

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Tewis Adventure, Edward's Adventure, Hammond House

and/or common Flynn House

2. Location

east side of street & number Mariottsville Rd., .4 miles north of Ridge Rd not for publication

city, town Sykesville vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: ruin

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

name Department of Natural Resources

street & number Taves State Office Bldg telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll Co. Court House Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court St. folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title DNR Survey

date 1978-79 federal state county local

depository for survey records Department of Natural Resources

city, town Annapolis state MD

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-246

Condition

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
- altered

Check one

- original site
- moved date of move _____

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

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-240

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

[Tivis' Adventure; Edward's Adventure; Hammond House]

AND/OR COMMON

Flynn House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

McKeldin Area, Marriottsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Sykesville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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 type="checkbox"/> _EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> _MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> _RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> _ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> _FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> _UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Flynn house, located on a patent known as "Tivis' Adventure", is a two-story "L" plan structure of fieldstone with dressed quoins, built in at least two parts. The sequence of construction is confused, a circumstance exacerbated by conflicting floor and roof plans.

The structure consists of two sections: the main block, rectangular with an east-west axis; and the wing, with a north-south axis, extending to the south from the east end of the building, offset from the eastern end of the main block by several inches. Both sections are of two stories under gable roofs with ridges on the long axes. The roof of the wing extends north to cover the corresponding portion of the main block, while the roof of the latter intersects at right angles and terminates at the wing ridge. The heavy timber structure of the roofs indicates that the main-block roof once had a full gable at its eastern end with a window which overlooked the slope of the wing roof, i.e., there were once two separate and non-communicating attics) and was later extended to cover the dead space between the two sections. The window opening remains in the stone wall of this former eastern gable open to the dead space, where the butted rafters of the old wing roof remain.

Elevations, beginning on the north and proceeding clockwise:

North: Five irregularly spaced bays on two stories, windows only, vertically aligned. At a point about a third of the way from the west end there is a stone arch in the basement with no apparent function, filled in.

East: Beginning at the north is the blank fireplace wall which covers half the width of the eastern extreme of the main block. The remaining half contains no masonry, and once had a frame porch of two stories. The first story is occupied by large doors with a very large timber lintel above. The second story is obscured by vegetation at this time. The eastern wall of the wing is set back from that of the main block, and consists of two very widely spaced bays of windows and dormers.

South: The south wall of the wing is blank, the gable end.

West: The western wall of the wing is of three symmetrically spaced bays, two windows with a central entrance. There is a door in the second story as well as the first, but no evidence of a porch or any other external structure to provide access. There are two dormers, symmetrically placed.

South: The south wall of the main block is exposed in the crook of the ell, consisting of a double facade of two doors at the center and flanking windows, a total of four bays. The four bays

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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
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<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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The scale, proportions and details of this house suggest an important residence of the latter 18th century. It was probably begun during the ownership of Rezin Hammond (c. 1770), son of Colonel Nathan Hammond of that prestigious ilk of Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

The Flynn house was built on land patented in 1732 by Robert Tivis as Tivis' Adventury. Even the most recent deeds to the house refer to the land by its patent name and the chain is continuous into the 18th century. It may therefore be assumed that this is the same land which was conveyed to Nathan Hammond in 1740 and later to his son Rezin Hammond (Parkhurst, McWilliams). Rezin had by 1775 acquired all adjacent land, totaling more than 875 acres.

The Hammond family was a large and prestigious clan, mostly of Anne Arundel County. Rezin Hammond, however, signed himself "of Baltimore County" (McWilliams). The land around Tivis' Adventure (then in Baltimore County) seems to have been his principal holding, and it may be assumed that he made his home there. The Flynn house is a likely candidate for the residence, being of an age and quality appropriate to the period and status of Rezin Hammond.

The house itself is impressive in size and in quality of workmanship. The excellent stonework is consistent throughout even though physical evidence indicates several building stages (suggested by several interior stone walls including one interior gable and the odd floor plan) indicating a brief building campaign. The main block was built as a double house. It seems not to have been altered to this state in its lack of patches or disruption in the stonework. This would suggest a function other than that of "manor house" while not completely excluding that possibility. The house was too grand to have functioned as less than the residence for a plantation manager. The carriage door in the (east) wall indicates auxiliary utilitarian/commercial functions, but the major part of the house is undeniably residential.

