

*MAIDEN LOT
Chestertown, Maryland
(ca 1920)*

From the Chester River, Maiden Lot is one of Kent County's most notable houses. Its siting on a beautiful cove and its massive columned porch make it the dominant building on its part of the river. The structure, built about 1920, is a Neo-classical design with a hipped roof and formal terraced entry.

The name Maiden Lot first appears on a 1701 deed for this property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC MAIDEN LOT

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER *North side of the Chester River, 1/4 mile east of the mouth of Morgan Creek*

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21620

First

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

COUNTY

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME *Dr. & Mrs. A. C. Dick*

Telephone #: *301-778-1612*

STREET & NUMBER

Maiden Lot

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. *Kent County Court House*

Liber #: *E H P 49*

Folio #: *85*

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CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

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6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE *Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County*

DATE

1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD 21401

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED (slightly)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Maiden Lot is the 18th century name of the land upon which stands an interesting early 20th century Neo-classic house. The house is situated on the shore of the Chester River, facing south, about 1/2 mile from Morgnec Road.

The building is constructed of Brick. Two stories in height the house is nearly square in plan and has a tall hipped slate roof with two gable dormers in each roof slope. On the river facade is a two story porch which has a shallow hipped roof supported by four square columns. The porch extends across the entire front of the house.

The main entrance to Maiden lot is on the east facade. The entrance door has a sunburst transom light and side lights and is reached by crossing a raised flagstone terrace.

Service wings and garages form an ell to the west of the main block. These rooms are 1 to 1 1/2 stories high and are constructed of frame with slate roofs.

Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters painted green. Dormer windows also have 6/6 sash.

The brick is very regular in shape and laid in common bond with portland cement mortar. There are flat arches over window openings but no decorative brick work. The brick walls and wooden trim are painted white.

Like many houses of this period, the main stair and entrance are located in one corner of the plan. At Maiden Lot this is the north east portion of the house and the 90° stair rises to the third story in a generous stair hall.

Behind the stair on the first floor is a library. The living room and dining room occupy the southern portion of the building and are connected with wide doorways. Minor alterations in the house have been made in the kitchen and library.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *ca 1920*BUILDER/ARCHITECT *M. Marion & Nellie A. Malcolm*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

From the river, Maiden Lot is one of Kent County's most notable houses. Its siting on a beautiful cove and its massive porch standing above lawns and marshes make it the dominant building on its part of the River. In terms of design, Maiden Lot is one of Kents most significant Neo-classical structures.

The building was constructed by M. Marion and Nellie A. Malcolm, formerly of New Jersey. They bought the 304 acres of Maiden Lot in 1918 along with a neighboring 200 acres to the east for a total of \$29,000. The Malcolms evidently constructed the building soon thereafter. In 1932 the property was inherited by their son Oathman who sold it in 1938. Evidently the building had been left vacant for several years and the new owners, Harry and Dorothy Cannon, undertook an extensive program of repair and improvement. It was the Cannons who added modern mechanical systems, reorganized the kitchen, and added plaster cornices in the first floor rooms.

The name Maiden Lot first appeared in Kent County in 1701 and referred to a tract of 182 acres (Liber 1/486.) Additional purchases increased the acreage to several hundred acres by the middle of the 18th century.

The present Maiden Lot house replaces an earlier building which was illustrated in a plat prepared for Chancery proceeding in 1867 (Chancery Dockett JKH 6/132.) The building stood on the site of the present house and probably survived until the early 20th century. There was another early house nearby on the bank of Morgans Creek. The building appears on maps of 1953 but has now vanished.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

Kent County Chancery Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600 ext. 67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland 21620

STATE

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.

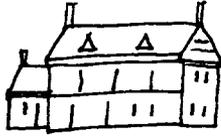
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

