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Charles H. Cox House
Pomfret vic.
Private

circa 1890

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. CH-514
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Charles H. Cox House
Common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 8570 Marshall Corner Rd. Not for publication ___
city or town Pomfret vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20675

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

X private
___ public-local
___ public-State
___ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
___ district
___ site
___ structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
6	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
6	1	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?
Yes ___ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Victorian

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: brick
roof gabled: asphalt shingles
walls wood frame: German siding
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

____ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

____ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

____ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

____ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

____ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

____ B removed from its original location.

____ C a birthplace or a grave.

____ D a cemetery.

____ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

____ F a commemorative property.

____ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)
ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance circa 1890

Significant Dates circa 1890

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records. Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 38 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property is designated as Parcel 14 on Map 22, Grid 5 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The Charles Cox House has been associated with Parcel 14, Map 22 since its construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept. date May 29, 1999
street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Brady Maguire
street & number 8570 Marshall Corner Rd telephone 301-934-3924
city or town Pomfret state MD zip code 20675

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The house occupies a 38-acre farm located at the northeast corner of Marshall Corner and Bennsville roads. Approached by a long dirt driveway from the south, the house is surrounded by scattered mature trees. Five historic and one non-historic outbuildings stand to the rear of the house.

Set atop a brick pier foundation, the Cox House stands two stories in height and is covered by a gabled roof. Two exterior brick chimneys have been added to the east elevation of the house. The roof is clad in asphalt shingles and the eaves are open and adorned with molded raking cornices at each gable end. Corner boards define the wall intersections, and plain square-edged wood casings frame the windows. Other than a few windows associated with the additions, the house retains its original 2/2 wood sash.

Each of the three remaining porches has been rebuilt and a 1-story frame kitchen addition extends off the north end of the dwelling. Four doorways provide entry on the east and west sides of the dwelling. Two contain single-leaf panel-and-light wood doors, while the others hold multi-light wood doors. One of the west doors is also crowned by a 2-light transom.

The original house likely consisted of a simple 2-story I-house. Not too long after its completion, two "wings" were added to its north and south faces, essentially bisecting the facade and rear walls of the house.

OUTBUILDINGS:

The five historic outbuildings include a 1920s wood frame shed/workshop set just behind the house, a dilapidated 1930s chicken coop, a 1930s corn crib, a 1920s-1930s tobacco barn, and a 1920s multi-purpose barn. The shed/workshop consists of a 1-story, side gable frame structure clad in board-and-battens and covered with a corrugated metal roof. The shed-roofed frame chicken coop has been converted to a shed using reused materials. The structure is seriously dilapidated. The frame 1-story corn crib is in a good state of repair and features a front gable roof, vertical board door hung on strap hinges and vertical slat walls. Constructed on

circular sawn members, the tobacco barn is clad in wood weatherboard and covered in roll asphalt roofing. The barn has been converted for use as an animal shelter with side sheds added and a hayloft installed. The multi-purpose barn features circular-sawn framing members as well. The building's posts are set directly in the ground and its walls are clad with vertical boards.

The one non-historic outbuilding is a large pre-fabricated storage shed with sloping side walls and a near-flat roof.

The Charles H. Cox House is a typical example of the many modest farm dwellings erected in Charles County at the end of the 19th century. Unlike many of its contemporaries, it retains its original siding and windows. The house has evolved from an I-house to an irregularly planned Victorian-era house.

Charles H. Cox acquired a portion of the extensive lands of John H. & Ann T. Cox when they were divided by a court-appointed commission in 1883. The parcel was 57 acres, 3 roods, and 11 perches in area. In 1891, Charles Cox acquired another portion of the adjacent lands from Julian Cox.

Charles H. Cox willed his lands to his wife and son at his death in 1929. His will indicates that he resided on his far "near Pomfret Post Office" at the time of his death. In 1941, his widow and son sold the farm to Lucy E. Gore and her husband, Harold, with the provision of a life tenancy.

The property transferred to Joseph & Phyllis Liberti in 1946. By this time, the dwelling occupied a 40-acre plot. The Libertis sold the same property minus two acres to Mabron & Lissie Hixson in 1949. The Maguire family, who are the present owners, bought the property in 1958.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

AGRICULTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

November 9, 1883:	T.Y. Robey, et. al., Commissioners for the division of John H. Cox's lands to Charles H. Cox Lot #7 = 57 Acres, 3 roods, 11 perches Charles County Land Records Liber BGS 6 Folio 648
February 27, 1884:	T. Yates Robey to Julian Cox 31 Acres, 2 roods & 35 perches Charles County Land Records Liber BGS 6, Folio 650
December 8, 1891:	Julian Cox to Charles H. Cox $850 1st: 28 Acres, 2 roods 37 perches 2nd: woodlands attached to Lot No. 1 in division of John H. Cox's lands = 31 Acres 2 roods, 35 perches Portion of the dower of Susannah C. Cox (widow of John H. Cox) subject to her life est. Charles County Land Records Liber JST 4 Folio 467
March 30, 1929:	Charles H. Cox to Anna Mae Cox (his widow) Farm on which he resided located near Pomfret Post Office 65 acres After her death to their son Charles Russell Cox Charles County Land Records Liber CND 20 Folio 582
December 18, 1941:	Anna Mae Cox, et. al. to Lucy E. Gore & Harold B. (Husband) Anna Mae - made life tenant in will of Charles H. Cox & Charles Russell Cox, son & remainder man under will of Charles H. & Gertrude Cox Charles County Land Records Liber WMA 75 Folio 439

