

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Dubois Road School Inventory Number: CH-654

Address: 13805 Charles Street City: Dubois/Charlotte Hall Zip Code: 20622

County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: Charlotte Hall, MD Quad

Owner: David and Jane Parker Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_yes

Tax Parcel Number: 35 Tax Map Number: 57 Tax Account ID Number: 003896

Project: Gilbert Run Emergency Tower- Charles County Government Agency: F.C.C.

Site visit by MHT Staff: \_\_\_no \_\_\_yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_yes X no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___yes	Eligible district ___yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes <u>X</u> no	

Criteria: \_\_\_A \_\_\_B \_\_\_C \_\_\_D Considerations: \_\_\_A \_\_\_B \_\_\_C \_\_\_D \_\_\_E \_\_\_F \_\_\_G \_\_\_None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

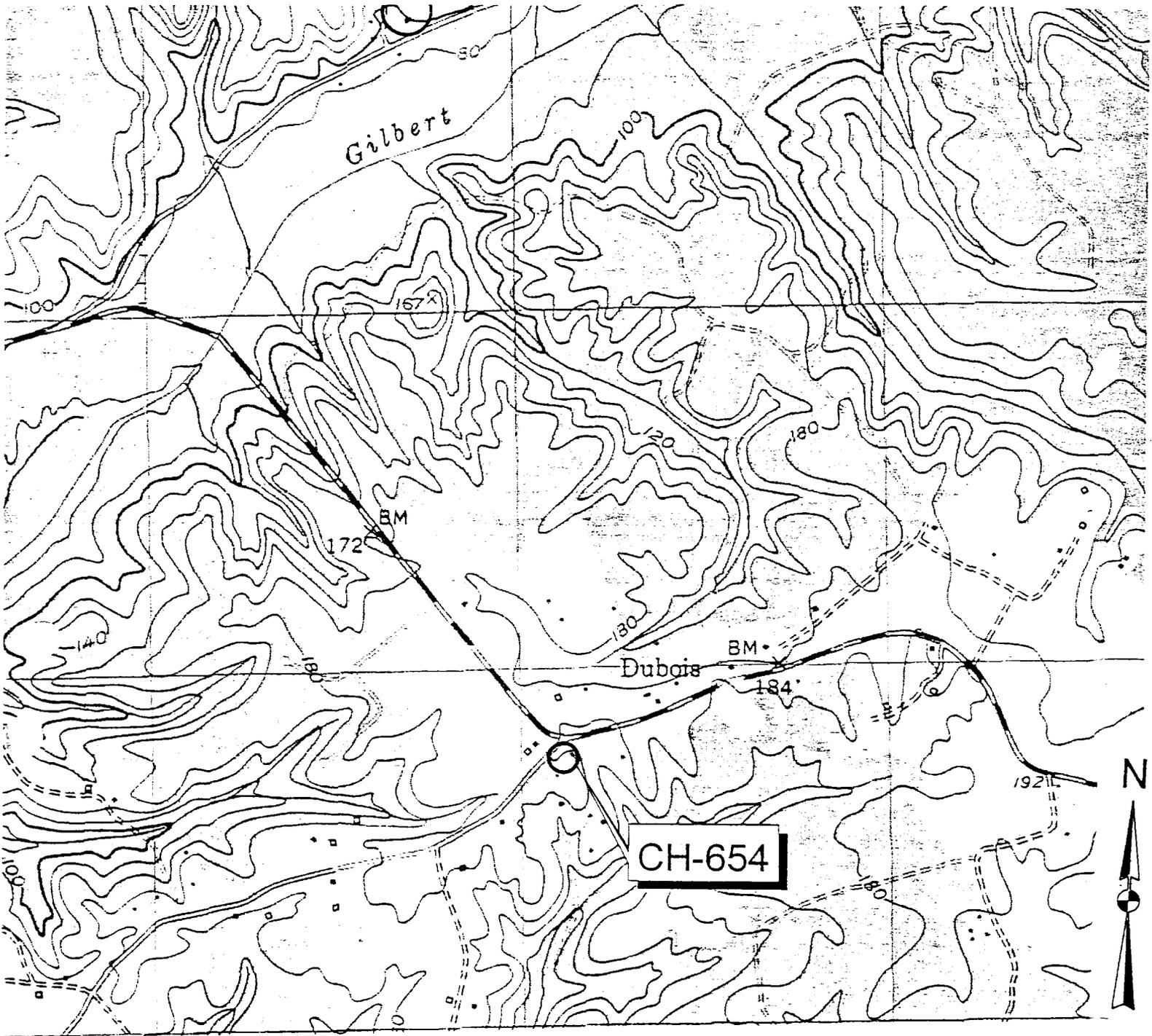
The Dubois Road Schoolhouse is situated on a level lot a short distance from the intersection of Dubois Road and Charles Street. The one story, front gable, frame structure was probably constructed in the mid-nineteenth century. Evidence suggests an addition was added to the front elevation, enlarging the classroom size and creating two separate cloakrooms, each with an exterior door at the gable entrance. Original interior finishes, once finely finished with "graining" on the woodwork, and pressed tin ceilings, are also for the most part missing. The building has been open to the elements for sometime and conditions are very poor. Currently the building is in a ruinous state. Trees are growing through the middle and all around what had been the exterior walls of the structure. Although Martinets Map of 1866 identifies a school standing in this location when the village was referred to as Stilltown, and although a case could be made for its role in the educational development of area residents (possibly Criterion A), the state of existing conditions makes it difficult to recommend eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C. There was not any available documentation to necessarily support eligibility under either Criteria A or B. Finally, the site was not evaluated regarding Criterion D.

