

CH-672

## Holt Property, Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area

### **Architectural Survey File**

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CAPSULE SUMMARY  
Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area  
MIHP # CH-672  
Mason Spring vicinity  
Charles County, Maryland  
SP=1995  
Public

Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is situated along the south shore of Chicamuxen Creek in Charles County. The 381-acre WMA is administered by the Wildlife and Heritage Service, a separate entity from the State Forest and Park Service, whose management objectives focus on wildlife enhancement activities and low intensity wildlife-related recreation, such as hunting, fishing, and wildlife observation. Generally, intensive development of WMAs is restricted and no public recreation or support buildings or structures, paved trails, or planned picnic areas have been constructed at Chicamuxen WMA.

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In 1998, MdDNR applied to the Maryland Historical Trust for permission to remove the buildings on the property. MdDNR submitted an Individual Property/District MHT Internal NR-Eligibility Review Form stating that the buildings were not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. MHT concurred with the proposal to demolish the buildings.

The farmhouse on the property has lost its integrity of design, materials, and workmanship so that it no longer conveys an association with an agricultural farmstead of the early twentieth century under National Register Criteria A, B, or C. The other buildings on the property are utilitarian, functional outbuildings with no individual significance for illustrating their type, period, or method of construction under Criterion C.

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### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area (~~Historic Property~~)  
 other

### 2. Location

street and number MD Rte 224  not for publication  
 city, town Mason Springs  vicinity  
 county Charles

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

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
 street and number 580 Taylor Avenue, E-3 telephone 410-260-8451  
 city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel:  
 city, town La Plata liber folio

### 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
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3 buildings
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area (WMA) (CH-672) is situated along the south shore of Chicamuxen Creek in Charles County. The WMA comprises 381 acres of wetlands along the creek and rolling forested upland above the creek. A small, unnamed tributary drains the property from east to west and divides the upland into two hills. The portion of the property that contains buildings is approximately 50 feet above mean sea level and is actively cultivated for wildlife feed plots. Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MdDNR) purchased the property from the Holt family in late 1995 (MdDNR Acquisition List 2002).

An architectural survey of the extant buildings and structures on the property was conducted in February 2003. Four buildings and structures were surveyed: a farmhouse, a shed, a barn/stable, and a corncrib. These buildings are located in two loci on the southernmost rise. The house and shed occupy the east edge of the rise, while the barn/stable, corncrib, and a foundation with chimneys are located at the western edge of the rise. No archeological sites are recorded in the archeological site files at the Maryland Historical Trust within the WMA.

### DESCRIPTIONS

The two-story, wood-frame farmhouse is located at the northeast corner of an agricultural field and faces south. A building was depicted in the general location of this house on a USGS Indian Head quadrangle map surveyed in 1900 and 1911 and published in 1913 (USGS Indian Head quadrangle map 1913). No detailed earlier Charles County maps that depicted Chicamuxen were located during this research. The Maryland Historical Trust 1998 Determination of Eligibility assigned a 1904 construction date to the house. The construction materials visible on the house, the use of dimensioned lumber, the brick pier foundation, and straight stack brick chimney using standard bricks support a twentieth-century construction date. The lack of contemporary services, such as bathrooms, support a pre-1950 construction date.

The house has four asymmetrical bays across the front elevation and is one room deep. The building has a two-over-two-room plan with a narrow central stair. All interior trim, hardware, and finishes have been removed or replaced. The house rests on brick piers. The exterior cladding exhibits a variety of materials, including vertical boards, tarpaper, weatherboards, and metal to cover holes in the cladding. The window openings also contain a wide variety of replacement windows that differ in sizes, materials, and numbers of lights. The slightly off-center entry contains a replacement wood door. The entry is sheltered by a small gable roof hood. The side gable roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. One interior brick chimney is located on the east elevation and one exterior gable end brick chimney is located on the west elevation. Both chimneys have straight stacks. A small one-story addition spans two bays of the north elevation. The house has no stylistic character defining features.

The house does not possess sufficient integrity of design, materials, or workmanship to convey significance as a type, period or method of design or construction under National Register Criterion C. The original appearance of the house is not apparent from its current appearance. The building reflects a pattern of continuous alterations and repairs of primary building elements over a long period of time. These alterations and repairs have been assembled from readily available building components, such as many different window units, and from salvaged materials as visible on the building's exterior. The present appearance of the house is a result of expedient repairs undertaken during short-term periods of habitation and does not reflect an articulated program of building construction or renovation associated with any type, period, or method of twentieth-century construction.

The house is in very poor condition. The wood-frame is rotted, the exterior cladding has holes, many windows are missing, the roof is rusted, and the interior has heavy smoke damage.

