

AL-V-B-097  
Gaston Stone House  
Gramlich Road, La Vale  
Ca. 1855

Also referred to as the Beckman House, this is a stone house laid in coursed rubble bond sometime near 1855. With numerous alterations and several additions and now showing three different types of wall construction on the northern facade, this house reveals a haphazard approach to home improvement.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gaston Stone House

AND/OR COMMON

Beckman House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Gramlich Road

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Terry Gaston (1974)

Telephone #: 777.9148

STREET & NUMBER

Gramlich Road

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 469

Folio #: 613

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Gaston Stone House is located on the south side of Gramlich Road in LaVale, Allegany County, and is west of the Cash Valley Road intersection.

The house consists of two portions that were constructed at different times. The original block consists of a one and a half story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped stone structure. The east addition consists of a one and a half story, two bay wide, rectangular shaped facade which is also constructed of stone. The stone construction is laid in coursed rubble bond and the facade is supported by a stone foundation. The roof of the entire facade is gabled and is covered by replaced asphalt shingles. Eaves exhibit boxed cornices and soffit on the addition while the original block features close verges. A single hipped dormer is placed on the north side of the addition. A louvered ventilator is also featured in the peak of the gable end on the east side. Windows in the house include pegged, double hung wooden sash frames with six-over-six and three-over-three lights with stone lintels in the original block. The addition includes windows exhibiting double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and single sash frames with side lights. Two main entrances are found on the north side of the house and they exhibit a twenty two inch reveal with replaced door and transom light. An enclosed porch is placed on the east side and it is supported by brick piers. A wooden portico is also found on the rear south side of the house. Two replaced corbeled brick chimneys are located on the inside ends of both the main block and addition.

The house is structurally sound, however it has been somewhat altered since original construction.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

SPECIFIC DATES Ca. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1833 Dr. Samuel P. Smith was granted land in the Cash Valley area known as "Wednesday's Work" and "Woodland".<sup>1</sup> In 1854, what was probably part of this land grant was sold to F.M. Gramlich Sr. This area was known as "Wednesday Moor", "Britt's Adventure", and "Porter's Run".<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Gramlich built a substantial stone house laid in coursed rubble sometime near 1855. This original rectangular structure featured double hung wooden sash framed windows with six-over-six lights on the first floor and three-over-three lights on the second floor. Roof trim was constructed with close verges.

Alterations since original construction include a large stone addition also laid in coursed rubble with a single hipped dormer. An even later addition is an enclosed porch of frame construction. Two chimneys are located on the inside end of both the old and new portions of the house. The chimney of the original half of the house has been replaced.

Now showing three different types of wall construction on the northern facade this house reveals a haphazard approach to home improvement. The original section was constructed within the context of the environment and shows a cultural awareness not present in the additions.

1. Allegany County Land Records (Liber D, Folio 72)
2. Allegany County Land Records (Liber 11, Folio 139)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.54**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

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/17/77

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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.

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Gaston Stone House  
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 469, Folio 613  
Grantee: Terry L. Gaston et ux Date: March 18, 1974  
Grantor: Ester J. Beckman (widow) Consideration: \$23,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 178, Folio 242  
Grantee: John M. Beckman et ux Date: July 17, 1937  
Grantor: Phillip G. Freeland et ux Consideration: \$2,000.00  
Notes: 61½ acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 140, Folio 37  
Grantee: Phillip G. Freeland et ux Date: May 24, 1920  
Grantor: John F. Hummel et ux Consideration: STAMP \$4.00  
Notes: 61½ acres

Allegany County Deed: Liber 126, Folio 86  
Grantee: John F. Hummel et ux Date: Jan. 17, 1919  
Grantor: Harry B. Klosterman et ux Consideration: STAMP -\$3.50

Allegany County Deed: Liber 125, Folio 258  
Grantee: Harry B. Klosterman et ux Date: Aug. 21, 1918  
Grantor: F. Brooke Whiting et al Consideration: \$2,825.00  
Notes: 175 acres Rittersville - a tract of land (Confirmatory Deed)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 122, Folio 375  
Grantee: Harry B. Klosterman et ux Date: July 13, 1917  
Grantor: F. Brooke Whiting et al Consideration: \$2,825.00  
Notes: Trustees to sell land

Allegany County Deed: Liber 11, Folio 139  
Grantee: F.M. Gramlich Sr. Date: Feb. 24, 1854  
Grantor: Samuel P. Smith et ux Consideration: \$1,000.00  
Notes: "Wednesday Moor", "Britts Adventure" and "Porters Run"

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-3-097

DATE: 6/17/77  
469/613  
2.54 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Gaston Stone House (Beckman House)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Gramlich Road, La Vale

