

## SUMMARY

### LITTLE GREENWOOD HA-1277

Little Greenwood, built in 1906 for William & Eliza McCormick Finney, is the last house in the series of Finney structures on Glenville Road. Designed by the architectural firm of Parker & Thomas of Baltimore & Boston, this house represents the tastes of an upper middle class Harford County family in the early 20th century with its flared hipped roof, number & expanse of windows, and spacious porch which wrapped around three sides of the original house. The additions on all sides (dating from 1915, 1935, and 1980), retain the scale and style of the 1906 portion.

The site itself with more than 105 different species of trees is particularly noteworthy.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Little Greenwood  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION** (northwest side Glenville Rd., north of Md. Rte. 155, nr. Churchville)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY  
Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" 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  
Dr. & Mrs. Wilfred Hathaway

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Glenville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Churchville, MD

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

MD 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

MD 21014

**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 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 2-1/2-story clapboard house, built in 1906, is located on the north side of Glenville Road, north of Level Road (Md. Rte. 155).

Added on to on all sides, to form an el-shaped structure, most additions are consistent in scale and detail with the original 1906 three bay wide and two bay deep portion. The house faces east and has a flared hipped roof: the 1906 house forms the central section of the structure. It has a central entrance, paired windows in each of the other three bays of both stories, two shed-roofed dormers, and a chimney in the north end. This end is covered by a two-story, one-bay by one-bay addition, dating from 1915. A one-story hip-roofed porch with a greenhouse at the north end spans the east side. Extending to the west is a two-story, gable-roofed wing added in 1935, and to the south is the most recent addition, a music room designed by James T. Wollon to be completed this year.

The original interior had a center hall with a staircase at the west end; the hall was flanked by one room on the south and two on the north. An additional room on each end plus a series of four rooms with two staircases in the west wing comprise the rest of the interior plan.

# 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 checked="" 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 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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Little Greenwood" may be considered the last in the series of Finney houses on Glenville Road. The first--Oak Farm--was built in 1821 by the Reverend William Finney of Churchville Presbyterian Church fame; the second, "Greenwood," also built by Wm. Finney twenty years later and then the home of his son, George J. Finney; the third, the Finney-Somerville house, built for another son, Dr. John Finney between 1858 and 1878; and this fourth, "Little Greenwood" built for William & Elizabeth McCormick Finney, George J. Finney's son and daughter-in-law, in 1906.

"Little Greenwood" was designed by the architectural firm, Parker & Thomas, (Baltimore and Boston) who also designed the Hansa Haus at Two East Redwood Street and the Savings Bank of Baltimore at Baltimore and Charles Streets in Baltimore. Wm. W. Finney was a food wholesaler and his wife's brothers (McCormicks) are said to have given them the house for a wedding present.

This house represents the design predilections of a prosperous early 20th century Harford County family, just as the other Finney houses are representative of artifacts of their time. The employment of an architect, the flared hipped roof, the large number of windows, and spacious porch which wrapped around three sides of the original house, are all early 20th century devices that distinguish this house from the earlier ones. Each addition, and re-modelling also represents a stage in the evolution of 20th century tastes.

The site is also noteworthy, having been planted with more than 105 different species of trees.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, will & equity records of Harford County  
 Interview with Mary Barada, 1979  
 Interview with Wilfred Hathaway 11/79

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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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.

