

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Locust Hill  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 3250 Level Road

CITY, TOWN Churchville 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 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 The Honorable and Mrs. Albert P. Close Telephone #: 836-2207  
 STREET & NUMBER 3250 Level Road  
 CITY, TOWN Churchville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: HDC 886  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Folio #: 350  
 STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street  
 CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 DATE  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

28-01

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	addition	

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

This two story, frame farm house consists of two sections. It is built onto rubble stone foundations.

The main section of the house is 3 bays by 2 and faces south. The asphalt covered, gable flank roof has a corbeled brick chimney on the east inside end. The main entrance is in the center bay of the south side. It has a small, three sided foyer. Windows are 6 lights over 6 and have louvered shutters. A porch runs the length of the south side. It has four square columns and a hip roof.

Inside, this section has no fireplaces. Walls on both the east and west sides do, however, jut out, and in the attic chimney flues can be seen on both gable ends. In the cellar, a stuccoed stone fireplace support can be seen on the west side. The wall bordering the cellar stairs and the stair way to the second story on the first floor has an unusual curve, as indicated in the floor plan. A "rifle" closet is present above the stair way.

Hand hewn logs are visible in the cellar, some with large wood pegs.

The second section, also of frame, is located on the north side of the first section. It consists of two rooms on each floor. It has no cellar and no access to the attic. The floor level in this section is lower than in the first section and one must step down two steps. A window in the north west room on the north side has been covered up inside but is visible on the outer wall. An inclosed porch has been added to the north side of this section. It does not quite run the length of the north side of this section.

There are many outbuildings on this property but most are fairly new frame structures with block foundations. The barn, however, appears older. It is built into bank of a hill and has entrances on two levels. Foundations are of rubble stone and on the north side the rubble stone makes up the entire first elevation. The barn is frame and has newer frame additions built on to block foundations.

West of the farm house and close to the road is the tenant house, a one story frame building, 3 bays by 2. It also faces south. It has a gable front roof and a shed addition to the north. A shed roof porch runs the length of the south facade. Windows are 6 lights over 6.

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**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 type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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 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 frame farm house is situated on the tract, Aquila's Inheritance, patented in 1699 by Aquila Hall. It is difficult to assess this home's age, though it is thought to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century. This house was owned and occupied by the Bailey Family for almost 100 years. There may be a family burial plot on the grounds: one of the present owner's children found a brass plaque in a wooded field at the present land boundary which reads: "Amos V. Bailey \* born: March 22, 1840\* died September 20, 1917".

The frame tenant house, situated close to the road (Level Road) was constructed in 1889 by the School Board and served as a one room school house until 1932 when the property reverted back to the Bailey family. The contractors were Spencer and McGonigal and it cost \$720 to build. It was built at a time when construction costs were very low, and was among several built at that time.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

Land Records of Harford County.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 114 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the south by Level Road and on the east and west sides by the property of the Ball Families.

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

December 6, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

838-6000 ext. 207

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 - 1101

Judge and Mrs. Albert P. Close  
3250 Level Road  
Churchville, Maryland 21028

HDC	886	350	11/8/71	Grantor: Dauphin Deposit Trust Co., personal representative of James McC. Finney, deceased and George J. Finney Grantee: Albert P. and Lucile R. Close Acreage: 114 acres
TLA	32	22	8/28/70	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James Finney Grantee: George J. Finney. Land to be sold.
GRG	574	360	7/14/61	Grantor: Helen Hawkins Bailey, unmarried Grantee: James McC. Finney Harry D. Bailey died, seized of this land. It descended by intestacy to said Helen H. Bailey, his only child and heir at law. (Orphan's Court proceeding # 13,238).
JA	15	386	10/18/15	Harry D. Bailey acquired the lands through the following: Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Amos V. Bailey Grantee: Harry D. Bailey, his son. "All the residue of my estate of every kind."
SWC	223	63	2/29/32	Grantor: Board of Education Grantee: Harry D. Bailey Acreage: Locust Hill School Property: 3/4 acre of Aquila's Inheritance.
ALJ	65	316	10/14/1889	Grantor: Amos V. and Annie L. Bailey Grantee: School Commissioners Acreage: Locust Hill Property
ALJ	23	165	9/25/1869	Grantor: John Bailey Grantee: Amos V. Bailey, his son. Acreage: 61 acres parts of two tracts: Aquila's Inheritance and West Wood
ALJ	9	281	9/5/1857	Grantor: Thomas and Sarah Jeffery Grantee: John Bailey Acreage: "West of lane leading from said Bailey House to Jeffery Woods..." including 6 acres.
WG	11	246	11/25/1859	Grantor: Thomas and Sarah Jeffery Grantee: John Bailey Acreage: 7 1/4 acres, part of a tract called Westwood.
HD	14	185	6/18/1831	Grantor: Herman Stump Grantee: John Bailey Acreage: 73 acres, 80 perches

