

AA-207  
Roedown  
Davidsonville

c. 1835  
private

This two-and-a-half story, three-bay, 19th century, brick dwelling of urban appearance belonged in the Brogden family for more than a hundred years. Reverend William Brogden, rector of All Hallows Church (AA-150) bought Roedown in 1742 but it was probably his grandson, William Brogden, who had the house built. The house has a well proportioned side hall with stairs ascending to the attic, and double parlors. The entrance, having double doors, has an unusual, modillioned cornice and leaded transom.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Roedown

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER N. side Harwood Rd., off of Wayson Rd.

CITY, TOWN Davidsonville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE MD

COUNTY Anne Arundel

**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 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 John M. Begg

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Roedown St.

Md.

CITY, TOWN Davidsonville \_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Anne Arundel  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 341

Folio #: 181

STREET & NUMBER South St.

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Md

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Roedown is located at the end of a private road, on the north side of Harwood Rd., off of Wayson Rd., near Davidsonville. It is situated on a knoll, surrounded by the rich pasture land of a working farm, facing south.

The structure is a 2 1/2 story, rectangular, three bay brick dwelling on a partially raised, lighted basement. A small two story frame kitchen wing on a brick foundation joins the east elevation at the rear. The main house is brick, laid in common bond on all elevations, and carefully repointed by the present owner. The kitchen wing is shingled and painted white. The house, which looks to have been built in the first half of the 19th century (c. 1835), has a decidedly urban appearance for its rural setting.

A one story screen porch with a shed roof joins the east elevation and abutts the kitchen wing.

The main entrance is in the east bay, front elevation. Six-paneled doors are set within a recessed entry, having a modillioned cornice and a rectangular transom, containing lead tracery in a circular design; louvered shutters flank the doors. A less formal entrance, also with double doors, is at the rear of the house.

Windows throughout the house have 6/6 double hung sash with brick flat arches and limestone (?) sills. Recessed and framed by louvered shutters, the windows are spaced evenly on the front and west elevations. The window, located above the door, midway between the first and second stories, corresponds to the stair landing inside.

The house has a gable flank roof, covered with wood shingles, and a five course brick cornice. A large rectangular brick chimney, with short ends perpendicular to the gables, is set slightly off center of the middle of the roof. Pairs of pedimented dormers with segmental arched windows, holding 6/6 light sash are on the front and rear of the roof.

Interior: The house has a side hall plan with a through hall, having doors at either end for cross ventilation. Stairs on the east wall of the hall rise, with two landings to the third floor. The gracefully curved handrail is walnut or mahogany with a round turned newel post and round curly maple balusters. The step ends display raised scroll patterns and the wall under the stairs is paneled. Double parlors, separated by 5-paneled folding doors,

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 c. 1835

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A two-and-half story, three bay, 19th dwelling of brick, Rowdown has an urban character which is exaggerated by its bucolic setting. The house sits on top of a terraced knoll surrounded by rolling pasture lands. The property is a working farm on which race horses are bred and raised. The elegant treatment of the entrance as seen in the modillioned cornice and leaded transom is in contrast with the common bond facade, jack arches over the windows, and particularly the use of a brick cornice. The chimney placement permits fireplaces on the inside wall of the hall. The exterior and interior, restored by the present owners, are in excellent condition. The side hall with its graceful arched entry, stairs leading to the third floor and fine 19th century woodwork are typical of the detail throughout the house.

The earliest reference to Rowdown occurs in a certificate of patent (16/34) from George Yate of Anne Arundel County, a surveyor, and Thomas Taylor, also of Anne Arundel, for 800 acres of land, Dec. 3, 1670. The name Brogden is associated with the property until the late 19th century. It is first mentioned in a deed of April 6, 1742 when William Brogden of Anne Arundel County, purchased from John Taillor, London Merchant, 800 acres for 425 pounds, called Rowdown (RB 1/189). Reverend William Brogden was Rector of All Hallows Church (AA-150) from 1738 to 1760 and he is buried under the altar of the church. His eldest son, William, was referred to as Capt. Brogden in the 1776 Census and Major Brogden, owner of part of Rowdown in the 1783 Tax Assesment. He served as a delegate to the General Assembly in 1793, 1796, 1797. The 1798 Federal Tax Assesment for Lower Road River Hundred lists William Brogden as the owner of 473 acres of Rowdown and a 30 x 20', one story, wood dwelling, kitchen and meat house. It was most likely for Dr. William Brogden (1797-1863); the grandson of Reverend William Brogden, that the handsome brick house as we know it was built.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** 217.10 map58

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

Marion Morton Carroll *Historic Sites Surveyor*

ORGANIZATION

Dept. of Planning and Zoning, AA Ct.

