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The Vallister Stonehouse  
Yellow Springhouse  
Private

C. 1858

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC    The Vallister Stonehouse

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North Side Stonehouse Road

CITY, TOWN

Yellow Springs

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME    Richard and Kathy Vallister

Telephone #: 662-5467

STREET & NUMBER

Stonehouse Road

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 847

Folio #: 37

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

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

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

The Vallister House is a banked two and one-half story coursed random fieldstone residence which faces southeast from the north side of Stonehouse Road.

The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance, a replaced cross brick door, is located in the second bay on the second level. The door is set into a deep (eighteen inches) plain paneled entrance with narrow wood lintel and single stone doorsill. Another identical entrance is located in the third bay from the west on the ground level. A small replaced double hung 6/6 window with narrow wood lintel is located in the second bay on the ground level.

On the second level double hung 6/6 windows with narrow wood lintels and louvered shutters occupy the first and third bay. Small clerestory twin four pane windows with replaced louvered shutters are located in each bay on the third level of the house.

A replaced wood shingle shed roofed two story frame porch supported by five boxed columns on each level extends along the front of the building on the first and second levels.

There are no window or door openings on the east and west gable ends of the house. Five windows are located on the north side of the building. Double hung 6/6 windows are located between the first and second bay on the ground level and in the first and third bay on the second level. Twin four pane windows with narrow wood lintels are located in the first and third bays on the third level.

The building is covered by a replaced wood shingle roof with replaced plain boxed cornice. Interior corbeled brick chimneys straddle the gable on the east and west ends of the building. Large rectangular stone quoins are located in each corner of the building.

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Although the house was used as a farm residence, the only remaining outbuilding is a random stone springhouse with replaced wood shingle hipped roof. A vertical plank door and 6/6 window are located on the west side of the springhouse.

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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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Although it is difficult to determine an exact construction date, it is known that John Engle had established it as his home farm by 1858 as indicated by the Bond Map.

Upon his death in 1877 he willed the property to his son-in-law, William McDevitt, who mortgaged the farm in 1884 to pay his debts and was unable to pay the mortgage.<sup>1</sup> The farm was then sold at public sale for \$4,705 in 1886.<sup>2</sup>

Subsequently, the farm had many owners until the 1960's when it was sold for housing development.

Fortunately the farmhouse was platted as part of the subdivision and rehabilitated by its current owners.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Probate Records, Liber JRR 1; Folio 141.

<sup>2</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber AF 8; Folio 390.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

