WI-243 c. 1870
Bailey's Chance
Allen
Private

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Simeon Levi Malone left the left to his three sons through his will, proved in

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1891. He directed that:

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In 1904, the property was conveyed to Elias H. Nichols in the wake of a Circuit Court settlement. Fifty-five years later, in September 1959, Elias H. Nichols sold the farm to James L. And Lulu Lee Fields.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Malone Farm "Bailey's Chance"

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-243

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
   Agriculture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition
   1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family farmhouse
   Outbuilding-kitchen

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DOE __yes __no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Bailey's Chance" Levi Malone Farm

and/or common Fields Farmhouse

2. Location

street & number 3570 Post Office Road ___ not for publication

city, town Allen ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	X agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James L. and Lula L. Fields

street & number 3570 Post Office Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 56, P. 54 liber 485

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 163

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-243

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Fields farmhouse, also known as the Levi Malone farm, is comprised of land known as "Bailey's Chance," and it located at 3570 Post Office Road on the northern edge of the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame farmhouse faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Dating to around 1870, the two-story, three-bay center hall frame dwelling is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is covered with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, four-bay dining room/kitchen wing. A group of wagon sheds stand north of the house. Standing a short distance off the northwest corner of the house is a single-story mortise-and-tenon frame outbuilding.

The two-story, three-bay south (main) facade is covered on the first floor by an enclosed hip roof front porch. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice.

The northeast and southwest gable ends are essentially alike with two six-over-six sash windows on each floor that flank an interior end brick stove chimney. The attic is lighted by small two-over-two windows. An extended eave with returns at the base trim the edge of the roof.

The northwest (rear) elevation is covered in part by the two-story, four-bay, single-pile dining room/kitchen wing. A two-story shed roof porch extends from the southwest side, and the former porch has been enclosed. There are two small rooms at the end of the porch, one on each floor. Rising through the service wing is an interior brick stove chimney. A modern brick chimney rises against the gable end, which is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window on each floor. The northeast side of the dining room/kitchen wing is marked by a large picture window on the first floor along with two six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by four six-over-six sash.

The interior was not seen.

The single-story, one-room plan outbuilding is a mortise-and-tenon frame structure supported on a brick pier foundation and sheathed with T-111 vertical board siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with corrugated tin. A door pierces the northeast wall.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B XC __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The farmhouse falls into *Category C*, which identifies properties where alterations should be considered carefully since the property retains portions of original fabric and it contributes to the historic nature of the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Private Consultant	date	11/10/95
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Bailey's Chance
3570 Post Office Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

485/163	Elias H. Nichols
	to
9/5/1959	James L. Fields Lulu Lee Fields
EAT 39/283	L. Atwood Bennett, Trustee
	to
2/27/1904	Elias H. Nichols Whereas by Decree of Circuit Court 9/22/1902 $1950.00 120 acres "Bailey's Chance"
ELW 1/238	Last Will and Testament of Levi Malone
	to
Written 7/23/1888 Proved 5/14/1891	George T. Malone Simeon F. Malone Levi A. Malone

3rd Item: I will and devise, and bequeath all my lands and premises improved and unimproved to my three sons Simeon F. Malone, Levi A. Malone and George T. Malone, share and share alike, paying unto my four daughters Mary V. Turner, Sally A. Malone, Elizabeth Ellen Malone, and Emma L. Malone each the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars in three annual installments of fifty dollars to each one in each of three successive years

'E DISTRICT BUSINESS REF-
ERENCES.

IU[illegible] VEBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, [illegible]es, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, [illegible]ware, Glassware, Ready-made Clothing, [illegible]nd Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. [illegible]ls of Merchandise usually kept in a country [illegible] Fruitland, Md.

[illegible]NBY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, [illegible]aps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, [illegible]re, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

[illegible]LANY AND SONS, General Dealers [illegible] Shippers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits [illegible]etables. Also dealers in all kinds of Mer- [illegible] adapted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

[illegible]LLEN, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groce- [illegible]ent Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and [illegible], Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs [illegible]licines, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and [illegible] Goods usually kept in a country store. [illegible]r cash or Produce. Upper Trappe, Md.

