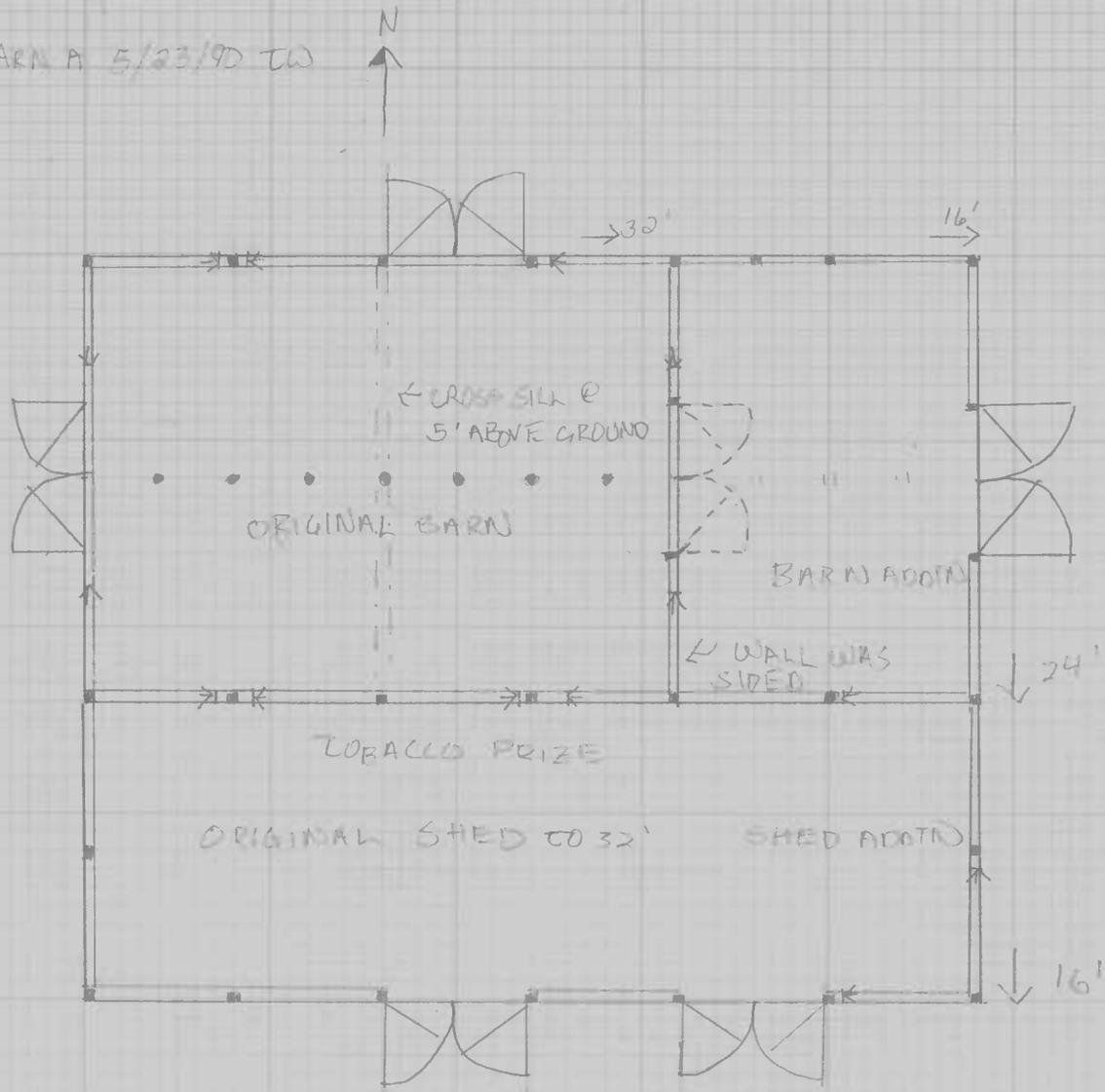
No evidence for siding on the south side

Consistent with findings for original shed location.

Posts originally earthfast, but presently supported by concrete.

Old Buick stored in east shed.

