Capsule Summary
SM-88
William T. Briscoe House
Charlotte Hall
Private Circa 1800-1820

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Agricultural - Industrial Transition, 1815-1870.
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Commerce Social

Resource Type

Category:	Structure
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Residence Tavern
Known Design Source:	none

Survey No. SM-88

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common William T. Briscoe House (pref.); Old Brick Tavern

2. Location

street & number Old Route 5 ___ not for publication

city, town Charlotte Hall ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ 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
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Frederick A. Schaffer

street & number RR 2 Box 6 telephone no.: 301-884-8395

city, town Charlotte Hall state and zip code MD 20622

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 198

street & number folio 38

city, town Leonardtown state MD 20650

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-88

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 3

The William T. Briscoe House is located on the east side of Old Route 5 in the village of Charlotte Hall in St. Mary's County, Maryland. A frame meathouse stands on the east side of the dwelling. An unpaved road extends from Route 5 along the south side of the Briscoe House to a two-story, frame house surrounded by a white picket fence. The Briscoe House faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the main block of the Briscoe House is a two-story, five bay, Flemish bond brick structure with ruled joints. A seam in the brickwork shows that the main block consists of two building periods. The earliest section is the two-bay, southern portion of the building. The original elevation of this section was asymmetrical. The remnants of segmental arches, kings closers, and wood lintels where window and door openings were formerly located are still visible on the facade of the dwelling. In addition, the first floor of the structure was covered with stucco at one time. Both the stain of the stucco and pock marks in the bricks, imposed to hold the stucco in place, are visible. The stucco was removed in the early twentieth century. Two one-and-a-half story, Flemish bond brick wings extend to the rear of the main block, giving the house a U-shaped footprint. The roofs of both the main block and the wings are covered with wood shingles.

The west (main) elevation of the house consists of a center, six-panel entrance door surmounted by a four-light transom window. The door is framed by an applied architrave consisting of frame pilasters and a decorative entablature. The entry is flanked on either side by two six-over-six sash windows with a frame sill and flat lintel. The second floor is pierced by five of these windows.

The south gable end of the main block is pierced by two three-light windows that light the basement of the house. The first and second floors are pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with wood sills. The eave is pierced by two small two-over-four sash windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline of this flush gable. The basement level of the southern wing is pierced by two six-light windows. The first floor is pierced by a central entrance door flanked on either side by a nine-over-six sash window with wood sills. Two gable roof dormers lit by six-over-six sash windows pierce the roof slope.

The east elevation of the main block is pierced on the first floor by a door as the central bay. One six-over-six sash window lights the second floor. The east side of the south wing gable end is pierced by a door with a three-light transom, now boarded over. Two four-light windows light the eave. A one-story kitchen addition was once

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

Specific dates None **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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In 1855, the Kilgour heirs sold the property, known as the "old brick Tavern," to William T. Briscoe. Briscoe, who served as principal of Charlotte Hall School, died intestate in June of 1897. An advertisement published in the St. Mary's Beacon dated September 20, 1898 notes for sale "The Old Brick Tavern, but now known as the residence of the late Prof. William T. Briscoe, containing two acres more or less. This property is situated immediately on the railroad in the village of Charlotte Hall. It has upon it an excellent well of water and is improved by a nice and comfortable brick dwelling and the necessary outbuildings. It is one of the most desirable locations in the village and offers a rare chance for capital investment."

Isaiah Canter purchased the property from Mrs. Briscoe in 1900. His daughter Eleanor was the last child to be born in the house. Eleanor Canter, for many years the Charlotte Hall postmistress, has a collection of old photographs of the house. These photos show a frame portico surrounding the west elevation entry and a two-story porch on the south gable-end elevation. The photos also show the now demolished one-story, two-bay kitchen attached to the east side of the south wing.

Miss Canter remembers that during her parents' ownership, the courtyard

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall **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 Elizabeth Hughes, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County DPZ **date** June 1995

street & number **telephone** 301-475-4662

city or town Leonardtown **state** MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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attached to the east side of this wing. The ghost of the addition is still visible. The north side of the south wing is pierced by a central door flanked on either side by nine-over-six sash windows. The roof slope is pierced by two gable roof dormers. The south side of the north wing is identical to the north side of the south wing. The foundation of the north wing is pierced by a door that provides access to the basement below the north wing. Between these wings is a wooden deck. The east elevation of the north wing gable end is pierced on the first floor by two nine-over-six sash windows. The eave is pierced by two four-light windows.

