

Capsule Summary  
SM-443  
Part Herring Creek  
Tall Timbers  
Private

Circa 1850 and later

Part Herring Creek is significant as an example of a modest, mid-nineteenth century tenant house that has been enlarged over time. Based on evidence revealed during the course of renovation, the current owner believes that the house was originally a one-and-a-half story structure consisting of one room on the first and second floors. The east wing appears to be a later addition dating between 1860 and 1880. Much of the original fabric of the two-story, frame dwelling is well-preserved. Notably, the design of outbuildings constructed by the current owner are sympathetic to the property's historic character.

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In 1893 Mary A. Travers transferred the property to her son Charles H. Guyther. She referred to the tract as "the Watts farm" and noted that Guyther was then resident on the farm. While "Part Herring Creek" had been a part of the Watts farm, the two-story frame dwelling described in this discussion was not the main dwelling house on the property and would not have been the Guyther home. Between 1901 and 1968, Part Herring Creek was transferred six times. In 1968, the fourteen acre parcel on which the tenant house stood was separated from the original fifty acre tract.

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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: Agriculture

Resource Type

Category: Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: none

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM 443

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Part Herring Creek

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number Tall Timbers Road  not for publication

city, town Tall Timbers  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county St. Mary's

**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 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 checked="" 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 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 John Andrew Bowes

street & number telephone no.: (301) 994-2040

city, town Tall Timbers state and zip code Maryland 20690

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber MRB 41

street & number folio 403

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

Part Herring Creek is located at the end of Bowes Rest Lane on the north side of Tall Timbers Road near Tall Timbers in St. Mary's County, Maryland. According to the current owner, the earliest section of Part Herring Creek dates prior to 1860. Over time the building has been enlarged by a series of additions. Two outbuildings, built since 1974, stand on the property. An old chicken coop, which has been enlarged and renovated over the years for use as a dwelling, is located on the north side of the house. Tall Timbers Cove, a branch of Herring Creek, is accessible from the northeast side of the property. Part Herring Creek faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The main block of Part Herring Creek is a two-story, frame structure. One-story additions are attached to both the west and north elevations of the house. The house is supported by brick piers. The exterior is sheathed with weatherboard siding. The roof, originally covered with wood shingles, is now covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation is pierced by a central six-panel entrance door with a two-light transom and wide, plain surrounds. The door is sheltered by a metal awning. To the east of the door, the wall surface is pierced by a six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds, a drip molding, and louvered shutters. To the west of the door, the wall is pierced by a six-over-six sash window with a narrower surround finished with an interior cyma curve. Louvered shutters flank the window opening. The second floor is pierced by three six-over-six sash windows, all of which have wide surrounds, drip moldings, and louvered shutters. Notably, the roofline of the western most bay is broken by a gable, suggesting that this section of the house was a later addition. A one-story, shed roof addition, which replaced an old one-story kitchen wing in the 1930s, extends to the west of the main block. This addition is pierced by a pair of six-light windows with louvered shutters.

The west elevation of the main block consists of the shed roof addition which completely obscures the first floor of the main block. The addition is pierced by two pairs of two six-light casement windows with louvered shutters, wide surrounds and a drip molding. The second floor of the main block is pierced by two quarter round louvered vents. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof ridgeline at this west end of the main block.

The north elevation of the house consists of the western one-story addition pierced by a pair of six-light casement windows with louvered shutters, wide surrounds, and a drip molding. A portion of the main block first floor is obscured by an enclosed shed roof porch. The enclosed porch is pierced by two four-light windows

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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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.

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Based on evidence revealed during the course of renovation, the current owner believes that the house was originally a one-and-a-half story structure consisting of one room on the first and second floors. He feels that the gable end wing on the east end of the house was added sometime between 1860 and 1880.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. Sm 443

John Andrew Bowes, Personal Interview October 1994

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2 Acres

Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Acreeage Surrounding House and Outbuildings.

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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date September 1994

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state Maryland

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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7.1 Description

and one six-light window. East of the enclosed porch, the main block is pierced by one six-over-six sash window with wide surrounds and a drip molding. The eastern most bay of the north elevation is blind. This bay, thought to be an addition, is capped by a gable roof and projects about two feet from the wall surface of the main block. An exterior cinderblock chimney with a brick cap stands against this bay.

The east elevation is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows on the first floor with medium sized surrounds and an interior cyma curve molding. The second floor is pierced by two six-over-six sash windows with wide surrounds and a drip molding.

The interior was not seen. According to the current owner, the house has a center hall, single pile plan. The second floor consists of two bedrooms and the stair hall.

