

## SUMMARY

SAYRE-COALE HOUSE  
3332 Cool Branch Road  
Churchville, Maryland 21028  
HA-145

This two-story stuccoed stone house with a side hall plan was built between 1832 and 1856 by either Samuel Chase Coale or William F. Coale, both sons of Dr. Skipworth and Eliza Coale. Eliza was the daughter of Samuel Chase, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Delegate of the Continental Congress, and appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by George Washington - and later impeached, then acquitted.

Architecturally, the house is much like an urban rowhouse. The side hall - double parlor plan is unusual in this rural area and its builders may have intended to add on to the other side of the hall later. The proportions and detailing are quite elegant and, except for the stuccoed exterior, intact.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Sayre-Coale House

AND/OR COMMON  
Waffle Hill Farm

**2 LOCATION** (north side of Glenville Road at intersection with Cool Branch Rd.)

STREET & NUMBER  
3332 Cool Branch Road, nr. Churchville

CITY, TOWN  
Churchville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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 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  
Mr. & Mrs. L. R. Sayre

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
3332 Cool Branch Road

CITY, TOWN  
Churchville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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

NR-195

<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 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 two-story stuccoed stone house is located north of Cool Branch Road on what is now known as "Waffle Hill Farm."

Facing south and set on the brow of a hill so that there is a full ground story on the south side, this three-bay wide and two-room deep gable-roofed house has a recent two-story addition on the west end. The original house has a pair of interior end chimneys in the east end and 6/6 window sash with square cut trim. Spanned by a shed-roofed screened porch on a rock-faced concrete block foundation, the south side has an entrance located in the west bay of the south side with a four-light transom and a four-panel door. The west end is blank except for 2 gable windows. The north side is similar to the south except for a window at stair landing Level in the west bay.

The interior has a side hall-double parlor plan. The window and door trim consists of a recessed band flanked by cyma recta bands, with plain corner blocks. Windows have splayed jambs with single vertical panels. The parlors are separated by double eight-panel doors. The mantels in both parlors have rounded shelves, plain cornices, stone openings with brick arches flanked by pilasters with simple collars.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

NR-145

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 checked="" 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 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

The Sayre-Coale House seems to have been built between 1832 and 1856 by either Samuel Chase Coale or William F. Coale, both sons of Skipwith Coale. The case is as follows:

In 1789, Thomas Hall conveyed 1058 acres of several tracts, to Henry Ridgely to secure his debt of 2707 pounds.<sup>1</sup> Hall directed that Hall's Rich Neck and Additions thereto be sold to Josiah Lee and Joseph Miller, but land records show no evidence of the latter transaction. Instead, Ridgely sold 152-1/4 acres of the named tracts to Mary Criswell for £300 in 1810.<sup>2</sup>

The 1814 Tax List assesses Mary Criswell for \$1530 worth of property in the third district: 153 acres, two one-story wood houses, a kitchen barn, stable, and meat house. Four years later, Jacob Haines of Chester County purchased this property for \$2824.70.<sup>3</sup> According to a deed made in 1834,<sup>4</sup> Haines had agreed to sell this farm to Skipwith Coale on August 17, 1824, and conveyed it officially to Coale's widow, Eliza, in 1834 for \$2000.

Skipwith Coale, a physicial and farmer, married the daughter of Samuel Chase (b. 1741, d. 1811), signer of the Declaration of Independence, Delegate to the Continental Congress, and appointed to the United States Supreme Court by George Washington, impeached, and then acquitted. Eliza and Skipwith Coale had six children, four of whom survived Skipwith, who died in 1832: Samuel Chase Coale, Isaac W. Coale, William F. Coale, and Eliza M. Jackson. The inventory of his personal estate shows him to have been a comfortable--if not exactly prosperous--gentleman. Valued at \$711, the inventory included such items as: an "old" ox cart, an "old" plough, a carriage and harness, two yokes oxen, four horses (incl. "one old white horse"), one "milch" cow and three other cows and a large sow; and in the household: one dozen "fancy" chairs (\$18), seven common chairs (\$6.50), two black boys aged eight years (\$50) and four months (\$10) respectively, and one black girl, aged four (\$30), four small cotts (\$100), one brassfender (\$7), one old settee (\$2), one old carpet (\$5), one lot "meddocal" books (\$10), and one U.S. Mag (\$2). Skipwith Coale's will indicates that he had manumitted all his other slaves.