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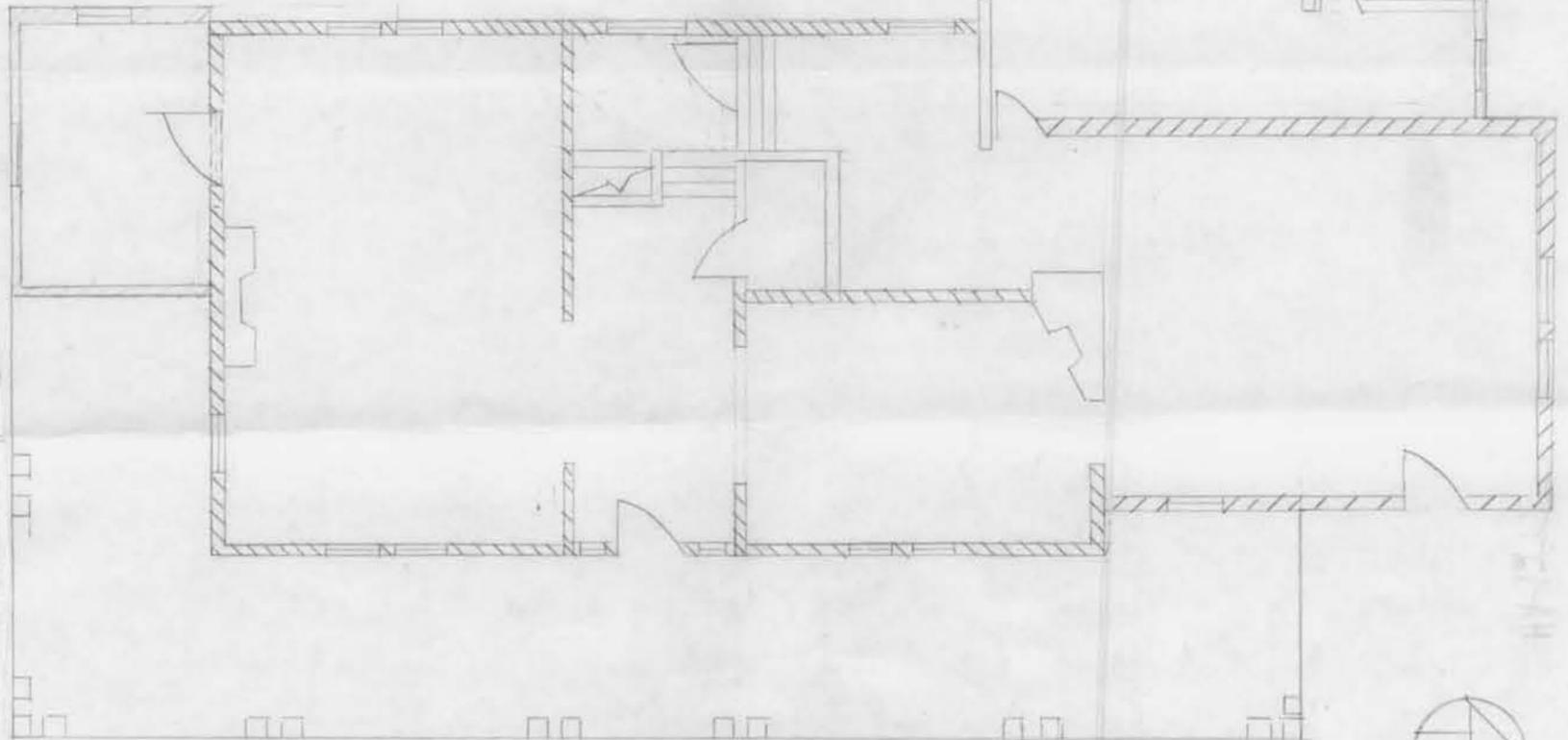


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 PHASE I, CA. 1906

 PHASE II, CA. 1915

 PHASE III, CA. 1935



1/4" = 1'0"