An early twentieth-century equipment shed is located near the house. The small, wood-frame, one-bay-by one-bay building is clad with horizontal wood siding. The front gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. The central-located entry has no door. The

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shed is in poor condition. The wood sills are rotten and the siding has holes.

The barn/stable is located west of the house along the north side of the agricultural field. The barn exhibits two periods of construction. The ca. 1910 portion of the rectangular barn rests on log piers. The exterior cladding consists of vertical wood boards. The gable roof is sheathed with corrugated standing seam metal. Access to this portion of the barn was originally through large central entries on each long elevation. The large entry on the north elevation has been infilled. Two small entrances on the west elevation provided access to the animal pens. A ca. 1950, full-width, wood-frame, loafing shed constructed of modern 2x4-inch framing materials is appended to the south elevation. The shed is clad with vertical wood boards. The roof is sheathed with corrugated metal. Entries are located on the east and west elevations. The barn is in poor condition. The log sills have rotted and the building has started to shift. The siding is in poor condition, with water damage on the bottom ends.

The corncrib, ca. 1975, is constructed of modern lumber and fenced with chicken wire. It has a gable roof sheathed with metal.

Ruins of a second house were located at the west end of the agricultural field. The ruins consist of the remains of a rectangular, brick foundation, a two-story brick chimney with fireplace openings on the first and second floors located on the east end, and the base of a small brick chimney on the west end.

## 8. Significance

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       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.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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### Historic Context

Prior to acquisition by the State of Maryland, the area now contained within Chicamuxen WMA was used for agriculture and timbering. From the seventeenth century until the mid-twentieth century, tobacco culture was the backbone of Charles County's economy. The typical pattern for landholding during the seventeenth century was freeholders farming on small farms. Early patents issued in the vicinity of Chicamuxen WMA included the 5,000-acre patent of Mattawoman Neck to Thomas Cornwallis in 1654 (Maymon et al. 1998).

During the eighteenth century, a more stratified society began to develop in Charles County. Families formed networks, and successful families accumulated sufficient wealth, generally measured in land and slaves, to found economic dynasties. A socially

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and politically dominant gentry class emerged. Examples of such prominent families who maintained land holdings near Chicamuxen WMA were the Smallwood family associated with Smallwood's Retreat (CH-12) and the Mason family associated with Araby (CH-11). During the first half of the nineteenth century, these large landholdings were subdivided through inheritance or sale to non-family members.

After the Civil War and the emancipation of slaves in Maryland, large slaveholders in Charles County lost their primary source of labor and experienced a loss of real property value. Some landowners were forced to subdivide and sell property to raise cash. Following the Civil War, the loss of slave labor temporarily devastated tobacco production until a system of sharecropping and tenant farming was established (Wesler et al. 1981:128). Under tenant farming, a landholder established tenants on a certain amount of acres. The tenant was allowed to construct his housing and manage the acreage in exchange for paying a portion of the crop to the owner.

From the close of the Civil War to the early twentieth century, Charles County experienced minimal economic or population growth. From 1870 to 1930, the population fluctuated between 15,000 and 18,500. Although some African-Americans moved into the cities following emancipation, it was not unusual for freed slaves to remain on territory familiar to them from the time of slavery. The number of African-Americans in Charles County remained steady at between 7,000 and 10,000 between 1870 and 1930.

Between 1860 and 1930, the censuses documented two trends in Charles County. The first trend was the overall decrease in agricultural land in the county. The second trend was the increase in numbers of farms, but a decrease in average farm size. In 1880, 83 per cent of the county's land was in agriculture. This was the highest percentage of agricultural land between 1860 and 1930. By 1930, 69 per cent of Charles County was in agriculture. Throughout this period, the number of farms increased, but the average farm size decreased. In 1860, 506 farms were reported in Charles County; the average farm comprised approximately 361 acres. By 1930, 1,507 farms with an average size of 136 acres were reported in the census (Wesler et al. 1981:130-136).

The primary crop in Charles County throughout this period was tobacco. In 1860, the last census before the Civil War, over 4.9 million pounds of tobacco were grown in the county. That amount was surpassed only in 1880 and 1900, when over 5 million pounds of tobacco were grown. Although more pounds of tobacco were grown during the last decades of the nineteenth century, the price of tobacco remained depressed. In 1910 and 1920, over 3 million pound of tobacco were raised. In 1930, over 4.2 million pounds of tobacco were raised and the price of tobacco and the prices increased to make tobacco growing profitable (Wesler et al. 1981; Bowie 1947). Between 1900 and 1930, Charles County's tobacco output represented between 19 and 22 per cent of tobacco grown in the state of Maryland. In 1925, Charles County's over 5.2 million pounds of tobacco was grown on 7,065 acres (U.S. Census Bureau 1926).

