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Department of Planning and Zoning
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2300, Elkton, MD 21921

16 May 2012

William & Ann Stubbs
843 Elk Forest Road
Elkton, MD 21921-8253

RE: Historic Designation – Bristoll

Dear Mr. Mrs. Stubbs:

I am writing in response to your nomination of the above referenced property for designation as a local historic site.

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners, at our meeting of Tuesday, 15 May 2012, voted unanimously to designate Bristoll as a historic site. The Board is most appreciative of your willingness to preserve Cecil County's historical heritage for future generations.

If you have any questions concerning the benefits of historic designation and responsibilities associated therewith, please contact Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning & Zoning, at 410.996.8351 or esennstrom@ccgov.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Mullin".

James T. Mullin, President
Board of County Commissioners

CC: Eric S. Sennstrom

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12 April 2012

William Mortimer, Chairman
Cecil County Planning Commission
200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Suite 2300
Elkton, MD 21921

RE: Nominations for Historic Designation

Dear Chairman Mortimer:

Please be advised that the Historic District Commission, at their meeting of Tuesday 10 April 2012, made the following recommendations on the nominations for historic designation:

HDC 2012-01 Isaac England House & Gardens

Recommended that the site receive historic designation from the Board of County Commissioners

HDC 2012-02 The Brick House

Recommended that the site receive historic designation from the Board of County Commissioners

HDC 2012-03 Bristole

Recommended that the site receive historic designation from the Board of County Commissioners

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

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Eric S. Sennstrom, Director
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13 March 2012

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RE: Nomination Designation – Sinking Springs Farm

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Stubbs:

Please be advised that the public hearings in the above referenced matter have been scheduled with the following boards and commissions as follows:

Historic District Commission: - 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, 10 April 2012, Bainbridge Room, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

Planning Commission: - 7:00 p.m., Monday, 16 April 2012, Elk Room, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

Board of County Commissioners: - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, 1 May 2012, Elk Room, County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elkton, MD.

The Historic District Commission and the Planning Commission will be making a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners on whether the property should be designated as a historic site. The Board of County Commissioners will determine whether designation should be made.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Sennstrom, Director
Planning & Zoning

Final copy

CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM

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MAR 14 2012

Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

CECIL COUNTY OFFICE OF
PLANNING & ZONING

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

Nomination Information: Please Print or Type

1. Name of property: Bristole or Bristall
Historic Sinking Springs Hub Farm + Retreat

2. Address of property: 843 Elk Forest Rd

3. Tax Map: _____ Parcel Number: _____
For districts on more than one property, list tax map and parcel number of all properties in proposed Historic District.

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:
Bounded on the South by Elk Forest Rd. and property of Harold Thompson
on the East by property of Jack + Joan McKeown and the Ferris property on the North by Blair Shore Rd. and on the West by Blair property and the property of Richard Stubbs. (Danny) Steven stubbs + the Rennings

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site District.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property see our website: sinking springs.com

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for these checked. Is or has this property in any part been listed or nominated to:
National Register of Historic Places? No. I have paperwork but have not filled + sent

yes Maryland Register of Historic Properties? _____

yes Cecil County Historic Designation? _____

_____ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? _____

no A preservation easement by any historic organization? Identify _____

no Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? _____

Other, explain CREP agricultural program to prevent erosion.

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation.

_____ The property is the site of a significant county, state or national historic event.

The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the county, state or nation. of nations oldest surnames Bidle and Boulden; dates from 1610, Jamestown on ship called "The Swan"

B. Architectural

The property embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

no The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the county, state or nation.

The property embodies elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant. early type of dogtrot house/wt.

_____ The property embodies design elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative. dog-trot log house plank construction comprising the 2nd

* The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature (because it is a dogtrot house) floor walls. Dove tailed at the corners.

_____ The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

10) Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. Describe in some detail the application of any criteria checked in #9 above. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references. 18th century

* dogtrot house: two separate log rooms w/ a dogtrot (no floor) separating them.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet referencing item 11 and provide the information indicated.

A. Print name: William Ralph Stubbs Date: 2012

Signature: William Ralph Stubbs Date: 2012

B. Print name: Ann G. Stubbs Date: 2012

Signature: Ann G. Stubbs Date: 2012

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: _____ Ann and Bill Stubbs

Address: _____ Historic Sinking Springs Herb Farm

_____ 843 Elk Forest Road

_____ Elkton, MD 21921

_____ 410-398-5566

_____ www.sinkingsprings.com

Telephone Numbers: (Home) _____

(Work) _____

Date: Feb. 2012

Hours Available: Ann: 443-553-4618
Bill: call " 9361

Official Use Only

Application Number: _____
Date received: _____
Date of Public Notice: _____
Election District: _____
Zoning District: _____
Land Use District: _____
Tax Map: _____
Parcel(s): _____

HDC Hearing Date: _____
PC Hearing Date: _____
CC Hearing Date: _____

① Name of Property
Historic Sinking Springs
Herb Farm and Retreat (business name)
Historic name: Bristoll or Bristole

② 843 Elk Forest Rd (front lane)
234 Blair Shore Rd (back lane)

③ Tax Map and parcel number:

④ Property owners: Mr & Mrs. William Ralph
Stubbs

⑤ Description of property boundaries:
Old fence lines and a stream
on the east: with Jack McKeown's
farm following St. Thomas Branch
to Elk Forest Rd
on south with Elk Forest Rd for
approx. 2/3 mile to woods, then west
with old fence line through woodland
running from Elk Forest Rd through
woods
owned by Blair to properties of
Richard "Daring" Stubbs, Steven Stubbs

and the Rennings.

(b) buildings ① meat house (was originally smoke house because of fire pit under the floor indicating originally a lack of flooring.)

② Two storey granary - Now a handsome office - retaining hand hewn beams and a steep winding stairway. One grain shoot still exists down which grain in storage bins was dropped into wagon below when needed. Downstairs had a section (on left as you go in) where the corn was stored; the corn crib

③ Barn: Two stories) 50 X 50 dirt floored horse section across both side downstairs - can store 1000 bales of hay or straw in loft. West end of loft has a large door which can be opened by lowering it from the top so that wagons full of loose hay can drive up and unload. Rest of

downstairs was set up to accommodate milk cows.

Shed roof addition on front (southern exposure) was done so cows could come under to eat (hay out of the weather) thrown down through hatch in loft floor.

④ Wagon shed 40 ft. long open to the south

⑤ Milkhouse with cold water cooler to keep milk which would be in large milk cans. They would be taken out the lane and left on "milk stand" to be picked up and taken to creamery.

