CH-535 **circa 1820-1850**
"Banks of the Dee"
Harris Lot vic.
Private

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The "Banks of the Dee" house appears to have been erected sometime between circa 1800 and 1840. The house is a rare example of a simple early-to-mid-19th century residence in Charles County. Its modest form and size indicate that it was likely occupied by an upper middle-class planter's family. During the early decades of the 19th century, Charles County experienced a short-lived economic boom accompanied by a concurrent rise in building construction. The "Banks of the Dee" dwelling is a modest example of the many new residences erected during this period of prosperity in the county.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Inventory No. CH-535
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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1. Name of Property

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historic name "Banks of the Dee"
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 14600 Banks O'Dee Road not for publication _____
city or town Thompkinsville vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20664

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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	
2	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	1	Total

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

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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)

Late Federal (Vernacular)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation solid: brick (bond not visible)
roof side gable: asphalt shingles
walls wood frame: aluminum siding
other

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

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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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.

_X_ 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 1820-1850

Significant Dates ca. 1820-1850

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 59 acres

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

The property is designated as Parcel 17 on Map 86, Grid 9 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

"Banks of the Dee" has been associated with Parcel 17, Map 86 since its construction in the mid-19th century.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Dept. date May 12, 1999
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city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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street & number 368 Shore Drive telephone fax516-589-2131
city or town Oakdale state NY zip code 11769

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The dwelling that stands on the "Banks of the Dee" property is a modest example of mid-19th century Charles County residence. Composed of three parts, the house incorporates several periods of construction. The largest of the three sections, has a simple 2-story, single-pile, side-passage form with a double-flue brick chimney with a free-standing stack located on its west gable end.

Located on a 59-acre tract, the "Banks of the Dee" house stands on the east side of Banks O'Dee Road, facing south towards Cuckhold Creek. The property is dominated by level, open fields with a few mature trees surrounding the house.

The west or main section and the center section of the dwelling both stand on continuous brick foundations, and constitute the oldest portions of the house. Standing on poured concrete piers, the 1-story, frame eastern section appears to date to the 20th century.

The western 2-story section features a simple side gable, single-pile form and a double-flue brick chimney with a free-standing stack on its west end. The central portion is 1-1/2 stories in height with a steeply pitched side gable roof and a single entrance on its north wall. A modern exterior brick chimney stands at the east gable end of this section, and a single 6-light wood casement lights the upper half story.

The building has been entirely reclad with aluminum siding, but appears to have had both weatherboard and "brick-tex" asphalt sheet cladding at one time. The three gable roofs are variously clad in asphalt shingles and corrugated metal sheets. The boxed eaves of the main section show no original decorative finishes, but the 1-1/2-story center portion has a typical 19th century boxed cornice adorned only by a beaded fascia.

The windows throughout the dwelling have been replaced with either modern 2/2 or 6/6 wood sash. It also appears that the doors have been replaced throughout as well. The two main entrances located on opposite sides of the main section contain single-leaf paneled wood doors, while the only entry to the central section holds a panel-and-light wood door.

The 1-story frame porch that extends across the first story of the main and central sections appears to be a Victorian-era addition. Three of the four porch posts are original chamfered wood supports.

The "Banks of the Dee" house appears to have been erected sometime between circa 1800 and 1840. The house is a rare example of a simple early-to-mid-19th century residence in Charles County. Its modest form and size indicate that it was likely occupied by an upper middle-class planter's family. During the early decades of the 19th century, Charles County experienced a short-lived economic boom accompanied by a concurrent rise in building construction. The "Banks of the Dee" dwelling is a modest example of the many new residences erected during this period of prosperity in the county.

The house occupies a portion of the original 1000-acre "Banks of the Dee" tract purchased and named by Minchin Lloyd, a Scottish-born settler, in 1835. Lloyd names the property after the River Dee in North Wales near his birthplace.[1] It is possible that Lloyd had the house built shortly after his purchase of the land.

By the mid-19th century, the land at the mouth of Cuckhold Creek was owned by the Willett family. In 1865, the Willetts sold a 96.5-acre tract known as "Banks of the Dee" to John Fearson for $1447.50. Eleven years later, Fearson and his wife, Martha, sold the same property, now increased to an even 100 acres, to John W. Hill for $2500.

In 1892, the Hills took out a $500 mortgage on their "Banks of the Dee" property, but were unable to repay it. The default resulted in the public sale of the property in 1908. The land fetched $1280 paid by Robert Crain, a prominent Charles County politician. The Crain's retained the property until 1928, likely renting it to tenant farmers.