The north elevation of the one-and-a-half story wing is pierced by two three-light windows at the basement level. The first floor is pierced by a central four-panel door flanked by nine-over-six sash windows with wood sills. The roof slope is pierced by two gable roof dormer lit by six-over-six sash windows. The gable end of the main block is pierced by two three-light windows at the basement level and by two six-over-six sash windows with wood sills on the first and second floors. Two two-light-over-four-light windows pierce the eave. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline.

The interior of the house has recently been restored and is in good condition. The front door opens to a short hall with an open string stair. The stair has a turned newel post and rounded balusters. A six-panel door located opposite the entry opens to the exterior courtyard between the north and south wings. A six-panel door opens to the basement stairs behind the hall stair.

A six-panel door opens from the hall to the south parlor. Both the doors and windows throughout the house are surrounded by wide, complex moldings. The firebox in this room is framed by an elaborate mantel. The mantel frieze is supported by plain pilasters that support a five-part frieze consisting of reeded center and end blocks alternating with recessed panels. A reeded molding surmounts the frieze. According to a May 20, 1971 Beacon article, the mantels that now decorate the house were taken out of the St. James Hotel in Washington D.C. and brought here in the early twentieth century.

A four-panel door with paneled reveals opens from the south parlor to the south wing. The south wing is one long, open room with a winder stair to the sleeping loft located in the southwest corner. A four-panel door opens to the stair and a two-panel door opens to a small closet below the stair. The floor is finished with wide pine flooring. Hewn ceiling beams are exposed. A six-panel door pierces the east wall of the wing. This door originally opened into the kitchen wing. The fireplace at the east end of this wing has been reworked.

The north parlor of the main block is fitted with an even more elaborate mantel

than that in the south parlor. The pilasters that support the frieze are reeded and slightly rounded. The five-part frieze consists of three reeded blocks alternating with two recessed ones. The frieze is surmounted by a reeded band. A four-panel door with paneled reveals opens to the north wing. Like the south wing, this wing is one large room fitted with a winder stair in the northwest corner. A mantel, unlike those in the north and south parlors, is located against the east wall. The firebox surround is finished with a diagonally reeded pattern. The mantel itself consists of narrow reeded and slightly rounded pilasters that support a tripartite frieze. The frieze consists of recessed end blocks and a diagonally reeded frieze with a carved sunburst as the centerpiece.

The second floor of the main block consists of two bedrooms. An enclosed stairway at the west end of the stair hall provides access to the third floor. The north and south wings have been slightly modified to accommodate single bedrooms and a bathroom.

The third floor of the main block consists of two bedrooms. Both were originally fitted with fireplaces. The mantel in the south bedroom consists of a plain surround and narrow frieze surmounted by a bed molding and shelf.

The meathouse is a one-story, frame structure sheathed with wide board siding and supported by what appear to be brick piers. The roof, oriented on an east/west axis, is covered with wood shingles. The roofline is finished with a boxed cornice decorated with a bead. The south elevation is pierced by a six-panel door now covered by beaded siding. The door is flanked by one two-over-two sash window with plain surrounds on either side. The interior floor is cement. The framing consists of hewn posts and down braces attached with pegged mortise and tenon joints. The rafter feet rest on a flat false plate.

The two-story, frame cottage located at the eastern edge of the property faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. The foundation isn't visible. The exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding and the roof is covered with wood shingles. A modern one-story wing is attached to the north elevation of the house.

The west elevation is asymmetrical. It is pierced by a six-panel door and three six-over-six sash windows on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by two two-over-two sash windows.

The south gable end elevation is pierced by two four-over-two sash windows at the eave. An exterior brick chimney supported by a fieldstone base stands against this elevation.

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7.3 Description

The east elevation is pierced by one six-light and one six-over-six sash window on the first floor. The second floor is pierced by two four-light windows.

The north elevation is largely obscured by the modern wing. An exterior brick chimney stands against this elevation.

The interior was not seen. According to the owner, the interior of the house consists of two rooms on the first and second floors.

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St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: Frederick A. Schaffer and Susan K. Schaffer
FROM: John W. Yerkie and Dorothy B. Yerkie
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 198, folio 38.
DATE: October 12, 1984.
NOTES: Confirmatory deed for the transfer of 1.933 acres. See plat.