Two outbuildings stand on the property. The smallest of these, crafted to imitate the form of an old meathouse, is located east of the house. It is sheathed with weatherboard and roofed with metal. Used for storage, the building is pierced by a vertical plank door and by two six-light windows. A garage, built to imitate the form of a gambrel roof barn, is located southeast of the house. It is sheathed and roofed with asphalt shingles.

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8.1 Significance

Chain of Title

TO: John Andrew Bowes  
FROM: Joseph F. and H. Audrey Bowes  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRB 41, folio 403.  
DATE: April 30, 1979.  
NOTES: Transfer of 3.4821 acres being part of MRF 143/437.

TO: Joseph F. Bowes and H. Audrey Bowes  
FROM: Lydia M. Thomas, widow.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber MRF 143, folio 437.  
DATE: August 22, 1968.  
NOTES: Transfer of 14 acres being "Part of Herring Creek."

TO: Theodore E. and Lydia M. Thomas  
FROM: Robert E. Wigginton, Trustee of Mary Addie Rock, widow, Ruby Rock Bailey and Charles Bailey, Frances Rock Chesser, Wilbur Chesser, Violet Rock Behrens, George Behrens.  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JMM 9, folio 412.  
DATE: March 18, 1936.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 46.5 acres as result of Circuit Court Decree 1765 N.E. Mary A. Rock vs. William Rock.

TO: William J. Rock  
FROM: William J. Briscoe and Mary P. Briscoe  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JMM 4, folio 354.  
DATE: October 28, 1926.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 47.5 acres.

TO: William L. Briscoe  
FROM: Mary B. McKay and R. Pembroke McKay  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 17, folio 245.  
DATE: August 21, 1918.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 47.5 acres. Price: \$2000

TO: Mary B. McKay  
FROM: Annie Bull and James H. Bull  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 13, folio 475.  
DATE: November 17, 1915.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 47.5 acres. Price: \$2100

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8.2 Significance

TO: Annie Bull  
FROM: James H. Bull  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber EBA 6, folio 308.  
DATE: March 4, 1907.  
NOTES: Transfer of his interest in "Part Herring Creek."

TO: James H. Bull and Annie Bull  
FROM: Henry W. Adams and Eva Adams  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 4, folio 23.  
DATE: July 13, 1904.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 47.5 acres. Price: \$1150.

TO: Henry W. Adams and Eva Adams  
FROM: Ida S. and Charles H. Guyther  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber EBA 2, folio 110.  
DATE: April 27, 1901.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 47.5 acres...being part of the Home or Watts farm which was devised to Charles H. Guyther in the will of Mary A. Travers. The same as part of JFF 12/461. Price: \$500

TO: Charles H. Guyther  
FROM: Mary A. Travers  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JBA 1, folio 283.  
DATE: October 21, 1893.  
NOTES: Devised to her son Charles H. Guyther "the farm called the Watts farm whereon he now resides..."

TO: Mary A. Travers  
FROM: J. Parran Crane and Mollie D. Crane  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 12, folio 461.  
DATE: April 30, 1891.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Herring Creek" being 50 acres and the same as JFF 11/119. Price: \$500

TO: J. Parran Crane  
FROM: Henry Watts  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Records, Liber JFF 11, folio 119.  
DATE: January 18, 1889.  
NOTES: Transfer of two parcels. The second of these being "Part Herring Creek" lying between the lands of the late Thomas M. Shadrick and my home farm, recently sold by me to Mrs. Mary A. Travers, being 50 acres more or less. Same as JTB 2/53.

