

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Richardson/Worthington House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
first

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Harford 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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Worthington

Telephone #: 836-2660

STREET & NUMBER  
Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN  
Churchville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 585  
Folio #: 374

STREET & NUMBER  
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

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

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

This frame Victorian house is located off Churchville Road. It faces north and consists of two main parts. It is two and one half stories high and is built onto low rubblestone foundations. The front facade is three bays long with a center entrance that bows.

The gable flank roof is slate covered with metal snow stops, and two elaborately corbeled brick chimneys. One of these chimneys is located near the center of roof line at the peak. The other chimney is located near the south end of the roof toward the center of the roof line. As can be seen in the floor plan, this house has many elaborate features. Many of the characteristic Victorian embellishments have, however, been removed. The gable flank roof had had a center gable peak as well as gingerbread ornamentation. These were removed by the present owners. Windows at the first elevation are six over twelve lights on the north facade, and six over six on the west facade. The west facade bows so that it is actually three sided. On the east facade the wall has a rectangular projection, the east side of which has a 6/6 window, while the north and south sides are four lights over four. This portion of the house extends on the west to form an el with one bay on the west and three bays to the south. Windows here are six lights over six.

Inside, this section of the house, with its center through hall floor plan, has high ceilings and many characteristic Victorian features. Three of the hall's walls are entirely paneled while the east wall has a half rail and wainscoting. The stairway is in the south east and is quite elaborate. The newel post has carved Roman Doric columns and flowers in relief. A metal statue, approximately two feet tall is on top of the post. The man portrayed in the statue is dressed like a pilgrim and carries (an electric nightlight) lantern. This hall continues through the el.

The east room is paneled and has a fireplace in the center of the west wall. The west room has wainscoting and a triangular brick lined fireplace in the south east corner. This has beaded panels and a wood mantle with a denticular cornice. Wide passageways between rooms at one time had sliding doors. The room south of the west room has an identical fireplace in the north east corner. These fireplaces are back to back. Wainscoting is also present in this room. A bathroom has been added at the south end of the hall.

The oldest part of this house is to the south east. It consists of a kitchen and one story office. The owner mentioned that the original house had burned years ago and the present house had been built around the remaining older house.

Out buildings on this property are new additions.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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| 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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**

This Victorian influenced house, built in the latter half of the nineteenth century, has had much of its exterior embellishments removed. The house appears to be slightly older than its approximately 100 years. Inside, however, it has been changed very little. The south section, presently a kitchen, may be a good bit older and lacks the grandeur of the larger part of the house. The property on which this house stands is part of Paca's Enlargement, an old tract once owned by Dr. John Archer.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 92 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This land is bounded on the North by Churchville Road , and on the south by the property of Charles E. Wirsing, Jr.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Susan M. Deaney, Field Historian	December 14, 1976
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	DATE 833-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	STATE 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Title Search  
HA-1063

Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Worthington  
Churchville Road  
Churchville, MD 21028

	585	374	12/29/1961	Grantor: William R. and Hazel E. Richardson Grantee: Richard W. and Betty Ann Worthington Acreage: Being part of Paca's Enlargement 92 acres
GRG	570	356	5/12/61	Grantor: William R. and Hazel E. Richardson Grantee: Richard W. and Betty Ann Worthington Acreage: 7.52 acres, being part of land conveyed to the Richardsons by the Cains.
GCB	284	289	6/17/44	Grantor: S. Winfield and Belle T. Cain Grantee: William R. and Hazel E. Richardson Acreage: 92 acres of "Paca's Enlargement"
GCB	284	287	6/17/44	Grantor: William R Richardson and Hazel E. Richardson Grantee: S. Winfield Cain and Belle T. Cain Acreage: 92 acres Paca's Enlargement  Grantor: Robert C. Richardson died 7/8/19 and his Heirs-Florence EW Richardson, wife and William R. Richardson, son. Grantee: Florence EW (Richardson) Kaltenback died 3/13/43 heir William R. Richardson.
WSF	108	45	9/23/02	Grantor: Jane A. Kennedy, et al Grantee: Robert C. Richardson Acreage: 40 acres
WSF	92	321	12/8/1897	Grantor: Fred R. Williams, trustee Grantee: Robert C. Richardson Acreage: 52 acres whereon Jesse Burbank lately resided
ALJ	31	16	11/4/1874	Grantor: William J. Kennedy et al Grantee: Jesse Burbank and also part of land inherited by Jane, Ann and William T. Kennedy from their father, Elihue B. Kennedy.
WHD	16	125	6/22/1865	Grantor: Stevenson Archer, Trustee Grantee: Jane A. Kennedy and others
ALJ	8	234, 239	10/6/1851	Deed of trust made by Jane Herbert 10/6/1851 with Stevenson Archer and Nathaniel W.S. Hays equally distributes property to Jane A. , Ann E, and William T. Kennedy.