TO: Frederick A. Schaffer and Susan K. Schaffer
FROM: John W. Yerkie and Dorothy B. Yerkie
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber MRB 176, folio 94.
DATE: March 20, 1984.
NOTES: Transfer of 2 acres of land and the building formerly known as the "Old Brick Tavern" but now more commonly called the "Briscoe House."

TO: John W. Yerkie, Jr., and Dorothy B. Yerkie
FROM: Frank B. Haskell III and R. Bowie Clagett, Co-Guardians of Richard Cyril Wyche.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber DBK 178, folio 372.
DATE: April 25, 1972.
NOTES: Miriam Crosby Wyche died intestate on February 26, 1963. Guardians were appointed to Richard C. Wyche by order of the Circuit Court in Equity Case No. A-3925.

TO: Miriam Crosby Wyche and Richard C. Wyche
FROM: Mary Fowler
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 61, folio 242.
DATE: January 26, 1956.
NOTES: Transfer of 2 acres.

TO: Mary Fowler
FROM: Miriam Crosby Wyche
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber CBG 61, folio 240.
DATE: January 26, 1956.
NOTES: Transfer of 2 acres.

TO: Miriam Crosby Wyche
FROM: The Bank of Brandywine
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 2.
DATE: November 26, 1927.
NOTES: Transfer of 2 acres.

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St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance

TO: The Bank of Brandywine
FROM: Lansdale G. Sasscer, attorney.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 6, folio 1.
DATE: November 2, 1927.
NOTES: Public sale of property as a result of default on mortgage, case 1507 N.E.

TO: John J. Duke and Lillian T. Duke
FROM: Joseph W. Muessen and Anna B. Muessen.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 2, folio 226.
DATE: April 10, 1924.
NOTES: Transfer of 2 acres.

TO: Joseph W. Muessen
FROM: John B. Gray, attorney.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 1, folio 339.
DATE: November 8, 1922.
NOTES: Default on mortgage so property of heirs of Isaiah Canter is sold at public auction. Price: $4100.

TO: Elizabeth Wilmor, Ethel May, and L. Johnson
FROM: Isaiah Canter
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, LIber PHD 1, folio 331.
DATE: September 19, 1910.
NOTES: Devision of residue of estate to his children.

TO: Isaiah Canter
FROM: Daniel C. Hammett and Duke Bond, Trustees.
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 1, folio 431.
DATE: September 25, 1900.
NOTES: Sale of property as result of decree in Circuit Court, equity case 856, James Burch et al vs. James T. Briscoe et al. Sale of "the old Brick Tavern" lately the dwelling place of the late William T. Briscoe. Price: $1500.

TO: Sarah Ann Briscoe
FROM: William T. Briscoe
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber PHD 1, folio 48.
DATE: March 28, 1898
NOTES: Transfer of "the house and lot together with all other buildings thereon commonly called 'The Tavern Lot'...during her natural life and after her death to be divided between her heirs and mine."

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8.3 Significance

TO: William T. Briscoe
FROM: Jane H. G. Mariam and Martha M. Kilgour
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 185.
DATE: October 3, 1855.
NOTES: Transfer of a lot in Charlotte Hall commonly known as the "old brick Tavern" being 2 acres and the same as that willed to the grantors by John Kilgour.

TO: Heirs
FROM: John Kilgour
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber GC 2, folio 131.
DATE: July 30, 1844.
NOTES: Devision of tract of land near Charlotte Hall "...whereon they now reside known by the name of Kilgour's Angle and Orrisfield except the two lots at the low end of the land, one the Tavern lot and the other lot between the Tavern and the lot I leased to Tho. D. Edwards during their several single lives and likewise the yearly rent of the corner lot now in possession of Tho. D. Edwards and the privilege of getting...Item, I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved brother William Kilgour the one acre lot near Charlotte Hall between the Tavern Lot and the lot leased by me to Tho. D. Edwards to him...**Item, I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved daughter Jane Hagul Goldie Kilgour all the residue of my property..."**

TO: William and John Kilgour
FROM: William Kilgour
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JJ 2, folio 164.
DATE: September 10, 1796.
NOTES: "...to sons William and John Kilgour the lands at the Cool Springs which I bought of Zachariah Billingsley and Benjamin Ogden..."

