

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Turkey Forest

AND/OR COMMON

B.C. Reeves Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Chestnut Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

\_\_\_ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME B.C. Reeves

Telephone #: 838-6381

STREET & NUMBER

Chestnut Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21050

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 915 HDC

Folio #: 850

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
MD

**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 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 addition	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Chestnut Hill Road, north of the center of the town of Forest Hill. The house faces south. The two story house consists of two main sections.

Section 1 is brick covered with brushed, white stucco. Foundations are unexposed, uncoursed rubble stone. The brick, as seen on the inside wall of the attic, appears to be a common bond variant and the brick, itself, appears to be home made. The bricks are rough and unevenly shaped, often longer and flatter than the usual shape. This section is 3 bays by 2. It has an asphalt covered, gable flank roof with corbeled brick chimneys on each inside gable end. It also has a 2-step cornice constructed of brick headers. Iron braces run north-south. The entrance on the south facade is in the center bay. The door has moulded panels and has a four-light transom overhead. This forms a through hall with the entrance on the north side - an eight light door. Windows on the first elevation of this section are 9 lights over 9, and on the second elevation 9 lights over 6. Two attic windows flank the chimneys on each gable end. These are four light casements. A porch, added by the present owner in the 1930's, wraps around the south and west facades. The porch is built onto brick and block foundations and has tapered, rectangular columns and a shed roof. There are brick steps. The porch on the north side is much older. The present owner has altered it through the years. This two tier porch is open on the first level and has been enclosed on the second level by the owner, Mr. Reeves. Mr. Reeves mentioned that before the porch was enclosed with casement windows and clapboard, it had been used as a sleeping porch. Columns are rectangular on a stepped base. A one bay, brick addition attached to the north east bay is also two stories high. An entrance is on the west facade.

Inside, this section has a through hall flanked by a room on each side. A small foye between the front door and the hall, has been made into a powder room. The door leading into the hallway has a three light transom. The stairway is located in the north east corner of the through hall and has plain, rectangular balusters and a narrow, rounded handrail. There are simple brackets on the sides of the risers. Half rails run parallel to the handrails on the stairway. Chair rails are present in both the hall and the north west room. The fireplaces in both the north west and north east rooms have rectangular openings with wooden mantles. The fireplaces have a frieze, bed mouldings, a mantle shelf and panelled end blocks. In the north east corner of the north east room is a large built in closet with double hung doors having three moulded panels each. A small closet beneath this has double hung doors with one moulded panel on each.

On the second floor, a window opening into the small brick addition seems to be proof that this small square section is, in deed, a later addition. Fireplaces, similar to those on on the first floor, are located in the two upstairs bedrooms of this section.

In the attic, the pegged joint, king trusses are visible as well as the original wood shingle roofing. The brick chimney slants slightly.

In the cellar under this section, the rubble stone foundations are visible. A dirt floor has been covered with cement. Chimney piers are also visible.

Section 2 is frame built onto high, rubble stone foundations. It is 1 bay by 2 and has a gable flank, asphalt covered roof which is flush with the roof of section 1. A corbeled brick chimney is located on the east inside, gable end. An entrance is located on the south side. An enclosed perch is also on the south side and the roof is flush with that of section 1. Entrance to the perch is on the west. Five windows are on the south side of the porch and two on the east side. All windows in this section are 6 lights over 6. On the north, a later frame addition is flush with the brick addition to section 1. A 3 bay, one story porch is at this end. It has a shed roof and columns are made with 4" x 4" s.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1000-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    Between 1798 + 1814                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built between 1798 and 1814. The 1798 Federal Tax List indicates that Thomas Johnson of Barnard owned 100 acres in Spesutia Upper Hundred on which stood a 20'x18' one story, wood dwelling. It appears to have been inhabited by his superintendent, Thomas Johnson of Hester. The property and its buildings were avaluated at \$332.75. The 1814 Tax List reveals that the property, under the ownership of Samuel McConnell at that time, was valued at \$2923. The dwelling at the time of the 1814 assessment was described as a two story brick house measuring 37'x22'. A brick kitchen was also present, measuring 18'x20'. A stone spring house and various wood outbuildings were also present at that time but the present owner informed us that he had replaced all the outbuildings. The measurements of the brick section of the present house are 36' 9" by 20' 6" and it is therefore believed that the dwelling assessed in 1814 is the same building present on this site today.