There is considerable architectural interest to the house. The puzzle of the sequence in which parts were constructed has yet to be solved. The unusual floor plans, including the "wagon space" and double house poses another problem. Similarly, the construction of the roof seems to conflict with major aspects of the plan. Measured drawings might be helpful in illuminating these questions.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

One acre plot, arbitrary

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 D. Hnedak, Historic Sites Survey Team Captain

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1978-79

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CONTINUATION SHEET

Flynn House

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are occupied by windows on the second story. Both ends of this wall have quoins, including the end which abuts the wing. The spacing of the bays is compressed toward the east end.

West: The gable end of the main wing is blank, except for two small square windows flanking the chimney in the attic, and a millstone built into the masonry below the brick chimney in the peak of the gable.

In plan, the building contains three internal stone walls which may have once been exterior. The west wall of the wing extends northward; the south wall of the block is continuous eastward; and there is a wall in the eastern portion of the main block running east-west at about the centerline from the extended wing wall to the east exterior wall.

The space enclosed by the latter and the north wall of the ell is partitioned at the west by a frame wall, clapboarded on the east side, with a window and a door. The result of these major partitions (excluding the frame) is that the interior is divisible into a series of distinct and separate spaces, although there are doors between these. From the west end of the main block, going clockwise, there is (1) the "double house" reflecting the double facade of (4) below, from the westernmost gable wall to the northern extension of the wing wall; (2) an extra room in the northeast corner of the building; (3) the porch or garage or wagon space south of this; (4) the south wing.

The double house seems to have been exactly that, divided vertically by a frame partition (north-south) with similar fireplace-cupboard-winder units at the east and west stone walls. The eastern half is somewhat wider (east to west) than its counterpart. This is the most independent or self-contained part of the house, and has the strongest argument for being the earliest as such. There is only one other chimney, that of the east wall of the northeast room. The area south of this appears never to have been secured against the weather by anything but large doors. There is a stair to the basement near the frame wall in this space. The wing is haphazardly divided into two rooms, a square with a larger "L" shaped room around it, by frame partitions, and has another basement stair at the south wall. The doors which remain in place or on the grounds nearby are all six paneled. The woodwork of the fireplace-winder combinations corresponds to the six-paneled type, and is still in good condition, appearing not to have been significantly altered from its early 19th century appearance. The mouldings which separate the doors and panels and various facets of these units is a wide board with two fillets which form squares at their intersections, which are filled in with roundels.

There is a painting of the house in its most recent inhabited state (c. 1964) at the McKeldin H.Q., near the house.

FLYNN HOUSE

Recommendations

This house may be too deteriorated to be dealt with properly within the capabilities of the DNR, but enough remains, and it is a significant enough structure, to warrant the highest priority for funds. Minimum needs include thorough stabilization of walls and roof and securing against weather and vandals, sealing first story openings with concrete block if necessary.

The stone shell is still intact to the extent that the building can be reused. Serious consideration should be given to this for the immediate needs of the park. Leasing to a private developer should also be considered if one could be found. In short, this is a structure of great importance just at the brink of salvageability and any course which would help retain it should be undertaken.

A decision on the state's policy toward this structure must be made as soon as possible. If it is finally determined that there is no hope for the Flynn house, it should be thoroughly documented and recorded without further delay.

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FLYNN HOUSE, TEVIS ADVENTURE--DESCRIPTION

The Flynn House is a stone structure now in ruinous condition in the McKaldin section of Patapco State Park. The remaining evidence from the house indicates that it was a substantial structure for its time. The original section was a two-story, two-room plan structure with a one-story wing at the east gable end. The main facade of the structure faces south and had two entrances in the central bays of the four-bay facade. These entrances had paneled surrounds and four-pane transoms. The unusual configuration that the structure presently has occurred when an ell addition was added on the south side of the wing. ~~as~~ The wing was enlarged ^{to} two stories with a gable roof running at a right angle to the main roof of the house. This addition was also constructed so that an open space was left between the wall of the addition and the south wall of the wing. The roof is collapsed on the house and damage has occurred to all of the interior spaces in the structure. Essentially, all that remains is the shell of the building.

