

White Marsh Farm
CH-616
Waldorf vic.
Private

Circa 1810

White Marsh is an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling which predominated regional building preferences during the first half of the 19th century. The dwelling includes such notable Federal features as paired brick exterior end chimneys and a side passage, double-pile plan. The site is noteworthy as an example of a dominant architectural style in the region, as well as its association with the Mudd family during the 19th century and the author Isaac Don Levine in the 20th century. A number of existing outbuildings including a late 19th century corncrib and meathouse, add to the site's historic character and significance.

Local tradition associates the farm with the Mudd family, specifically Joseph Mudd, grandfather of Dr. Samuel Mudd (CH-149). Joshua Mudd, a progenitor of the Mudd family in Charles County received a patent in 1684 for 88 3/4 acres known as "White Marsh" which was located "within the Reserve of Zachia Manor." The Mudd family appears to have occupied the property for much of the 19th century. During the mid 20th century, the property was purchased and the dwelling restored by Isaac Don Levine, an author of Russian history and politics who was active during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. He and his wife Ruth were said to entertain dignitaries at White Marsh Farm.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic White Marsh Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 13745 Ballantrae Lane not for publication

city, town Waldorf vicinity

county Charles

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

name Allan Smith

street and number 13745 Ballantrae Lane telephone 301-870-8701

city, town Waldorf state MD zip code 20601-2307

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: Map 16 P. 3

city, town LaPlata liber 1740 folio 312

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<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 type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" 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.

White Marsh Farm is located on the north side of Poplar Hill Road and is now part of the Canterbury Estates subdivision near Cedarville State Forest in the northern section of Charles County. Currently the farm consists of an altered circa 1810 Federal-style dwelling and several agricultural outbuildings on a 3.675 acre parcel. Contributing resources include a circa 1880 corncrib and meathouse. Non-contributing resources that share the site include a circa 1940 barn, machine shed, garage, and a contemporary sheep shed.

The principal dwelling at White Marsh farm faces east consisting of a 2 1/2 story frame double-pile building with paired exterior brick chimneys on the western elevation. Attached to the northern elevation are two later 1 1/2 story additions. The first is a 1940's one story side gable stucco structure. The second is a more recent one story frame hyphen connecting the two buildings.

The main body of the dwelling appears to have originated as a Federal style side passage dwelling with a double parlor plan, although the original entrance and floor plan have been obscured by later alterations and additions. The wood frame is sheathed with weatherboard and rests on a solid brick foundation. The roof is cover with asphalt shingles and meets the eave wall with a boxed cornice which includes molded raking. Most of the original windows and surrounds and possibly the cornice have been replaced.

The eastern elevation consists of three bays. Currently, first and second story windows are symmetrical and feature two replacement 6/6 light double-hung wood sash on each floor and paired 8-light casement windows in the center. The attic story has a fixed 4-light casement window with a louvered vent above. All surrounds are molded wood.

The south elevation has two bays consisting of four vertically symmetrical replacement 6/6 light double-hung sash windows with molded wood trim.

The western elevation includes the paired brick exterior end chimneys with corbeled caps. Two narrow casement 8-light windows are paired on either side of the chimney's exterior on the first floor. Above these are 6/6-light double-hung sash replacement windows with molded wood trim surrounds.

The north elevation would have originally served as the entrance. Today it is altered by the addition of a one story hyphen with only two windows visible above.

Like the exterior, the interior has been significantly altered. Most pronounced is the removal of the double-parlor wall, which combined the two rooms into one large living area with two fireplaces. The two mantels with paneling above are probably not original and most likely represent a Colonial Revival renovation during the 1950's.

OUBUILDINGS

The earliest surviving outbuilding consists or a circa 1880 corncrib located to the northeast of the dwelling. A steeply pitched roof with wide open overhanging eaves covered the front gable structure. The foundation consists of wooden posts set

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directly into the ground. Sills are hewn. Braces and studs are circular sawn. Narrow slats adequately spaced for ventilation are attached with cut nails.

A small front gable shed is found to the south of the dwelling. This may have been a meathouse and rests on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad weatherboard siding and has a metal roof. Rafters are exposed. Some structural elements are possibly pit sawn. The floor is dirt.

