

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Wheeler Range

AND/OR COMMON White House Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 2110 White House Road

CITY, TOWN Hickory CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT first

STATE Maryland VICINITY OF 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<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 Mrs. Paul Gambill

Telephone #: 838-5869

STREET & NUMBER 2110 White House Road

CITY, TOWN Hickory VICINITY OF STATE, zip code MD

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 239  
Folio #: 466

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 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		

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

This farm, located on the south side of White House Road is set back off the road. The house faces north and consists of two sections. The frame house is presently six bays by two and covered with asbestos shingles and is built onto rubblestone foundations. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It had wood shingles. An elaborately corbeled brick chimney is located in the center of the roof. Eaves are wide.

Two doors are present on the north facade, one in the second bay and one in fifth bay. This is a very simple structure devoid of any ornamentation. Windows are six lights over six. A one story shed roof porch runs the length of the north facade.

Because the house is built into a hill, the south facade appears as three stories high. The first elevation or ground level on this side has walls partially of rubble stone and partially of replaced block. There are two entrances on this level and windows have been altered.

Inside, this house is divided into three main rooms at each level. The ground level includes a kitchen on the east with a stairway at the north east corner leading to the first elevation. A door on the north wall, next to the stairs, leads to the cellar. The center room, a den, has modern panel walls and a basement entrance on the north wall. A large, fieldstone fireplace, present on the east has been re-faced. This was probably the original kitchen. This east wall is massive and probably indicates the outer wall of the original dwelling. On the first elevation, a fireplace exists on the west wall of the east room. It shares the same chimney as the ground level fireplace. Floors throughout are replaced. There is wall paper over plaster. The center room on the first elevation has a fireplace on the east wall. This is directly above the ground level fireplace. An enclosed, circular stairway lies next to this, in the south east corner of the room and leads to the second floor.

Of particular note are the outbuildings surrounding this house. A rubblestone smokehouse lies east of the main house. Its roof had been slate but is now covered with aluminum. It is gable front and is overhanging. The door is located in the center of the west facade and is wood plank with two iron strap hinges. Inside, the smokehouse has open rafters.

A frame springhouse on high, lighted rubble stone foundations is located south of the main house. This consists of two levels, one in the rubblestone foundation, and an upper floor in the frame area. Its roof is slate and there is a brick chimney at the east inside gable end. The house is two bays by one. Its interior could not be seen.

This farm's granary is located east of the house. This structure has vertical boards built onto rubble stone foundations. There is a slate roof. Two entrances are located on the north facade. A small shed addition is on the south side.

A building now used as a chicken coop is located east of the house and appears to have been meant for a higher station in life. This one story, rubble stone

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

8 SIGNIFICANCE

FOR STATE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

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 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 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

This land had been owned by the Wheeler family until the present owner purchased it in 1936. The structures standing on this property, however, have not been thoroughly documented in the tax lists of 1783, 1798 and 1814. This was not the main residence of the Wheeler family at that date in time and the changes made in the dwelling building make it hard to ascertain its age. The house has doubled in size from the original and the original structure was probably not considered worth mentioning in the above mentioned tax assessments. It is believed that this dwelling was used for tenant housing.

Many of the outbuildings surrounding the dwelling are unique. A rubblestone smoke house illustrates the overhanging roof seen in the Southern Appalachian area and in some parts of Pennsylvania. Another Pennsylvania influenced southern Appalachian style is seen in the springhouse which is built into a bank with a stone masonry lower level and an upper level of wood. The springhouse does not, however, have an over hanging roof. The springhouse is suspected of having had a dual purpose because of it being two stories as well as because of the presence of a chimney.

The rubble stone "chicken coop" is also unique in appearance and this writer feels that the structure was probably intended for some sort of human use such as a school house.

Ignatius Wheeler, this property's historic owner, was a well known and important citizen of Harford County during his life time.

Ignatius Wheeler's home estate was called Deer Park and this was located in Harford County's 5th Election District near Ady. He owned much more property including the Belle Farm and the property in question.

He was a first lieutenant of Company No. 16 of the Harford Militia and served in the Association of the Freemen of Maryland, organized on June 26, 1775 at the Maryland Convention held in Annapolis.

In the Maryland Legislature for the sessions 1786-1787, Colonel Wheeler was one of the delegates from Harford County. He was also one of the justices in Harford County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County, 1901; Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1972. 1783 Maryland Tax List  
1798 Federal Tax List  
1814 Tax List

Glassie, Henry; Pattern in the Material Folk Culture of the Eastern United States; University of Pennsylvania Press, Philadelphia, 1968.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 83.15 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bordered on the north by White House Road and is surrounded by other parcels owned by Gambill.

