

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

# Easement

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. CH-374

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common Eugene Chaney ~~Property~~ House

**2. Location**

street & number West side of Route 224; .1 mile north of Mattawoman Creek Rd. not for publication

city, town Marburg  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maryland county Charles

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Department of Natural Resources

street & number Taxes State Office Building telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town Annapolis state and zip code MD 21401

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse liber 387

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 85

city, town La Plata state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title None

federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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**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.

## DRAFT--EUGENE CHANEY HOUSE

The Eugene Chaney House is a late nineteenth century frame structure that illustrates the use of Victorian style ornamentation on both the exterior and interior of a southern Maryland house. Although the structure has been covered in a modern exterior siding, several of the early ornamental features still exist on the structure, such as ornamental bargeboard at the gable ends, a central gable on the front of the roof with a semi-circular window, and turned porch posts. Painting on the window frames and molded cornice indicate that originally the house would have had a paint scheme before the addition of the new siding. On the interior, the two main downstairs rooms contain pressed tin ceilings of elaborate design. Interior woodwork also features molded window frames with corner block and stylish fireplace mantels. Overall, the house represents a change from the regional style of farmhouse to a national style that developed during the late Victorian period.

The Eugene Chaney House is located on the west side of Route 224, approximately one-tenth mile north of Mattawoman Creek Road. It is located west of the town of Marbury in Charles County. The house was constructed on a slight rise of land and is set back from the road with a circular driveway approaching the house. Several mature trees stand inside the driveway in front of the house.

The Chaney House shows the influence of Victorian pattern book styles in its plan and ornamentation. The structure is a two-story, five-bay by one-bay building constructed in a T-shaped

plan. The central wing in the rear is two-bays long and has a one-story porch on each side. The house was originally constructed on concrete piers. The foundation has been filled in with concrete block. The structure has a gable roof with brick corbelled chimney stacks located at the ridge; one on either side of the hallway and one at the gable end of the rear wing.

The main facade of the house has a full-length, one-story porch with a hipped roof. The porch roof is supported by the Victorian-style turned posts. The main facade also has a central gable with a semi-circle window and ornamental bargeboard. The entrance to the structure is centrally located in a projecting bay on the first story. The entrance has sidelights and a transom. The door has a large upper window, a horizontal panel in the center, <sup>and two</sup> ~~two~~ lower panels. Similar panels are located below the two-pane sidelights. Two-over-two sash windows are located in the other bays of the first story and the five bays of the second story. The first story windows are slightly taller than those on the second story. The molded cornice returns at the corners on the front of the house. The porch roof and the main roof are covered in asphalt shingles.

Each gable end has a two-over-two sash window on each story. There is ornamental bargeboard at the gable at each end. The rear wing has a one-story porch running its full length on the north and south facade. These porches are enclosed and have hipped roofs. These porches contains entrances into the kitchen and is located on the first story of the ell. The gable end of

the wing has a two-over-two sash window on each story and the gable is unornamented.

The interior of the house is marked by the pressed tin ceilings found in the two front rooms. These two ceilings have different designs but are arranged in a similar pattern. Each has a wide freeze and cornice around the sides of the rooms. Each room has a chimney breast that projects into the room and the cornice and freeze accentuates this feature. The design on the ceiling has a geometrical pattern of blocks with pressed floral motifs <sup>and</sup> in a circular pressed pattern in the center of the room. Victorian design~~ed~~ moldings are also used in the room such as in the molded window frames with corner blocks and in the Victorian design mantel pieces. The hallway contains a large brown ~~an~~ewel post and turned balusters also of Victorian design.

#### Statement of Significance.

The Eugene Chaney House is a turn of the century farmhouse that shows the influence of Victorian style domestic architecture on regional farmhouse construction in southern Maryland. In its basic appearance, the Chaney House contains the five-bay symmetrical facade ~~and~~ two-story massing of farmhouses in this area. However, it contains some features such as the Victorian-style ornamentation <sup>on</sup> ~~from~~ exterior and the pressed tin ceilings on the interior that mark the house as an up-to-date residence for the late nineteenth and early twentieth century.

The house has been well preserved and retained<sup>s</sup> much of its original interior features. The modern siding on the

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exterior does detract from the original appearance of the structure. Otherwise, the house is in excellent condition.

# 3. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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)

**Builder/Architect**

Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Provide a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and background.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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### Form Prepared By

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organization Department of Natural Resources

date February 1954

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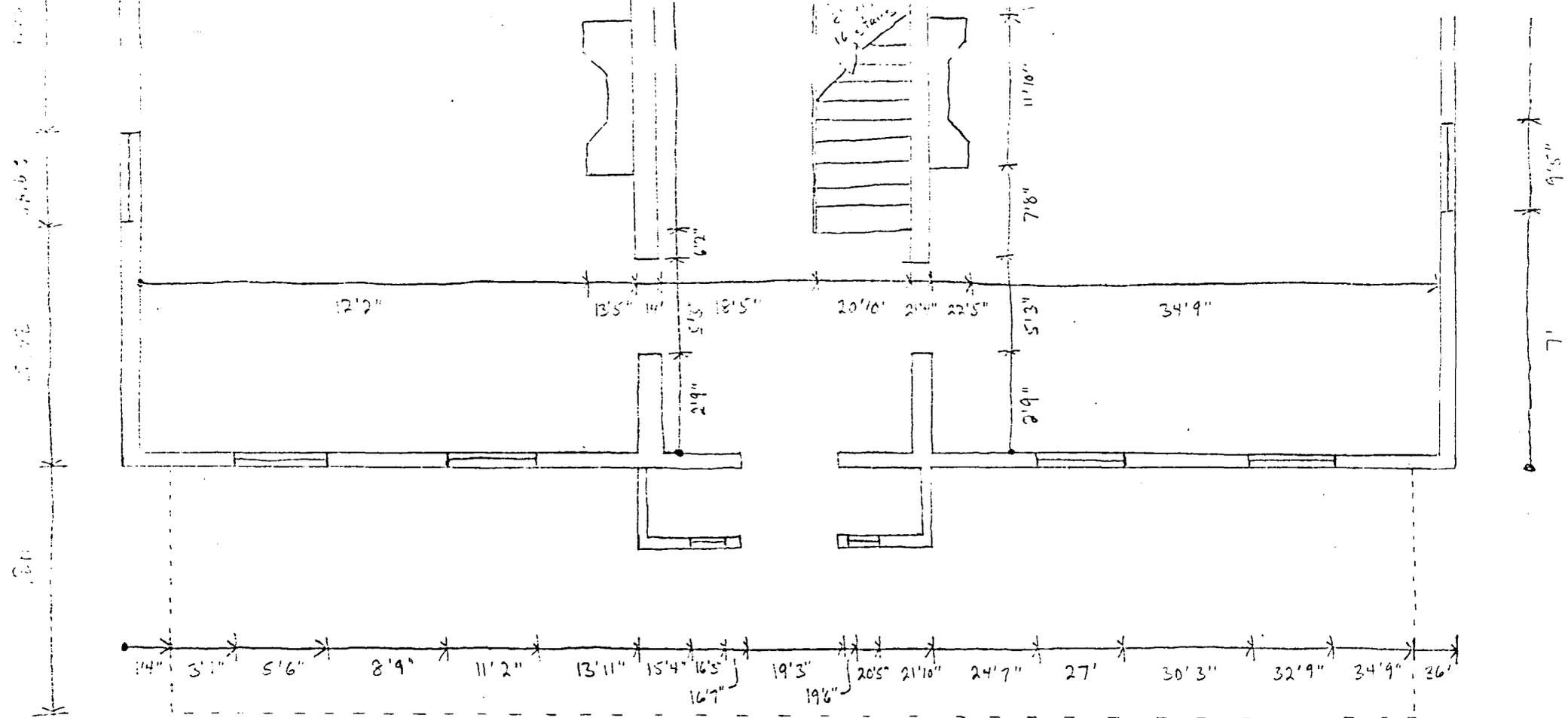
city or town Annapolis