INVENTORY NO. 1101

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

DATE: 5 April, 76

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: NO NAME AT PRESENT - Historically - Locust Hill

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Md. Rt. 155 west of Hopewell Road to Glenville road

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

NAME OF OWNER: ~~#~~ HONORABLE AND MRS Albert P Close

ADDRESS: 3250 Level Rd  
Churchville, MD 21028

STORIES: 1[ ] 2<sup>MAIN PT.</sup>[] 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 3'

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, Louvered SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
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  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

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

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

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: 1 BARN - board and batten  
1 CORN shed with stone foundations

8 miles before  
95462  
95456 - 95475

INVENTORY NO. 1101

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

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: South

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

NAME OF OWNER: Albert P. Close

ADDRESS: 3250 <sup>Level</sup> ~~Churchville~~ Road  
Churchville, Md 21028

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:  
addition at rear.

MAIN 3x2  
1st ADD. 2x2  
shed.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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- 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 about 3 feet

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 south side  
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[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[] original[<sup>?</sup>] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

2 cellar lights 2 panes  
on each side MAIN section  
storm on west  
cellar

WEST  
ATTIC  
6 ft. window  
chimney stack  
visible both sides

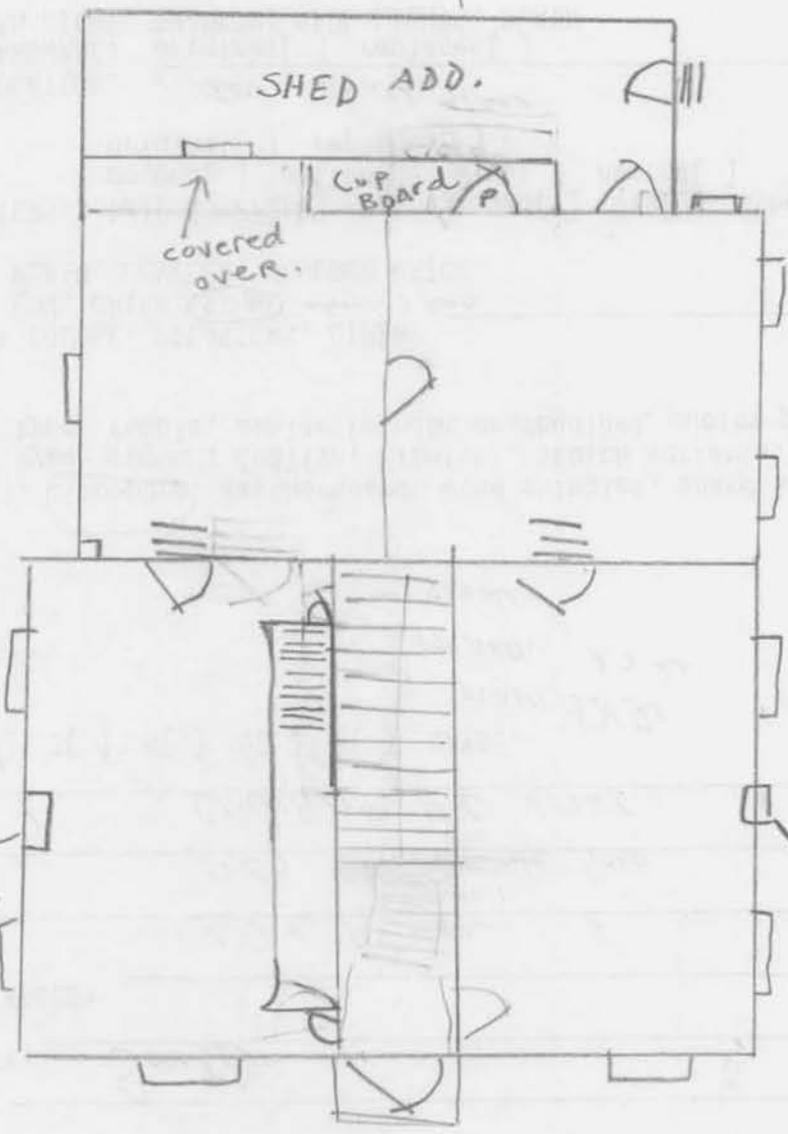
barn - uncoursed rubble stone, frame foundations