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian	DATE	January 4, 1977
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE	838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

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building is almost square. Its roof, originally wood shingles, is covered now with metal sheets and has wide eaves. A tall, frame cupola with arched, louvered vents is situated at the center of the roof. Rough quoins are at each corner of this structure and brick vents are located near the peak on both the north west and south east gable ends. Windows are six lights over six and one of these windows is located on all but the north east wall. A wood plank door is on this facade. Windows have stone lintels. Inside, the walls are plastered and there is one room and a loft.

Title Search  
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Mrs. Paul Gambill  
2110 White House Road  
Hickory, MD

	239	466	1/10/36	Grantor: Pauline C. Wheeler Grantee: Paul Wand Ruth A. Gambill Acreage: 83.15A
AJS	19	363	1932	Grantor: John F. Wheeler Last Will and Testament Grantee: Pauline C. Wheeler
GSN	12	181	1896	Grantor: Leonard M. Wheeler, Last Will and Testament Grantee: John F. Wheeler

Although it is known that this property remained in the hands of the Wheeler family until the present owners purchased it in 1936, a large gap appears during the years between 1793 and 1896. Wills during this period of time are not specific and no lands transactions could be found.

AJR	217	7/14/1793	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Col. Ignatius Wheeler Grantee: His children: Monica, Treacy, Henrietta, Francis Ignatius, Mary Ann, Bennett, Ignatius, Elizabeth Acreage: Estate to be divided equally
		12/1/1784	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Ignatius Wheeler (wife Elizabeth) Grantee: Son Bennett, part of tract called Wheeler and Clark's Contrivance, Brotherly Care, Benjamin's Camp, to son Joseph rest of Wheeler and Clark's Contrivance parts of other above mentioned tracts as well as part of Pearson's Range.

INVENTORY NO. 1139

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

DATE: 11/30/76

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: White House Farm <sup>Historically</sup> (Wheeler Range)

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

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

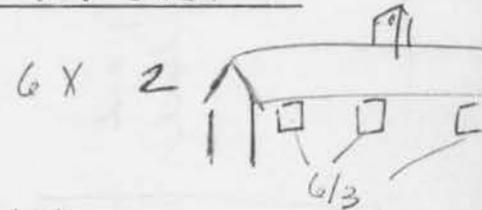
NAME OF OWNER: Gambill Mrs. Paul Gambill

ADDRESS: 2110 White House Road

Hickory, MD 838 5869

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Yes 2 stories North 3 " South



WALL CONSTRUCTION:

New Asbestos Shingles

- 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[ ] 6/6[X] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

<sup>wide</sup>  
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[X] STONE[ ] CORBELED[X] original[ ] replaced[X]  
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

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Lady says this

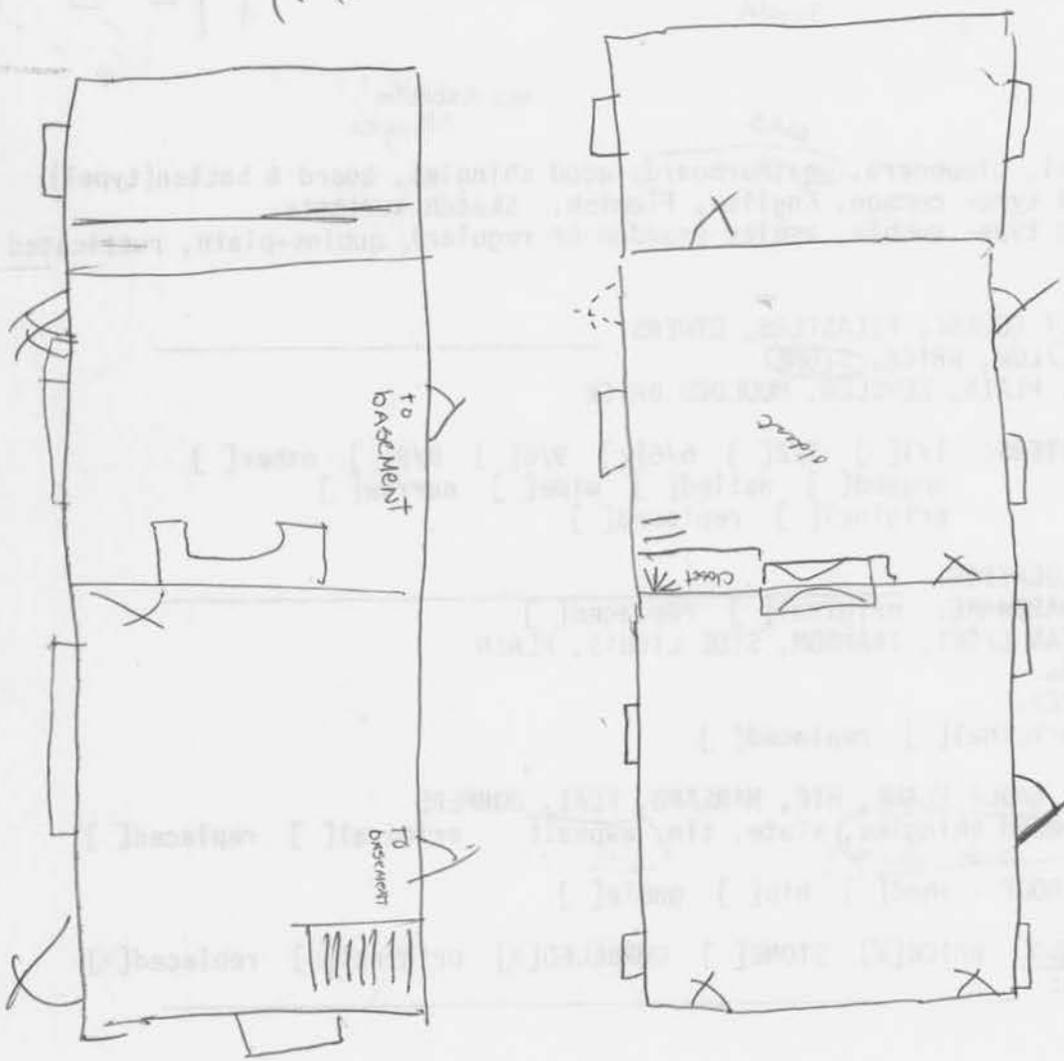
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Snake house open rafters  
rubble stone was slate roof, now aluminum  
over hang roof. door gable front 2 iron hinges  
plank door.

