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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Cedar Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Bliss- Weaver Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Nr. Intersection of Harmony Church and Noble's Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Cornelius Bliss

Telephone #: 734-6532

STREET & NUMBER

1806 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21034

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 383

Folio #: 470

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

<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 house was built in four parts, the older two units sandwiched between two 1952-vintage sections. The sections are attached in tandem and face northwards.

The western section

This is L-shaped and two story, with frame siding. It measures three bays by two with 6 X 6 windows. Small attic louvers are inserted in the gable ends of each leg of the "L". A door is located on the northern side near the eastern extreme and another is along the southern exposure. The roof is an asphalt gable-front with box cornice trim. An interior brick chimney is sited on the roof, near the seam where the two legs of the "L" meet.

The stone section

This is two-storied, with walls of coursed stone with quoined corners. Two belt courses run around these walls as well. This unit is three openings across and two deep, with 6 X 6 window sashes. Opposite doors are on the northern and southern exposures and are nine-pane, with two-light transoms. A one-bay shelter covers the northern portal. The roof is slate-gable flank with very little underlying trim at all. A brick flue is sited on the eastern inside-end of this portion of the dwelling.

The log unit

Again, this is attached to the western end of the stone house. It is one and one-half stories, with walls of stucco-covered logs, resting over a stone cellar. The bays measure two by two and the window sashes are 9 X 6. A doorway, with a four-pane transom, is located on the northern facade. A screened-in porch, quite recent in construction, has been added to the northern aspect of this unit. It is probable that the roof was raised, for the gabled dormers are inset within the slope of the gable-flank slate roof. They have 3 X 6 window sashes. There are two brick inside-end chimneys on the eastern and western extremes, the eastern one having been replaced.

The kitchen

This addition was constructed at the same time as the L-shaped wing. It is composed of frame siding and is one bay by two with 6 X 6 windows. A ground-level entryway is located on the southern extreme. The roof is an asphalt gable-flank.

The interior

The log section contains both chair rails and exposed beaded beams and wall trim. Brick fireplaces are located at either end, and a circular stairwell is positioned in the northwest corner of the house. The stone section has the original flooring, cherry banisters and original hardware. A thru-hall connects the doors and a fireplace is built into the far western wall. The cellar under the log unit was the original kitchen, and it still retains the old log beams and a covered over hearth.

An old stone tenant house once stood on the property, but this has since been razed.

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The farm on which this house is located has also been known by the name of Evergreen. Part of it includes a very old section of a tract called Hall's Rich Neck, patented in 1699 by Thomas Hall. In 1748, Col. Thomas White purchased 510 acres of this tract. The 1783 Tax List gives the following divisions of the tracts that probably are encompassed by this farm:

### Margaret's Mount

- William Wilson 140 acres
- Freeborn Brown 120 acres
- Samuel Bailus 200 acres
- William Cox 100 acres
- Richard Hawkins 72 acres

### Hall's Rich Neck

- Thomas Hall, Jr. 652 acres
- James Clark 35 acres

### Windmill Hill

- Thomas Hall, Jr. 100 acres

The oldest part of the structure, the log section, was built in the late 1700's, according to the Federal Tax List, and could have been constructed by either Wilson, Hawkins or Hall from the previous list. The stone section is peculiar to a style that would put it in the 1830-1860 bracket. This further improvement might have occurred under its ownership by the Stumps. The 1878 Martenet Map lists the owner as being William Hopkins, although he did not obtain the land until 1883.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Federal Tax List of 1798  
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Martenet's Map of 1878  
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 95

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located northwest of the intersection of Noble's Mill and Harmony Church roads, the southern and eastern borders also being along these thoroughfares.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod / site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

July 30, 1976

TELEPHONE

267-1212

STATE

Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	383	470	In 1952, Cornelius N. Bliss acquired 95 acres from The Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trust.
GRG	327	126	In 1949, Amelia D. Lurman sold 96.74 acres to the previous deed's grantors.
GRG	314	500	H. Elizabeth Esley conveyed the tract to Theodore G. Lurman, Jr. in 1948.
SWC	239	488	In 1936, Dudley A. Bragdon conveyed the property to Theodore G. Lurman, Jr.
SWC	221	240	In 1931, Benjamin A. Weaver sold the parcel to Dudley A. Bragdon.
DGW	195	286	W. Worthington Hopkins received 132 acres from Benjamin A. Weaver in 1925.
JAR	164	357	Lulu Clark sold 182½ acres and 34 perches to Benjamin A. Weaver in 1919.
JAR	162	272	Ida E. Hopkins sold the parcel to Lulu Choate.
Will			
JA	15	243	In 1912, William Hopkins bequeathed the land to Ida E. Hopkins.
ALJ	48	7	Frederick Stump sold 180½ acres and 34 perches, called Evergreen, to William J. Hopkins in 1883.
Will			
CWB	7	1129	William H. Stump left the property to Frederick Stump in 1865. William had gotten the property from Thomas C. Stump.
HD	23	356	In 1839, Thomas C. Stump acquired Hall's Rich Neck from John H. Price.
HD	13	86	In 1830, Samuel Bradford, trustee, conveyed 90 acres to Robert Parker.
HD	X	244	William F. Miller acquired the property from John Wilson in 1813. The parcel included parts of Margaret's Mount, Hall's Rich Neck and Windmill Hill and consisted of 96 acres.
HD	S	118	1. In 1805, William Wilson conveyed 3¼ acres to John Wilson.
JLG	P	232	In 1800, Samuel Wilson sold William Wilson 160 acres.
JLG	N	572	In 1798, William Wilson transferred the property to Samuel Wilson.
JLG	E	328	Samuel Litton conveyed the acreage to William Wilson in 1783.
JLG	D	133	Samuel Litton acquired the property from John Cooley in 1780.
JLG	P	173	2. In 1800, Joseph Miller sold 54 acres of Hall's Rich Neck to John Wilson. The tract was willed to Thomas Hall by Col. Thomas White.
JLG	P	385	3. In 1800, Richard Hawkins sold 80 acres of Margaret's Mount to William Wilson.
JLG	C	393	In 1780, Robert Hawkins conveyed 80 acres to Richard Hawkins.
JLG	A	6	In 1777, Robert conveyed a further parcel to Richard Hawkins. Thirty acres came from Richard Wells in 1730 and 100 came from John Miles in 1716.

