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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Higgins Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Higgins Millpond Road, .5 mile north of Rt. 397

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge

STATE: Maryland | COUNTY: Dorchester

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: Higgins Mill Pond Inc.

STREET AND NUMBER: c/o Barbara Windsor, 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. #): 176/251

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) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered			(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site		

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

Higgins Mill is a two bay long and two bay wide brick structure painted white. Both gables have two windows on each story, there being an entrance on the northeast and a basement on the southwest. The other fenestration was altered when the building was converted into a lodge. On the southeast side of the building is an enclosed leanto porch and on both slops of the wich 'A' roof are two dormers. three chimneys rise from the building and they too are a product of the 1930's.

The entrance door is a double batten Dutch door with both leaves hung on strap hinges. There is a vestibule across the front door. Inside, the building is divided into two sections, the living area and the kitchen, stair and dining area. Original champhered girders and beaded joists remain of the original structure. Most of the rest dates from its remodeling.

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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

Higgins Mill is the only brick grist mill remaining in Dorchester County, although it has not been used as such since 1928 when the dam was washed out.

Not only is the building of interest because of its commercial/industrial history, but it also has been used as a hunting and fishing lodge since 1930, at which such distinguished visitors as Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, and Johnson were entertained.

"The Thomas Higgins and son gristmill on the Transquaking River advertised in the atlas: meal, flour, lumber, flooring, peach and grape boxes. The Higgins Millpond survives on survey maps on Middletown Branch north of Md. 397, east of Cambridge, west of Salem. Also listed in 1887 state directory. The mill had been converted to a lodge on the farm of J. E. Barnes of Washington, D.C., Maryland Conservationist, spring 1934, p. 7." (McGrain, J., Molinography of Dorchester County)

Nov. 7, 1801 - sold to John Maquire by Joseph Muse
Mar. 6, 1826 - sold to William Craft by trustee of Maquire estate
Jan. 27,1846 - sold to James A. Higgins by heirs of William Craft
1928 - sold to James E. Barnes by heirs of Higgins
1950 - sold to Mathison Chemical Co. by Mrs. James E. Barnes
- given to Johns Hopkins University by Mathison
- sold to Maryland Drydock Inc. by Johns Hopkins
1972 - sold to Barbara windsor by Maryland Drydock (Mrs. Windsor is neice of Mr. Barnes)
known as Higgins Mill Pond since 1846
(Barbara Windsor, Jan., 1976)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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:

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

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
Nov, 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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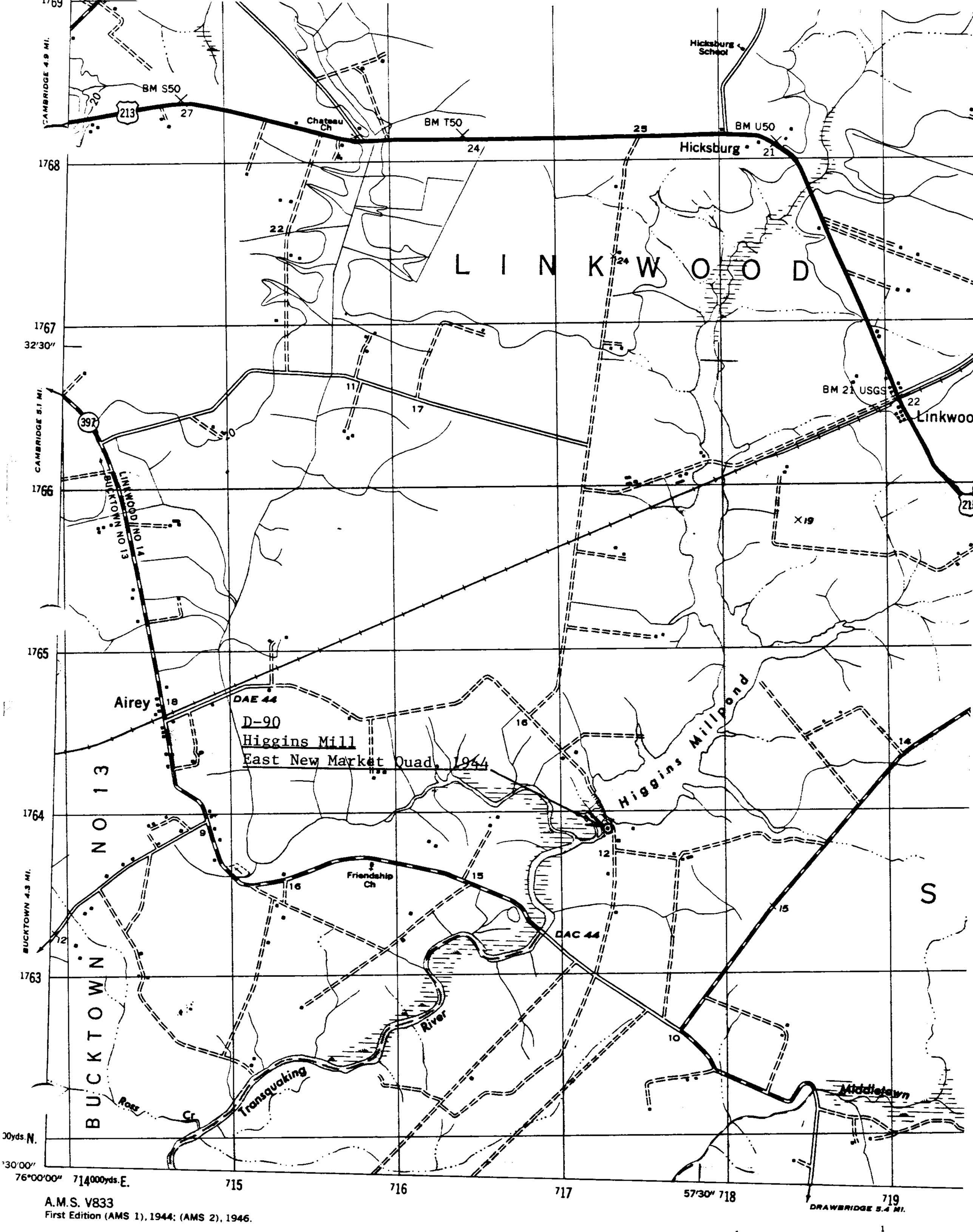

