

Libertytown, Maryland vicinity

Frederick County, Maryland

Private

The John Jones House is a stone two-story center hall plan house with quoins and rubble stone belt courses, an arched entrance, and a modern glass-enclosed solarium off a rear two-story stone ell. Its importance is its architectural style and construction technique, a joining of high style and vernacular work. The interior trim features Federal architraves and corner blocks and columned mantelpieces which suggest the more simplified Greek Revival style in its early stages. A datestone in the southeast gable identifies the house's builder and date. The Jones family operated a nearby mill in the mid and late 19th century.

Survey No. F-8-121  
John Jones House  
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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.

Resource Type:  
Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function & Use: Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic John Jones House

and/or common

**2. Location**street & number 11346 Lorien Court  not for publicationcity, town Libertytown  vicinity of congressional district 6th

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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Barbara G. Mertz

street &amp; number 11346 Lorien Court telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber JWLC 3

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick st. folio 61

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Paul Brinkman/Anthony James Survey, Frederick County #267

date 1970  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032-2023

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing Resource Count: 1

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 8. Significance

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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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<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** 1820 **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.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-8-121

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, 1858  
Frederick County Landmarks Foundation Registry file  
Hopkins Survey Map and files, Frederick County Historical Society  
Maryland Historical Trust, Brinkman/James Survey, 1970  
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# 10. Geographical Data

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

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 69; Parcel 62.

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

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July, 1991

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city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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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## 7.1 Description

The John Jones House is an 1820 stone house with two stories and a rear wing or ell constructed of limestone rubble with darker colored slate or shale rubble belt courses at the basement level and between the first and second stories of the main section. The gable-roofed dwelling faces southwest and has a stone in the southeast gable end inscribed "John Jones 1820". The principal elevation has 5 bays with a center entry and stone-arched fanlight. A 1970's glass-enclosed solarium occupies the angle between the main section and the ell. A 1990 open porch extends from the northeast gable end of the ell. Two non-contributing modern outbuildings, a garage and a tool shed, are located just north of the house. A flagstone terrace and a garden with a gazebo and a pergola are also recent, non-contributing constructions behind the house. Across the road west of the house, on a separately owned parcel, are the ruins of a mid-20th century concrete block milk house and a concrete block silo. The probable site of the main agricultural buildings of the former farm, these structures have a severe loss of integrity and no longer contribute to the John Jones House. The house is located about 3 miles southwest of Libertytown on the former route of Old Annapolis Road, which was relocated in the 1980's to a new bridge crossing of Linganore Creek, which runs south of the house. The road in front of the Jones House ends about 40 feet past the driveway.

The main section of the house has interior end chimneys; a modern concrete block flue extends up the outer wall of the northwest chimney. The raised basement level is most visible on the southwest elevation where the cellar window openings have horizontal iron bars. The principal elevation is set on a rubble stone terrace from which a stairway parallel to the house wall rises to a landing at the front entrance. The terrace appears to be a 20th century construction. The stone walls of the house have corner quoins and the slate belt courses terminate a few inches from the corners of the building. The door and window openings have gauged stone lintels. The door has a stone arch and a wood fan light. The sills are also stone. The architraves have a bull-nose profile. The door is a 6-panel type. The corrugated metal gable roof has a box cornice with a molding frieze. Louvered wood shutters flank the windows. The southeast gable end has no openings except a cellar entrance door with vertical flush boards. The northwest gable end has a single window flanking the north side of the chimney. On the ell, a 1960's frame extension is attached to the northwest elevation. It contains a laundry room and has a single exterior door on the northwest. On the southeast side of the ell, where a two-story partially enclosed porch existed until the 1960's, is the solarium, a steel and glass structure of one story. The modern porch is a rustic wood structure over the north end of the ell. Pre-1960 photos of the house are in the Hopkins survey collection at the Frederick County Historical Society. These verify the frame porch location and design.

The interior plan of the Jones House is a Georgian center hall type with symmetrical parlors on each side and the staircase in the center hall. The wood trim and parlor mantels suggest the transitional architectural style of the Jones House. While the plan and architrave trim is Federal, the mantel pieces have flutes and Tuscan order columns, a simplification of detail which foreshadowed the Greek Revival style increasing in popularity around 1820. The bull's-eye corner blocks and the molded chair rails in the two parlors are typical of the Federal interior. The sash is 6/9 in the first story and 6/6 on the upper story.