In 1928, the now 106-acre "Banks of the Dee" property was sold to Louise K. Mindeleff. The Mindeleffs lost the property after defaulting on a mortgage in 1938. At a public sale held September 6, 1938, the land was sold for $7625 to Harold Swann and Mary Posey Turner. In 1945, the Swanns and Turners sold the same 106 acres to S. Otho & Susan A. Wise, and by 1949, Andrew & Mary A. Gotsis who represented the McDonough Charity School as trustees had acquired the remaining 78 acres of the "Banks of the Dee" property. The McDonough School was a local private school funded through a trust set up by a native philanthropist in the early 19th century. The school, through its trustees, sold the property in 1949 to Thomas

[1] Frederick Tilp, *This Was Potomac River*, Frederick Tilp, 1978.

F. Keliher. In 1990, the current owner purchased the property from Keliher's estate representatives.

The period between 1810 and 1850 brought a revived economic prosperity to Charles County and much of Southern Maryland. The diversification of agriculture from tobacco as the main staple crop, to the production of newly profitable grains and cereals caused a short-lived economic boom prior to the Civil War. The architectural record reveals that this period of prosperity also brought on a boom in construction of new dwellings and the enlargement of many others.[2]

The availability of manufactured architectural elements and growing communications with northern urban centers resulted in a revolution in Charles County's domestic architecture. The 3-bay side-passage dwelling form, derived from a popular urban form, became the prominent building type in the period leading up to the Civil War. The type was built in both one and two-story examples with both single and double-pile plans evident. A service wing located on one gable end was often incorporated into the design. Double interior or exterior wnd chimneys along one gable end were also a common element of these dwellings.[3]

The "Banks of the Dee" dwelling house is a very modest example of this popular early-to-mid-19th century form with only two bays across its width. It has features in common with both the dwelling at "Anthony's Pasture" (CH-189), and the McDaniel House (demolished CH-305).

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[2] J. Richard Rivoire, p. 20-21.

[3] J. Richard Rivoire, pp.20-21.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

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:

1835:	Settler, Minchin Lloyd of North Wales purchased 1000 acres here Names "Banks of the Dee" after the Dee River in North Wales where Lloyd was born[4]
????:	to Willett??? (check James F, Willet frm Eliz. J. Turner, WM 2/325)
October 18, 1865:	James E. & Jane J. Willett & Elizabeth F. Floyd of Charles County to John Fearson of Charles County $1447.50 96.5 acres, all of "Banks of the Dea" with right of way to the public road Charles County Land Records Liber GWC 2 Folio 225
November 27, 1876:	John & Martha K. Fearson to John W. Hill $2500 100 acres "Banks of Dee"Charles County Land Records Liber BGS 1 Folio 451
January 1, 1892:	Mortgage from John W. & Ann R. Hill to Frederick Stone $500 100 acres, part of "Banks of the Dee" Charles County Land Records Liber JST 4 Folio 504
September 9, 1909:	Adrian Posey, Assignee of mortgage, Jennie Stone, Trustee of F. Stone to Robert Crain Public Sale: June 8, 1909 Mortgage: John W. & Ann R. Hill to

[4] Frederick Tilp, *This Was Potomac River*, Frederick Tilp, 1978.

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	Frederick Stone, late of Charles County (Trustee for Stone: Jennie Stone)(January 1, 1902, JST 4, 504) $1280 100 acres, part of "Banks of the Dee" Charles County Land Records Liber HCC 21 Folio 1
December 30, 1918:	Robert Crain of Charles County to Margaret B. Crain 100 acres minus 2 acres sold to Ida Thomas "Banks of the Dee" Charles County Land Records Liber WMA 34 Folio 199
May 8, 1928:	Margaret B. & Robert Crain of Washington, DC to Louise K. Mindeleff, nee Clabaugh of Montgomery County 106 acres "Part of the Banks of the Dee" original survey made about 1865 Charles County Land Records Liber WMA 48 Folio 494
November 30, 1938:	J. Read Bailey, Assignee to Harold S. Swann & Mary Posey Turner Public Sale: September 6, 1938 Result of default on mortgage (February 8, 1937, WMA 65, 1; Louise K. & Victor Mindeleff to Southern Maryland National Bank of La Plata) Equity proceedings no.2183 $7625 106 acres "Part of the Banks of the Dee" Charles County Land Records Liber WMA 69 Folio 430
May 18, 1945:	William C. & Mary P. Turner, Harold S. & Elizabeth P. Swann of Charles