DATE June, 78

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Arundel Center

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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

## INDEXED Title Search      Roedown

341      181      Sept. 18, 1945  
Grantors: Thomas D. and Margaret B. Carson  
Grantees: John M. and Jennie F. Begg  
215.64 acres

231      339      Dec. 28, 1940  
Grantors: Safe Dept. and Trust Co. of Baltimore, trustee under  
Will of Meta Packard, late of Baltimore city.  
Grantees: Thomas D. & Margaret B. Carson

GW 1      39      Jan. 9, 1896  
Grantor: Joseph Packard, Jr. attorney of Baltimore city.  
Grantee: Meta Packard  
At public sale August 27, 1895 by State Attorney by special  
authority vested in him by mortgage from Mary H. Brogden,  
widow of Dr. William Brogden, to Meta Packard

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Form 10-445  
(5-62)

1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Anne Arundel</b> TOWN _____ VICINITY _____ STREET NO. <b>w. wayson road</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AA-VII-125
	2. NAME <b>Roedown</b> DATE OR PERIOD _____ STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

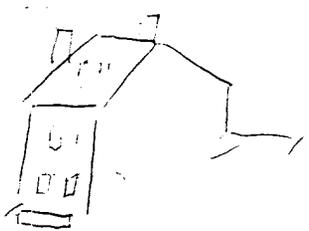
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Begg

on high hill  $2\frac{1}{2}$  story brick hall and double parlor

narrow, deep, commanding

2 chimneys on W side, dormers on front and back, A roof ridge runs E-W. On fine rolling farm lands, house in fine condition. E end has proportionately small 1-storey wing. Outbuildings, grove trees, no portico on S side doorway



5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

~~AA-VII-75~~  
Kosdonn —

rec'd 1.22.70  
Phoebe Jacobson —

1 copy made 1.22.70  
of hand written material.

Rockdown

AA - ~~VII~~ - XVI  
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- 1945 Thomas D. Carson & W. to John H. Begg & W. (JHH 341:181)
- 1941 St. Clair, Meyerson to Tho. D. Carson & W. (JHH 232:401)  
with deeds & improvements
- 1940 Safe Deposit & Trust Co. of Balto. to John H. Carson & W. (JHH 231:339)

1864 Equity Case shows that property was owned by Dr. William Brodgen and part of it was made up of Rockdown 450 acres. There is a plot of property in case. No house shown. (Equity [HHB 9:142] [447])

1845 Mortgaged by Dr. Brodgen to Richard Lemon and William Stevenson (WSA 27: 546)

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Begg 359  
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NH 341/181 (18 Sept. 1945) Thomas D. Carson  
and w. Margaret B. to John M. Begg  
and Joanne F. Begg & w.

For #10. and other considerations  
all track in 1<sup>st</sup> Election District  
Beg. at a pipe set to replace a  
post at end of 2<sup>d</sup> line of "Dower A" as  
shown on a plat of survey made by  
John Duwall, recorded in Equity NH 9  
of 527 with case of Sarah A. Lemman  
et al vs Mary H. Brogden et al which  
point of beg. is also a corner boundary  
of lot #2 as shown on said plat, thence  
with outlines of "Dower A" & binding  
on lines of Conveyance from Alex.  
Hagner, et al to Dr. Richard Weems,  
Ap. 5, 1865 rec. in NH C 13 of 341 etc,  
with a division fence north  $24^{\circ} 33' m$   
W 1904.9 ft. to a pipe set on the SW  
side of Fish Run Branch, thence leaving  
the said conveyance to Dr. Weems & with  
Fish Run Branch to a pipe set to intersect  
the 269 per. line of whole tract of  
which this description is a part,  
as described in Equity Case Terenith  
referred to, thence leaving branch &  
with said line reserved, as now survey.  
S 19048 m. E 2128.85' to pipe on  
bank on west side of County Road