Non-contributing resources include a frame garage, machine shed, barn and sheep shed. Located to the north of the dwelling is a large frame gambrel roof barn built circa 1940. The frame is covered with vertical board siding and a metal roof. The barn rests on an unusually high concrete block foundation. A wooden porch and stair currently gives access to the upstairs loft. Next to the barn is a front gable machine shed with a shed extension. The frame is sheathed with vertical board siding and a metal roof while resting on a concrete block foundation. A frame garage also lies near the dwelling. This side gable structure with a shed addition has a poured concrete foundation, metal seam roof and board and batten siding. Finally, a sheep shed, built within the last ten years also stands on the property.

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
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<input 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 type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

Specific dates	Circa 181;1940	Architect	Unknown
Construction dates	Circa 1810;1940	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.)

White Marsh is an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling which predominated regional building preferences from about the second quarter of the 19th century until the time of the Civil War. It derives significance from both it's reflection of a dominant architectural style in the region as well it's association with the Mudd family.

White Marsh has an elusive history. Local tradition associates the farm with the Mudd family, specifically Joseph Mudd, grandfather of Dr. Samuel Mudd (CH-149). Although the chain of title is unclear, we do know that Joshua Mudd, a progenitor of the Mudd family in Charles County did receive a patent in 1684 for 88 3/4 acres known as "White Marsh" which was located "within the Reserve of Zachia Manor".

By the early twentieth century White Marsh was tied up in a Mudd family equity suit(now missing). In 1935 James P. Ryon, Allison F. Ryon and Philip E. Heath, trading as J.P. Ryon and Brothers sold two continuous parcel including White Marsh to Herbert F. Hintze. Hughesville Savings Bank had deeded the property to Ryon and Brothers during the previous month.

White Marsh, as an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling includes one of the periods most notable features-- paired brick exterior end chimneys. The overall proportion and symmetry of the main dwelling as well as its rural setting serve to add to the structure's integrity.

Additionally, White Marsh may is significant for it's association with Isaac Don Levine. Levine, an author of Russian history and politics, authored over eight books on various Russian and foreign subjects during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. He and his wife Ruth owned White Marsh Farm from 1952-1974 and are said to have used the property to entertain dignitaries. The Levine's also acquired at least one other historic property in Charles County, Ice Hill (CH-114) which they owned from 1958 until 1975.

The Levine's were responsible for the renovation and changes to the main block of White Marsh Farm as well as the construction of the one story hyphen.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12
Acreage of historical setting 5
Quadrangle name Hughesville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

White Marsh Farm is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 16, Grid 4, Parcel 3, Lot 13.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/ Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	10/10/2000
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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Crownsville MD 21032
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White Marsh Farm

name of property

Charles County, MD

county and state

Chain of title:

- April 20, 1935 Hughesville Savings Bank to Ryon and Bros.
WMA 60 Folio 680
- May 18, 1935 James P. Ryon, Allison F. Ryon and Philip E. Heath? Trading as
J.P. Ryon and Brothers to Herbert F. Hintze.
"North of state road leading from St. Peter's Catholic Church in
the direction of Malcolm. 2 adjacent tracts."
First- 41a. Lot #2 of White Marsh **Equity No. 830 JST 2 Folio
438.**
Second- land assessed in name of Rose E. Gardiner. 50a. Land
James W. Ford obtained by deed from Edward J. Edelin and wife
August 16, 1927. WMA 47 Folio 410.
WMA 60 Folio 682
- October 7, 1952 Herbert F. and Pearl Hintze to Isaac Don and Ruth N. Levine
First- 41 a. Lot No. 2 White Marsh. **Equity No. 830 J.S.T. No. 2
Folio 438.**
Second- 50a. Assessed in name of Rose E. Gardiner. Acquired
from Herbert Hintze.
All property from James P. Ryon
Liber 103 Folio 599
- October 1, 1974 Isaac Don Levine and Ruth N. Levine to Niren and Lueija Bhaduri.
12.304 a.
Liber 358 Folio 173
- August 5, 1988 Niren Bhaduri and Lueija Bhaduri to Allan Smith. Cedarville
Estates Joint Ventuure. 12.304 a. Plat Liber 21 Folio 161
Liber 1318 Folio 517