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January 25, 1946:	Lucy E. Gore to Joseph & Phyllis Liberti, et. al 40 acres Charles County Land Records Liber TBM 82 Folio 524
December 30, 1949:	Joseph Liberti & Phyllis Ann(wife), John Liberti & Amelia E. (wife) to Mabron & Lissie Hixson 40 acres minus 2 acres = 38 acres Survey February 12, 1941 Charles County Land Records Liber PCM 89 Liber 494
March 7, 1958:	Mabron H. & Lissie V. Hixson to Bernard J. & Mary B. Maguire Surveyed by L.H. Steffens, February 12, 1941 East side of Bennsville-Pomfret State Road 38 acres Charles County Land Records Liber 134 Folio 491
December 30, 1990:	Bernard B. Maguire, personal representative of estate of Bernard J. Maguire to Bernard B. Maguire, Patricia Richards, James N. Maguire, Dennis P. Maguire & Dorothy C. Maguire 1/5th interest in land 38 Acres Charles County Land Records Liber 1523 Folio 149
April 2, 1997:	Bernard Brady Maguire, Patricia M. Richards, James N. Maguire, Dennis P. Maguire & Dorothy C. Maguire to Bernard Brady Maguire 38 Acres Charles County Land Records Liber 2359 Folio 489

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD
POMFRET VIC.

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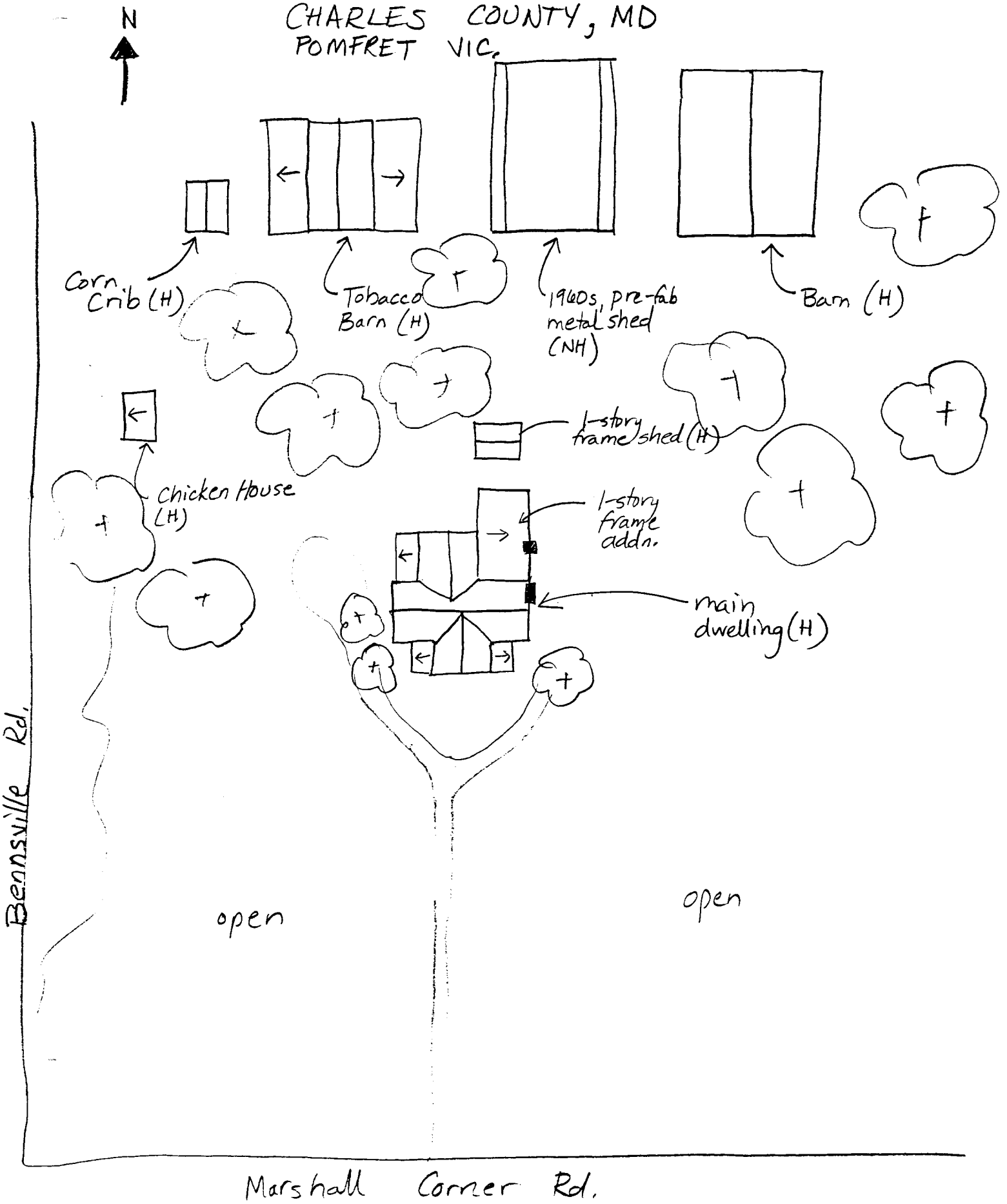

