

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-0025**

**John Humphrey House**

**8737 Wright's Mill Road**

**Baltimore, Baltimore County**

**Ca. 1743**

**Private**

The John Humphrey House is located at 8737 Wright's Mill Road near the town of Granite, an 18th-century town in the western region of Baltimore County. The vernacular stone dwelling was constructed circa 1743, based on early English Colonial stylistic stone construction precedents. During the Hartley ownership, a circa 1840 granite addition was added doubling the size of the dwelling. In 1867, the seventy-acre property was purchased by George Allen, while the Hartley family continued to own surrounding lands. In 1891, John Humphrey purchased the house that now bears his name.

The two-story, six-bay-wide dwelling faces southeast and features a similar stone foundation, side-gabled wood shingle roof, and one exterior end and one interior end brick chimney. The dwelling is accented by slightly overhanging eaves, a boxed wood cornice, stone quoins, and operable louvered wood shutters. The landscaped property is located one-half mile west of Dogwood Road in Quaker Hill, near Granite. It features a winding drive, wooded perimeter, grassy lawn, and mature trees and foundation plantings. The 2.91-acre property is supported by a historic smokehouse, well, and chicken house, as well as a non-historic garage, stable, and shed. The property originally had a barn, which is no longer standing, and a cemetery, which is currently located on the adjacent property.

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Inventory No. BA-0025

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Humphrey House (preferred), Thomas Hartley House

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 8737 Wrights Mill Road      not for publication

city, town Baltimore      vicinity

county Baltimore County

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Vera Eileen Redmond

street and number 8737 Wrights Mill Road telephone 410.765.5182

city, town Baltimore state Maryland zip code 21244

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6407 folio 312

city, town Towson tax map 86 tax parcel 102 tax ID number 0207150330

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u> buildings
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		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>1</u>	

## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The two-story random rubble stone dwelling, known as the John Humphrey House, was constructed in two distinct building phases, circa 1743 and 1840. The six-bay-wide dwelling faces southeast and features a similar stone foundation, side-gabled wood shingle roof, and one exterior end and one interior end brick chimney. The dwelling, located at 8737 Wrights Mills Road, is accented by slightly overhanging eaves, a boxed wood cornice, stone quoins, and operable louvered wood shutters. The landscaped property is located one-half mile west of Dogwood Road in Quaker Hill, near Granite. It features a winding drive, wooded perimeter, grassy lawn, and mature trees and foundation plantings. The 2.91-acre property is supported by a historic smokehouse, well, and chicken house, as well as a non-historic garage, stable, and shed. The property originally had a barn, which is no longer standing, and a cemetery, which is currently located on the adjacent property.

### EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The primary façade, facing southeast, is composed of two almost symmetrical blocks, each measuring three-bays in width. The western portion was constructed circa 1743, while the eastern half was added circa 1840. The western portion features a slightly off-center central entry flanked on each side by a wooden 6/6 window with a thin square-edged surround and sill and operable louvered wood shutters. The entry consists of a slightly inset single-leaf wood four-light and two-panel door with square-edged molded surround and metal covered lintel. The second story of the western portion features three slightly unevenly spaced 6/6 wood windows. The windows display a thin square-edged surround and sill and operable wood louvered shutters and are placed just beneath the cornice. A small portion of the second story retains earlier exterior parging. The eastern addition, which forms a flush wall plane with the original building, almost mimics its predecessor. The addition, also constructed of fieldstone, features a central single-leaf, slightly inset, four-light and two-panel entry with molded square-edged surround and large splayed stone lintel. It is flanked to the east by a 6/6 wood window with a thin square-edged surround and sill and operable louvered wood shutters. Three almost evenly spaced 6/6 windows with thin square-edged surrounds and sills and operable louvered wood shutters mark the second story. The sills are slightly wider on the addition than the original block. The addition is further delineated with stone quoins. A brick porch pad stretches across the entire façade.

The northeast elevation retains a parged exterior. The elevation also features a molded wood cornice and two attic story four-light casement windows with molded wood surrounds and sills. The windows flank the exterior end brick chimney, laid in a stretcher bond pattern with a double-hood cap. The chimney, which appears to be shouldered, is masked in ivy.