The Flynn House is located in the McKaldin area of the Patapsco State Park, east of Sykesville in Carroll County. The structure is located off the ^{ac} ~~ac~~cess lane to the park known as Baltimore County Road which runs off Marriottsville Road about .4 miles north of Ridge Road. The house is located on a slight rise of land in the area between the North Branch and South Branch of the Patapsco River with a commanding site of the surrounding countryside.

The original section of the house was a two-story, four-bay by one-bay stone structure with a one-story, two-bay wing. The main section had a two-room plan with interior-end chimneys at each gable end. The main facade had two entrances with six-panelled doors, panelled surrounds, and a four-pane transom. The entrances were in the two central bays of the first story and had flat-arch stone lintels similar to those found in the windows throughout the house. The windows in the other two bays on the first story and the four bays of the second story were six-over-six sash windows with plain frames and wood sills. Each entrance led into a separate room with a fireplace, ^{corner} ~~wind~~ stair, and built-in cupboard on each gable end wall. The two rooms were separated by a board partition wall. The west gable end of the structure was unfenestrated except for two small windows in the gable. The gable also contained a small millstone placed in the stone work immediately below the brick chimney stack. The north end of the main section contained three windows on each story. On this side the remains of a molded cornice are intact. This facade also contained two foundation windows with arched stone lintels. On the north facade where the one-story wing existed there is no seam along the wall between the one-story wing and the main section. There is a seam in the stone work between the second story of the wing ^{and} ~~between~~ the original section and between the two stories. Thus it appears that the house is originally conceived with a main block with a one-room, one-story service wing that contained a gable-end chimney. This was altered when an ell wing was added to the south of the house and the roof line was carried over to create a second story above the wing.

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~~Thus~~ The north facade of the wing contains two windows on each story and small windows in the gable end.

The east facade of the structure contains an unusual arrangement whereby a ten-foot wide opening exists between the area of the original wing and the area of the more recent ell. The ell was constructed as a three-bay by one-bay addition that ~~pro~~ceeds from the southeast corner of the main block. Thus a section was created between the original wing and the new ell that became a service area between the two sections. This area was covered with a roof and constructed in two stories both with wide door openings. On the east facade of the ell there were two windows on each section. The site gently slopes off to the south at this ell. The gable end of the ell is unfenestrated except for a single gable window and an interior-end chimney.

The west facade of the ell was the main facade of this section. It contained a central entrance with a panelled surround, flat-arch stone lintel, and stone sill. The bay above it on the second story also contained an entrance. The outer bays on both stories contained six-over-six sash windows. However, the second story door and windows did not contain stone lintels. This ell addition must have been considered a substantial improvement to the house as it was added to the main facade, and given characteristics to indicate its importance to the main structure. It must have contained a two-story entrance porch because of the doorway on the second-story.

Significance.

The Flynn House appears to have been built in the late eighteenth century by Rezin Hammond. It is only ^{part} ~~part~~ ^{the} of land that was patented in 1732 as Tevis' Adventure. Robert Tevis was the original Patentee and the Tevis family was prominent in the early settlement of this area which was then ⁱⁿ Baltimore County. In 1740, the land ^{was} conveyed to Nathan Hammond of Anne Arundel County. Nathan Hammond later sold the land to his son Rezin Hammond, who by 1775 had acquired 875 acres surrounding the house site. While there is no direct documentation showing that the Flynn House was the one constructed by Rezin Hammond, the style, ornamentation, and period of the house appeared to be appropriate for the Hammond residence.

The structure illustrates a number of characteristics of the early architecture in this region. Foremost is the predominance of quality fieldstone in this region and the preference for stone as a home building material. Secondly, while the structure contains some ornamental characteristics representing an affluent dwelling, it basically is a modest home with a two-room, two-story plan and a small service wing. The third characteristic is the unusual aspects regarding the construction of the ell wing, probably in the last decade of the eighteenth century or the first decade of the nineteenth century. It presents an unusual configuration for the main facade of the house as well as the plan of the house. This characteristic shows that the architectural character of rural farmhouses such as the Flynn House was not set in a rigid idiom.

