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Long Property

Architectural Survey File

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Long Property
CE-1052
Near Port Herman
Private

C. 1905-1914

The abundance of accessible Cecil County recreational water front property inticed many urban and non-~~resident~~ investors from the mid 19th century onwards. The Philadelphia Long Family were a group of such investors seeking access and property on the Elk River. According to a 1914 plat of ~~this~~ property John Long reserved 32 acres out of Whiteoak Farm which contained the four story wood shingle beach tower, tea house, and carriage house. ~~The plat locates the tower along with the accompanying wharf and bridge from the adjacent cliffs.~~ The unusual shingled tower form is not unlike the popular shingled shapes one finds in Queen Anne architecture of the period. The tea house strengthens the period group with its semi-circular art nouveau entrance sidelights. The eccentricities of late 19th century fashion and the flexibility of late 19th century architecture have joined to produce a fascinating example of turn of century recreational buildings.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 285

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Long Property

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

nr Port Herman

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

☒ Multiple owners (see attached list)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: *see list*

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Long Property c. 1905 consists of three frame structures along the shore of the Elk River near Port Herman, Md. The three buildings represent early recreational structures along the tidal Elk River. The most unusual of the three is the combination boat house and residence located at sealevel. The other buildings include a tea house farther up the steep slope and a carriage house on the highest grade.

The boathouse/residence, otherwise known as the "Tower", is a four story one bay by one room shingled frame structure with pyramidal roof. The building faces west. The tall tapering square frame rests on a fieldstone footing. The boathouse is a single story structure with flat deck that is attached to the front of the tower. It is also sheathed with wood shingles and has a large double door entrance through the west wall. The double doors consist of a basic frame with two narrow beaded board flat panels and a X stick bracing. Eight pane lights pierce the top panels and illuminate the interior space. A slightly projecting deck is supported by extended and decorative floor joists.

The west facade of the tower has a different type of window. The second floor has a bracketed hood that projects a six pane light with segmental header. The third floor fenestration consists of three 6/6 sash windows set next to each other while the fourth floor is filled with 6/6 sash with a bracketed cornice molding below the window so as to emphasize the fourth floor. The roof projects out with decorative rafter ends. A small dormer lights the attic on both the west and east sides.

Access to the tower is permitted by a second floor door on the south side of the tower by a catwalk from the steep bank. The entrance like the second floor west window is emphasized by a slightly pedimented hood. The door is flanked by sidelights. The third and fourth floor windows are the same as described for the west facade, as are the north and east sides.

The interior is unfinished in that it has exposed ~~wall~~ studs and ceiling joists. A stair rises from the first floor kitchen to the fourth floor along the east and south walls. Plumbing fixtures, built-in cupboards, and what woodwork is found all date from the turn of the century.

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The tea house is built on the westward slope towards the river and is exposed a full two stories on that side. The entrance facade is the east side. The 1½ story frame structure also rests on fieldstone and is covered with wood shingles. A massive exterior stone chimney rises against the south wall. The main entrance is the most unusual feature with its decorative colored glass transom and sidelights that are incorporated into a semi-circle with the door in the center. The colored glass decoration has art novel motifs and character.

The carriage house is a 1½ story three bay by one room shingled frame with hipped roof and cross gables on each roof slope. A porte cochere projects off the south side with a lighted cross gable above. The medium pitched roof has a composition tile shingle covering. The structure rests on a fieldstone foundation. The carriage house has been converted to a single family dwelling which necessitates an eastern single story addition, also with a hip roof. The large entrances have been enclosed on the south side. Two 6/6 sash windows are found on the west side. A small roof projection from the cross gable once held a fully to raise objects to the second floor. Detailing remains basically the same on the other sides of the house. A new block chimney stack has been attached to the north wall.

The interior has been remodeled to suit a living space but a central stair with square newel and balusters does remain as does the horizontal board wainscoting in the kitchen.

