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White Marsh Farm

Architectural Survey File

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White Marsh Farm **Circa 1810**
CH-616
Waldorf vic.
Private

White Marsh is an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling which predominated regional building preferences during the first half of the 19th century. The dwelling includes such notable Federal features as paired brick exterior end chimneys and a side passage, double-pile plan. The site is noteworthy as an example of a dominant architectural style in the region, as well as its association with the Mudd family during the19th century and the author Isaac Don Levine in the 20th century. A number of existing outbuildings including a late 19th century corncrib and meathouse, add to the site's historic character and significance.

Local tradition associates the farm with the Mudd family, specifically Joseph Mudd, grandfather of Dr. Samuel Mudd (CH-149). Joshua Mudd, a progenitor of the Mudd family in Charles County received a patent in 1684 for 88 3/4 acres known as "White Marsh" which was located "within the Reserve of Zachia Manor." The Mudd family appears to have occupied the property for much of the 19th century. During the mid 20th century, the property was purchased and the dwelling restored by Isaac Don Levine, an author of Russian history and politics who was active during the 1950's, 1960's and 1970's. He and his wife Ruth were said to entertain dignitaries at White Marsh Farm.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	White Marsh Farm
other	

2. Location

street and number	13745 Ballantrae Lane	___ not for publication
city, town	Waldorf	x vicinity
county	Charles	

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

name	Allan Smith				
street and number	13745 Ballantrae Lane			telephone	301-870-8701
city, town	Waldorf	state	MD	zip code	20601-2307

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Charles County Courthouse	tax map and parcel:	Map 16 P. 3
city, town	LaPlata	liber 1740	folio 312

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)
x structure
___ site
___ object

Ownership
___ public
x private
___ both

Current Function
x 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
2	4	structures
___	___	objects
3	4	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
x 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.

White Marsh Farm is located on the north side of Poplar Hill Road and is now part of the Canterbury Estates subdivision near Cedarville State Forest in the northern section of Charles County. Currently the farm consists of an altered circa 1810 Federal-style dwelling and several agricultural outbuildings on a 3.675 acre parcel. Contributing resources include a circa 1880 corncrib and meathouse. Non-contributing resources that share the site include a circa 1940 barn, machine shed, garage, and a contemporary sheep shed.

The principal dwelling at White Marsh farm faces east consisting of a 2 1/2 story frame double-pile building with paired exterior brick chimneys on the western elevation. Attached to the northern elevation are two later 1 1/2 story additions. The first is a 1940's one story side gable stucco structure. The second is a more recent one story frame hyphen connecting the two buildings.

The main body of the dwelling appears to have originated as a Federal style side passage dwelling with a double parlor plan, although the original entrance and floor plan have been obscured by later alterations and additions. The wood frame is sheathed with weatherboard and rests on a solid brick foundation. The roof is cover with
asphalt shingles and meets the eave wall with a boxed cornice which includes molded raking. Most of the original windows and surrounds and possibly the cornice have been replaced.

The eastern elevation consists of three bays. Currently, first and second story windows are symmetrical and feature two replacement 6/6 light double-hung wood sash on each floor and paired 8-light casement windows in the center. The attic story has a fixed 4-light casement window with a louvered vent above. All surrounds are molded wood.

The south elevation has two bays consisting of four vertically symmetrical replacement 6/6 light double-hung sash windows with molded wood trim.

The western elevation includes the paired brick exterior end chimneys with corbeled caps. Two narrow casement 8-light windows are paired on either side of the chimney's exterior on the first floor. Above these are 6/6-light double-hung sash replacement windows with molded wood trim surrounds.

The north elevation would have originally served as the entrance. Today it is altered by the addition of a one story hyphen with only two windows visible above.

Like the exterior, the interior has been significantly altered. Most pronounced is the removal of the double-parlor wall, which combined the two rooms into one large living area with two fireplaces. The two mantels with paneling above are probably not original and most likely represent a Colonial Revival renovation during the 1950's.

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The earliest surviving outbuilding consists or a circa 1880 corncrib located to the northeast of the dwelling. A steeply pitched roof with wide open overhanging eaves covered the front gable structure. The foundation consists of wooden posts set

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directly into the ground. Sills are hewn. Braces and studs are circular sawn. Narrow slats adequately spaced for ventilation are attached with cut nails.

