

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

AA-2089

Property Name: Reverdy Nicholson House (Historic)

Address: 6306 Southern Maryland Boulevard (Leon Road), Lothian, MD 20771

Owner: Lawrence Berger

Tax Parcel Number: 55 Tax Map Number: 76

Project: MD 4/260 Agency: MD SHA

Site visit by Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B XC D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? X no yes Name of district N/A

Is district listed? N/A no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:

The Reverdy Nicholson House, probably constructed in the second decade of the twentieth century, has an I-house configuration (highly standardized for frame dwellings in the rural areas of Maryland at that time). As a result of a substantial renovation currently underway, evidently after a period of possible vandalization (suggested by a local informant), the structure has replacement one-over-one vinyl sash, and a new double door at the principal entrance centered in the north elevation of the main block. A full width porch and a cross gable also characterize this entrance façade. The formerly open porch in the west angle of the main block and the wing is being enclosed, and a very large chimney constructed at the junction of the porch and wing. The principal block is supported on brick corner plinths, whereas the wing has concrete block supports, with some brick foundation walls as well. There are a variety of sheathing materials on the exterior, and the interior shows evidence of substantial alteration. The structure is in poor condition. The only other structure on the property is a multi-bay garage.

The Reverdy Nicholson House Bridge was evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36CFR60.4. Its integrity of design, setting, materials, workmanship and feeling have been compromised by the extensive renovation currently underway. It has no known association with significant historical events (Criterion A), or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its design (Criterion C) and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D). We have determined that it is ineligible because of pronounced integrity problems of the necessary character defining elements (CDE's) for I-houses. It has no known association with the Chesapeake Beach Railroad, which went into bankruptcy proceedings within a decade of the construction of this building. Services for that line were evidently operated by James Foust and others in buildings which are either no longer extant or which are located further afield (see Suffness, James R. Foust Store, AA-2178, 1997).

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Comments: _____	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>6/29/00</u>
Reviewer, NR program <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>7/10/00</u>

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Shore | (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Western Shore | (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piedmont | (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Western Maryland | (Allegheny, Garrett and Washington) |

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | <input type="checkbox"/> A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | <input type="checkbox"/> A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | <input type="checkbox"/> A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

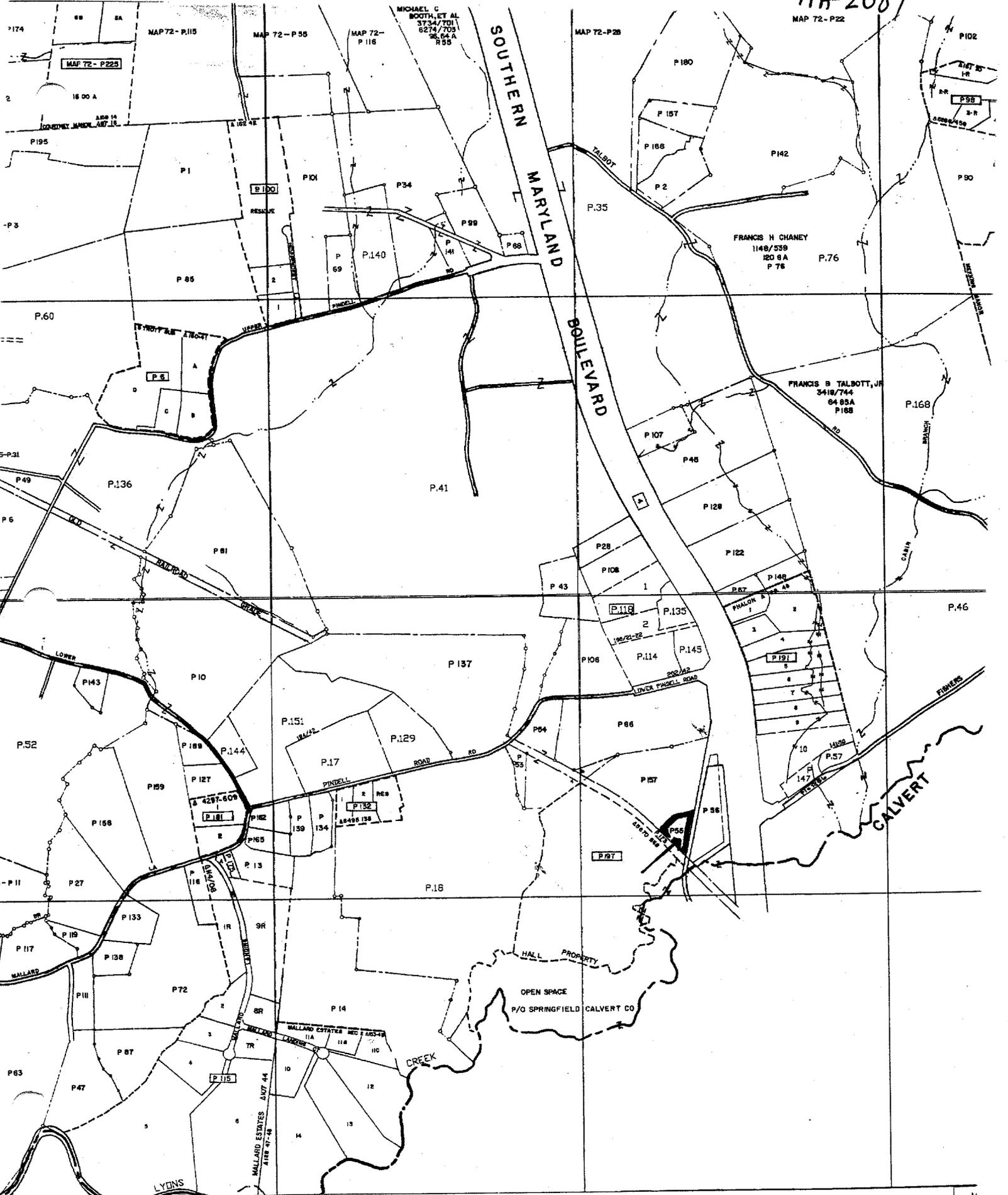
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic (Dwelling and garage)