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.

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Route 224, Marbury

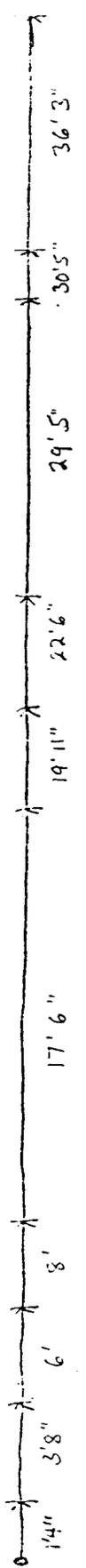
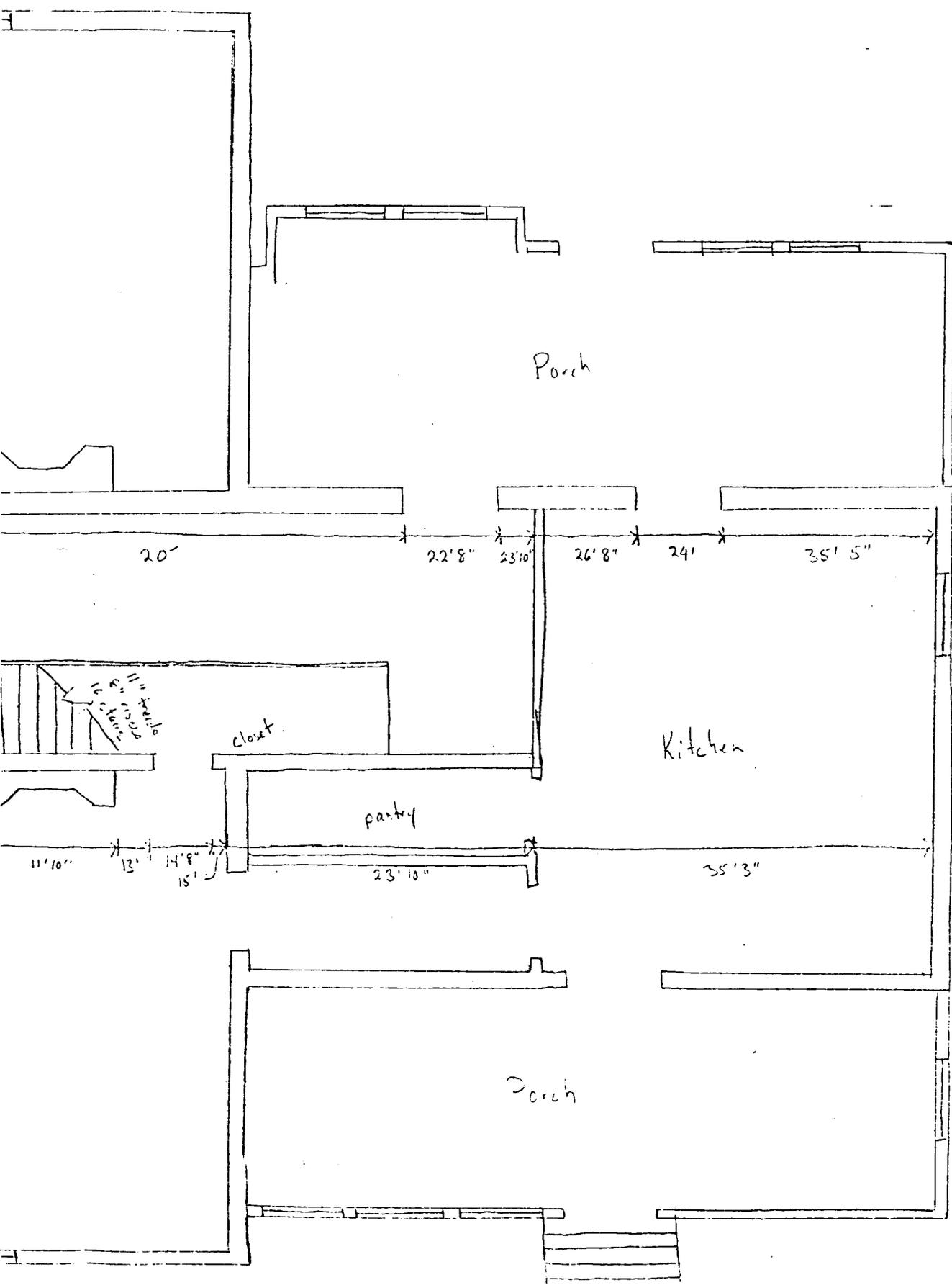
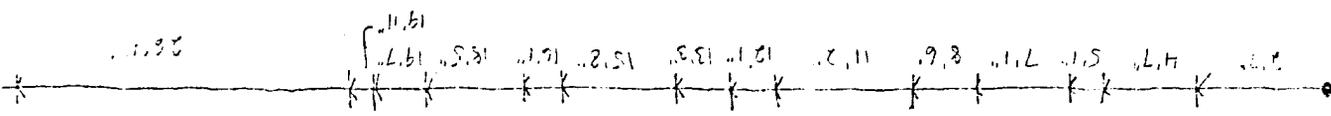