A small front gable shed is found to the south of the dwelling. This may have been a meathouse and rests on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad weatherboard siding and has a metal roof. Rafters are exposed. Some structural elements are possibly pit sawn. The floor is dirt.

Non-contributing resources include a frame garage, machine shed, barn and sheep shed. Located to the north of the dwelling is a large frame gambrel roof barn built circa 1940. The frame is covered with vertical board siding and a metal roof. The barn rests on an unusually high concrete block foundation. A wooden porch and stair currently gives access to the upstairs loft. Next to the barn is a front gable machine shed with a shed extension. The frame is sheathed with vertical board siding and a metal roof while resting on a concrete block foundation. A frame garage also lies near the dwelling. This side gable structure with a shed addition has a poured concrete foundation, metal seam roof and board and batten siding. Finally, a sheep shed, built within the last ten years also stands on the property.

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
x 1800-1899	x architecture	___ engineering	___ invention	politics/government
___ 1900-1999	___ art	___ entertainment/ recreation	___ landscape architecture	religion
___ 2000-	___ commerce	___ ethnic heritage	___ law	science
	___ communications	___ exploration/ settlement	___ literature	social history
	___ community planning		___ maritime history	transportation
	___ conservation		___ military	other:

Specific dates	Circa 181;1940	**Architect**	Unknown
Construction dates	Circa 1810;1940	**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.)

White Marsh is an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling which predominated regional building preferences from about the second quarter of the 19th century until the time of the Civil War. It derives significance from both it's reflection of a dominant architectural style in the region as well it's association with the Mudd family.

White Marsh has an elusive history. Local tradition associates the farm with the Mudd family, specifically Joseph Mudd, grandfather of Dr. Samuel Mudd (CH-149). Although the chain of title is unclear, we do know that Joshua Mudd, a progenitor of the Mudd family in Charles County did receive a patent in 1684 for 88 3/4 acres known as "White Marsh" which was located "within the Reserve of Zachia Manor".

By the early twentieth century White Marsh was tied up in a Mudd family equity suit(now missing). In 1935 James P. Ryon, Allison F. Ryon and Philip E. Heath, trading as J.P. Ryon and Brothers sold two continuous parcel including White Marsh to Herbert F. Hintze. Hughesville Savings Bank had deeded the property to Ryon and Brothers during the previous month.

White Marsh, as an altered example of a Federal-style dwelling includes one of the periods most notable features-- paired brick exterior end chimneys. The overall proportion and symmetry of the main dwelling as well as its rural setting serve to add to the structure's integrity.

Additionally, White Marsh may is significant for it's association with Isaac Don Levine. Levine, an author of Russian history and politics, authored over eight books on various Russian and foreign subjects during the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. He and his wife Ruth owned White Marsh Farm from 1952-1974 and are said to have used the property to entertain dignitaries. The Levine's also acquirred at least one other historic property in Charles County, Ice Hill (CH-114) which they owned from 1958 until 1975.

The Levine's were responsible for the renovation and changes to the main block of White Marsh Farm as well as the construction of the one story hyphen.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	12		
Acreage of historical setting	5		
Quadrangle name	Hughesville	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

White Marsh Farm is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 16, Grid 4, Parcel 3, Lot 13.

11. Form Prepared By

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

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name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of title:

April 20, 1935	Hughesville Savings Bank to Ryon and Bros. **WMA 60 Folio 680**
May 18, 1935	James P. Ryon, Allison F. Ryon and Philip E. Heath? Trading as J.P. Ryon and Brothers to Herbert F. Hintze. "North of state road leading from St. Peter's Catholic Church in the direction of Malcolm. 2 adjacent tracts." First- 41a. Lot #2 of White Marsh **Equity No. 830 JST 2 Folio 438.** Second- land assessed in name of Rose E. Gardiner. 50a. Land James W. Ford obtained by deed from Edward J. Edelin and wife August 16, 1927. WMA 47 Folio 410. **WMA 60 Folio 682**
October 7, 1952	Herbert F. and Pearl Hintze to Isaac Don and Ruth N. Levine First- 41 a. Lot No. 2 White Marsh. **Equity No. 830 J.S.T. No. 2 Folio 438.** Second- 50a. Assessed in name of Rose E. Gardiner. Acquirred from Herbert Hintze. All property from James P. Ryon **Liber 103 Folio 599**
October 1, 1974	Isaac Don Levine and Ruth N. Levine to Niren and Lueija Bhaduri. 12.304 a. **Liber 358 Folio 173**
August 5, 1988	Niren Bhaduri and Lueija Bhaduri to Allan Smith. Cedarville Estates Joint Ventuure. 12.304 a. Plat Liber 21 Folio 161 **Liber 1318 Folio 517**

