CAPSULE SUMMARY
Wise's Market and Service Station (CH-568)
11165 Crain Highway, Charles County

The property at 11165 Crain Highway contains two historic resources, neither of which is currently occupied. The small vernacular building, built around 1940, and its adjacent service station is representative of the many commercial buildings erected along Crain Highway and reflect the impact of the automobile on transportation development in Charles County during the second quarter of the 20th century. The service station is indicative of the streamline moderne service stations erected from standardized designs provided by corporate oil companies. The property was originally owned and operated by an independent merchant on property owned by the Wilmer family. The service station has the indicative porcelain-enameled metal panels, diagonally cut corner with overhanging canopy, and wrap around glass display wall unifying it with the definitive streamlined appearance popular during the second quarter of the 20th century. The design is more high style and up-to-date on those elevations visible to the traveler from the road: thus, the rear elevation of the building has no stylistic interpretation. The original gas pumps, commonly set on a small island away from the building, are no longer extant. In 1967, it was purchased by Humble Oil and Refining Company, which was taken over by the Exxon Corporation. In the early 1990s, the building was sold to Otho and Phyllis Wise, who gave their name to the property prior to its abandonment.

The market is set back from the road, at the edge of a cornfield with a long gravel road leading through the farmland. The market structure is one-story in height and four bays in width. The wood frame walls are clad in asbestos shingles. A brick chimney laid in stretcher bond rises from the roof, which is clad with standing seam metal and has exposed rafter tails. The streamline moderne service station is to the south of the store with a paved drive and parking to the east. The building is positioned closely along Crain Highway in order to attract automobile travelers moving at high speeds, presenting two stylized elevations. This streamline moderne service station is one story high, three bays wide, and one bay deep. It is rectangular in plan with a diagonally cut corner composed of large display glass windows sheltered by a curvilinear canopy. This transparent wall allows travelers to quickly see the office and bathroom bay of the service station. To the west, the automobile service bays dominate the building. The building has a concrete block foundation and walls clad with bold white, porcelain-enameled metal panels on three sides.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH:568

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name Wise's Market and Service Station

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2. Location

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street & number 11165 Crain Highway not for publication ____

city or town Newburg vicinity __ state Maryland code MD

county Charles County code 17 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	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	0	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ____ Name of Listing _____

No X

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: COMMERCE/TRADE Sub: Specialty Store

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: VACANT Sub: NOT IN USE

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular (Store)
Moderne (Service Station)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Not Visible
Roof Side Gable: Standing Seam Metal
Walls Frame: Asbestos Shingle
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)

__X__ 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)
Commerce
Architecture

Period of Significance 1940-1992

Significant Dates c. 1940

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.)

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property .81 acres

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

The property at 11165 Crain Highway is designated as Parcel 92, Grid 17 as indicated on Map 73.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The store at 11165 Crain Highway has historically been associated with Parcel 92 since its construction in the 1940s.

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12. Property Owner

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name Otho J. and Phyllis A. Wise
street & number 13456 Waycross Place telephone
city or town Newburg state MD zip code 20664

Wise's Market and Service Station are located at 11165 Crain Highway in Newburg, Charles County. The small wood frame market is set back from the road, at the edge of a cornfield with a long gravel road leading through the farmland. Constructed in the 1940s, the market structure is one-story in height and four bays in width. The wood frame walls are clad in asbestos shingles. A brick chimney laid in stretcher bond rises from the ridge of the roof. The side gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal, has exposed rafter tails.

The streamline moderne service station is situated along U.S. Route 301, to the south of the store with a paved drive and parking to the east. The building is positioned closely along Crain Highway in order to attract automobile travelers moving at high speeds, presenting two stylized elevations. Built in the second quarter of the 20th century, this streamline moderne service station is one story high, three bays wide, and one bay deep. It is rectangular in plan with a diagonally cut corner composed of large display glass windows sheltered by a curvilinear canopy. This transparent wall allows travelers to quickly see the office and bathroom bay of the service station. To the west, the automobile service bays dominate the building. The building has a concrete block foundation and walls clad with bold white, porcelain-enameled metal panels on three sides.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION: Store

The façade, or northwest elevation, of the market is four bays in width. Originally, it contained two window openings that held 6/6 sash. Deteriorated and vacant, the building is open to the elements and none of the doors or windows are intact. The central entry is framed with a molded surround and the door removed.