clh

Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

7/22/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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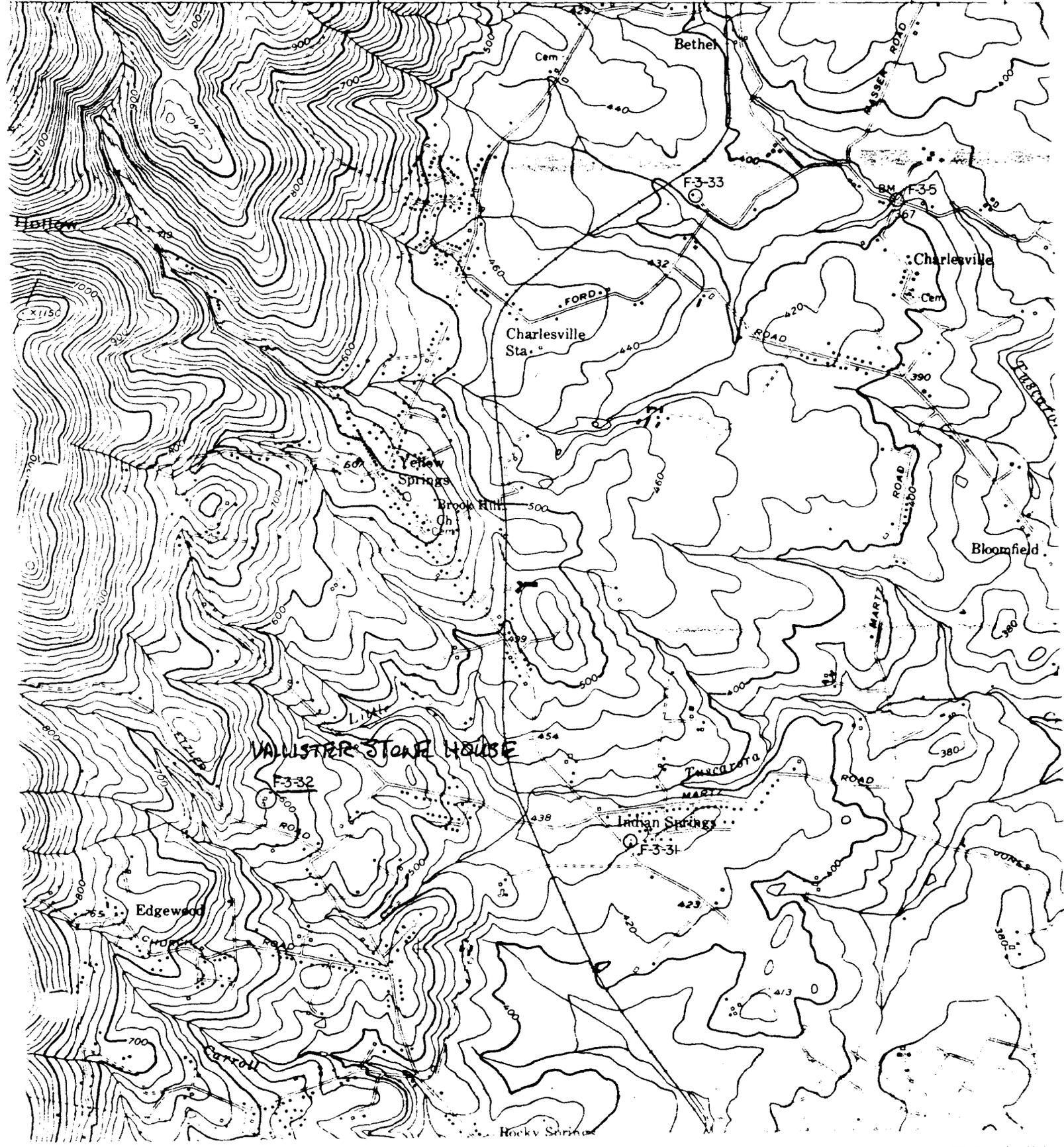
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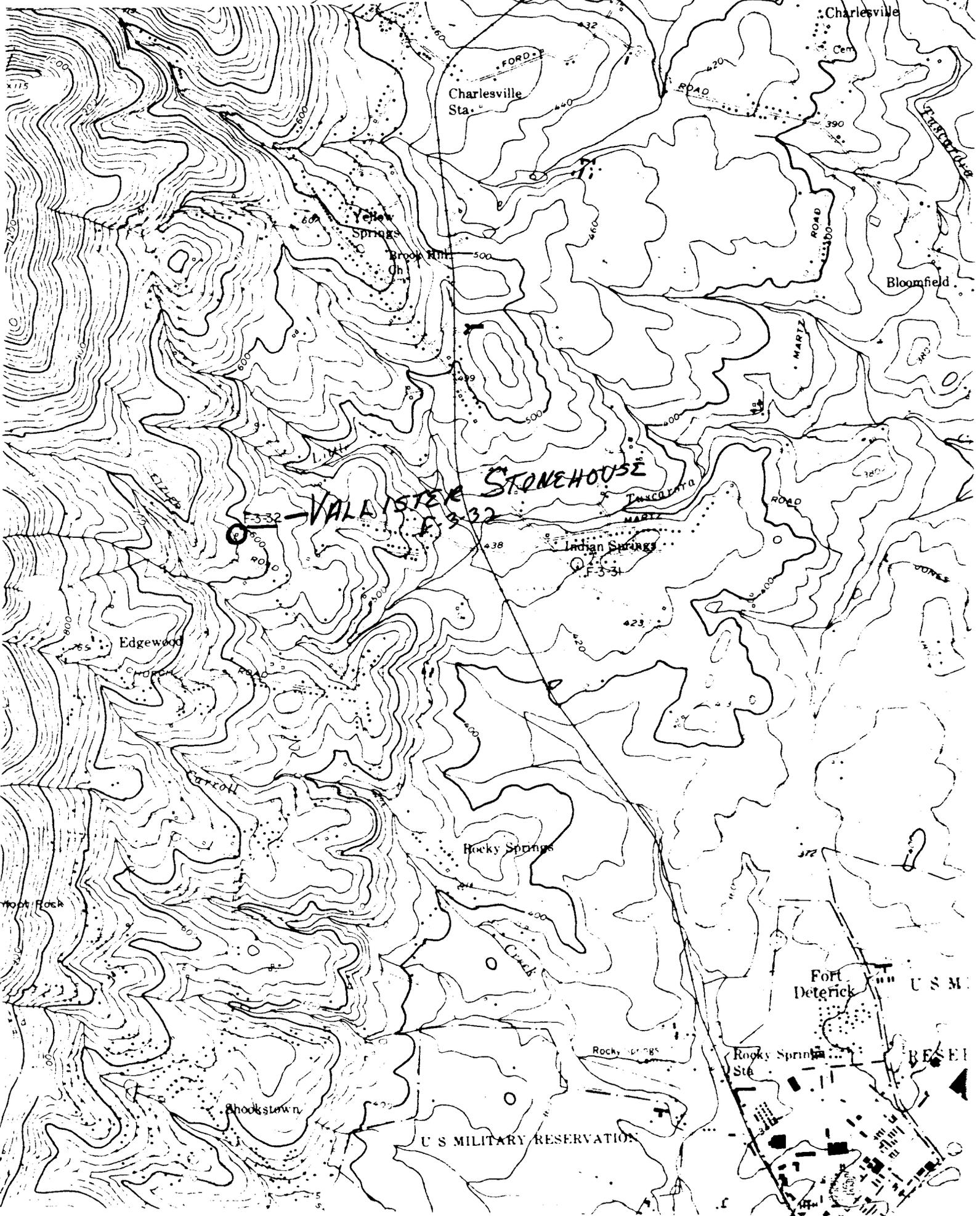
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CHARLESVILLE

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