The northwest, or rear, elevation appears as though it may have at one time functioned as the façade. The symmetrical elevation features a central single-leaf wooden two-paneled entry with paneled transom and square-edged surround. The entry is sheltered by a circa 1930s shed-roofed porch, which is partially enclosed with beaded-board siding on the western end. The open bay is supported by a square post and the enclosure features a single-leaf entry obscured by a screen door. The enclosure also features a fixed four-light window on the northeast side. A wrap-around one-story gabled addition obscures the remaining portion of the elevation. To the east of the central entry, the circa 1840 addition extends two bays. It is pierced with two evenly spaced wooden 6/6 windows with thin square-edged surrounds, large stone splayed lintels, square-edged stone sills, and operable wood louvered shutters. The second story is pierced, just below the cornice, with five evenly spaced wooden 6/6 windows with thin wooden square-edged surrounds, square-edged stone sills, and operable louvered wood shutters. The wrap-around one-story addition, gabled on the northwest elevation, is clad in wood shingles

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with a standing seam metal roof. The northeast elevation is pierced with a six-light wooden casement window with square-edged wood surround and a one-leaf hinged vertical board braced shutter. The northwest elevation features three evenly spaced wooden six-light casement windows with thin molded wood surrounds and vertical board shutters. The shallow gabled roof features a molded fascia, boxed wood cornice and false returns. The foundation stone was partially obscured by ivy. A brick porch pad stretches across the elevation.

The southwest elevation of the John Humphrey House features an interior end brick chimney and an attic story off-center six-light wood window with molded wood surround and sill. The one-story addition extends to the northeast covering half of the gable end. The addition is pierced on the southwest side by two wooden casement six-light windows with molded wood surrounds and sills and vertical board shutters. The addition is also marked by a three-light casement window with molded wood surround on the southeast side.

### INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The basement and first floor of the dwelling were significantly altered in the 1930s. Nevertheless, a significant amount of early 19<sup>th</sup> century fabric remains intact. During the early 20<sup>th</sup> century alterations, the circa 1743 parlor was completely renovated, and an entry room, dining room, and kitchen were added to the house within a wood frame addition. The circa 1840 parlor retains its historic materials. Additionally, the second floor and attic were largely unaltered during this phase of renovations.

The stone masonry portion of the dwelling features two parlors on the first floor that are separated by a straight-rise stair that ascends to the southeast from its origin at the center of the northwest elevation. The circa 1743 parlor was completely renovated in the 1930s, resulting in the addition of beaded vertical board, an ogee crown molding and molded baseboard to the walls. All interior door casements were altered to have square-edged segmentally-arched surrounds. All window casements were rebuilt with square-edged surrounds. The fireplace and mantle in this room were completely altered by the re-construction of the hearth, which is now approximately six feet wide, in its original location. The hearth is ornamented by a pressed copper hood and a shallow molded shelf.

The circa 1840 parlor retains the greatest amount of historic materials. Two cabinets with book shelves above cabinets with raised-panel double-leaf doors are built into the recessed spaces that flank the central hearth. The fireplace features a marble surround and Greek Revival-style mantle composed of flat, stylized pilasters that support a wide, flat entablature with a molded shelf. The wall breast is ornamented with a raised-panel overmantle.

Although the second floor was modernized by the addition of a bathroom, the two chambers retain the majority of their historic materials. All interior door openings have two-panel wood doors. The circa 1743 chamber features molded window casements, a molded chair rail at the level of the window sills, and a molded crown. The circa 1840 chamber has a square-edged fireplace mantle that appears to be a circa 1935 alteration. The door and window casements are square-edged, and those of the former have flat cornerblocks.

The attic, which is unfinished and exposes the framing members of the roof, reveals pit saw marks in the circa 1743 portion of the building and sash saw marks in the circa 1840 addition. The rafters are tied together with mortise and tenon

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and secured with pegs. The rafters in both the circa 1743 and circa 1840 sections have scribe marks. An enclosed ninety-degree winder stair descends from the attic to the second floor in the south corner of the circa 1743 dwelling.

The basement was completely gutted in the 1930s, and only the random rubble stone masonry walls and basement fireplace. The cooking hearth is approximately six feet tall with a segmental arch.