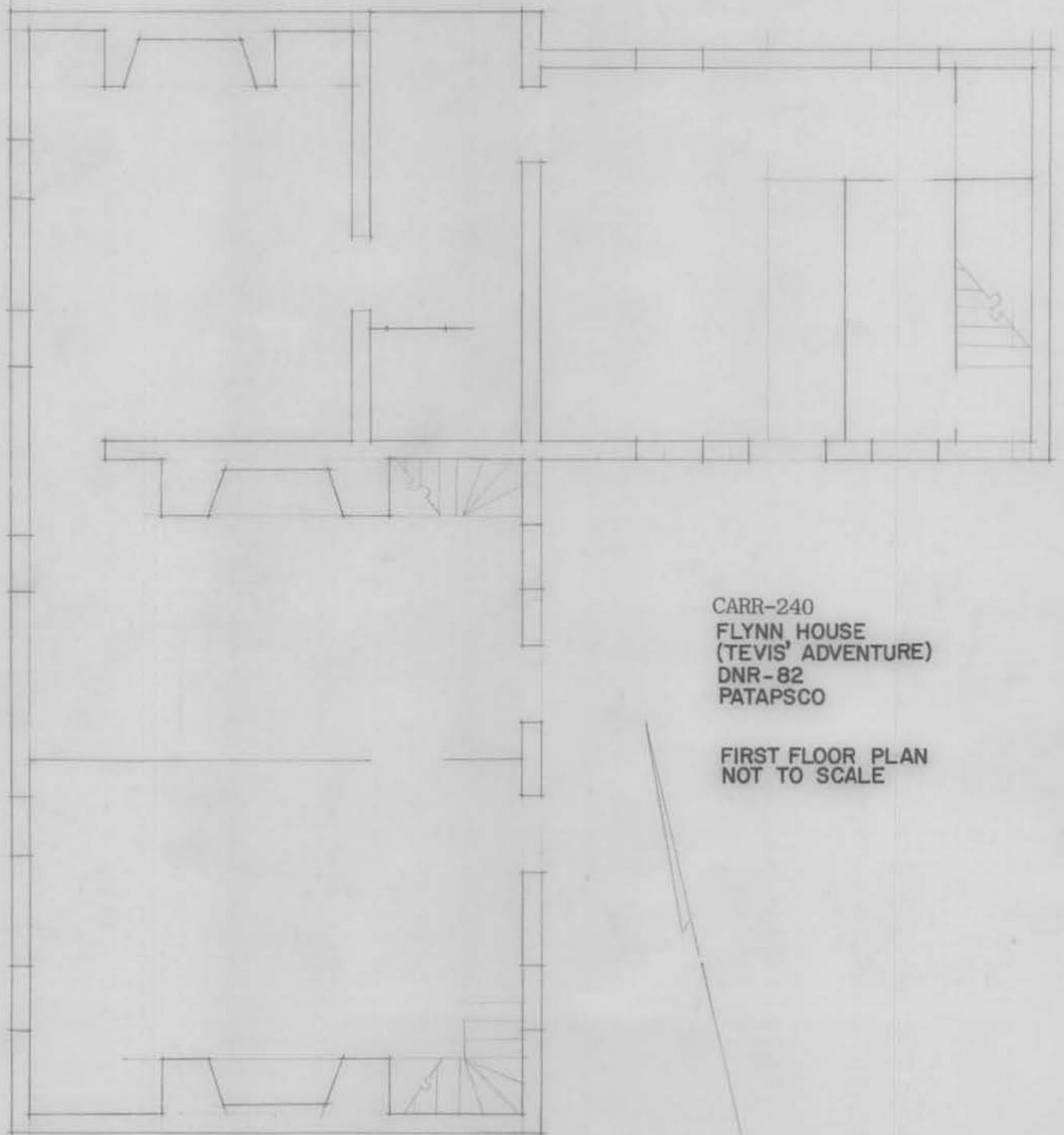
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FLYNN HOUSE
(TEVIS' ADVENTURE)
DNR-82
PATAPSCO

