

James L. Carrico House
CH-613
Waldorf vic.
Private

Circa 1924

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In 1924 James L. Carrico and his wife Louise purchased 55 acres from the Farms Company of Maryland and built their home on the property soon afterwards. The Farms Company was an early land development corporation who subdivided hundreds of acres in the Waldorf area into farmettes during the twenties and thirties.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-613

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James L. Carrico House
 other Dwelling, 5065 Leonardtown Road

2. Location

street and number 5065 Leonardtown Road not for publication
 city, town Waldorf vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Paul M. McDermott
 street and number 5061 Leonardtown Road telephone 301-645-5213
 city, town Waldorf state MD zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 25-54
 city, town LaPlata liber 2484 folio 451

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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	3 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	2 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	4 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				0

7. Description

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Condition

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The James L. Carrico House is a good example of the American Four-square plan in Charles County. Built circa 1924, the dwelling is located on the west side of Rt. 6 near Waldorf, just north of Broadview Run Drive. The house is immediately surrounded by several outbuildings and mature trees.

Intensive development has taken place in the vicinity during the last quarter of the twentieth century. While the dwelling was originally part of a 55 acre parcel, today it rests on a 4.5 acre lot and is nestled between the subdivision known as Charles County Gardens and the St. Charles Church of the Nazarene.

Associated with the dwelling are three contributing and two non-contributing resources. Outbuildings that add to the overall significance of the site are contemporaneous with the dwelling and include a shed, garage and a large tobacco barn. Non-contributing structures include two altered sheds. One is currently used as a second dwelling.

The James L. Carrico House is a frame two-story, dwelling with a hipped roof, a single projecting hipped dormer and a wide one-story porch. The building rests on a solid poured concrete foundation. The frame is sheathed in wood German siding on the first floor and asphalt shingles on the second floor. Asphalt shingles cover the roof which is pierced with a central brick corbel capped chimney. The cornice is boxed. A hipped porch is supported by wood Tuscan columns.

The façade first floor includes a door near the north wall and paired windows to the south. On the second floor are found three windows. Window composition for the first and second floor consist of 2/2 light wood double-hung sash with beaded wood surrounds. The dormer window contains a louvered vent.

Moving clockwise, the southern elevation includes a bay window in the rear of the first floor which contains three narrow sash double-hung windows with 1/1 lights. A 2/2 light wood double-hung sash window is also found near the façade. Both have square-edged wood surrounds. Two 2/2 light wood sash double-hung windows appear on the second story with elaborate square-edged wood surrounds with ears. A 6/6 light window is present in the rear addition.

The western elevation includes a one story enclosed porch which obscures the original first floor configuration. The second floor consists of two sash wood double-hung windows with 2/2 lights. Two doors are found on the western wall including a single panel with lights leading into the dwelling and a single panel door leading into the basement or storage area. Both have square-edged wooden surrounds.

The north elevation includes two second story double-hung sash windows. Surrounds are beaded with ears. A single first floor window located near the façade wall is of the same composition. Towards the rear is a squarish, small 1/1 window with identical surrounds. In the porch addition we find a 2/2 light window with a beaded square-edged surround.

OUTBUILDINGS

A rear shed, contemporaneous to the dwelling, is located behind the house to the southwest. The side gable structure is sheathed in German siding and includes two

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single paneled wood doors on the eave end. A single double-hung wood sash 6/6 light window is located on the north wall. The foundation of this structure has collapsed and the frame now sits on the ground.

Sitting at a diagonal to the northwest of the dwelling is a frame garage with board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. A shed extension supported by square posts are found on either side of the front gable structure. The shed consists of post-in-ground construction.

To the far northwest of the dwelling is found a large front gable tobacco barn with a corrugated metal roof and vertical board siding.

Non-contributing structures include the two converted outbuildings to the north of the dwelling. The first is a former shed converted into a dwelling. This one story frame building is clad with board and batten siding and stands on a poured concrete foundation. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof.

The shed/chicken house stands to the north of the dwelling just described. This frame structure is sheathed in faux vertical board siding and rests on a poured concrete pier foundation. A cupola has been added. Also present is a shed addition with rectangular windows. The entire structure is sheltered by a corrugated metal roof.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates	1924	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	1924	Builder	Unknown

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.)