A one room square pyramidal roof structure of similar date and construction stands to the east of the house. A pyramidal roofed ventilator tops the structure. 6/6 sash windows light the interior and a four panel door lends access on the west side.

The three buildings are connected by a series of steps from the shore to the tea house with a single bay shed roofed privy along the way. Novelty siding, cast iron decorative grills, and a glass transom liven up the structure.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION		
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE		
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE		
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER		
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION		
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☒ OTHER (SPECIFY) RECREATIONAL		
		☐ INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Long Property contains some of the most unusual recreational structures from the turn of the century. The unusual shingled tower form is not unlike the shingled shapes one finds in Queen Anne architecture of the period. The structure is slightly different since it has such an unusual location. The teahouse and carriage house are less of a surprise but also supply interest to this complex.

The present owners of the carriage house are in possession of turn of the century photographs of people at the complex.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

9/24/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200 ext. 150

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1. Beach Tower House

I. Lee and Eleanor DeWitt
RD 5 Box 74
Elkton, Maryland 21921

WAS 211/485

2. Carriage House

James Higgins
RD 1 Box 174 B
Chesapeake City, Maryland

WAS 342/316

885-2192

3d. Suite of John A.

Beach

Bridal

Beginnings

Land to be converted to Timor White oak.

Tract reserved by John Long
out of the Whit oak Farm
Containing
32.25 1/2 Acres
Exclusive of 20 ft Roadway
between Farmer & McClosky

20 ft Roadway bet:

Land of A. B.

$N. 56^{\circ} 15' - 54^{\circ}$

Table of Contents

Bearing	Distance
A S 50° 30' W	726 ft.
B S 44° 00' E	92.2 fms
C S 5° 45' E	20.15 "
D N 62° E	86 "
E N 32° W	43.7 "
F S 16° 5' W	54.25 "
G N 32° W	16 "
H S 53° W	20 feet
I N 81° W	126 "
J N 9° 30' W	57 "
K N 55° W	177 "
32.25 acres of land	

Plot of a tractor

parcel of land, situated adlying
in the 2^d Election Dist. of Cecil Co. Md.
which is reserved by John Long from the
"Whiteoak Farm."

Beginning at the S.W. end of the 3rd line of The land of John Weckstay at a point on the Elk River halfway between High & Low water mark.

Start beginning is N. 50° 30' E. 16 ft from Bridge & nearly N. 10° 30' E. at point the north
east side of the Tower House & is designated on Map by the letter "A". There is
the same orientation as are noted in Table of Columns!

Said place unites the Elk River, old "Hounds" & the "North Fork" (the new
from Grants to Fern) river basins. The name of C.B. Turner & Felsch McCosh
on the "A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-A." Containing 8
according to survey, also the 12-40' deep of 2nd and 3rd.

R.E. Felsch County, Iowa

P. F. Jones, County D. Oregon

Woodland

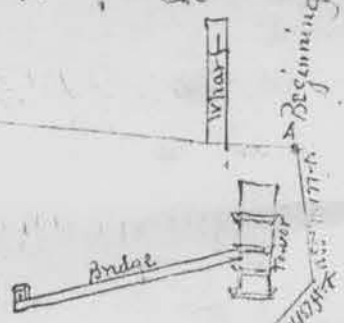
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OCT. 19, 1914

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ELK RIVER

S. 50° 30' W. 726 ft

Beach



3rd Side of John A. McClosky's Land

Scale 8 Poles to the inch

Tract reserved by John Long
out of the Whiteoak Farm
Containing
32.25/2 Acres
Exclusive of 20 ft Roadway
between Turner & McClosky

