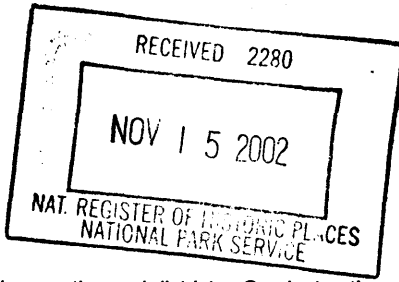


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Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Watkins Point Farm
other names James L. Horsey Farm, John T. Adams Farm S-246

2. Location

street & number 27737 Phoenix Church Road not for publication
city or town Marion Station vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Somerset code 039 zip code 21838

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

11-14-02
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

- I hereby certify that this property is:
- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
 - determined eligible for the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
 - Determined not eligible for the National Register.
 - removed from the National Register.
 - other (explain): _____

John W. Beall
Signature of the Keeper 12/27/02
Date of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Choose as many boxes as apply)

Category of Property
(Choose only one box)

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

- private
public-local
public-State
public-Federal

- building(s)
district
site
structure
object

Table with 2 columns: Contributing, Noncontributing. Rows for buildings, sites, structures, objects, Total. Values: 2, 2.

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single dwelling

Domestic/Single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

Early Republic/Federal
MID 19TH CENTURY/Greek Revival

foundation BRICK
walls WOOD/Weatherboard
roof ASPHALT
other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Description Summary:

The Watkins Point farm is located on the south side of Phoenix Church Road and approximately a half mile east of Cash Corner, Somerset County, Maryland. Situated on an elevated rise surrounded by fields and an expansive section of marsh, the farm dwelling is a three-part structure principally dating from the late eighteenth century and the mid nineteenth century. The house faces north with the main roof oriented no a north/south axis. Joining the house on the

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history.
- B Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

c. 1780- c. 1920

Significant Dates

c. 1780; c. 1850; c. 1920

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

UNKNOWN

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property .45 acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Baker Touart, Architectural Historian

Organization Private Consultant date 5/29/02

street & number Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland zip code 21871

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional Items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name John A. Donohue

street & number 4345 Nassawango Road telephone 410-623-3964

city or town Snow Hill state Maryland zip code 21863

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property is an early twentieth-century, single-story, rusticated concrete block potato house. Gunby Creek borders the farm on the east and Horse Creek is located to the west.

General Description:

Watkins Point farm, located in southern Somerset County, Maryland southeast of Marion Station, is improved by a three-part frame and sawn log dwelling built in stages dating from the late eighteenth century to the mid nineteenth century. Supported on a three-course common bond brick foundation with cellar, the one-room plan sawn log house was erected around 1780-90 and is extended to the west by a single-story mid nineteenth-century hyphen that connects the two-story, transverse hall plan main block, erected around 1850. The house is situated atop an elevated ridge of land that is surrounded by fields and marsh. Gunby Creek, a tributary of Pocomoke Sound, borders the farm on its east side.

Built with distinct stylistic references to the Greek Revival, the two-story, gable-front, transverse hall plan main block is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles over a layer of wood shingles. Paneled corner pilasters frame the front and side walls and visually support a gable-front pediment enriched with modillion block cornices. The three-bay front elevation is defined by a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The six-panel front door is framed by a pair of classical pilasters and a plain frieze. Incorporated between the pilasters and door are three-light sidelights. A few panes retain mid to late nineteenth-century etched glass. Located above the front door is a three-light transom. Seams in the weatherboards and remnants of foundation indicate the former presence of a single-story portico. The second story is lighted by three six-over-six sash windows. Many of the window openings retain shutter hardware, lift-off hinges and shutter dogs. The pediment, sheathed with flush weatherboards, is pierced by a round window that has lost its radiating muntins. The modillion block cornice remains largely intact.

The east elevation is three-bay façade that is extended on the first story with a shed roofed addition built during the mid twentieth century. Supported on a concrete block foundation, the addition is sheathed with plain weatherboards and is covered by a low pitched shed roof of asphalt shingles. The second story is marked by a series of three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with modillion blocks.

The south elevation is a symmetrical four-bay façade with pairs of six-over-six sash windows flanking interior end brick chimney stacks. The gable end wall is pierced by a single

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window opening that has lost its mid nineteenth-century sash. The edge of the roof is trimmed with a mid nineteenth-century molded bargeboard, and the corners of the rear wall are finished with Greek Revival pilasters.

