

**Sam Montgomery House**  
**CH-644**  
**Nanjemoy vic.**  
**Private**

**1913**

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-644

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Sam Montgomery House  
 other Posey's Chance

### 2. Location

street and number 1343 Friendship Landing Road  not for publication  
 city, town Nanjemoy  vicinity  
 county Charles

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

name Anna T. Proctor  
 street and number P.O. Box 293 telephone unlisted  
 city, town Port Tobacco state MD zip code 20677-0293

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 52-182  
 city, town LaPlata liber 1666 folio 601

### 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
- 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                    | <u>2</u>   | <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"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> sites      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense        | <input type="checkbox"/> religion                     | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> structures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> domestic       | <input type="checkbox"/> social                       | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> objects    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education      | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation               | <u>2</u>   | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use |  |                                     |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry       | <input type="checkbox"/> other:                       |  |                                     |
|   |   |   |   | <b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> |                                     |
|   |   |   |   | <u>0</u>   |                                     |

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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

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

Built in 1913, the Samuel Montgomery House is a modest two-part, two story vernacular frame dwelling with a one story hipped roof porch across the façade. Located at the corner of Friendship Landing Road and Ironsides Road, the site includes as its only surviving outbuilding a small shed roof privy.

The frame dwelling is covered with aluminum siding, is one room deep and rests on a pier foundation. A combination of asphalt sheeting and tin cover the roof and a wide hipped roof porch, resting on five thin square posts, spans the length of the façade. Fenestration is asymmetrical and primarily consists of 6/6 light double-hung wood sash windows. A few windows have been replaced with later 2/2 light sash frames. A single brick chimney with a corbelled cap pierces the roofline.

The façade or west elevation includes two doorways, one providing access to each wing. The door in the northernmost wing is a single panel replacement, while the door in the southern wing is currently boarded over. Three windows appear in the north wing façade, one on the first floor and two above. The smaller south kitchen wing has one first floor and one second floor windows. The gable ends are without fenestration while the rear window placement mirrors that on the façade.

Though the interior was not examined, oral accounts of Sandy Posey, a local resident, describe the dwelling as having a four room plan with two rooms on the first floor and two above. The stair was located on the north wall and provided access to both second floor rooms. The south wing included the kitchen on the first floor and a sleeping chamber above.

The dwelling is currently vacant and suffers from neglect but appears to otherwise be in fair condition. Significant alterations are limited to the application of aluminum siding and a few replacement windows.

## 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        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage              | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry      | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |

**Specific dates** 1913 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1913

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 Sam Montgomery House is significant as an example of the relatively under-documented, early 20th century, owner-occupied African American dwelling in Charles County. Built on a nine acre lot purchased in 1913 from the Wright family, the dwelling shows stylistic similarities with other houses associated with small landowners and tenant farmers in the area.

Although little is known about Sam Montgomery and his family, according to oral accounts he was an overseer or farm manager. He had three children: a son named Henry that received a considerable amount of notoriety as a prominent Baptist minister in Washington D.C. and two daughters, Bessie and Ida. The Montgomery property eventually became parceled off to descendants, creating a distinctive African American community at the crossroads south of Friendship Landing and east of Ironsides Road. (1)

(1) Posey Interview, 2001.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 5

Acreage of historical setting 9

Quadrangle name Nanjemoy

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Sam Montgomery House is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 52. It has not been assigned a parcel number but is referred to as "Sam Montgomery 10 acres." next to p. 182.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
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name of property  
Charles County, MD  
county and state

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**Chain of title:**

April 14, 1913

James J. Wright and Flora J. Wright his wife to Samuel  
Montgomery. 9 a. called Posey's Chance. Surveyed by Peter W.  
Kendrick, county surveyor on February 28, 1913.  
**HCC 25:534**

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LaPlata, MD. Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

Oral Interview with Sandy Posey, 1/2001  
4105 Lucille Place, Nanjemoy 20662-3443, 301-246-4897

Otter, Edward. *Archaeological Reconnaissance at Nanjemoy Nature Reserve, Charles County, MD*. Prepared for Charles County Department of Public Works, LaPlata. Sponsored by Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD. (Includes J. Richard Rivoire's Tract History) October 1993.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/2000

North arrow:



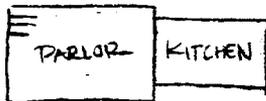
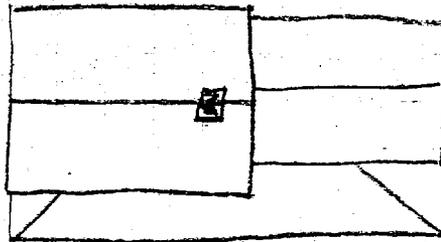
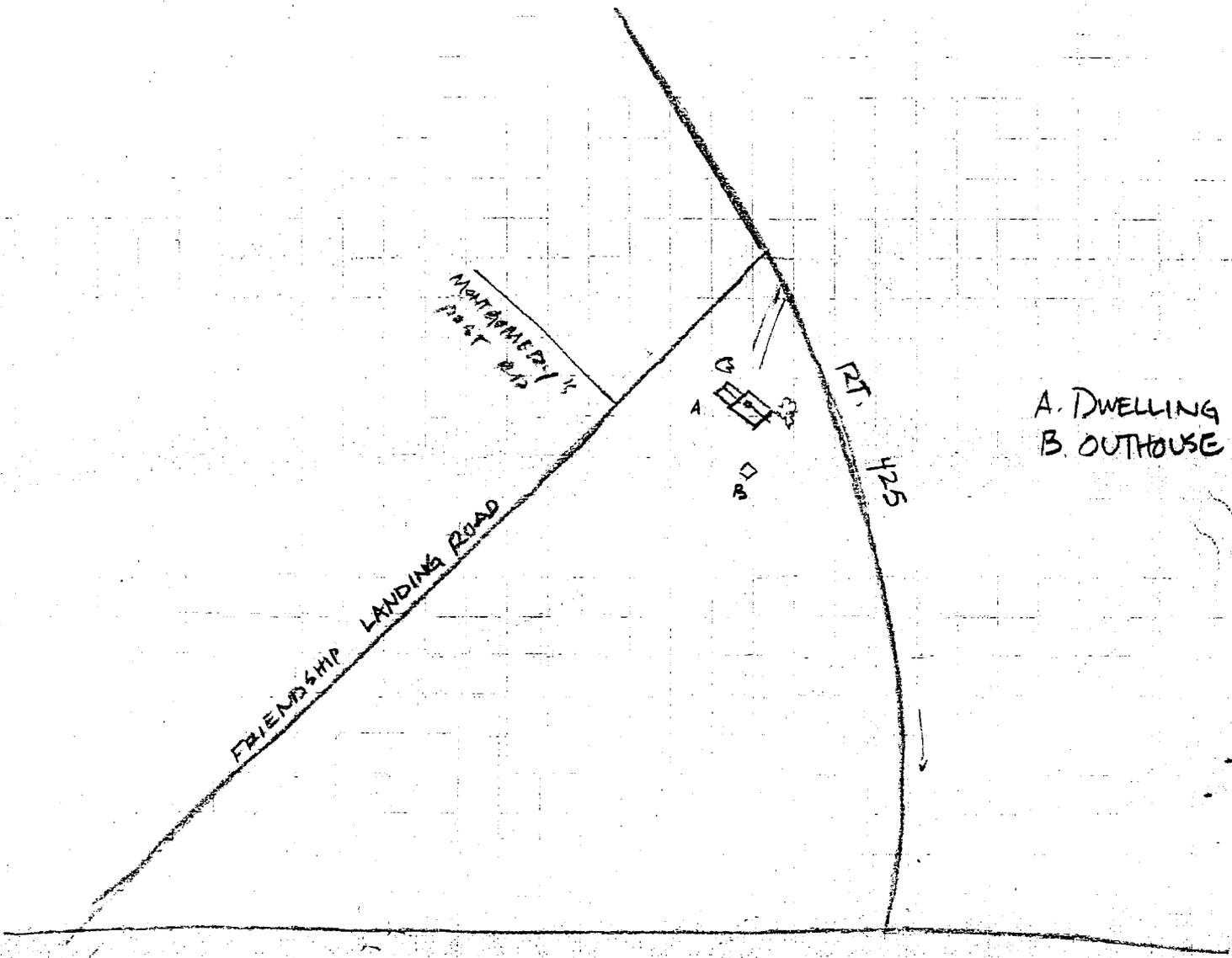
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Address: 1343 FRIENDSHIP LANDING ROAD

