

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Springfield Farm

AND/OR COMMON Reed Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Reckord Road and Guyton Road

CITY, TOWN Fallston VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First

STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS  | PRESENT USE   |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED        | <input checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:               |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. H. Dennis Reed Telephone #: 877-0593

STREET & NUMBER Harford Road

CITY, TOWN Fallston VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21047

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 390  
Folio #: 360

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**

|                                    |  |   |   |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                   |  | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                              | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR      | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED               |   |   |

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

This three-story structure is built into the hillside and faces southwards. It is three and one-half stories, the ground floor totally exposed along the southern extreme. The building is L-shaped and measures five bays by two (looking at the southern aspect). The walls are scored, stucco-covered stone. Windows are 6 X 6, some of them in their original frames. Two doors are on the southern embrasure, one directly above the other on the lower two floors. A third is sited along the northern wall. The roof is a slate gable-flank, decorated with a box cornice, three gabled dormers being positioned along the southern slope. A double-deck porch abutts the southern facade. A two-level pediment and two rounded columns are on the upper level, while two rectangular supports with chamfered corners are on the lower deck. There are four, brick chimneys, capped with arches of the same material. A flush-end is positioned on each extreme of the southern-facing wing, the western flue being double. Another stack is located on the interior of the rear wing.

Southeast of the house is a springhouse, as are the ruins of a large barn. Two smaller barns are sited east of the house. All of them have walls of stone.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS   | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION   | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |  |
| <input checked="" 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              |   |  |  |

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
|----------------|-------------------|

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

**Springfield** originally was part of a tract of 600 acres. Possible parcels that were combined to form the farm appear on the 1783 Tax List and consist of the following:

- Moses Byford, 100 acres of Tower Hill
- William Foard, 6 1/2 acres of Bond's Pleasant Hills
- Enoch Mitchell, 50 acres of Bond's Pleasant Hills
- Thomas Richardson, 56 acres of Bond's Pleasant Hills

All of this territory had been originally part of Thomas Bond's 3000 acre tract, which he acquired in 1714 and divided between his sons, Thomas and John, in 1749. The exact age of this house cannot be pinpointed, but it does appear on the Federal Tax List of 1798. The brick for the interior fireplaces came from England as ship's ballast. Originally, this building had an addition for slaves and possessed a total of twenty-three rooms. In the 1840's, the building served as a school for young girls, and it later served as the home for a prominent local bishop, the Reverend John R. Keech. The 1878 Martenet Map indicates the owner at that time to be one James Keech. Also to be noted is that this massive house and most of the outbuildings have not undergone much change throughout the years.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Federal Tax List of 1798  
The Gateway; Fallston and Upper Cross Roads Bicentennial Committee  
Harford County Land Records  
Martenet's Map of 1878  
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.  
Preston, W.W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Sun Press, Baltimore.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA** 140 1/2  
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located along the eastern side of Reckord Road near the intersection with Guyton Road. It is bounded to the northeast by Fallston Airport and to the south by Woodlyn Meadows housing development.

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

| STATE | COUNTY |
|-------|--------|
|       |        |
|       |        |

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod / site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

