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Plain Dealing  
Centreville vicinity  
Private

1800

Constructed in 1800, the brick dwelling known as Plain Dealing is an excellent example of a two story house with hall parlor plan. Original details of interest include the put-log holes in the exterior gable walls, the evidence of rusticated wood lintels, and two Federal mantels and a built-in cupboard. One unusual feature is the evidence that the interior walls and ceilings were left unplastered until the late 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Plain Dealing

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side Burrisville Road

CITY, TOWN

Burrisville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Patricia R. Emory

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 145

Folio #: 187

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plain Dealing is located on the west side of Burrisville Road one mile south of Burrisville and approximately 2 1/2 miles north of Centreville.

The house at Plain Dealing was constructed in two parts. The original section is brick, two stories high, three bays wide, and one room deep, with flush brick chimneys at either end of a pitched gable roof. A brick in the east gable is dated "1800". An early, true story-and-a-half frame wing projects from the west gable.

The front facade of the original house faces south. The center door is flanked by one 9/6 window on each side; there are three 6/6 windows on the second floor. The jambs and soffit of the doorway are paneled with mid-19th century fielded panels, the 6-panel door appears to be original. Each opening was originally embellished with splayed wood lintels (presumably rusticated), but these are now gone, leaving shallow splayed recesses. The facade brickwork is laid in five-course bond above a plain watertable and three-course bond foundation. The eaves are finished

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.1 DESCRIPTION

with a box cornice and beveled crown mold typical of the latter half of the nineteenth century. The cornice returns at the gables; the roof is asphalt shingle.

The east gable is laid in three-course bond above a plain watertable. A pair of four-light windows in the upper gable are the only openings in this wall. Put-log holes remain exposed on this gable. A brick centered in the upper gable is inscribed

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The gable eaves are boxed in with a later 19th century cornice. The majority of the west gable is covered by the wing. A pair of four-light windows and two put-log holes are still visible in the upper gable.

The rear or north facade is similar to the front facade, with a center door flanked by 9/6 windows and three 6/6 windows on the second floor. The brickwork is three-course bond above a plain watertable. The wood lintels are also gone from the openings on this facade.

The first floor of the original house was divided

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.2 DESCRIPTION

by a brick partition wall into a large hall to the east and a smaller parlor to the west. The partition has been removed and the first floor opened up into one room. The original stair was an enclosed winder in the southeast corner of the hall, to the right of the gable fireplace. An original dentil-course mantel on this fireplace and a matching cupboard to the left have been temporarily removed during current renovations. The west fireplace is blocked and fitted for a stove. A door to the left of this fireplace leads into the later wing. Original architrave trim survives around the windows; blocks in the masonry walls held an original chairrail. Sections of this have survived below the windows, serving as the sill piece. Apparently the interior was not initially plastered, as the interior brick walls and the ceiling joists were left exposed and whitewashed.

The center brick partition has also been removed on the second floor. This wall was replaced with a frame non-bearing wall that formed a modified hall-parlor plan. A simple Federal mantel survives on the east gable wall, and the original enclosed winder to the attic remains in the southeast corner of the room.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.3 DESCRIPTION

The second floor ceiling joists are now plastered, but were originally only whitewashed. The brick walls remain unplastered in the stairway. The plaster was apparently not added until at least the late 19th century, as the lathing nails have wire shanks. Beaded baseboard and molded window architraves survive, as well as sections of the chairrail below the windows. A batten door to the attic stairs is made of circular sawn boards, one of which is 20 1/2 inches wide.

The roof is constructed of hewn and pit-sawn common rafters set at a pitch of 37 degrees. The rafters are half-lapped and nailed with wrought nails at the ridge and rest on flat false plates. There are no collar beams.

The frame wing is a true story-and-a-half, with a flush brick chimney centered on the west end of the pitched gable roof. On the south facade, there is a door in the right bay and a 6/6 window to the left on the first floor and one 6-light window in the center of the second floor. A pair of 4/2 windows in the upper gable are the only openings on the west wall. The north facade has a door in the east bay, one 6/6 window to the west, and two 6-light windows on

## CONTINUATION SHEET

## 7.4 DESCRIPTION

the second floor. The walls are sheathed with plain horizontal weatherboards, plain cornerboards and a box cornice with a simple crown mold. The first floor serves as a kitchen; an enclosed stair against the east wall leads to a large chamber on the second floor. This is now the only access to the second floor of the main house as well.

