SM-1D Mulberry Fields Carriage House Constructed Fall-Winter, 1837

This small outbulding has a mortised and tenoned, braced, box frame; tie beams that supported jettied flat false plates; and a roof of collar-coupled, common rafters. All original scantlings are pit-sawn from hewn baulks. Posts, studs, and braces are oak. Most upper members are poplar. The roof is lathed on 6 inch centers for shingles. The walls may have been enclosed with riven boards. One post displays a nail hole pattern of single nails on 8 to 5 inch centers. At first, the building measured 18 by 12 ft. Sometime after its shingle cover had been renewed at least once, the building was extended with a 9 foot wide shed. The original function of the building is unknown. The carriage doors intrude the diagonal wall bracing.

The construction of this building follows two years of excellent wheat prices, an important crop of this Potomac plantation.

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APPENDIX

Building Descriptions

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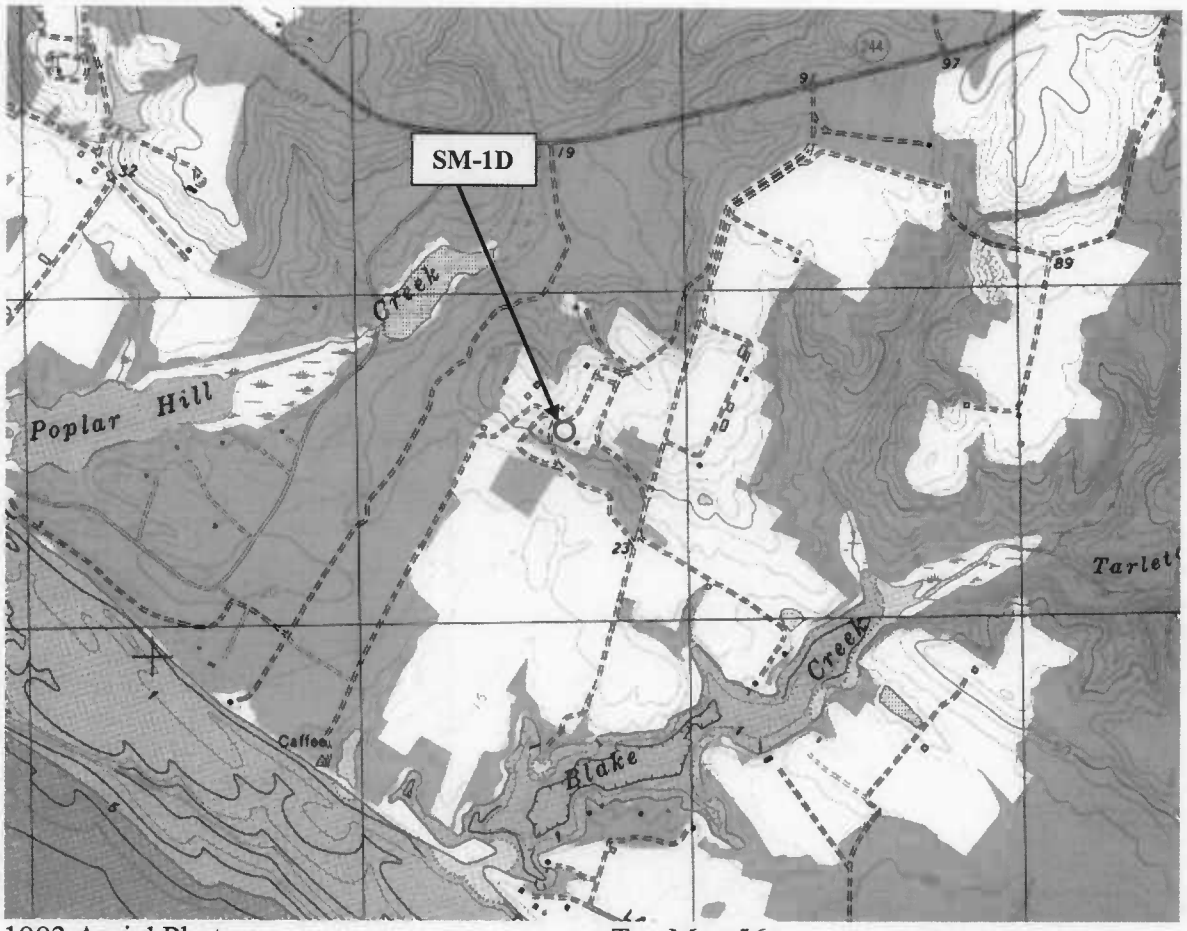

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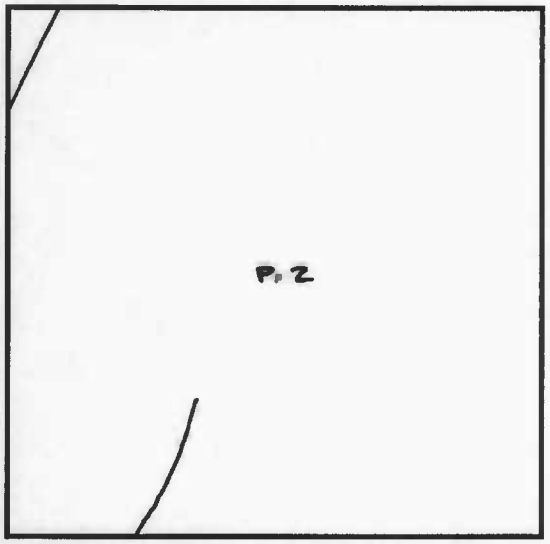
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