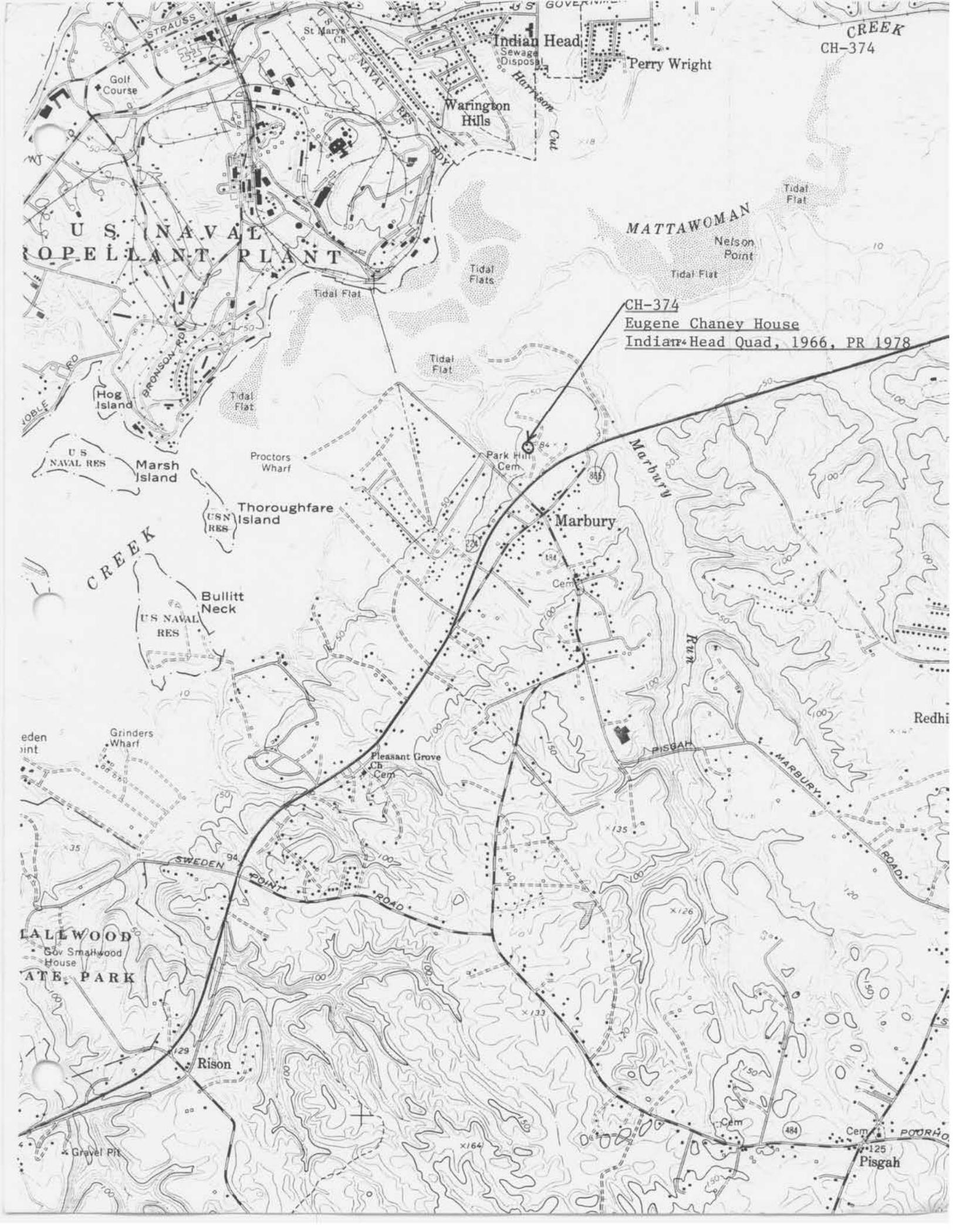
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MATTAWOMAN  
Nelson Point  
Tidal Flat

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Eugene Chaney House  
Indian Head Quad, 1966, PR 1978