Interiors: wall paper  
over plaster  
floor replaced

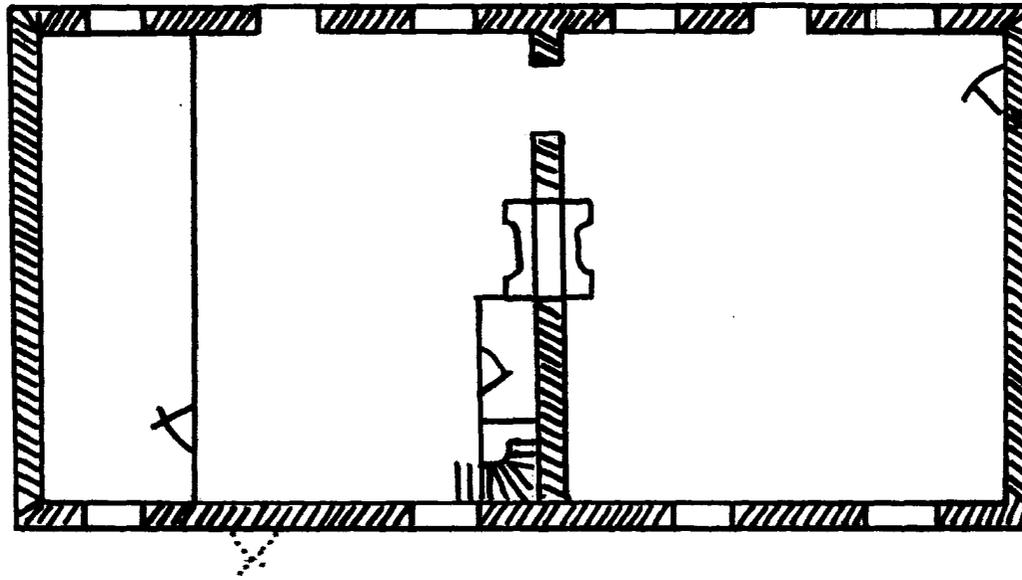
North →

ground level

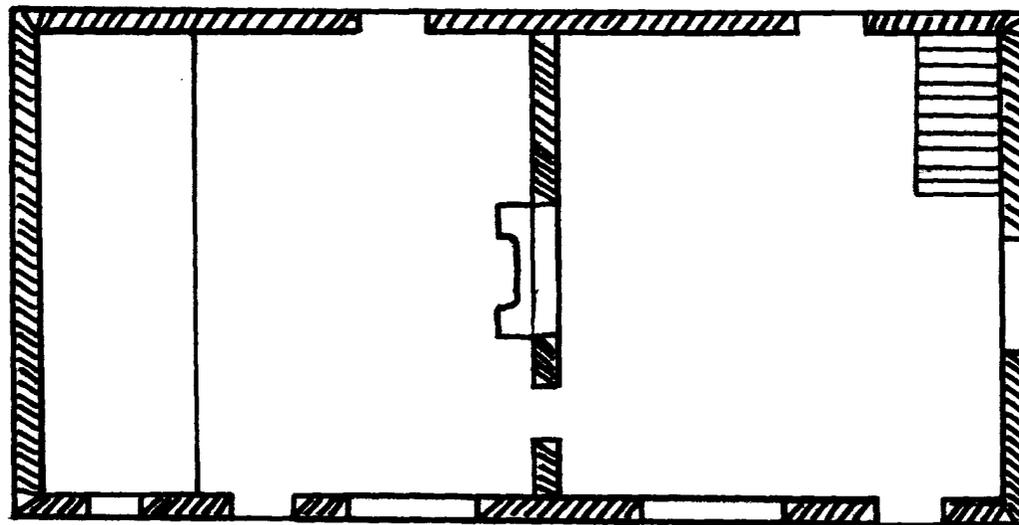


2 6 ft  
cast iron  
windows

North ↑



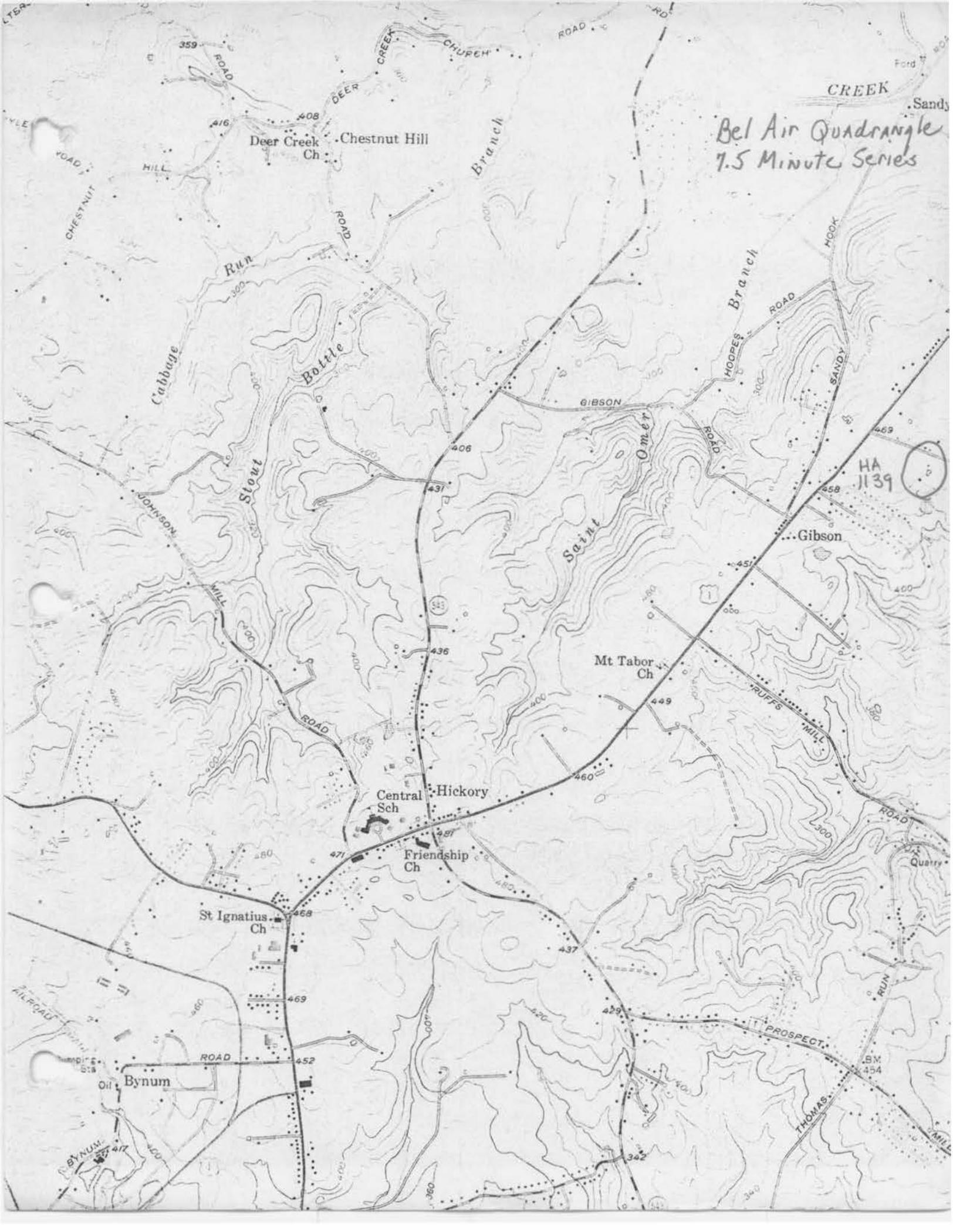
FIRST FLOOR



GROUND FLOOR

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Wheeler Range

Bel Air Quadrangle  
7.5 Minute Series





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Wheeler's Range: House HA-1139  
Hickory, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
North  
December, 1976



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Wheeler's Range  
"Chicken Coop"  
Hickory, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
Northwest  
December, 1976

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