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Dist. No. 7

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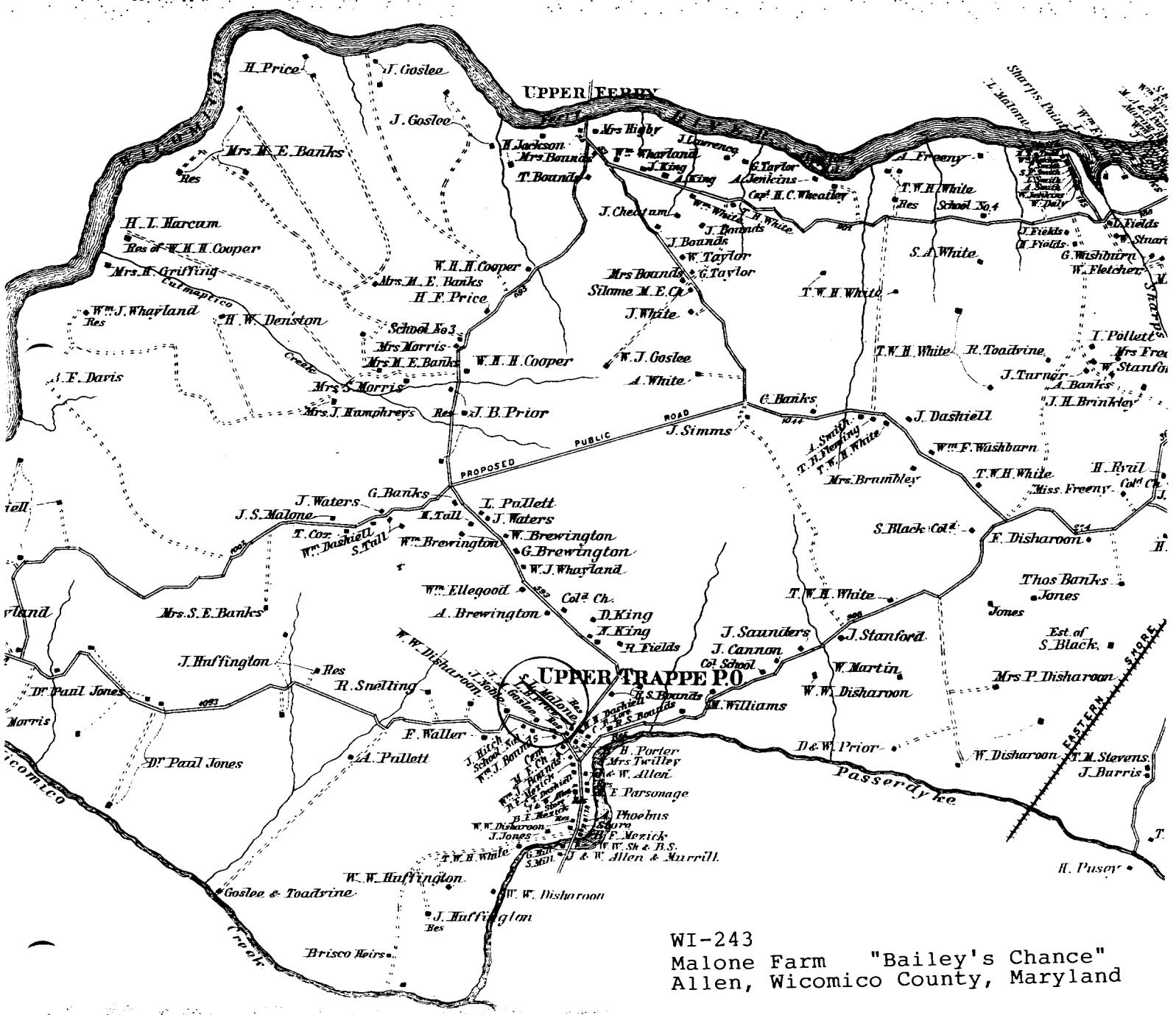