The house is a vernacular red<sup>n</sup>dition of the Federal Style. The builder seems to have had rejected some of the more intricate design of that style. A simple, four light transom substitutes for the elliptical fanlights generally found in the Federal style. The two step brick cornices seem to be a Georgian influence.

Thomas Johnson, one of the first owners of Turkey Forest, was a member of Harford County's first Petit Jury in 1774. In 1798, he was appointed an assessor to conduct the Federal Tax survey. He was a court justice at Bush in 1779, and later served as justice at Scott's Old Field in 1783. Thomas Johnson served in the County Militia during the American Revolution as a first Lieutenant in Bond's Company #11. He was also one of the signers of the Bush Declaration in 1775.

Samuel McConnell served as a minister of the Broad Creek Friends Meeting and was considered to be of strong judgement and expression.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.

1783 Maryland Tax List  
1798 Federal Tax List  
1814 Maryland Tax List  
Harford Directory, 1953.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 150 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Chestnut Hill Road intersects this property which is bounded on the south by the property of William K. and Lewis D. Vaughan; on the east and west by James B. Reeves, et al; and on the north by Walter B. Harkins' property and the Johnson Mill Road.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Susan Deeney-Field Historian	DATE	November 1, 1976
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE	838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	STATE	MD

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

B.C. REEVES' HOUSE

HA - 1100

Continued

Inside, this section has a separate stairway leading to its second floor and attic. There is no fireplace in this section but the chimney flue is visible and it accomodates a large "Home Comfort" cook stove. Many of the fl

Many of the floors through-out the first story of this house are covered with linoleum. Flooring on the second elevation is probably original.

This farm has many out buildings, all of which were built by the present owner. One out building is interesting in that the owner styled it after a Dutch hay shelter.

TITLE SEARCH  
HA-1100

<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>	
HDC 915	850	Bower C. Reeves conveyed 147 acres to George C. Reeves in 1972.
SWC 225	292	Bower C. Reeves received 133 acres from James P. Farmer in 1933.
JAR 171	292	In 1921, George W. Madron devised the property to James P. Farmer. Madron had mortgaged the land from John W. Chambers.
JAR 162	424	John William Chambers imparted 150 acres to George W. Madron in 1919.
JAR 142	300	William Wallis sold the tract to John William Chambers in 1913.
JAR 142	217	Preston N. Wallis transferred the property to William Wallis in 1913.
WHD 15	109	Samuel R. Wallis purchased Turkey Forest, consisting of 150 acres, from Robert Otto in 1864.
ALJ 2	338	James McConnel imparted the land to Robert Otto in 1853.
HD 19	93	Samuel McConnel devised the property to James McConnell. 1836.
HD R	310	Barnard Johnson transferred the property to Samuel McConnell in 1803.
JLG P	388	Thomas Johnson sold 150 acres of Turkey Forest to Barnard Johnson in 1800. This deed also mentions that Thomas Johnson acquired the property from a John Crabtree in 1765 (Baltimore County Land Records B O 584-86)
1798	Tax List	Thomas Johnson of Barnard, 100 acres of Turkey Forest.
1783	Tax List	Barnard Johnson of Barnard, 150 acres of Turkey Forest. Barnard Johnson of Thomas, 150 acres of Turkey Forest.

INVENTORY NO. 1100

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

DATE: 9/22/76

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: Turkey Forest

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

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: B.C. Reeves 838-6381

ADDRESS: Chestnut Hill Road

Forest Hill 21050

*permit to go in your bedroom.*

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

*2 main sections*



WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Sec 2  
Sec 1

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
  - BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. COMMON BOND VARIANT
  - STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
  - LOG
- Brick appears to be homemade - not usual size.*

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

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE Sec 2

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: center 1 section

HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN



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

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

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

*porch wraps around south and west side*

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[] original[] replaced[]

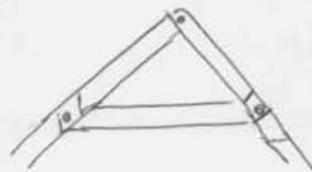
LOCATION: all in side ends

*older section Sec 1*

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: *In attic, pegged joints. original wood shingle roof visible chimney is on a slant.*

*2 Attic windows flank chimney  
4 ft. casements in Brick section  
6 ft " in Frame section  
could NOT see ANY pegs*