## 7.2 Description (continued)

The walls of the north parlor are plaster without cornices. The wall surface on the south parlor is covered with fabric, but the owner, Ms. Mertz, stated the walls are also plaster in that room as well.

The stair has a dark wood rail, perhaps mahogany or cherry. The closers have a scroll-sawn decoration. The floors in the main section are wide boards. The second story rooms have simple mantelpieces. The north room has closets flanking the fireplace. The attic level was finished in the 1960's and 1970's with stucco walls and decorative beams, concealing the rafters. The cellar extends under the front section of the house only.

The ell has one room on each level with a corner stair in the southwest corner. The original fireplace has stucco wall finish and exposed decorative beams as in the attic. A wood gallery off the second story of the ell inside the solarium has a modern iron library stair and railing. The solarium has a flagstone floor and an outer door in the north end.

Also on the property of the Jones House is a relocated tombstone in the garden north of the house. It is inscribed to Phebe Jones, who died at age 28 in 1822. It was part of a Jones family cemetery which was in the path of the relocated Old Annapolis Road. Ms. Mertz retrieved the stone and placed it in the garden under a wood shelter.

## 8.1 Significance

The John Jones House is an excellent example of a transitional Federal style house with vernacular construction methods. The stone walls are similar to those of many stone houses in Frederick County, but few have the finer details of corner quoins, gauged stone lintels and arches, and stone belt courses. The interior features, while altered in some respects, are mostly intact, especially in the main section where the trim and stairway are largely as built. John Jones and his sons operated grist and saw mills on Linganore Creek just east of the house location.

No trace of the mill structures remains, but the Hopkins survey records at the Frederick County Historical Society note that the mill dam was visible in 1966. This dam was not identified in the current survey. The Varle Map of Frederick and Washington Counties (1808) shows the mill as owned by W. Hobbs.

The Jones House is registered by the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation with Plaque No. 13 on the front elevation.

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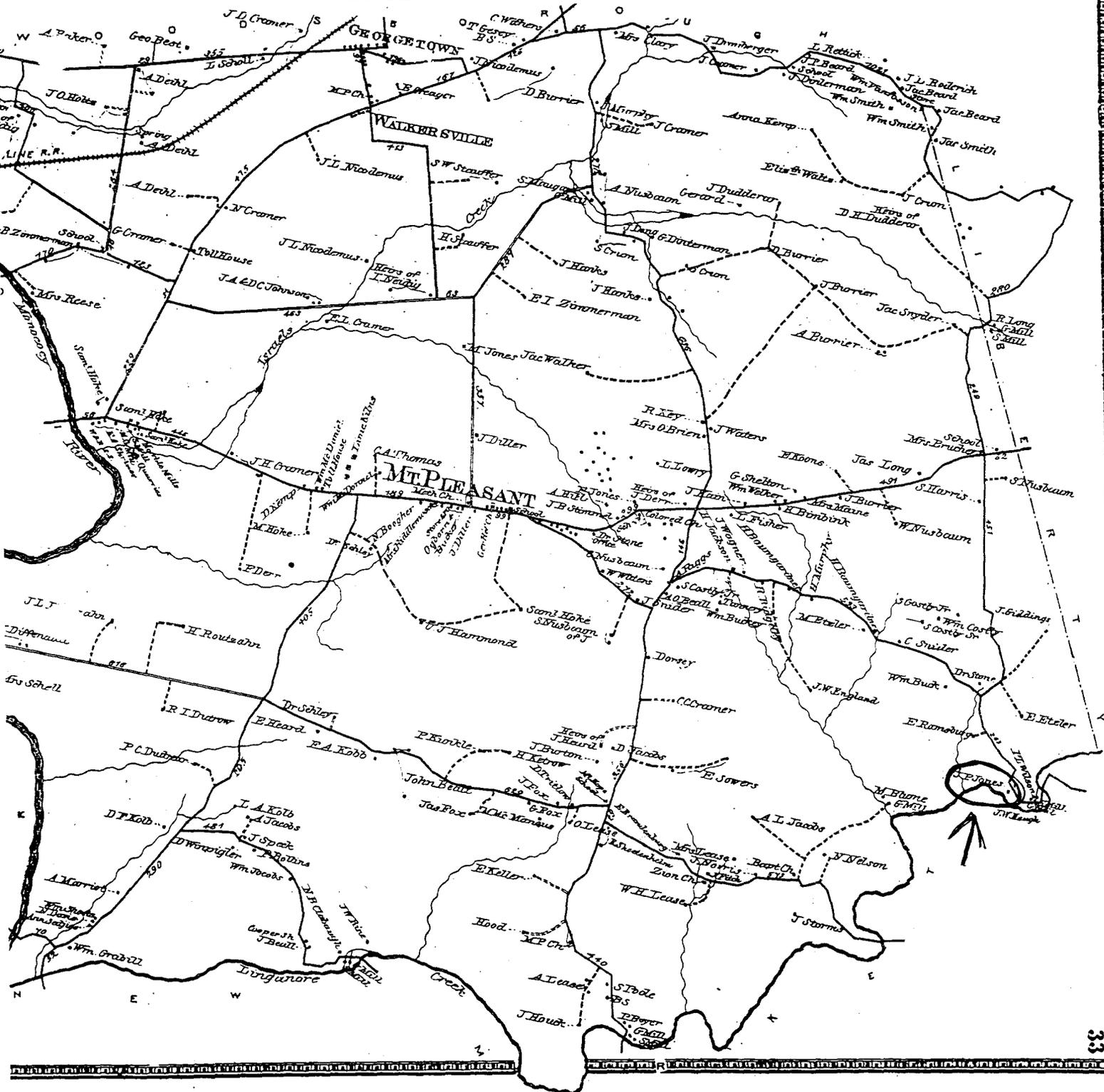
9.1 Major Bibliographical References (continued)