Known Design Source: Unknown

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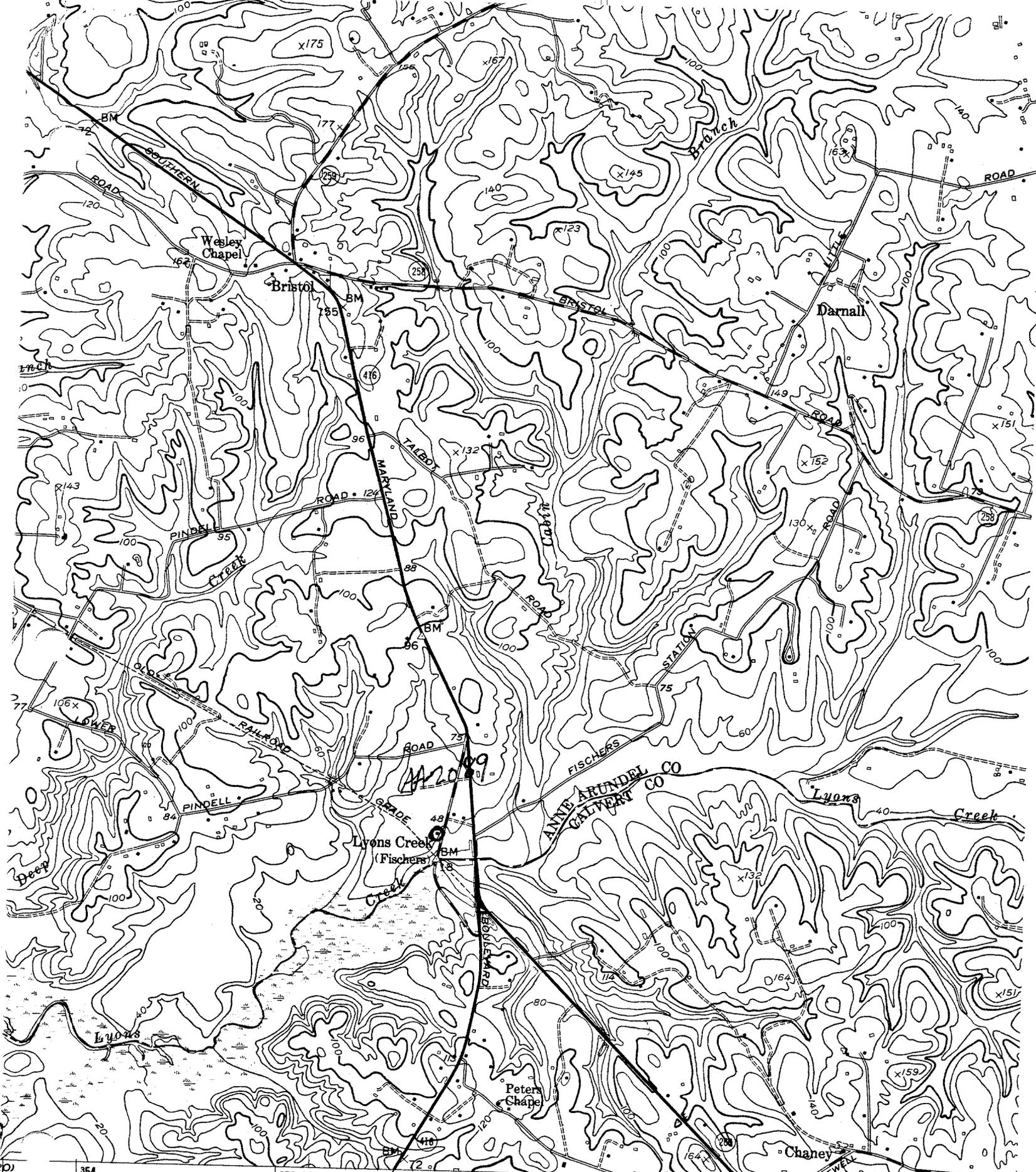
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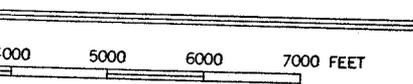
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OWINGS 3.1 MI.
WEST BEACH (JUNC. MD. 261) 7.3 MI.

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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt



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