There is a brick lined well in the yard. No early outbuildings have survived.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Plain Dealing is an interesting example of a two story brick hall-parlor plan dwelling. This plan type was highly favored for 1 1/2 story frame houses throughout the 18th and the first half of the 19th century, but only occasionally occurs in a two story form. This particular building is of particular interest due to the established date of construction. Details of interest include the put-log holes in the gables, the evidence of rusticated wood lintels, two Federal mantels and an original cupboard. One surprising feature is evidence indicating that the interior walls and ceilings were left unplastered until the late 19th century.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

**Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor**

ORGANIZATION

**Queen Anne's County Historical Society**

DATE

**7/8/80**

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

**Centreville**

STATE

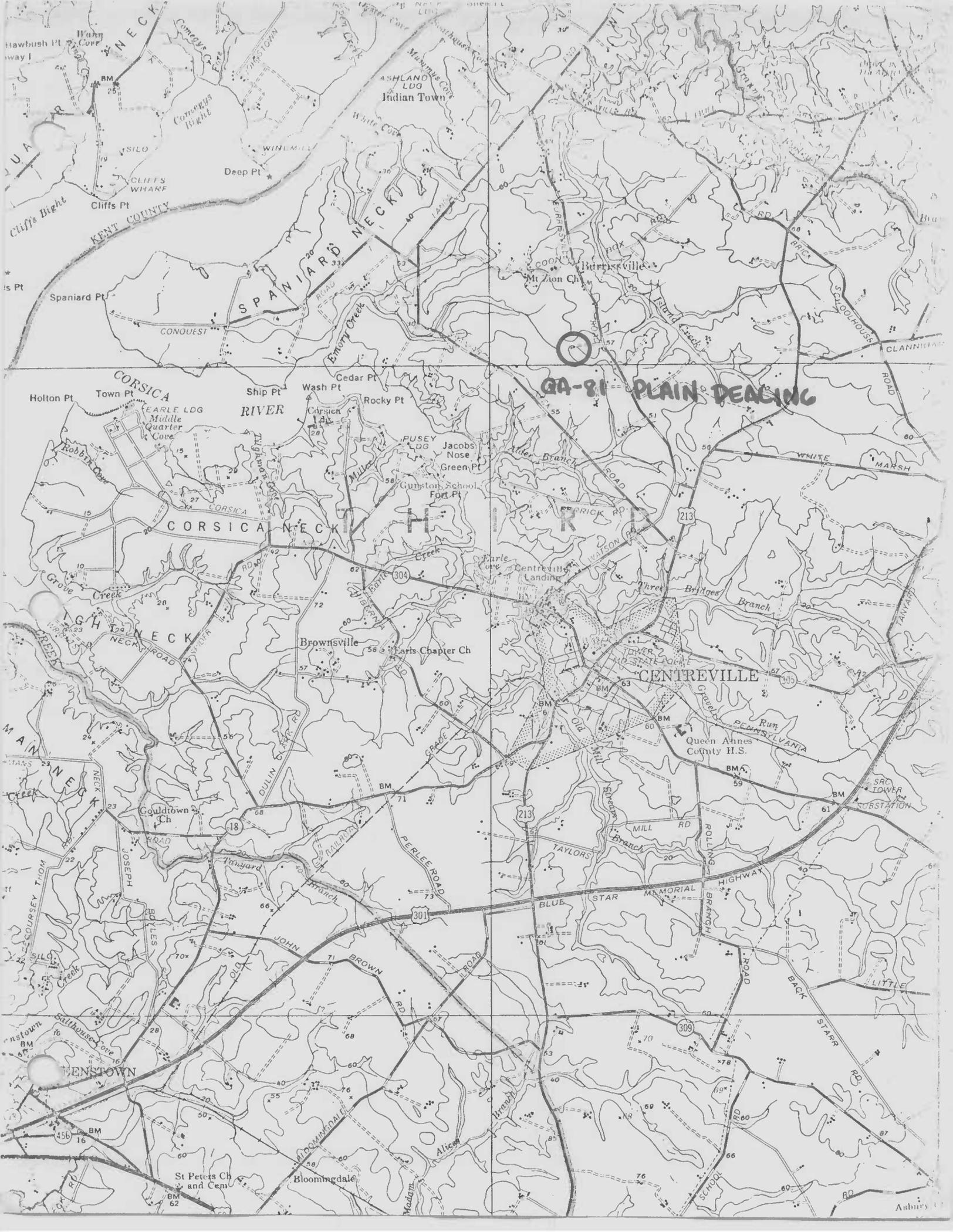
**Maryland**

Field Notebook QA IX, Recorded May 16, 1979.