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8.3 Significance

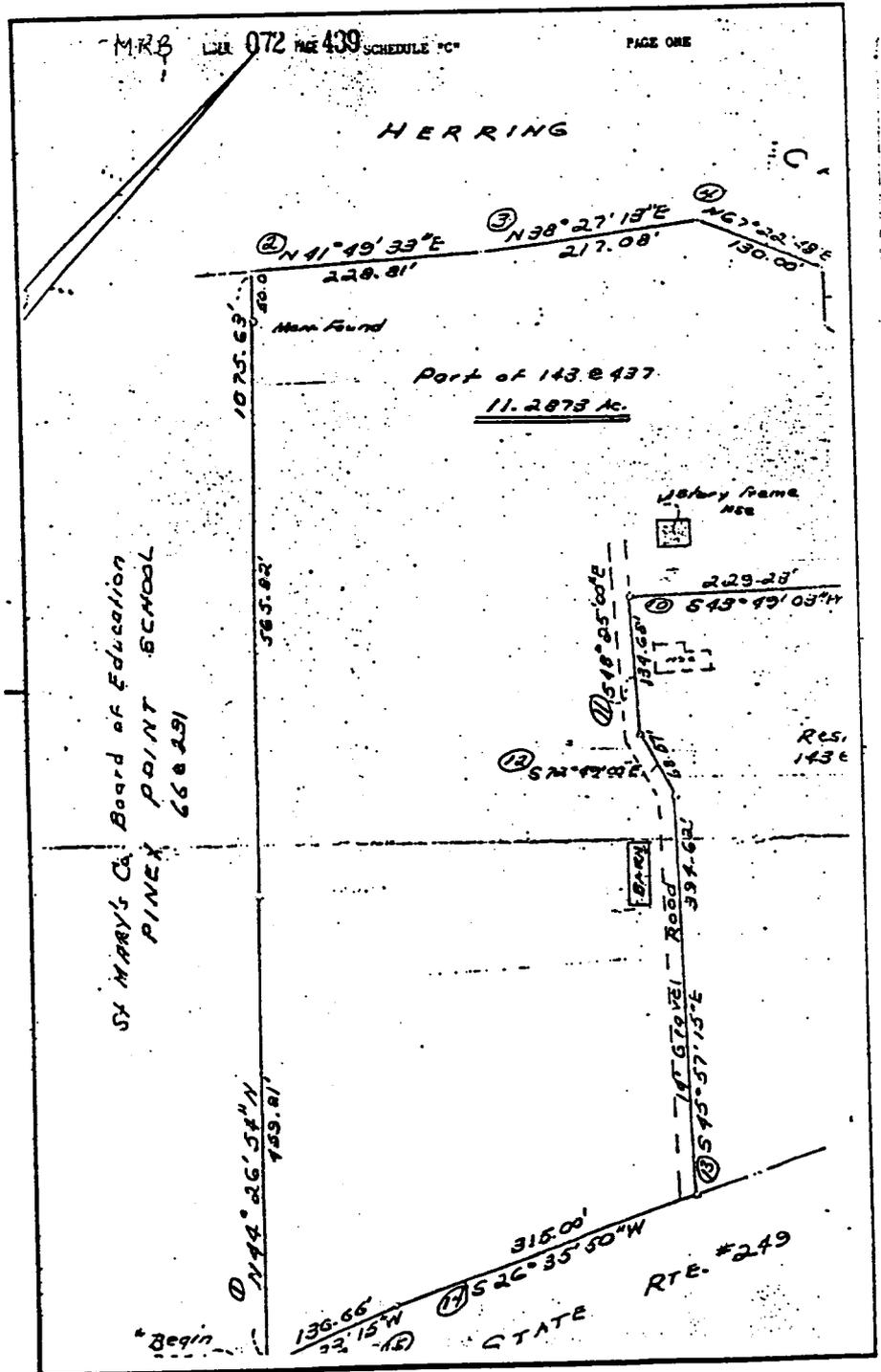
TO: William Watts  
FROM: William W. Moore and Matilda Moore  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Land Record, Liber JTB 2, folio 53.  
DATE: January 3, 1855.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Part Piney Point" being 50 acres and the same as JH 11/472.  
Price: \$472

TO: Matilda Tarlton Moore  
FROM: John Price  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber EJM 1, folio 432.  
DATE: January 20, 1840.  
NOTES: Devises to his wife Elizabeth the farm in Piney Point recently purchased of Thomas Shadrick for use during her life and after her death to go to niece Matilda Tarlton and her heirs.