### OUTBUILDINGS

The circa 1800 smokehouse is a one-bay rectangular, one-and-a-half story building with a front gable roof clad in wood shingles. The façade, which fronts southwest, is centrally pierced by a flush vertical board single-leaf door with a square-edged wood surround. The building's interior features hand-hewn posts and sash-sawn rafters. Circa 1970, a large two-story wood frame addition was constructed on the building's northeast elevation.

The circa 1910 chicken house, clad in board and batten siding, sits on a random fieldstone foundation. The building has an asphalt-shingled shed roof and boxed wood cornice, which has deteriorated and reveals rafter tails. A single-leaf vertical board door and two wooden 6/6 windows pierce the building.

A historic circa 1920 well is located on the property to the southwest of the main dwelling. It features a concrete block base, wood frame cap and rolled asphalt shingle sheathing.

The circa 1980 garage is constructed on a concrete block foundation with a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof and pressed vertical board siding. The building features a single-leaf roll-up paneled door with lights and a square wood surround. A poured concrete ramp provides access to the building.

A circa 1990 prefabricated shed features pressed vertical board siding, a gambrel asphalt-shingled roof and a woodblock foundation. A false cross-braced double-leaf pressed vertical board door provides accesses to the shed.

A circa 1990 wood post horse training ring is located on the property to the southwest of the main dwelling.

The one-story circa 1990 stable is sheathed in vertical board. The building features a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof with overhanging eaves and a boxed wood cornice. A central, square wooden ventilator with asphalt-shingled pyramidal roof caps the roof. The stable features three evenly spaced Dutch vertical board stall doors. The foundation was not visible.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1743 ca, 1840 ca **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1743 ca., 1840 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The John Humphrey House is located at 8737 Wright's Mill Road near the town of Granite, an 18<sup>th</sup>-century town in the western region of Baltimore County. The vernacular stone dwelling was constructed circa 1743, based on early English Colonial stylistic stone construction precedents. During the Hartley ownership, a circa 1840 granite addition was added doubling the size of the dwelling. In 1867, the seventy-acre property was purchased by George Allen, while the Hartley family continued to own surrounding lands. In 1891, John Humphrey purchased the house that now bears his name. The John Humphrey House stands as an excellent example of a rural farmhouse from the Colonial period, complete with historic stone smokehouse.

### HISTORY

The property is located near the town of Granite, Maryland, which lies in the Second District of Baltimore County, near the western border adjoining Howard and Carroll Counties. Granite, originally known as Waltersville, is located along Old Court Road, just north of the Patapsco Falls. The Second District, which covers 44.79 square-miles, is historically known for fertile soils for farming, chrome mines, and an abundance of granite quarries. The quarries that abound throughout the southern portion of the district gave the town its name. Samuel Walters of Mount Welcome Retreat (BA-0009) appears to have settled in the town in the middle of the 18th century.<sup>1</sup> The waterpower from the nearby Patapsco River and Falls also contributed to a number of manufacturing outlets, including the Valley G&S Mill, the Alberton Cotton Mills, and the Alberton Manufacturing Company. Thus, the area became one of the most flourishing in the county, including Granite, which had a population of over 500 in the 1870s, supporting a number of local schools, residences and dwellings. Additionally, the Western Maryland Railroad ran along the eastern border and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad ran along the western edge, which serviced Granite and the nearby Elysville Station. The area was also supported by the Liberty Turnpike that traversed the area for seven-and-one-half-miles.

It was during the over one hundred year ownership by the Quaker-oriented Hartley Family that the circa 1743 dwelling, as well as the circa 1840 granite addition were constructed. The granite used in the construction of the structure was likely mined at one of the local granite quarries for which the Second District is noted. The small town supported at least four major quarries, including the Woodstock Granite Company, the Fox Rock Quarry, the W. F. Weller quarry, and the

<sup>1</sup> "Granite National Historic District," located on the Internet at [www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html](http://www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html) on October 11, 2000.