The west side elevation is partially covered by the single-story, mid nineteenth-century, one-room plan hyphen, which is extended to the south by a shed roofed addition probably added around 1900. The hyphen is pierced by a single six-over-six sash window on its north wall, and the plain weatherboards are covered by imitation brick asphalt siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Piercing the wall of the main block above the hyphen is a series of three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. The base of the roof of the main block is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with modillion blocks.

The single-story, one-room plan sawn log house is attached to the west end of the hyphen, and it is supported on a three-course common bond brick foundation with an excavated cellar. The sawn log structure is sheathed with imitation brick asphalt siding, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roofline of the log section was modified to a rough salt-box shape during the mid nineteenth century in an effort to accommodate a partially enclosed porch on the south side. An early twentieth-century shed roofed porch extends from the front of the log structure. Rising through the west gable is a stuccoed brick stack. The east gable end is defined by a bulkhead entrance into the cellar, and a six-over-six sash window pierces the end wall. The edge of the roof is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The interiors throughout the three sections retain large portions of original woodwork. The gable-front main block follows a transverse hall plan with two large parlors to the south. Rising in the northeast corner of the hall is the original mid nineteenth-century staircase defined by a heavily turned newel post and ramped handrails supported by slender rectangular shaped balusters. A four-panel door opens into a small stair closet under the landing. The front hall is distinguished as well by crossetted door surrounds with shallow pediment lintels that frame six-panel doors. Each door has ogee profile panel moldings and the many doors retain mid nineteenth-century hardware.

The two parlors are separated by a partition pierced by a double door opening fitted with replacement glazed doors. The original Greek Revival crossetted surround and shallow pediment remain in place. The chimney stacks feature Greek Revival mantels with widely fluted pilasters, a molded frieze, and a thick board shelf.

The second floor is less elaborately finished with plain corner block surrounds framing six-panel doors. The mantels in the two principal chambers are plain Greek Revival forms with

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simple board pilasters, a board frieze and a board shelf. Partitioned in the west end of the upstairs hall is a third chamber or storage room. The staircase rises in two additional flights to the third floor attic, which is entered through a mid nineteenth-century paneled door that has never been painted. The attic is an unfinished space with a common rafter roof system supported by knee-wall studs. Outlooker supports for the cornice are mortised through and pinned.

The interior of the hyphen is simply finished with a plain Greek Revival mantel on the east wall, and plain corner block surrounds frame the window and door openings. A four-panel door opens into the sawn log structure.

The eighteenth-century interior has been partially modified as a kitchen. The formerly exposed floor joists have been covered, and the end wall of raised paneling has been reduced in size. A series of four vertical panels and two horizontal panels are located above a later mantel shelf and molded firebox surround. Sections of raised paneling to each side have been removed. A rear board-and-batten door has HL hinges, and the door opening is framed by an eighteenth-century surround molding. An adjacent six-over-six sash window is framed as well with the same molding. Surviving under later layers of wallpaper is the original chair rail.

To the south of the kitchen is a rectangular room incorporated under the shed roof. The shed room is distinguished by exposed corner post and plate construction. The rear plate is carefully chamfered between the former locations of intermediate posts.

The only surviving outbuilding is a single-story rusticated concrete block potato house that stands southeast of the house. The potato house is covered by a medium pitched gable roof of tin. The interior is divided into storage bins.

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Summary Statement of Significance:

The Watkins Point farm is architecturally significant on several counts. Sawn log wall construction techniques are only evident in four surviving structures in Somerset County. Other than the Watkins Point house, the known survival of sawn log construction is limited to a sawn log smokehouse in Princess Anne and two other sawn log smokehouses on rural farm sites. This eighteenth-century, single-story, one-room plan sawn log house, finished inside with raised-panel woodwork, expertly molded door and window surrounds as well as chair rail molding, survives as the only example of its type in Somerset County.

Now rarely seen on the Eastern Shore, the one-room plan dwelling has survived in very limited numbers as well, and the structures are usually incorporated, as evidenced here, in a larger building.

The mid nineteenth-century hyphen and gable-front main block were built in the same construction program in a stepped pattern well established across the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia. Both sections are finished with consistent Greek Revival features and mature cut nails. The most elaborate woodwork was limited to the principal elevation and the first floor interiors of the hall and parlors. While well known in the region, the transverse hall plan Greek Revival main block is rare in southern Somerset County, especially on this isolated site framed by fields and marsh.