On the southwest elevation, there is a one-story, one-bay addition with a gable roof. The addition has no openings on the northwest elevation. A single 6/6 window is located on the southwest elevation of the addition.

The southeast elevation has two window openings in the main block and a single window opening in the addition. The remains indicate that they originally contained 6/6 wood windows. The central entry in the main block is present shut with plywood.

The northeast elevation contains two window openings that once held 6/6 wood windows.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION: Service Station

The primary façade (northeast elevation) of the building is three bays wide, consisting of the office/bathroom bay and two automobile service bays. The office bay, housing bathroom facilities, refreshments, and storage space, is illuminated by plate glass panes that wrap diagonally around the corner of the building. The fixed glass is framed in metal sheets. A single entry opening, holding a panel-and-light wood door, is located at the western end of this glass wall. In order to continue the height presented by the glass wall, a single-light transom caps the entry opening. A flat metal canopy in a dark contrasting color shelters the entry and display windows. Framed by the porcelain-enamel metal panes, the western end of the façade is pierced by two doublewide garage openings each holding metal replacement doors that roll up.

The flat roof of the building is accented by the metal panel cladding over the glass wall and service bays. Serving as the entablature, it is marked by dark colored coping that acts as a racing stripe. This contrasting color runs around the two primary elevations of the building. An interior concrete block chimney rises from the southern corner of the roof.

The southeast elevation, fronting Crain Highway, continues the wrap around glass wall. This transparent wall terminates just beyond the corner, where the wall is clad with the porcelain- enamel metal panels. The northwest elevation is similarly finished with metal panels. It is pierced by two wide openings that originally provide natural light to the service bays. The two openings have been boarded up.

The southwest elevation is not readily visible to traveling patrons, and thus is not as ornamentally finished. This rear elevation exposes the structures concrete block construction.

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Service Station History

The exact location of the first gas station is controversial, although the date appears to coincide with the appearance of the gasoline pump in 1905. To attract motorists, the stations had to do more than just sell gasoline. They often provided washing and lubrication services, as well as public restrooms. Due to the demands of the motorist, more space was needed for repairs, tires, batteries, other automotive accessories, and additional sales and display areas.[2] Unlike the gas stations of today, the filling stations focused on providing automobile related services

1 It is similar in design and form to Texaco's streamlined service stations that were designed by William Dorwin Teague in the 1930s.

2 John Baeder. *Gas, Food, and Lodging*, (New York: Abbeville Press Publishers, 1982), pp. 38-39.

only and did not provide other products found in the associated convenience stores of the last three decades of the 20th century.

The breakup of the Standard Oil Trust in 1911, combined with the discovery of new oil in many countries, created corporate rivalries between the oil companies of the period. By 1920 there were approximately 15,000 service stations in the United States -- an increase of approximately 1,200 stations per year.[3] At this time, gas stations were primarily dealer-owned, but company-owned and operated gas stations were increasing in number. Companies began to adopt logos, signs, and slogans to attract consumers. The early gasoline stations were designed to promote the oil corporation that they represented. By World War I, drive-in filling stations were found throughout the country, especially in the larger cities. The drive-in station drastically altered urban land use, as the installation required enough space for motorists to pull on and off the street, as well as space to park next to the pump. In the early part of the 20th century, the highway was in its infancy. Consequently, predicting the ideal locations and sites for this new building type was difficult. As new roads opened, the oil companies competed to construct gas stations, even developing a series of prefabricated stations for easy assembly and construction across the country. Their colorful signs, pumps, and buildings changed the landscape of America.

As no preconceived standards had been established for gas station architecture, retailers began to experiment with designs for stations, constructing buildings that resemble airplanes, animals, boats, icebergs, pyramids, and pagodas.[4] Though fanciful in nature, these buildings were the first to deal with the issue of architecture as related to the gas station.