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	County to S. Otho & Susan A. Wise "Part of Banks of the Dee" 106 acres Charles County Land Records Liber TBM 81 Folio 443
Parcel 1: April 24, 1950:	Andrew & Mary A. Gotsis of Washington, DC, grantors and trustees of McDonough Charity School to Thomas F. Keliher Lot no. 23 of "Banks O' The Dee" Charles County Land Records Liber 90 Folio 353
Parcel 2: May 28, 1949:	S. Otho & Susan A. Wise to Andrew & Mary A. Gotsis, Trustees of McDonough Charity School 78 acres on Cuckhold Creek Charles County Land Records Liber PCM 88 Folio 448
July 8, 1949:	Andrew & Mary A. Gotsis of Calvert County to Thomas F. Keliher 78 acres Charles County Land Records Liber PCM 89 Folio 45
September 12, 1990:	Thomas P. Roddy, Philip L. O'Donoghue, co-personal representatives of the estate of Thomas F. Keliher to Thomas F. Hopkins Two parcels: 1) Lot no.23 of "Banks O'The Dee" subdivision; 2) 78 acres adjacent thereto Charles County Land Records Liber 1496 Folio 338

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP 4/99

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CHARLES COUNTY, MD
THOMPKINSVILLE VIC.

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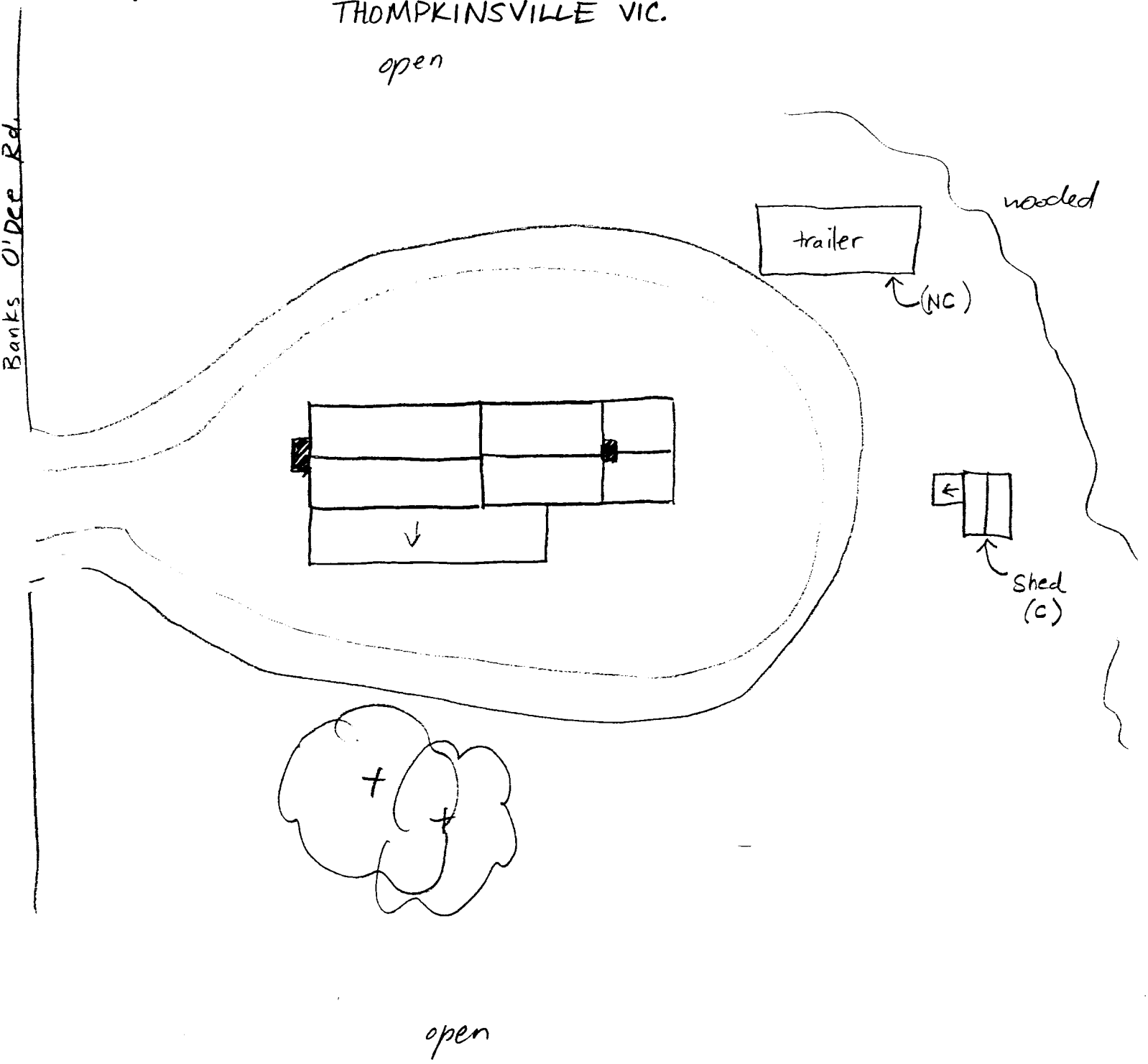

