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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: Ernara

AND/OR HISTORIC: Pitts Desire

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Indianbone Rd., 1 mile northeast of Bucktown Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Aireys

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Dorchester

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ District ☒ Building<br>☐ Site ☐ Structure<br>☐ Object | ☐ Public<br>☒ Private<br>☐ Both | Public Acquisition:<br>☐ In Process<br>☐ Being Considered | ☒ Occupied<br>☐ Unoccupied<br>☐ Preservation work in progress | Yes:<br>☐ Restricted<br>☐ Unrestricted<br>☒ 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: Ernest M. Handy

STREET AND NUMBER: RFD 2

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland 21613

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 41/551

**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:

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

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

Ernara is the only log or plank dwelling existing in Dorchester County. It is composed of a three bay long gambrel roof log portion with two small one and one-half story additions of approximately the same period. When the exterior was faced with brick, another wing was added to the rear of the kitchen or lowest part of the dwelling. At the same time, the interior of the log portion was remodeled, from a hall, passage, and parlor plan to a hall and parlor plan. The fireplaces were removed and an opening created between the parlor and dining room. The stair was also altered from its position in the passage to descend on the outside wall from the landing. Two doors exist from the second quarter of the nineteenth century, which are composed of two vertical raised panels of poplor with stiles and rails of yellow pine.

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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)*

**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**

The buildings significance lies chiefly in the fact that it is built of log or plank construction. It is also one of about a half dozen gambrel roof dwellings in the county.

The site is also of significance because Freeborn Garrettson, a preacher of Methodism, was a frequent visitor and it was here that he was arrested.

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES


Laskowski Papers, 1955, p 179

Maryland, A Guide to the Old Line State, Oxford University Press, New York, 1941, p. 401.

Jones, Elias, New Revised History of Dorchester County, Maryland, Tidewater Publishers, Cambridge, 1966.


## 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 TEN ACRES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

District 13, Tax Map 53, p.28

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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: Oct. 1975