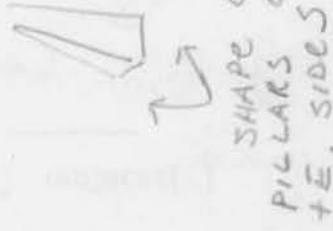
*97 154  
97 196*

*Sleeping porch on N end enclosed by owner.*

walls between frame + brick  
app 20" thick

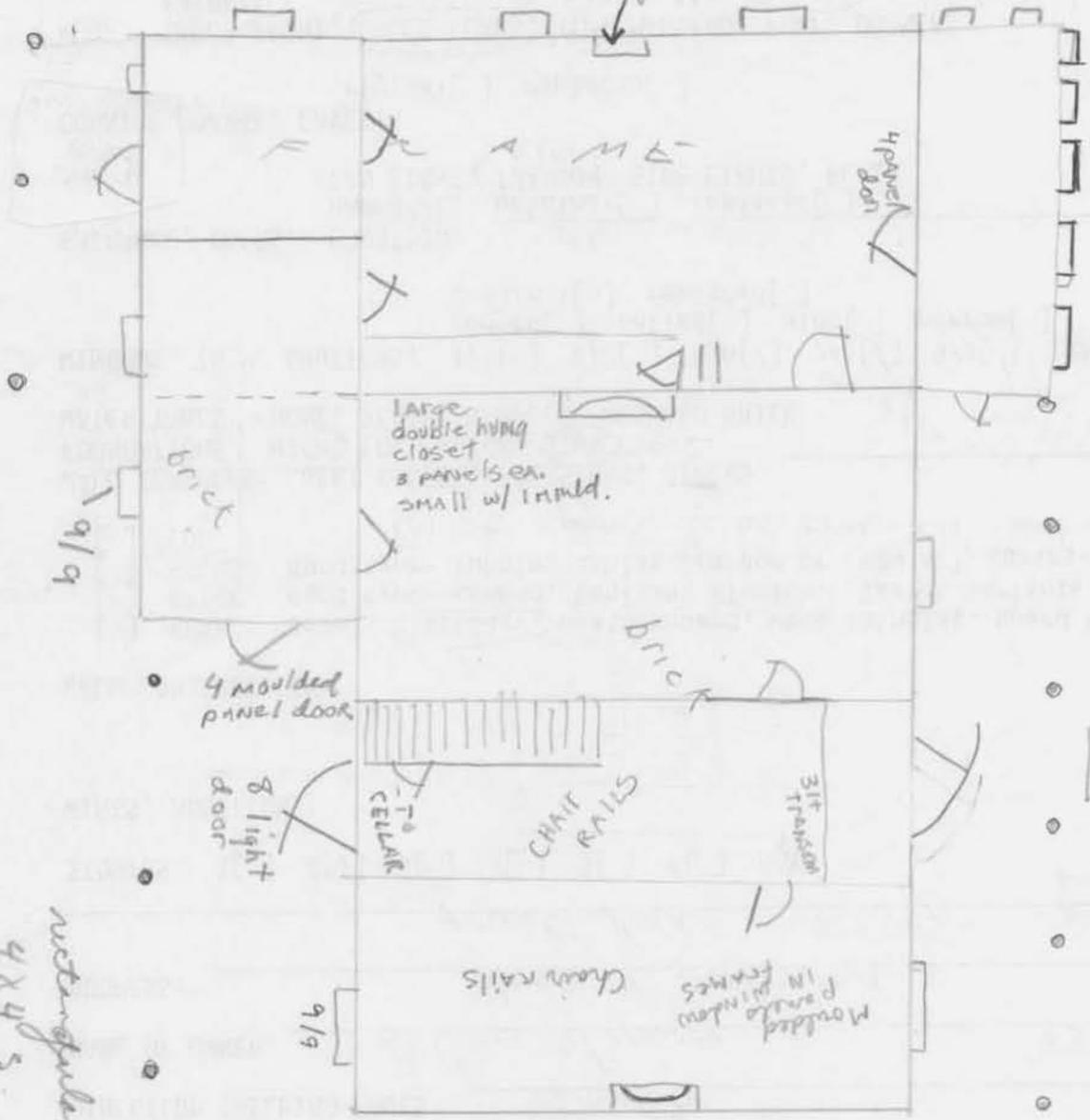
North

floor with large  
cove stone  
"Home Comfort"



IN CELLAR - CHIMNEY PIER  
OWNER REPLACED BUT PLAN W/ cement  
cellar under brick section is rubble stone  
height app 5' 8"

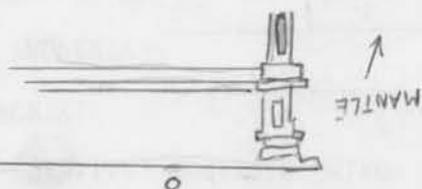
steel  
roof  
4x4  
columns



Brick  
Steps

resting  
4x4's  
parch 2 Tick - 1 floor open

2nd floor, owner  
enclosed it.



