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James L. Carrico House

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James L. Carrico House **Circa 1924**
CH-613
Waldorf vic.
Private

The James L. Carrico House, circa 1924, is an excellent example of the American Four-square house in Charles County. Retaining a great deal of its original form and materials, the dwelling holds a considerable degree of architectural significance and integrity. Although the four-square house became popular throughout much of the United States during the beginning of the twentieth century, in Charles County relatively few such houses were constructed. Even fewer were as elaborately treated as the James L. Carrico House. Typical characteristics found on this example are the cubic plan, pyramidal roof, single hipped dormer and wide first story porch. A notable feature is the contrasting first and second floor wall treatment.

In 1924 James L. Carrico and his wife Louise purchased 55 acres from the Farms Company of Maryland and built their home on the property soon afterwards. The Farms Company was an early land development corporation who subdivided hundreds of acres in the Waldorf area into farmettes during the twenties and thirties.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	James L. Carrico House
other	Dwelling, 5065 Leonardtown Road

2. Location

street and number	5065 Leonardtown Road	___ not for publication
city, town	Waldorf	x vicinity
county	Charles	

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

name	Paul M. McDermott				
street and number	5061 Leonardtown Road			telephone	301-645-5213
city, town	Waldorf	state	MD	zip code	

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	25-54
city, town	LaPlata	liber 2484	folio 451

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 at MHT
___ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category
___ district
x building(s)
___ structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
x private
___ both

Current Function
___ agriculture
___ commerce/trade
___ defense
x domestic
___ education
___ funerary
___ government
___ health care
___ industry
___ landscape
___ recreation/culture
___ religion
___ social
___ transportation
___ work in progress
___ unknown
___ vacant/not in use
___ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	___	buildings
___	___	sites
3	2	structures
___	___	objects
4	___	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

x excellent	___ deteriorated
___ good	___ ruins
___ fair	___ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James L. Carrico House is a good example of the American Four-square plan in Charles County. Built circa 1924, the dwelling is located on the west side of Rt. 6 near Waldorf, just north of Broadview Run Drive. The house is immediately surrounded by several outbuildings and mature trees.

Intensive development has taken place in the vicinity during the last quarter of the twentieth century. While the dwelling was originally part of a 55 acre parcel, today it rests on a 4.5 acre lot and is nestled between the subdivision known as Charles County Gardens and the St. Charles Church of the Nazarene.

Associated with the dwelling are three contributing and two non-contributing resources. Outbuildings that add to the overall significance of the site are contemporaneous with the dwelling and include a shed, garage and a large tobacco barn. Non-contributing structures include two altered sheds. One is currently used as a second dwelling.

The James L. Carrico House is a frame two-story, dwelling with a hipped roof, a single projecting hipped dormer and a wide one-story porch. The building rests on a solid poured concrete foundation. The frame is sheathed in wood German siding on the first floor and asphalt shingles on the second floor. Asphalt shingles cover the roof which is pierced with a central brick corbel capped chimney. The cornice is boxed. A hipped porch is supported by wood Tuscan columns.

The façade first floor includes a door near the north wall and paired windows to the south. On the second floor are found three windows. Window composition for the first and second floor consist of 2/2 light wood double-hung sash with beaded wood surrounds. The dormer window contains a louvered vent.

Moving clockwise, the southern elevation includes a bay window in the rear of the first floor which contains three narrow sash double-hung windows with 1/1 lights. A 2/2 light wood double-hung sash window is also found near the façade. Both have square-edged wood surrounds. Two 2/2 light wood sash double-hung windows appear on the second story with elaborate square-edged wood surrounds with ears. A 6/6 light window is present in the rear addition.

The western elevation includes a one story enclosed porch which obscures the original first floor configuration. The second floor consists of two sash wood double-hung windows with 2/2 lights. Two doors are found on the western wall including a single panel with lights leading into the dwelling and a single panel door leading into the basement or storage area. Both have square-edged wooden surrounds.

The north elevation includes two second story double-hung sash windows. Surrounds are beaded with ears. A single first floor window located near the façade wall is of the same composition. Towards the rear is a squarish, small 1/1 window with identical surrounds. In the porch addition we find a 2/2 light window with a beaded square-edged surround.

OUTBUILDINGS
A rear shed, contemporaneous to the dwelling, is located behind the house to the southwest. The side gable structure is sheathed in German siding and includes two

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single paneled wood doors on the eave end. A single double-hung wood sash 6/6 light window is located on the north wall. The foundation of this structure has collapsed and the frame now sits on the ground.

