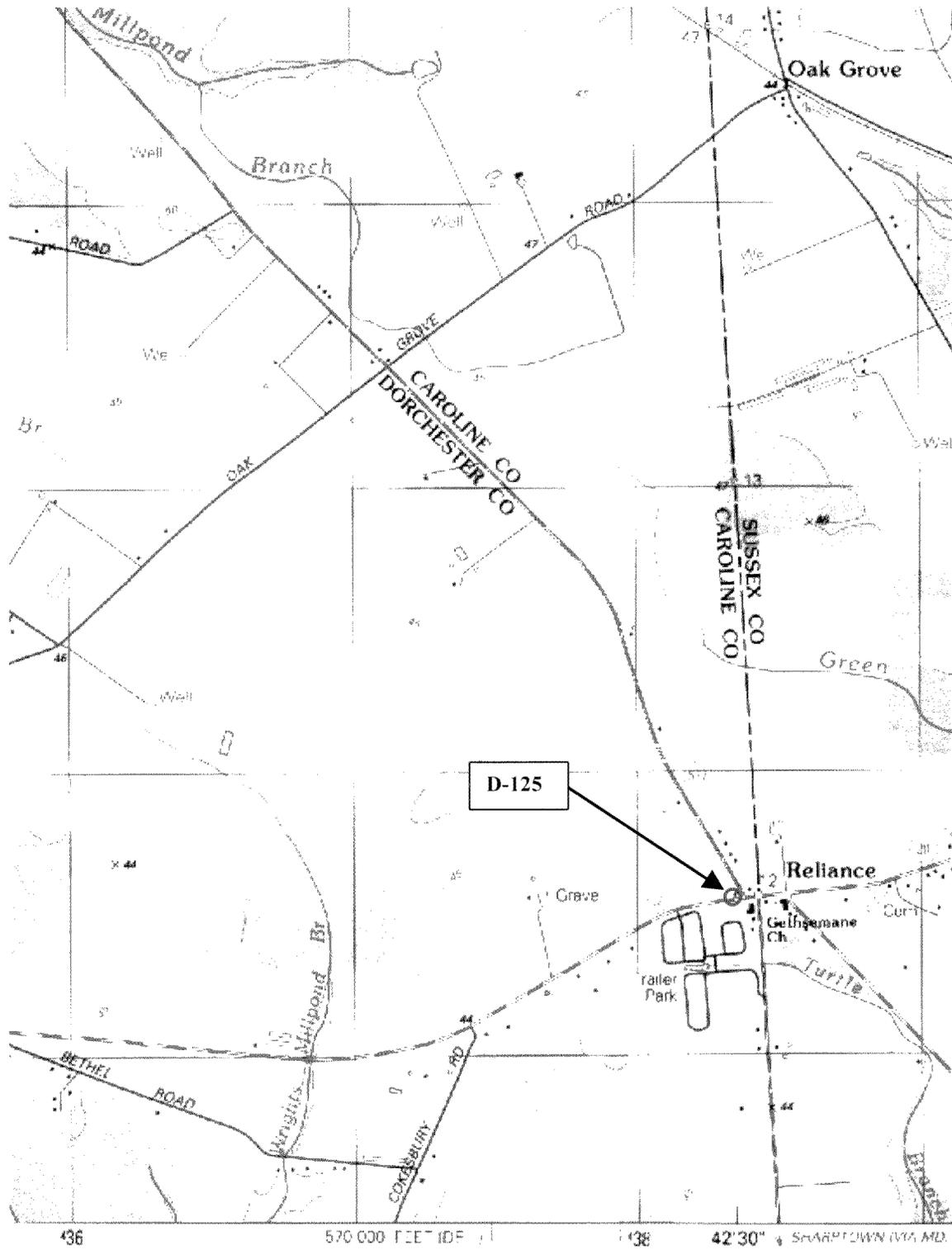


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Md. Rt. 392 and 577  
Reliance, Maryland

Three Counties and two States come together at one point near Reliance, Maryland, home of the famous Patty Cannon. Joe Johnson, Patty's son-in-law, built a tavern at the crossroads. He and Patty Cannon were partners in the operation of the tavern. An old story tells of when travelers stopped at the tavern they were often robbed and murdered. This murder-for-profit combination found another sideline--the stealing and selling of Negro slaves. When slaves were kidnapped they were kept prisoner in the attic. When a buyer arrived, the slaves were taken down to the Nanticoke River, placed aboard a sailing vessel and shipped away. It is a legend in Dorchester County that the location of Patty Cannon's house, was a means for escaping arrest. When Maryland police officers arrived, she went across to Delaware and vice versa. However, Patty was arrested and died from self administered poison in jail at Georgetown, Delaware, before her trial. Today, the Patty Cannon House is marked with a historical marker.

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