July 30, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

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

| <u>Libre</u> |     | <u>Folio</u> |  |
|--------------|-----|--------------|--|
| GRG          | 390 | 360          | In 1953, Emory M. Reed conveyed the tract, consisting of 140½ acres, to Harrison D. Reed.  |
| JAR          | 145 | 362          | In 1914, Dennis J. Shanahan sold 150 acres to Emory M. Reed.   |
| WSF          | 102 | 334          | William J. Shanahan transferred 152¼ acres to Dennis J. Shanahan in 1901.  |
| ALJ          | 38  | 391          | In 1879, James K. Keech and William S. Keech, executors, sold 150¼ acres to James K. Keech.  |
| WG           | 13  | 13           | In 1862, the heirs of the Rev. John R. Keech conveyed the tract to Susan Keech.  |
| HD           | 23  | 276          | 1. Thomas Foard, in 1840, conveyed 93½ acres to John K. Keech.   |
| HD           | 22  | 261          | In 1839, Dr. Thomas Bond, executor for William Foard, sold 161 acres of Tower Hill and Bond's Pleasant Hills to Thomas Foard. This land had been laid out by the Bond's in 1789. |
| HD           | 19  | 31           | 2. In 1835, Amos Benson sold 43 acres of Mile's Improvement and Tower Hill to John R. Keech.   |
| HD           | 6   | 84           | In 1822, Edward Brinton sold parts of Bond's Forest to Amos Benson.  |
| HD           | Y   | 388          | In 1815, Edward Brinton acquired 184 acres of Bond's Forest from William Johnson. This tract had been laid out by Thomas Bond, Jr.   |
| JLG          | A   | 90           | Thomas Bond, Jr. conveyed 200 acres of Bond's Forest to Thomas Bond, Sr., in 1777. It came into the hands of the former via Thomas Bond, Sr.'s father.                           |

INVENTORY NO. 1086 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 3-19-76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: SPRINGHILL FARMS

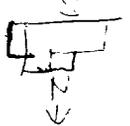
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: RECORD + GUYTON RDS) NEXT TO AIRPORT

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH - 1 LOWER LEVEL HAS SLOPE GRADIENT ON HILLSIDE

NAME OF OWNER: H. DEWITT REED

ADDRESS: RECORD RD, FALLETON MD

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ] 8[ ] 9[ ]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: T-SHAPED  W-10-10-10-10  
W-10-10-10-10-10-10  
W-10-10-10-10-10-10

- 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 NONE  
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE FLUSH TO GROUND  
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK NONE

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: ONE ON NORTH SIDE ON GROUND LEVEL ONE ON GROUND LEVEL ON SOUTH SIDE  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN OTHER ON PORCH ON SOUTH SIDE

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: NO CORNICE  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS 3 DORMERS ON SOUTH SIDE  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] ORIG. 2 LEVEL PEDIMENT 12 ROUNDED COLUMNS UPPER LEVEL 2 COLUMNS LOWER LEVEL RECTANGULAR

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK[ ] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ] CHIMNEYS - 1 FLUE END ON EACH END OF SOUTH-FACING PART. WEST CHIMNEY IS DISAPPEARED. 1 HOLLOW CAP ON NORTH CORNER

ARCHES: NONE  ARCH CAPPED

COMMENTS: AT ONE TIME MISSION OR SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES  
SPRINGHOUSE DOWN HILL ON SE, BARN E, BARN RUIN SE OF HOUSE WITH OTHER BUILDINGS

INVENTORY NO. 1086 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 3/13/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Springfield Farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Guyton + Rekors Rds <sup>Falls on</sup> next to Airport

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH - ' Ground level - slave quarters on Hillside

NAME OF OWNER: H. Dennis Reed

ADDRESS: Harford Rd 477-0593

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: ON HILL SIDE 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]

L-shaped



5x2 south

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
- scored - STUCCO - COVERED

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE Flush to GROUND

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[] replaced[]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: one on N. side at ground level  
one on S. side at ground level one on S. side porch.  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

<sup>Box</sup>  
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS 3 DORMERS ON S. SIDE  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] originally 2 level pediment + 2 round columns upper level. 2 columns lower level.

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: Flush ends rectangular chamfered corner.

