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The Whip

Architectural Survey File

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THE WHIP
Still Pond, Maryland
(ca 1930)

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In 1966 the last of the Tolchester Beach buildings were being bulldozed, and the Whip was moved and reassembled on a hill overlooking the Upper Bay. It now houses a dining hall for a children's camp.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC THE WHIP

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Echo Hill Camp Grounds

1st

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Walter Harris

Telephone #: 301-778-4449

STREET & NUMBER

Bloomingneck Farm

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EE 1

Folio #: 526

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1966</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

In 1966 the last of the Tolchester Beach buildings were being bulldozed. A number of its structures remained and two of them as well as parts of others were moved to the grounds of Echo Hill Camp. The largest of the two buildings is The Whip, a pavillion-like structure which once housed a carnival ride of the same name. The roof structure is about 80 feet long and 50 feet wide and elliptical in shape. Its structural system is trusses constructed of light wooden framing.

The structure was moved in three pieces. When it was reerected to serve as an assembly and dining hall for the children's camp, parts of other structures were incorporated in the resulting building. The entrance was once the entrance to the Roller Coaster ride. The cupula came from one of Tolchester's earliest buildings, a wash house. Behind the dining hall is the kitchen which was the "Custer Car"* and inside is a marble counter with large mirror backdrop which was removed from the main hotel at the resort.

As rebuilt "The Whip" is lower to the ground than it had been at Tolchester and the columns and screen and block infill are new. Nevertheless, on the inside the building is lofty and spacious, and skylights added to the roof further brighten the interior.

Although the present red and green roll roofing is a replacement it replaces earlier more narrowly striped roofing.

The Whip was erected in about 1920; a Mr. McGinnis was the designer of the roof structure.

* Little battery powered cars surrounded by bumpers.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) recreation
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Engineer: Mr. McGinnis

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Tolchester Beach, (K-317) was one of the grandest resorts on the Chesapeake. It developed after the Civil War when steam boats were at their height of popularity. A lithograph of 1890 shows that the resort was nearly as large as a town, although the buildings were all devoted to recreation or to housing people who worked at the resort. Consistent with its theme, the buildings were picturesque, irregularly shaped, and brightly painted. A popular motif was the striped, tent shaped roof. The Whip and The Bandstand (K-377), now standing nearby, are the only Tolchester structures of that type now in existence.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Records and photographs, the collection of Walter B. Harris

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

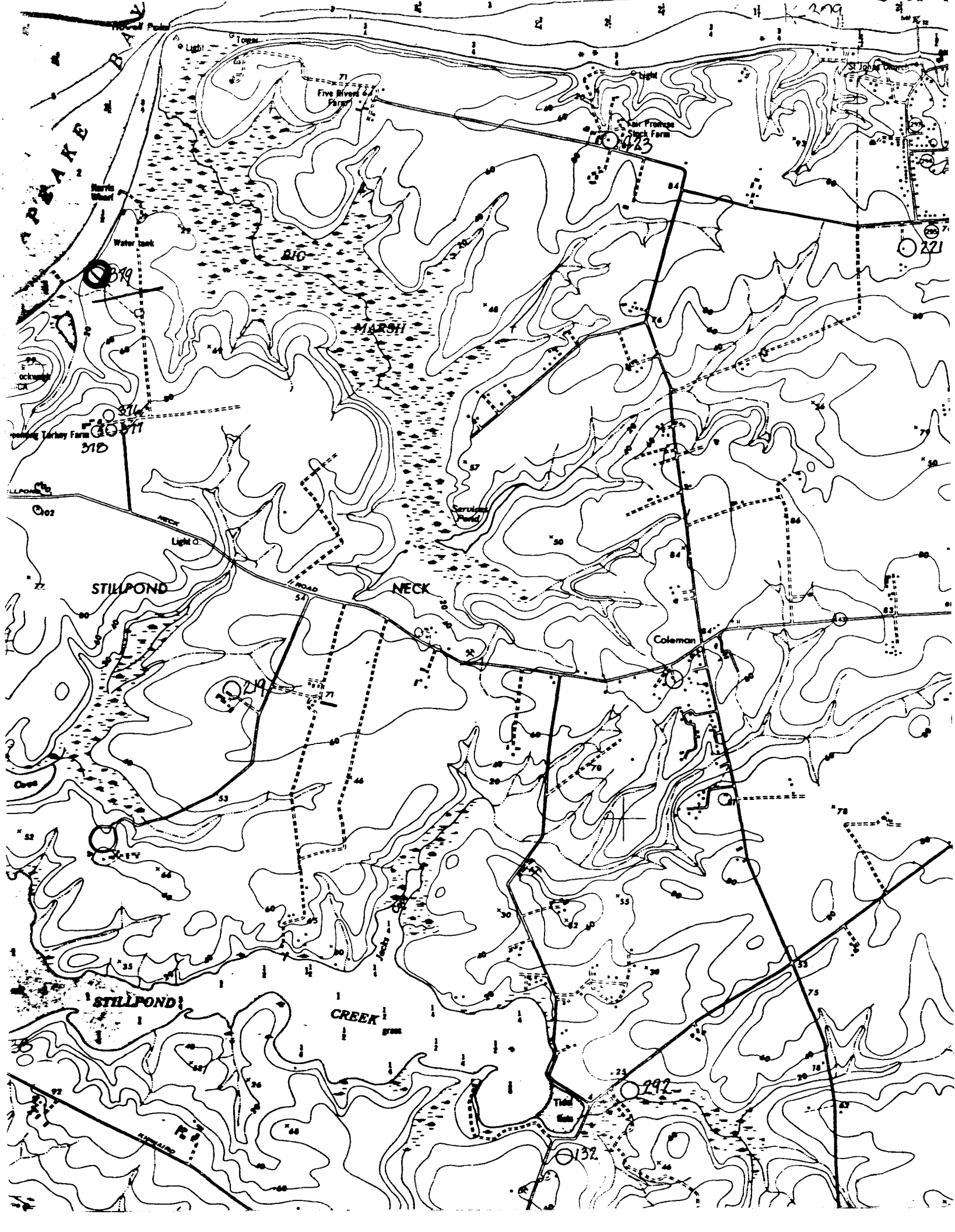
Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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The Whip

View to North

Moved from Tolchester Beach in 1966

Echo Hill Camp Grounds

still pond

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Kent County

M. L. Fritz

7/1980

J. Tyler Campbell
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