leading from Davidsonville to  
 Stocketts Run branch, thence leaving  
 the outlines & running with & binding  
 on the road the following 2 courses  
 and distances, South  $17^{\circ} 04' m E$   
 $375.3'$  & South  $18^{\circ} 29' m E$   $757.15'$   
 thence leaving road N.  $70^{\circ} 32' m E$   
 $26'$  to intersect the 269 perch line;  
 then with said line  $S 19^{\circ} 28' m$   
 $E 166.3'$  to point on the outline  
 distant  $S 66^{\circ} 45' m W 3.55'$  from  
 a nail in SW face of a marked gum  
 tree on NW side of an old road  
 leading to Dodson. thence leaving  
 the outlines & with lines of the convey-  
 ance from Meta Packard to Oswald V.  
 Carper by deed Jan 28, 1932 (FSR 103:153)  
 $S 66^{\circ} 45' m W 413.45'$  to a stake in the  
 NW side of the County Road from Queen  
 Anne's Bridge to Stocketts Run,  
 thence running with & binding on the  
 road the 5 following courses;  $S 23^{\circ} 25' m$   
 $E 26.03'$ ,  $S 48^{\circ} 18' m E 190.2'$ ,  $S 24^{\circ} 15'$   
 $m E 536.2'$ ,  $S 25^{\circ} 42' m E 127.3'$   
 and  $S 58^{\circ} 08' m E 189.75'$  to the center  
 of the Bridge over Stocketts Run Branch,  
 thence with Run & the outlines of whole  
 tract as shown on plat heretofore

- referred to, to stake set to intersect  
3<sup>rd</sup> line of Dower B as shown on plat  
thence leaving said branch & with 3<sup>rd</sup>  
line reversed, & with fence N 140  
12 m E 1589.72' to a pipe set  
at end of 1<sup>st</sup> line of Conveyance from  
heirs of Wesley McGowan to Math  
Packard, 25 Mar. 1905 (G W 42:120)  
thence leaving Dower B & with  
lines of conveyance N 75° 48 m W  
208.72' to a pipe, thence N 140 12 m  
E 412.79' to center of County Road  
from Queen Anne's Bridge to SR,  
thence bending to center of Road S 78°  
21 m E 203.48' to intersect N 30 m  
W 16.4 per line of Dr. Waerns conveyance  
thence leaving said McGowan  
conveyance & with part of line &  
lines of lot # 2, referred to & with line  
fence N 10 18 m W 249.75' to lay.

Containing 215.64 ac., exclusive of  
the area in County Roads as surveyed  
by Ed. Hall Jr., June 1940 with magnetic  
meridian referred to date of survey

Being same property conveyed to

- Thomas D. Carson via Key Safe Deposit  
& Trust Co. of Balt. Trustee, Dec. 28  
1940 (J H H 231 f 339)

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Beag 4 359  
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also all strip of land 1.46 acres  
lying on SW side of County Road  
leading from OA & Davidsonville  
Road to Sandy Road to Harwood  
& thro properties of which strip is  
a part

Same granted Carson & w. from  
Charles St. Clair Wayson & w, Mar 13, 1941  
(JAH 232/401)

With bldgs, improvements thereon  
erected with all rights of way

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Rich A Harwood

Fish Run

Dower A

Pt. of Roedown

95 ac

Bound  
Brook down

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B Stone

Pinkberry Pond

Lot No 1  
177 ac.

Lot 2

201  
detached acre

part of Roedown

378 ac

Dower B  
07 ac

pt of Roedown  
108 1/2 ac

Stockets Run Woodlands

Equity

HHG 9:142 [497]