Between 1900 and 1930, agricultural diversification in Charles County remained minimal. The recorded value of slaughtered animals, dairy products, and orchard products remained under \$100,000 throughout this period. The value of poultry spiked at over \$115,000 in 1920, but dropped to below \$63,000 in 1930. The decrease in agricultural production was off-set by a rise in value of timber. In the 1930 census, the value of forest products in Charles County was reported as over \$154,000 (Wesler et al. 1981:134-136). In 1945, Maryland Board of Natural Resources estimated that 65 per cent of Charles County was forested, with an addition 5 to 10 per cent in marsh (Board of Natural Resources 1948:212).

### Evaluation

Chicamuxen WMA was acquired in 1995. Management policies have been minimal and are less than 50 years old. As an entity, Chicamuxen WMA has been established too recently to qualify for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under

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### Criterion Consideration G.

The former Holt property (MIHP # CH-672) has four buildings that pre-date 1960: a farmhouse (ca. 1904), an early twentieth-century shed, a barn/stable (ca. 1910), and a corncrib (ca. 1975). These buildings are located in two loci on a rise of land. The house and shed occupy the east edge of the rise, while the barn/stable, corncrib, and a foundation with chimneys are located at the western edge of the rise. No chain of title was conducted during the course of this investigation. However, a USGS Indian Head quadrangle map surveyed in 1900 and 1911 and published in 1913 (USGS Indian Head quadrangle map 1913) depicted two houses on the property, one in the approximate location of the current house.

The farmhouse no longer possesses physical integrity of design, materials, or workmanship to illustrate a period of construction from the early twentieth century type to qualify under National Register Criterion C. The original appearance of the house is not apparent from its current appearance and no exterior stylistic details or materials reflect its original period of construction. The building reflects a pattern of continuous alterations and repairs of primary building elements over a long period of time. These alterations and repairs have been assembled from readily available building components, such as window units, and from salvaged materials as visible on the building's exterior. The present appearance of the house is a result of expedient repairs undertaken during short-term periods of habitation and does not reflect an articulated program of building construction or renovation associated with any type, period, or method of twentieth-century construction. The exterior construction materials display no evidence of workmanship or craftsmanship of a particular people or period during any given period of history.

The other buildings on the property are utilitarian, functional outbuildings with no individual significance for illustrating their type, period, or method of construction under Criterion C. The design of the barn/stable has been compromised through the addition of a stable. The early twentieth-century shed and the ca. 1975 corncrib are not significant buildings.

No archeological sites are recorded in the archeological site files at the Maryland Historical Trust within the WMA and no archeological resources were evaluated during this investigation.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 382 acresAcreage of historical setting 382 acresQuadrangle name Indian HeadQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries of the survey area comprise all property owned by Maryland Department of Natural Resources within the legal boundaries of Chicamuxen WMA as of February 2003.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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### Board of Natural Resources

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### Maryland Department of Natural Resources

2002  Acquisition Listing – Map and Deed Reference. Chicamuxen WMA file, Public Lands – Resource Planning, Southern Region, Maryland Department of Natural Resources. On file at MdDNR, Annapolis, Maryland.

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1998  Phase I Cultural Resources Survey of Stump Neck Annex and Supplemental Architectural Investigations, Indian Head Naval Warfare Center, Charles County, Maryland. Final report prepared for Engineering Field Activity-Chesapeake, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

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### United States Geological Survey