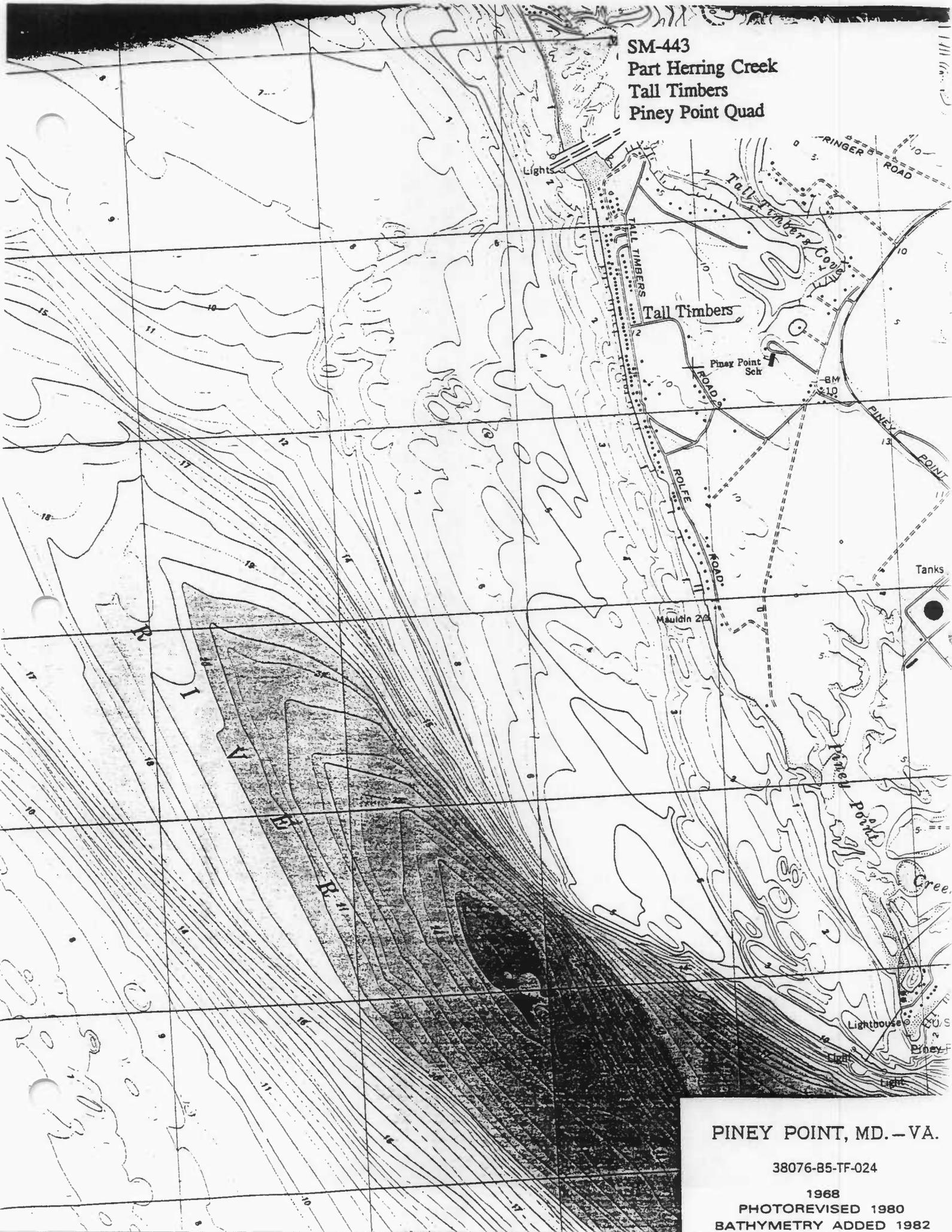
TO: John Price  
FROM: Thomas Shadrick and Ataway Shadrick  
RECORD: St. Mary's County Testamentary Record, Liber JH 11, folio 472.  
DATE: September 11, 1839.  
NOTES: Transfer of "Piney Point." Described as "Beginning at a locust post now set on the West side of the head of Herring Creek running South 23 degrees West 12.5 perches thence South 2 degrees East 20 perches thence South 25 degrees East 12 perches thence South 46 degrees East 55.5 perches thence North 73 degrees East 4 perches to a locust post now set on the side of a ditch which ditch is the dividing line between said Thomas Shadrick's land and the land of John H. Bean which ditch is on the west side of the road leading from said Shadrick's and Bean's to the oak then running with said ditch and road North 46 degrees East 10 perches thence North 31 degrees East 7 3/4 perches to a post in said ditch it being a boundary of the land of John H. Bean and John H. Milburn and the beginning of said John H. Milburn's land thence with said ditch and road North 19 degrees East 6 perches thence North 10 degrees East 25.5 perches thence North 26 degrees East 14 perches thence North 24 degrees East 32 perches thence North 27 degrees East 18 perches thence North 42 degrees East 18 perches thence North 58 degrees East 30 perches then North 44 degrees East 14 perches to a post standing on the side of said road being a boundary of a piece of land of Richard H. Watts Heirs which piece of land the said Thomas Shadrick sold to said Richard H. Watts in his lifetime thence with said Richard H. Watts Heirs' land North 58 degrees west 37.5 perches to a post standing in a marsh on the east side of Herring Creek thence with said Herring Creek to the place of beginning."  
Price: \$750

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 10.1 Geographical Data

Plat of part of "Part Herring Creek," St. Mary's County Land Records MRB 72/439.



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Piney Point Quad



PINEY POINT, MD.-VA.

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Part Herring Cove

St Marg's County, ME

E. Higgins

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