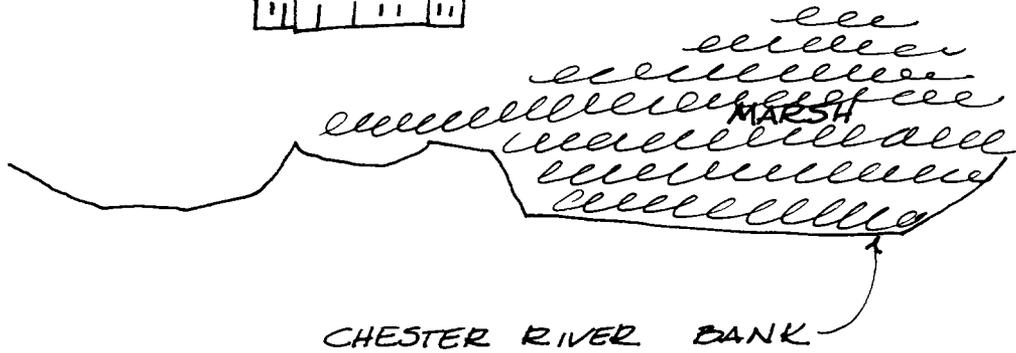
Window and door trim is flat, about 5" in width, and made up of a fillet--ogee--shallow arc--ogee--fillet combination. Turned corner blocks are used at the corners. Simpler trim is used on the upper stories.

Doors have six raised and beveled panels with quarterround panel moldings. Mantle designs are based on the Federal style with oval sunburst shields on the frieze. The stair has a closed string, turned balusters, and a square, fluted newel.

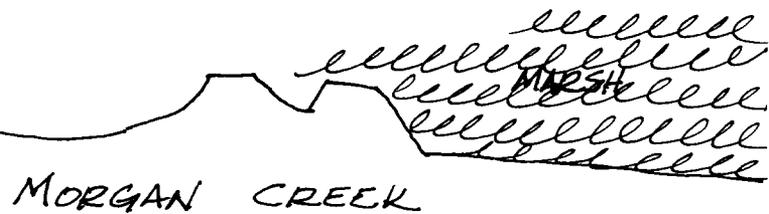
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House formerly on the site
of Maiden Lot (Chancery
Records: JKH6/132, Nov.
1867.)



This small house formerly
stood near the mouth of
Morgan Creek (Chancery
Records, JKH6/130, Nov.
1867.)



MAIDEN LOT (K-198)
Chain of Title

Land Records of
Kent County

Transaction

WHG 11
584

TO: Alexander C. & Dorothy Q. Dick
FROM: Harry B. & Dorothy H. Cannon
DATE: July 15, 1949

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44

TO: Harry B. & Dorothy H. Cannon
FROM: Oathman A. Malcolm
DATE: May 17, 1938

Oathman inherited "Edgewater Farm" from his parents in 1932.

APR 3
118

TO: M. Marion & Nellie A. Malcolm
FROM: Curwen B. & Clara B. Fisher
DATE: January 22, 1918

The 304 acres and premises sold for \$15,000. The Malcolms also bought 200 + acres from the Fishers.

JTD 21
41

TO: Curwen B. & Clara B. Fisher
FROM: James & Catherine P. Brice
DATE: March 1, 1910

For \$11,250, 304 acres and premises.

SB 15
454

TO: James Brice
FROM: Thomas W. Eliason, Mortgagee
DATE: June 10, 1892

Sold by Eliason in a public sale after "due public notice had been given." This is the first reference to the name "Maidens Lot." 304 acres were sold for \$6,279.91

Land Records of
Kent County

Transaction

SB 1
542

TO: Thomas W. Eliason, Mortgagee
FROM: Thomas S. & Louisa Wilmer
DATE: January 18, 1881

Thomas S. Wilmer was living on the property at the time here he mortgages the property to Thomas Eliason to satisfy a debt of about \$5,000.

DCB 3
128

TO: Thomas S. Wilmer
FROM: George Vickers & Richard Hynson, Trustees
DATE: September 1, 1877

This 304 acres was involved in a Chancery proceeding between Hugh Maxwell Wallis, deceased, and Sarah A. Wallis, his wife and heir. This was the Home Farm of Mr. Wallis. The property was sold for \$11,431.00 in 1867. This deed indicates the Chancery proceeding has been completed and the title is clear.

Chancery Records
JKH 6
132

These records include a survey and plat of the property. It includes 304+ acres and included a house on the site of the present building.

1. STATE <i>Maryland</i> COUNTY <i>Kent</i> TOWN <i>Chestertown</i> VICINITY STREET NO. <i>Rt 447, 2 miles east of Rt 213</i> <i>(south to house)</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i> PRESENT OWNER <i>A.C. Dick</i> PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>K. 198</i>
	2. NAME <i>Maiden Lot</i> DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

18th century name of the land

House built around 1930's- architecturally unimportant.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE *Endangered* *Interior* *Exterior*

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER DATE OF RECORD
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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House built around 1930's - Architecturally
un-important.