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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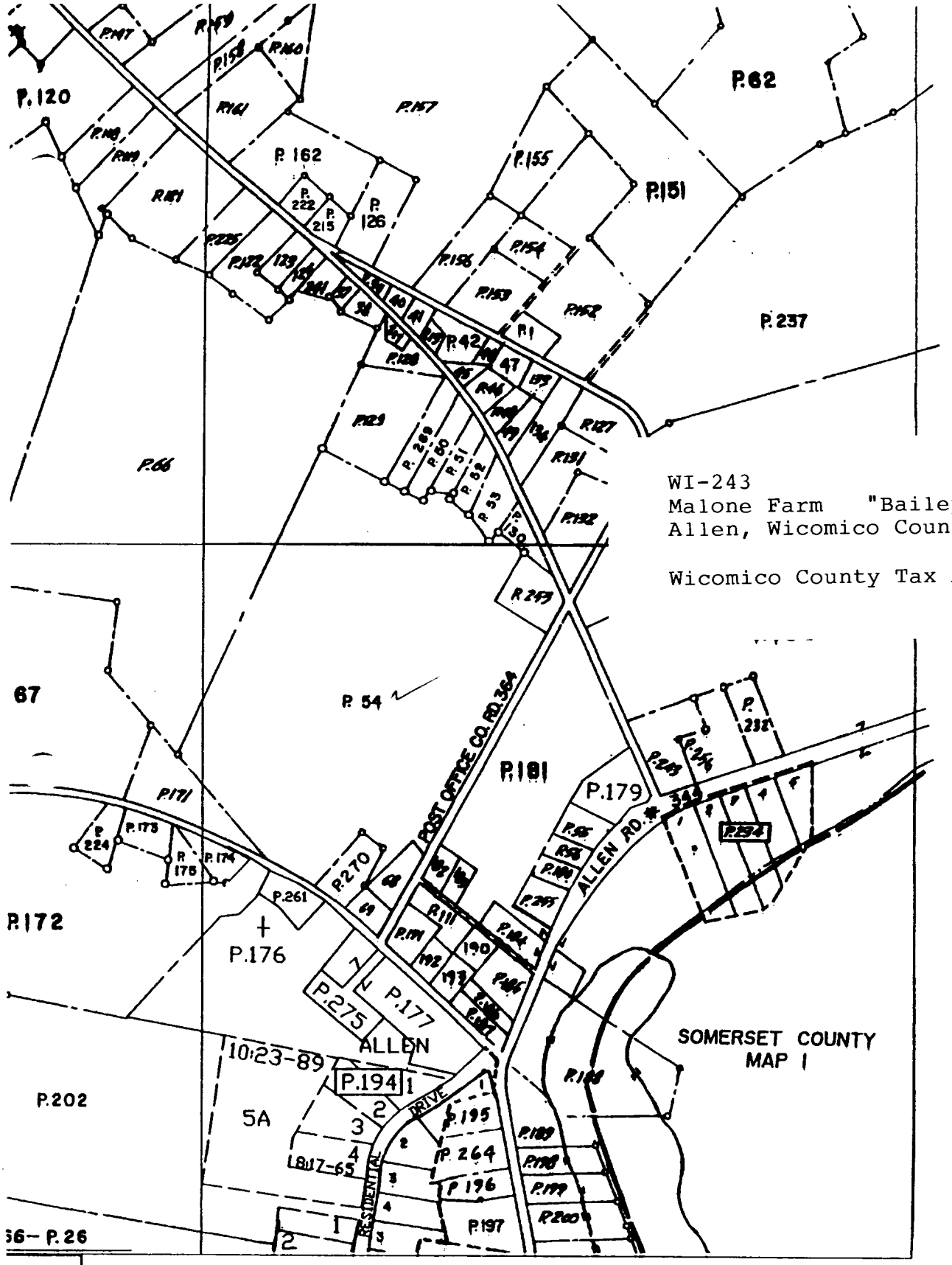