⑥ family graveyard w/ remains of stone wall

⑦ Sycamore tree - largest in Cecil Co. dating from 1578. Plaque from state verified by drilling trunk with hollow core drill and gaining core of wood

(4)

enabling them to count the tree rings. Top blown out by storm.

⑧ Second sycamore estimated to be 250 yrs. old. Estimated 100 ft. high with 100 ft. spread. by Maryland Forest Service Dept. of Natural Resources; beautiful tree.

⑨ Residence adzed logs downstairs dovetailed beams 2nd floor - covered w/cypress siding. Library, dining Room, and add on kitchen (also log) see additional pg) Steep narrow stairway ascending to 2nd floor bedroom - sitting room. Plank wall (now gone and replaced with modern materials) dividing sitting room into two parts; a smaller and a larger. Smaller has ghost marks showing it was divided into two even smaller rooms, one windowless (duplicate of the one rising from center hall) Stairway

to attic which is large with hand made beams pegged and containing Roman numerals. End chimney bottoms stone; top brick with two fireplaces each; one on 1st floor and one on 2nd.

Evidence that kitchen once largely burned in fire but rebuilt and covered inside with wainscoted walls and ceiling. A porch existed as a next area, but hidden doorway behind wall suggests present doorway beside it was once a chimney which may have been the cause of the fire. There is evidence that it was stone. The old kitchen has no chimney nor fireplace. It is very likely that the "doorway" just four ft. from the hidden doorway was where the chimney that possibly caused the fire stood. It may or may not have had a small fireplace.

① Consenting Owners -

William R. Stubbs

Ann G. Stubbs

② William R. Stubbs - 443-553-9361

Ann G. Stubbs - " " 4618

2/26/12

Narrative Description

Describe historic and current condition of property:

A 1744, 500 acre, land grant, growing tobacco until the Revolutionary War period. The present property is a grain & herb farm. The farm has two tapes one goes to Blair Shore Rd + other to Elk Forest Rd. The house sits approx. in the center of the farm. It is a quarter mile from Blair Shore Rd to the north and Elk Forest $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to the south. The house does not face either road. It faces instead to the east where St. Thomas' Branch, once a small creek, now largely silted in, was the only "road" in 1744. The house today is 18 feet by 48 feet - 3 bay, 2 story hand adzed logs downstairs covered with plant construction on 2nd floor, with end chimneys. It is covered with beaded cypress boards as is the story and half one bay log kitchen - telescoped into the south end. The total length is 64 feet. The roof is of corrugated metal with a fire door by the south chimney in the roof of the main house. Box cornices with

quarter round back band molding and beaded rake board finishing the roof treatment. Partially enclosed chimneys are constructed of stone with mud and straw mortar to a one-story height. The rest of the chimney is constructed of regular (mortared) red brick (with glazed headers) to a height of three feet above the plate. The top five bricks are corbelled out twice and returned twice to complete the double-flue chimney. The appearance is of a long one room deep Chesapeake Bay planter's house with center hall and every room with windows front and back.

The house has had only a few changes since the kitchen and second floor were added probably in the late 18th or early 19th century.

A full length porch across the front with a Victorian door out of the dining room seem to have been 19th century additions. These were removed and replaced with four windows front and back in the mid 20th c. a porch

on the south end of the Kitchen was enclosed and made into a weather boarded laundry room adding another 10 feet to the house, making it a total of 74 feet 20 feet wide.

8 generations of ownership
Owners: Stubbs 1959 to present

Milburn - 1889

Brady ~ 1889

Freeman, Price Wallace
+ Brady - 1870

Carpenter - 1866 by
McCullough - trustee for
Fowler

Fowler - 1843 by Groom -
trustee for Biddle.

Biddle - 1795 Nobles Industrie
by Maryland Patent (249 acres)

Pearces Park
a part of 1815 40 acres)

Bristol and other small sections
bought plus some open land not
owned. Bristol granted to
Thomas Biddle, Thomas Boulden Sr.
and Thomas Boulden Jr.