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Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland.*
LaPlata, MD. Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

Date: 11/12/99

North arrow:

Name:

Address: 13745 Ballantrae Lane

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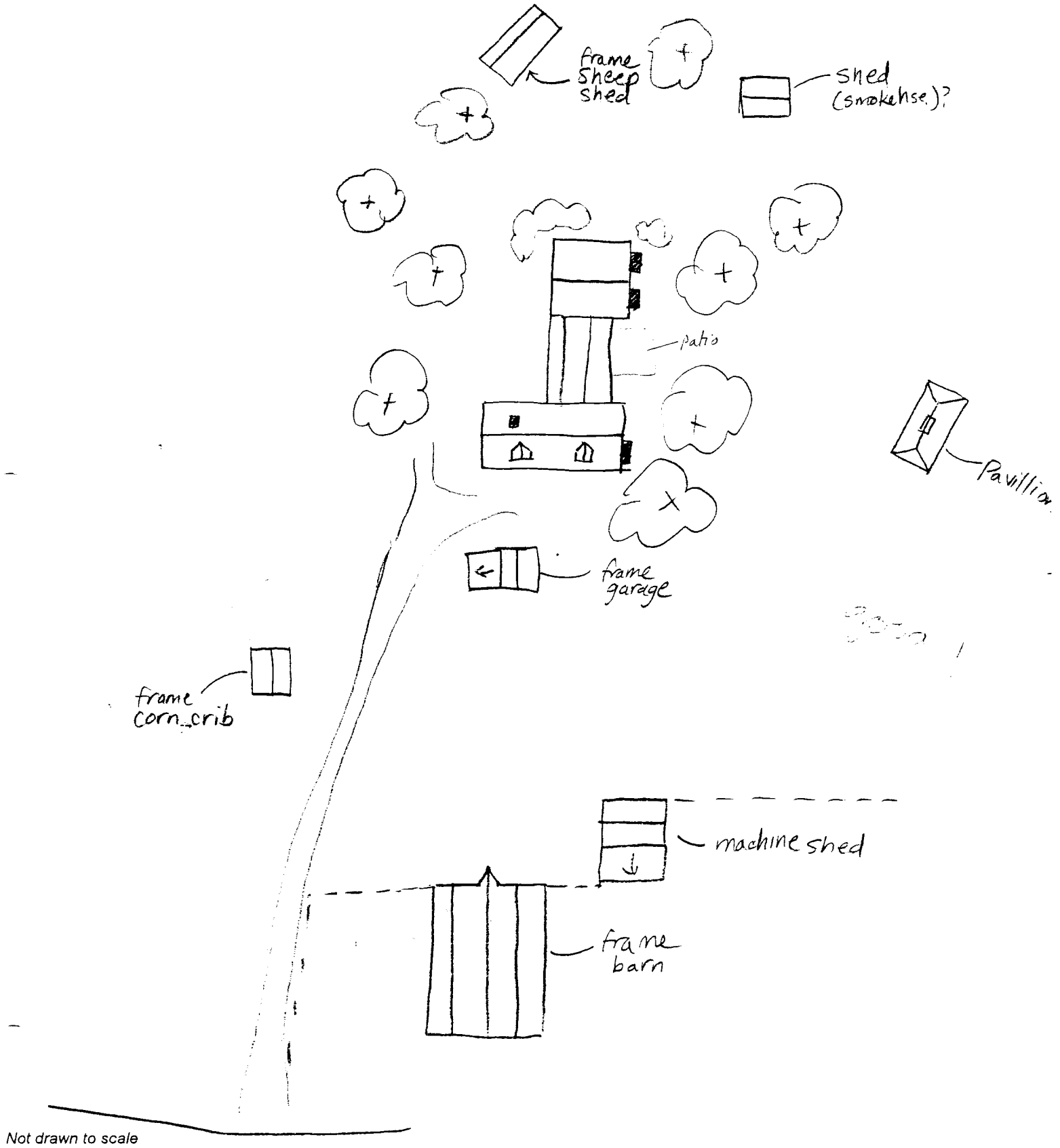
Charles County, Maryland