built on bank of hill entrances on two levels. additions are frame built on block foundations

chicken COOP

SHED

on W incellars  
stuccoed sides  
support  
wide  
nothing on east  
side  
walls  
HAND Hewn logs -  
large wood pegs  
2 1/2" thick  
6"



around porch.

one tier  
3 bay  
Porch.  
1 Atticed.

4 columns  
sq.

HA-1101

B

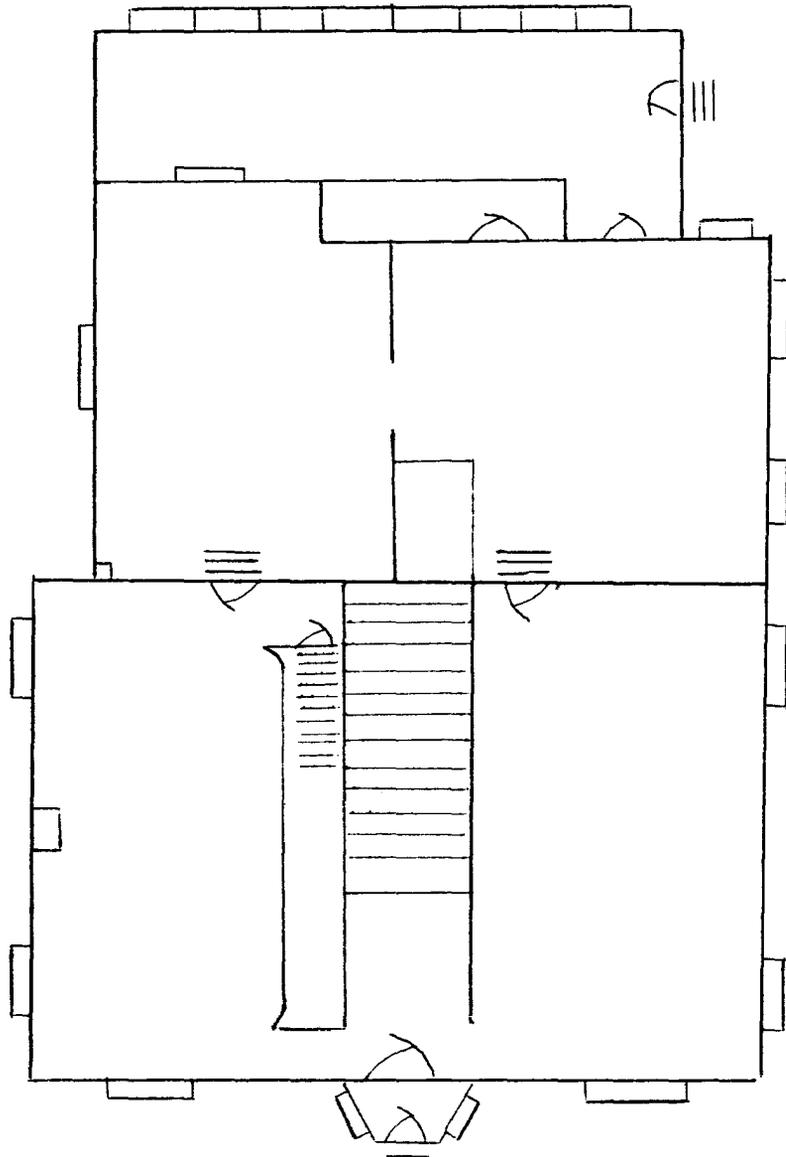
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Machinery  
Shed