The James L. Carrico House is an excellent example of the American Four-square house in Charles County. Retaining a great deal of its original form and materials, the dwelling holds a considerable degree of architectural significance and integrity. Furthermore, built on the main thoroughfare into the town of Waldorf, the dwelling is historically significant because of it's association with the evolution of this railroad town.

Waldorf, was first established in 1872 as a stop along the B & P Railroad line. Originally known as Beantown Station, for the community of Beantown located a short distance to the south, the railroad village was renamed Waldorf around the time the first post office was established there in 1880.

Commercial growth in Waldorf proceeded quickly in the last decades of the 19th century. Established businesses moved to the new village to take advantage of its proximity to the railroad, while new businesses emerged. One such established business, Peter Trotter's Wheelwright shop in Bryantown, announced in 1877 that it would open a new shop at Beantown Station. Other early businesses located in Waldorf included Kerr's Store, the J.B. Ryon & Brothers Store, both general merchandise establishments, a bowling alley, and a barber shop. In addition, two hotels were erected in Waldorf during the early decades of the railroad's operation. One of these was Trotter's Hotel. Two hotels appear on an 1885 map of Waldorf, one on either side of present day Route 5, just east of the railroad tracks.

Following on the heels of the commercial boom was the emergence of residences along the main thoroughfares of the town, today's Routes 925 and 5. The first dwellings were built by local merchants. Later, others decided to establish their homes within close proximity of Waldorf's town center. During the 1920's and 1930's, land speculators acquired several of the surrounding farms and subdivided them for development as residential districts. In 1922 several farms including the Naylor Farm adjacent to the village, and the Richards Farm further south were surveyed and subdivided by Baltimore civil engineer J. Spence Howard for the Farms Company of Maryland and the Eastern Shore. While several companies were active in land speculation during the early twentieth century, the Farms Company was by far the largest, buying sizeable farms and dividing them into smaller farmettes during the 1910's, 20's and 30's(See also CH-612).

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In 1924 James L. Carrico and his wife Louise purchased 55 acres from the Farms Company and built their home on the property soon afterwards. The parcel had originally contained 182 acres and was formerly known as the Richards Farm. The Carrico's occupied the dwelling for over twenty years before selling the property to Samuel T. Robertson at the close of World War II.

The four-square house became popular throughout the United States during the beginning of the twentieth century. In Charles County relatively few such houses were constructed when compared to the ubiquitous I-house, and even fewer were as elaborately treated as the James L. Carrico House. Typical characteristics found on this example are the cubic plan, pyramidal roof, single hipped dormer and wide first story porch. A notable feature is the contrasting first and second floor wall treatment.

The dwelling closely resembles the mail order homes which became available in the first decade of the twentieth century. Although this particular example could not be found in the catalog of homes offered by Sears and Roebuck, the dwelling may have still come from one of the other mail order companies such as Aladdin and Montgomery Ward. Residents have identified other Four-squares in the county as Aladdin mail order homes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 55
Acreage of historical setting 5
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 5065 is and has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 25, Grid 1, Parcel 54.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	10/2/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Chain of title:

- April 27, 1911 William A. Richards to William L. Gratfelter, et al.
182 3/10 a. buildings and improvements.
H.C.C. 23 Folio 157
- June 30, 1916 William L. Gratfelter, et al to Farm Company of Maryland. Being
part of the Richards Farm. 182 3/10 a.
W.M.A. 30 Folio 154
- November 5, 1924 Farm Co. of Maryland to James L. Carrico and Louise M. Carrico.
Lot 63 subdividing lands of Farms Company of Maryland
surveyed by J. Spence Howard, civil engineer September 1923 Plat
No. 2 Map of Farms and Farmland at Waldorf totaling 54 9/10a.
W.M.A. 43 Folio 55
- October 11, 1945 James L. Carrico to Samuel T. Robertson. 54 9/10 a.
T.B.M. 82 Folio 262
- November 1, 1956 Samuel T. Robertson and Mabel M. Robertson to Thomas and
Patricia McDermott. 4.6 a.
Liber 132 Folio 244
- January 16, 1992 Patricia McDermott, widow to Paul McDermott and Anne C.
McDermott, wife. March 22, 1951
Liber 1618 Folio 494
- December 19, 1997 Paul McDermott and Anne C. McDermott to Paul McDermott.
Liber 2484 Folio 451