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

CARR-240

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MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 ELLICOTT 15' QUADRANGLE

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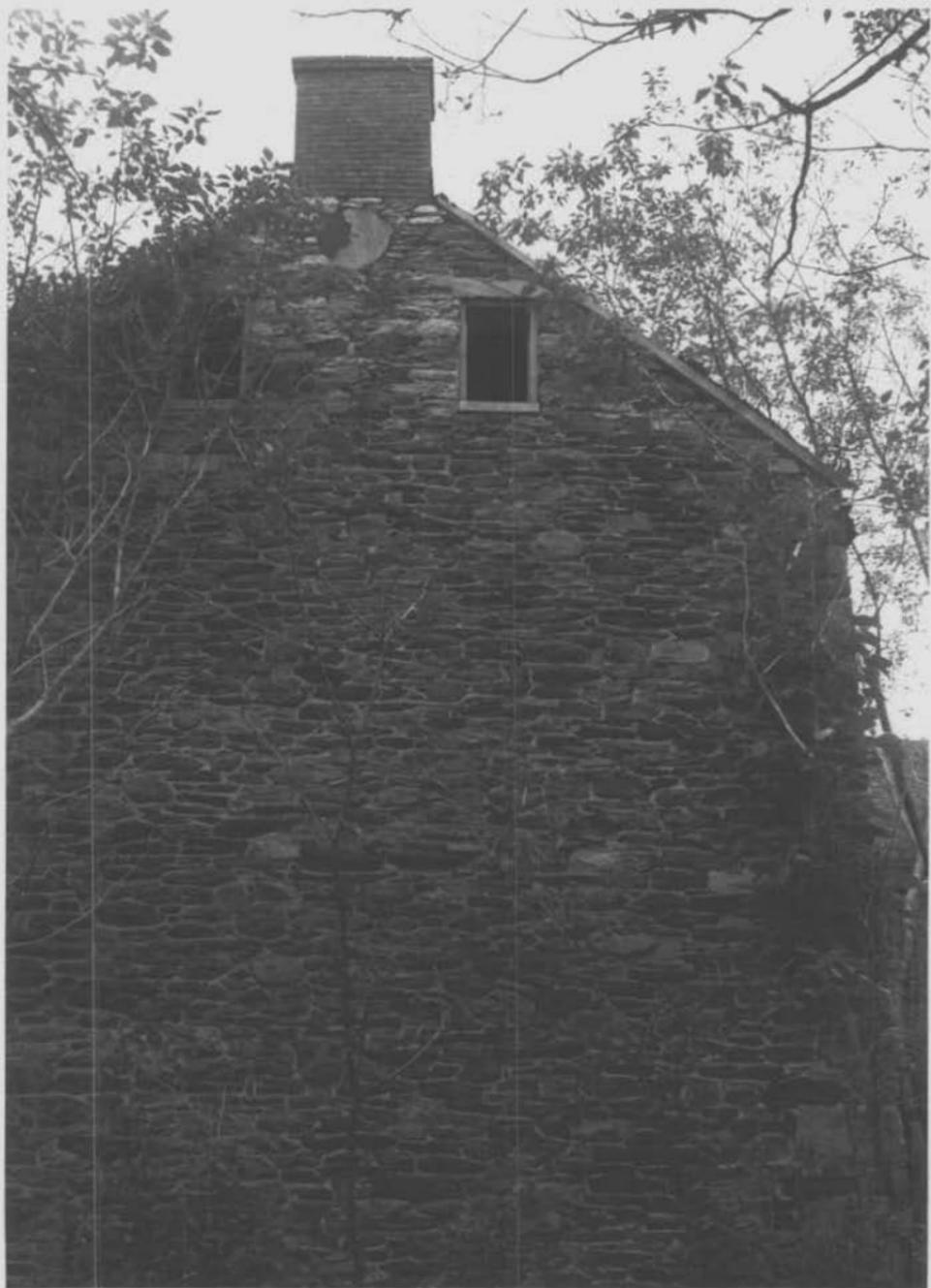
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PATAPSCO Ø82
WEST WING, SOUTH ELEV.
JDH MARCH 1979



