

**Juhle Property**  
**CH-650**  
**Nanjemoy vic.**  
**Public**

**1933-1950**

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-650

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

historic Juhle Farm (preferred)  
 other Part of Friendship

### 2. Location

street and number 4705 Friendship Landing Road  not for publication  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 Charles County Commissioners  
 street and number P.O. Box 2150 telephone 301-645-5550  
 city, town LaPlata state MD zip code 20646

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 61-5  
 city, town LaPlata liber 2262 folio 500

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

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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

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#### GARAGE (A)

The garage/workshop, circa 1950, is a front gable structure located behind the dwelling along a winding farm drive. This is a frame structure standing on a combination concrete block and poured concrete foundation. Vertical board siding covers the building while the roof is sheathed in metal. Rafters are exposed. The building measures approximately 33 feet in length and 27 feet in width.

#### TOBACCO BARN/STRIPPING SHED (B)

The tobacco barn and stripping shed were built circa 1950. The main barn is a long rectangular frame building with a gambrel roof. The frame, covered in vertical board siding, rests on poured concrete piers that in many places are reinforced with feet that extend outward approximately 2-3 feet from the exterior wall. These raised piers are up to three feet in height above grade and support the raised sill. They likely served as a ventilation system for air-curing tobacco in combination with the doors on each elevation. The structure is 14 bays in length, with each bay measuring approximately 8 feet. The barn is approximately 125 feet long and thirty feet wide. Access to the barn is through two principal runways that follow the ridgeline. Drive through access is also provided on the eave wall with the presence of double doors on either side. The interior reveals that the barn holds a total of seven tiers including the rafters and collar beams. The framing system incorporates downbracing.

The stripping shed is attached to the southeast corner. It is sheathed in vertical board siding and has a shed roof that slopes away from the barn. A concrete block chimney flue is attached to the southeast corner of the exterior wall. There is no interior access to the main barn from the shed. The interior walls have been insulated with board and include a rectangular worktable along the outside wall.

#### GRANARY/COW BARN (C)

This structure is believed to have been built around 1930 and features post-in-ground framing. The earliest portion consists of a square structure that has three bays. The northeast elevation includes a centered open doorway below a smaller open section above. Although this would appear to suggest the presence of a loft, interior examination provides no evidence of such a feature. The principal posts in the main section are blackened appearing to have been treated with a kerosene or oil preservative to prevent deterioration. Two shed additions have been extended from the rear and include sloping roofs. This shed is supported by locust posts set directly in the ground and in some instances the bark remains on the posts. A second addition includes a shed attached to the west wall. This addition is nearest the silo and includes a low loft with an opening adjacent to the silo. A hammer mill for grinding feed and as well as wooden beehive boxes now containing ears of corn are still present in the loft, giving evidence of the farms earlier products. Snaking through the ground floor is a low feed trough, raised approximately one foot off the ground. It is supported with short wooden posts. The upright cylindrical silo is of poured concrete block construction.

#### DWELLING (D)

The original Craftsman-style dwelling, first built around 1930, has been drastically altered. The house is therefore not considered to be a contributing resource.

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 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/ 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/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1930; 1950	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1930-1950		

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.)

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After the Civil War, the agriculturally based economy in Charles County remained depressed and tobacco prices consistently fell until the end of the 19th century. This steady decline encouraged many farmers to diversify their interests and expand production of those items that had once been solely for family consumption. In the early 20th century, automotive and road improvements opened up new markets for farm products. This meant that honey, nuts, orchard products, poultry, dairy and livestock could now be quickly and efficiently transported to larger markets. Local and state officials recognized the potential impact of new technologies on the depressed agricultural economy of southern Maryland and quickly proposed several infrastructure improvements. In 1910, the State Roads Commission began a project to connect Riverside to LaPlata, current day Route 6, and in 1922 the Southern Maryland Truckline, current Rt. 301, was started.

Despite this diversification, tobacco continued to be extensively cultivated. After the turn of the 20th century, tobacco prices began to rise and continued to do so throughout mid-century, creating a flurry of increased production. Rapid increases in production led to new barn construction. These new barns were adapted to respond to market trends as well as advances in agricultural technology. Both barn size and design were affected. Single and double drive-through isles found on the gable walls, gambrel roofs and an overall massive sizes characterized mid-20th century tobacco barns.