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
JLG	P	469	4. In 1801, Thomas Hall sold William Wilson ten acres of Hall's Rich Neck, conveyed to Thomas Hall by Col. Thomas White.
JLG	I	214	5. In 1790, John Cooley conveyed 80 acres of Margaret's Mount to William Wilson.
JLG	D	136	In 1781, John Cooley received the plot from Richard Hawkins.
JLG	C	1	In 1779, Ezekiel Van Horn conveyed 50 acres to John Cooley

INVENTORY NO. 156,157 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 19 March, 1976 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Cedar Hill

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Near Harmony Church + Nobles Mill Rds

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Cornelius Bliss (Mr Bliss has sold his property)  
HARMONY CHURCH

ADDRESS: 1806 Glenville Rd

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: House is in 4 sections 6  7

- ① 1952/53 FRAME
- ② by stone 1950's
- ③ LOGS
- ④ 1952/53

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 has been white washed (stucco or whatever. + PAINT.

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE <sup>②</sup> PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE 2 1/2 - 3' High

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: see picture  
HARDWARE: original  replaced   
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE EAVES: on south door, stone section  
original  replaced

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS <sup>Gable</sup> on Log section  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original  replaced

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed  hip  gable

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK  STONE  CORBELED  original  replaced   
LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ARCHES:

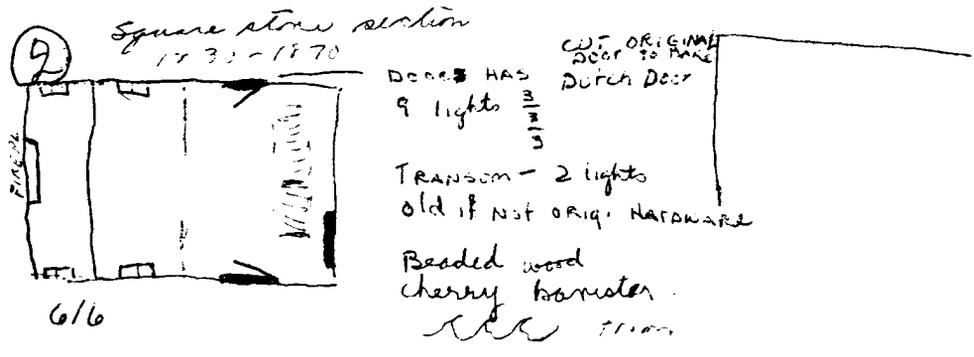
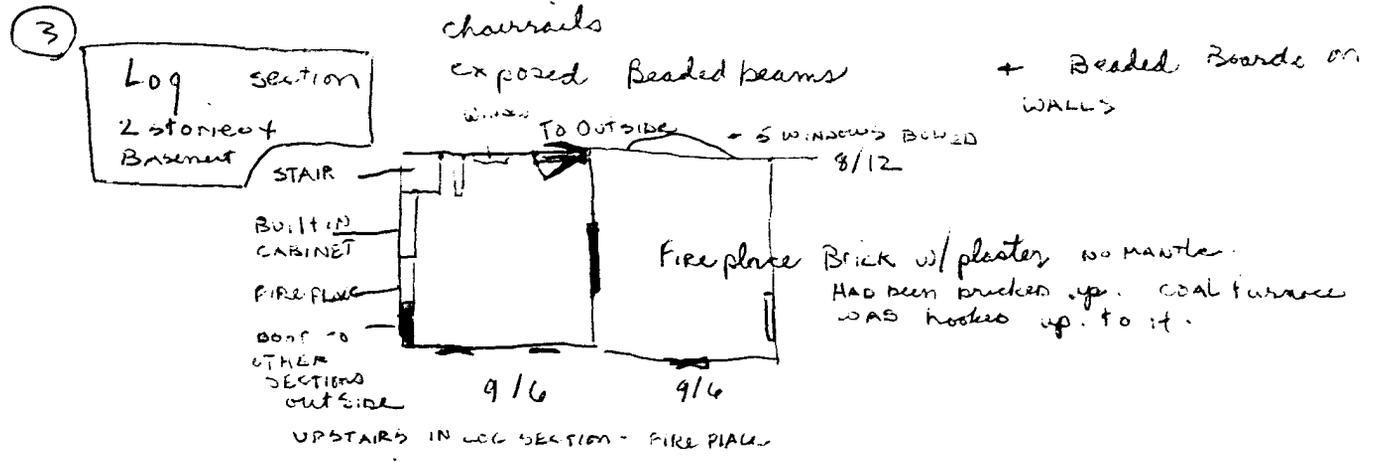
COMMENTS: Front steps flag stone  
Mill stone in Bottom step  
Formal Garden type Box walks + other evergreens along walk + front of house + around the rear. many stone statues + figurines among the daffodils etc.  
(life size frogs + squirrels) Bigger than life frog - Boy playing harmonica deck

1953, 57

Hapham  
Lloyd Weaver  
& father  
owned it.