Waldorf ☒ Vicinity



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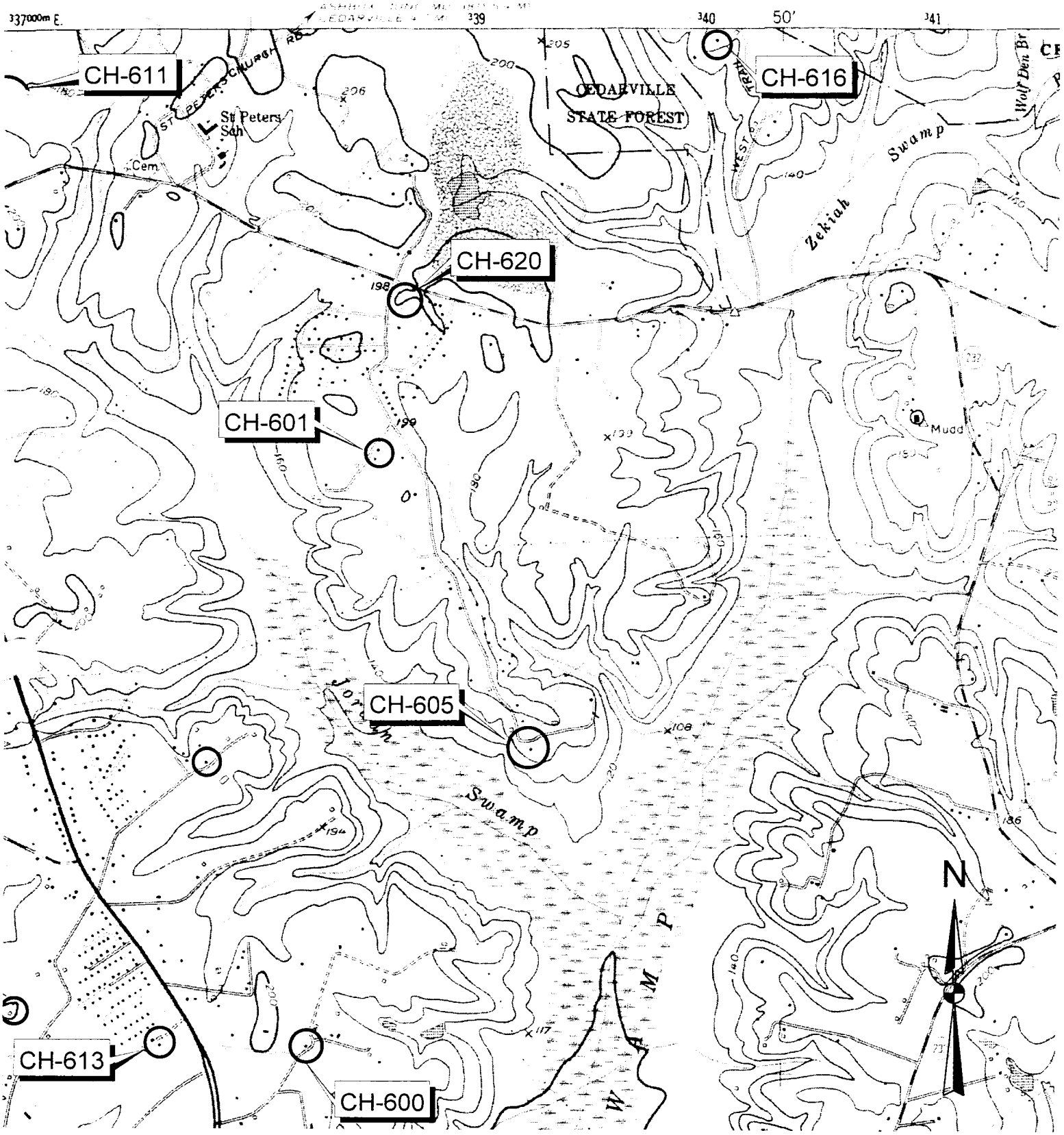