HD 14 39 3/17/1831 Grantor: Stevenson Archer  
Grantee: Jane Herbert  
Acreage: 98 $\frac{1}{4}$  acres, Archer was appointed Trustee for the  
sale of the real estate of James Kennedy, deceased  
for the payment of his debts.  
  
Equity: John Herbert vs. Elihu B. Kennedy and others  
  
Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James Kennedy  
Grantee: William Kennedy and Elihu Bay Kennedy to receive  
property.

HD U 198 3/11/1809 Grantor: James Kennedy to pay a yearly rent to Doctor  
John Archer.

JLG No. K 35 William Smith of Harford County on the 24 days of Sept.  
1787 did sell to John Archer and John Lee Webster the tract  
Paca's Enlargement containing 238 acres.

INVENTORY NO. 1063

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 12/6/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Richardson/Worthington House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF OWNER: Mr+Mrs Richard W. Worthington 836-2660

ADDRESS: Churchville Road  
Churchville, Md 21028

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] <sup>upstairs</sup> 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[] <sup>6/12 dormers front</sup>  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS <sup>2 gable front</sup>  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[ ]  
METAL SNOW STOPS

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

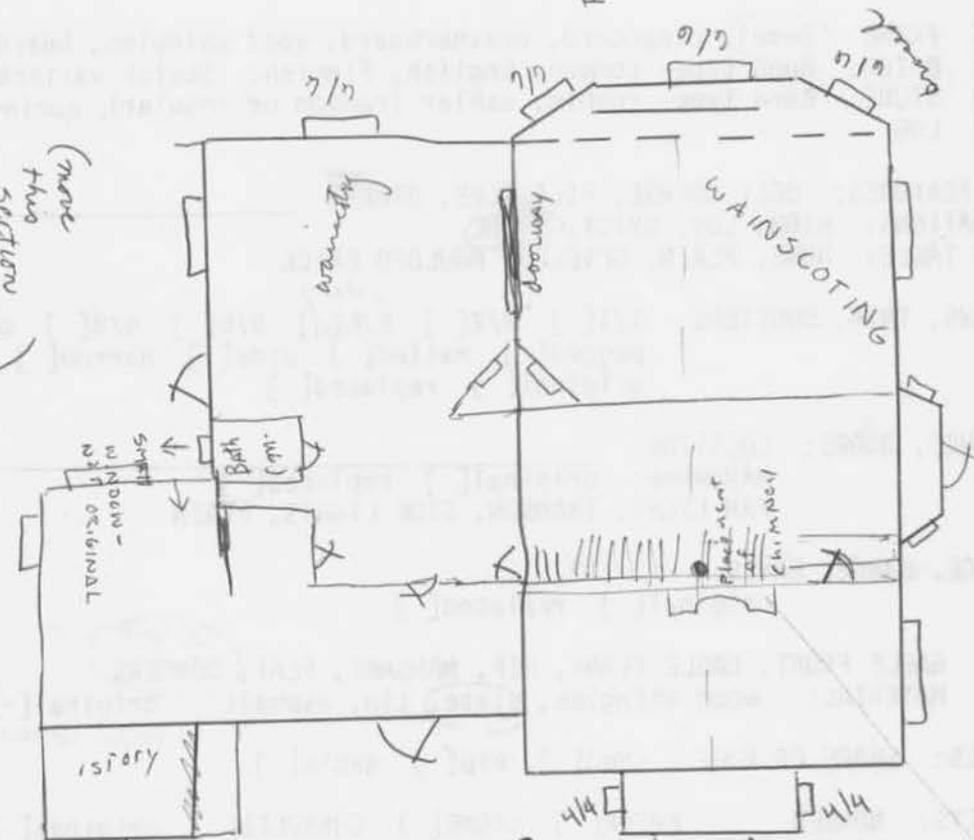
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ BRICK[ ] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: 2 tier porch near  
subterranean cellar entrance