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Guilford and Waltersville Company, as well as numerous others that dotted the landscape.<sup>2</sup> Aside from the quarries, Granite was also home to the Granite Cutter's National Union, the Paving Cutter's Union, and the Knights of Labor. In the 1830s, the location of the granite quarries led to the establishment of a two-mile long spur of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, which led directly into the town, enabling the companies to ship large slabs of stone easily. The stone quarried from the town of Granite was finer grained than those found in Ellicott City, Woodstock, and Elysville, with a salt-and-pepper mixed pattern containing feldspar and quartz.<sup>3</sup> In addition to being used for the local building stock, these quarries provided stone for the Library of Congress, the old Treasury Building, the inner walls of the Washington Monument, the Baltimore City Courthouse and Post Office, and the old Baltimore County Courthouse.<sup>4</sup>

In 1867, George Allen purchased the dwelling and eighty acres of land. His heirs transferred the property with seventy acres to John Humphrey in 1891, with whom the property nomenclature remains associated. Humphrey previously held nearby land, adjacent to the asbestos mines, as noted on the 1877 atlas. The Humphreys owned the property until 1933 when it was purchased by Claude Graham. One year later Graham transferred ownership to Hans Hoese, who was granted a ninety-nine year property lease. Hoese renovated the property with Germanic influences. In 1961, Hoese's estate with 11.8-acres was sold for \$40,000 to the Geiman family. Vera Eileen Redmond, daughter of the Geimans was transferred the deed in 1982. She currently retains ownership of the dwelling and slightly less than three acres of land.

### Chain of Title:

- April 19, 1982: Preston A. Pairo, Jr., Personal Representative of Vera Geiman, deceased, to Vera Eileen Redmond  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 6407 Folio 312
- July 20, 1961: Harry M. Ashman, executor of the estate of Hans Hoese, to Frank G. and Vera Geiman  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 3869 Folio 251
- May 15, 1934: Claude K. Graham and Erna M. Graham to Hans Hoese  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CWB Jr. 928 Folio 571

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<sup>2</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County*, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 209.

<sup>3</sup> Thomas J. Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 24..

<sup>4</sup> "Granite National Historic District," located on the Internet at [www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html](http://www.bcpl.net/~granhist/natlhistoric.html) on October 11, 2000.

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- May 24, 1933: John T. Humphrey and Margaret E. Humphrey to Claude K. Graham  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 911 Folio 300
- September 14, 1891: John J. and M. Amanda Vincent, Rufus and Mary F. Duval, C. Elizabeth Allen, and Ella A. Hardee, heirs of George Allen, to John T. Humphrey  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JWS 188 Folio 119
- January 20, 1867: Samuel E. Hartley, Charles L. Hartley, Lavina B. Hartley, William B. and Mahala F. Hartley, Heirs of William Hartley, to George Allen  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JHL 52 Folio 356
- June 24, 1854: William Hartley willed to William B. Hartley, Samuel E. Hartley, Charles L. Hartley, and Lavina B. Hartley, his heirs.  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JLR 1 Folio 176