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AMMUNITION PLANT

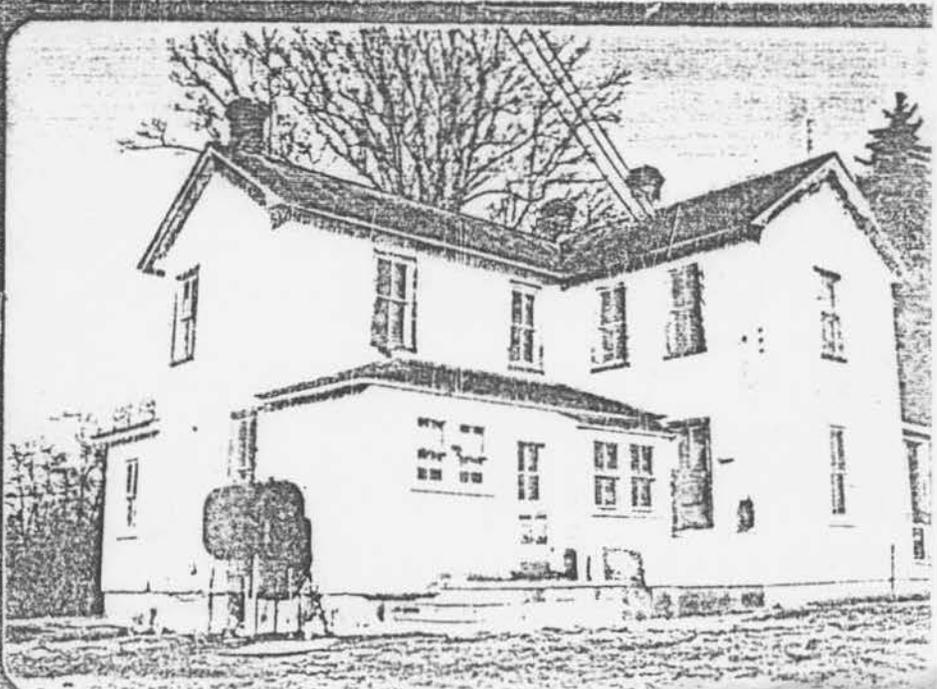
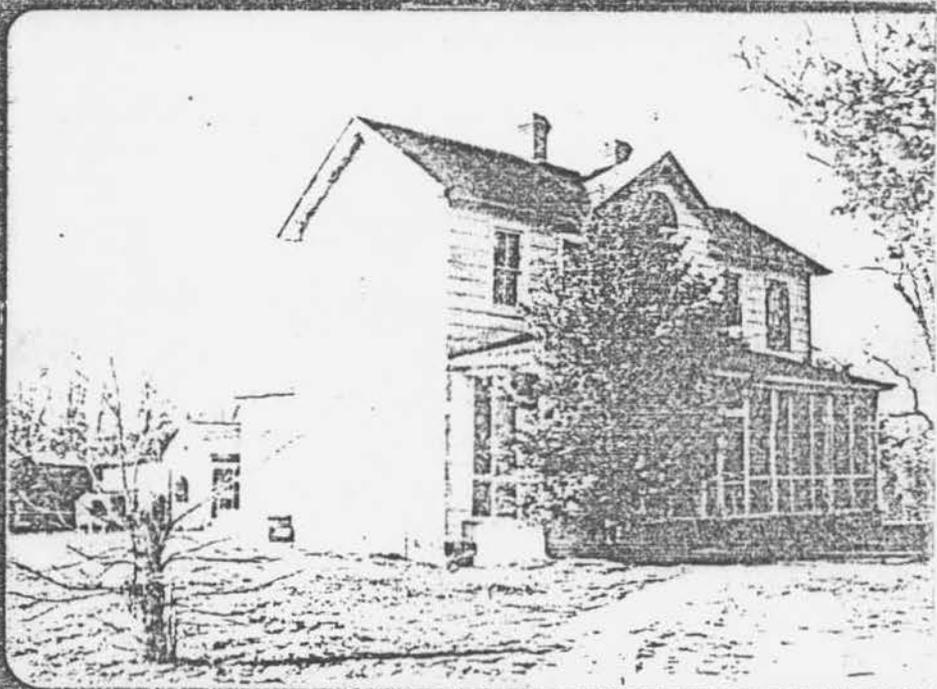
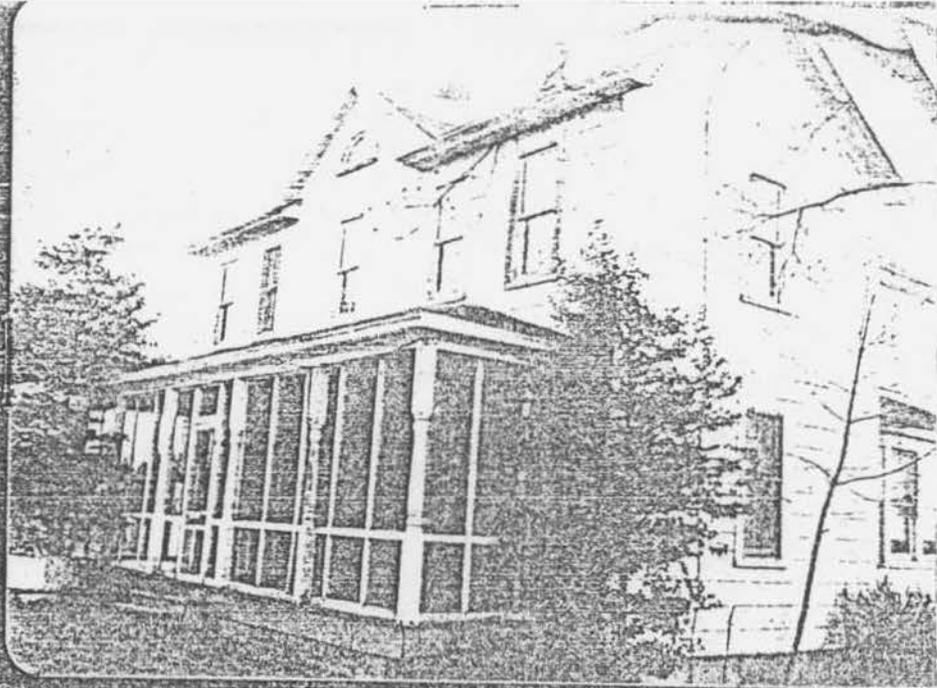
Marbury