Sitting at a diagonal to the northwest of the dwelling is a frame garage with board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof. A shed exstention supported by square posts are found on either side of the front gable structure. The shed consists of post-in- ground construction.

To the far northwest of the dwelling is found a large front gable tobacco barn with a corrugated metal roof and vertical board siding.

Non-contributing structures include the two converted outbuildings to the north of the dwelling. The first is a former shed converted into a dwelling. This one story frame building is clad with board and batten siding and stands on a poured concrete foundation. An interior brick chimney pierces thee roof.

The shed/chicken house stands to the north of the dwelling just described. This frame structure is sheathed in faux vertical board siding and rests on a poured concrete pier foundation. A cupola has been added. Also present is a shed addition with rectangular windows. The entire structure is sheltered by a corrugated metal roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	philosophy
__ 1800-1899	x architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	social history
	x community planning		__ maritime history	x transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	other:

Specific dates	1924	**Architect**	Unknown
Construction dates	1924	**Builder**	Unknown

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____ Maryland Register __x__ 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 James L. Carrico House is an excellent example of the American Four-square house in Charles County. Retaining a great deal of its original form and materials, the dwelling holds a considerable degree of architectural significance and integrity. Furthermore, built on the main thoroughfare into the town of Waldorf, the dwelling is historically significant because of it's association with the evolution of this railroad town.

Waldorf, was first established in 1872 as a stop along the B & P Railroad line. Originally known as Beantown Station, for the community of Beantown located a short distance to the south, the railroad village was renamed Waldorf around the time the first post office was established there in 1880.

Commercial growth in Waldorf proceeded quickly in the last decades of the 19th century. Established businesses moved to the new village to take advantage of its proximity to the railroad, while new businesses emerged. One such established business, Peter Trotter's Wheelwright shop in Bryantown, announced in 1877 that it would open a new shop at Beantown Station. Other early businesses located in Waldorf included Kerr's Store, the J.B. Ryon & Brothers Store, both general merchandise establishments, a bowling alley, and a barber shop. In addition, two hotels were erected in Waldorf during the early decades of the railroad's operation. One of these was Trotter's Hotel. Two hotels appear on an 1885 map of Waldorf, one on either side of present day Route 5, just east of the railroad tracks.

Following on the heels of the commercial boom was the emergence of residences along the main thoroughfares of the town, today's Routes 925 and 5. The first dwellings were built by local merchants. Later, others decided to establish their homes within close proximity of Waldorf's town center. During the 1920's and 1930's, land speculators acquired several of the surrounding farms and subdivided them for development as residential districts. In 1922 several farms including the Naylor Farm adjacent to the village, and the Richards Farm further south were surveyed and subdivided by Baltimore civil engineer J. Spence Howard for the Farms Company of Maryland and the Eastern Shore. While several companies were active in land speculation during the early twentieth century, the Farms Company was by far the largest, buying sizeable farms and dividing them into smaller farmettes during the 1910's, 20's and 30's(See also CH-612).

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In 1924 James L. Carrico and his wife Louise purchased 55 acres from the Farms Company and built their home on the property soon afterwards. The parcel had originally contained 182 acres and was formerly known as the Richards Farm. The Carrico's occupied the dwelling for over twenty years before selling the property to Samuel T. Robertson at the close of World War II.

The four-square house became popular throughout the United States during the beginning of the twentieth century. In Charles County relatively few such houses were constructed when compared to the ubiquitous I-house, and even fewer were as elaborately treated as the James L. Carrico House. Typical characteristics found on this example are the cubic plan, pyramidal roof, single hipped dormer and wide first story porch. A notable feature is the contrasting first and second floor wall treatment.

The dwelling closely resembles the mail order homes which became available in the first decade of the twentieth century. Although this particular example could not be found in the catalog of homes offered by Sears and Roebuck, the dwelling may have still come from one of the other mail order companies such as Aladdin and Montgomery Ward. Residents have identified other Four-squares in the county as Aladdin mail order homes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	55		
Acreage of historical setting	5		
Quadrangle name	Hughesville	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 5065 is and has historically been associated with Charles County Property Map 25, Grid 1, Parcel 54.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Site Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	10/2/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

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100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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Chain of title:

April 27, 1911	William A. Richards to William L. Gratfelter, et al. 182 3/10 a. buildings and improvements. **H.C.C. 23 Folio 157**
June 30, 1916	William L. Gratfelter, et al to Farm Company of Maryland. Being part of the Richards Farm. 182 3/10 a. **W.M.A. 30 Folio 154**
November 5, 1924	Farm Co. of Maryland to James L. Carrico and Louise M. Carrico. Lot 63 subdividing lands of Farms Company of Maryland surveyed by J. Spence Howard, civil engineer September 1923 Plat No. 2 Map of Farms and Farmland at Waldorf totaling 54 9/10a. **W.M.A. 43 Folio 55**
October 11, 1945	James L. Carrico to Samuel T. Robertson. 54 9/10 a. **T.B.M. 82 Folio 262**
November 1, 1956	Samuel T. Robertson and Mabel M. Robertson to Thomas and Patricia McDermott. **4.6 a.** **Liber 132 Folio 244**
January 16, 1992	Patricia McDermott, widow to Paul McDermott and Anne C. McDermott, wife. March 22, 1951 **Liber 1618 Folio 494**
December 19, 1997	Paul McDermott and Anne C. McDermott to Paul McDermott. **Liber 2484 Folio 451**

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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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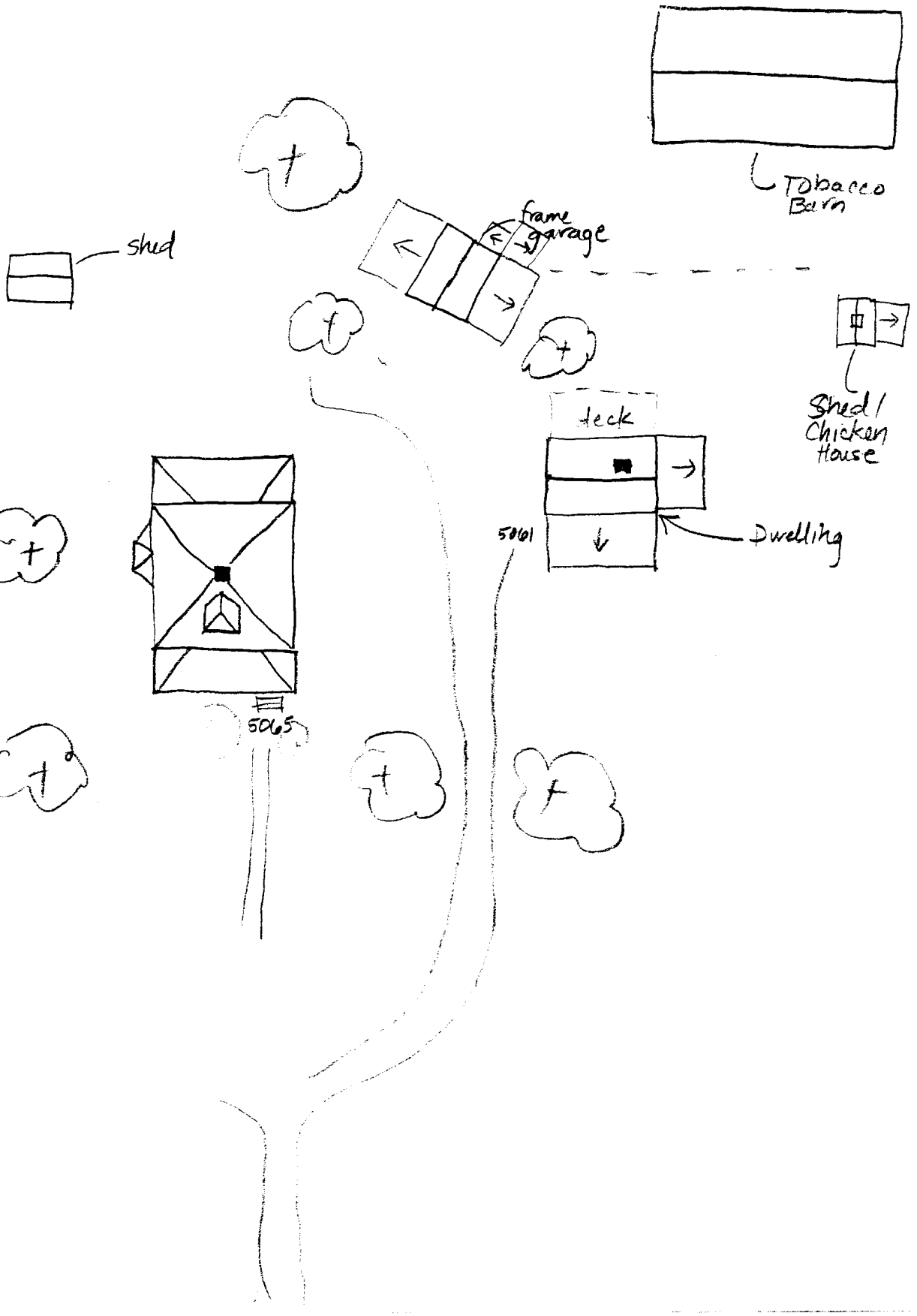
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Address: 5065 Leonardtown Rd.

