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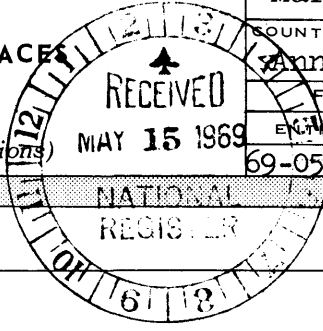
Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Anne Arundel
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
69-05-19-0006	5/15/69

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)



1. NAME

COMMON: Larkin's Hill Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC: Larkin's Hills (Larkin's Inn)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Swamp Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland

CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
19	Anne Arundel	003

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>				

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Fendall M. Clagett

STREET AND NUMBER: Mill Swamp Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House, Record Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 19

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 250

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21404

CODE: 19

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house at Larkin's Hills is located on the south side of Mill Swamp Road; east of Route Maryland 2 and three and a half miles south of the intersection of Route Maryland 2 and Route Maryland 214.

Typical of houses of the one-and-a-half story profile built in Tidewater Maryland prior to 1700, Larkin's Hills house has survived unaltered and in good repair.

The gambrel roof lines of the three sections of the house run N/S with a gable at the west end of the main block and a gable at the east end of the smaller east section. The main section has a chimney at each of its own north and south ends. Doors in the main section are opposite each other on the east and west elevations, connected by a central hall.

Originally the east entrance was the principal entrance, the water side usually being the important eighteenth-century ingress to Tidewater property. The landside entrance was from Mill Swamp Road, northeast. Hence the "showcase" brickwork appears as all-header bond on the east and north walls; the west and south walls are English bond. The east and north walls comprise an early example of all-header bond in the county.

The three windows and one door, on each elevation of the first floor of the main section, have arched lintels of alternating single, glazed and rubbed brick headers, an exceptional feature. The windows are double-hung, nine over nine sash at the first floor; six over six in the shed dormers in the roof.

The main house plan remains the same, consisting of four first floor rooms and the stairhall; two bedrooms above.

A sunporch was added, to the south, in 1920 and in 1951 an identical north end wing was added. The latter wing houses a dining room and kitchen on the first floor; two bedrooms above.

In the main section raised panelling appears in the central hall, over and around the parlor fireplaces and as the soffit, or underside, of the staircase and is all of early design. The three first floor fireplaces are on the diagonal in the inside corners of each room. Two of the hearths are laid with hexagonal bricks. A fourth fireplace is closed and conceals the modern furnace piping, using the flue. There are two more fireplaces on the second floor. Four flues are known to run into one chimney stack.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	losophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agriculture	Invention	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Art	Landscape	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	Architecture	Social/Human-	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communications	Literature	itarian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conservation	Military	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Music	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A State Roads Commission marker erected on January 4, 1939, reads:

PATENTED 1663  
 "CHARLES, LORD BALTIMORE AND HIS COUNCIL  
 ATTENDED THE MEETING OF THE ASSEMBLY HERE  
 OCTOBER 2 - NOVEMBER 6, 1683. 31 TOWNS  
 AND PORTS OF ENTRY WERE ESTABLISHED AT  
 THIS SESSION IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES ALONG  
 THE BAY. PRACTICALLY NONE OF THESE TOWNS  
 EXIST AT THE PRESENT TIME."

Six hundred and fifty acres of land on the Ridge surveyed in 1661 were patented, in 1663, to John Larkin, one of the early Quakers of Anne Arundel County.

Larkin built his house, which still stands, before the 1683 meeting of Charles, third Lord Baltimore, with the General Assembly of Maryland on October 2, 1683.

Larkin later operated an inn here, taking advantage of his location on the Severn Ridge Road, once an Indian trail, now the "Solomon's Island Road" (Route Maryland 2), running south through the center of lower Anne Arundel County.

The first regular postal route in Maryland from St. Mary's and through Annapolis included a stop at Larkin's Inn. Larkin's Hills served as a temporary capital of Maryland in 1683.

"...the older wing of the present gambrel-roofed house was the site of the first capital of the Province...was used for council meetings between 1692 and 1694...."

One of the several frame outbuildings, all of which have disappeared, was a very early courthouse. Governor Sir Lionel Copley and his Council met there in 1692; Colonel Nicholas Greenbury and his Council met there in 1694.