> On narrow lanes and on wide, important boulevards these structures, are to be found sometimes wedged in between pretentious buildings, but sometimes placed on important corners with plenty of elbowroom. There will be found, ready for the most fastidious automobilists Chinese pagodas, Mohammeden mosques, Norman castles and Flemish towers. Keen rivalry and business competition have, however, brought about a vast change. Oil and gas companies have begun to realize that an attractive

3 John A. Jakle and Keith A. Sculle, *The Gas Station in America* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1994), p. 132.

4 Daniel I. Vieyra, *Fill'er Up*, (New York: Macmillan Publishing Co., Inc., 1979), p. 15.

building brings trade, and in consequence thereof the oil service stations have taken on better lines of architecture.[5]

As a result, the gas station architects of the 1920s and 1930s began to draw design inspiration from architecture in the Classical Revival, Colonial Revival, Beaux Arts and Neo-Classical styles. Known as artistic stations, many were modeled after Greek temples and Roman monuments, and offered a sense of instant stability and respectability. It was the gas station architecture of the 1920s and 1930s, particularly the artistic stations that changed the perception of gas stations to something favorable and attractive.

The *National Petroleum News*, established in 1909, served the oil industry and provided a format in which gas station architecture could be explored. Still in publication, the magazine identified nine building types used for gas stations between 1910 and 1990. The nine filling station types identified are the curbside, the shed, the house, the house with canopy, the house with bays, the oblong box, the small box, the small box with canopy, and the canopy with booth.[6] The curbside station was simply a gasoline pump along the side of the road. Largely out of use by the 1920s, these pumps were generally located at the front of stores, such as grocery or hardware stores. The curbside pump was replaced by the off-street, drive-in gas station. Initially, small sheds were constructed to hold lubricating oils, greases and equipment. Sheds came in a variety of shapes and sizes and were utilitarian in nature, often being clad in metal, clapboard, or tarpaper.[7]

The small house type and the house with a canopy supplanted the curbside and shed type gas stations of the first quarter of the 20th century. The mid-1920s brought the classic filling station with ornamentation in the Tudor, Georgian, and Romanesque styles. The most popular style being the small house station - a cross between the fantasy stations and the respectable stations. They could be built with materials readily available and were compatible with residential architecture. The sight of a little house selling gas along the roadside could also trigger thoughts of friendliness,

5 Alexander G. Guth, "The Automobile Service Station," *The Architectural Forum* XLV, no. 1, (July 1926), 33.
6 Jakle and Sculle, pp. 134-135.
7 Jakle and Sculle, p. 137.

comfort, and security to a motorist. Located in residential areas, the oil companies sought corner lots that could accommodate large driveways and access from two streets. The buildings were generally rectangular with a hipped roof, some with a canopy supported by two columns projecting out over a driveway. Most of these stations contained small offices, one or two storage rooms, and public restrooms and many of the buildings were prefabricated. Prefabricated buildings could be selected from a catalogue or a station could be designed for the exclusive use of the oil company. Most featured structural steel sections that could easily be bolted together for rapid construction.

> `Prefabs' were faced in brick, stucco, zinc, or heavy galvanized steel, surfaces easy to clean and maintain. Tile (either clay or metal), copper, zinc, or galvanized steel was used for roofing. In 1923 the Arthur B. Shepard Company advertised its `Type-G' station as sixteen feet wide, fourteen feet deep, and ten feet high. The building, constructed with a heavy structural steel frame, white enameled steel siding, metal roof, and plate glass windows set in steel sash, cost about $2,200.[8]

As gas stations began to provide more services, in particular grease pits and car-washing floors, the house type was expanded to include service bays. One or two bays were often added to pre-existing gas stations. Newly constructed stations often included two or more bays to enclose the lubricating and washing services.