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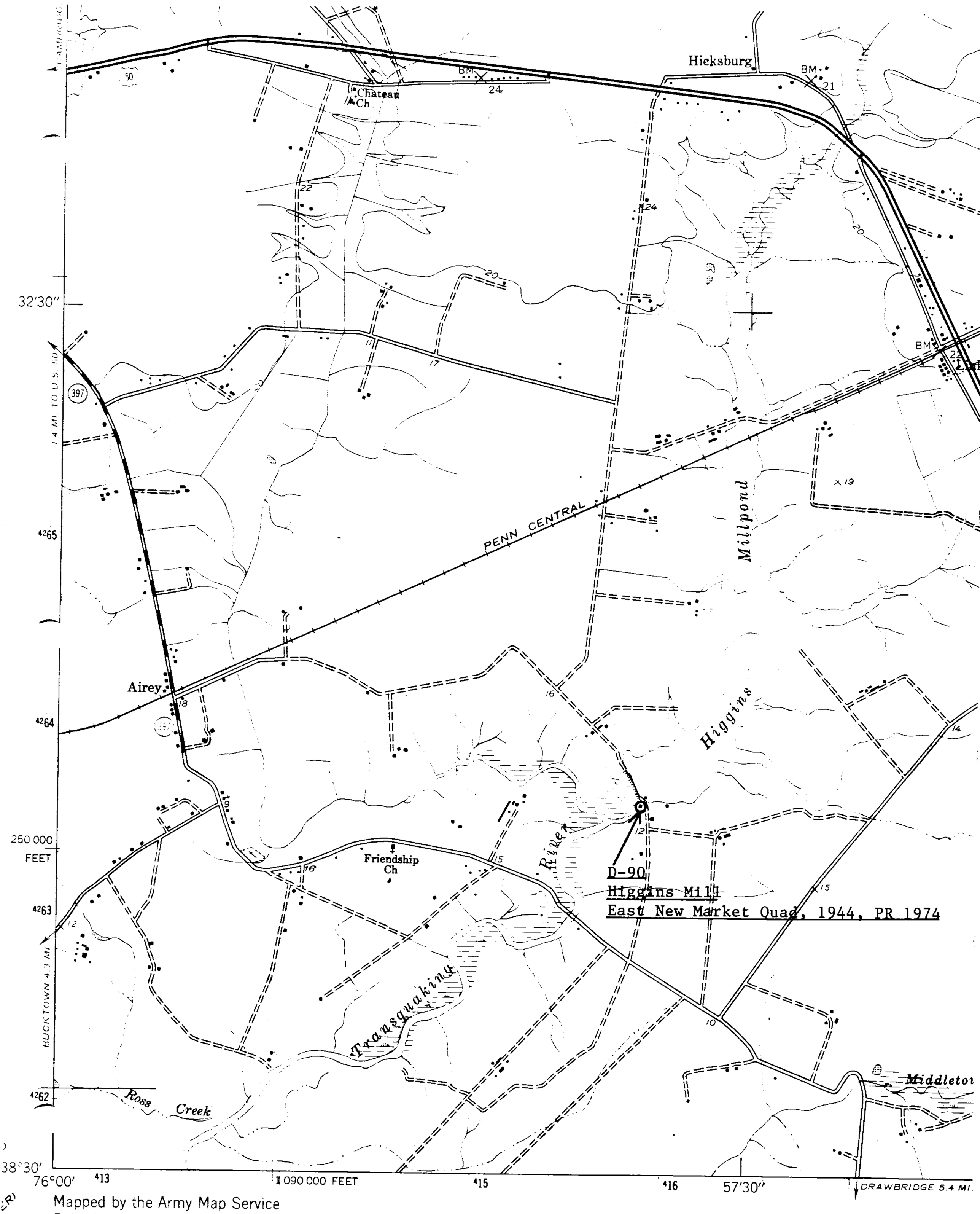