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House  
STATE PARK

POORHO  
Cem  
Pisgah

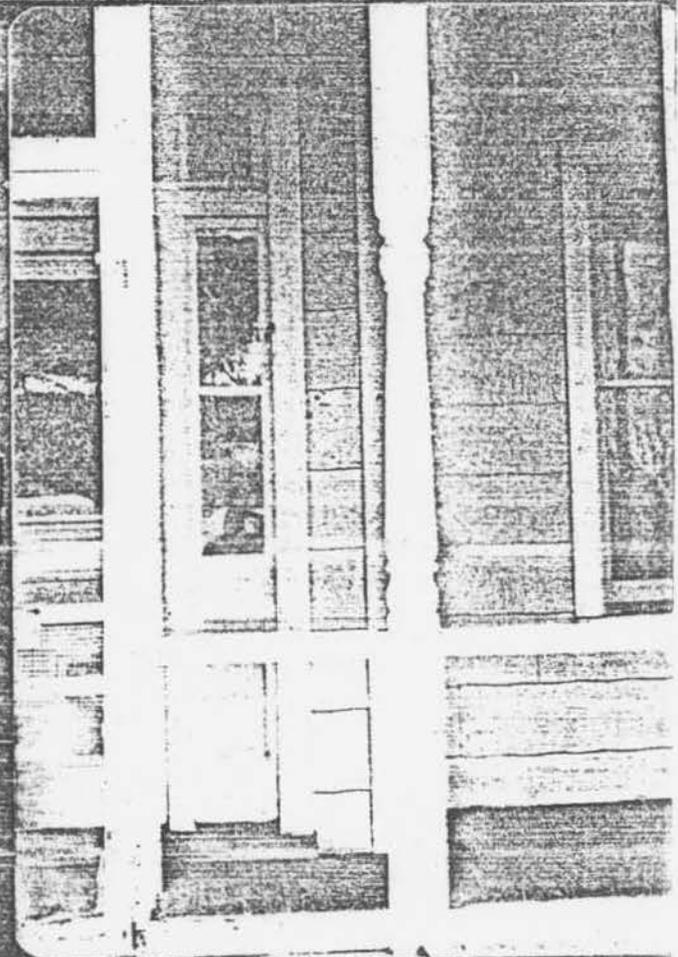
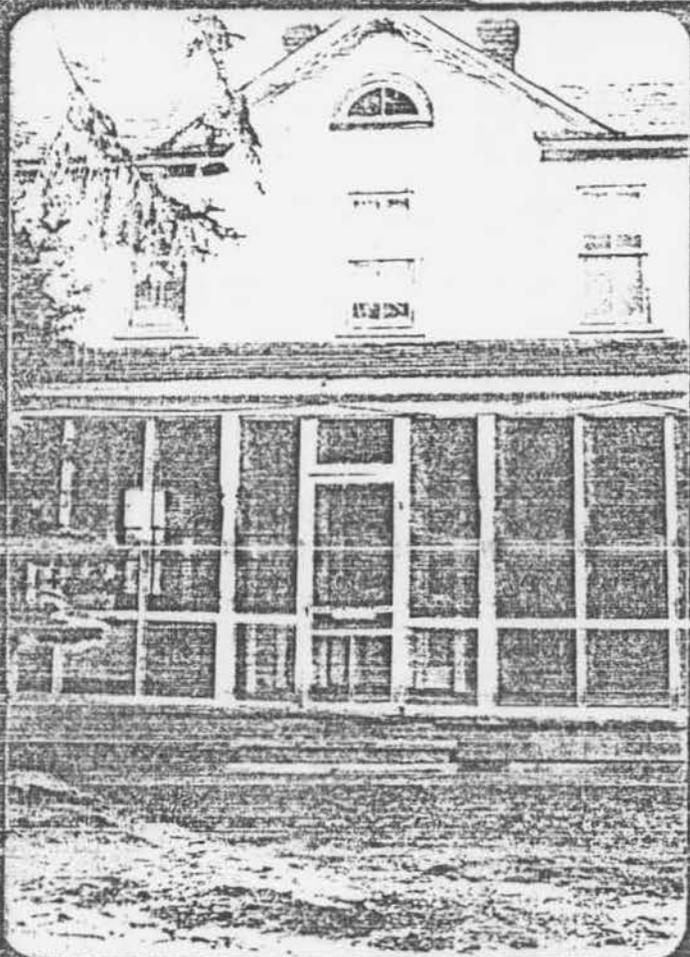
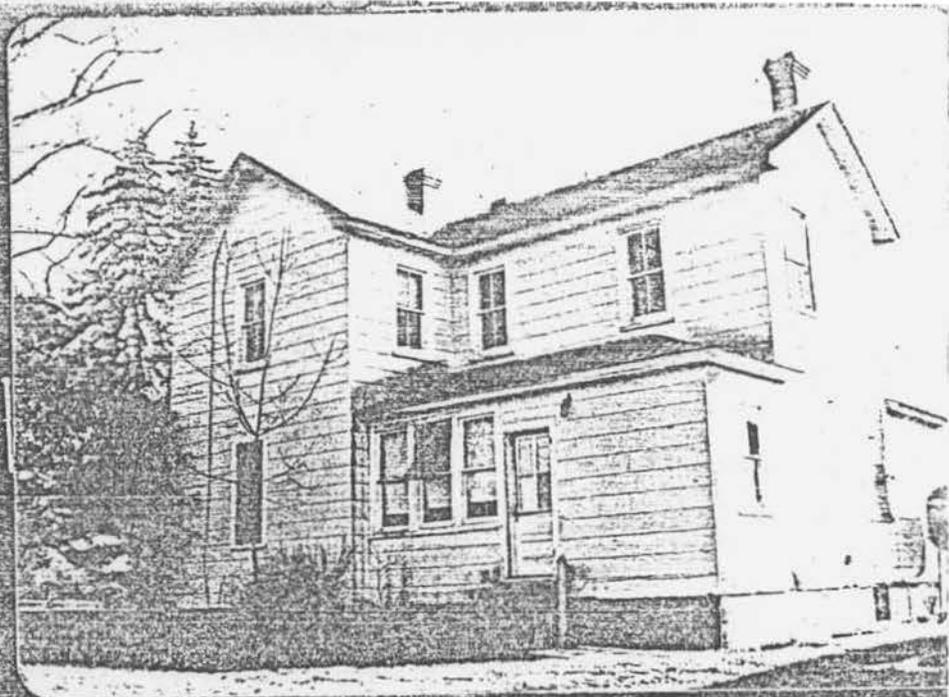
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top - East & North Facades  
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bottom - South & West Facades



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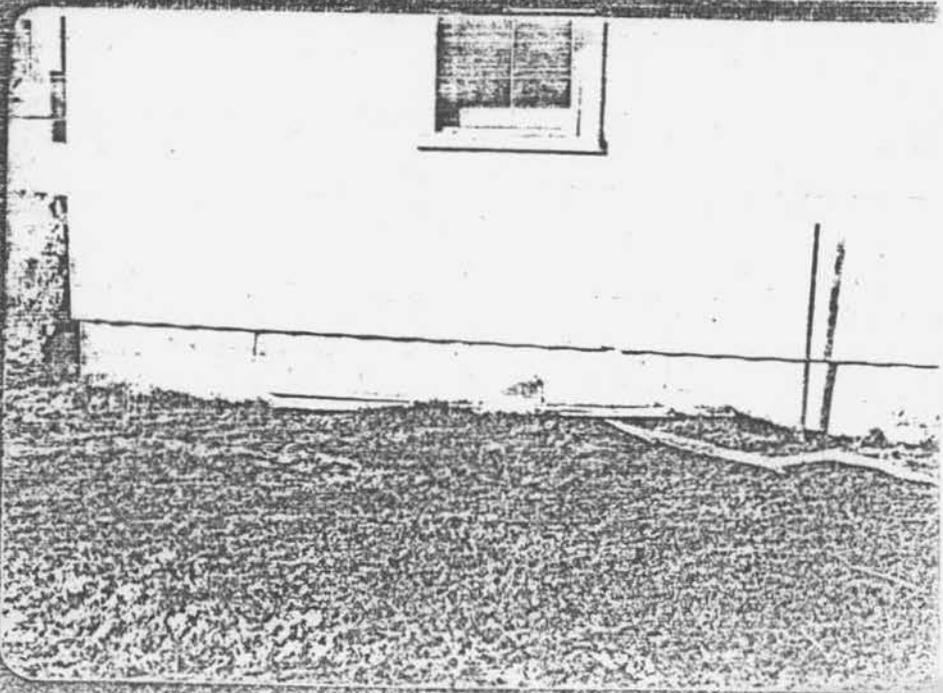
Eugene Chaney House  
top - North West Facades  
bot. left - South Facade Detail  
bot. right - Porch Detail