Prepared by: Kate Mahood,  
Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: July 8, 2003

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>7/17/03</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>7/21/03</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date





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**CH-654**  
**DUBOIS ROAD**  
**SCHOOL**

Scale  
 N.T.S.

Date  
 7/8/03

Design By \_\_\_\_\_ Source \_\_\_\_\_ Job No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 USGS CHARLOTTE HALL, HUGHESVILLE,  
 LA PLATA, & POPES CREEK QUADRANGLE



DUBOIS ROAD SCHOOL  
CHARLOTTE HALL, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

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MD SHPO  
VIEW LOOKING EAST  
Photograph # 1 of 3



DUBOIS ROAD SCHOOL  
CHARLOTTE HALL, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

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06-20-03

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MD SHPO  
VIEW ~~OF~~ LOOKING SOUTH  
Photograph # 2 of 3



DUBOIS ROAD SCHOOL  
CHARLOTTE HALL, MD  
CHAS COUNTY

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MD SHPO  
DETAILED VIEW OF WEST WALL  
Photograph # 3 of 3

**Dubois Road School**  
**CH-654**  
**Dubois**  
**Private**

**Circa 1850; 1875**

Dubois Road School is a mid-19th century one room schoolhouse standing at the intersection of Dubois Road and Charles Street. This typical front gable, one-story structure was constructed in two stages with the earliest consisting of a single room having two windows on either side of the eave walls. Before the turn of the century an addition was added to the front elevation, enlarging the classroom size and creating two separate cloakrooms of equal size, each with an exterior door at the gable entrance. Interesting characteristics include a pressed tin ceiling and painted wood graining. The Dubois Road School, although virtually ruinous, is significant as the earliest documented schoolhouse in Charles County. Martinets map of 1866 identifies a school standing in this location when the village was referred to as Stillborn.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-654

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

historic Dubois Road School

other

### 2. Location

street and number 13805 Charles Street not for publication

city, town Dubois vicinity

county Charles

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

name David and Jane Parker

street and number 13805 Charles Street telephone

city, town Charlotte Hall state MD zip code 20622-3438

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 57 p. 35

city, town LaPlata liber 1213 folio 410

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input 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 checked="" 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 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.

Dubois Road School is a mid-19th century one room schoolhouse standing at the intersection of Dubois Road and Charles Street. The schoolhouse sits on a level lot a short distance from a contemporary dwelling and in the vicinity of two late 19th century farmhouses. Behind the schoolhouse the land is wooded. This typical front gable, one-story structure was constructed in two stages with the earliest consisting of a single room having two windows on either side of the eave walls. Before the turn of the century an addition was added to the front elevation, enlarging the classroom size and creating two separate cloakrooms of equal size, each with an exterior door at the gable entrance.

Measuring a total of four bays in length, the entire structure stands on brick piers. The wood frame is constructed with hand hewn principal posts with smaller studs placed in between. Large, hand-hewn down braces support the corner posts, providing stability to the frame. Circular sawn weatherboard siding covers the entire structure and is attached with cut nails. Although similar in construction and materials, the addition is clearly evident by an exposed vertical post dividing the two parts. Regular, circular sawn rectangular joists are also found in the addition, as opposed to square hand hewn joists in the earliest section. The entire building is covered with a metal seam roof.