EISENMAN BARN A 5/23/90 TW  
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890,000 FT

Joins Map 1 76°4'00"

900,000 FT

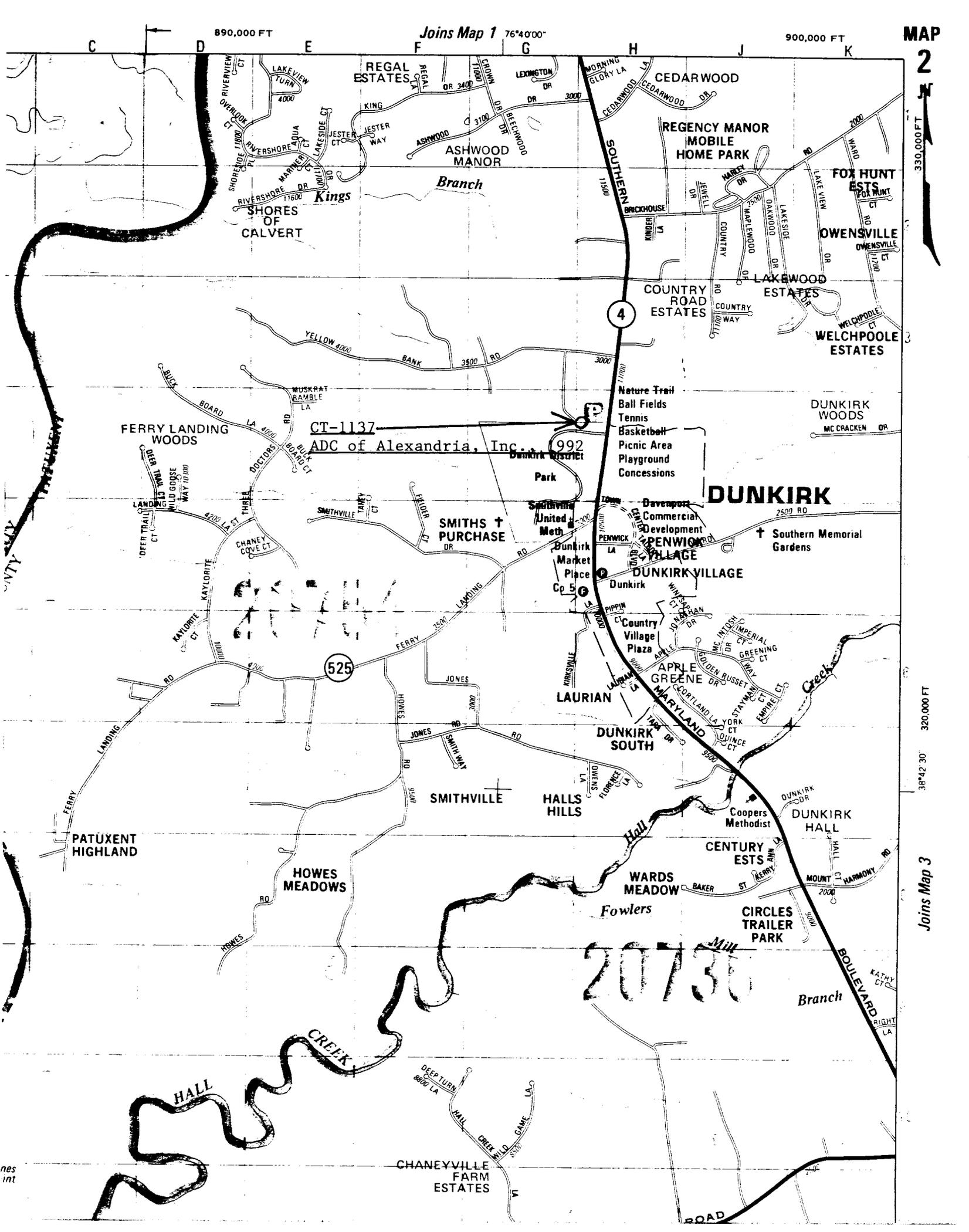
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330,000 FT

320,000 FT

38°42'30"