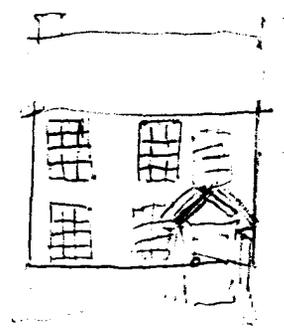
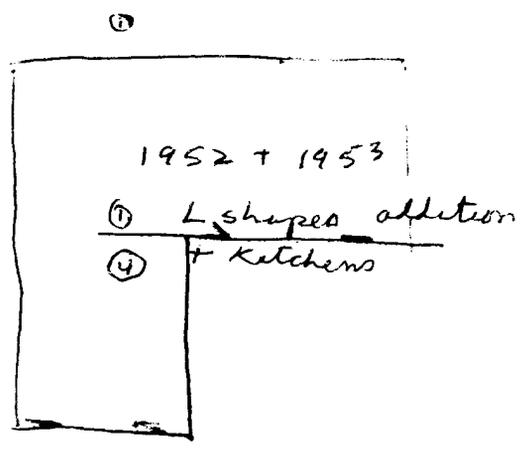
owner believes roof was raised at one point to make space for a 2nd floor (dormers added at this time)

OLD IF NOT ORIGINAL HARDWARE



Cellar - log beams visible  
Bricked & stored up fire place  
of large proportions

4 New (1952-53) Kitchen Addition



INVENTORY NO. 156, 157

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

DATE: 3-18-76

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: CEDAR HILL - owned by Hopkins, weaver

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: NEAR INTERSECTION OF HARMONY CHURCH / NOBLE'S MILL RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH

NAME OF OWNER: CORNELIUS BLISS

ADDRESS: 1806 HARMONY CHURCH RD., DAKLINGTON, MD.



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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: WOODEN L SHAPE SECTION ON LEFT - NEW 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]  
STONE CENTER SECTION  
RIBBON SIDE IS LOG WITH NEW ADDITION - NEW 3x2 STONE  
2x2 LOG  
1x2 KITCHEN  
3x2 "L"

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 STUCCO COVERED ON OLD SECTION

COVERED

*in newest parts*

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE, FLUSH

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

*TRUCK*  
*SLIGHT EVIDENCE OF QUOINS*  
*FLANK ROW ON SOUTH SIDE*  
*OF STONE HOUSE*

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] 9/6[✓] 9/9[ ] other[ ] 3/6  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]  
*1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF STONE* *1 LOWER ON N SIDE OF KITCHEN*  
*TOP LEFT OF WOOD UNIT*

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF "L" 1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF "L" 1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF "L"  
HARDWARE: original[✓] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
*LEFT SIDE W/ 4 LITE TRANSOM*  
*SOUTH SIDE OF LOG PART - W/ 2 LITE TRANSOM*  
*OF STONE CENTER 3 LITE DOOR*

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

BIX

*ON STONE SECTIONS RATHER PLAIN*

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

*NEW SHED ROOF SCARFED ON SOUTH SIDE OF LOG PART*  
*1 BAY ON NORTH STONE SIDE*

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[✓] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 1 ON LEFT SIDE OF L

ARCHES: 1 ON EAST END OF STONE UNIT  
2 ON OTHER END OF LOG UNIT (EAST ONE REPLACED)

COMMENTS: Pillars on flange step  
boxwood + evergreen on grounds  
Handma/Henman on south side  
springhouse on south side  
base covered with siding on south side

Beaded in log part - beams and ceiling boards  
 old staircase opening in log part - masonry stairs to 2nd floor  
 fireplace once round through west side of old log part  
 on east side are 2 small fireplaces above each other on 1st and 2nd floors  
 some original hardware plain iron in log part all fireplaces in the  
 center of the wall and parallel with them may have been downstairs  
 on second floor roof may have been raised for  
 dormers.