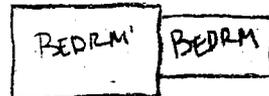
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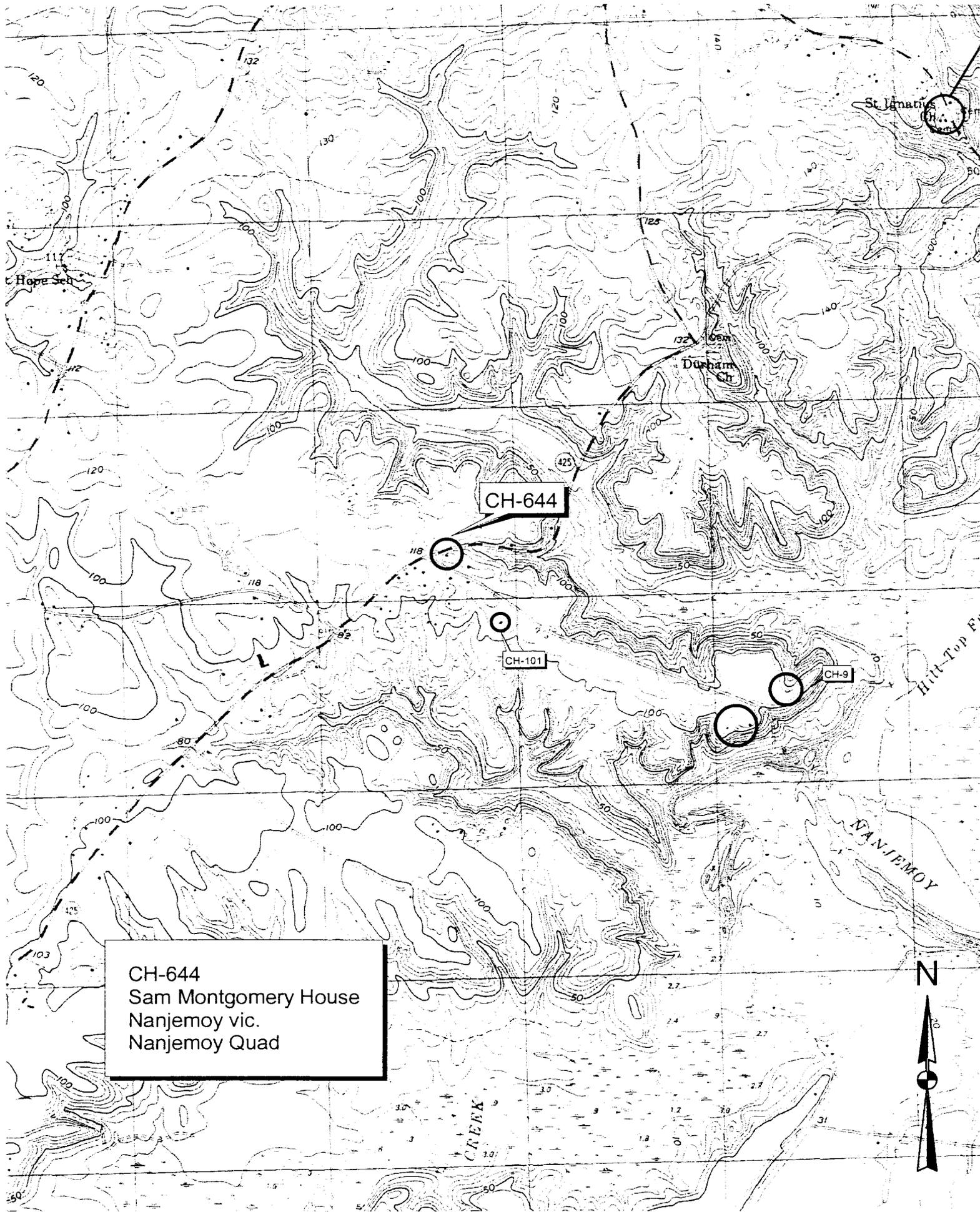


1st Floor



2nd Floor

Not drawn to scale



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Nanjemoy Quad





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SAM MONTGOMERY HOUSE

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1/2001

C. CURREY

MD SHPO

WEST ELEVATION

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