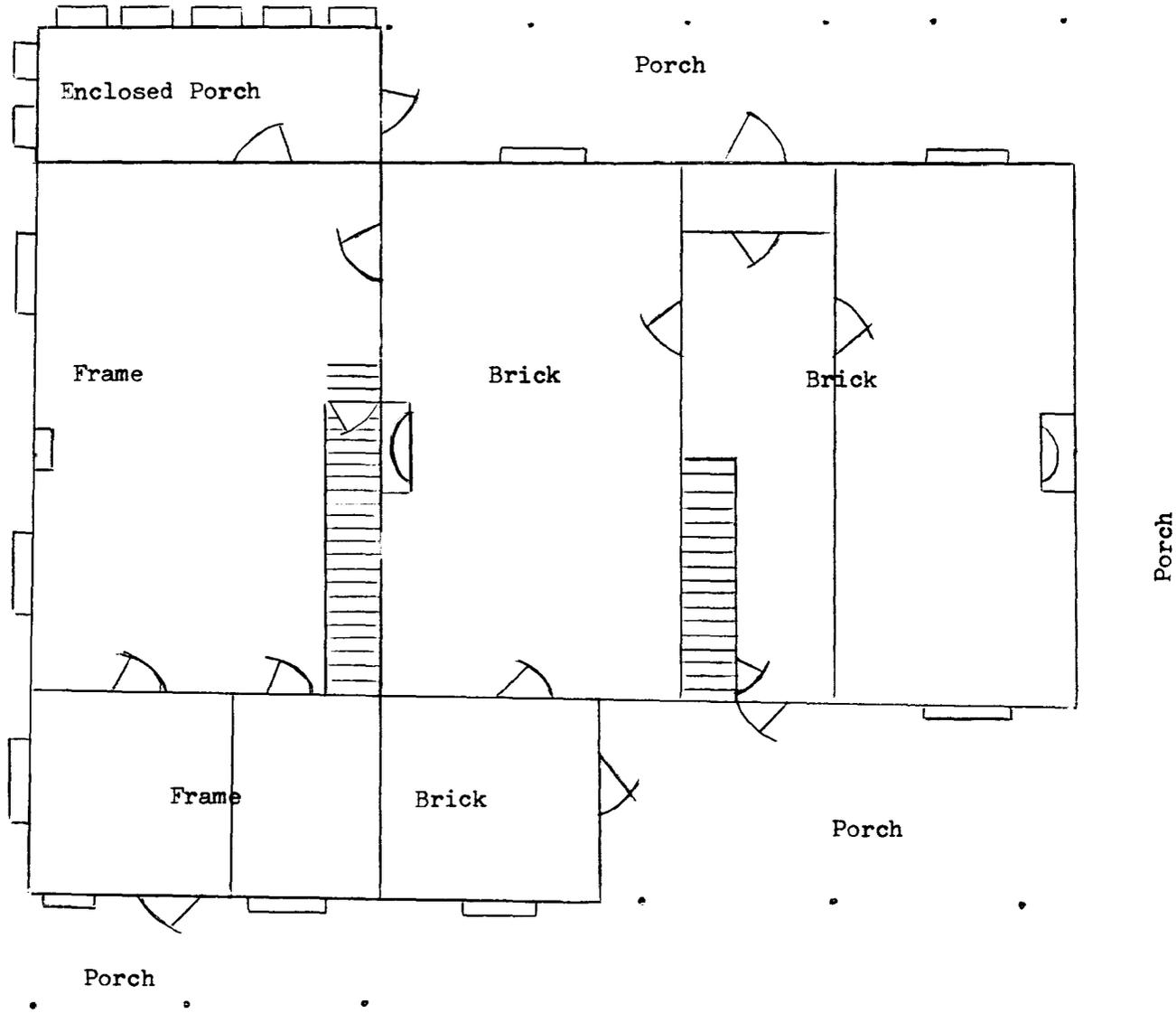
1 story high porch

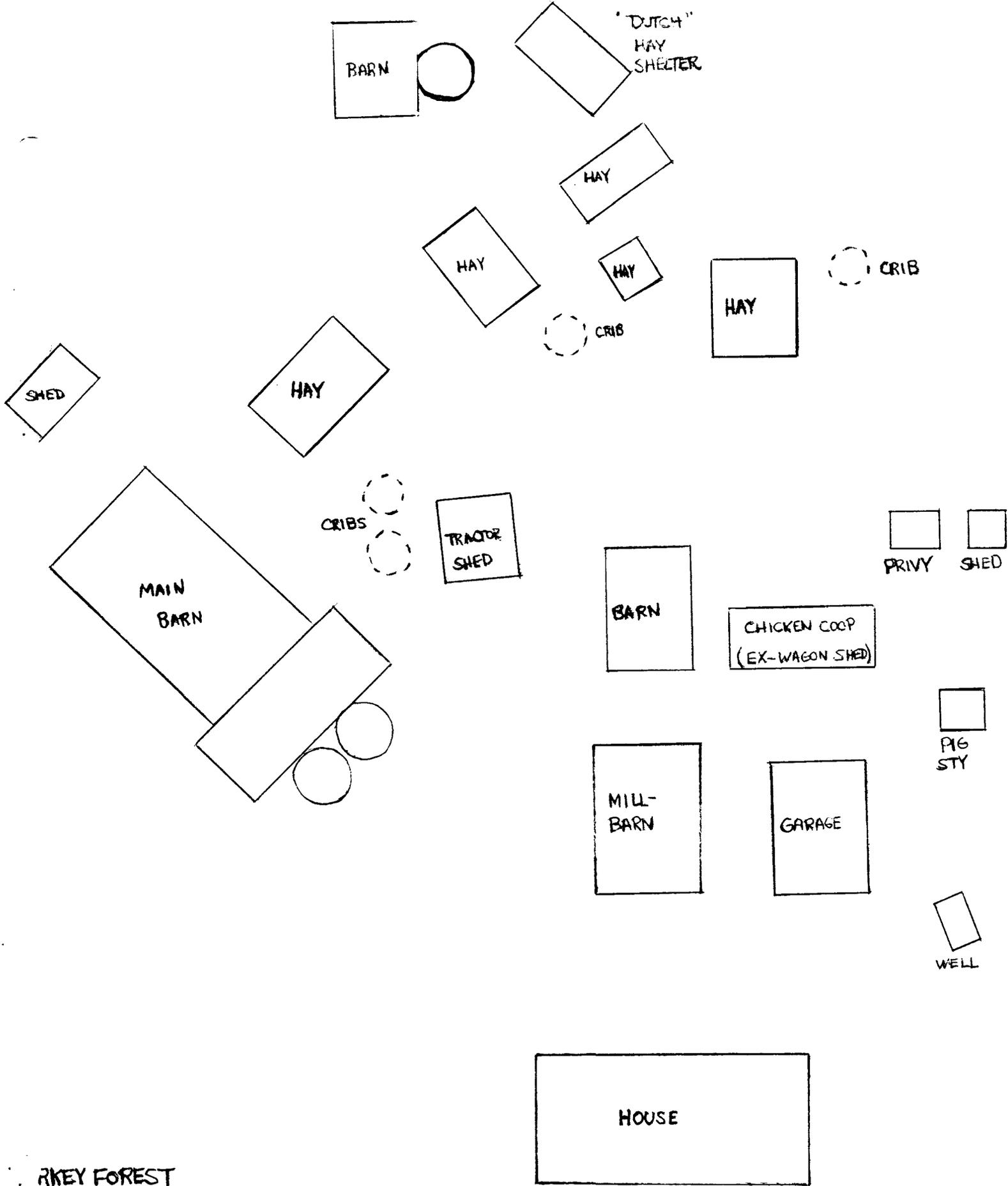
BRACE  
S/N

NA-1100

TURKEY FOREST  
HA-110C

South  
↓  
NORTH





RKEY FOREST  
HA - 1100

P.P.

11 NW  
GROVE) 377

378

25'

8 MI. TO PA. STATE LINE  
4 MI. TO MD 165

380 970 000 FEET

381





Turkey Forest  
Forest Hill, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
September, 1976  
South

HA-1100