Biddle + Boulden - 1746 total
500 acres

Nicholas Painter ~ 1683 gave
the farm name Bristol Plantation

THE AMERICAN BACKWOODS FRONTIER

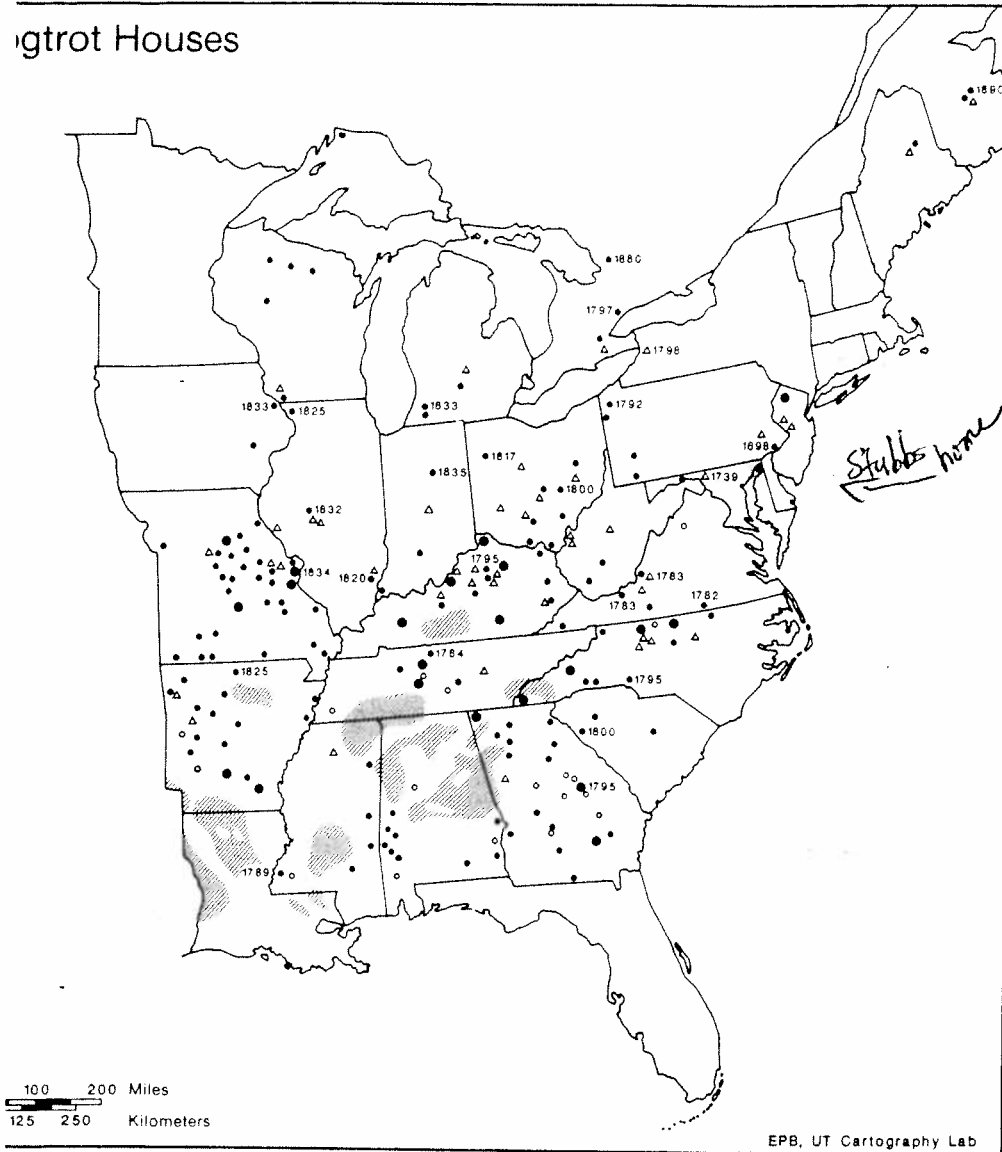
An Ethnic and
Ecological Interpretation

Terry G. Jordan and
Matti Kaups



Bristal Plantation in History Notes

Stagnot Houses



1986, pp. 72-73; Central New Brunswick Woodmen's Museum, outdoor exhibits; Groefsema 1949, pp. 9-10; Wilson 1984, pt. 1, pp. 64, 66; Longyear 1915, p. 362; Kniffen 1936, pp. 184, 190-91; Kerkhoff pp. 122-23; Kentucky Heritage Commission 1979, pp. 83, 88; Marshall 1981, pp. 54-57; Michael and le 1979, pp. 81-91; Merrill 1985, pp. 16-18; Potter 1907, pp. 396-97; Rothert 1913, pp. 169, 173, 181; t 1883, p. 324; van Ravenswaay 1977, pp. 131-39; *Umatilla County* 1981, p. 128; Hayes 1922, p. 386; a 1974, p. 133; Johnson 1912, p. 28; *Historic and Architectural Resources* 1977, app. J, pp. 5-12; Moore, letter to T.G.J.; Brown, letter to T. G. J.; Biggs and Mackoy 1951, p. 10; Bowman 1965, p. ouglass 1922-23, p. 51; Federal Writers' Project 1937, p. 22; Copley 1912, p. 641; Wilson 1969, pp. ; Hutslar 1977, pp. 25-29, 36-44; Yeager 1977, pp. 14, 28, 31-33, 36, 39, 47, 53-56, 77; Darby Pioneer ge Museum, Boulden-Stubbs house; Morton House Museum.

of such a map, are without foundation.²² In compiling the map, we did not rely exclusively upon field observation of the relic specimens still standing. Present distribution is not necessarily representative of past distribution, and "the survival of dog-trots . . . would appear to have little to do with original occurrence."²³ In our search we also used local historical sources and contemporary accounts from past centuries.

Richard H. Hulan was the first to suggest that, when field and documentary evidence of dogtrot distribution was collected, it would reveal a pattern and chronology incompatible with southern origin.²⁴ While Hulan took only the first tentative steps toward an accurate plotting of dogtrot distribution and diffusion, presenting no map, he intuitively reached the correct conclusions—the dogtrot was far older as an American type than was consistent with upland southern origin, and the several paths of diffusion of the open-breezeway house, when backtracked, led to Pennsylvania, not the Chesapeake or the southern seaboard. The trace has gone somewhat faint, but the Pennsylvania connection seems incontestable.

Indeed a reasonably well documented 1698 log dogtrot house built by a Finnish family still stands near the banks of the Delaware (Fig. 7.7). The remarkable Boulden-Stubbs house, built no later than 1750 near the head of Chesapeake Bay, offers another splendid example of an early dogtrot dwelling near the Midland cultural hearth.²⁵ Far-flung eighteenth-century log dogtrot specimens from northern New Jersey, northwestern Pennsylvania, Toronto, the western Virginia Ridge and Valley country, the Georgia Fall Line, the area near Natchez on the Mississippi, eastern and central Kentucky, and perhaps even Buffalo, New York, support the logic of Midland origin (Fig. 7.6).²⁶ Still today, a few surviving specimens occur along some of the presumed major diffusionary paths—the Delaware and Susquehanna rivers, leading into upstate New York and, beyond, toward Ontario; the road from Lancaster to the forks of the Ohio and on down Zane's Trace; the Great Valley, with its low passes eastward onto the Piedmont and west through Cumberland Gap to the Kentucky country; the Ohio and Mississippi river system; and others. Aside from the main paths, migratory eddies or cul-de-sacs in valleys often yield the best surviving specimens (Fig. 7.8).

Aged documents and sketches, sometimes preserved in county histories, yield an even greater harvest than field research. For example, a log house built about 1792 in far northwestern Pennsylvania is clearly revealed to be a dogtrot in a nineteenth-century sketch, and the attached county history traces the builder's migration to the area from the Wyoming Valley, via the Susquehanna and Venango trails.²⁷ Often the evidence is merely suggestive. We learn, for example, that the first dwelling built in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1739, consisted of "two large log pens far enough apart to constitute a hall," or that the crude log habitations of the planters in the Maryland backcountry in the 1770s contained "an