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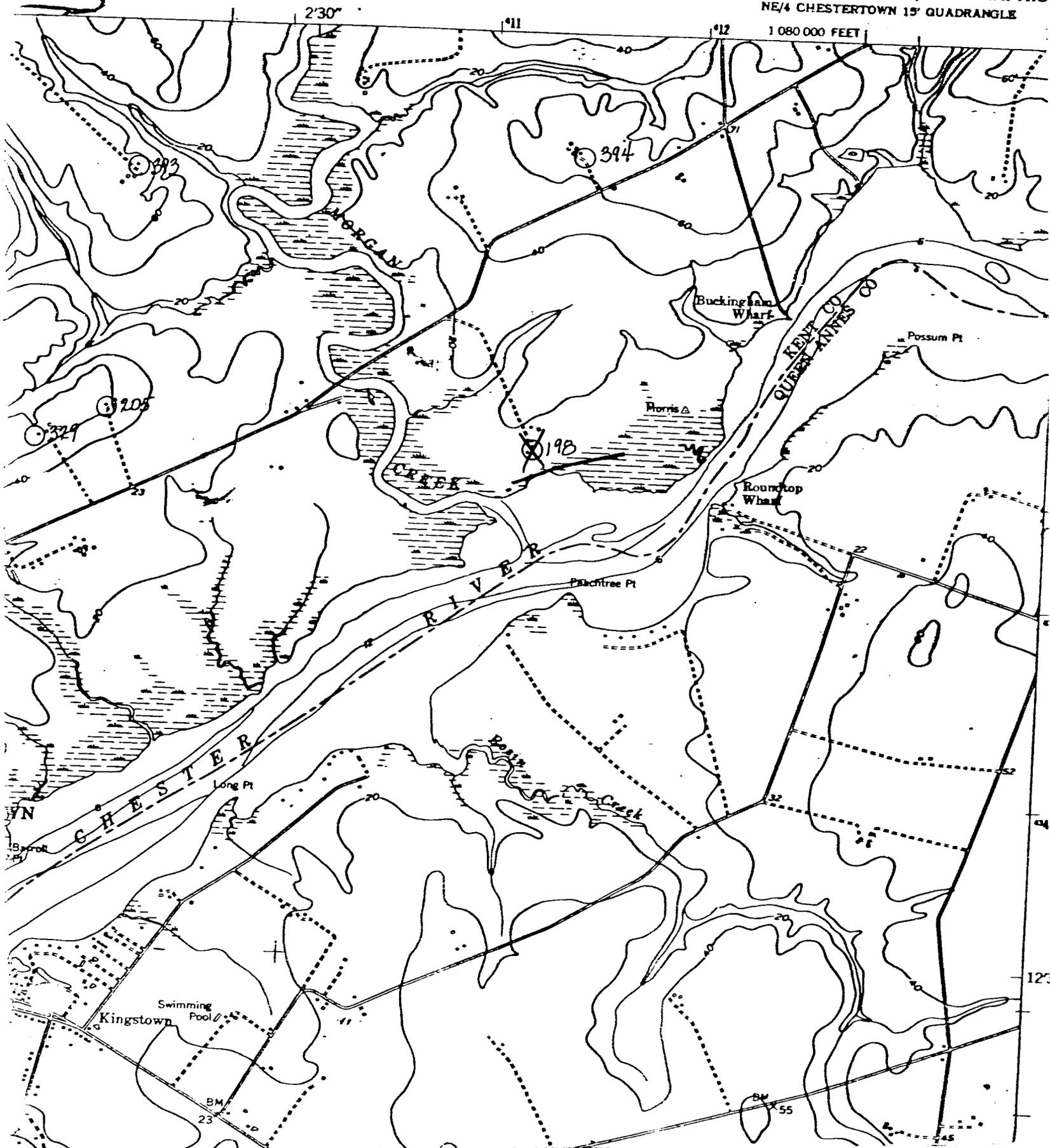
CHESTERTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NE/4 CHESTERTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

2'30"

'11

'12

1 080 000 FEET





South fence

J. Tyler Campbell
FREE-LANCE PHOTOGRAPHY
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South Facade

MAIDEN LOT (K-198)

Chestertown, Kent County

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