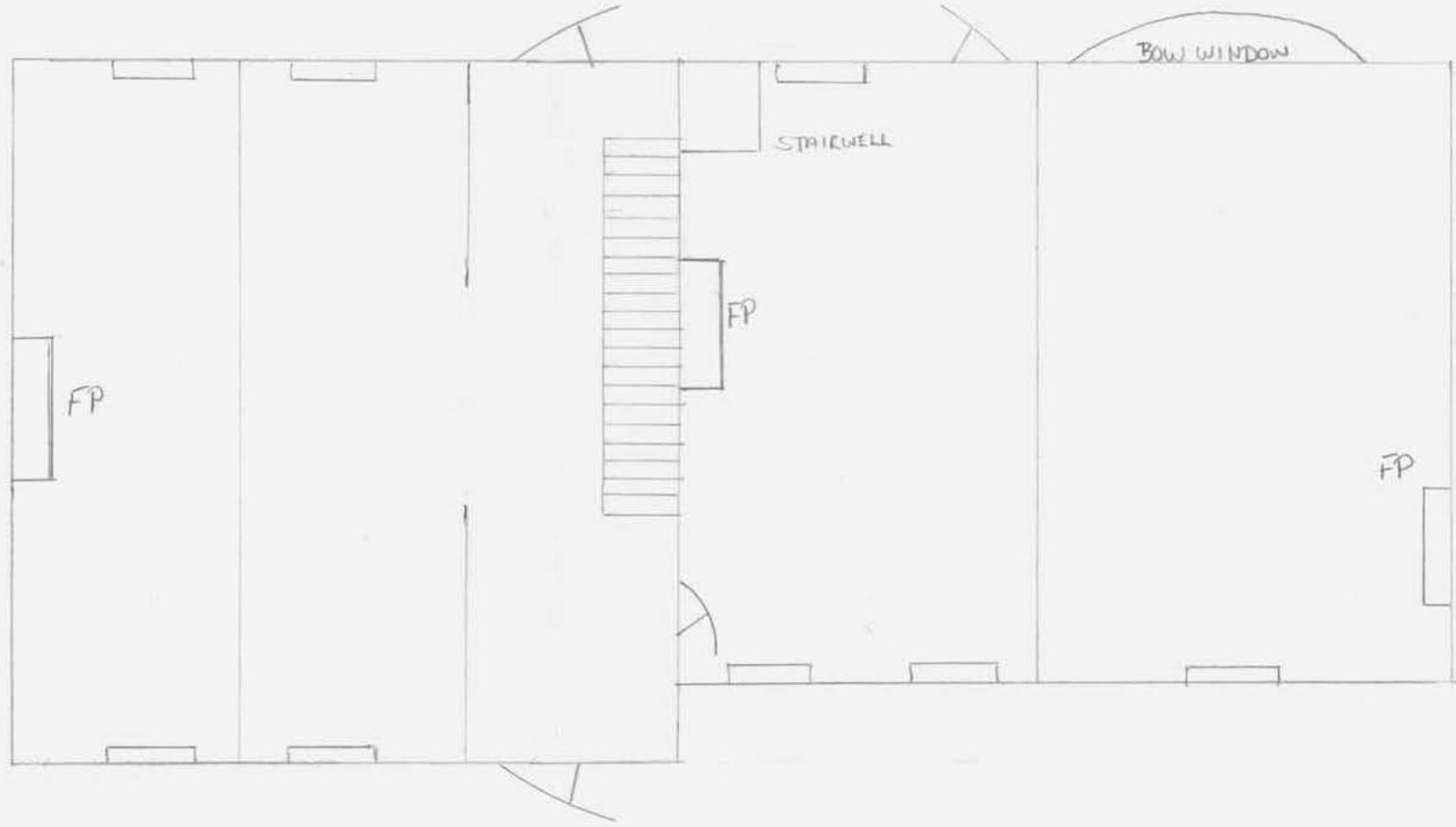
stone section has original flooring, cherry banister - thru hall  
 one of 6 Washington survey sheets posted on the wall  
 fireplace, one over other in stone house  
 large library in stone part looks  
 log beam sweep the cellar



log windows - new east side  
 "L" and log part

CEDAR HILL

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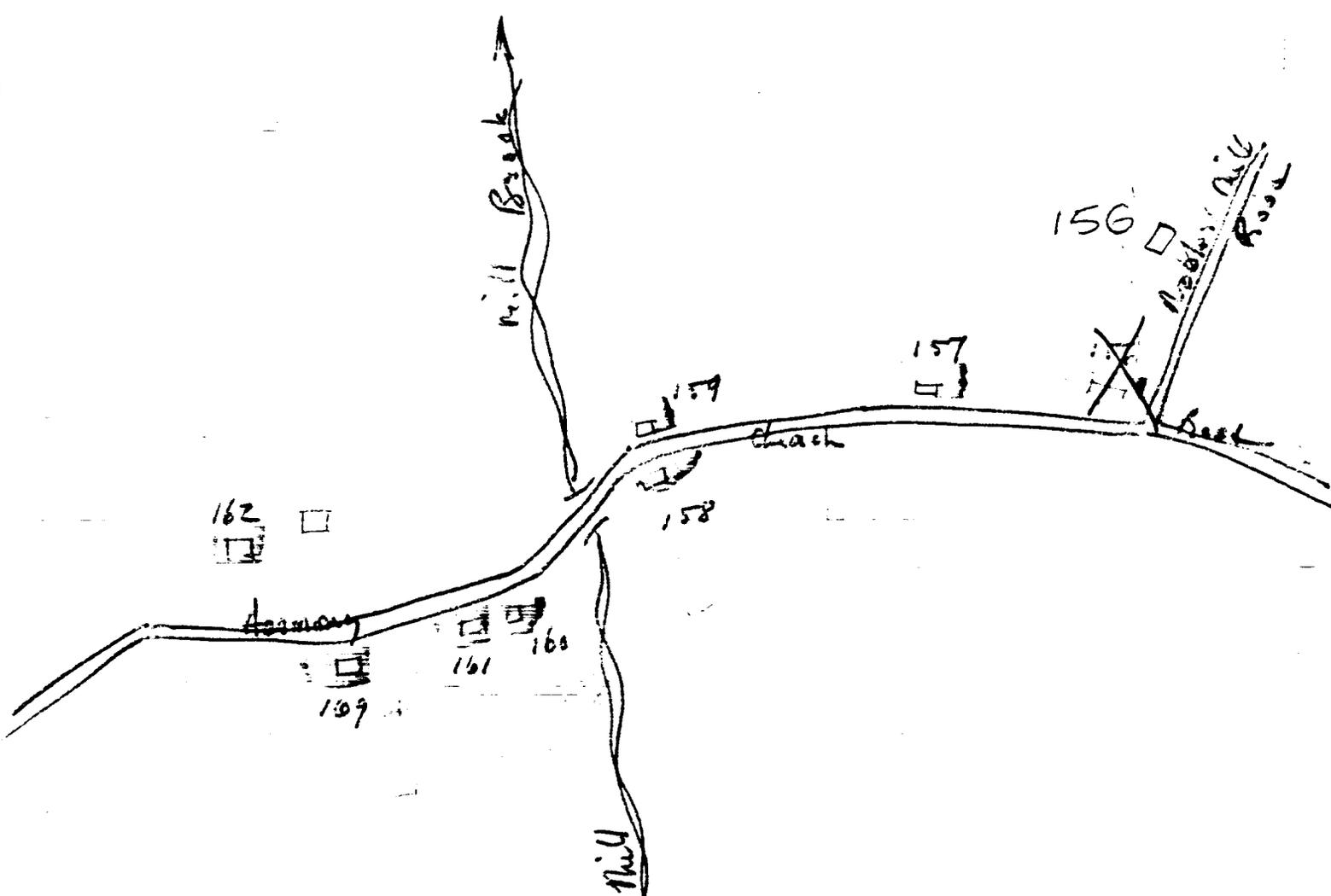