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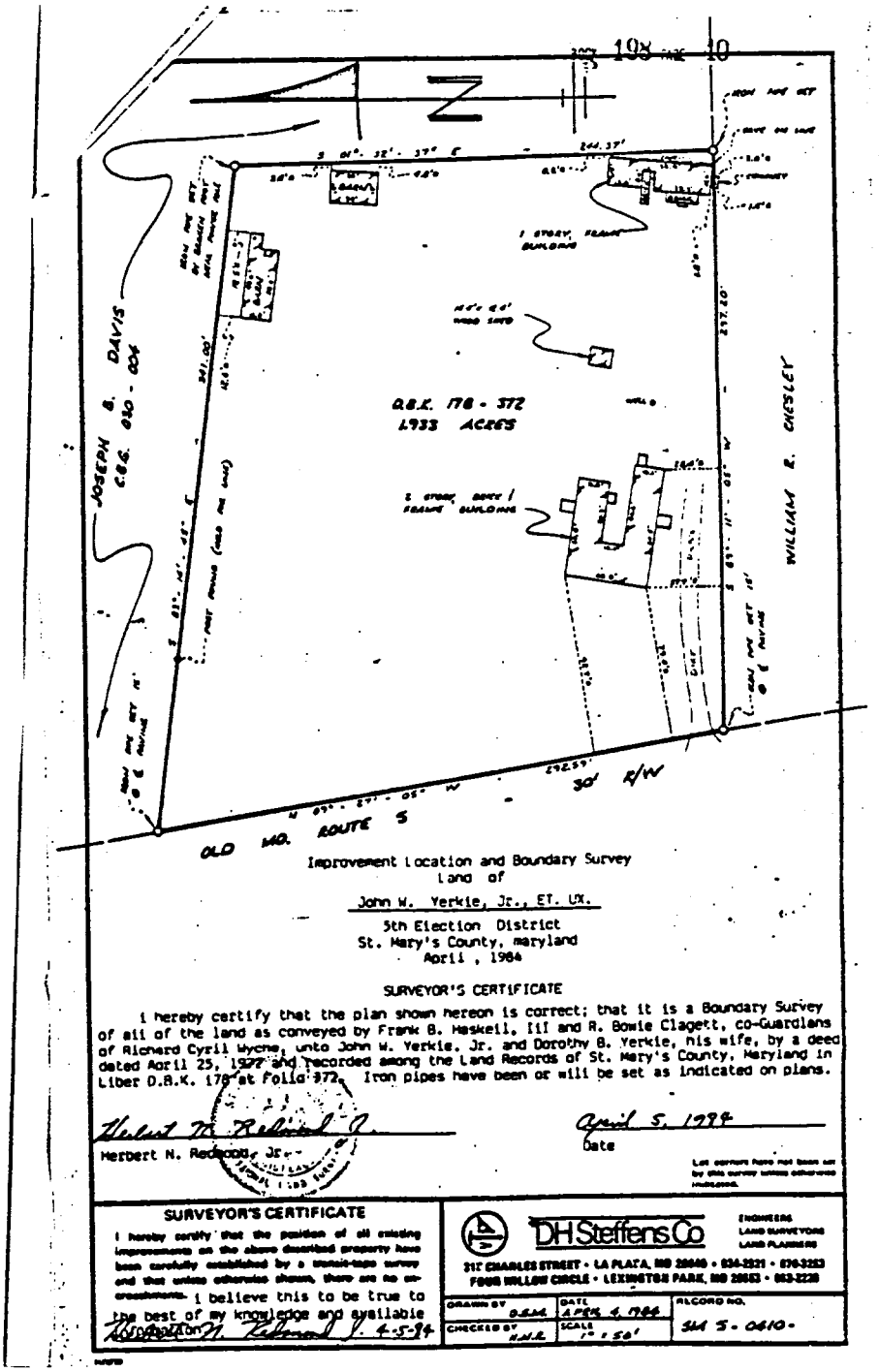
8.4 Significance

Plat dated April 5, 1984 showing the William T. Briscoe house and subsidiary outbuildings.
Source: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 198, folio 40.



located on the east side of the house, between the north and south wings, was sheltered by a shed roof. The western half of this area was finished with a wood deck floor and a baluster. Steps from the deck led to the ground level which was paved with brick. The east end of the courtyard was then separated from the outside by a wall of glass. Miss Canter also recalls that dairy products were kept in the basement of the north parlor and that the south wing was composed of a dining area, a side passage to the kitchen, and a pantry rather than one open room as it is today.

