WI-510 c. 1880-90
Thomas R. Layfield Farmhouse
Salisbury vicinity
Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas R. Layfield Farmhouse

other Parker Farm

2. Location

street and number 505 Parker Road — not for publication

city, town Salisbury — x vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Scott McKenna/Sandra Dykes

street and number 505 Parker Road — telephone

city, town Salisbury — state MD — zip code 21804

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court — tax map and parcel Map 39, P. 731

city, town Salisbury, Maryland — liber AJS 1060 — folio 532

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District
Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
Recorded by HABS/HAER
Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture	landscape	3	buildings
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture		sites
structure	both	defense	religion		structures
site		x domestic	social		objects
object		education	transportation		
		funerary	work in progress	3	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use	**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**	
		industry	other:		

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

The Thomas R. Layfield farmhouse is located at 505 Parker Road north of Old Ocean City Road in the vicinity of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, center hall/single-pile frame house faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. The farmhouse is joined on the site by a single-story, one-room plan frame summer kitchen and a late nineteenth-century barn. The house stands in a grove of mature shade trees.

Built around 1890, the two-and-a-half, story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling is supported on a continuous brick foundation and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles over plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The west (main) facade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The partially glazed front door was a substitute door for the original late nineteenth century door. Sheltering the entrance bay is a cross-gabled, turned post porch features decorative sawn work and turned baluster railings between the posts. The shallow cross gable is finished with a stylized sunburst pattern of carved woodwork. The adjacent two-over-two sash windows are flanked by louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows also flanked by louvered shutters. Centered on the roof is a cross gable pierced by a pointed arch window. The eaves of the house are extended with a boxed cornice trimmed with late nineteenth-century bed and crown moldings.

The north and south gable ends are marked by pairs of two-over-two sash windows to each side of interior single flue brick stove chimneys. The attic is lighted by small two-over-two windows. Trimming the edge of the roof is an extended eave with returns at the base.

The east (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by the two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing, which is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the south side of the kitchen is a shed roofed porch that has a pantry enclosed on its east end.

The center passage contains a Victorian staircase with a turned newel post, turned balusters, a closed stringer, and a molded handrail. A shallow profile four-panel door that retains its original abstract patterned oak graining opens into a small closet underneath the staircase, and oak grained doors open into the adjacent living room and parlor as well. The doors and windows are framed by heavy ogee molded surrounds. A Victorian panels defines the space immediately beneath the window sill. The mantel in the south living room is defined by plain pilasters, a plain frieze and a thick board shelf.

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The mantel in the north room has more elaborate Victorian decoration.

The second floor is divided in a similar fashion, however the space on the south side of the hall is divided into two rooms. An enclosed staircase retaining a grained door provides access to an unfinished attic.

The kitchen wing retains much of its late nineteenth-century woodwork finishes as well. Fixed on the northeast corner of the kitchen is an enclosed stair with narrow beaded board partitions and door. The room is fitted with vertical beaded board wainscoting as well. The room above is simply finished with plain surrounds framing the window openings. A shorter section of handrail has turned balusters, a turned newel post, and a molded handrail.

The attic is unfinished and a common rafter roof system assembled with mature cut nails. At the peak of the common rafters is a ridge board. The roof framing above the kitchen wing is contemporaneous with that of the main block. A piece of beaded weatherboarding is nailed to the floor for planking.

Located directly behind the house is a single-story, one room plan frame summer kitchen. The essentially square outbuilding is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with wood shingles. The gable end serves as the front of the building, and a beaded board and batten door pierces the south facade. The east and west sides are pierced by six-over-six sash windows, and the base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. The interior is fitted with beaded board wainscoting, plaster walls, and a built-in Victorian cupboard in the northwest corner. A single flue brick chimney stack was formerly located in the center of the north gable end.

Also standing on the property is a late nineteenth-century frame barn sheathed with vertical board siding, and the timber frame structure is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
x 1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates	**Architect**
Specific dates	**Builder**

Evaluation for:

National Register _Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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[1] Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 2/291, 11 December 1876.

[2] John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976. p. 14.

[3] Graham, ed. p. 51.

[4] Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 7/74, 29 December 1884.