1 window at 1st floor  
 2nd floor  
 2 4 ft  
 ATTIC WINDOW

(move this section about right)



1 tall dormer with 1 tall window

Fireplace wall  
 bead board panels  
 brick lining fireplace  
 wood mantel  
 w/ HULL

IN hall - very elaborate  
 STAIR WAY - NEWEL POST - flowers  
 & some columns carved in,  
 half rail with wainscoting  
 rest of hall completely paneled

4 pane insulated door



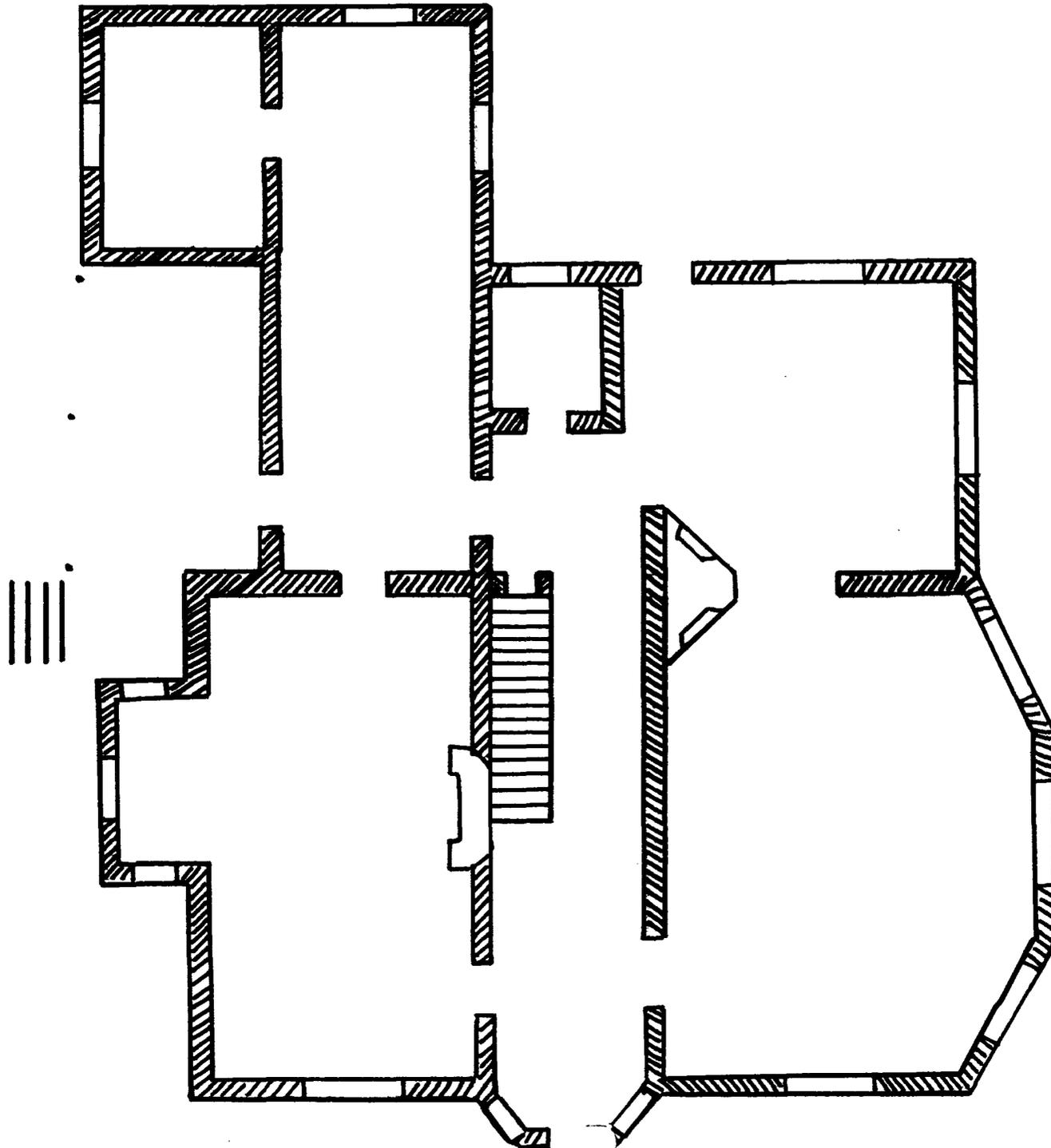
elaborately  
 corbelled  
 brick  
 chimney