FINNEY-HATHAWAY HOUSE

US MILITARY RESERVATION  
ARDEEN PROVING GROUNDS

Schoolhouse Hill

Beaulieu Brook

Graveyard

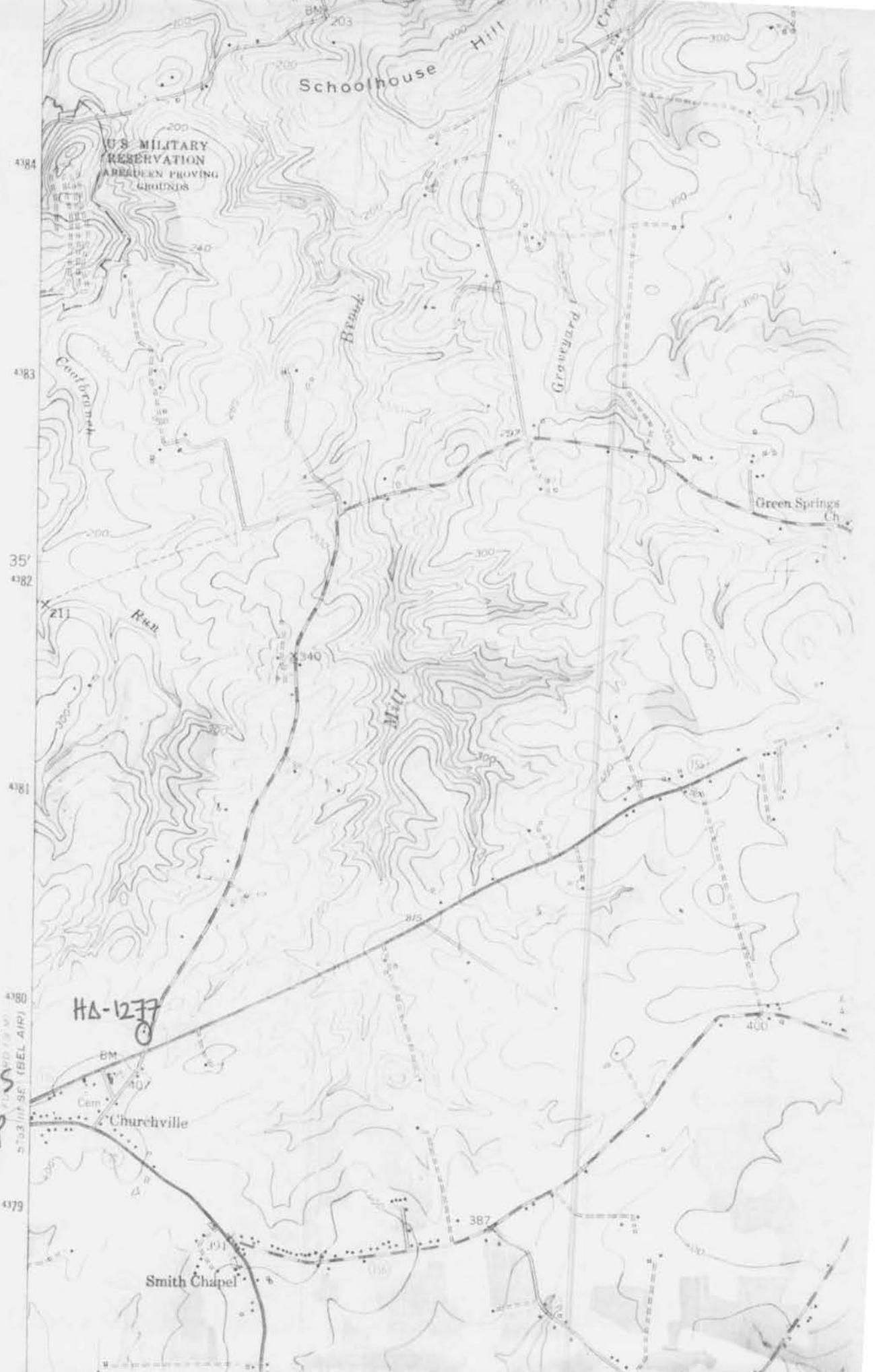
Green Springs Ch

HA-1277

Churchville

Smith Chapel

Ardeens USGS  
Quadrangle Map



4384

4383

35'

4382

4381

4380

4379

5703 111 SE (BEL AIR)

X 211

X 340

295

400

387

391



"Little Greenwood" HA-1277  
Churchville, MD 21028  
Northeast  
Natalie Shivers 11/79



"Little Greenwood" HA-1277  
Churchville, MD 21028  
Northeast, ca. 1906  
(From collection of Mary Barada)