The Juhle tobacco barn fits written descriptions of 20th century Maryland tobacco barns in its overall dimensions and orientation. The February 1946 issue of Maryland Tobacco Grower suggested placing the long side of the structure toward the prevailing wind, while another account recommended the long wall to the south. In March of 1951, W.W. Garner described Maryland tobacco barns as typically 24 - 36 feet in width with a length a multiple of sixteen feet. A 36x140 feet barn, 17 feet high would hold 47,000 plants of 5 acres worth of tobacco, a manageable amount for a farm family with the help of seasonal laborers.(2)

The presence of silos, used for grain and feed storage, was also a 20th century innovation. Silos presented a way to store green, rather than dried fodder. This green fodder could be fed to livestock year round, allowing farmers to economically keep a larger number of cattle than had previously been feasible.

Originally part of "Friendship", a large tract purchased by Thomas Dent from Captain Guither before 1676, during the 18th century a small dwelling (CH-8), barn and grist mill (CH-9, CH-202) stood nearby. The Dent family retained ownership of the property

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until 1816 when the farm, encompassing 1,052 acres, was sold to Joseph Gray, Sr. and his brother John Franklin Gray. After the Gray's purchase, the property was divided into two parcels. Joseph assumed possession of the northern half which continued to be known as Friendship and included the Karlsson and Juhle Farms as well as property on the north side of Friendship Landing Road. John acquired the lower portion which he renamed "Chinquapin." Joseph Gray owned a number of tracts in the neighborhood and resided at Mansion Hall (CH-20site) about one mile northwest of Durham Church. The property descended through the Gray family until 1925 when George William Gray sold to Arthur Karlsson 288 acres of the Friendship tract. Karlsson in turn sold to Berwald Juhle, his brother-in-law, the 139 acres bordering Nanjemoy Creek. (3)

#### ENDNOTES

1. The term "general farm" is used in the 1920 U.S. Census for Charles County by enumerators.
2. Wasch, pp. 68-69
3. Rivoire, 1993.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreege of surveyed property 5

Acreege of historical setting 139.127

Quadrangle name Nanjemoy

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 4705 Friendship Landing Road is associated with Charles County Property Tax May 61, Grid 3, Parcel 5.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Preservation Planner

organization Charles County Planning

date 1/25/01

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city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 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.

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  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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**Chain of title:**

December 19, 1933 Arthur Karlsson to Bernwald Juhle 135.25a. "Part of Friendship"  
**Plat Book WMA 1: Folio 36**

April 16, 1925 George William and Fannie D. Gray to Arthur Karlsson. "Friendship"  
containing 288 acres acquired as follows.  
**WMA 43 Folio 459**