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USGS Aberdeen, MD.  
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between US Military  
Reservation &  
Glenville & Nobb Hill

Sketched, enlarged, from  
U.S. Coast & Geodetic Maps.  
J.S. Ewing.

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June 1971

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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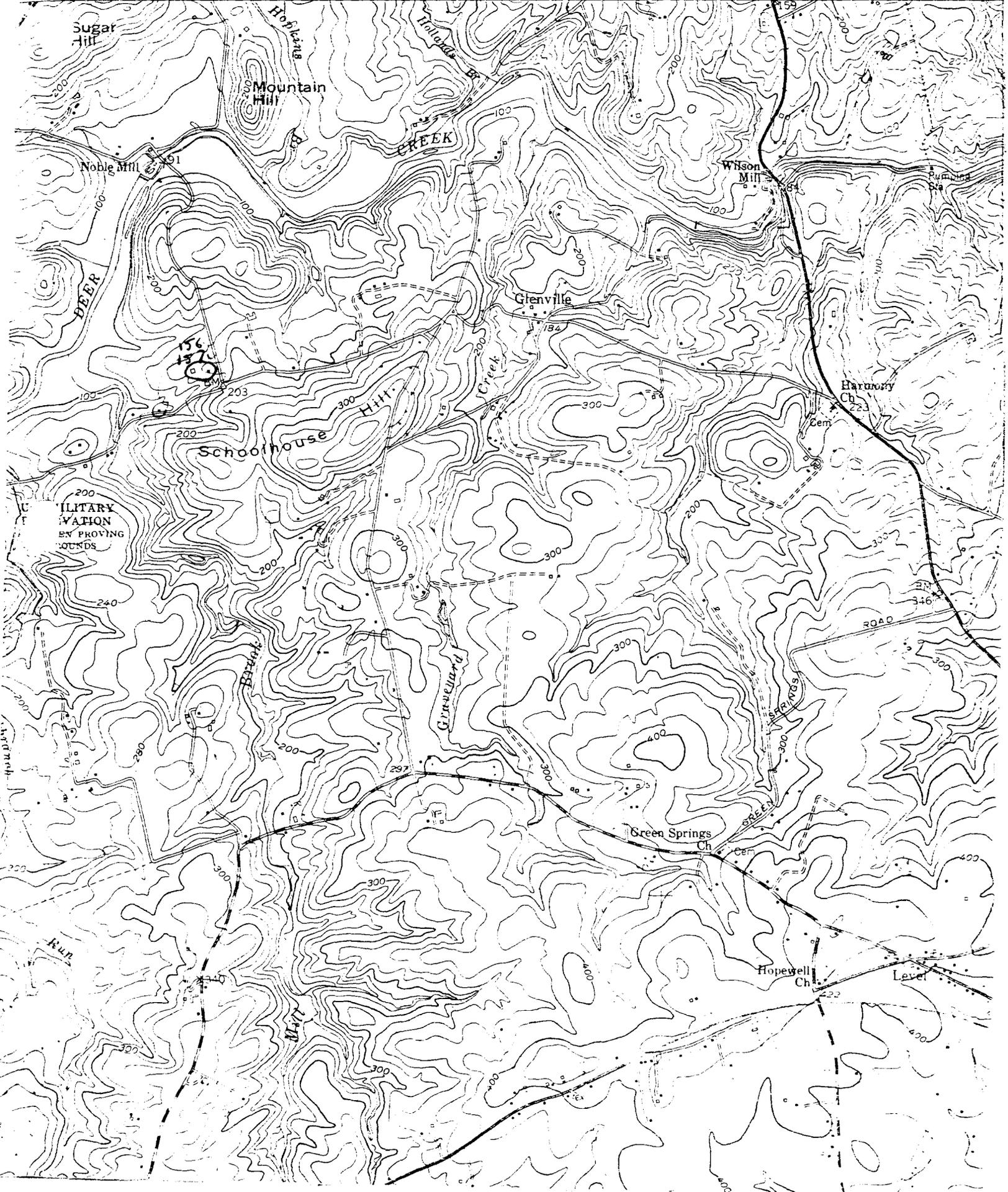
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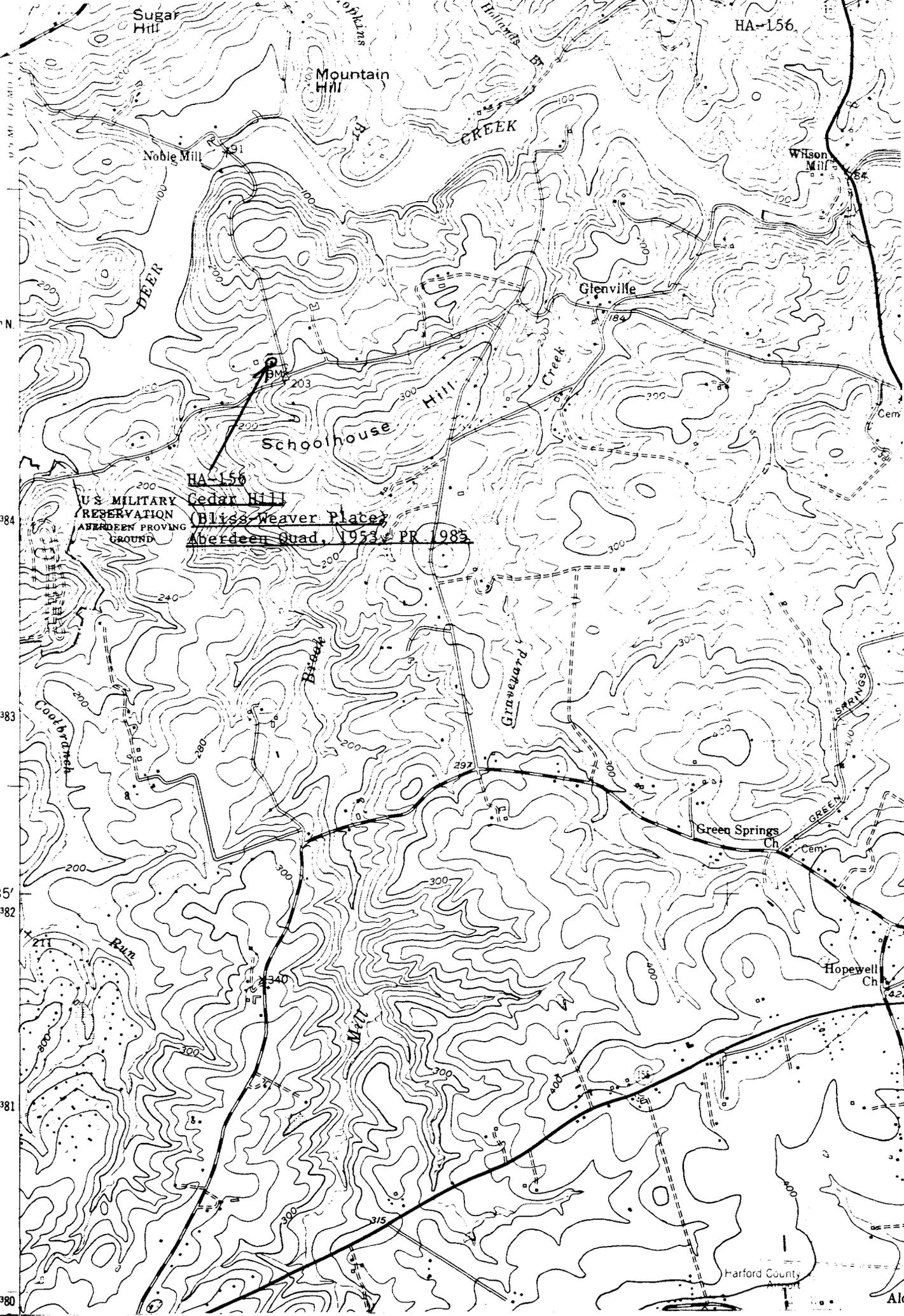
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DARLINGTON

5763  
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RESERVATION  
ABERDEEN PROVING  
GROUND

HA-156  
Cedar Hill  
Bliss Weaver Plate  
Aberdeen Quad, 1953 & PR 1985

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35'

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Cedar Hill Springhouse HA-156  
Darlington, MD  
Paul Penrod 3/76  
North



Cedar Hill HA-156  
Darlington, MD  
Paul Penrod  
North

3/76

## SUMMARY

HA-157  
Bliss Tenant House  
Harmony Church Road

The concept of building into a hillside is common in this county and should be considered an important regional characteristic. This small stone tenant house is such an example and it further exemplifies the common plan of a double entrance which many associate with Germanic influence.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stone Tenant House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

CAJ Haakasson and Caj Harkansson

Telephone #: 734-6626

STREET & NUMBER

1806 Nobles Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF Glenville

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21034

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 997

Folio #: 1001

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

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DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

NA-157

## CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

### EXTERIOR:

The dwelling faces south; it is a three level stone bank-house standing about ten yards north of Harmony Church Road. It is not large; being only four short bays wide and one wide bay deep with measurements of 24' along the south (main) facade and 18' in depth.

The fenestration is symmetrical although not regular. On the main level for instance the principal facade (south) is vented by a 6/6 sash window in the outer two bays and doorways in the inner bays. The east and west bays are blind and in its original state the north side was opened up by two windows directly opposite those of the south wall.