The chain gets lost at this point but we know that the house is deeded through the Hartley family from 1743 to 1867. The original owner was Thomas Hartley who left it to his son, Samuel Hartley, who left it to his son William Hartley, who left it to his son William B. Hartley.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.91 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 80 Acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The John Humphrey House is located at 8737 Wrights Mill Road near Granite in Baltimore County, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 86, Parcel 102 and in deed record Liber 6407 Folio 312. The house has been historically associated with the parcel since its construction circa 1743.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	J. Bunting, A. McDonald, and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 23, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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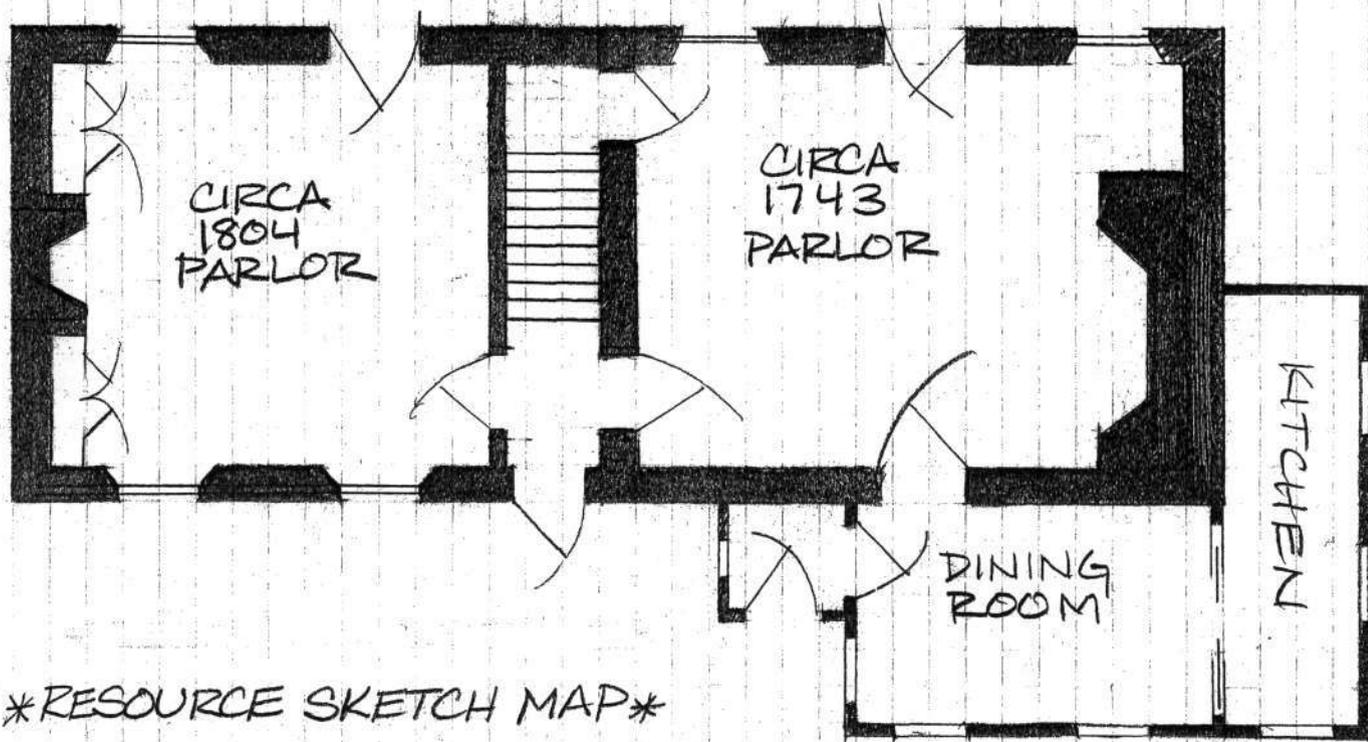
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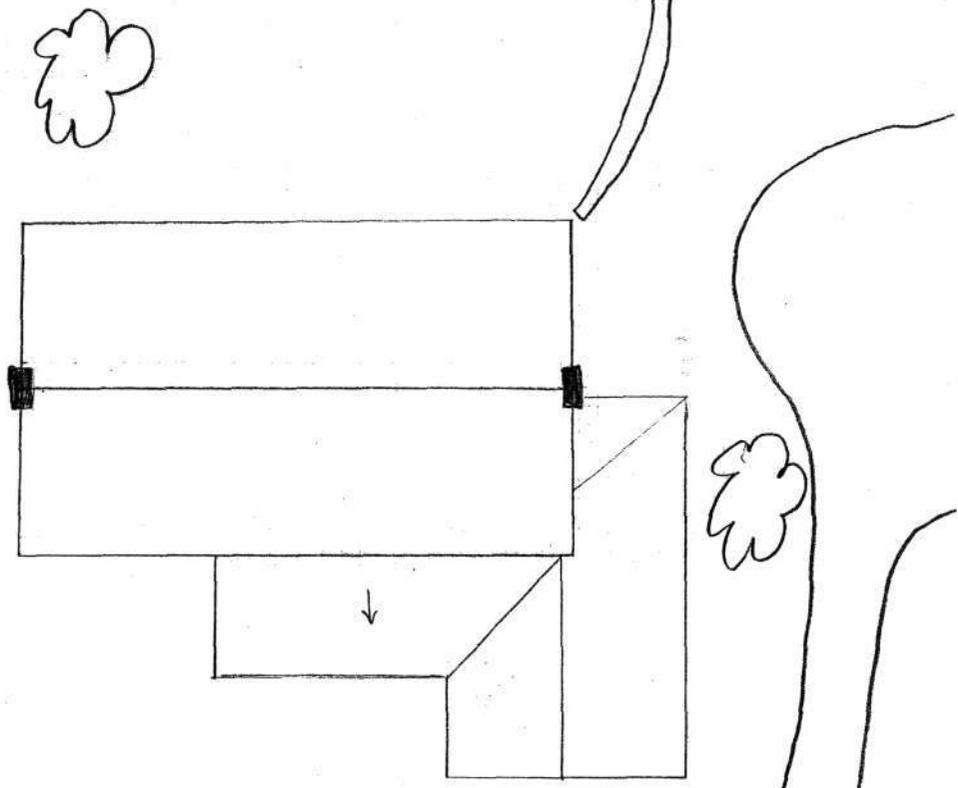
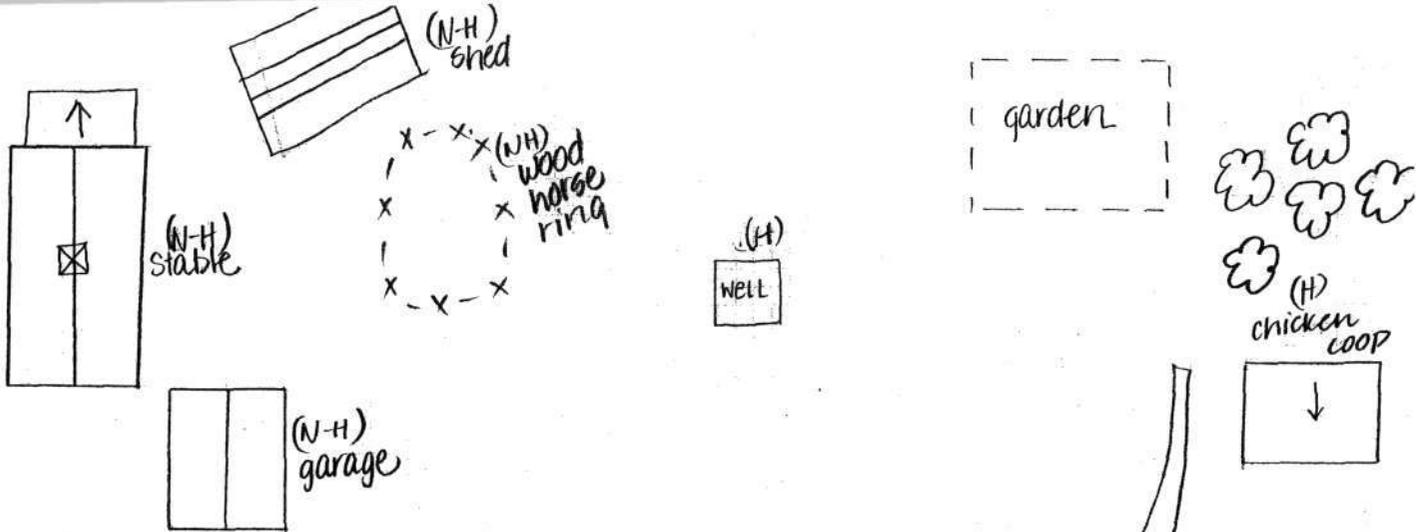