Gasoline rationing during World War II led to a halt in the construction of service stations. After World War II, America got back behind the wheel and once again began to pile up the miles with a passion: in 1941 gas station sales were three and one-half billion gallons; in 1951 this consumption had nearly tripled to over eight billion gallons.[9] At this time, the design of the gas station began to evolve, creating more efficient designs with aluminum accents and all-glass fronts. Popularized in the 1930s and continued after the war, gas station construction resumed the shape of the oblong box. Flat roofs replaced the hipped roof of the small house type. Another design statement was the

8 Jakle and Sculle, p. 138.
9 *Pump and Circumstance*, p. 84.

overwhelming use of porcelain-enamel metal panels. Porcelain enamel was inexpensive, durable, and nearly maintenance-free. The porcelain-enamel gas stations, often designed in the Art Moderne style, were popular from the 1930s through the 1950s.[10]

Prevalent between 1930 and 1955, the streamlined moderne style demonstrated a direct aesthetic transfer, or borrowing, of a design technique known as streamlining from automobiles and other transportation machines to the roadside buildings that served these machines. Auto part outlets, service stations, car dealerships, and tire stores were among the roadside buildings created to serve the automobile, and the streamlining of these buildings advertised their automobile-oriented function. "Speed lines"- horizontal bands of thin parallel lines - added to the illusion of movement by accentuating the streamlined contours of the building. These lines, together with swooping, aerodynamic forms, and sleek veneers symbolized modernity, progress, and efficiency. Automobiles and the buildings that were associated with them shared a dynamic, flowing aesthetic of slick skin surfaces, rounded corners, and a sensation of movement. This was achieved not only by similar design aesthetics, but also by similar materials. Automobiles and auto-oriented buildings used the same industrial materials of steel, glass, and chrome tubing - hard, shiny, slick surfaces that were novel and modern. With regard to service stations, the sleekness of enameled metal, together with the shine and sparkle of expansive glass windows, were ideal for conveying this new machine-age aesthetic.

The oblong box station type expanded both sales space for products and enlarged service bays. Many oil companies began selling tires, batteries, and automobile accessories at this time. As a result, the station required a larger display room and storage area. Furthermore, automobile repair became a key component of the gas station, requiring service bays in each building. These stripped down, functional buildings had very little exterior decoration with the detailing confined to the company's signage. To differentiate themselves, oil companies often modified the rectilinear building so that its customers could easily recognize it. For instance, the office bay might be slightly extended or the roofline might be

10 *Pump and Circumstance*, pp. 96-97.

slightly higher or lower than the garage bays. Others rounded the corners of the buildings and created corner entrances. Shell Oil adopted projecting towers or pylons to differentiate it from other box-shaped service stations.[11]

Prior to 1950, many of these modest service stations were prefabricated with steel I-beam frames that were easily bolted together on site. However, at mid-century the prefabricated buildings were replaced by concrete block construction, as it was less expensive. Concrete block construction prevailed for a mere decade, being replaced in the 1960s by molded plastic, which was utilized to imitate other building materials.

During the 1950s, there was a rise in independently owned and operated gas stations. Sales were confined to gasoline and oil, with a small selection of merchandise, such as cigarettes and soft drinks. The size of the station was considerably reduced from those of major corporations that provided automobile repair and battery and tire sales, operations that required an ample amount of space. Small buildings providing room for a small office and restrooms were sufficient. This building type was referred to as the small box.[12] At this time there was also a return to the use of the canopy, which was frequently added to the diminutive building or was freestanding. Eliminated in the designs of the 1930s and 1940s, the gas stations of the 1950s and 1960s incorporated larger and longer canopies than previously used. Some canopies, referred to as butterfly canopies, swept upward and out, mimicking the tail fins popular on 1950s cars. These canopies often had large signs mounted on their roofs.

In the last three decades of the 20th century, there has been a shift away from elaborately designed stations. The small offices were reduced to even smaller booths that merely accommodate an attendant and a cash register. These booths were coupled with large canopies that extended over one to two rows of pumps and a large portion of the driveway. Recently, America has seen the booth and canopy gas station coupled with the freestanding convenience store, providing motorists with easy access to a small selection of food, drink, and miscellaneous items. These filling stations provide gasoline but very little else in the terms of automobile service.