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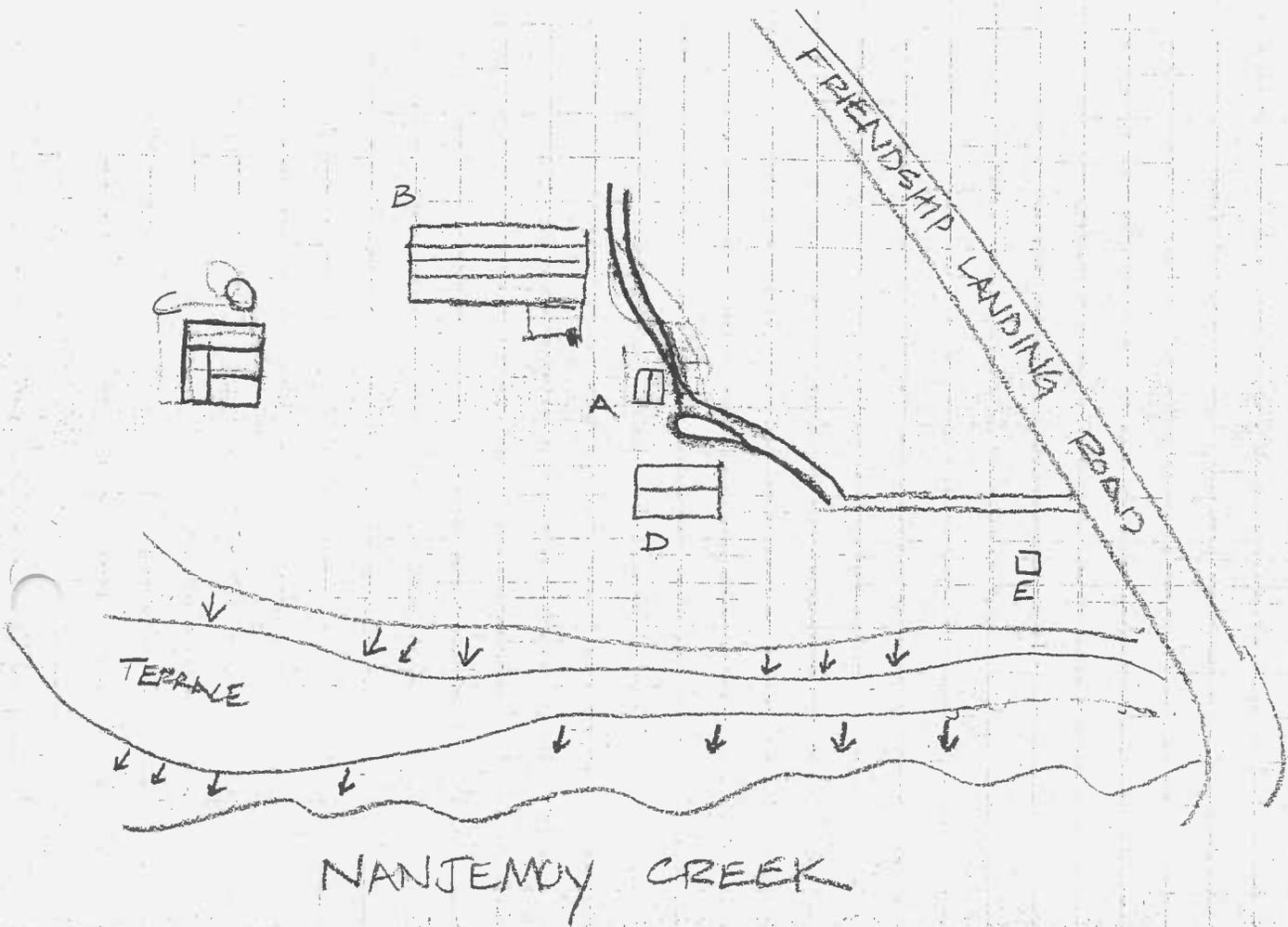
Name: TUIHLE PROPERTY

Address: 4705 FRIENDSHIP LANDING RD

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- A - GARAGE
- B - TOBACCO BARN
- C - BARN/SILO
- D - DWELLING
- E - WELL

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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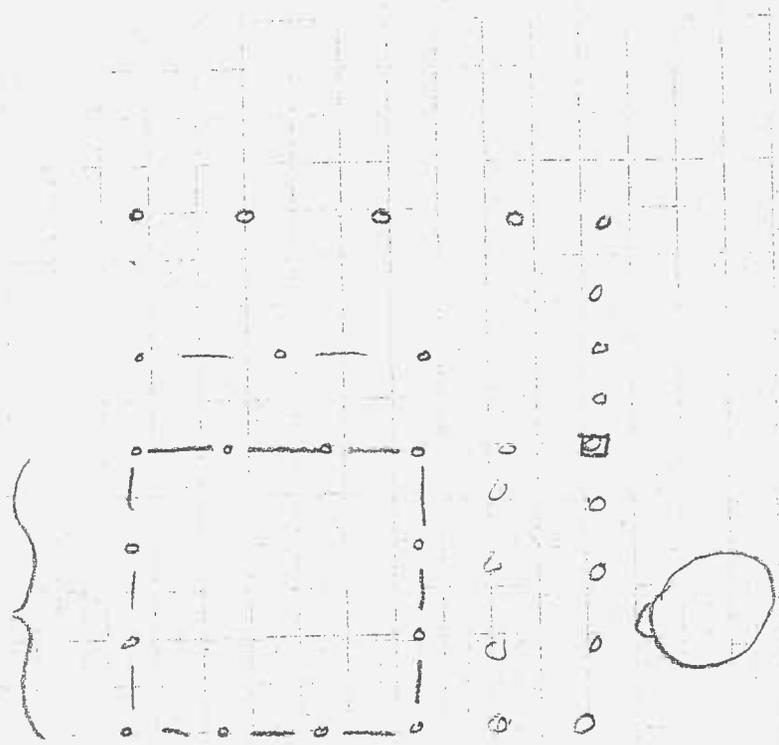