STREET AND NUMBER: Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

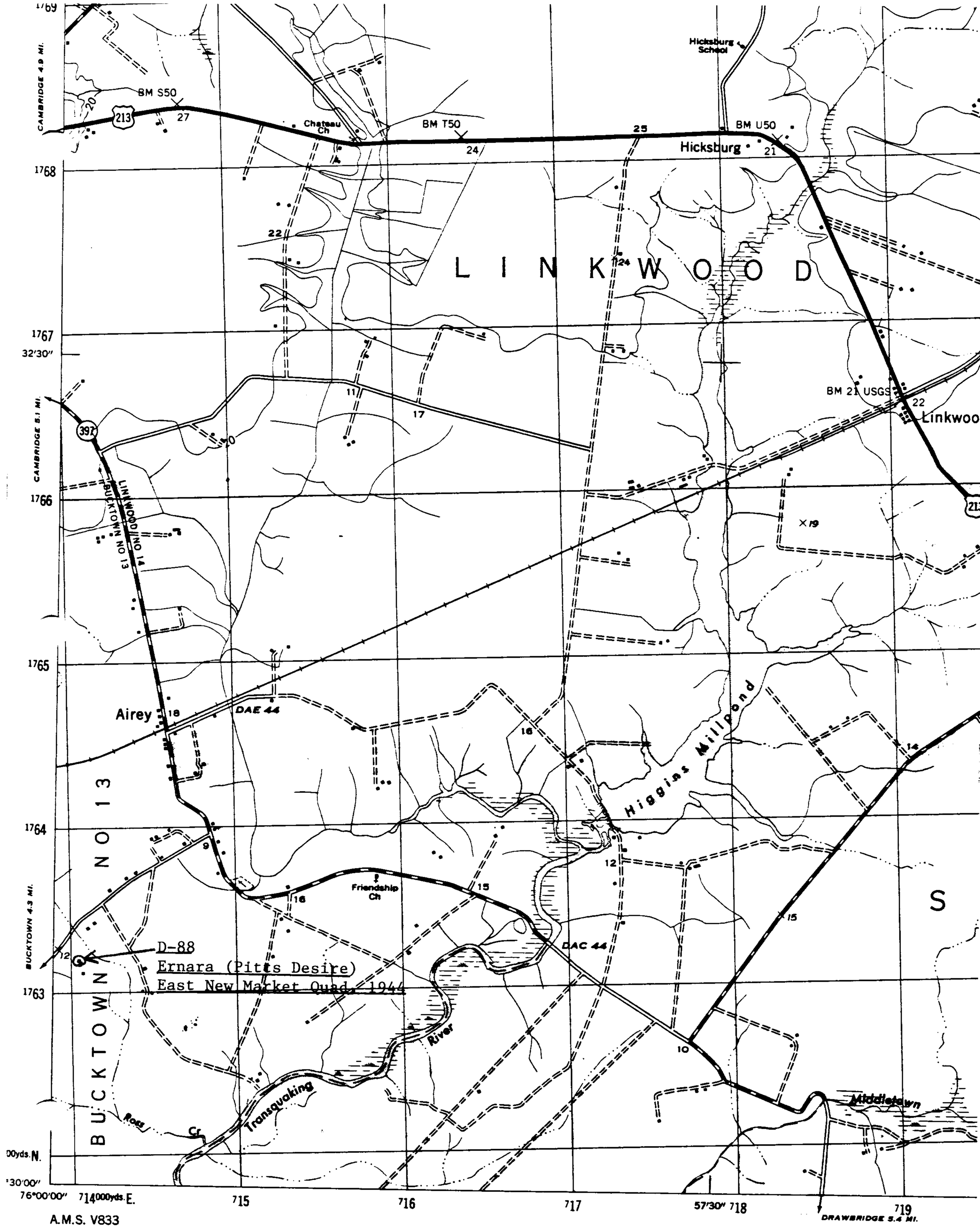
STATE: Maryland 21401

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

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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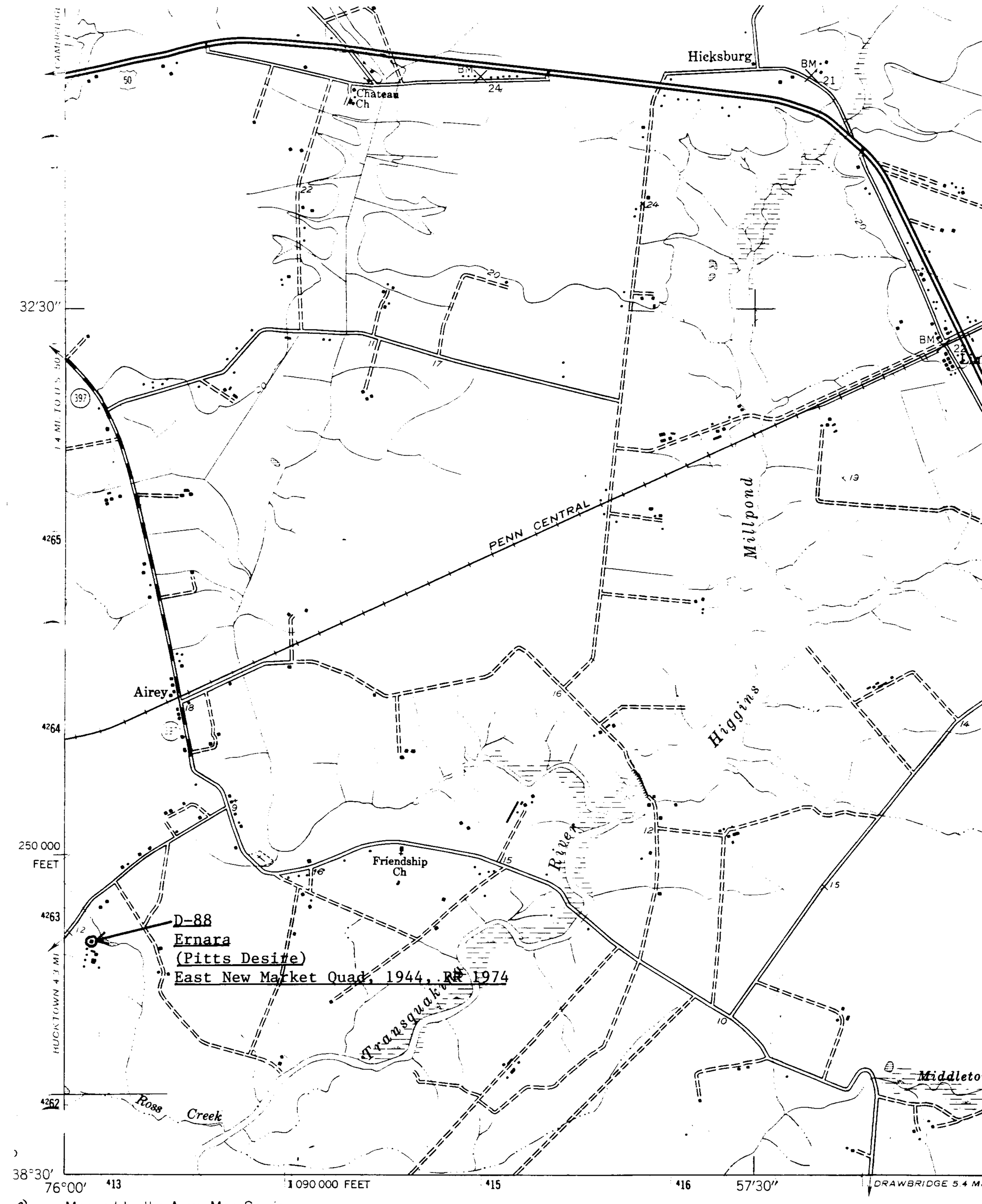


