

G-II-A-037

Charlie Reckord House  
Asher Glade  
Private

c.1870

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It is a superlative example of possibly the oldest extant vertical-plank building in Garrett County, retaining the most significant and well-preserved interior features. Its construction, floor plan, trim, and paint finishes are particularly significant.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Charlie Reckord House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Glade Rd., W side, approx. 1¼ miles W of intersection with Route 42

CITY, TOWN

Asher Glade

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

 VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	<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 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

Joanne and Claude T. Dickinson, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 329

Folio #: 420

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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

The Charlie Reckord house stands on slightly hilly terrain, facing east. A spring emerges to the north of the house, while a frame bank barn on a stone foundation stands c. 100 yards north of that. Two gable-roofed sheds appear west of the house.

This true one and one-half story house is built of vertical planks. It measures four bays long by one bay deep. A one-bay-deep, one-story plank addition crosses the rear, creating a salt-box roof profile. A shed-roofed porch featuring chamfered posts shades the facade. Another small porch shelters the northern entrance in the addition bays.

The facade's second bay from the left is an unfenestrated structural unit. A large central stone chimney rises behind this bay. The main entrance appears in the second bay from the right. Six over six sash windows light the facade's ground floor, while six over three sash light the second floor. Two over two sash occupy the end and addition bays.

In addition, a batten door appears in the southernmost bay on the west side, and a door composed of two panels under a four-pane window opens into the north end. The other three bays on the west side hold windows. All architraves consist of plain flat boards. They retain remnants of wine-red paint.

Brown insul-brick sheathes the building. Original 6" - 7" tongue-and-groove weatherboard siding is visible on the facade and rear of the main house. It is not known how the other sides were finished, but the planks may have been exposed and covered with battens. The standing-seam metal roof ends in a deep, thin overhang. Both the chimney block and the foundation are constructed of massive, finely-cut sandstone blocks. At the chimney top the blocks are smaller in size, only slightly larger than bricks.

Each floor, as well as the addition, is divided into two disproportionate rooms. The main door, comprising a square window positioned between two horizontal panels, all set over three vertical panels, opens directly into the larger north room. From this room, a four-panel door leads into the south room at the east end of the center beaded-board partition wall. A similar door leads into the addition at the rear.

The central chimney block, measuring over 5' square, accommodates two fireplaces, facing into either ground-floor room.

In the north room, a boxed stair in the southwest corner adjoins the fireplace. The four-panel stair door stands adjacent to a two-panel door serving a closet under the stair. The stair includes one step before the door opens onto a ten-step tightwinder turning 180° to the second floor.

The south room features a built-in cupboard west of the fireplace. A batten door opens into the addition from the rear wall.

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**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**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	c. 1870	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Charlie Reckord House is a superlative structure as the oldest vertical-plank building in Garrett County, retaining the most significant and well-preserved interior features. Its construction, floor plan, trim, and paint finishes are particularly significant.

This building's construction resembles that at the nearby Jackson W. Umble House (G-II-A-273), built c. 1870. The Charlie Reckord House with its central chimney, single entrance facade, and saltbox profile, may prove similar in form to several structures in Eckhart (Al-V -A-249), not yet examined in detail (April, 1982).

**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

Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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(#7 - Description continued)

The shape of the half-story, in section, is defined by the exterior walls (which end at the top of the windows), and by the roof slope to the collar beams, which form the ceiling. The two second floor rooms correspond to those below. They are joined by a batten door at the east end of the center beaded-board partition wall.

On the first floor, a brick stove-flue chimney heats the northern shed room at the partition. On the second floor, a seemingly precarious arrangement of a wooden-boxed metal stove-flue braced by studs rises from the addition and runs diagonally along the center partition to be vented in the stone chimney stack.

Six inch wide horizontal boards finish the walls of the first floor's main room. The ceiling is modern. In the other three original rooms the exposed planks are covered with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ " - 7" battens and whitewashed. On the second floor, the plate is exposed and the ceiling is covered with 5" - 8" boards. The addition has a narrow board ceiling.

Plain flat baseboards trim the rooms. Double-field boards form the architraves. Wooden nailing blocks inserted above the fireplace suggest the previous existence of mantels.

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The attic construction includes half-pole rafters butted at the apex. Irregular oak collars are nailed to the rafters.

Nearly all original interior trim paint survives. In addition to the aforementioned whitewashed walls, the second floor south room exhibits apple green trim, while the other three original rooms display wine-red trim. The second floor board ceiling and partition wall are painted dark grey. The west wall of the south room is papered with a variety of square wallpaper samples from the Independent Wallpaper Company, creating a patchwork effect.