The walls are made of brownish fieldstone (gneiss) and appear to have never had any exterior covering except of the south facade where evidence of whitewash suggests an earlier and larger single story porch.

The roof, which may not be original, has gable-ends with its ridge running east to west.

There are corbelled brick chimney caps on each end having the appearance of serving interior chimneys. The west cap is decorative; however, there is no fireplace chimney on that end. At attic level it can be noticed that the stone wall below the cap is hollow, for some as yet unexplained reason, but there is no evidence of smoke within. On the other end, however, there is a chimney 3'4" wide that projects into the rooms 2' and served fireplaces on each level.

The east door of the main facade has been blocked in, the porch replaced and a recent three level frame addition that wraps around the east and north sides alter the original exterior.

### INTERIOR:

At least two major renovations have altered the interior in its original state. The three level plan provides for a kitchen in the bottom level, a living space above and a bedroom above that. The attic is finished with plaster and is accessible by stairs like those of the other levels.

### Basement:

While there is evidence of a double entrance on the south facade and evidently the house was once used as a duplex, the first level suggests that this was originally a single family dwelling with a basement kitchen. It is the north facade of this level that provides the many other entrances to the building and this is a single door located in the western most bay.

In the room one sees a single stone fireplace at the east end of the room. It is a fairly large fireplace with a 45" square opening. It is lighted by a window near the fireplace in the north wall and only one other window in the middle of the west wall. These windows have the same heavy lintels of the other openings and it should be noted that if this building was a duplex having a fireplace at each end, this window could not have existed.

There is evidence of an earlier door behind the present stairs in the northeast corner. Its lintel; however, was a hewn 3"x51" jack-arch and not the heavy stone seen elsewhere in the house and therefore may be considered an early alteration. Its presence does raise a question about the history of the present stairs while these stairs are modern, their placement seem original (based on the two stories above) however, the closed-off door in

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The full gamit of 19th Century American architectural style is represented in this area as well as a considerable number of 18 Century buildings. While the physical characteristics of this environment are valuable, literally, as being part of the ever-disappearing original American fabric it should not be overlooked that structures such as this are an integral part of an historic landscape of which this county should be possessive. Every demolition of a pre-modern farm building represents a loss of the kind of visual document necessary for the as yet incomplete history of a traditionally apparent culture.

A tenant house such as this one being built out of local materials and utilizing a plan peculiar to the topography says a good deal about past life in this area. It is a positive contribution to the picturesque character of Deer Creek.

The concept of building into a hillside site and placing the kitchen in the basement the building is common in this county and should be considered an important regional cnaracteristic.

This small stone tenant house is such an example and it further exemplifies the common plan of a double entrance which many associate with Germanic influence.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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HA-157

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Basement (Continued:

this location suggests that for one period the stairs at least had a different direction if not another location.

With the floors having been replaced it is difficult to tell if the original ceiling although other buildings in the area suggest that it might have had exposed joists and been whitewashed like the walls. The present ceiling height is 7'2".

2ND LEVEL:

This level was and is the main living area. The double entrance and evidence of a partition since the floor was replaced suggest that there may have been a transverse wall dividing the area in half. The custom of a segregated formal parlor is seen in this area.

UPPER LEVEL:

Enclosed windows lead to the second level and provide for closet space. There was a single bedroom upstairs reflecting the same layout and fenestration as below including windows in the northeast corner to the attic.

In the attic one sees that the gable ends were plastered and painted but the roof framing has been left exposed. The floors are 13" random width laid with cut nails. The rafters are a mixture of sawn and hewn materials with many being undressed walnut tree rafters. These are banded at the ridge and fixed both there and at the joist ends with cut nails.

The area was lighted by pairs of casement windows at each end.

HISTORY:

The examination of maps, deeds, wills, etc. is not as fruitful for this building as it is in most cases. Even though its plan, materials and construction techniques suggest a building that is surviving from at least the 1870's (if not much earlier) it fails to appear in the standard sources. This building is not indicated by either the Jennings & Herrick Map of 1858 or the Martenet Map of 1878. In fact, it is not represented by even the latest U.S.G.S. Map. Furthermore, the title search for this parcel suggests that it has been a part of HA-156 (Cedar Hill or Evergreen) at least since the early 19th Century, but the presence of a building is never indicated by the records.

What is known is that ownership dates back to the Stump family in the 1880's, a period in which the building was surely standing. Stump ownership is continuous from that time until willed back into the Federal era. Deed HD Z/323 & 4 (September 19, 1816) shows Thomas C. Stump acquiring two acres of "Duckets Stump" adjoining Wm. Worthington and "The River" (Susquehanna?) at this time. A check of Thomas C. Stump as grantee for 1816-1840's shows many transactions including almost as many cases of him being the grantor. Many, if not all of these transactions however, are in the Deer Creek area and establish the presence of Stumps from an early date. Most curious among these dealings is the reference acquired by chain of title to HD 23/356 (October 14, 1839) in which Thomas C. Stump acquires via publick sale 90 Acres on the south side of Deer Creek. Deed 15/131 (December 1863), suggests that the land "on the road from Govers Mills to Windmill Hill" was inherited from Thomas C. Stump by his children. It can only be concluded that if this building predates the Civil War (which it most likely does) that it is of the "Stump" era. Thomas C. Stump left no will. The inventory of his estate lists slaves, a large number of household articles, but no mention of real estate.