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Terry Gaston (1974) 777-9148

ADDRESS: Gramlich Road  
La Vale, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1(X) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WALLS, ADDITIONS: Larger 2 story on east side 18" walls part frame/stone

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
Coursed
- LOG
- OTHER: Coverings Abestos shingles

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6(X) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(✓) 3/3  
pegged(X) nailed(X) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(X)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards Replaced

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed cornice  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 1  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled(X) original( ) replaced(X)  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end(X) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1855  
CONDITION: Good

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- ( ) SPIRAL
- ( ) BROADWAY

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) PANELED: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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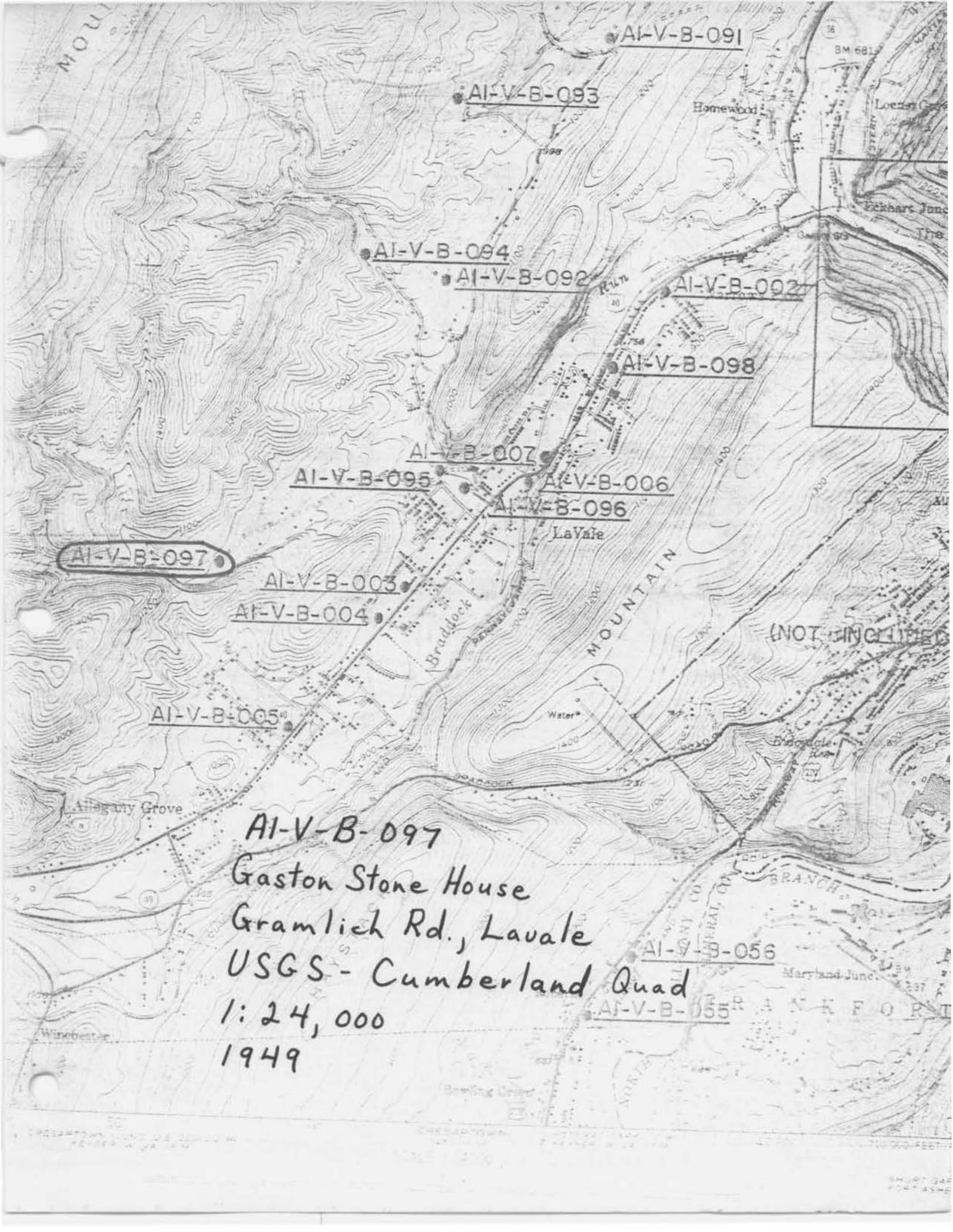
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Gaston Stone House  
Gramlich Rd., Lavale  
USGS - Cumberland Quad  
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(NOT INCLUDED)



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Gaston Stone House

Gramlich Rd., Lavale

John E. Nelson

6/17/77

Southwest