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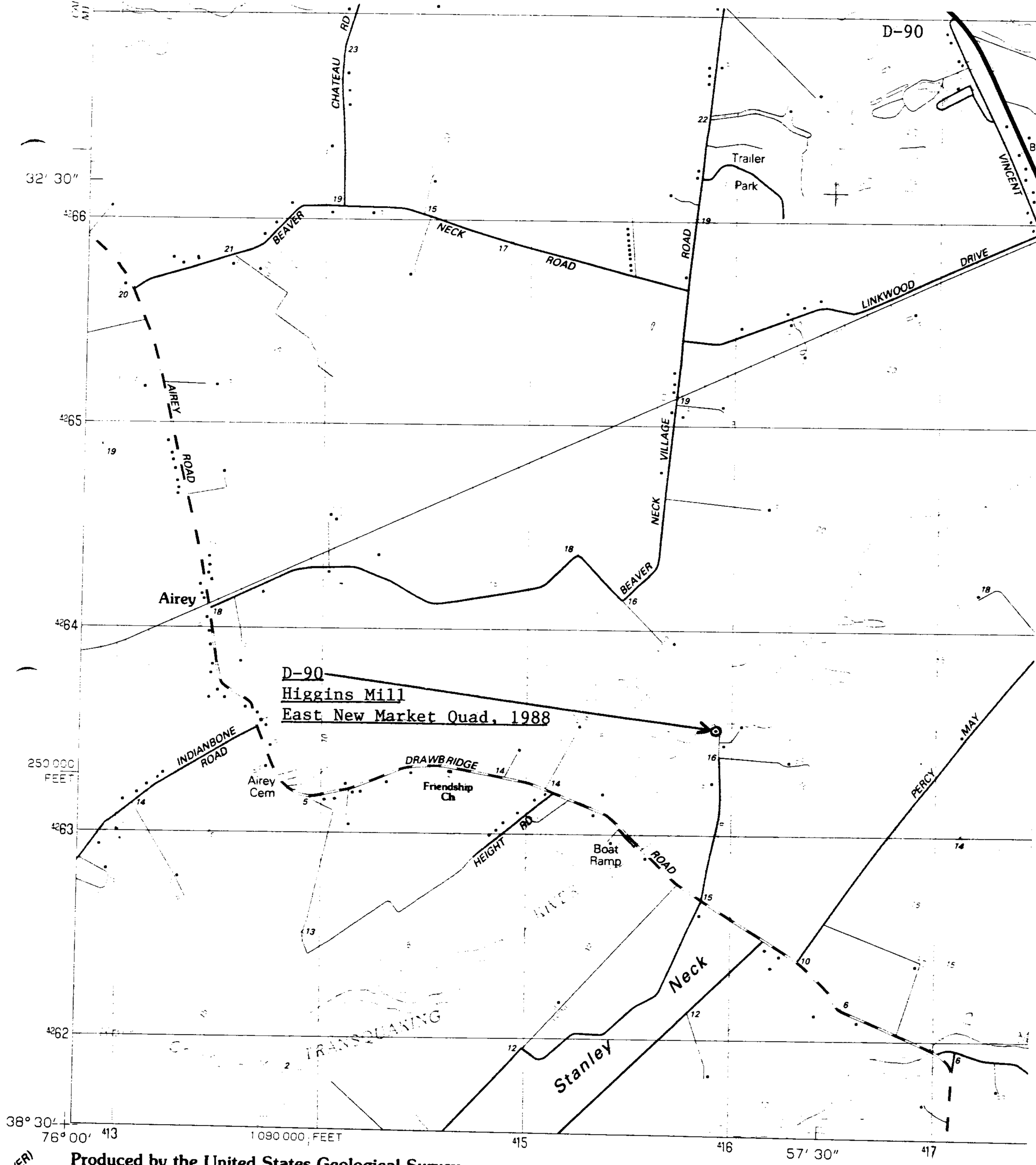

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Higgins Mill
East New Market Quad, 1988

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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1980-81. Field checked 1982. Map edited 1988
Supersedes Army Map Service map dated 1944

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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M. Bourne Nov 1975