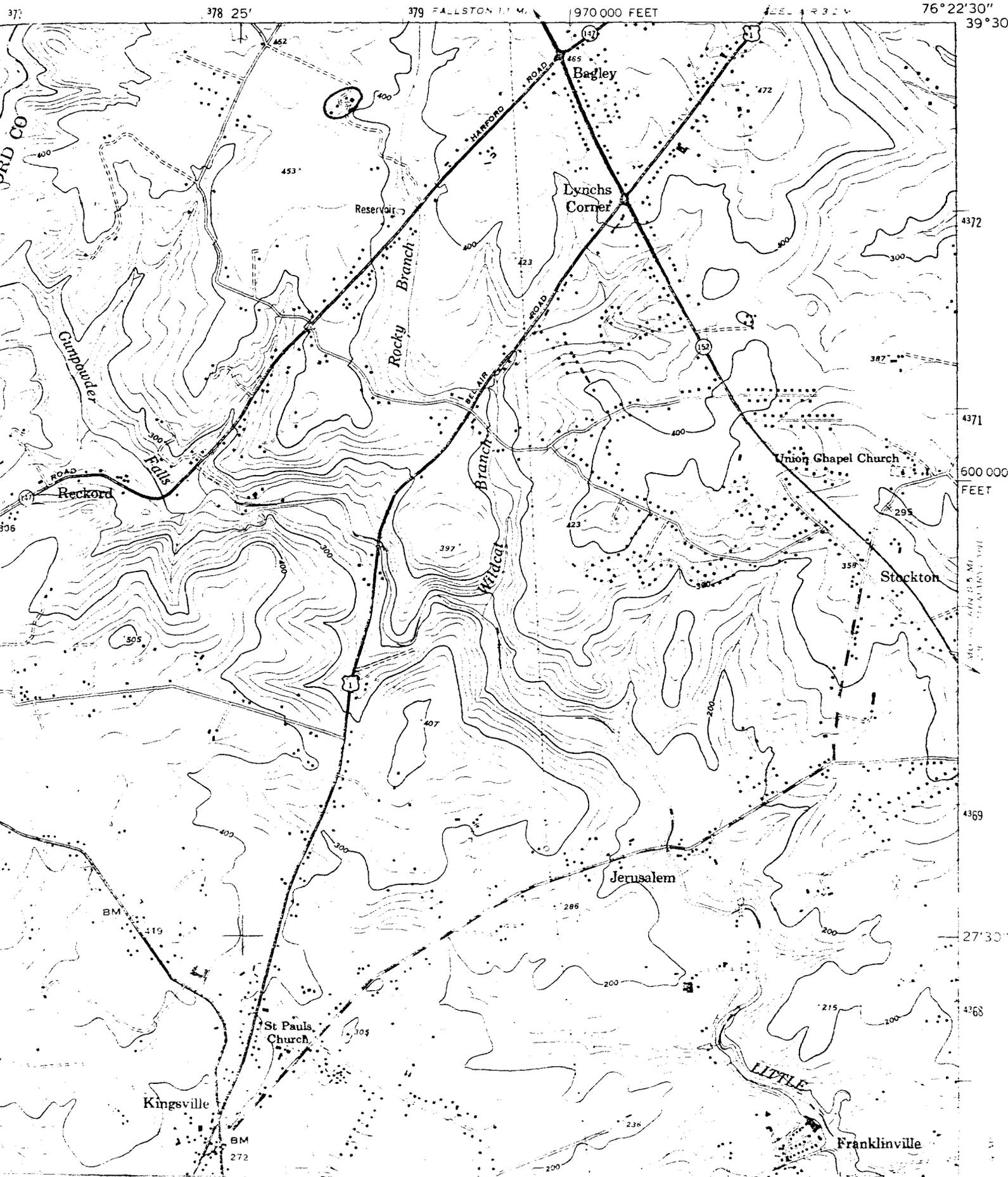
ARCHES: none

COMMENTS: at one time a Mission or school for young Ladies.  
Spring house downhill on SE, Barn E, Barn ruins SE of house with other out buildings.

WHITE MARSH QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW/4 GUNPOWDER 15' QUADRANGLE

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5763 III  
IBEL





Springfield Farmhouse HA-1086  
Fallston, MD  
Paul Penrod 3/76  
South