20 ft Roadway between Turner & McClosky
Land of A. B. Turner

S. 56° 15' - 54 1/4 P.

Table of Contents

Sta	Bearing	Distance
A	S. 50° 30' W.	726 ft.
B	S. 44° 50' E.	82 Poles
C	S. 59° 45' E.	20.15 "
D	N. 62° E.	86 "
E	N. 32° W.	12.7 "
F	S. 56° 15' W.	54.25 "
G	N. 32° W.	16 "
H	S. 58° W.	20 ft
I	N. 51° W.	126 "
J	N. 9° 30' W.	157 "
K	N. 65° W.	177 "
		32.25/2 acres of land

Woodland

Woodland

Tractor
and, situated lying Land to be conveyed to Jennie Whiteoak
from Dist. of Cecil Co. Md.
owned by John Long from the
K Farm.
beginning at the S.W. end of the 3rd line of the land of John McClosky at a
the Elk River halfway between high & low water mark
beginning is N. 50° 30' E. 16 ft from Bridge to Mary & N. 10° W. 50 at from the North
of the Lower House & is designated on plat by the letter "A", the line with
any reference as is noted in Table of Contents.
upstream as joins the Elk River, other lands in the "Whiteoak Farm" (the public road leading
up to the John Porter Wharf. The lands of A. B. Turner & John A. McClosky is enclosed by
lines "A-B, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-A". Containing 32.25/2 acres of land
lying to survey in the 15°-10' range of S. 100° 15' 10' W. by
R. F. Jones, County Surveyor of Cecil County,
Maryland.

K R I V E Y

3d. Sine of John A. McClosky's Land

Scale 8 Pchs to the inch

20 ft Roadway between Turners & McClosky
Land of A. B. Turner.

S. 56° 15' - 54 1/4 P.

Table of Contents

Sta	Bearing	Distance
A	S. 60° 30' W	726 ft.
B	S. 44° 50' E	62.7 fms
C	S. 59° 45' E	20.15 "
D	N. 62° E.	86 "
E	N. 32° W	42.7 "
F	S. 56° 15' W	54.25 "
G	N. 32° W	16 "
H	S. 58° W	20 feet
I	N. 81° W	126 "
J	N. 9° 30' W	157 "
K	N. 55° W	177 "
		32.25 acres of land