Titus, C.O., Atlas of Frederick County, 1873  
Varle, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808

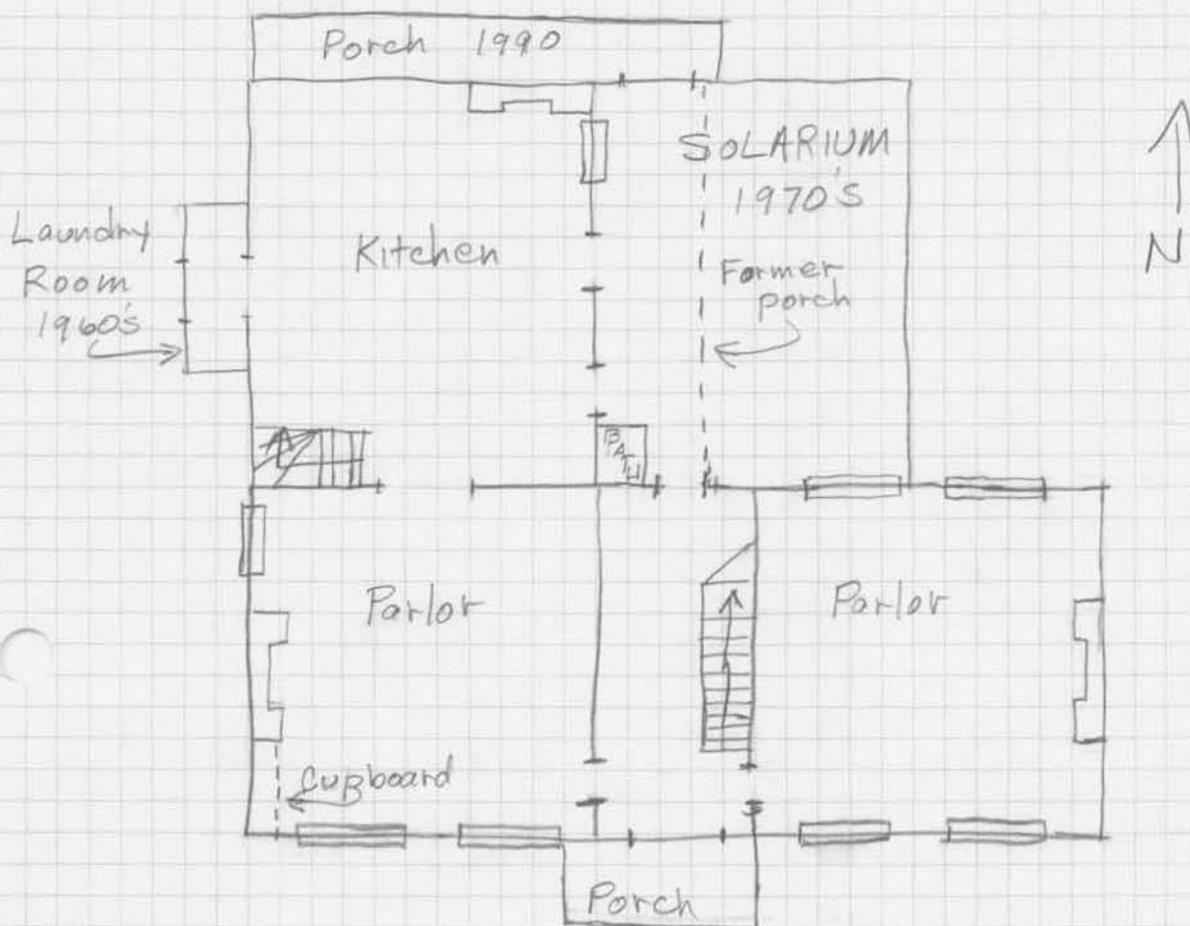


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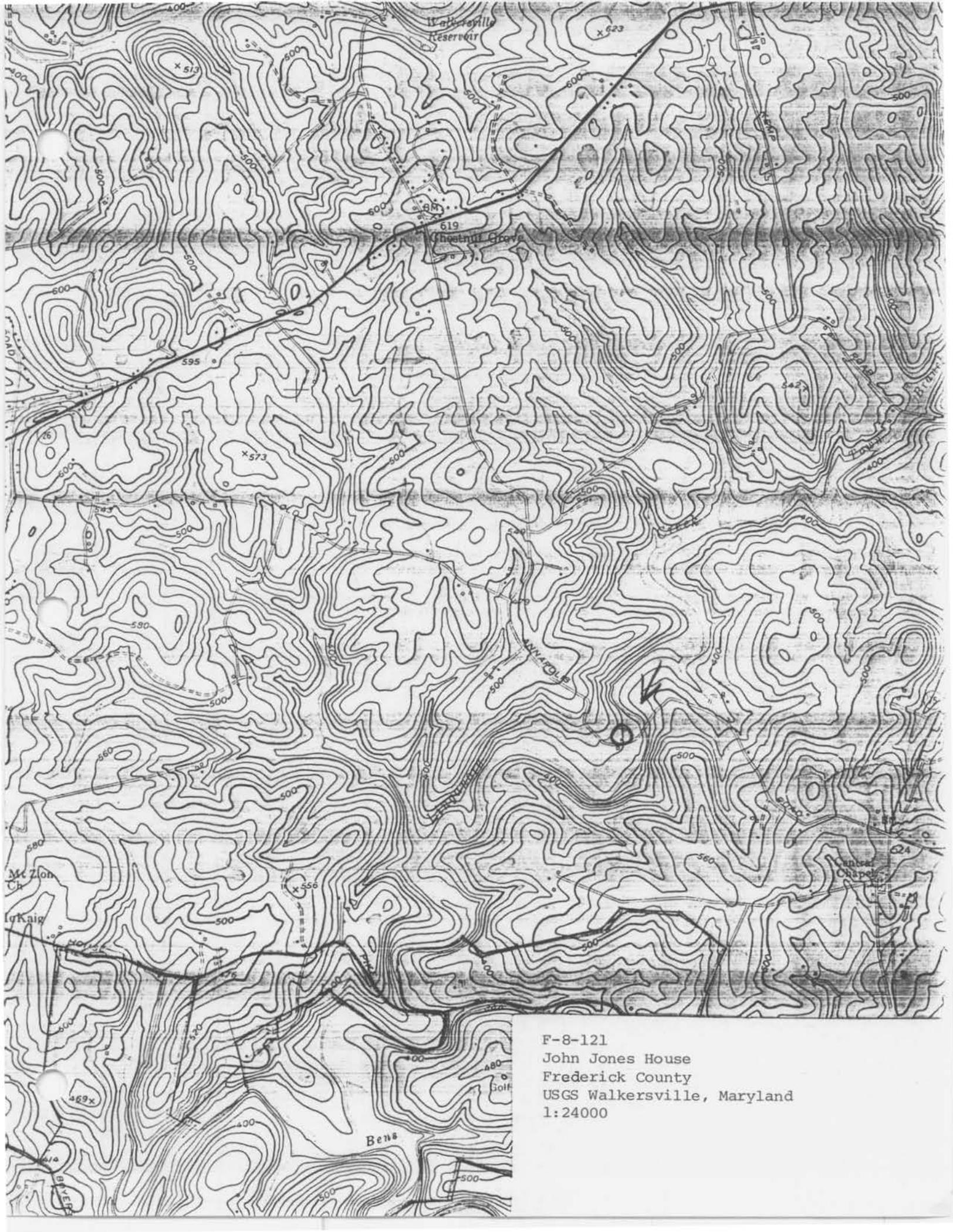


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South elevation

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North elevation

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Main hall doorway

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East parlor mantelpiece

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