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Eugene Chaney House

top - East Facade - Central Gable  
center - South Facade - Gable Detail  
bottom " " Foundation Detail



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Eugene Cheney House

top - South Room

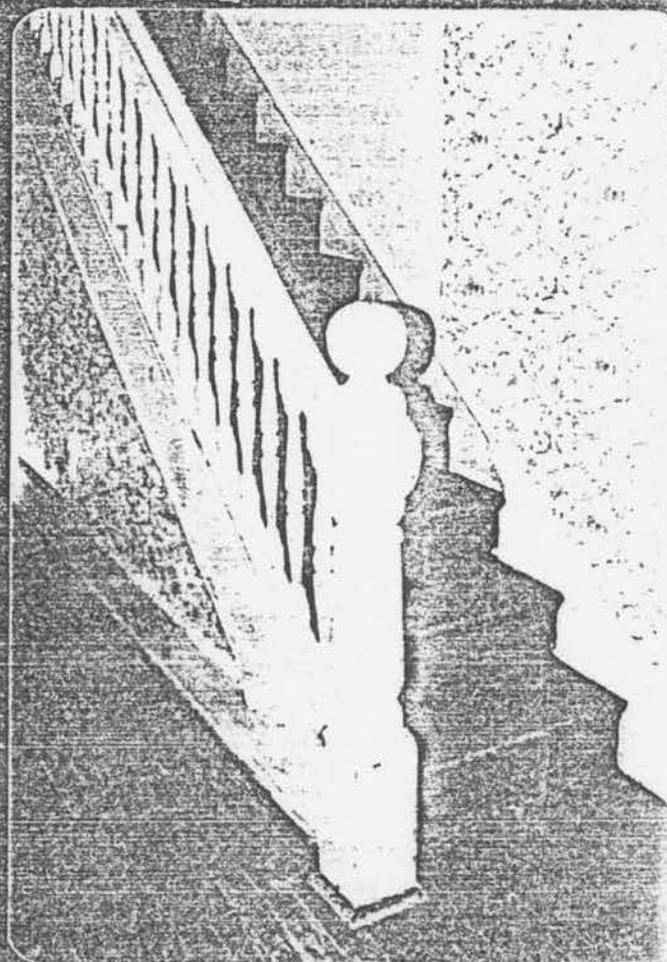
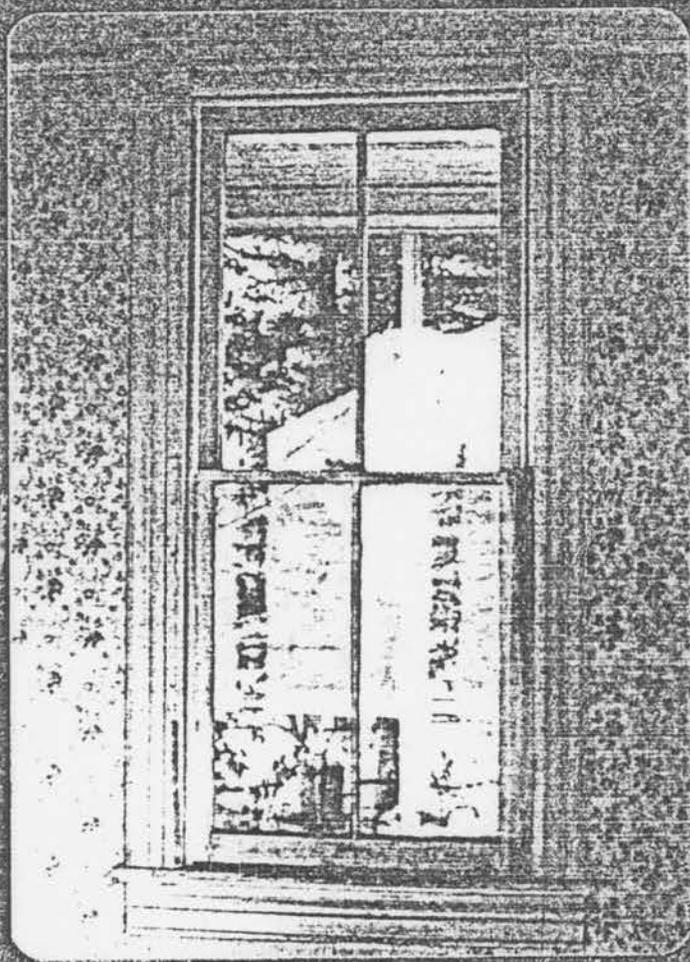
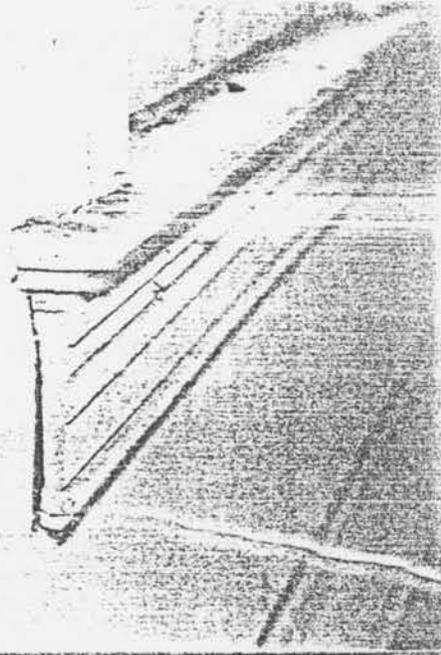
bot. left - " "