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.

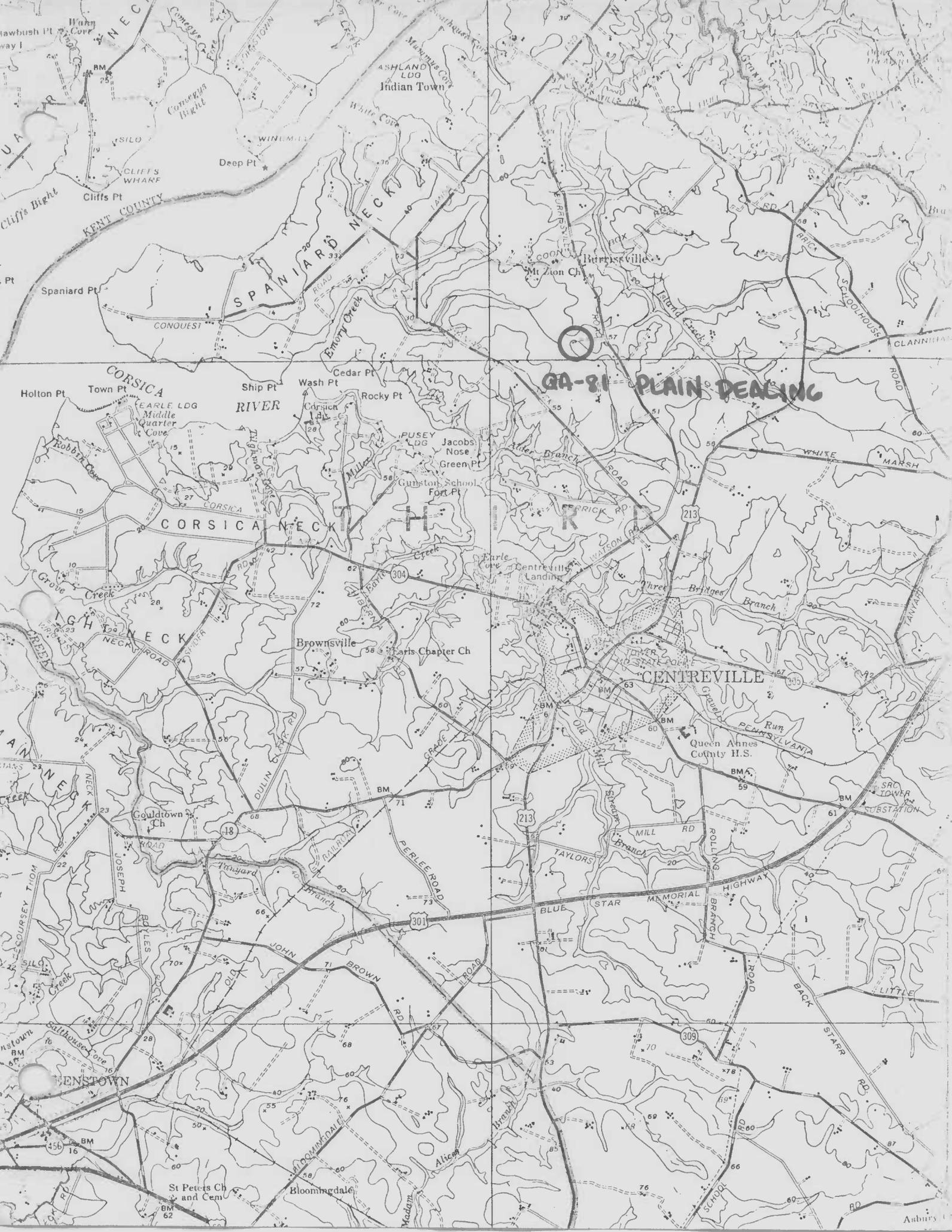
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Mary McCarthy  
Spring/Summer 2003  
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Plain Dealing  
Centreville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
North facade



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Plain Dealing  
Centreville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
View from Southwest



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Plain Dealing  
Centreville vicinity  
Orlando Ridout V 1980  
South facade



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