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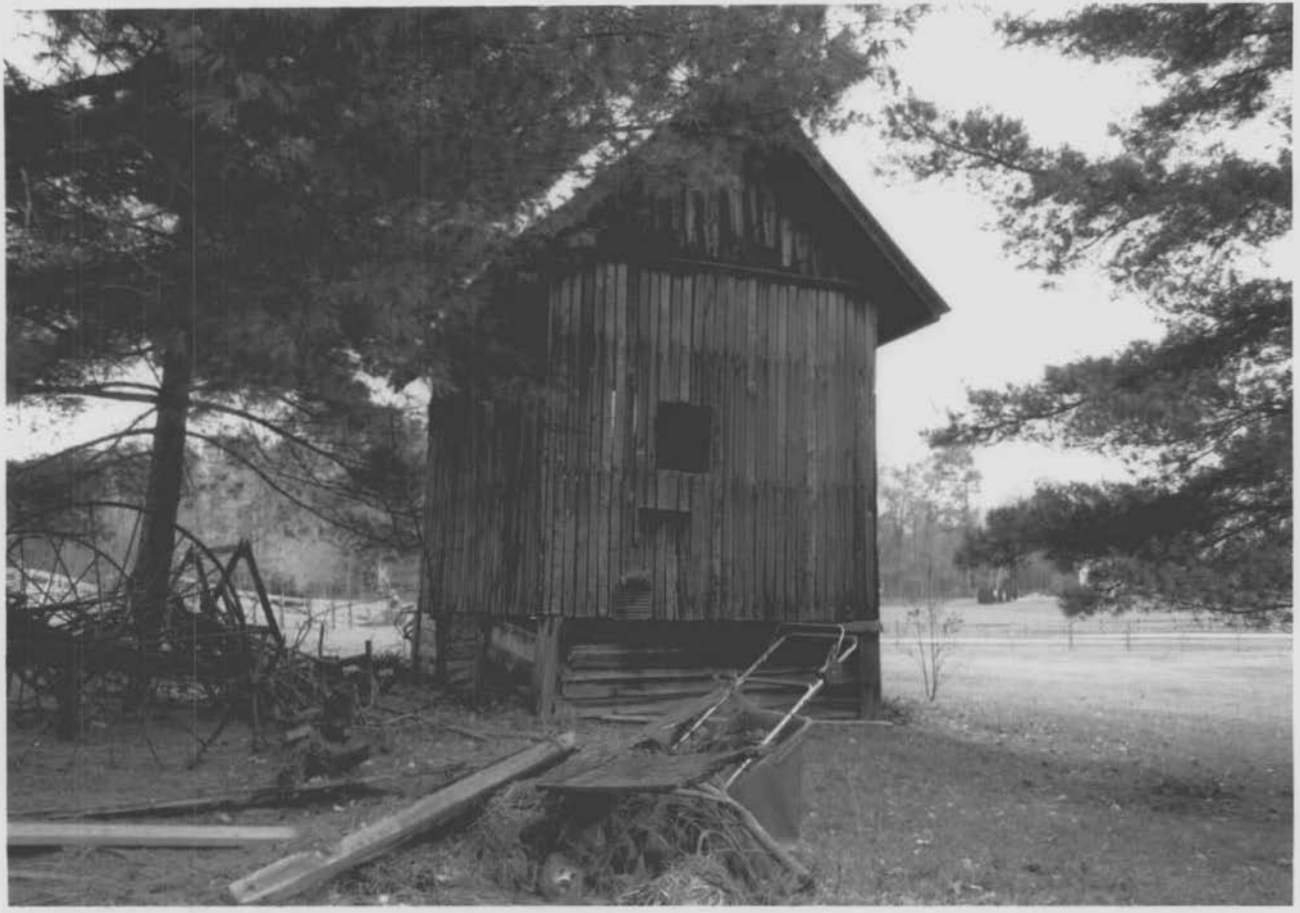

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