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/18/99

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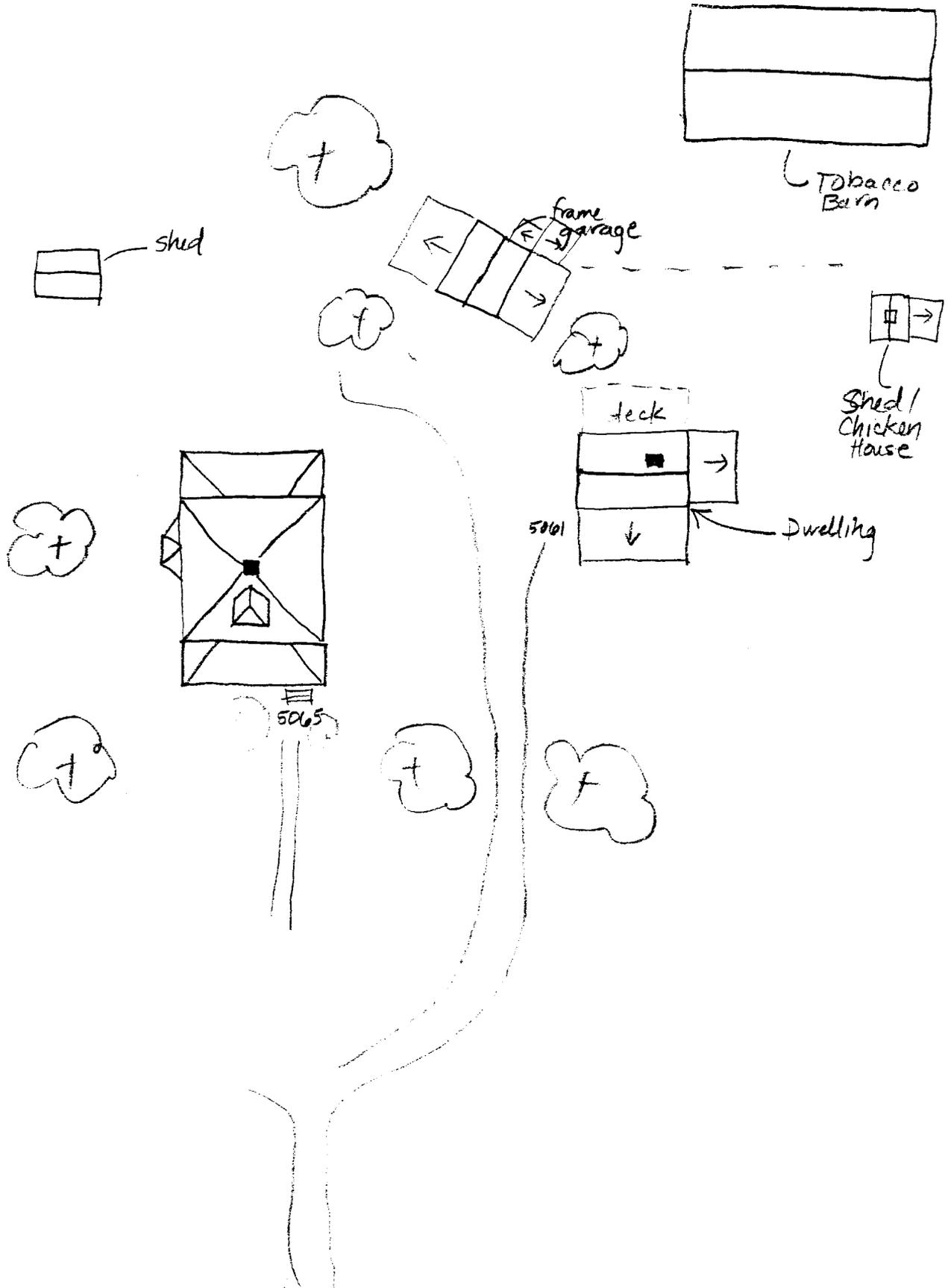
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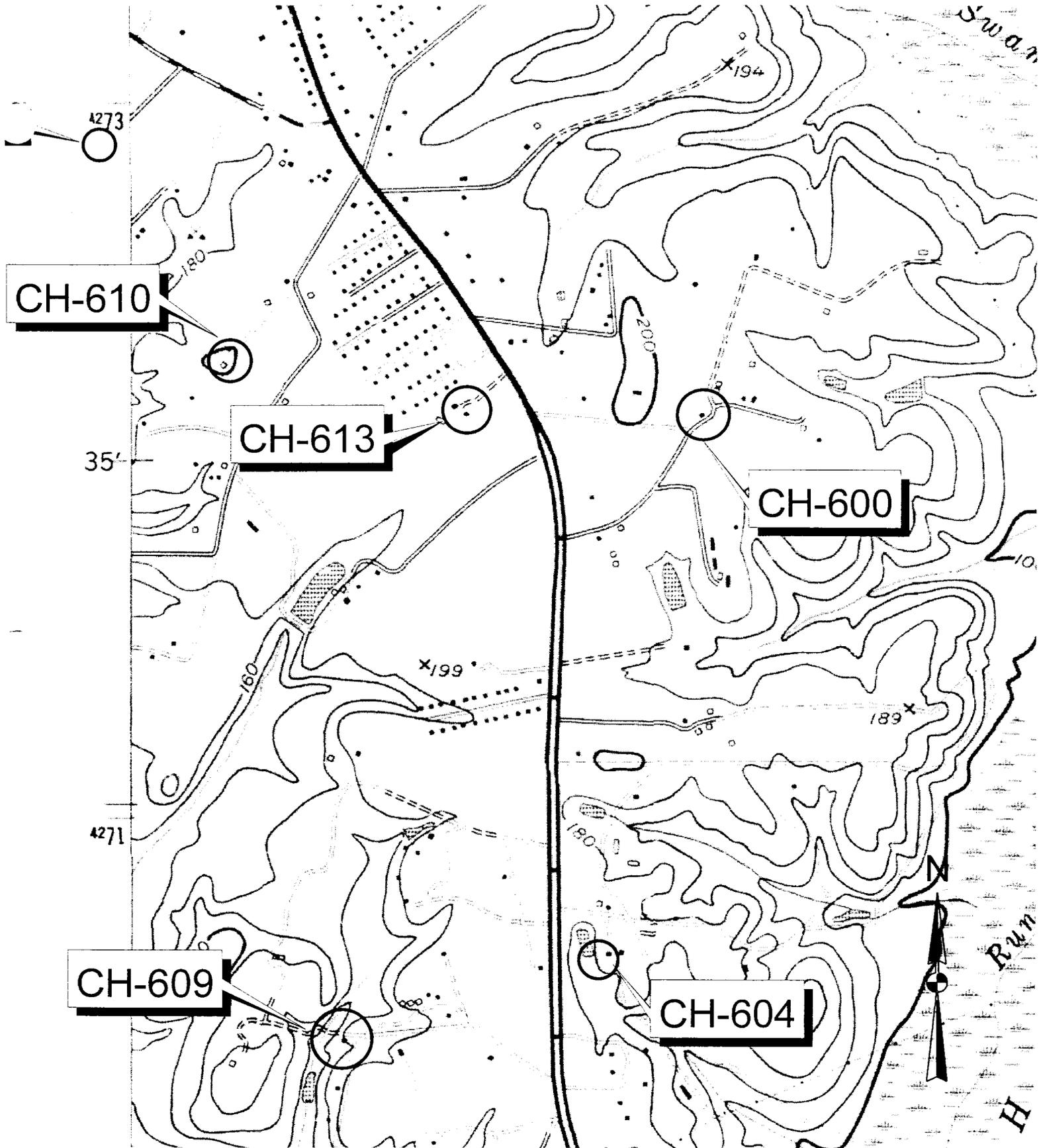
Address: 5065 Leonardtown Rd.

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Charles County, Maryland

Waldorf Vicinity





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Hughesville, MD Quad



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