Despite lying abandoned for a number of years, the Charlie Reckord house has deteriorated little and remains in unaltered, restorable condition. Its roof and sheathing have protected it from the weather, and it has not been damaged by vandals.

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Chain of Title

from Garrett County Courthous:

329/420 Grantor: W. Dwight Stover, Garrett Co., MD  
9/22/72 Grantee: Claude T. Dickinson, Jr. & Joanne Dickinson (wife) of  
Deed Prince Georges County, MD  
Consideration: No price given  
Acreage: 127 ac. + 157 poles

First - ML #2909; part of ML #2992 south of line due west from  
northwest corner of #2909; part of #2993 north of line  
drawn due west from southwest corner of #2909  
Also part of "Hammond's Corner": begins northwest of corner  
of Lot #2909 W204 perches; S100p.; E204p. to southwest  
corner of #2909; then north 100p. to begin. 127 ac.

Second -tract known as part of "Fike Farm;" shown on plot of Lands  
west of Fort Cumberland as "Hammond's Corner": begin stone  
in MD/WV line; N 67° E 9½ poles to stone; N 12° W 32 poles to  
stone in MD/WV line; with line S35 poles to begin: 157 poles.

327/3 Grantor: Emerson E. Frazee  
7/19/72 Grantee: W. Dwight Stover  
Deed Consideration: No price  
Acreage: 127 ac. + 157 poles  
See description of property 329/420

327/1 Grantor: Charles R. Reckord & Pearl Reckord (wife)  
Deed Grantee: Emerson E. Frazee  
See description of property 329/420, known as Charles R. Reckord  
Farm: includes deed from Isaiah Umbel to Charles R. Reckord and  
Bessie, March 29, 1924, EZT 88/24

Also - Ernest Ray Jones, Assignee to Charles R. Reckord and Bessie,  
December 10, 1931. RLD 104/279  
"upon the death of Bessie Reckord the land descended unto  
Charles R. Reckord having intermarried with Pearl Reckord."

EZT 88/84 Grantor: Charles R. Reckord & Bessie (wife) of Marrion Co., WV  
6/10/24 Grantee: Isaiah Umbel & Ann L. (wife)  
Deed Consideration: \$1,800  
First - 43½ acres from John S. Fike & Ida (wife) October 5, 1900  
Second - 18 acres from Jesse Laraway & Catherine (wife) June 27,  
1911 EZT #62/172  
Third - "Hammond's Corner" 157 poles from Louis Fike, widow, and  
John Fike and Ida Fike (wife) October 5, 1908  
EZT 58/223

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RLD104/279 Grantor: Ernest Ray Jones (assignee in foreclosure of mortgage  
12/17/31 from Eddie Thornburg & wife to Potomac Joint Stock  
Deed Land Bank of Alexandria: July 12, 1928 EZT98/23)  
Grantee: Charles R. Reckord & Bessie (wife)

Isaiah Umble farm includes ML #2909, parts of 2992 #2993,  
and part of "Hammond's Corner" 127a. except 61½ a. sold by  
Umbel to Reckord March 29, 1924; leaving quantity of 65½ a.  
same as land conveyed by Umble to Thornburg Oct. 7, 1927  
EZT95/538

EZT95/538 Grantor: Isaiah & Anna (wife) Umble, Preston Co., WV  
10/7/27 Grantee: Eddie & Emma (wife) Thornburg of Garrett Co., MD  
Deed ("mailed to Eddie Thornburg Morgantown, WV")

Consideration: \$5,000

ML #2909, etc. 127 a. except two tracts conveyed to Reckord  
March 29, 1924: one tract 43½ a., the other 18a., leaving  
65½ a. more/less.