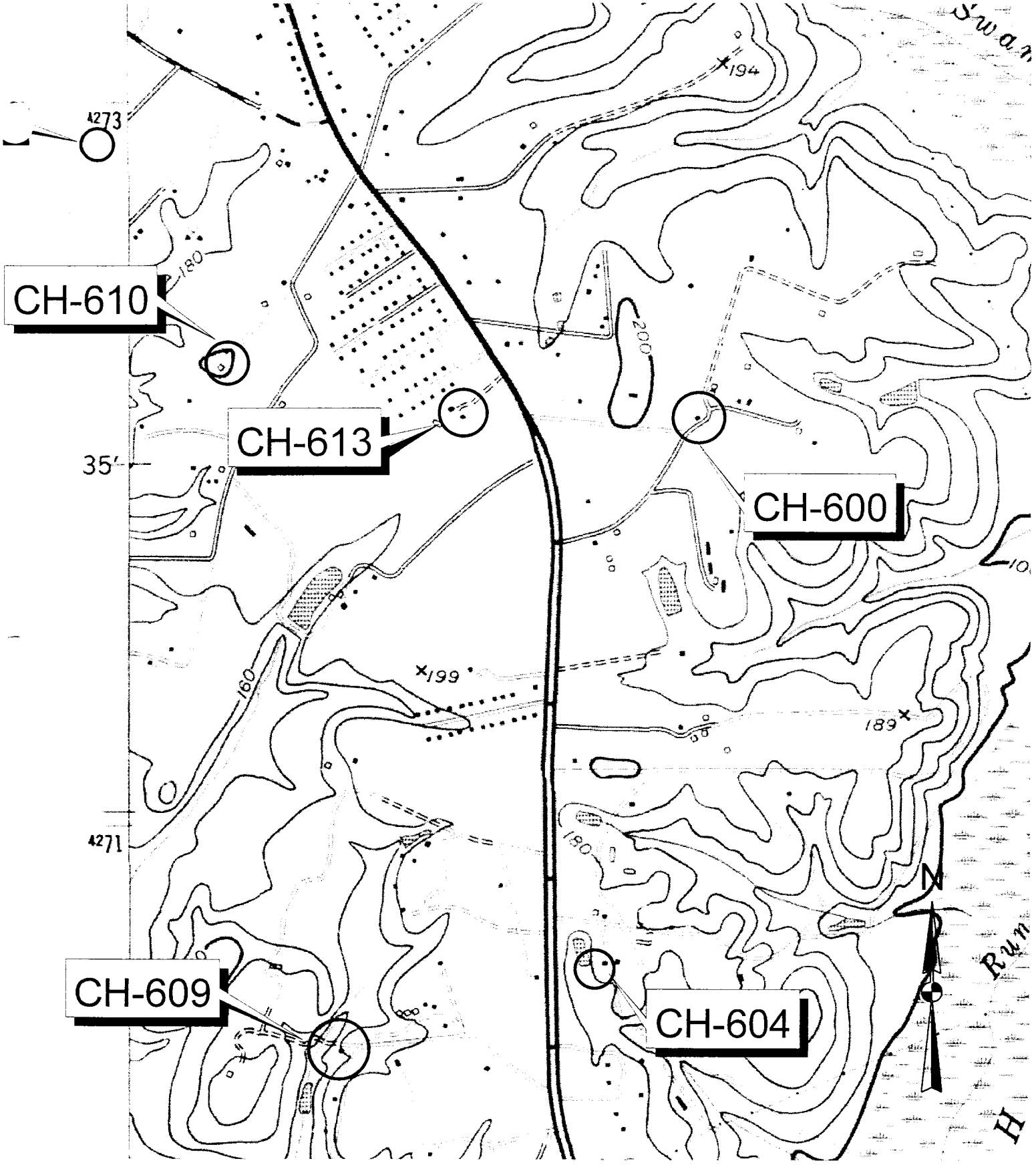
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