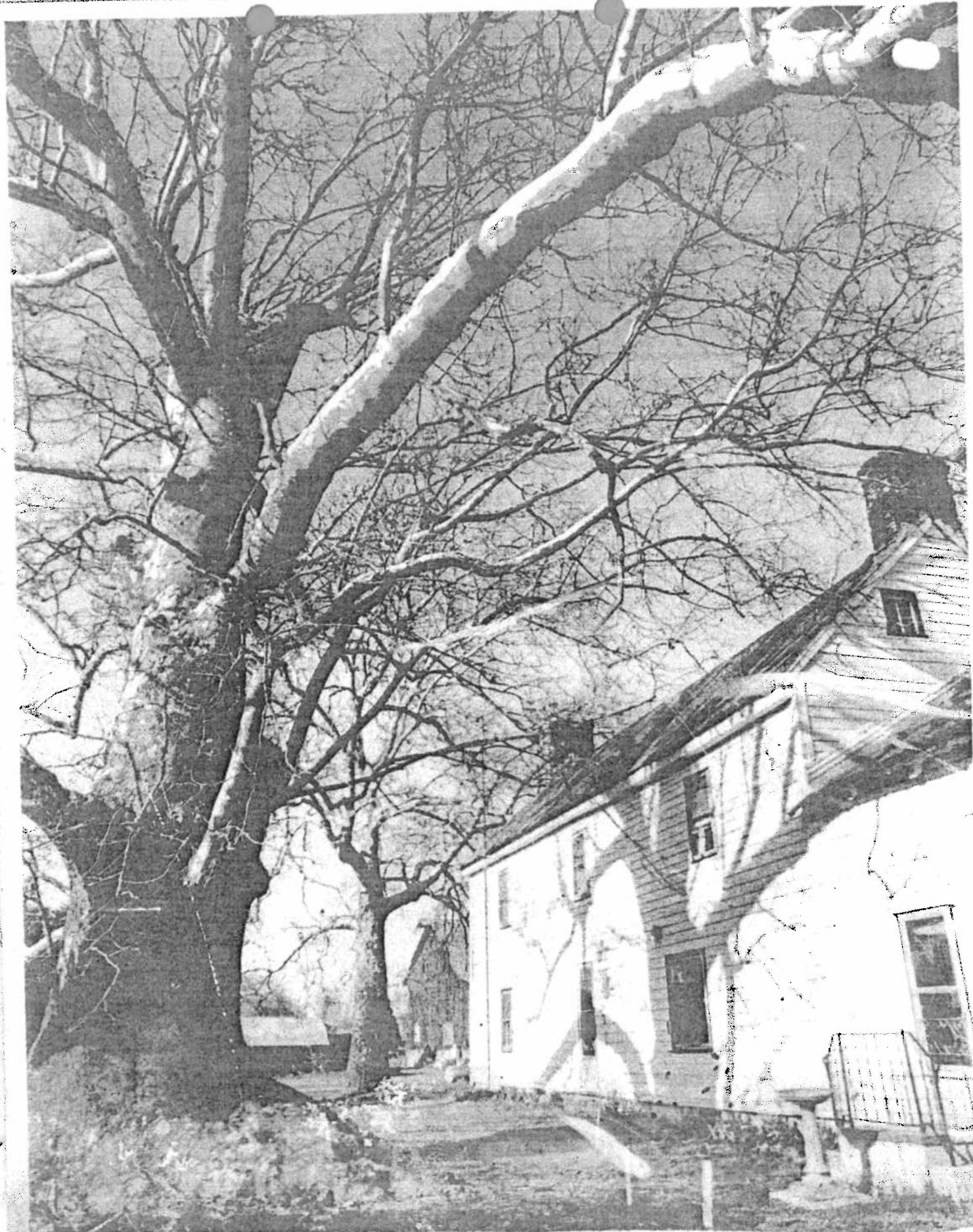




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Largest Tree in Cecil County,
Maryland
2012 = 435 years old