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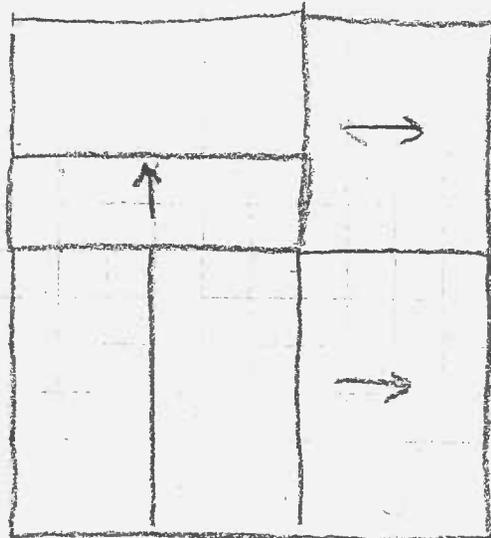
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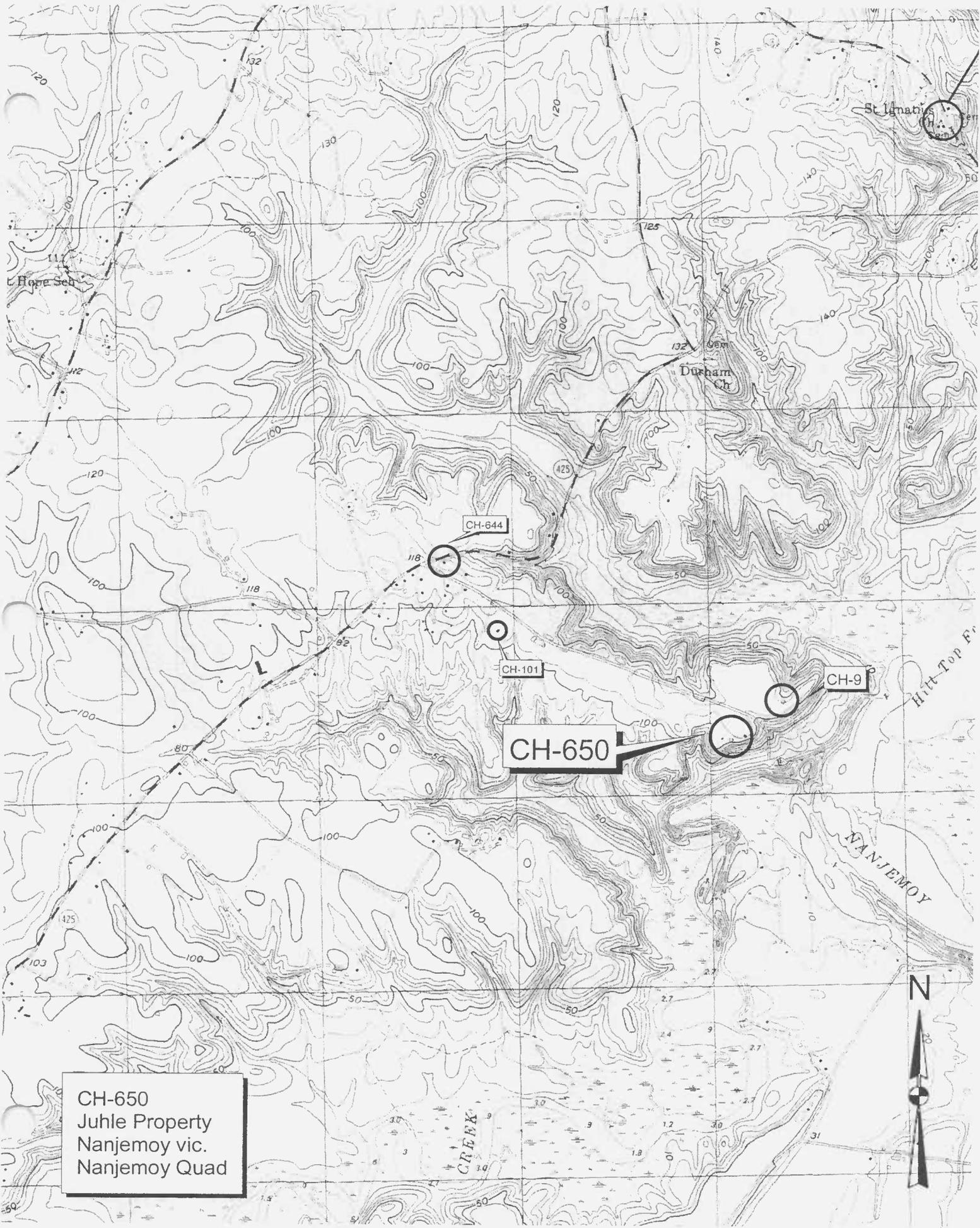
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Nanjemoy vic.  
Nanjemoy Quad