1913  Indian Head 15' quadrangle map. Surveyed in 1900 and 1911.

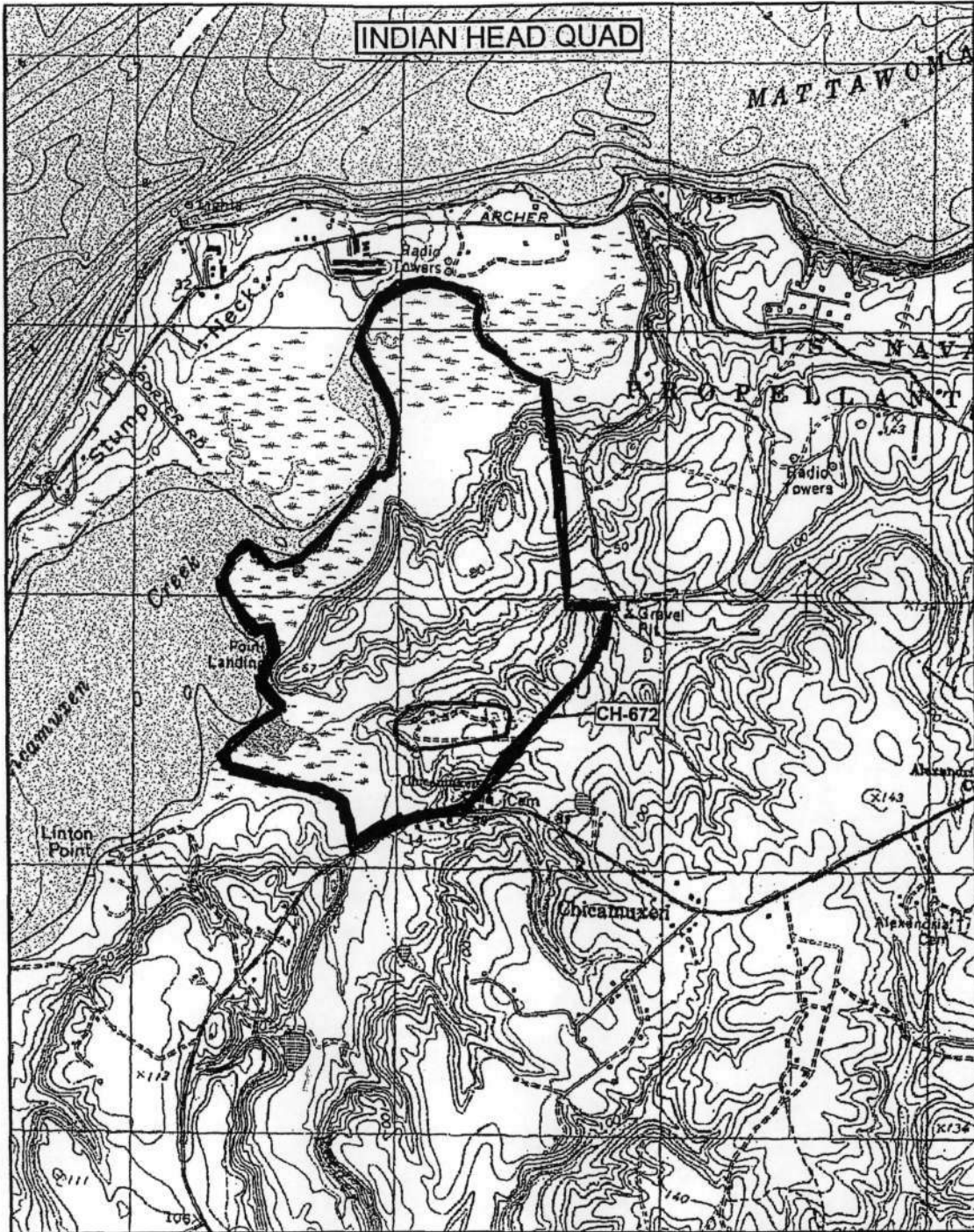
1925  Indian Head 15' quadrangle map. Surveyed in 1923.

1956  Indian Head 7.5' quadrangle map.

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1981  The Maryland Department of Transportation Archaeological Resources Survey, Volume II: Western Shore. Maryland Historical Trust Manuscript Series 6.



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Equipment Shed, View NW

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Barn/stable, view SE

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area (Holt Property)  
MD 224 Mason Springs-Chicamuxen, east of Reader Run (Tax Map #29, Parcel #1)  
Charles County Survey Number: CH-1672

Project: Request to Raze Agency: MD Dept. Of Natural Resources

Site visit by MHT Staff: XX no \_\_\_ yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended XX

Criteria: \_\_\_A \_\_\_B \_\_\_C \_\_\_D Considerations: \_\_\_A \_\_\_B \_\_\_C \_\_\_D \_\_\_E \_\_\_F \_\_\_G \_\_\_None: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property owned by DNR since 1995 at Chicamuxen Wildlife Management Area and known as the "Holt Property," consists of a house loosely described as a "1904 saltbox" which has been severely compromised by decay and altered beyond recognition by the prior tenants and owners. Based on photographs, the house structure is held together by a compendium of materials such as metal signs utilized as ceilings, variable woodcuts of plywood or old sheathing as wallboard, and black plastic bags in place of windows. The house had/has no electricity or water (obtained from a spring). Since 1951 the property has had multiple owners. Various outbuildings, also of minimal integrity, are on-site such as a barn/stable, chicken coops, equipment shed and a late 1800's corn crib. Ruins exist of the original homesite which burned 50 years ago and has no significant associations.