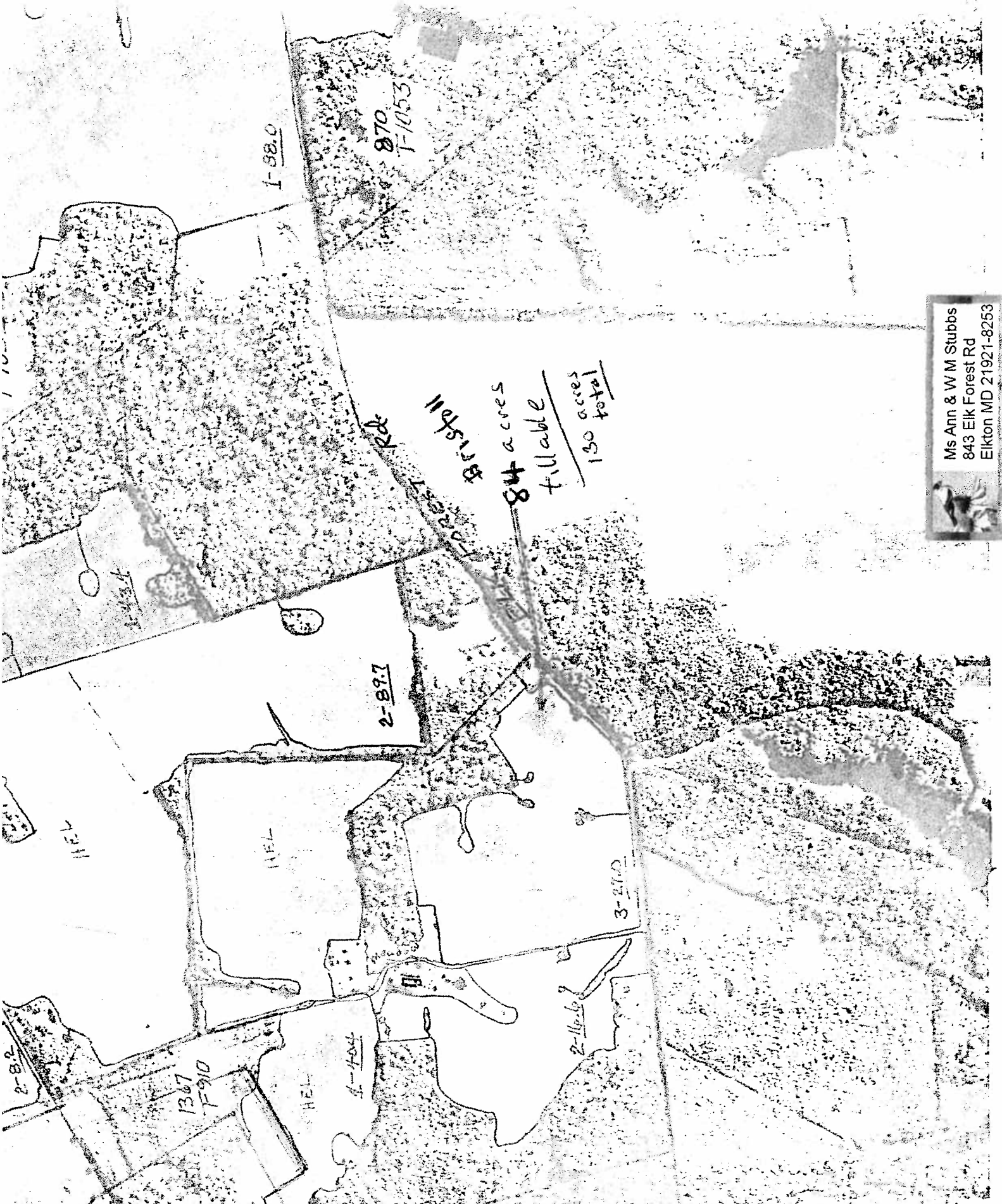
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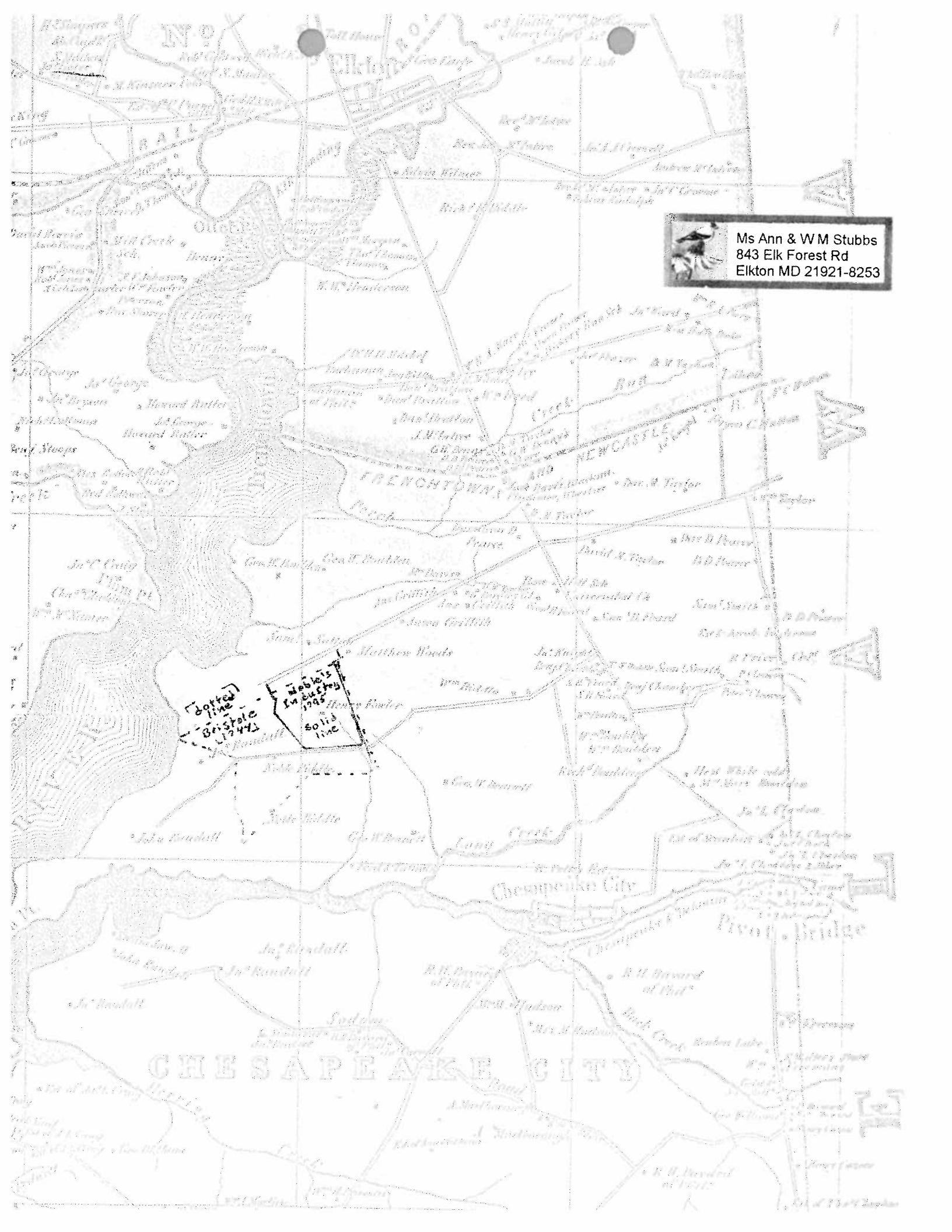
+ 434 year old sycamore -
@ Historic Bristol Plantation



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CHESAPEAKE CITY

A different type of log dwelling, labeled the dogtrot form and especially common in the American South, approximates the common center hall, single-pile house created by countless Chesapeake planters around the bay in

and Chesapeake City is a dogtrot dwelling (CE-99) with woodwork dating from the late eighteenth century. The house form is characterized by two squarish log pens separated by an open breezeway. At Bristole the two 16-foot-square log sections of the main block, serving as the parlor and dining room, are separated by a nine-foot-wide hall which contains the staircase. In the colder mid-Atlantic cli-