[5] Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 180/1 and AJS 839/413.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area
Acreage surveyed 1.292 acres
Quadrangle name Delmar, Maryland Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the property coincides with the current metes and bounds of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian	
organization	Private Consultant	
street & number	P. O. Box 5	date 9/15/2000
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	**phone 410-651-1094**

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Chain of title

Map 39, Parcel 731

1133/669	Scott H. McKenna Sandra Dykes McKenna
	to
1/29/1988	Scott H. McKenna Sandra Dykes McKenna
AJS 1060/532	Fulton D. Jeffers, Trustee
	to
3/1/1986	Sandra L. Dykes Scott H. McKenna
AJS 876/90	Franklin P. Perdue
	to
2/8/1977	Fulton P. Jeffers, Trustee Items One and Two
AJS 839/413	J. Edgar Harvey, Personal Representative of C. Emily Bailey
	to
4/1/1975	Franklin P. Perdue

IDT 180/1	Elisha P. Parker, et al. (Joseph H. Parker and C. Emily Bailey) Personal Representatives of the late Clayton C. Parker
	to, daughter
6/16/1933	C. Emily Bailey 76 acres (and to the said C. Emily Bailey by Ira S. Parker, 6/16/1933, IDT 180/4) Whereas, by the terms of the Last Will and Testament of the said Clayton C. Parker, 6/15/1927, MNN 1/407
Mortgage SPT 7/74	J. Bayard Perdue Clayton C. Parker
	to
12/29/1884	Thomas R. Layfield Bill Obligatory, $1225.00, payable to the said E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee
SPT 2/291	Joseph W. Purnell
	to
12/11/1876	Thomas R. Layfield 104 acres
TF, Jr. 3/386-87	William T. Dawson Mary A. Dawson
	to
7/24/1873	Joseph W. Purnell "Dale Land"

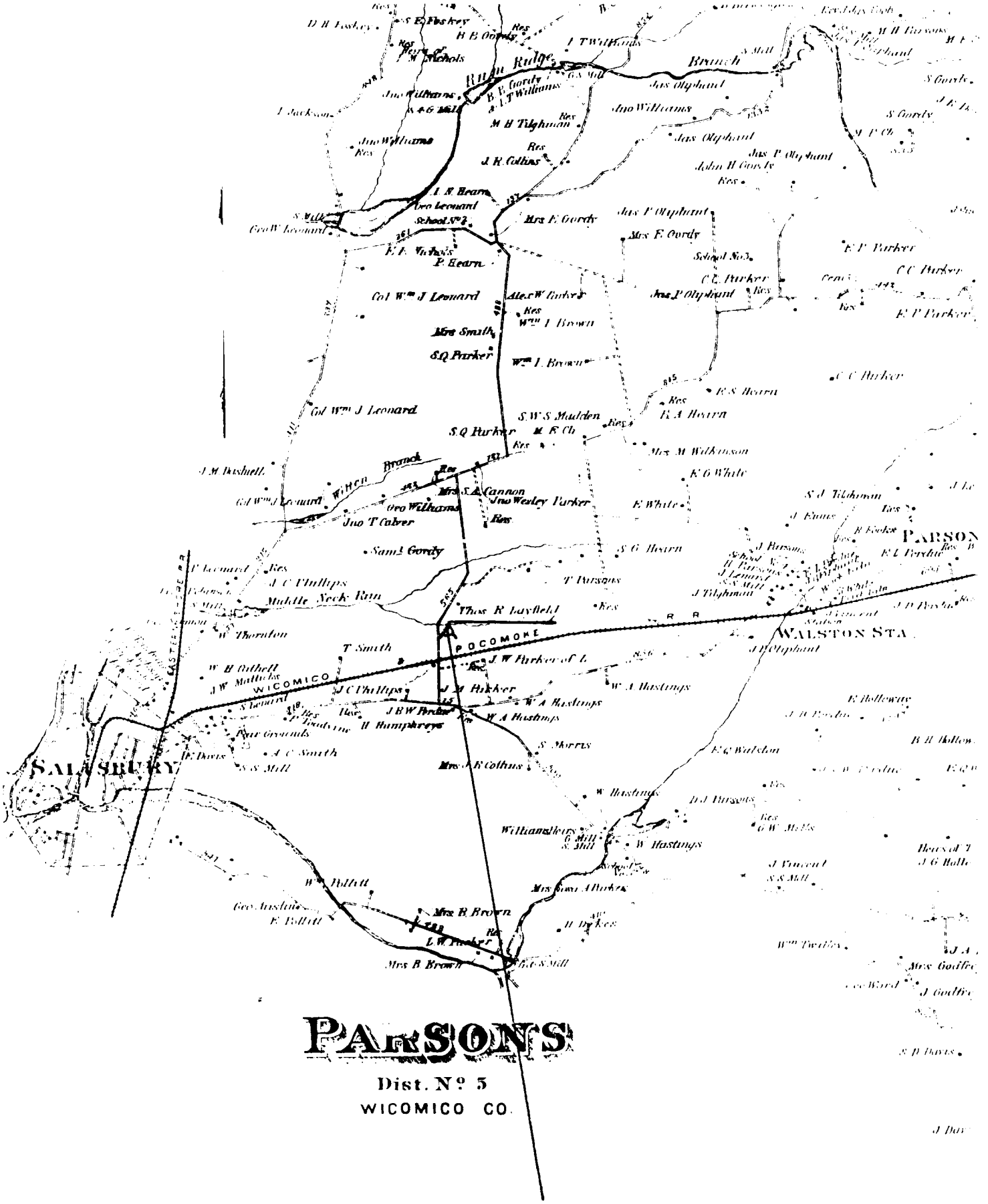
Worcester County
Land Record
GHR 3/7 Samuel Q. Parker