\*RESOURCE SKETCH MAP\*

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JOHN HUMPHREY HOUSE  
8737 WRIGHTS MILL ROAD  
BALTIMORE  
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN  
(NOT DRAWN TO SCALE)





X RESOURCE SKETCH MAP\*

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JOHN HUMPHREY HOUSE

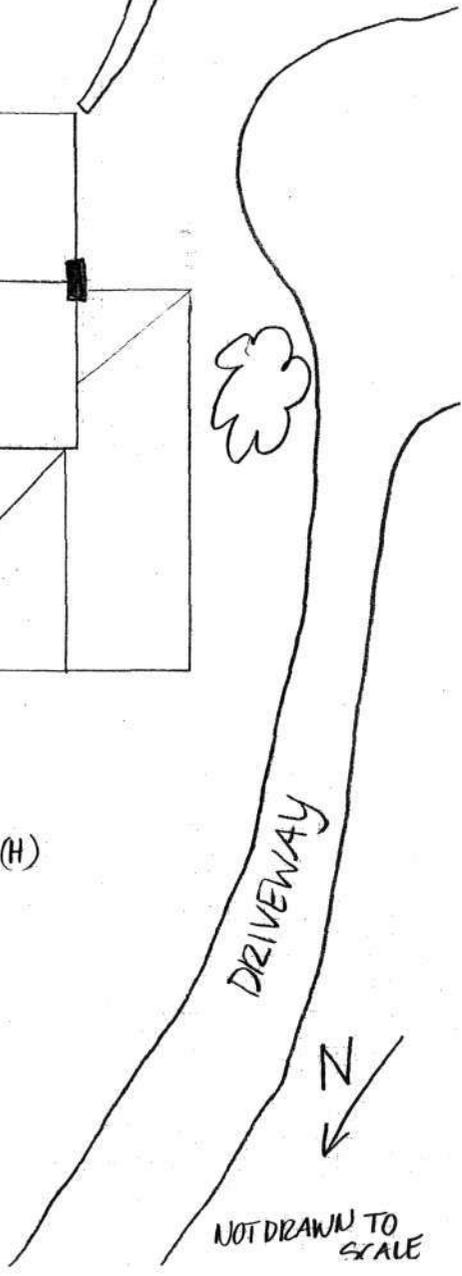
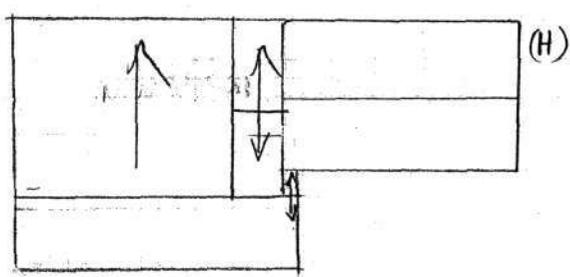
8737 WRIGHTS MILL ROAD

BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Hartley  
metery  
(NO LONGER  
ON PROPERTY)



USGS Quad: Ellicott City  
Scale: 1:24,000



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JOHN HUMPHREY HOUSE  
8737 WRIGHT'S MILL RD  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

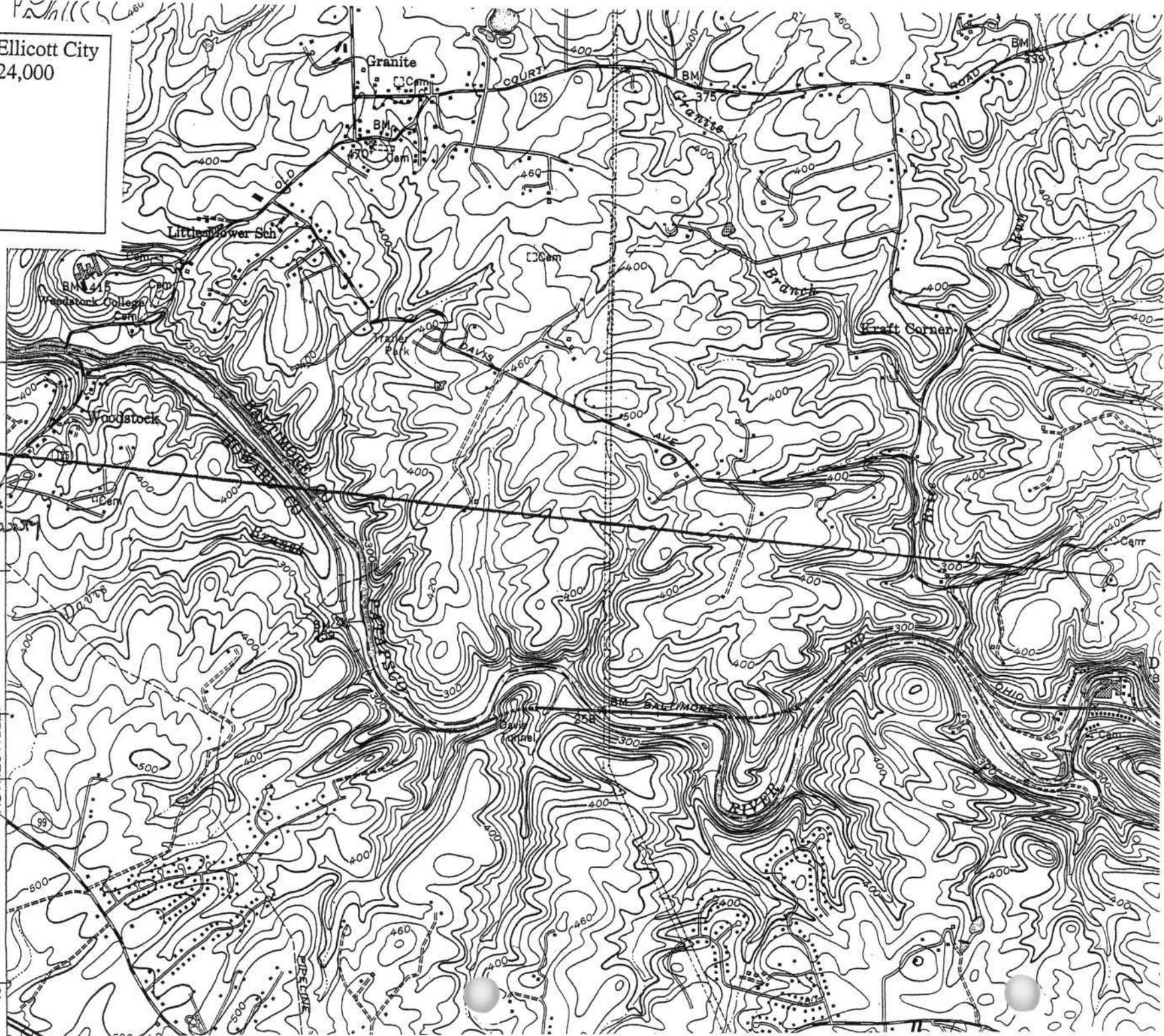
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(SYKESVILLE)