The nominated site includes an early twentieth-century, rusticated concrete block potato house, the only outbuilding to survive on the farm. Although built of ordinary materials, the rusticated block potato house is now a rare architectural form in Somerset County.

Resource History and Historic Context:

The tract and location known as "Watkins Point" figures prominently in the early history of Somerset County as the southern geographical landmark for the boundary separating Maryland and Virginia. Earliest ownership of the "Watkins Point" patent is recorded in the Maryland Rent Rolls as being a 150-acre tract surveyed in 1664 for John Horsey and possessed by Stephen Horsey, a shipwright who resided on the Manokin River. Stephen Horsey's will was proved on 3 October 1722. His will declared that the "Watkins Point" property would pass to his son Stephen, while Horsey's own dwelling and plantation, known as "Hannah's Delight" and consisting of 640 acres, would be inherited by his other son, John.¹

¹ Somerset County Will Book, EB 9/85, written 10 January 1721, proved 23 October 1722.

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The second generation Stephen Horsey established residence on the "Watkins Point" tract for his will, proved on 9 September 1761, declared that his son Revill Horsey would inherit, "my Dwelling Plantation whereon I now live after the Death or Marriage of my well beloved."² To his grandson, John Horsey, Stephen bequeathed, "A parcell of land out of Watkins Point patent."³

John Horsey of Jno (1749-1811) occupied the Watkins Point property during his lifetime and was responsible for the construction of the extant sawn log house. At the time of the 1798 Federal Direct tax assessment he was listed with part of the Watkins Point land as well as a host of additional tracts. The improvements at the time were described as,

1 Dwelling House 18 by 14 1 story, 3 windows with 10' shade; kitchen 16 x 16;
smokehouse 10 x 10; milkhouse 10 x 10; stables 16 x 16; corn house 18 x 6; barn 20 x
20; all sawed logs and indifferent, 280 acres \$920⁴

At his death in 1811, John Horsey directed in his will that all his lands should be equally divided between his sons Stephen and John. Stephen Horsey (1781-1856) inherited the Watkins Point tract with its sawn log buildings. Stephen Horsey married Peggy Marshall on May 13, 1817, and the couple had three children, James, Heneretta and Margaret. It is likely that during their ownership of the plantation, Stephen and Peggy Horsey financed construction of the two-story Greek Revival main block. At the time of Stephen Horsey's death in 1856 his estate, administered by his son James Lambert Horsey, was valued at a sizable \$8,739.05.⁵

James Lambert Horsey and his wife Henrietta Watkins held title to the family farm through the Civil War years. In the 1860 United States census the couple was listed with three children, Margaret L., Luther J. S., and Henrietta C. Horsey. James was credited with real estate and personal property valued at \$26,000.⁶ The Horseys retained title of the family lands through the duration of the Civil War, but ultimately were forced to sell in a bankruptcy settlement in May 1870. The property, then consisting of 100 acres of upland and marsh, was conveyed to William H. Roach for \$2,250.⁷ According to the 1877 county atlas, Roach was a

² Somerset County Will Book, EB 4/80, written 8 October 1754, proved with codicil 11 January 1759.

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Tom Reedy, ed. *The 1798 Federal Direct Tax of Somerset County, Maryland*. Willow Bend Books: Westminster, MD. 1999, p.

⁵ Somerset County Administration Account, SWJ 11/215, 28 November 1856.

⁶ Eighth Census of the United States, Population Schedule for Somerset County, transcribed by John C. Barnes, p. 132.

⁷ Somerset County Land Record, LW 12/157, 3 May 1870.

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farmer and merchant who held title to 700 acres in the Lawson's Election District.⁸ At his death in 1877, the property was involved in a protracted estate settlement and finally, in October 1889, Roach's executors, Julia F. Atkinson, William E. Roach, and Gordon T. Atkinson, inherited the property.⁹ The farm remained in joint ownership until 1934 when it was transferred to John T. and Lottie L. Adams in November for \$2,250.¹⁰ The Watkins Point farm was managed by John T. Adams and his wife for the rest of their lives and not sold out of the family until September 2001.¹¹

⁸ John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, pp. 34 and 54.

⁹ Somerset County Land Record, HFL 7/378, 12 October 1889.

¹⁰ Somerset County Land Record, JMT 106/281, 22 November 1934.

¹¹ Somerset County Land Record, 511/999, 7 September 2001.