bot. right - Hallway

Window Holding

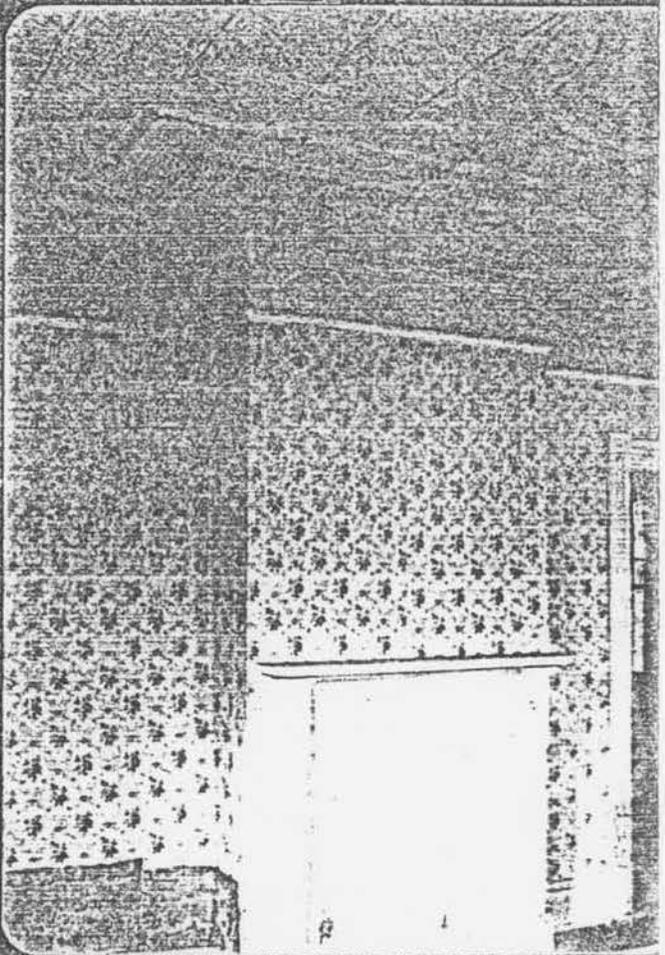
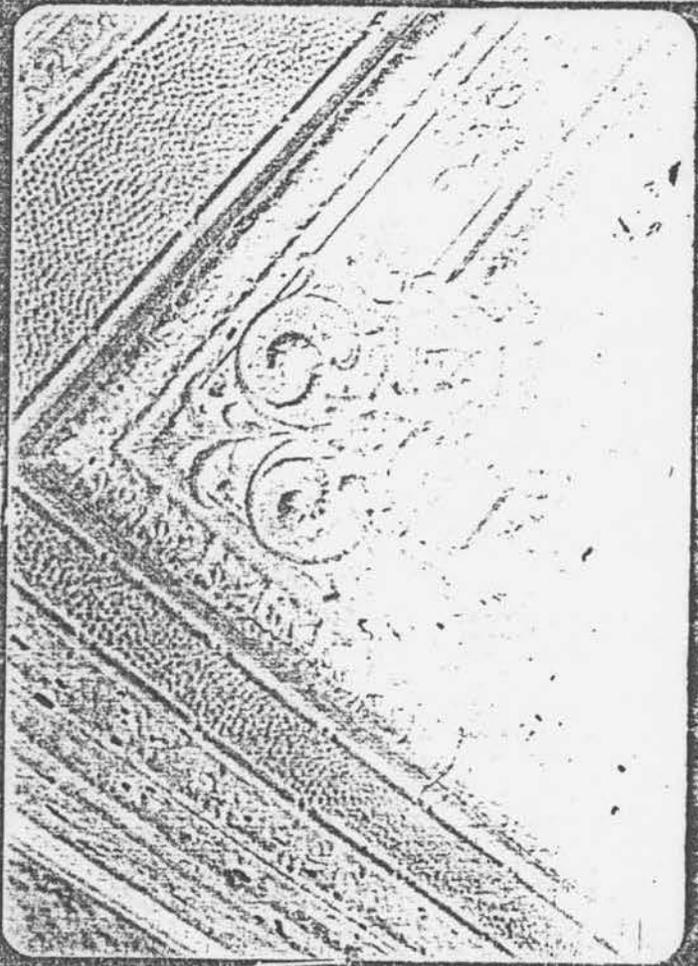
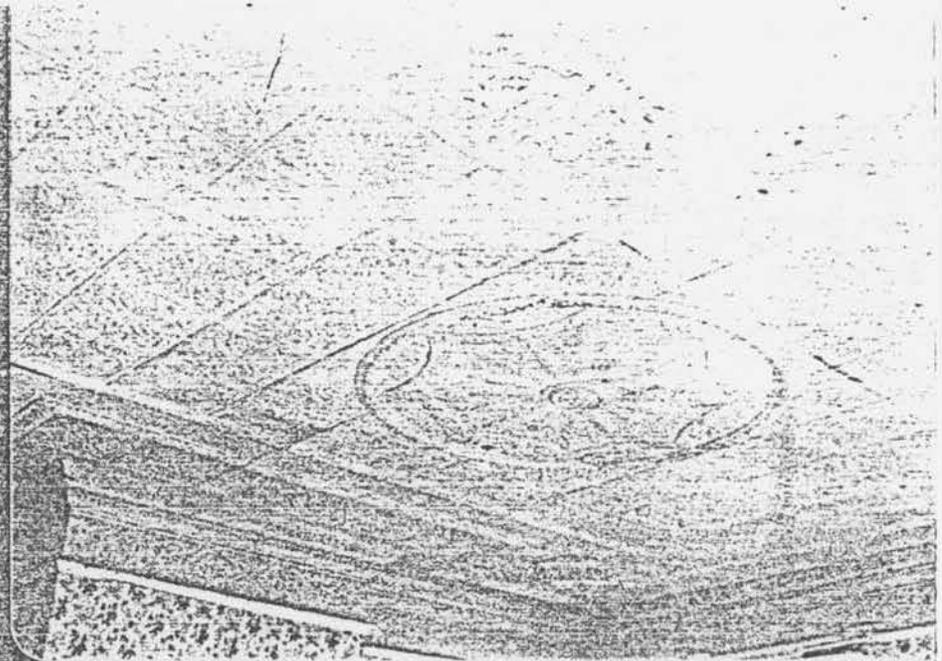
Window detail

Newell Post



Eugene Chaney House  
top - South Room ceiling  
bot. left. " " detail  
bot right " Mantel Wall