11 Jakle and Sculle, pp. 146-147.
12 Jakle and Sculle, p. 153.

Service Station History along US 301 Corridor

In La Plata, the county seat of Charles County, livery stables and blacksmith shops gave way to service stations and car dealerships. The service stations provided fuel, oil, and repairs for not only automobiles, but also tractors, pumps, and other farming equipment. In 1920, Frank Martin and Hugh Mitchell opened the Mitchell Motor Company on Charles Street in La Plata. The Mitchell Motor Company provided not only garage services, but automobile sales as well, specializing in Chrysler Corporation sales. In 1922, Martin established his own business, the Central Garage, further down the street. The Central Garage, in business for over sixty years, sold four different brands of gasoline simultaneously. Curbside gasoline pumps also contributed to fuel sales in La Plata during the first quarter of the 20th century.[13] By 1948, downtown La Plata had grown to include two automobile sales and service shops, a garage, and a Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.[14] Similar automobile and travel related commercial development was taking place in Prince George's County. In 1949, there were two filling stations, an auto repair shop, and an auto sales and service store within a two block stretch of Crain Highway in Upper Marlboro.[15] By 1958, automotive related business had grown considerably. According to the 1958 business census, there were 258 gasoline service stations and 78 automobile dealers, accounting for approximately 22 percent of all retail trade in Prince George's County.[16] Automobile and travel-related services have continued to grow along US 301, resulting in a trail of gas stations, fast food restaurants, car sales lots, and shopping centers.

Building History

The Wise Market and Service Station is one of a substantial number of commercial facilities erected in the second quarter of the 20th century to serve the growing number of automobile patrons traveling along Crain Highway through Charles County. In the first part of the 20th century, Amelia S. Wilmer purchased 188 acres of land

13 John M. Wearmouth, *La Plata, Maryland: 1888-1988*, (La Plata, MD: Town of La Plata, 1988), pp. 30-31.
14 Wearmouth, p. 37.
15 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
16 Watson, p. 29.

historically known as Bunker Hill. The property remained in the Wilmer family until the 1960s. Lemuel Wilmer appears to have been responsible for the construction of the market, on which he placed perpetual alcoholic covenants. Based on deed and map research, in addition to the architectural design of the building, it appears the service station was also erected during Lemuel Wilmer's tenure as owner.

The design of the service station is indicative of the standardized plans produced by architects and industrial designers for corporate oil companies. Like many of the service stations from this period, the Wise Service Station has a rectangular layout, containing an office, bathroom, and utility room, with the remaining space divided into service areas devoted to the automobile. This form and design dominated the industry, regardless of the oil company or property owner, from the second quarter of the 20th century well into the latter part of the century. Thus, without corporate logos, the identification of the oil company overseeing the service is nearly impossible.

The property was originally owned and operated by an independent merchant. In 1967, it was purchased by Humble Oil and Refining Company, which was taken over by the Exxon Corporation. In the early 1990s, the building was sold to Otho and Phyllis Wise, who gave their name to the property prior to its abandonment.

National Register Evaluation:

All of the essential physical features, with the exception of the original gas pumps and any original corporate oil company identification, are present and visible to properly represent its significance within the thematic context of Service Stations on the US 301 Corridor. The building is one of only a few streamlined moderne service stations remaining along this highly traveled commercial corridor, and stands as a final representative of the thousands of bold white boxes erected during the mid- to late 20th century. No longer utilized as a service station, the property retains integrity of design, location, setting, materials, workmanship, and feeling.

Thus, Wise's Service Station *has been determined eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places under* criterion *C.* Furthermore, within the thematic study of transportation-related resources along the US 301 Corridor, the service station is a contributing resource and potentially eligible under criterion A.

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Eligibility recommended X Not Recommended _____

Comments:

Review, OPS: [signature] Date: 10/23/00

Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 11/3/00

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning
Commerce

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): COMMERCE/TRADE/Specialty Store