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

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*.
LaPlata, MD. Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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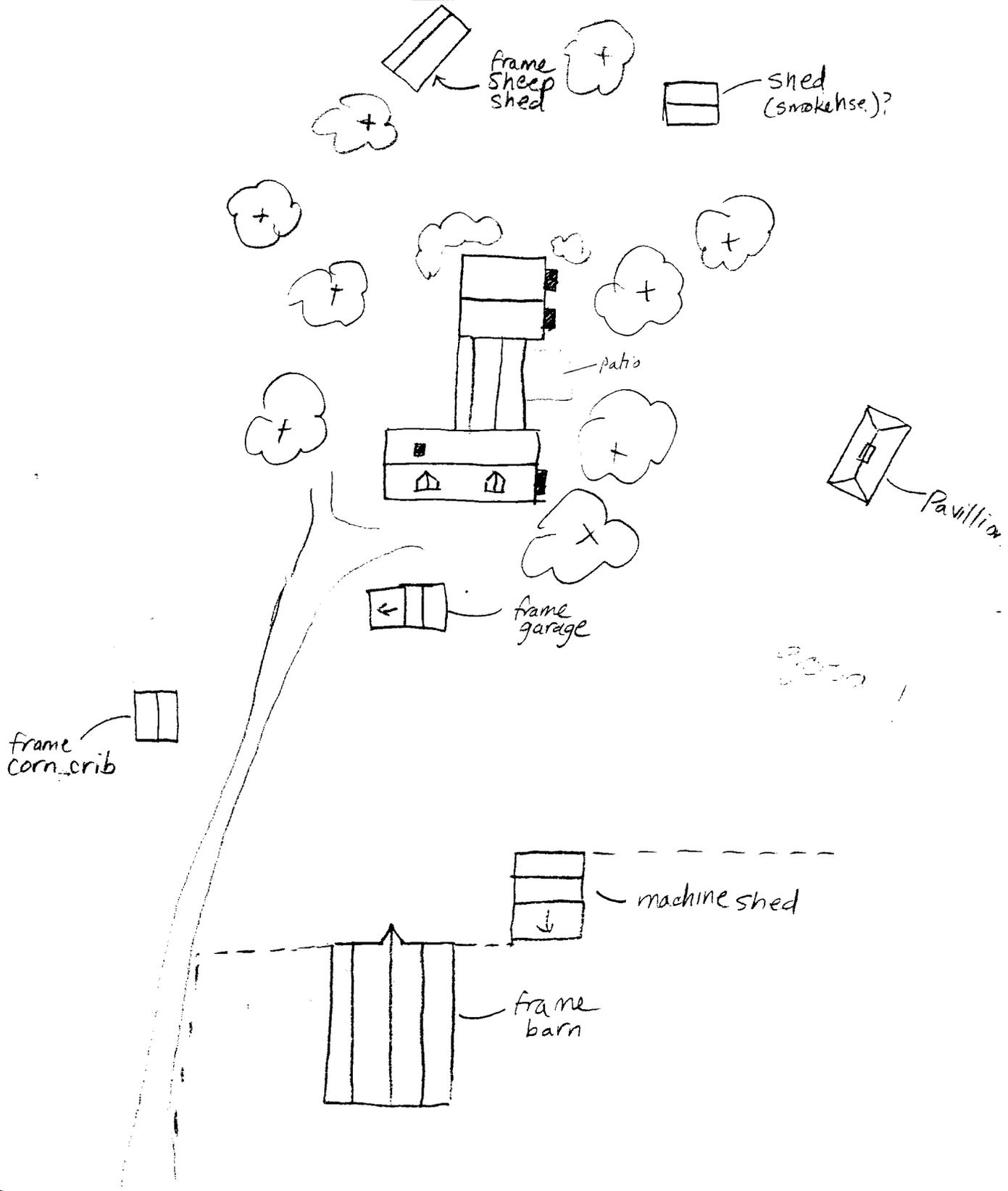
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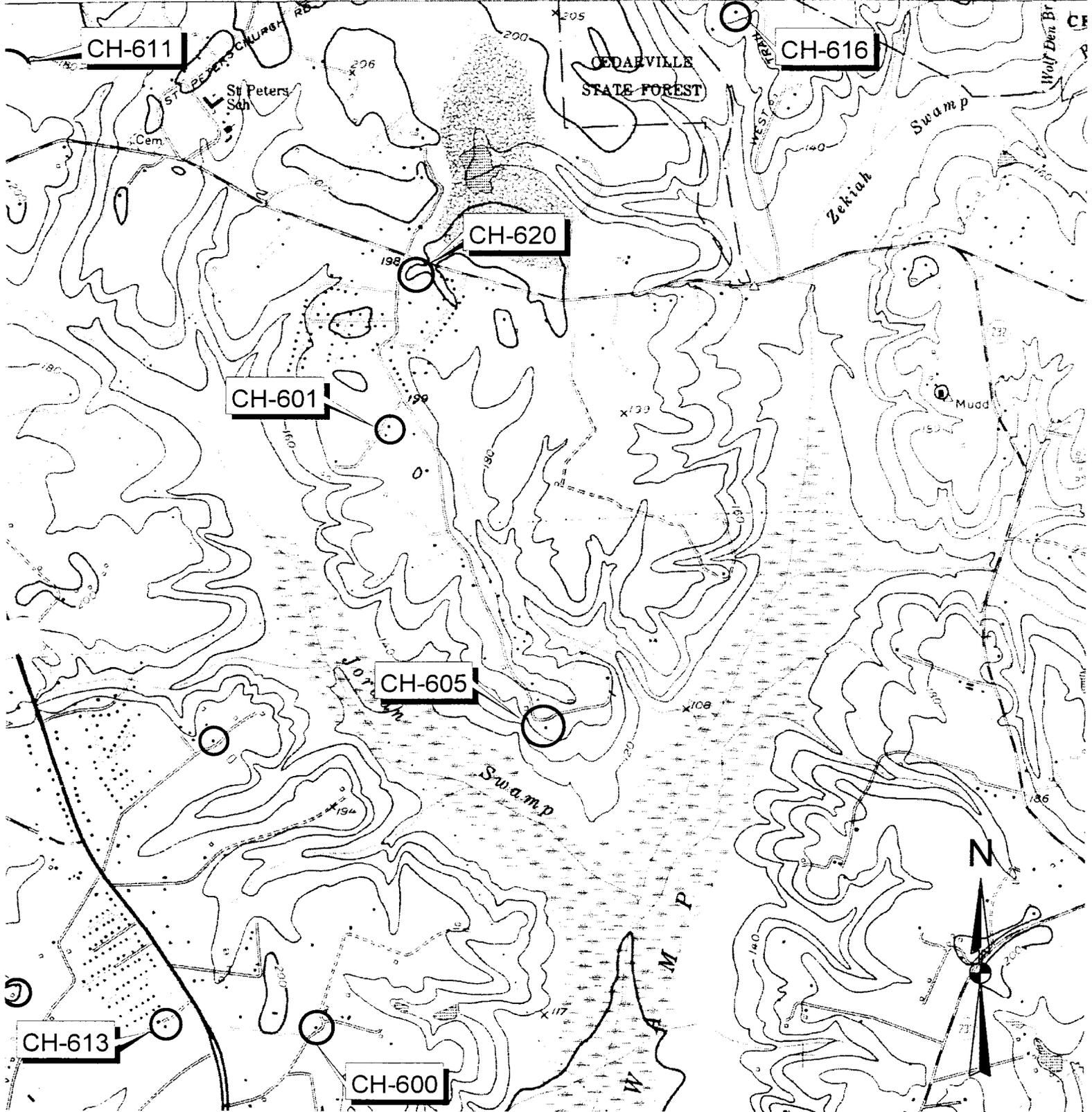
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WHITE MARSH

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EAST ELEVATION

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WHITE MARSH

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WEST ELEVATION

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LOOKING NW

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INTERIOR, LIVING ROOM

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WHITE MARSH

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CORN CRIBS, LOOKING NE

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MACHINERY SHED & BARN. LOOKING NORTH

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SHEEP SHED, LOOKING SW

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