[see continuation sheet]

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776  
 Kelly, J. Reaney, Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, 1963; Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, Md.  
 Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage publication, 1967; Baltimore, Md. Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage Headquarters, Sheraton-Belvedere Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland  
 Maryland Archives, Hall of Records Commission, Annapolis, Maryland; VII, pp. 447; VIII, pp. 338; XX, pp. 48; XXIX, pp. 160-1. [see continuation sheet]

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust      DATE: May 8, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 P. O. Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland 21404      CODE: 19

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION      NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National       State       Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
 Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date May 8, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Edward Allen Connolly  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:

William J. Mautz  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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Larkin's Hill Farm

## #5. LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Hall of Records Commission, Annapolis, Maryland Code: 19.

Deed: SY-1 (1724-1728) folio 197  
 Deed: JHTJ-1 (1730-1732) folio 90  
 Resurvey: RB-3 (1747-1754) folio 556

## #8. SIGNIFICANCE

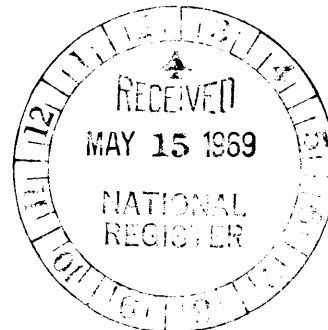
Colonel Nicholas Greenbury, member of a powerful political faction in early Maryland, was in 1691 appointed one of the judges of the Provincial Court. He was a member of the Governor's Council under Sir Lionel Copley and upon Copley's death, in 1693, served as Acting Governor until superceded by Sir Edwin Andres.

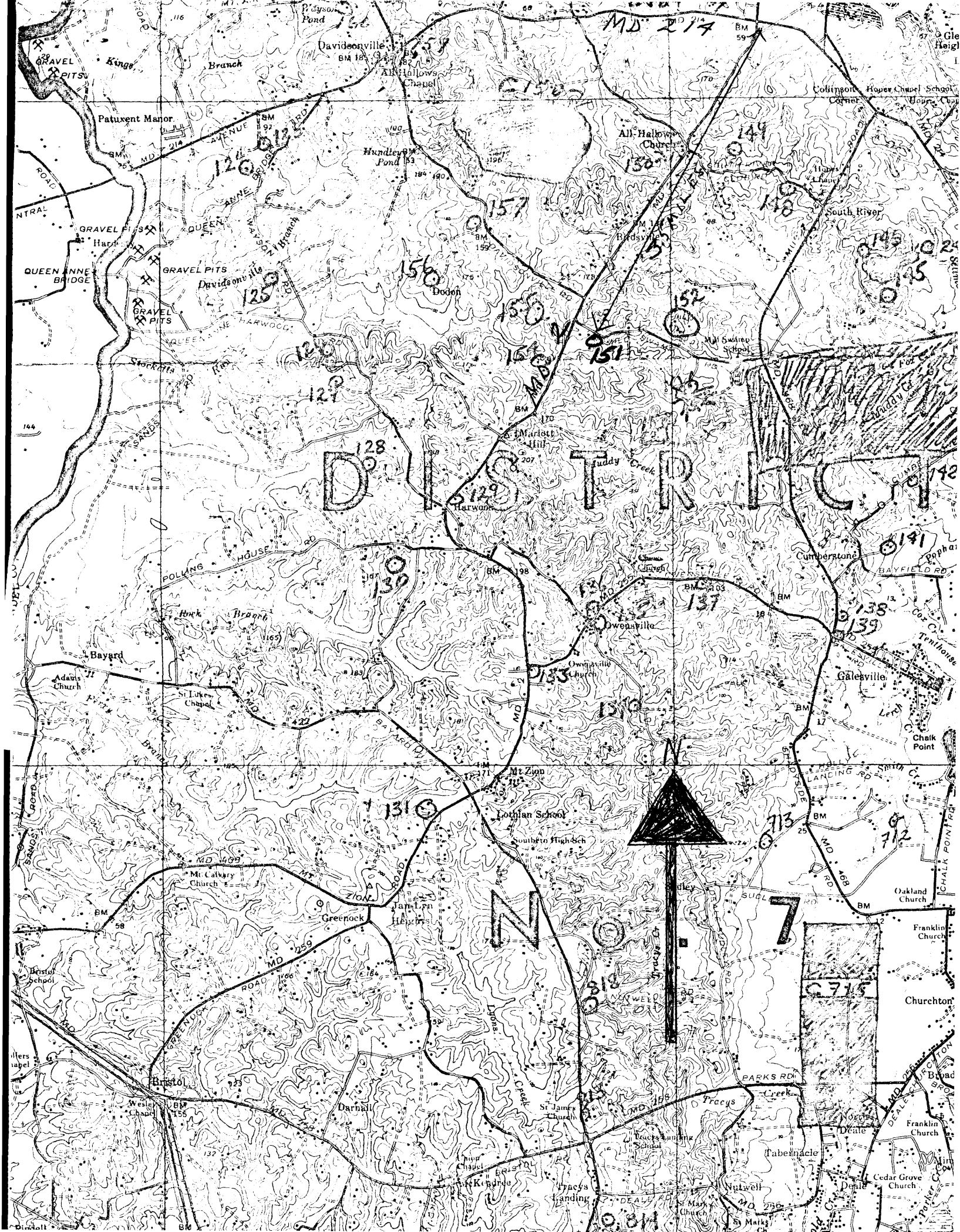
In the twentieth century this farm commands reknown as one of Maryland's best known thoroughbred horse-breeding and training farms.