Same tract as conveyed to Laraway Dec. 4, 1920 EZT79/504  
known as William Umble Farm

EZT79/504 Grantor: Isaiah & Annie (wife) Umbel  
12/4/20 Grantee: Jessie & Catherine (wife) Laraway  
Deed Consideration: \$3,425

Except: 1. Land conveyed to William Umbel from Jacob Maust  
June 17, 1884 WHT9/517  
2. Tract conveyed to Umbel June 27, 1911  
3. Tract which William Umbel and wife conveyed to  
Levi J. Fike and wife: Levi J. and wife then  
conveyed to Elijah T. Fike Oct. 3, 1900 EZT39/119  
same tract Louisa Fike, widow of Elijah T., and John  
S. Fike and wife (only heirs of Elijah: conveyed to  
Isaiah Umbel) Oct. 5, 1908 EZT58/223 (acreage not  
specified)

EZT58/223 Grantor: Louisa Fike, widow of Elijah T., and John S. and Ida  
10/5/08 (wife) Fike: heirs  
Deed Grantee: Isaiah Umbel

Consideration: \$600

First - ML #2909, etc. conveyed by Levi J. Fike to Elijah T.  
Fike Oct. 3, 1900

Second - "Fike Farm" ("Hammond's Corner") 157 poles conveyed  
to Elijah T. Fike from Hiram Humberson and wife  
September 12, 1887 WHT12/721

EZT39/119 Grantor: Levi J. & Annie B (wife) Fike, Garrett Co., MD  
10/3/1900 Grantee: Elijah T. Fike (Garrett Co., MD)  
Deed Consideration: \$600

Acreage: 43½ a.

ML # 2909, etc.

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WHT12/721 Grantor: Hiram & Catharine (wife) Humberson of Garrett Co., MD  
 9/12/1887 Grantee: Elijah T. Fike of Preston Co., WV  
 Deed (sent to ETF Markleysburg, PA)  
 Part of "Fike Farm" known as "Hammond's Corner" 157 poles adjoins  
 MD/WV line  
 Conveyed by Isabelle Umble to Hiram Humberson April 29, 1882  
 WHT6/339

WHT6/339 Grantor: Isabelle Umble  
 4/29/1882 Grantee: Hiram & Catharine A. (wife) Humberston (sic) of Garrett Co., MD  
 Deed Consideration: \$1,500  
 "Fike Farm" ML #2908, 2993, 2994, part of Hammond's Corner  
 adjoins MD/WV line same as conveyed to Isabella Umbel from  
 Elisha Umbel by will April 3, 1877

WHT9/517 Grantor: Jacob & Charlotte (wife) Maust Fayette Co., PA  
 6/17/1884 Grantee: William Umbel, Garrett Co., MD  
 Deed Consideration: \$2,000  
 ML #2909 and parts of 2992 & 2993 part of "Hammond's Corner"  
 same was conveyed to Maust by Thomas Hammond Aug. 17, 1865  
 HR23/211 Allegany Co., MD

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 EZT62/172 Grantor: Jessie Laraway & Catharine (wife) of Garrett Co., MD  
 6/27/11 Grantee: Isaiah & Anna (wife) Umbel  
 Deed Acreage: 18 a. same as land conveyed to Laraway by William Umbel  
 1911

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 A/126 Will of Elisha Umble  
 4/3/1877 Property to wife Isabelle until she remarries; then divided among heirs  
 Will to Isabelle: Parcel of Land ML #2922 & 2923 30 a. of lot #2920  
 south side of said lot, in the home place 130 a.  
 - also a tract on which Alfred Glover now lives; lots #2915 & 2913: 100 a.  
 - also "The Fike Farm" on which Thomas Maust now lives ML #2908, 2993,  
 2994; part of lot known as "Hammond's Corner" MD/WV line 127 a.  
 - also  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in Fayette Co., PA land (Clay Township) 71 $\frac{1}{2}$  a.  
 all land except Fike Farm may be sold to pay depts  
 property to Isabelle & children for their "maintenance & schooling"  
 witnesses Isaac T. Frazee, Jacob Maust, & Thomas Maust

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from Allegany County Courthouse:

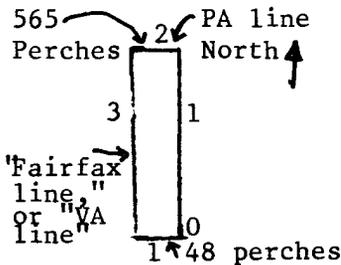
23/211 Grantor: Thomas Hammond of Frederick County, MD  
8/17/1865 Grantee: Jacob Maust  
Deed Consideration: \$700  
Acreage 127 a.

Lot #2909; parts of #2992 & 2993; part of tract "Hammonds Corner"

Note: This deed appears in a series of many deeds from Thomas Hammond of Frederick County to various buyers: all tracts are in Allegany and Garrett Counties

1867-1875	Jacob (Maust) "Most"		
District 2	Lot 2909 & Part of Lots, 127 a. @ \$8.00	<u>Total</u>	\$1016
p. 228	Live stock #300, Household \$60		\$ 25
7/1867	April 1872 - Additional live stock		\$ 274
Tax Assess.			