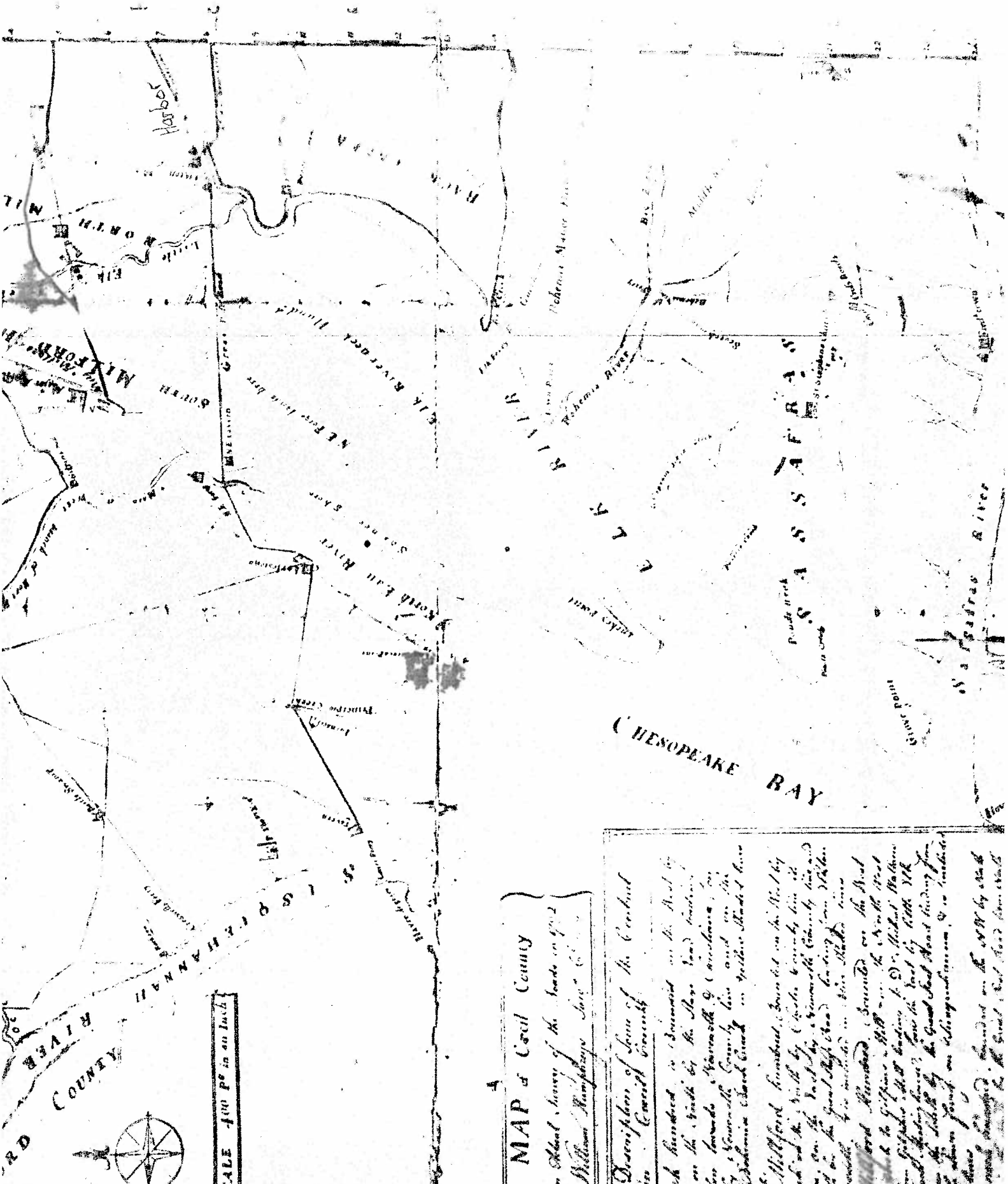
CE-99, Bristole (1995)



Stone chimneys - 1st floor
mud + straw mixture serve
as mortar - 2nd floor ha
brick with typical mortar
(Can be seen in attic
by way of stair way
repeating stair from
1st floor)

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Include this picture.



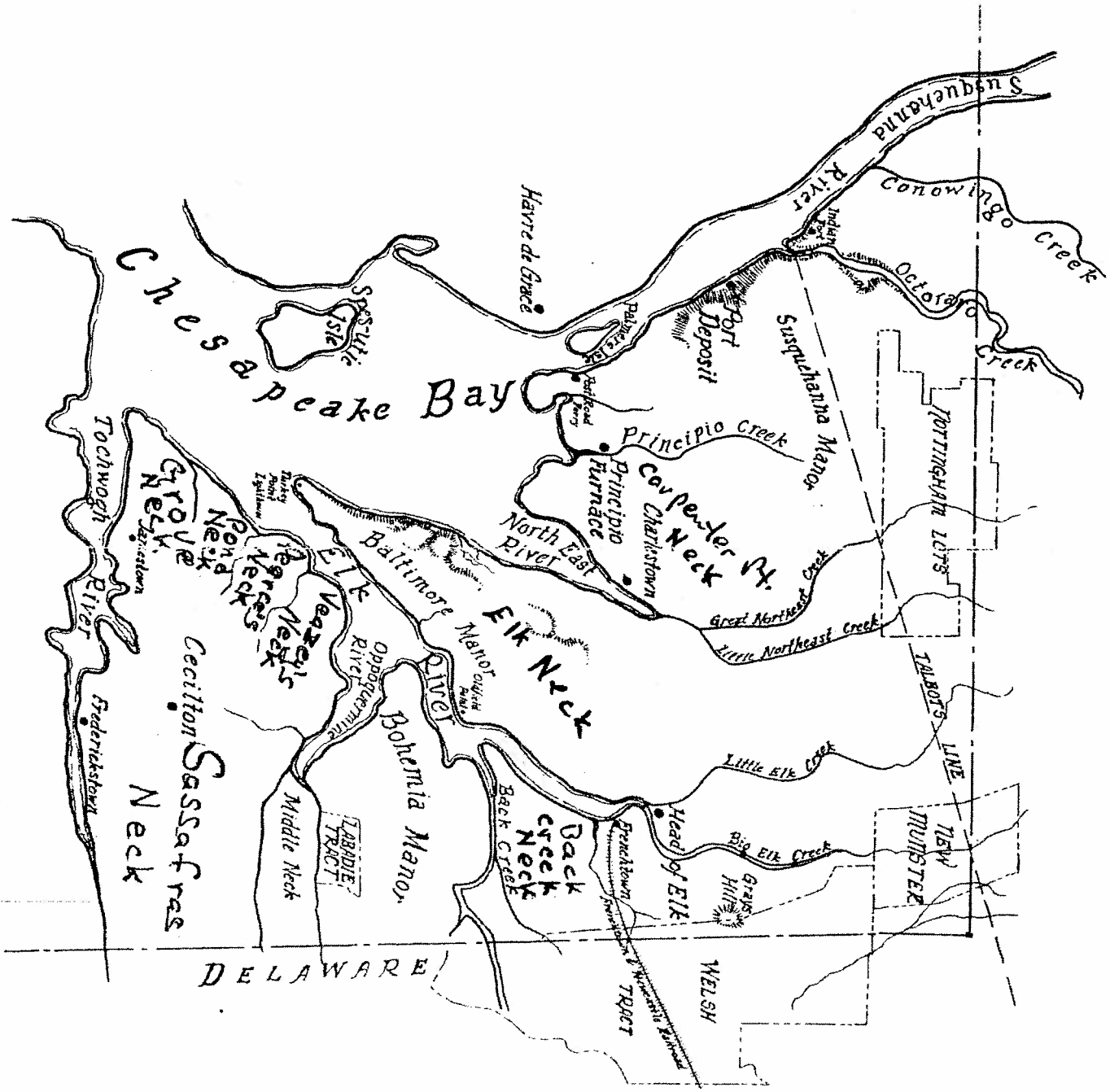
A
MAP of Cecil County
in the County of the State of Maryland
William Humphreys Surveyor General

Description of some of the Grants
in Cecil County

1. A hundred is bounded on the West by the North River, on the East by the South River, on the North by the Middle River, and on the South by the Back River. It is bounded on the East by the Susquehanna River, and on the West by the North River. It is bounded on the North by the Middle River, and on the South by the Back River. It is bounded on the East by the Susquehanna River, and on the West by the North River.