Access to the interior is from the street, where the gable end of the schoolhouse included a pair of doors leading into a pair of small cloakrooms which featured built in benches, plaster walls and decorative graining on exposed wood. The large classroom was located beyond the cloakroom opposite two interior paneled doors. The ceiling is covered in sheets of decorative pressed tin. The absence of seams indicates that this was likely applied when the addition was added.

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	c.1850; c.1875	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	c 1850; c.1875		

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 Dubois Road School, although virtually ruinous, is significant as the earliest documented schoolhouse in Charles County. Martinets map of 1866 identifies a school standing in this location when the village was referred to as Stilltown.

The period following the Civil War saw the greatest advances in a county-wide system of education. In 1867, there were thirty-six public schools located in Charles County. Five of these were log structures and the rest were frame buildings. Well into the early 20th century, one and two room schoolhouses were the most common form of public architecture considered both practical and appropriate for the education of area youth. The Dubois Road School, with its graining, pressed tin ceiling and other decorative finishes intact, stands apart from other local examples that appear to have either been much less ornate or have been substantially altered from their original form.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1

Acreage of historical setting 1

Quadrangle name Charlotte Hall

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Dubois Road School is associated with Charles County Property tax map 57, Grid 16, Parcel 35.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Survey

organization Charles County Planning Dept.

date 3/31/01

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

telephone 301-396-5815

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.

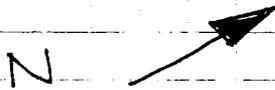
The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 2/2001

North arrow:



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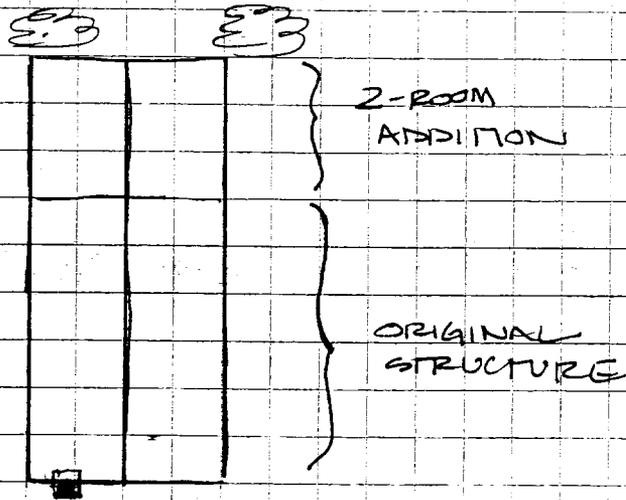
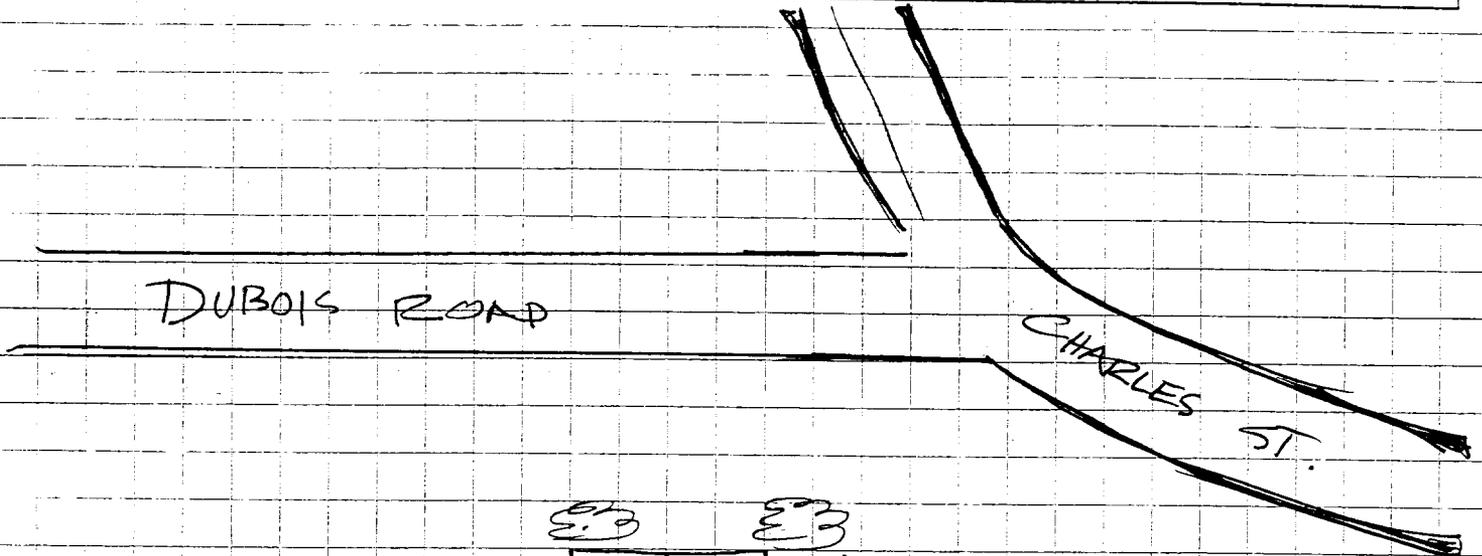
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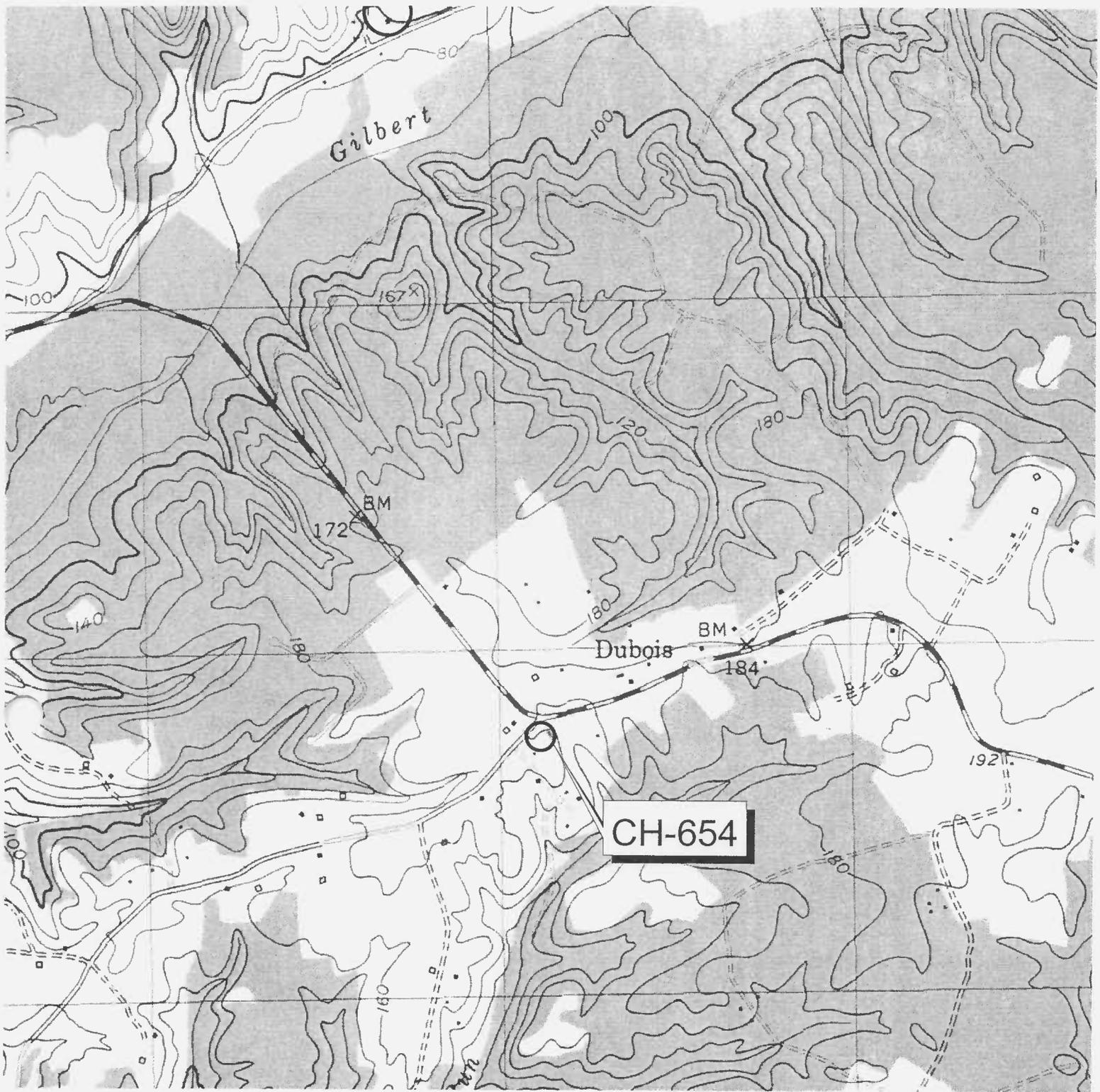
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