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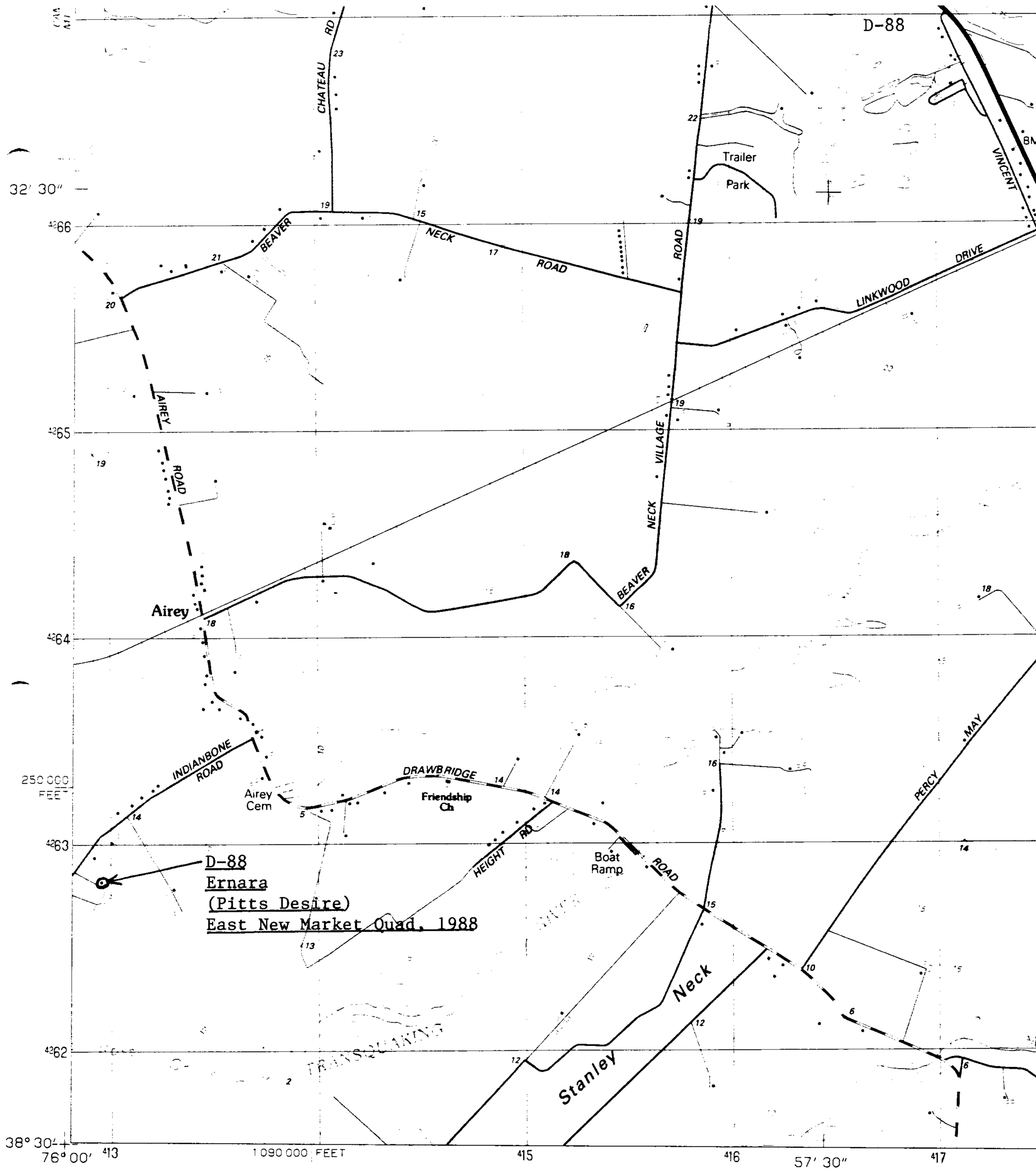


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Ernara
(Pitts Desire)
East New Market Quad, 1988

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1980-81. Field checked 1982. Map edited 1988
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Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Maryland coordinate system (Lambert conformal conic)
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 18
1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983, move the projection lines 8 meters south and

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UTM GRID AND 1988 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

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SHORELINE

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M. Bourne Oct 1975