Skipwith Coale's estate was composed of two separate tracts "Hartley" and "Westwood." The latter is referred to as the home farm, so presumably his own house was located there.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will & Equity Records of Harford County  
1798 & 1814 Tax Assessments

Portrait & Biographical Record of Harford & Cecil Counties; Chapman Publishing Co.,  
N.Y., 1897

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**

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

In 1856, in the settlement of the estate of William F. Coale, son of Skipwith Coale, the two farms were divided into four pieces--one for each of Skipwith's children. This house is located on the "Hartley" farm, on the north portion assigned to Samuel Chase Coale, which he refers to on the 1856 Plat as that which he now occupies. Whether he actually built the house is still a question--it is said to have been built for William F. Coale, who was given the southern portion of Hartley Farm. In any case, the house dates from the late 1830's to the late 1840's, and was purchased for \$3000 by Isaac W. Coale, another brother, in 1858<sup>6</sup>. (Probably to rescue Samuel Chase Coale, labelled "insolvent" in several equity cases). The 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map acknowledged this transaction and lists a house in this location belonging to I. W. Coale. Five years later he purchased William F. Coale's half for \$3188.00.<sup>7</sup> Born in 1823, Isaac W. Coale was a farmer, educated at Baltimore College. He first worked with the hardware store, Richard Norris and Son, in Baltimore and returned to Harford County in 1843. The Portrait & Biographical Record tells us that Isaac Coale was Chief Judge of the Orphan's Court, a democrat, and member of the congregation of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In his will dated 1899, Isaac Coale left the farm to his son, Harry D. Coale,<sup>8</sup> who in 1926 gave it to his son, William Chase Coale. The Coales owned the farm until 1960.

Architecturally, the house is much like an urban rowhouse. The sidehall-double parlor plan is rare in this rural area and its builders may have intended to add on to the other side of the hall later. The proportions and detailing are quite elegant, and, except for the stuccoed exterior, intact.

N. R. FIELD SHEET  
5435 HA-145

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**1. NAME**  
COMMON: Sayre - Coale House  
AND/OR HISTORIC: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. LOCATION**  
STREET AND NUMBER: Line runs north at the turn in Cool Branch Road  
CITY OR TOWN: Churchville less than 0.1 mi north of Glenville Road  
STATE: Maryland CODE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: Harper CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> _____ _____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
OWNERS NAME: Larson Sayre  
STREET AND NUMBER: Cool Branch Road  
CITY OR TOWN: Churchville STATE: Maryland CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court  
STREET AND NUMBER: Harper County Courthouse  
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Md CODE \_\_\_\_\_

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
TITLE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_ Federal  State  County  Local   
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_  
ENTRY NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
FOR NPS USE ONLY

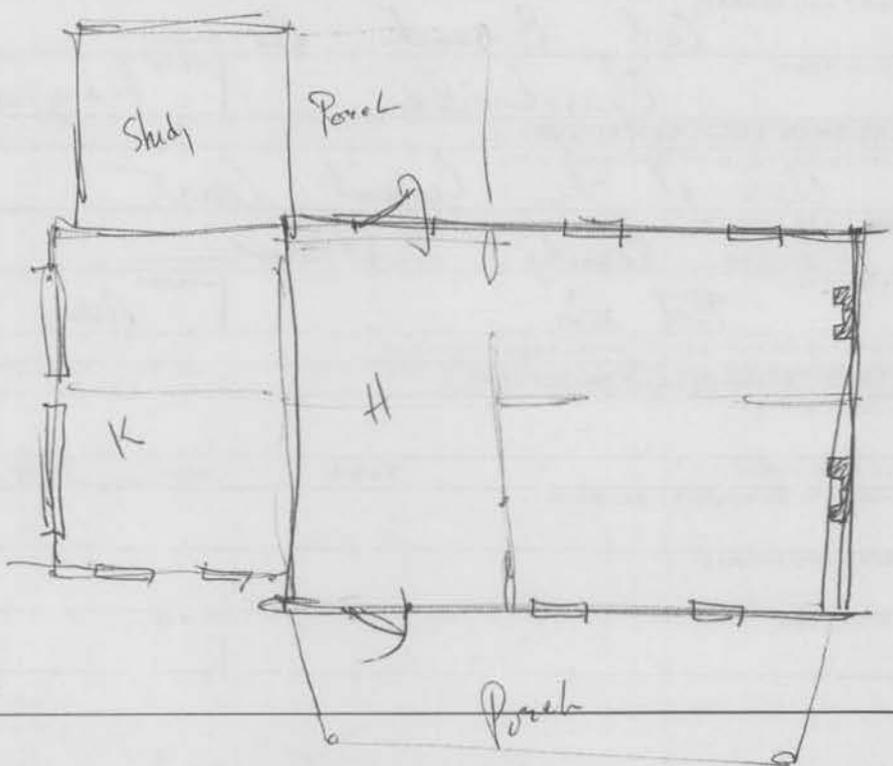
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone stucco house, two stories, 3 bays by 3, facing south, this house has a wing on the west that adds two rooms downstairs, one up, (1920), and a one-story addition to the north-west corner of the house, built in 1980.

~~There~~ There are no windows on the east wall except one in the attic between flues of the large double chimney which rises from ~~the main building~~ 2 fireplaces on each floor. The front porch is enclosed.