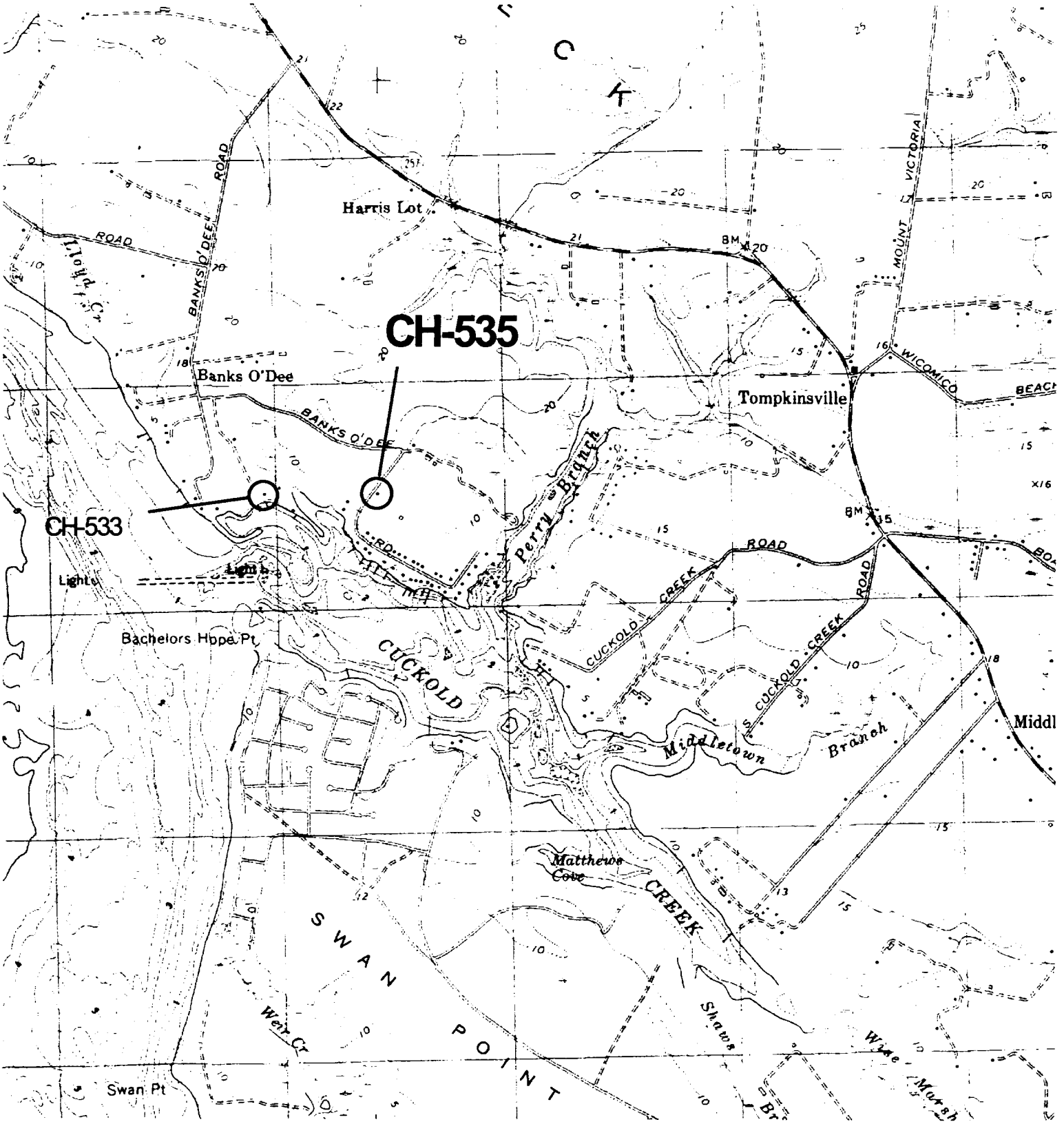

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