Between 1910 and 1927, the house passed to a series of owners. With each owner a new alteration was made to the house. Gradually the front portico, side porch, rear kitchen, and west elevation stucco were all removed. Around the same time, elaborate mantles imported from the St. James Hotel in Washington were inserted into the north and south parlors of the house. In 1927 Miriam Crosby Wyche purchased the building and christened it as the "Briscoe House."

In 1972 the house was purchased by the Yerkie family. Between 1972 and 1984 the house remained vacant. The house has been restored by the current owners.

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BRISCOE HOUSE
Charlotte Hall
Private

circa 1790

Often erringly referred to as the Old Stagecoach Inn, a building that is believed to have stood on or near this same site in the 17th century, this late 18th century brick building was constructed in the shape of a "U". At the rear elevation of the two-story main block are two smaller one-story matching wings. All interior and exterior woodwork is of the Federal period. Throughout the mid-19th century, this building housed student boarders from the nearby Charlotte Hall Academy.

This property has been included on the National Register of Historic Places, U.S. Department of the Interior, as part of the Charlotte Hall Historic District.

See N.R. nomination for further information on the Briscoe House; also Briscoe House survey file.

3/6/84 deteriorating condition
see polaroid photo in survey file, KEK.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Briscoe House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Stagecoach Inn, Kilgore's Tavern

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte Hall

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland		St. Mary's	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☒	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☒	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☒	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☒
				No:

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☒	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☒	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mrs. Schlossie

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Charlotte Hall	Md.	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Leonardtown,	Md.	

ACREAGE — APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Same as above

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

STATE: | COUNTY: | FOR NPS USE ONLY — ENTRY NUMBER | DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐	Good ☒	Fair ☐	Deteriorated ☐	Ruins ☐	Unexposed ☐
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐	Unaltered ☒		(Check One) Moved ☐	Original Site ☐	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(if known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Old Stagecoach Inn is an imposing ten room house with Flemish bond red brick walls. There is a fireplace in each of the rooms and also in the cellar, which indicates that the servants and liverymen were quartered there. It is located a few feet from old Route 5, across the road from Charlotte Hall School. The site of Maryland's first hospital at Ye Coole Springs is nearby.
The old inn is now being renovated by its new owner. It is a very interesting old house, situated so that it can be seen without getting out of your car.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☒	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal		Education	☐	Political	☐	Urban Planning	☐
Prehistoric	☐	Engineering	☐	Religion/Philosophy	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Historic	☒	Industry	☐	Science	☐		
Agriculture	☐	Inventian	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Art	☐	Landscope Architecture	☐	Sociol/Humanitarian	☐		
Commerce	☐	Literature	☐	Theater	☐		
Communications	☐	Military	☐	Transportation	☐		
Conservation	☐	Music	☐				
Architecture	☒						

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

The old Stagecoach Inn was built around 1690 by Capt. John Dent. It was originally called Kilgore's Tavern and was widely renowned during the stagecoach days, which were much earlier than the now famous western stagecoaches. Later it became the home of William Thomas Briscoe, who was principal of nearby Charlotte Hall School. In more recent years it belonged to Charles Wyche.

During its heyday as an inn the rooms on the second floor were divided into two separate wings - one for the women and one for the gentlemen guests - which was the custom then. Many of the guests were people who came to Charlotte Hall from all parts of the country to avail themselves of the healing powers of the nearby Coole Springs. The Stagecoach Inn was ~~also~~ also a stopover for travelers making the long journey by stagecoach from Leonardtown to Washington D. C. This is the last stagecoach inn in St. Mary's County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Chronicles of St. Mary's County
St, Mary's County Courthouse Records
St. Mary's Beacon Newspaper Files

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY									OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE						LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds				Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"									
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"									

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Robert E. T. Pogue, St. Mary's County Committeeman

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: June 7, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Bushwood,

STATE: Maryland 20618

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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1. NAME

COMMON: Briscoe House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Route 5

CITY OR TOWN: Charlotte Hall

STATE: Md. COUNTY: St. Mary's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☐ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: St. Mary's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street and Courthouse Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Leonardtown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☐ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Briscoe House is a two-story brick house, five bays long, with a 1½ story clapboard wing to the rear.

Four small dormers with windows jut through the red-tin roof of the top floor to provide adequate light for the topmost rooms. Here the walls are steeply gabled, allowing less headspace than the spacious rooms below.