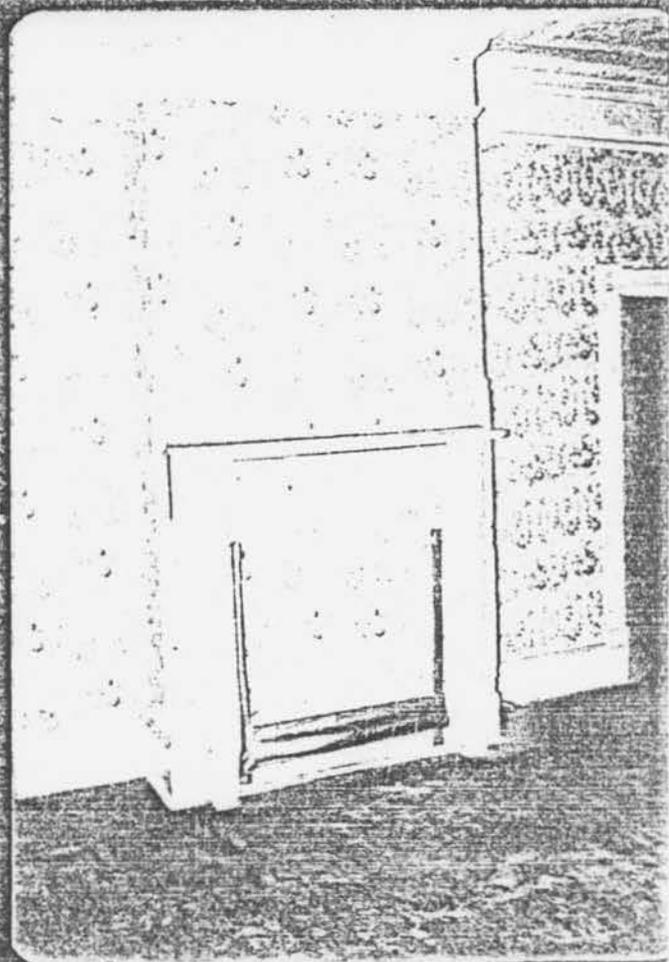
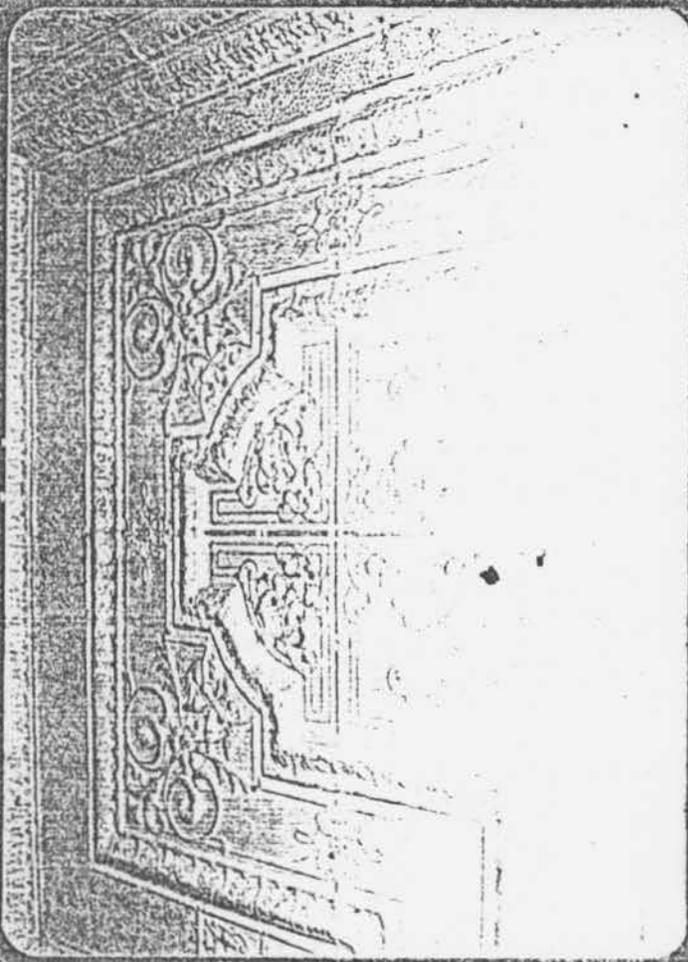
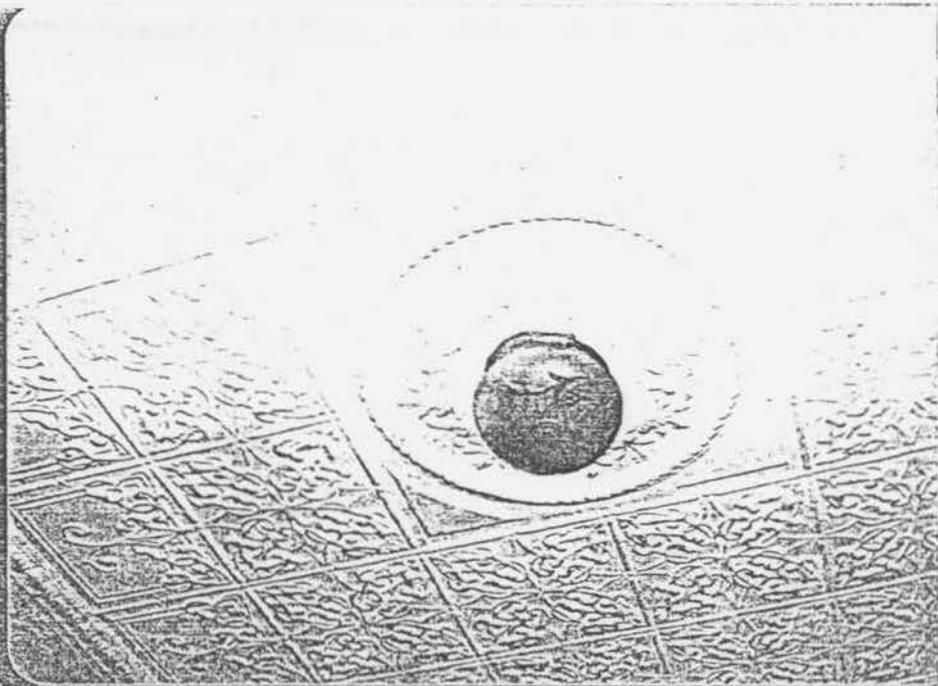
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Eugene Chaney House

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top - Wash Room ceiling detail  
bot left - " " " detail  
bot. right. " " metal wall



Eugene Chaney House  
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top - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor South Room Mantelpiece  
bottom - " North " "