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

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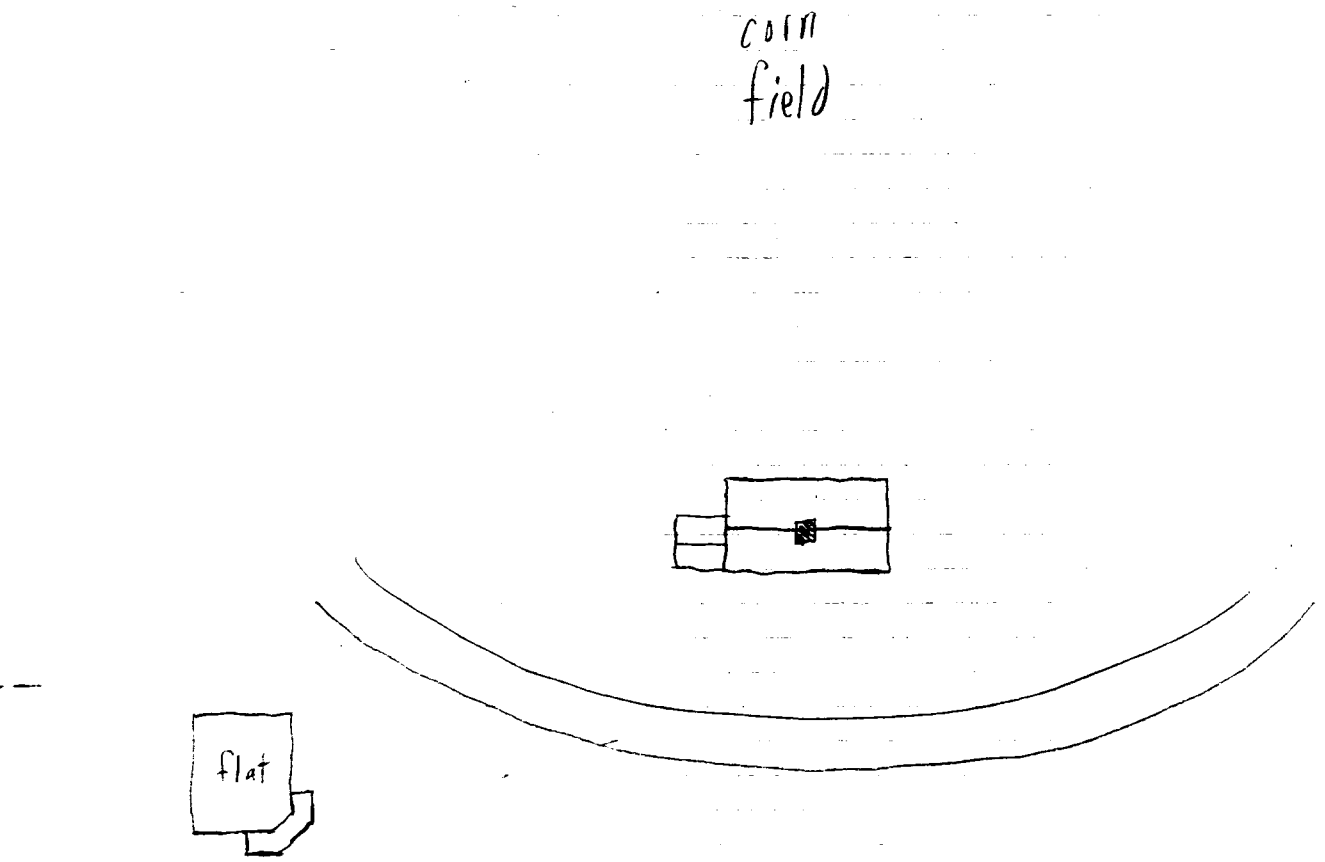
October 4, 1941:	Joseph A. Wilmer, assignee to Lemuel Wilmer Land Records of Charles County Liber WMA 75 Folio 166
January 31, 1948:	Lemuel and Elsie G. Wilmer to Amelie W. Mechlin Land Records of Charles County Liber 86 Folio 308
May 26, 1952:	Lemuel and Elsie G. Wilmer, and Amelie W. Mechlin to Henry B. Whitt Land Records of Charles County Liber 102 Folio 124
May 26, 1957:	Amelie W. Mechlin, Hugh Wilmer, and Lemuel and Elsie G. Wilmer to Henry B. Whitt Land Records of Charles County Liber 102 127
July 11, 1953:	Henry B. and Virginia F. Whitt to Morris L. Kraft and Daniel Willard Land Records of Charles County Liber 107 Folio 293
April 19, 1967:	Morris L. Kraft and Daniel Willard to Humble Oil and Refining Company Land Records of Charles County Liber 188 Folio 183
July 31, 1992:	Exxon Corporation, successor in interest of Humble Oil and Refining Company, to Otho J. and Phyllis A. Wise Land Records of Charles County Liber 1683 Folio 336
September 29, 1993:	Otho J. and Phyllis A. Wise to Otho J. and Phyllis A. Wise Land Records of Charles County Liber 1848 Folio 11