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C. CURREY

MD SHPO

BARN & SILO, LOOKING WEST

1 OF 5



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JUHLE PROPERTY

FRIENDSHIP LANDING

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C. CURZEY

MD SHPO

TOBACCO BARN INTERIOR, LOOKING WEST

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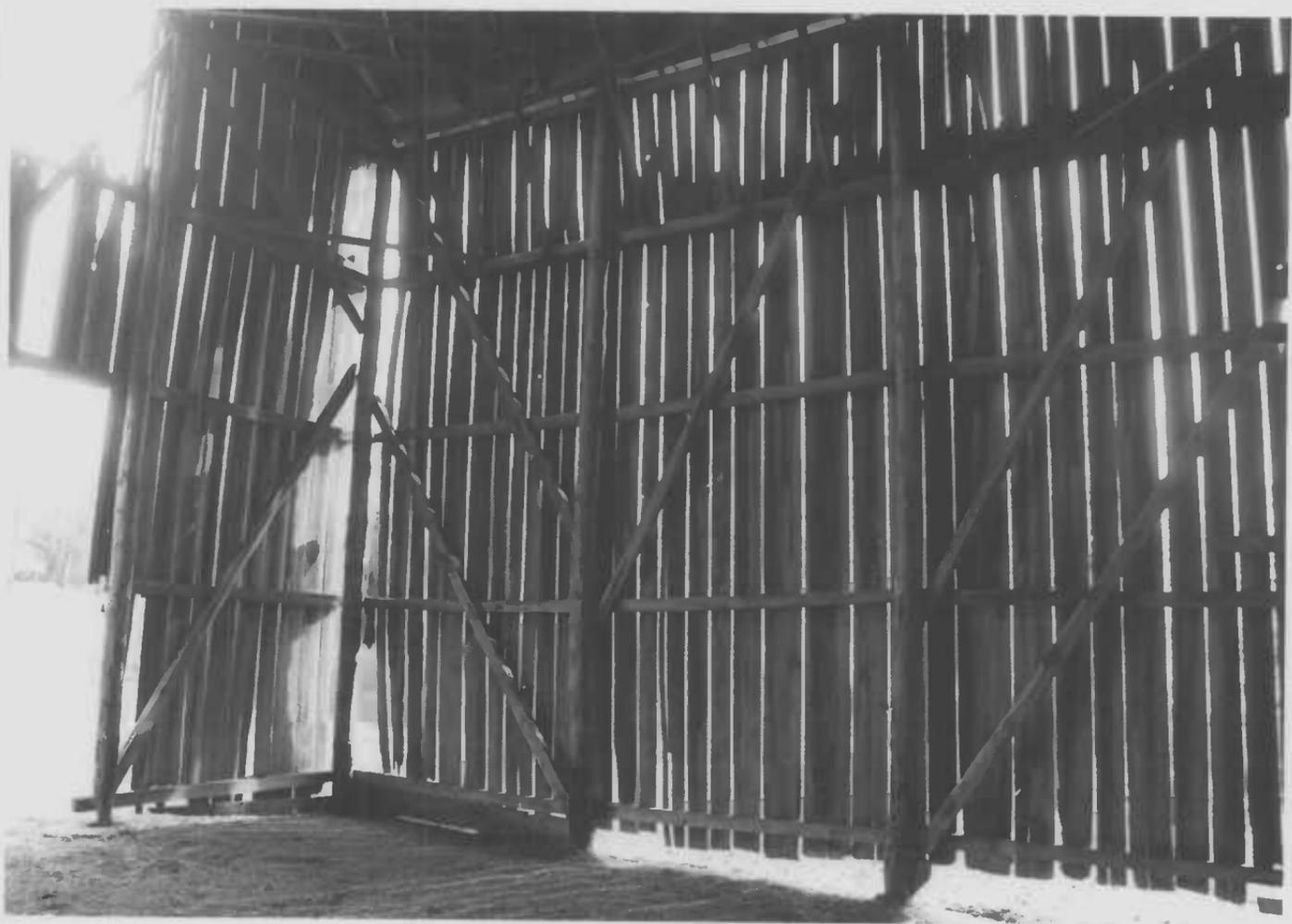
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BARN ? SILO. LOOKING NORTH

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C. CURRELY  
MD SITPO

BARN INTERIOR, LOOKING EAST

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