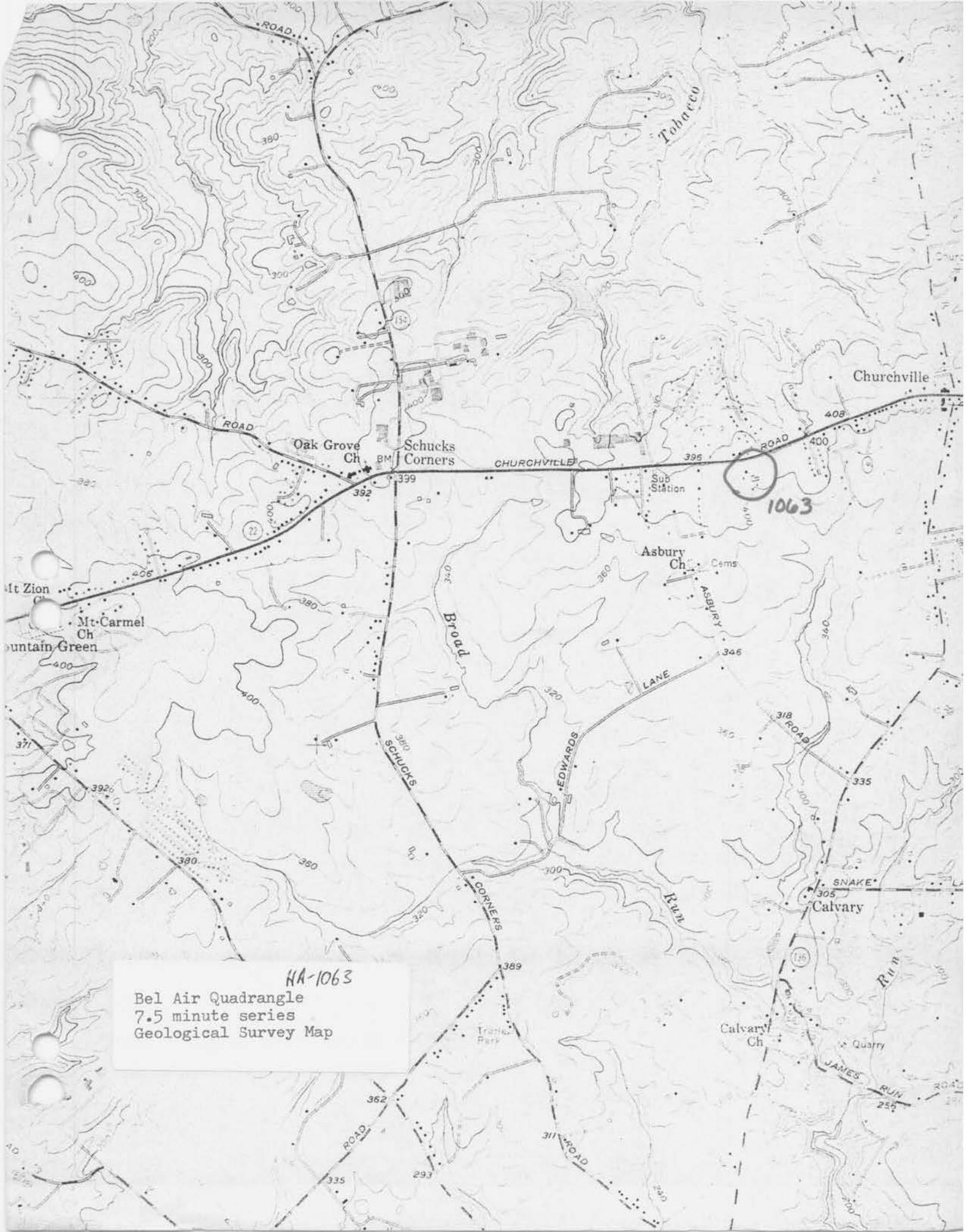
churchlike look

2 windows second story  
 1 tall dormer

2nd story open porch  
 turned posts  
 shed roof  
 6/12 door/window

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Bel Air Quadrangle  
7.5 minute series  
Geological Survey Map



Worthington House  
Churchville, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
South  
December, 1976

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