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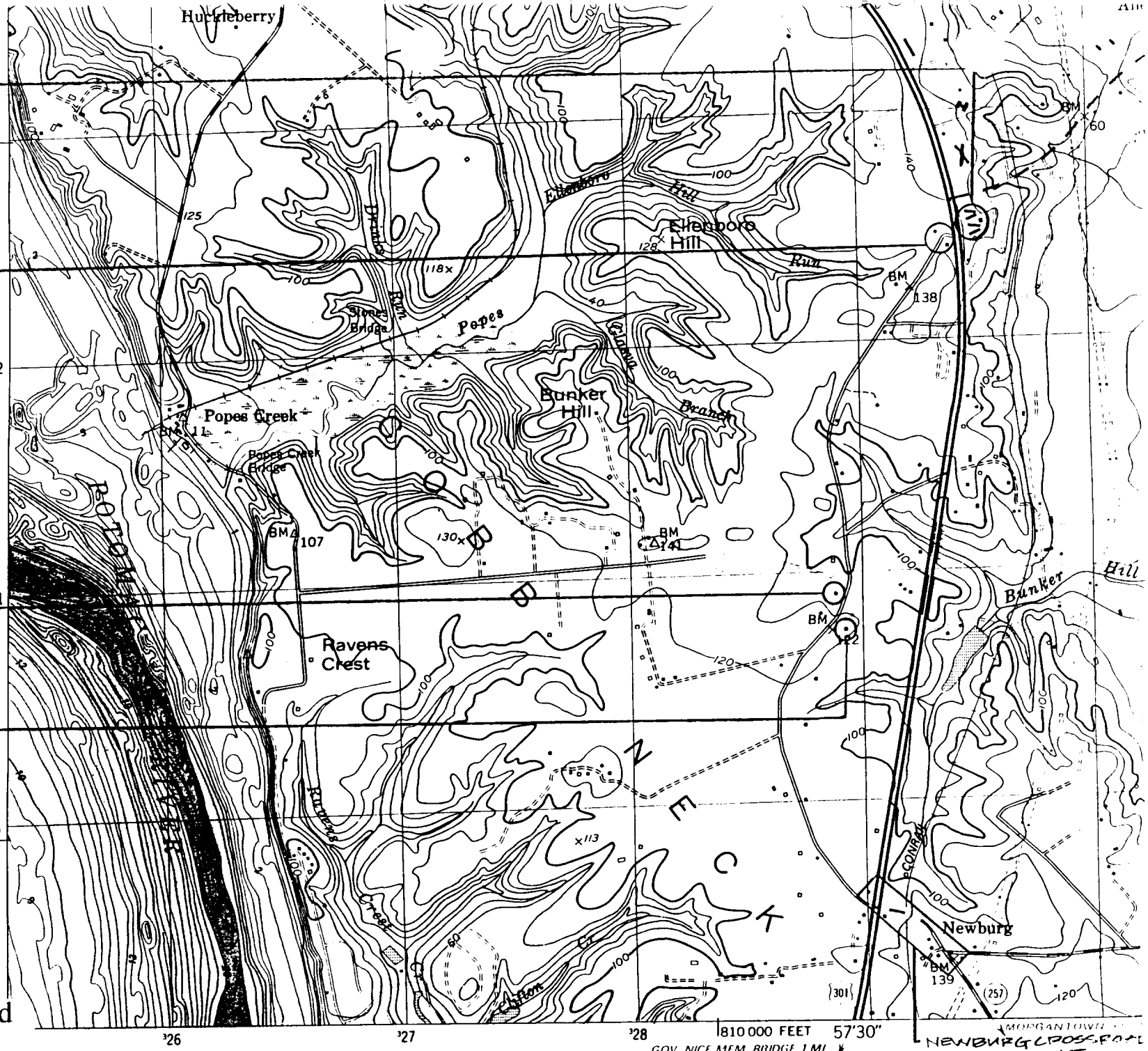

Pope's Creek USGS Quad

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