Joins Map 3

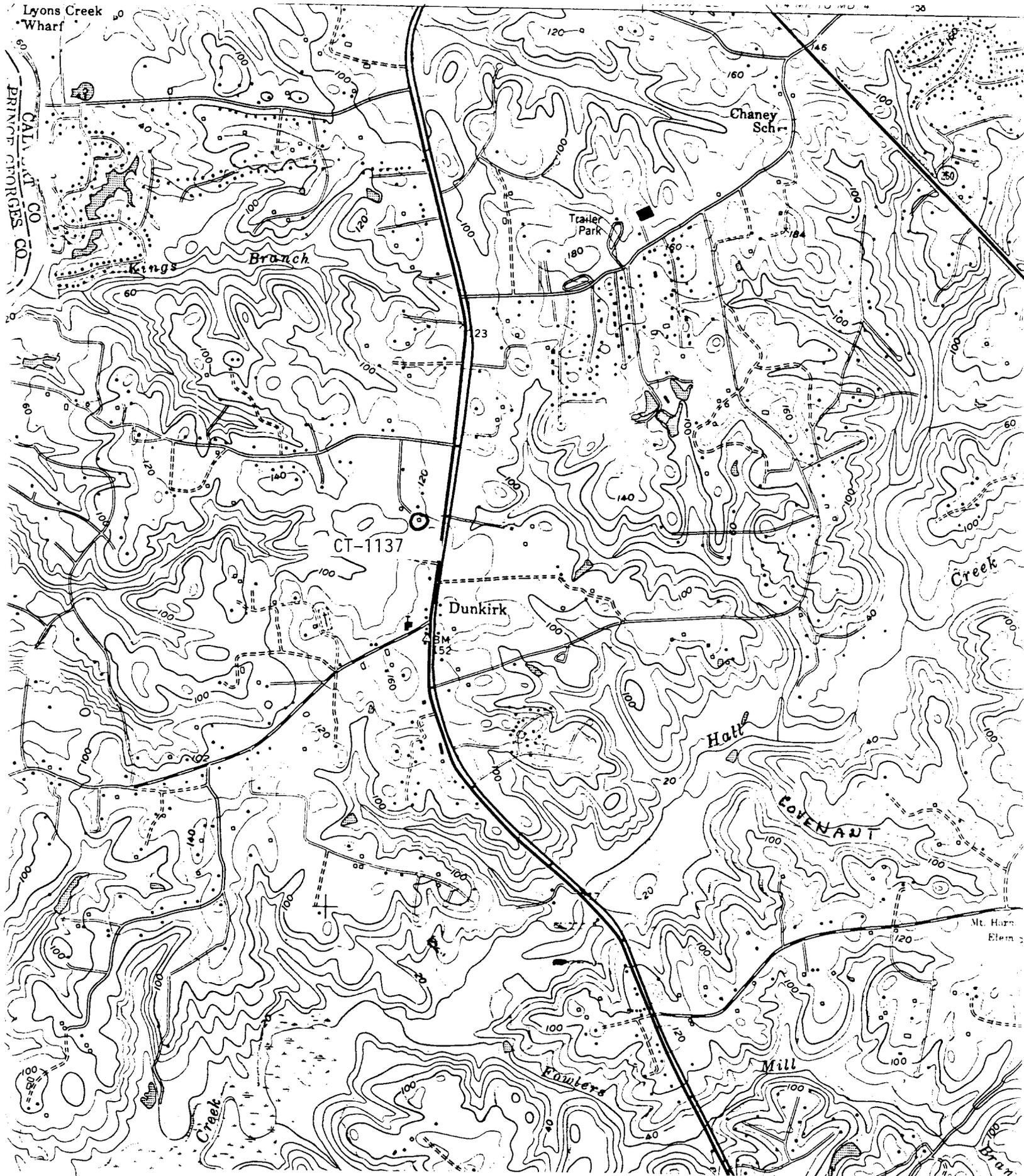


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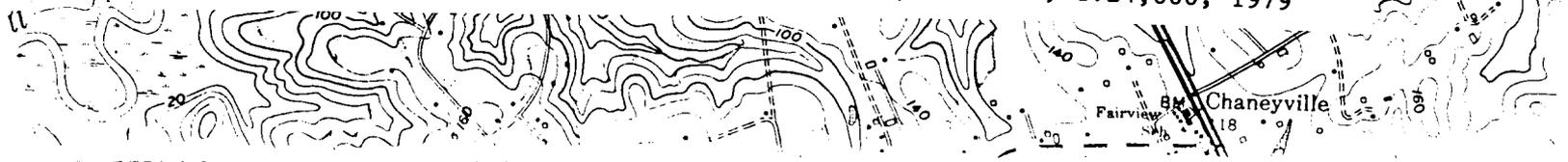
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USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979





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Eisenman 'A'

Dunkirk,

Town of Dunkirk

southeast

May, 1990