Larkin's Hill Farm and its environmental import will be a candidate for the forthcoming statewide historic preservation plan to be submitted to the Department of Interior in 1971.

## #9. REFERENCES

State Roads Commission marker; Maryland Historical Society,  
201 W. Monument Street, Baltimore, Maryland





MD 214

DAVIDSONVILLE DISTRICT

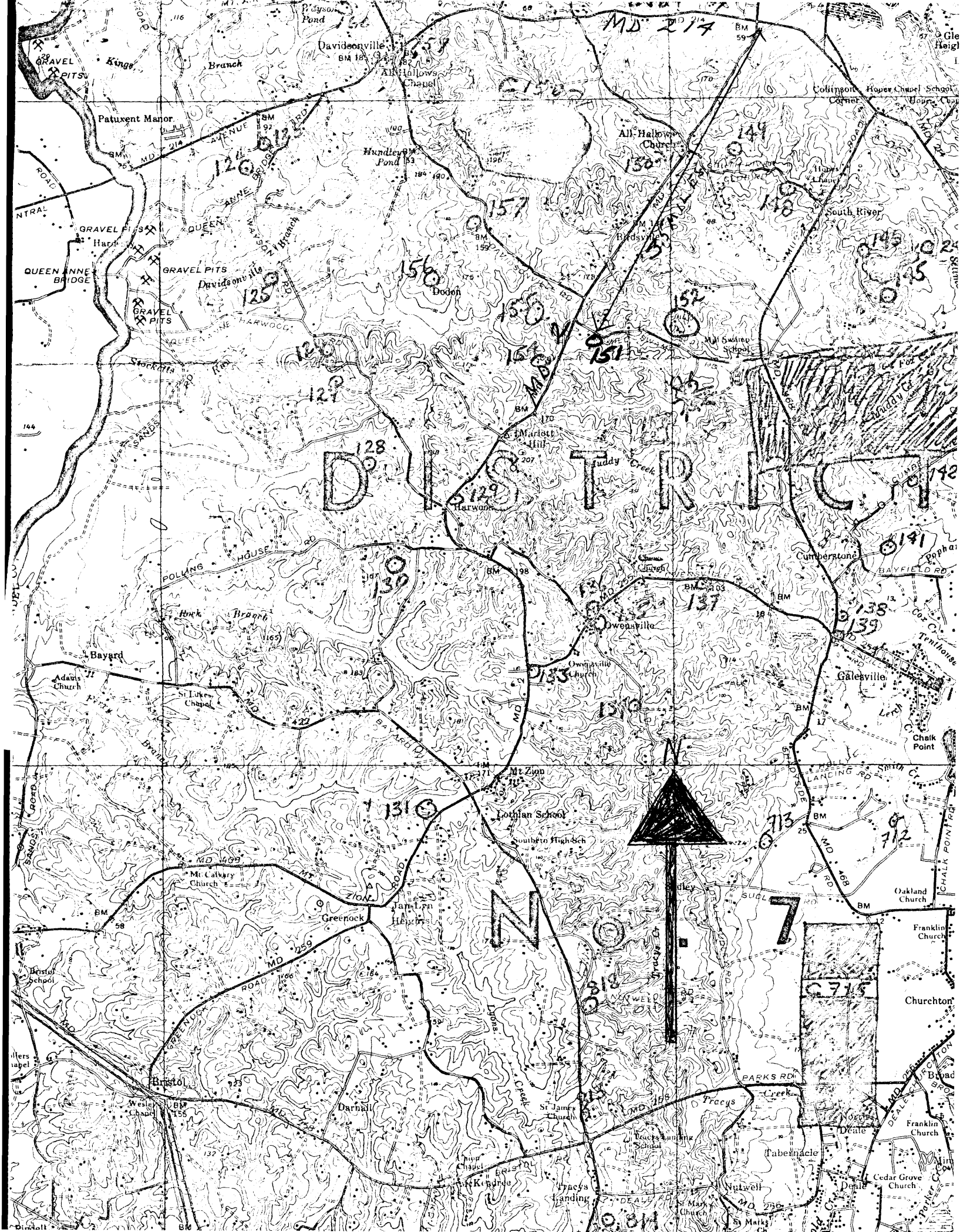


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Larkin's Hill Farm

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**PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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<b>3. MAP REFERENCE</b>			
SOURCE: Maryland Geological Survey, Anne Arundel County; Kenneth Weaver, Director. Compiled from U.S.G.S. topographic map.			
SCALE: 1=62500			
DATE: 1949. 1967 Limited Revisions, Roads & Housing Development			
<b>4. REQUIREMENTS</b>			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

South River  
1 = 24000

Larkin's Hill Farm