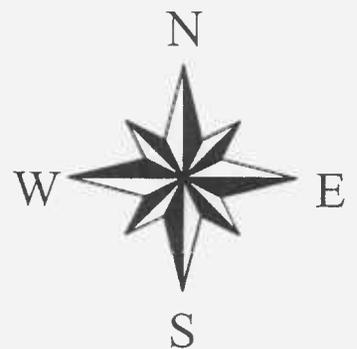
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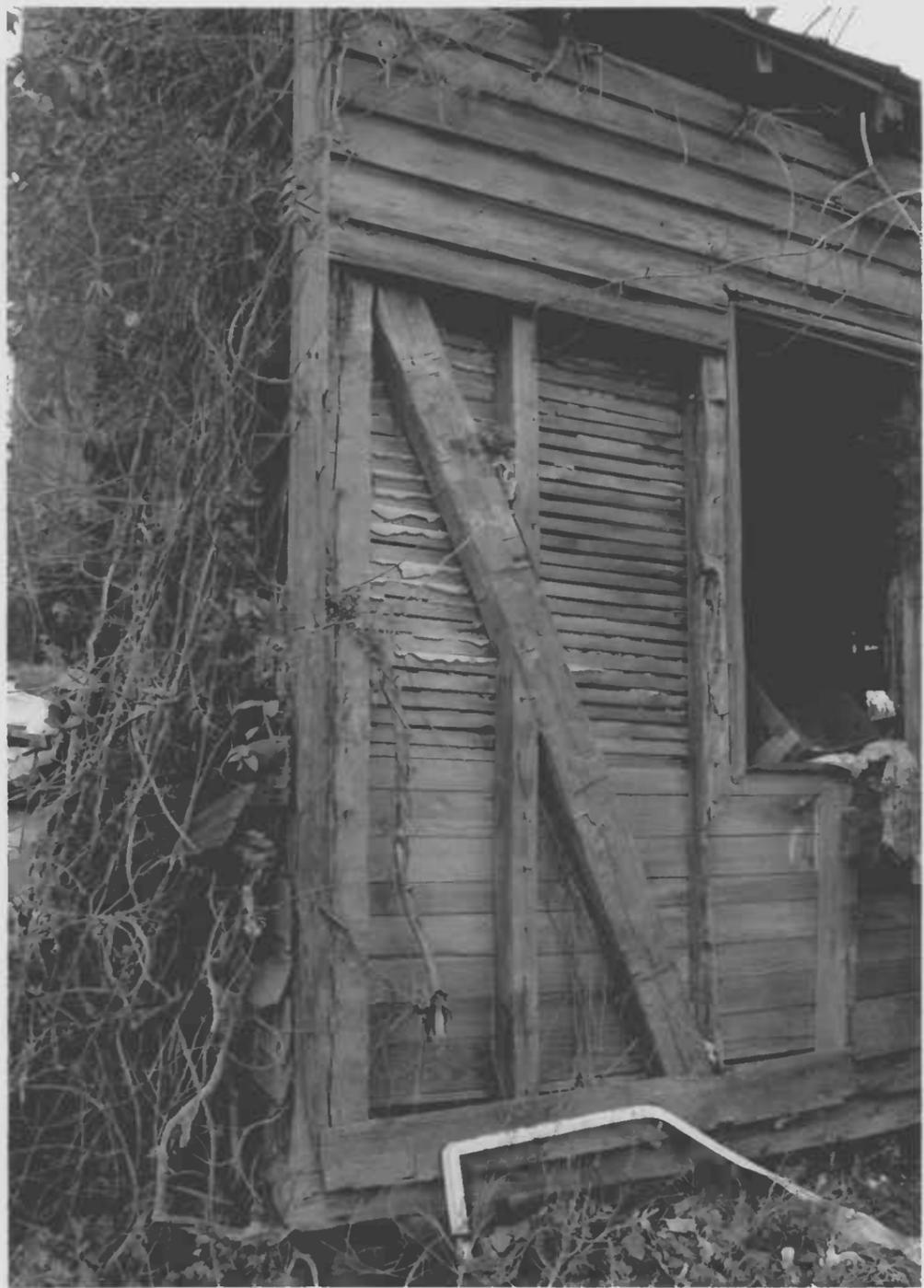
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GRAINING, SW INERIOR WALL CLOAKROOM  
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