Sarah A Lemmon adm  
of CTA of Richard Lemon vs  
Mary H. Brogden et al - 1864

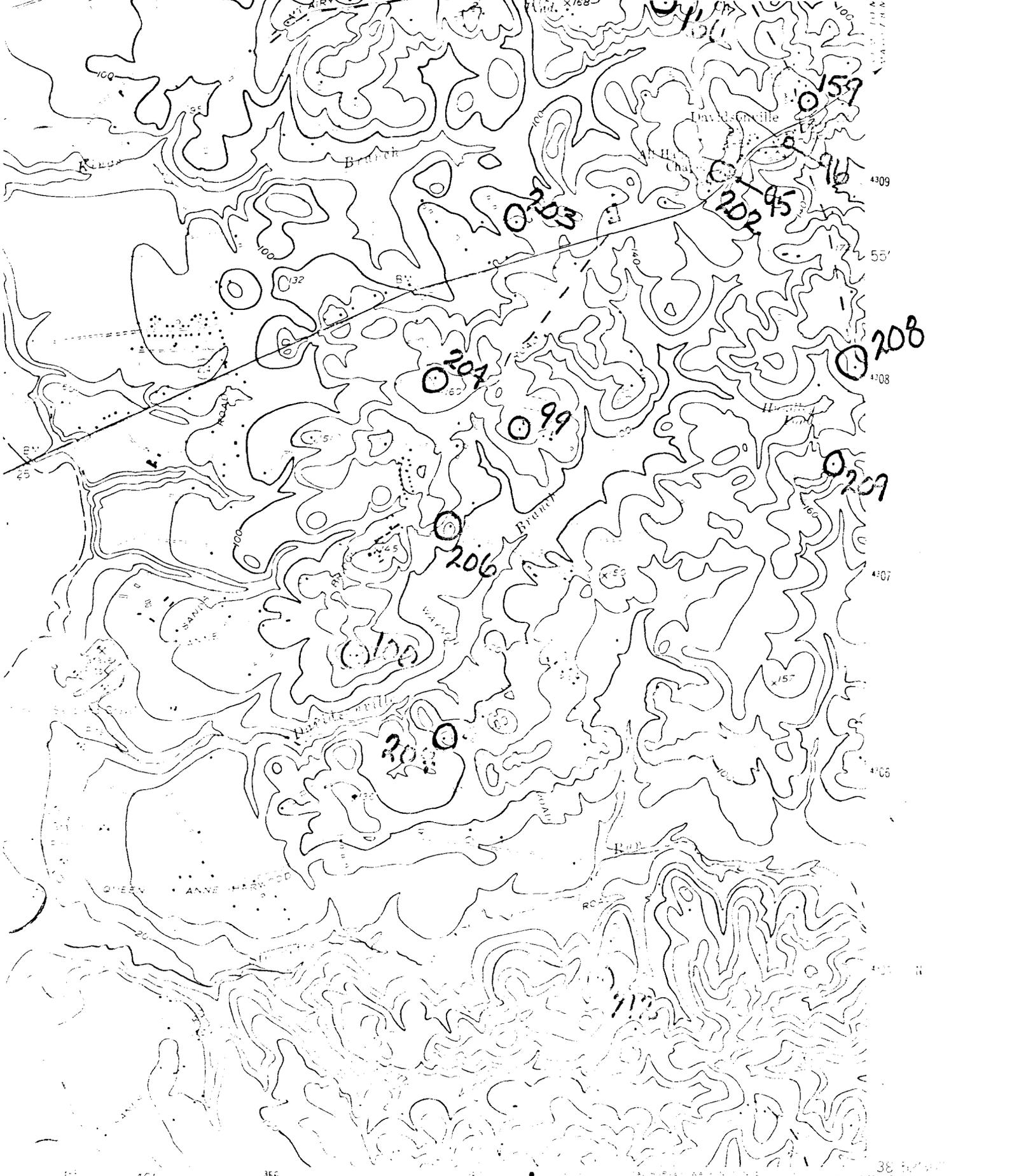
Sarah of Balto City, adm. de bonis non  
of Richard Lemmon late of Balto. sues for  
herself & creditors of Dr. Wm. Brogden  
late of AA Co.

Brogden was indebted to Lemmon  
& Wm. Stevenson and as surety put  
up farm, Stevenson died freeing his  
brother-in-law of \$1,000 debt. Ex. of Stevenson  
was his w. Elizabeth Meynelier Stevenson, (1855)

Brogden died leaving widow, Eliz.  
& 7 children. Personal estate not  
sufficient to pay debts so real estate  
must be sold - estate named Rockdown  
& contains 450 acres. - tower of Elizabeth  
Brogden.

mortgage taken out 8 Jan 1845 betw  
Wm. Brogden & Rich. Lemon & Wm. Stevenson  
for \$6,500. Rockdown used as security  
(WSC 27:546)

This mentions no bldg or house



Roedown - AA-37

FOOT CLASSIFICATION

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Reedown  
Davidsonville v.  
South front  
Marion M. Carroll  
June, 1978



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Roedown  
Davidsonville v.  
east elev.  
Marion Cannell  
June, 1978



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Roedown  
Davidsonville v.  
North ew.  
Marion Morton Carroll  
June, 1978



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Roedown

Davidsonville v.

interior - stairs

Marion Carroll

June, 1978



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Roedown

Davidsonville v.

door detail

Marion Carroll

June, 1978