Chicken  
Coop

To the  
Barn

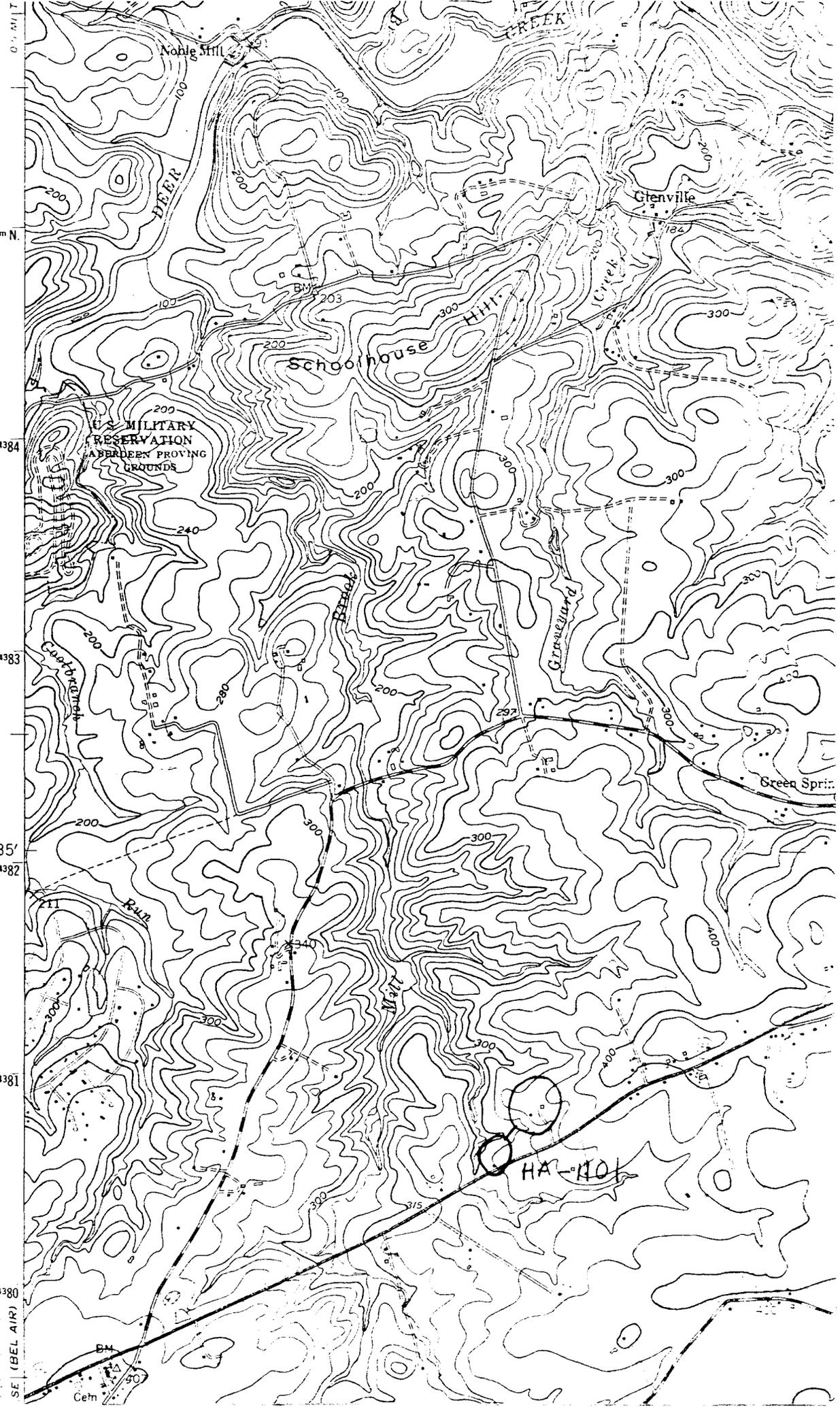
Shed



↑  
North

→  
to the  
garage/corn bin

porch



Aberdeen  
Quadrangle  
7.5 minute  
series

C-14-L-1

HA-101



Locust Hill HA-1101  
Level Road  
Churchville, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
Southeast

4/13/76



Locust Hill Barn HA-1101  
Level Road  
Churchville, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
Southwest

4/13/76