Woodland

N. 32° W. 42.7 Pchs
Public Road from City to Town Point

N. 62° E. 86 Pchs

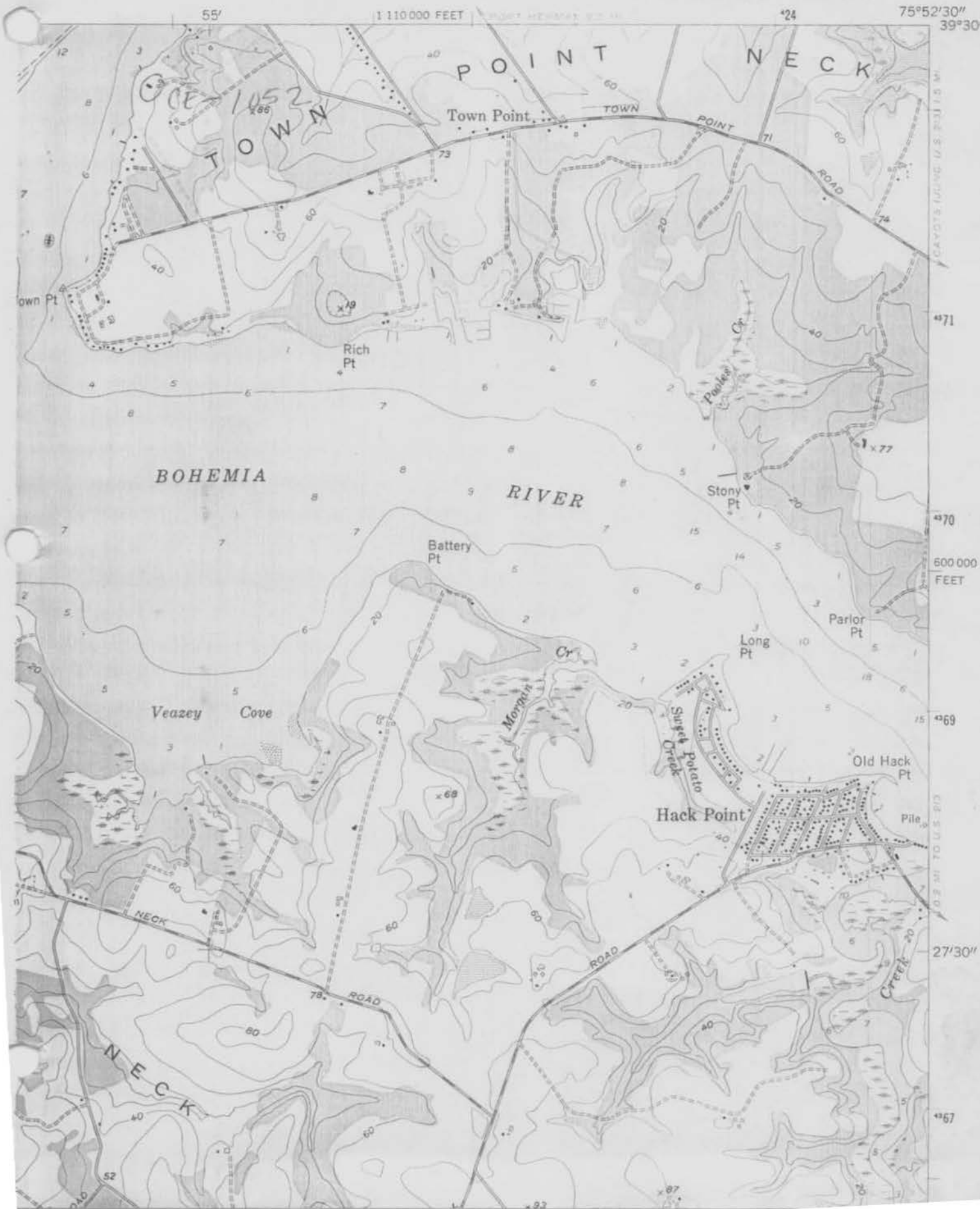
Roadway to Public road

To be conveyed to Jennie Whiteoak
the 3rd line of the land of John McClosky at a
between high & low water mark.
16 ft from Bridge to wharf & N. 10° W. 50 ft from the north
& is designated on plat by the letter "A", the use with
me recited in Table of Contents!

K River, other lands of the "Whiteoak Farm" & the public road leading
wharf. The lands of A. B. Turner & John A. McClosky & is enclosed by
-E, E-F, F-G, G-H, H-I, I-J, J-K, K-A. Containing 32.25 acres of land
up 12-16 days of September 1914. by
P. F. Jones, County Surveyor of Caledonia
Marion, Ind.

EARLEVILLE QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
NW/4 CECILTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5863 IN SE
RELATION





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LONG PROPERTY
CARRIAGE HOUSE
SOUTH ELEVATION

CE-1052

NK

CAYTIS CORNER, MD OCCIL

10/79 PBT NFG-MHT

DEV. BY
Elizabeth E. Booth

12/1/79



VI
27

~~Waverly Barn~~

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Long House

CITICEN House

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

N^R (AYOT'S CORNER, MD) CECIL

10/79 PBT NEG - MITT

DEV BY
Elizabeth E. Booth

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LONG PROPERTY

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BEACH TOWER HOUSE

WEST ELEVATION

NW CAYOTTS CORNER, MD.

10/79 PIST NEG - MHT

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DEV. BY
Elizabeth E. Booth



VI
26

LONG - PROPERTY

CE-1052

GARRINGE HOUSE

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

NIE

CAYO'S CORNER AND CECIL

10/79

P13T

NEG - MHT

✓

Dev. By
Elizabeth E. Booth

12/1/79