FLYNN HOUSE CARR-240
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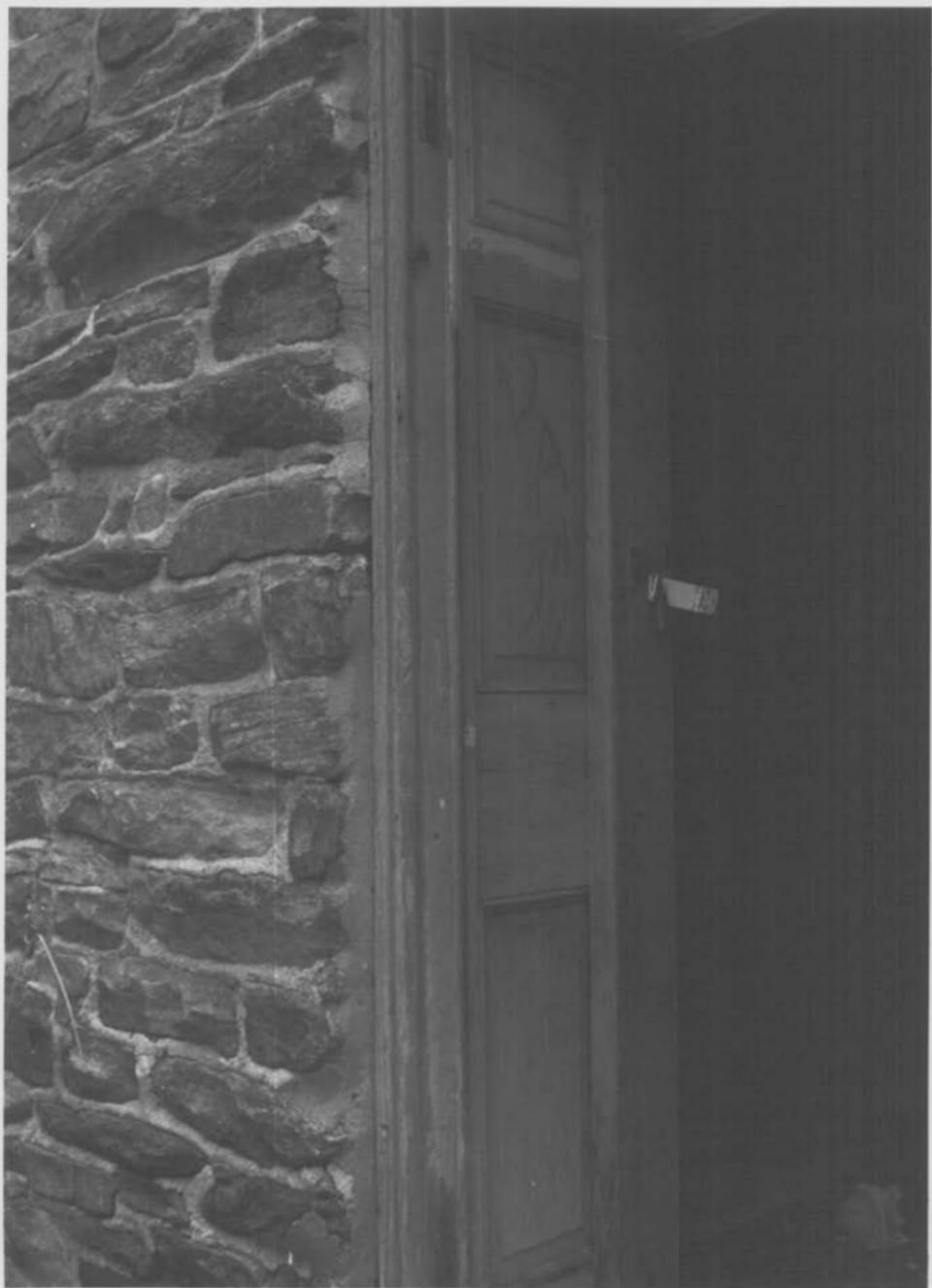
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