Photographs submitted detail the deterioration. The property is ineligible for the Maryland or National Registers based on its condition. There are no reasons to believe that archeological or historical information may be gleaned from the structures or site. The Maryland Department Of Natural Resources proposes to demolish the structures as inherently dangerous. DCHD/MHT concurs.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Files

Prepared by: Wanda Cole MD Dept. Of Natural Resources

Lou Ann J. Broad, Preservation Officer  Jan. 8, 1998

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NR program concurrence: \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

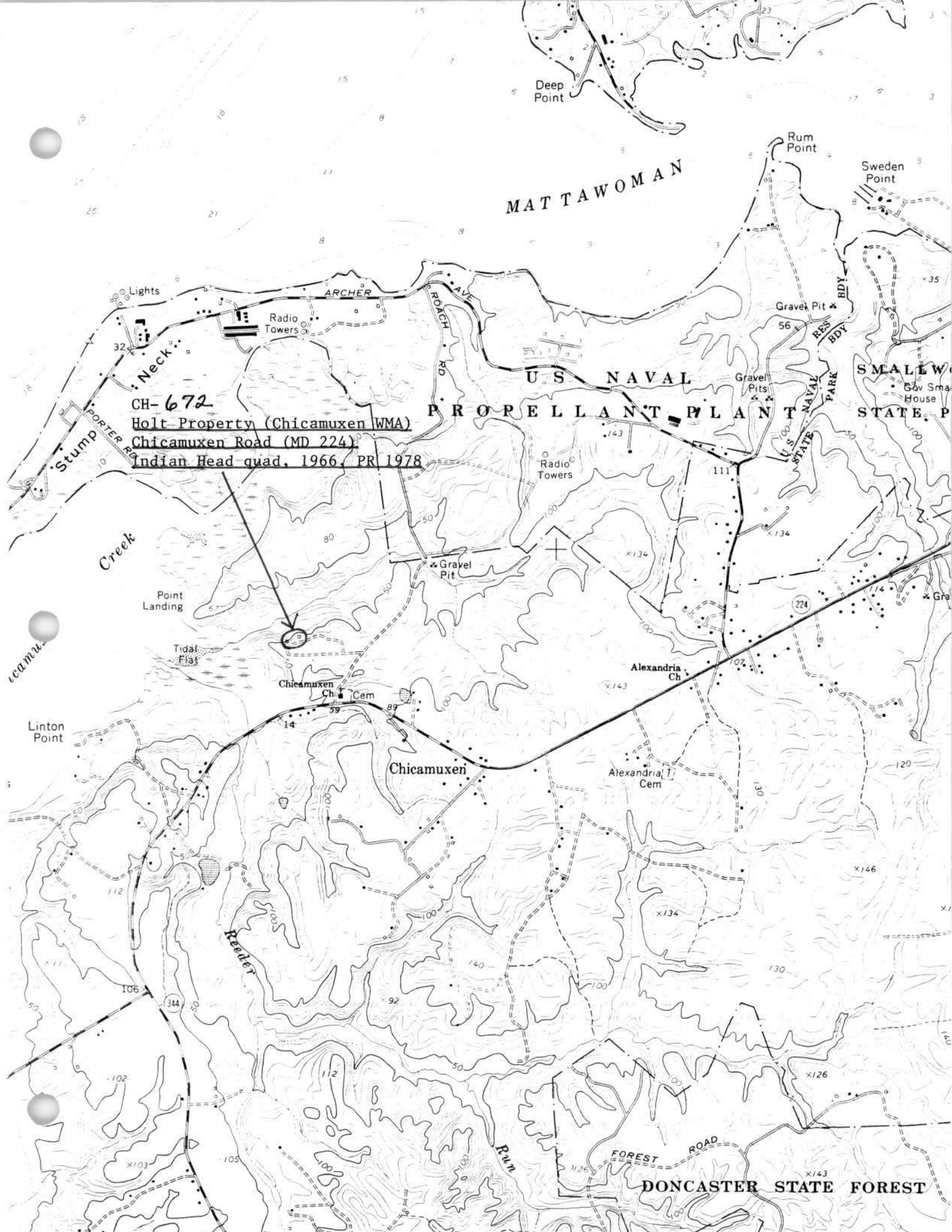
V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic Dwelling & Outbuildings

Known Design Source: Unknown



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U S NAVAL  
PROPELLANT PLANT

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Holt Property (Chicamuxen WMA)  
Chicamuxen Road (MD 224)  
Indian Head quad, 1966, PR 1978

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Chicamuxen WMA

Holt Property

Salt box?

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