to

9/2/1867 William T. Dawson

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas, 1877

Patron List Thomas R. Layfield, 104 acres, farmer, 1848 (Date of Settlement)



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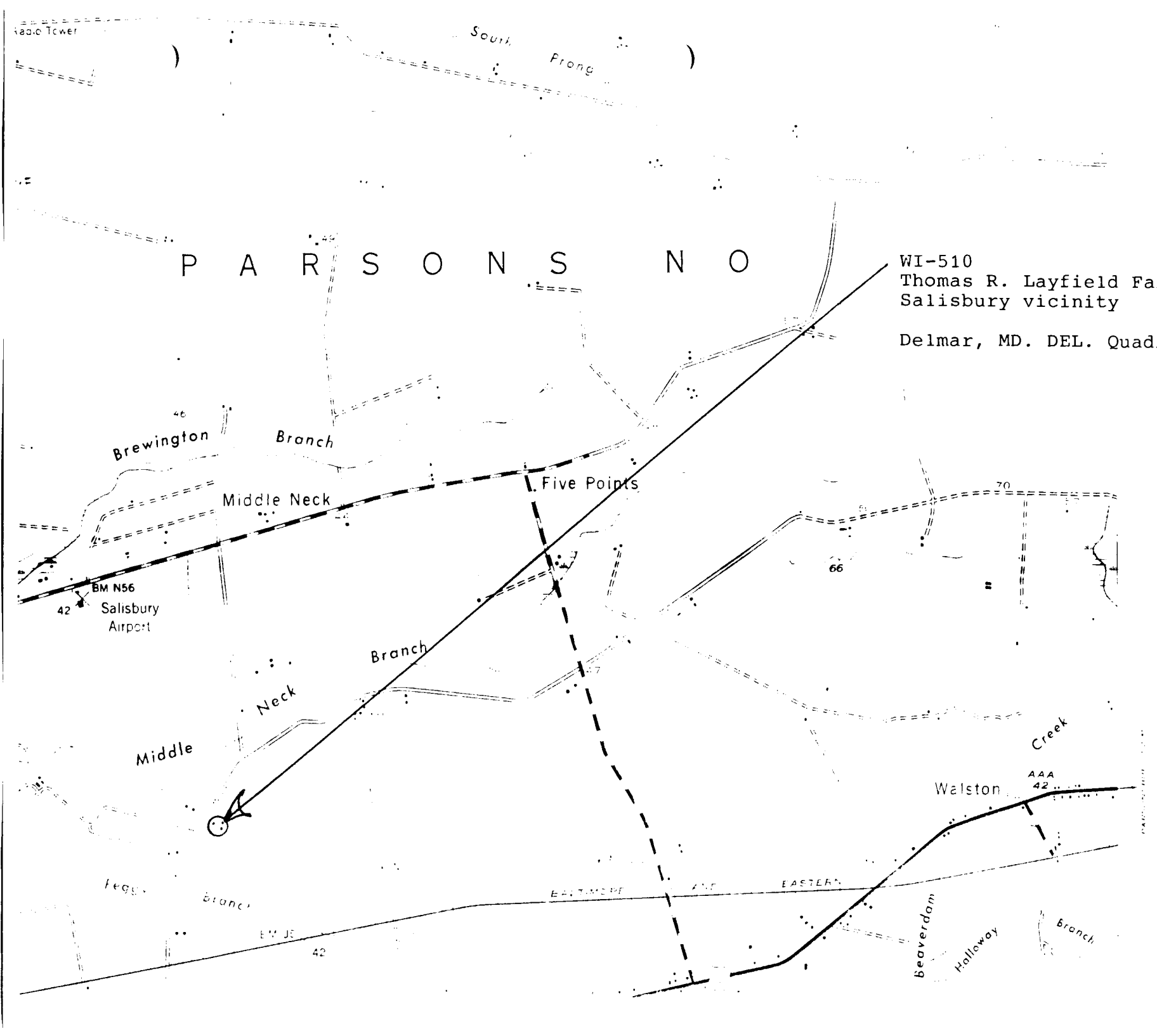

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Delmar, MD. DEL. Quadrangle

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