Surveyor's To Thomas Hammond of Frederick County by special warrant for 100 a.  
 Records: Acreage: 169½ a. "Hammond's Corner"  
 Book "D" begin at SW corner of lot #2995 (which is  
 1832-39 end of 2nd line of #2995) running with 3rd  
 p. 388 line of each of lots #2995, #2994, #2993,  
 Surveyed #2992, & #2991, etc...  
 1/9/1839



Note: index calls the tract Hammond's "Comer" erroneously

23/394 Grantor: Jacob Maust  
 11/1865 Grantee: W. R. Maple of Dunkard Greene Co., PA: Mineral rights  
 Deed for 40 years  
 - lands on north and east: Thomas Hammond; Jacob Fike on  
 south: VA state line on west.

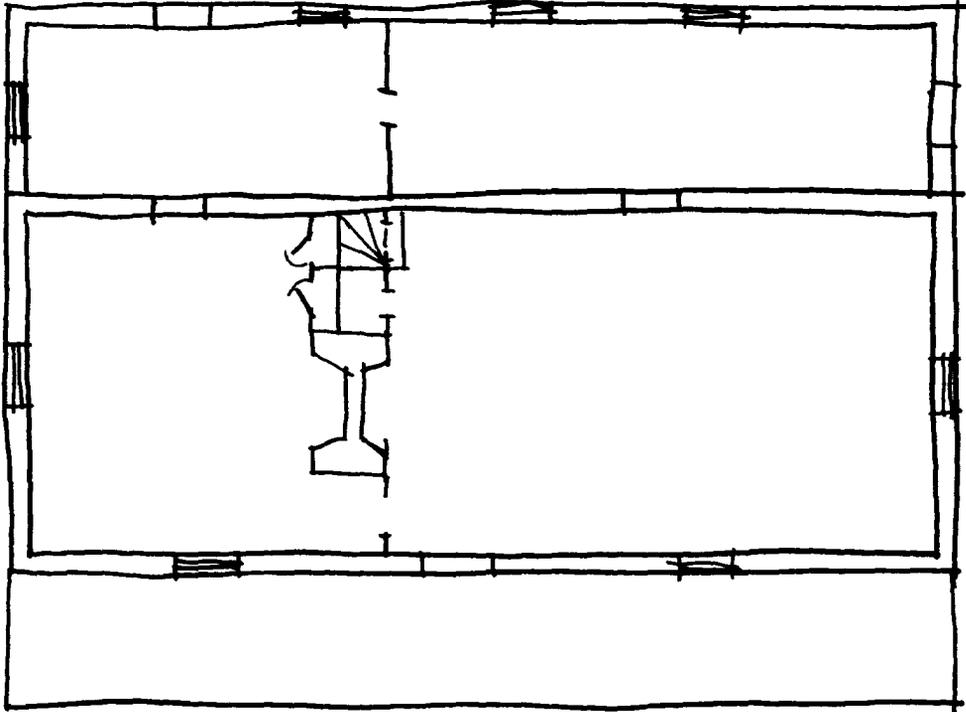
Acreage: 147½ a.

Note: W. R. Maple in adjacent deeds buys mineral rights to other nearby land - also adjoining Thomas Hammond