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Scale 1/8" = 1 mi.

Disclaimer: Wetland identifiers do not represent the size, shape or specific determination of the area. Refer to your original determination (CPA-026 and attached maps) for exact wetland boundaries and determinations, or contact NRCS.

Digital Orthophotography
 Not to Scale



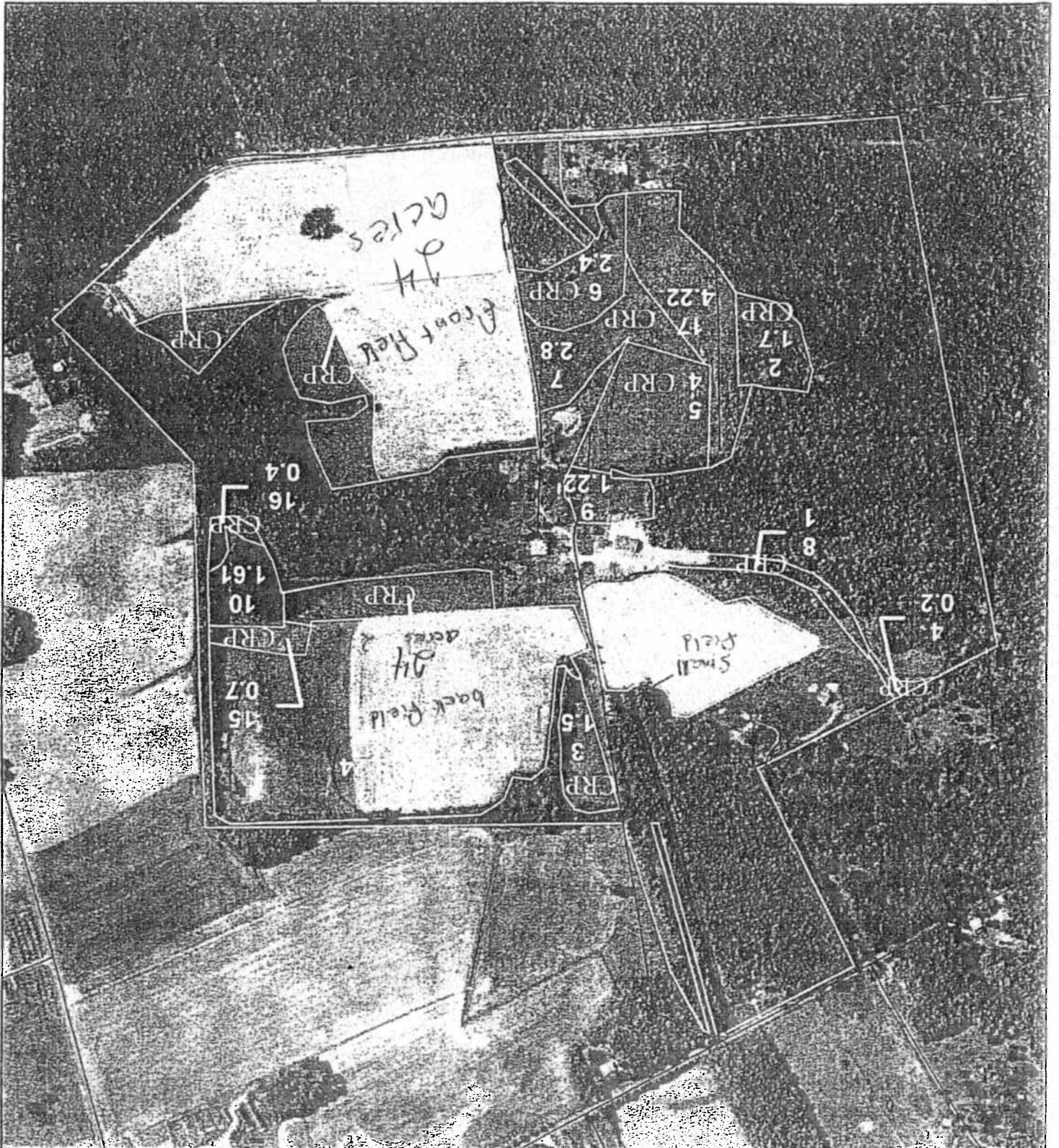
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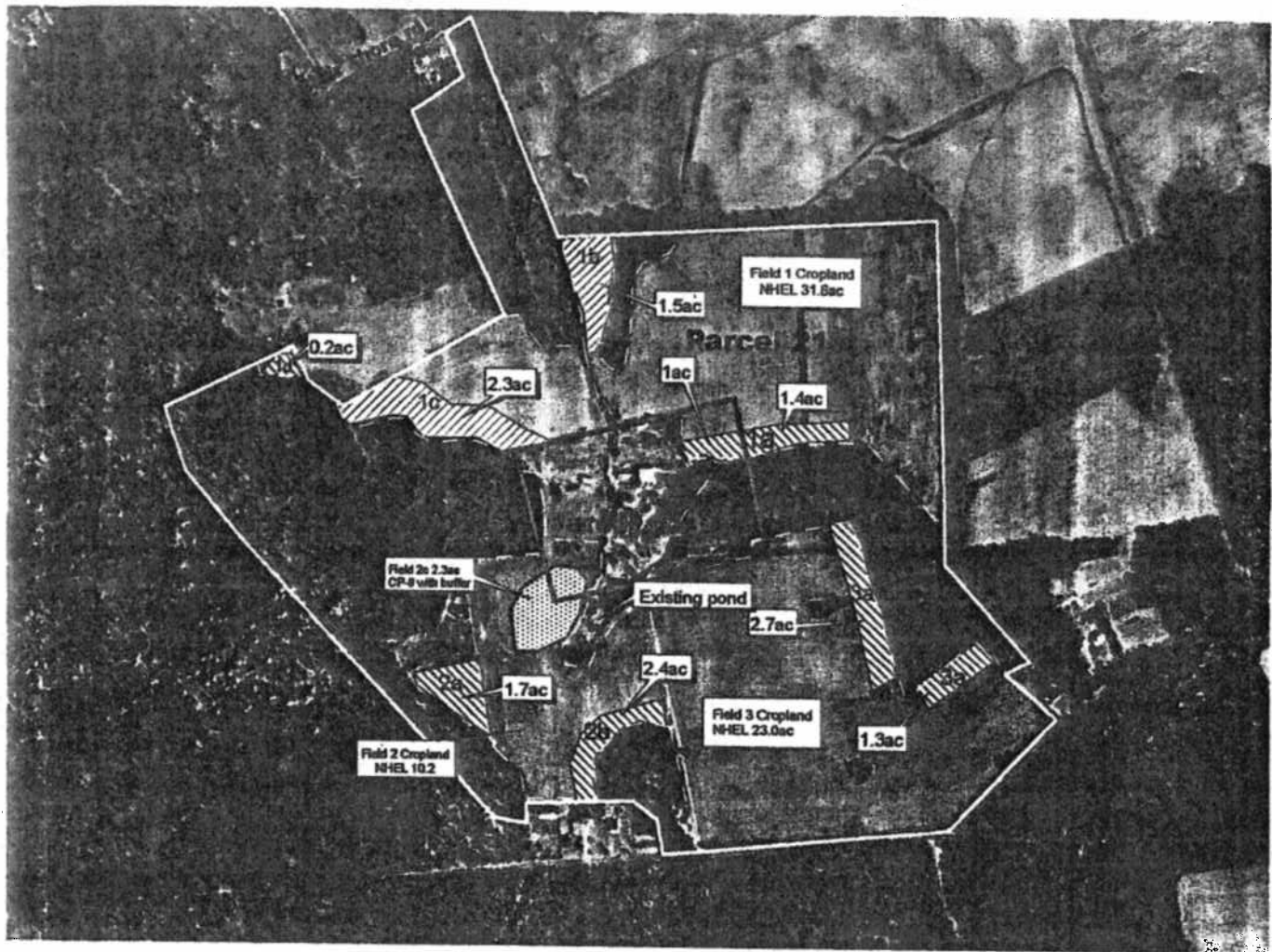
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