~~place was like in its heyday.~~ The floors are thick, smooth planks. Silver-and-white gilded wallpaper hangs from the walls and ceiling in tattered shards in the front parlor. In the fashion of early American hostels, the sleeping quarters on the second floor are divided into two separate wings. One served men, and the other women. Each major room features a prominent fireplace. Several of the fireplace mantles were replaced during this century by mantles bought from the old St. James Hotel in Washington, D. C.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* c. 1810

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though there is some question as to the exact age of the building, the weight of evidence leads to the belief that it was built in the early 1700s.

~~say~~ and possibly in the late 1690s. – The three-story, red-brick house served originally as a stagecoach inn, providing shelter for the many who flocked to southern Maryland to avail themselves of the healing powers attributed to Ye Coole Springs nearby. The springs were the site of the first hospital and sanitorium in colonial America.

Perhaps better known as the Briscoe house after the family that owned it for a good part of the 19th century, the 10-room former tavern has been the property of Charles Wyche since 1927.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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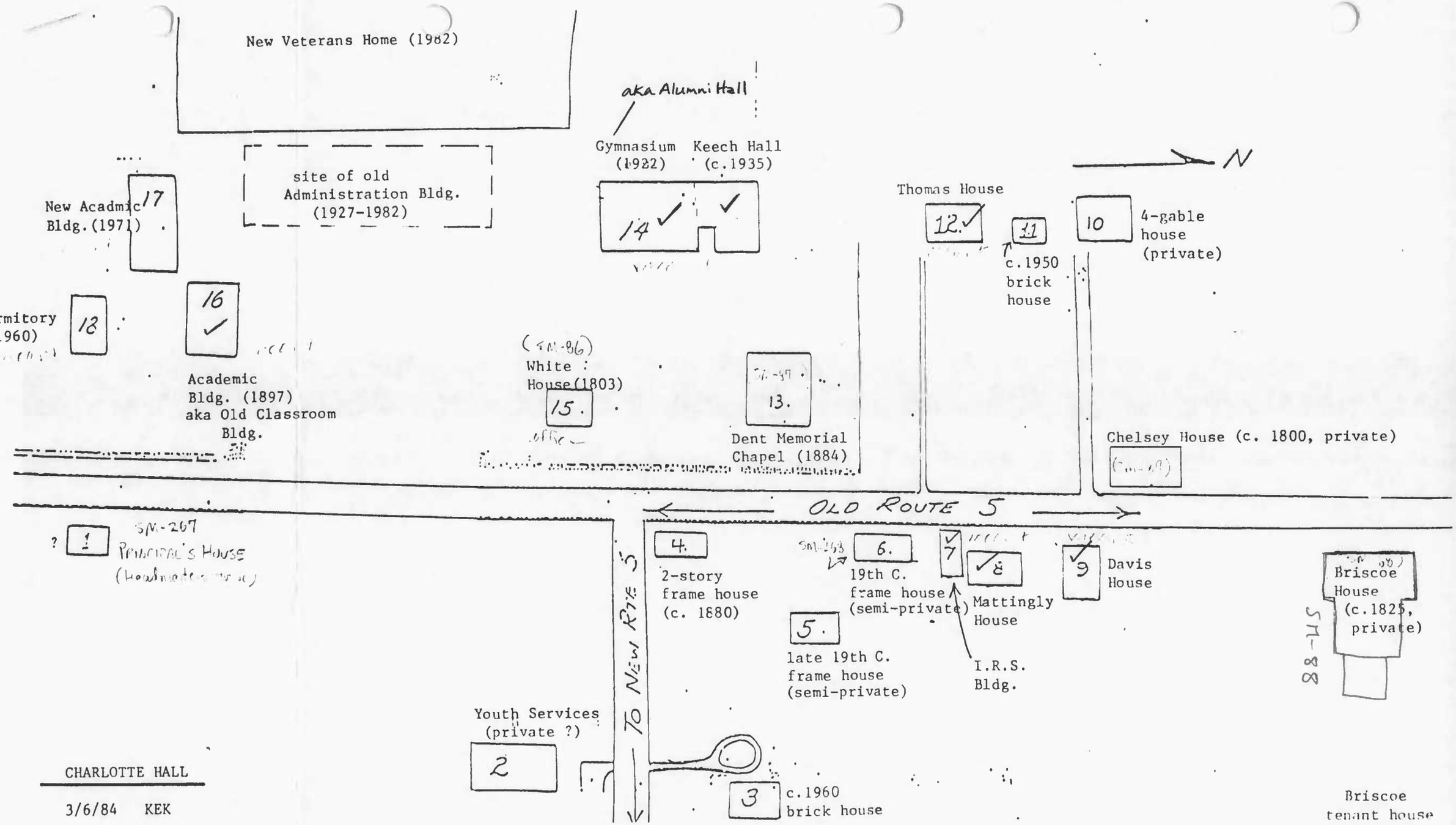
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature



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William T. Briscoe House
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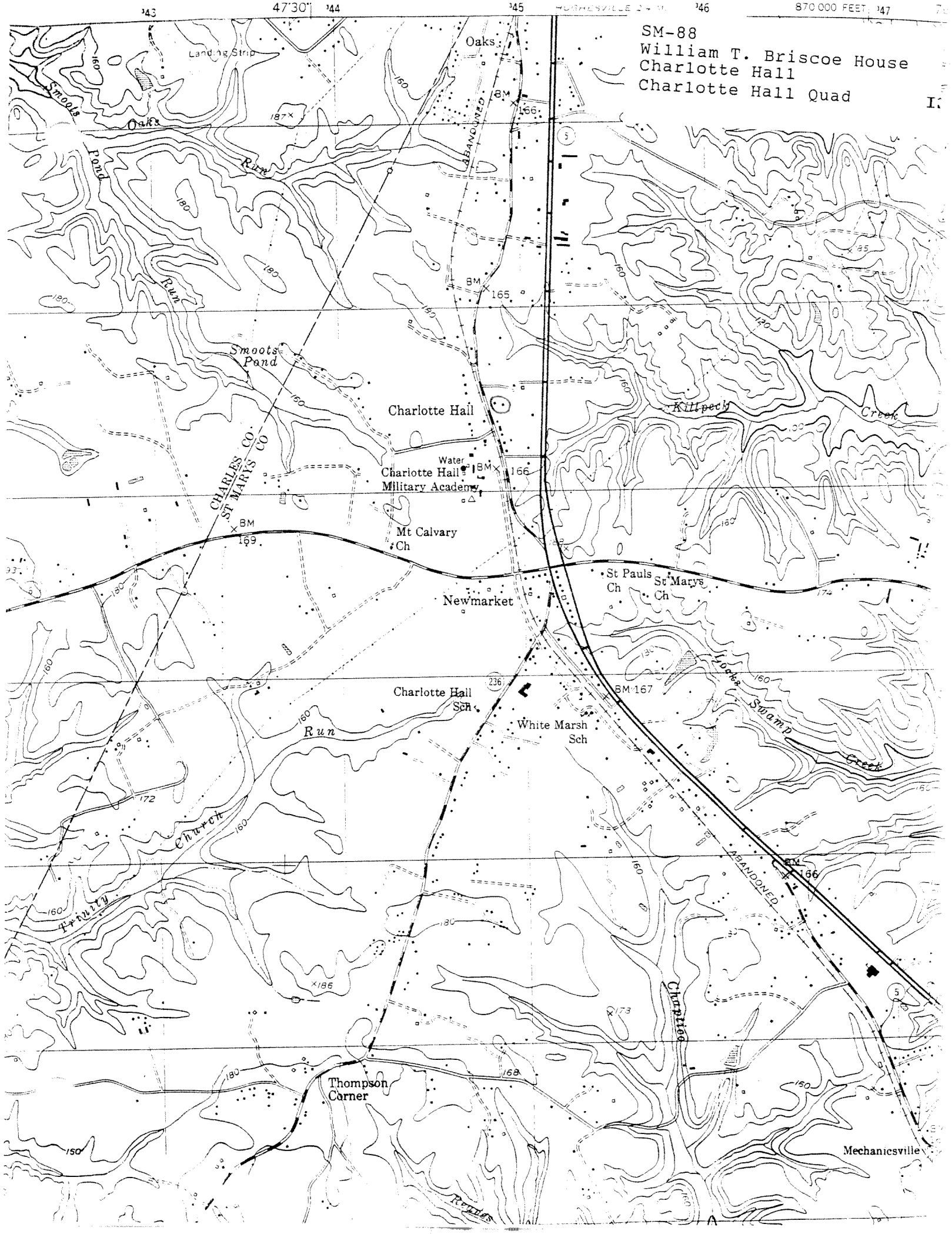

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Meathouse - SW elev.

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N parlor mantel

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Mantel in N wing

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Hist photo NW Elev, in possession of

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