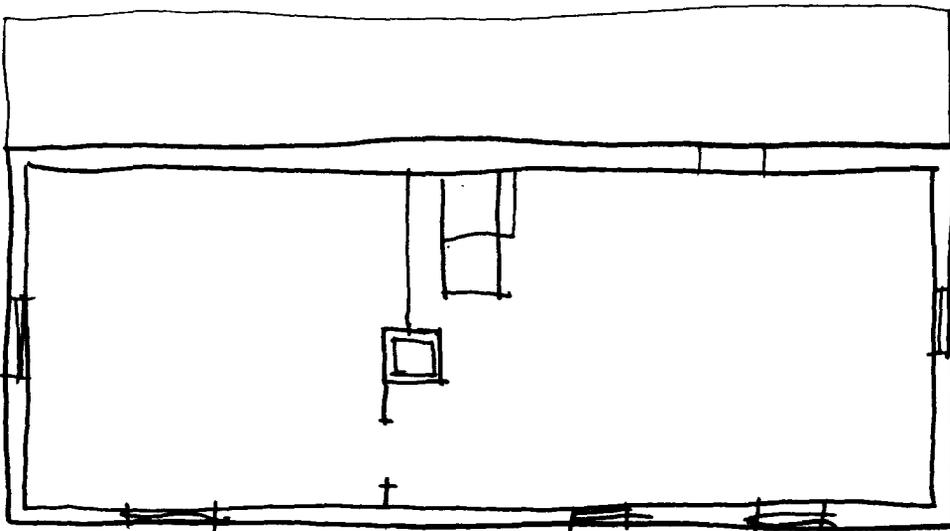
Floor Plan

1st and 2nd Floor

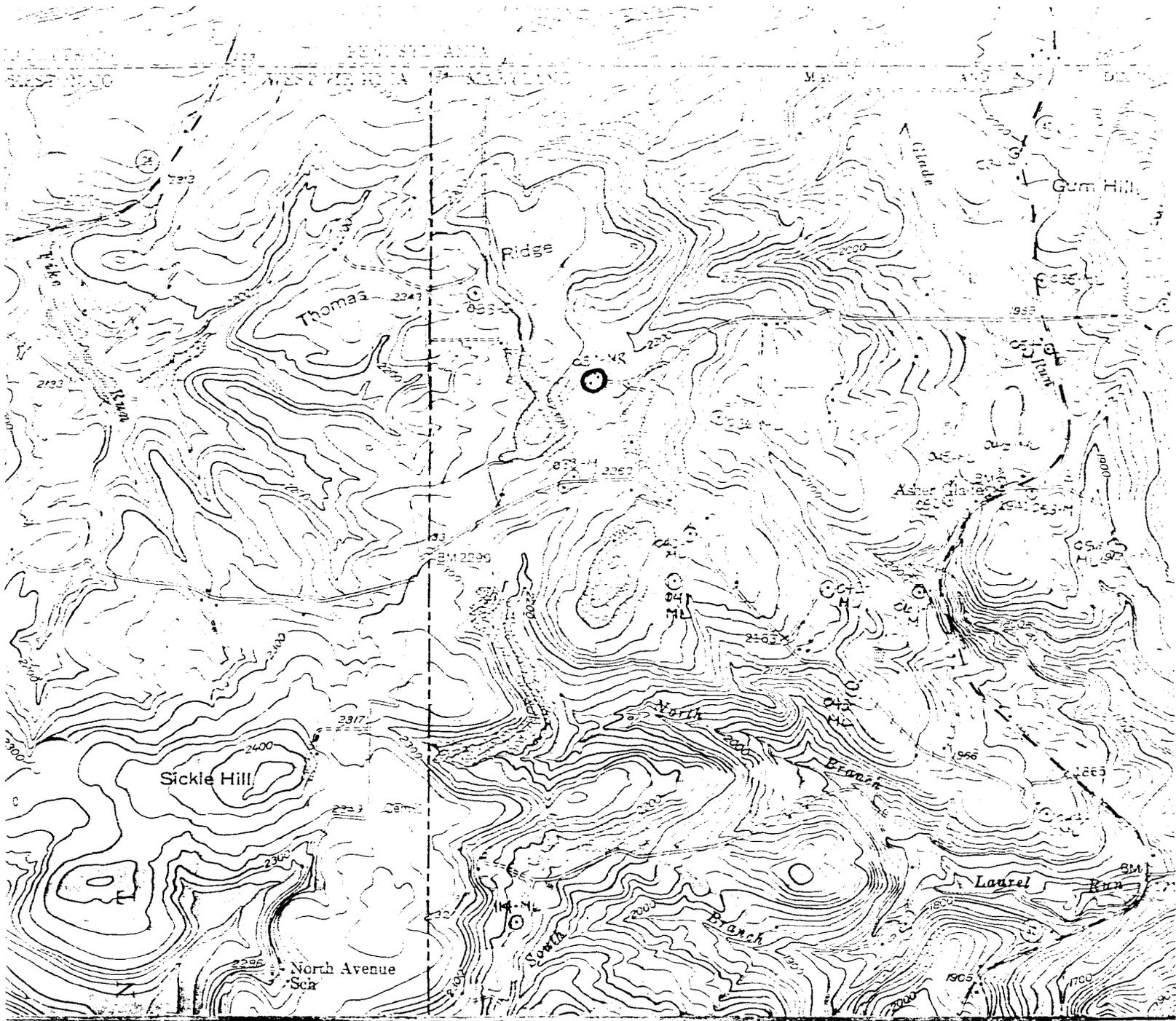
1st Floor



2nd Floor



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Friendsville, MD-PA  
7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1947; photorevised 1974