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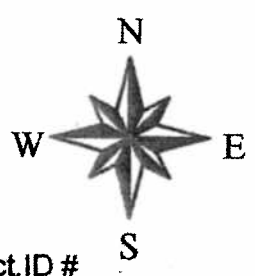
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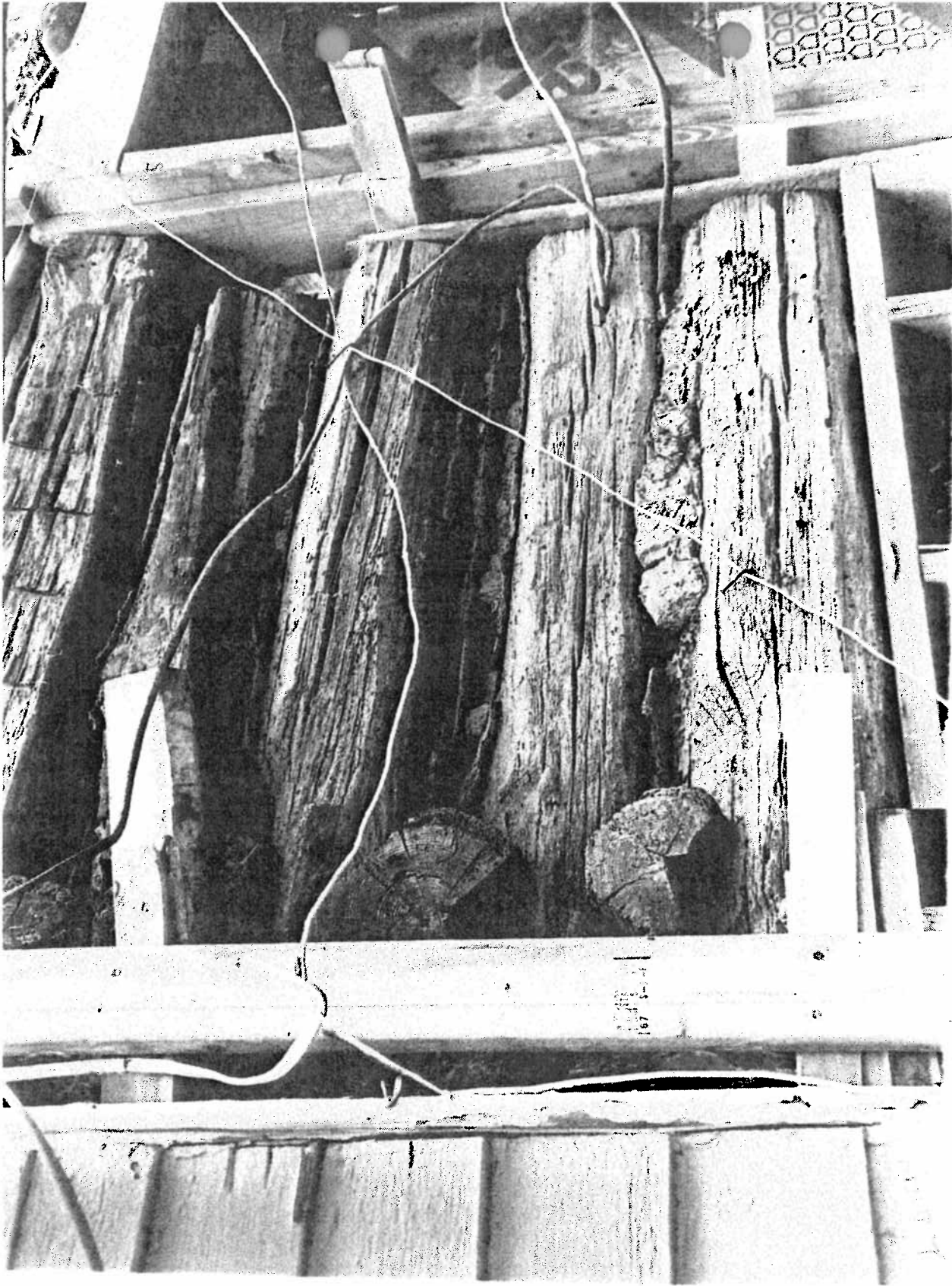


-  **Wetland water body**
-  **Stream**
-  **Cp-22**
-  **Cp-21**
-  **Aprx. Prop. Line**
-  **CP-9**
-  **Field Boundary**



1 acre of CP-22 is located with Acct.ID # 0802039532 Liber 00692/ F 0446.
 The remainder of the project is located with ACCT ID # 0802019426 Liber 00258/0871
 Both Deeds are under the same owner.

Cecil Soil Conservation 1/16/2001



Back doorway center hall
@Bubstoll

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