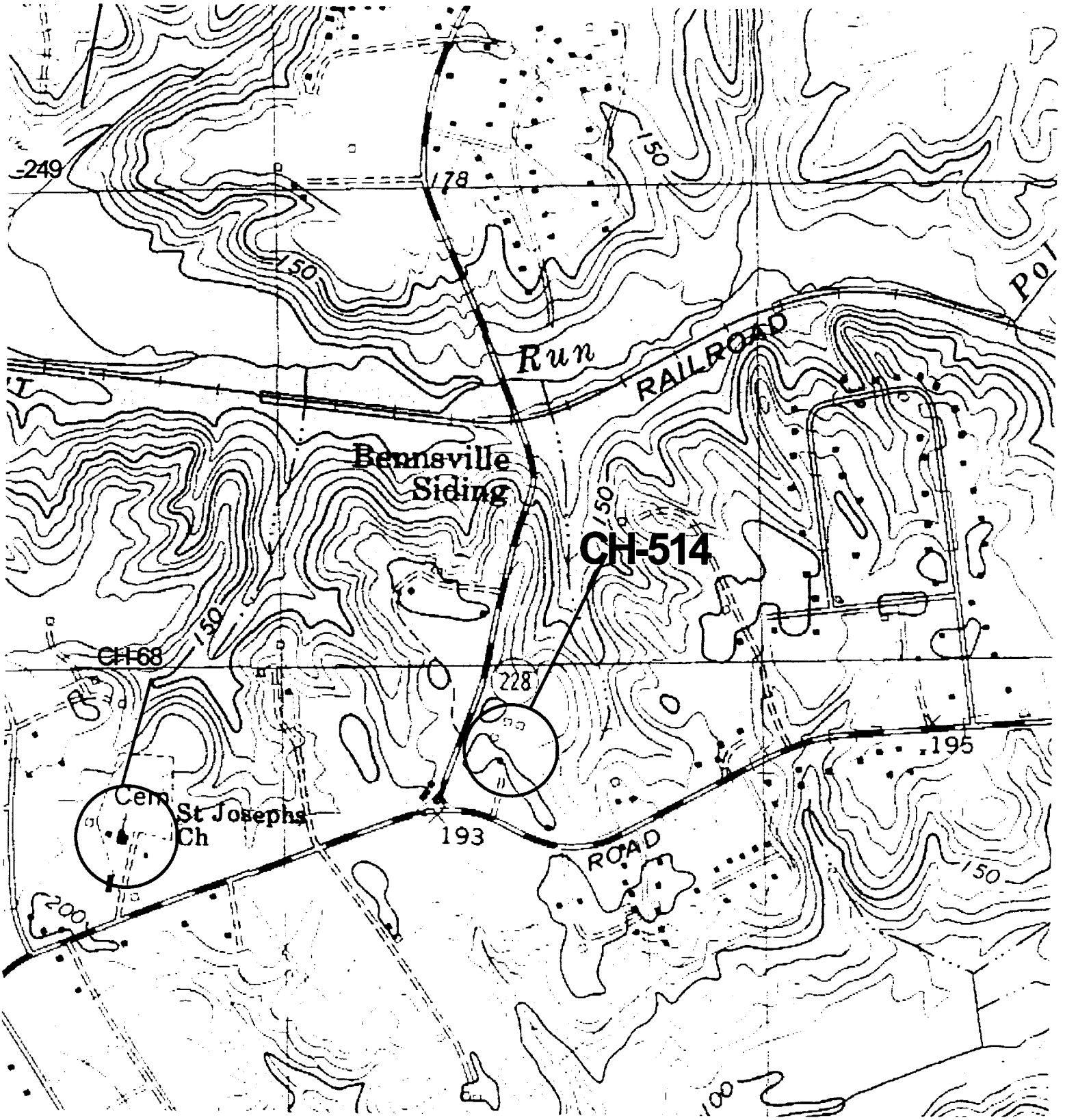

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