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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) about 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>             | Education <input type="checkbox"/>               | Political <input type="checkbox"/>                      | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>            | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>             | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>            | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>               | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>                | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <u>Architecture</u>                      |
| Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>               | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>                      | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>               | Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>               | Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>                        | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/>         | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>              | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>                 | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>           | Military <input type="checkbox"/>                |   | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>                   |   | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This house was built in about 1820 for Isaac Coole ~~son~~ grandson of Samuel Case, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Successful farmers for four generations, Chase Coole sold his farm to a younger man (with independent income) in 1956 or '58, who continues to farm.

Located near Deer Creek, this farm and its beautiful unspoiled view would be destroyed if a proposed high dam were built. (Black and white photos show view ~~from the~~ north ~~west~~ of the house) The ~~setting~~ setting of the house is beautiful.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Dean S. Poring*

ORGANIZATION: *Maryland Historic Trust* DATE: *Jan '70*

STREET AND NUMBER: *50 State Circle*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *Maryland* CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

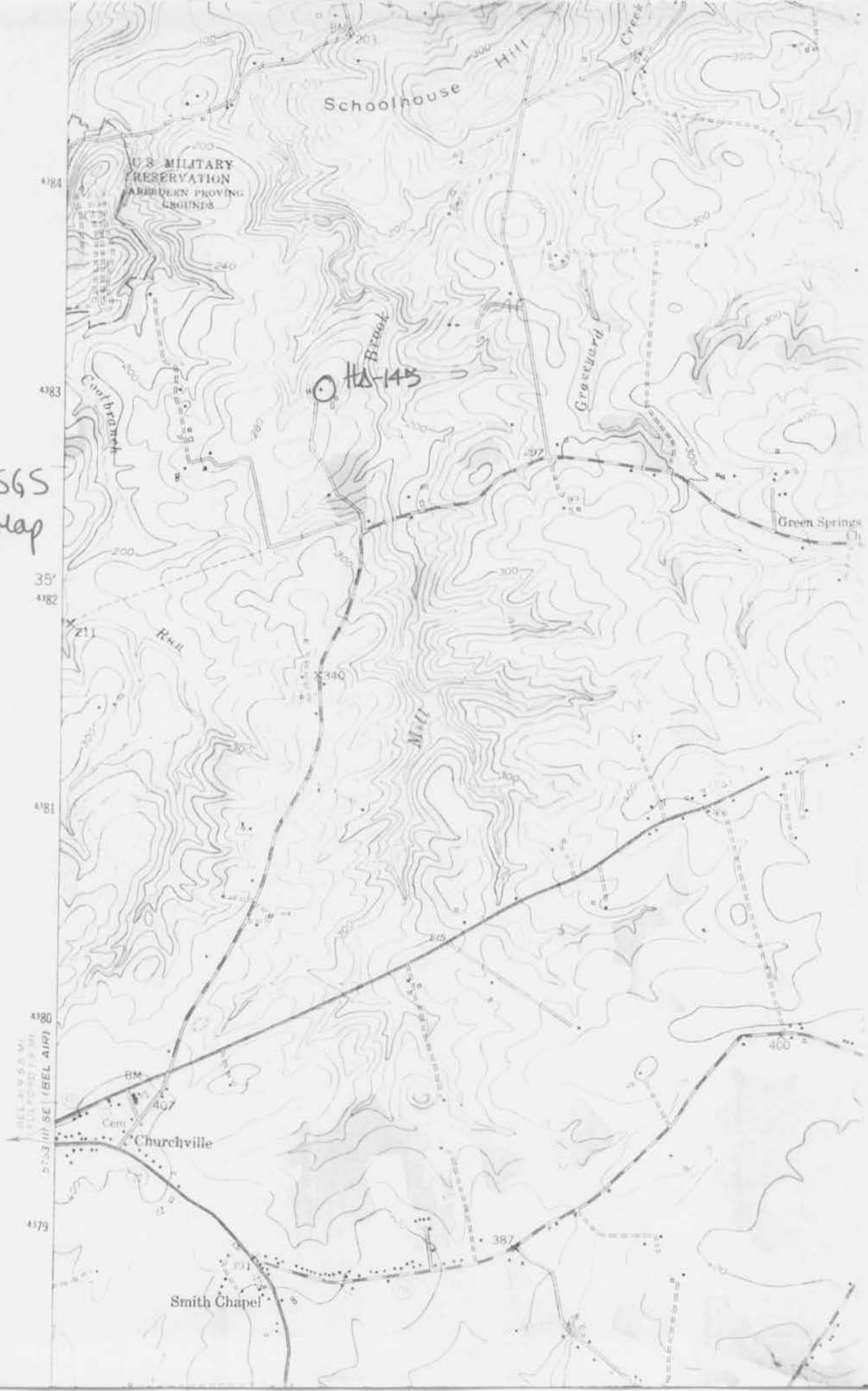
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Nordeen USGS  
Quadrangle Map





Sayre-Coale House HA-145  
Churchville, MD 21028

Natalie Shivers 1/80  
East



Sayre-Coale House HA-145  
Churchville, MD 21028

Natalie Shivers 1/80  
North



Sayre-Coale House, HA-145  
Churchville, Maryland 21028

Natalie Shivers 1/80  
South