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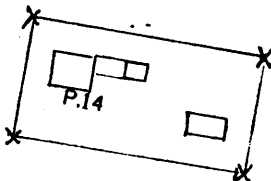
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Boundary Justification:

The .45 acre included in the Watkins Point farm nomination includes the immediate ground around the dwelling and potato house. The boundary lines have been drawn in an arbitrary shape to separate the immediate ground around the two buildings from the adjacent fields and marsh which do not figure into the significance of this nomination.

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WHITE WOOD CREEK

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WATKINS POINT
 FARM
 SOMERSET COUNTY
 MARYLAND

SKETCH MAP

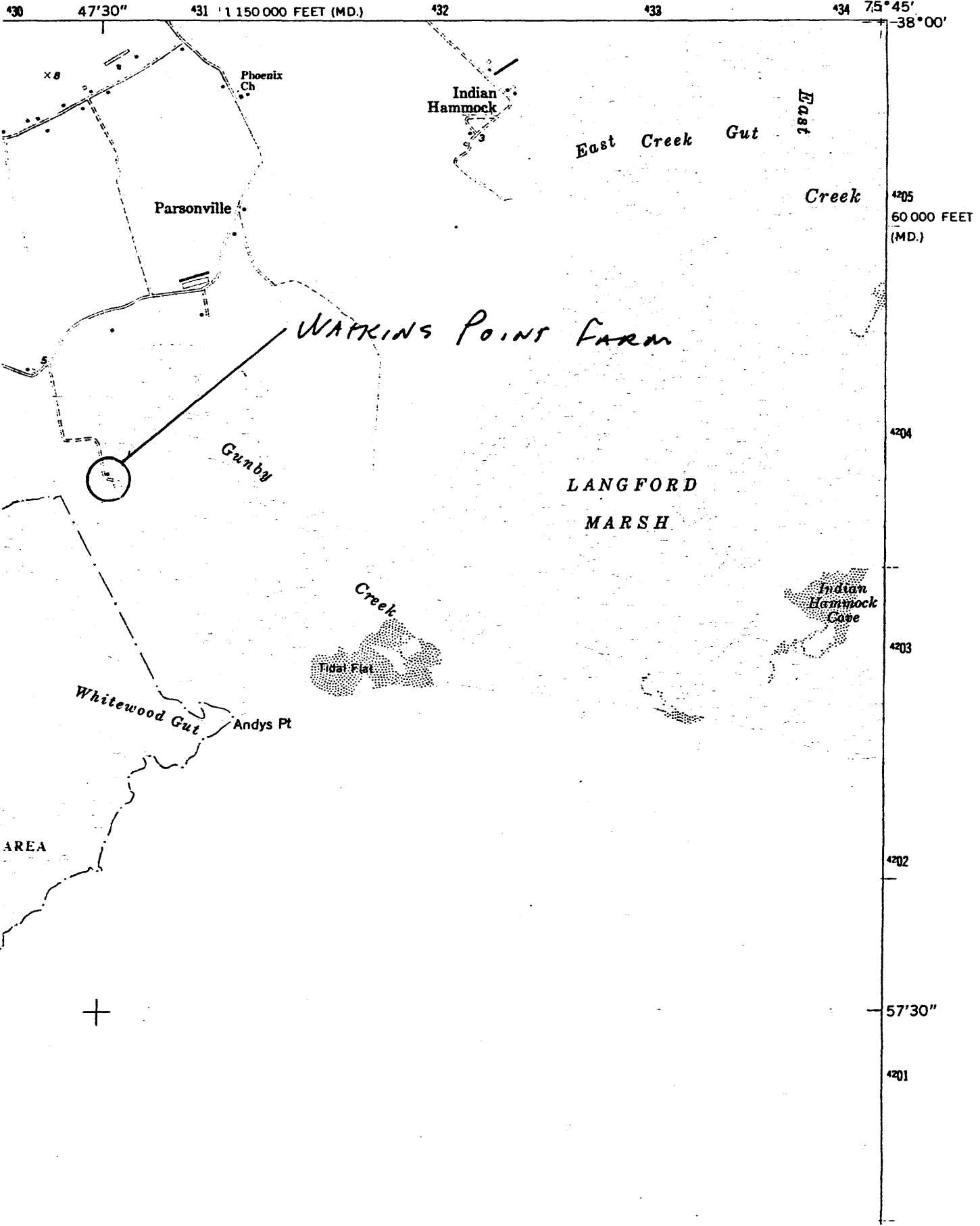
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SOMERSET County
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