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Parcel 54

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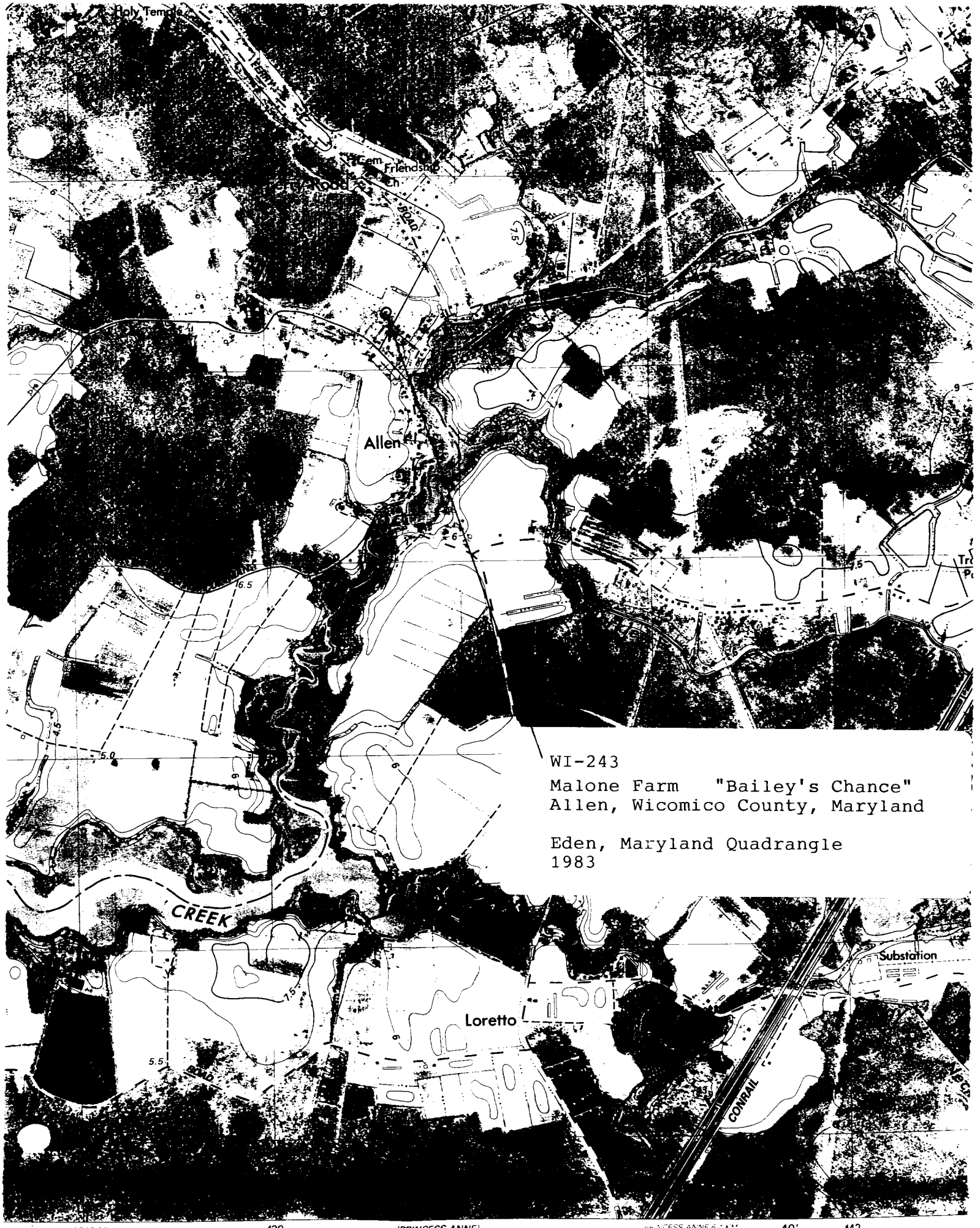

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42'30" '39 (PRINCESS ANNE) 5860 II NW 40' '42

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Bailey's Chance
Allen, Nicholas County, MD.
Southwest elevation
11/95, Paul Touart, photographer
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