20'

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Dwelling, southeast elevation, view looking Northwest

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Dwelling, Northeast elevation, view looking southwest

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dwelling, north corner, view looking south

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Dwelling, west corner, view looking East

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Dwelling, south corner, view looking North

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Interior View,

MAIN HOUSE, INTERIOR, CIRCA 1840

PARLOR, CAMERA FACING NORTH

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Baltimore, Baltimore County, MD  
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<sup>interior view</sup>  
MAIN HOUSE, INTERIOR, CIRCA 1743  
PARLOR (WITH 1930S RENOVATIONS))  
CAMERA FACING SOUTHWEST

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MAIN HOUSE, INTERIOR, BASEMENT COOKING,  
HEARTH, CAMERA FACING WEST

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Baltimore, Baltimore County, MD

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Interior View of Attic

MAIN HOUSE, INTERIOR, ATTIC OF CIRCA  
1743 DWELLING, CAMERA FACING SOUTH

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~~Outbuilding~~  
SMOKEHOUSE, WEST CORNER, CAMERA  
FACING EAST

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Interior view  
SMOKEHOUSE, INTERIOR, ROOF FRAMING

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Shed, view looking west

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John Humphrey House  
8737 Wrights Mill Road  
south side, 0.5 mile west  
of Dogwood Road,  
west of Woodlawn and Security

The oldest (west) portion of this house is said to be one of three stone houses built in the vicinity by Thomas K. Hartley. There is an enormous fireplace in what is now the living room. The house has thick stone walls. There is a massive stone lintel over a door in the south wall. Additions were made to the house in the early 1800s. This is apparently the George Allen house of the 1877 atlas. It was restored and modernized prior to 1965 by the present owners, the Frank G. Geimans (dec.).

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	
COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b>		INVENTORY <b>BA-25</b>	
TOWN <b>Quaker Hill</b> VICINITY <b>Dist. II</b>		2. NAME <b>John Humphrey House</b>	
STREET NO. <b>Wrights Mill Road.</b>		DATE OR PERIOD <b>1743</b>	
ORIGINAL OWNER		STYLE	
ORIGINAL USE		ARCHITECT	
PRESENT OWNER		BUILDER	
PRESENT USE		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
WALL CONSTRUCTION			
NO. OF STORIES			
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION			
OPEN TO PUBLIC			
<p>Oldest portion said to be one of three houses built of stone by Thomas K. Hartley in this locality. Enormous fireplace in what is now living room; thick stone walls.</p> <p>Added to in early 1800's. Restored and modernized attractively by the Geimans.</p>			
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 (First HABS Report) <b>E. Frances Offutt</b> <b>HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE</b> <b>COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>	
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