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intersection with Route 42  
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Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 9.80

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Charlie Reckord House

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W & S



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Charlie Reckord House

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 9/80

S Room



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Charlie Reckord House

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 9/80

Interior; N room



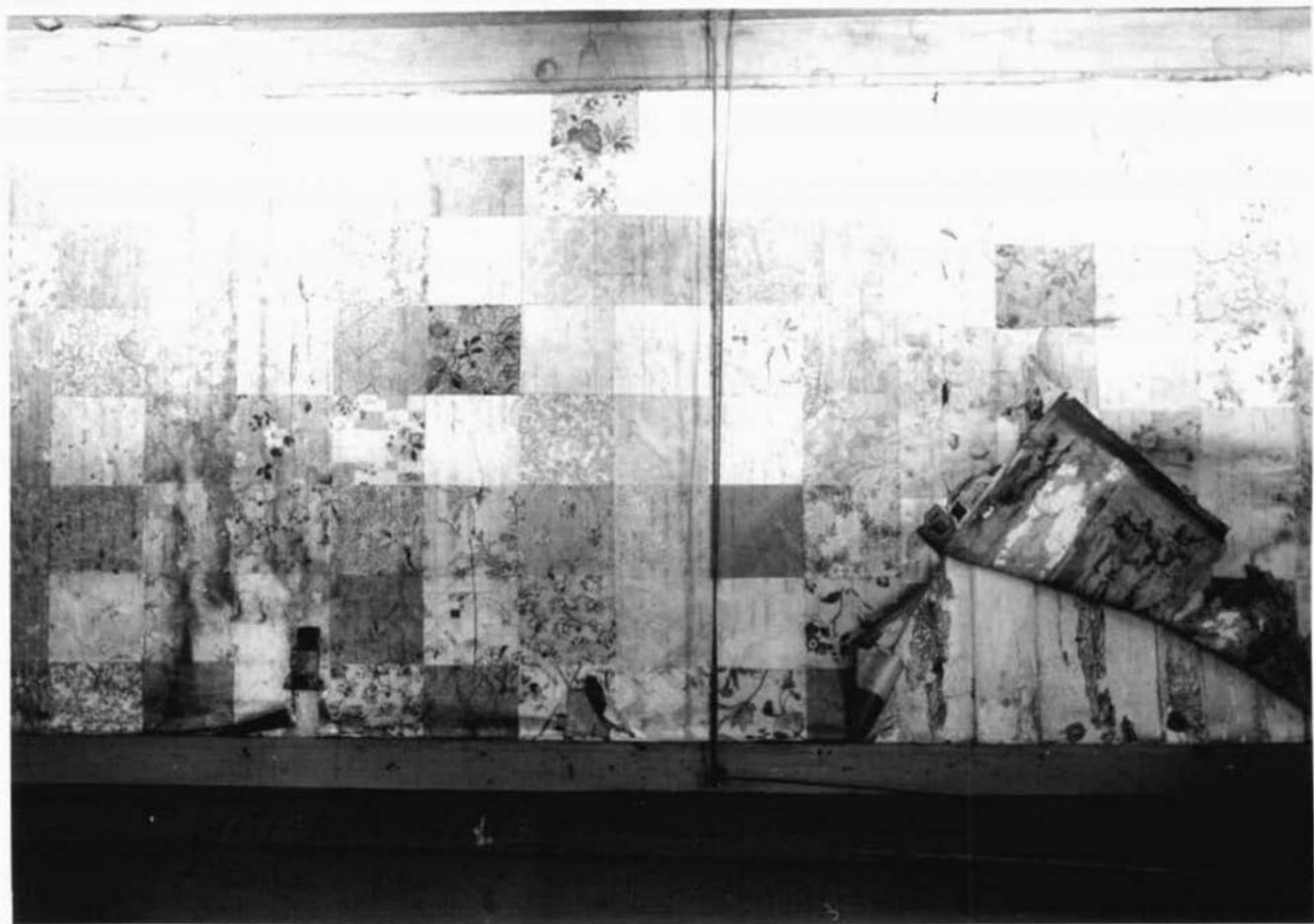
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Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 9/80

N room 2nd floor



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S room, 2nd floor



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Barn: W & S elevation



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Spring



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Charlie Reckord House

Garrett Co. MD

Photo: A. Burns 1 Aug 1980

E facade



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S & E Facades



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Int: joists, wall



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Int: S chimney



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Int: door latch