We have a building here that is typical in plan and construction in Harford County prior to the Civil War which stands on land owned by Stumps. This fact is not presented in an effort to reinforce any hierarchy of names so much as it helps to demonstrate how certain areas of

BLISS TENANT HOUSE  
HA-157

STORY (Cont.)

Harford County came to develop as they did and why we have 19th Century buildings standing where they do.

BLISS TENANT HOUSE

Title Search

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997/1001	April 30, 1976	Grantor: Cornelius Bliss Grantee: H. Isaacs & C. Harkansson Acreage: 96.18 Acres bordered by Harmony Church Road, Nobles Mill Road and Deer Creek
383/470		Grantor: Pennsylvania Co., for Banking & Trusts Grantee: Cornelius Bliss Acreage: (1) 327/126 (2) 333/272 .785 Acres surveyed March & May 1937 for Lloyd Weaver
327/126	March 1948	Grantor: Amelia D. Lurman Grantee: Pennsylvania Company
314/500	April 30, 1948	Grantor: H. Elizabeth Esley Grantee: Theodore & Amelia Lurman
239/488	March 4, 1936	Grantor: Dudley Bragden Grantee: Theodore & Amelia Lurman Acreage: 103 Acres with two exceptions
221/240	October 15, 1931	Grantor: Benjamin A. Weaver and wife Grantee: Dudley Bragden
164/357	June 28, 1919	Grantor: Lula Choate Grantee: Benjamin Weaver
162/272		Grantor: Worthington Hopkins & Ida E. Hopkins, et al Grantee: Lula Choate, et al Acreage: (1) one Acre (2) 182 Acres adjoining
48/7	May 18, 1883	Grantor: Frederick Stump Grantee: William J. Hopkins Acreage: part of a tract called "Evergreen" via Will of William Henry Stump
15/131	December 18, 1863	Grantor: Frederick P. Stump, et al Grantee: William Henry Stump Acreage: 300 Acres bordering on Deer Creek, the "road leading from Govers Mills to Windmill Hill" and the lands of Wm. Ross, Govers Mills, Wm. Hopkins and Rich Holloway land decended to them from Thomas C. Stump, father of Mary and William Hopkins

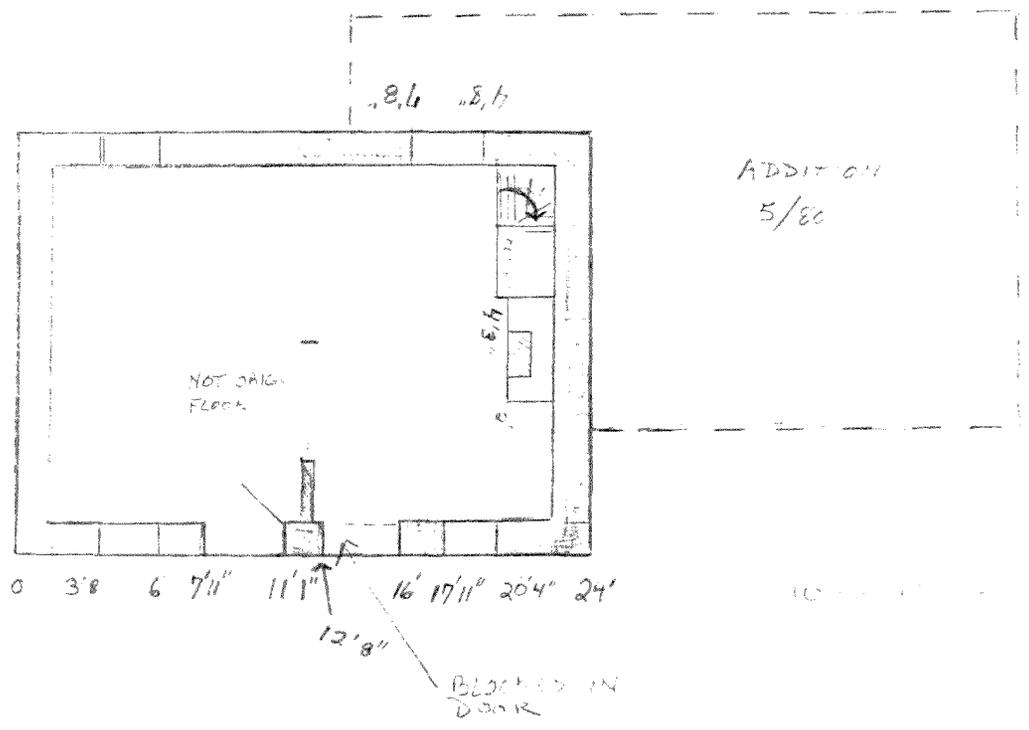
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HD 23/356	October 14, 1839	Grantor: Jon H. Price Grantee: Thomas C. Stump Acreage: 90 Acres at public sale on south side of Deer Creek called Halls Rich Neck; adjoining Elisha Cook; same land as purchased by Robert Parker, Jr. from Samuel Bradford
6/399	December 1, 1820	Grantor: Roman Catholic Church Grantee: Thomas C. Stump Acreage: on Deer Creek near chapel - 25 Acres of Arabia Petra
6/459		More church dealings
8/101	September 1, 1824	Thomas C. Stump in village of Darlington
10/184	October 3, 1826	Another 36 Acres of Arabia Petra
10/188		32 Acres Arabia Petra
HD z/323	September 19, 1816	Thomas C. Stump acquired 20 Acres of "Durkits Stump"

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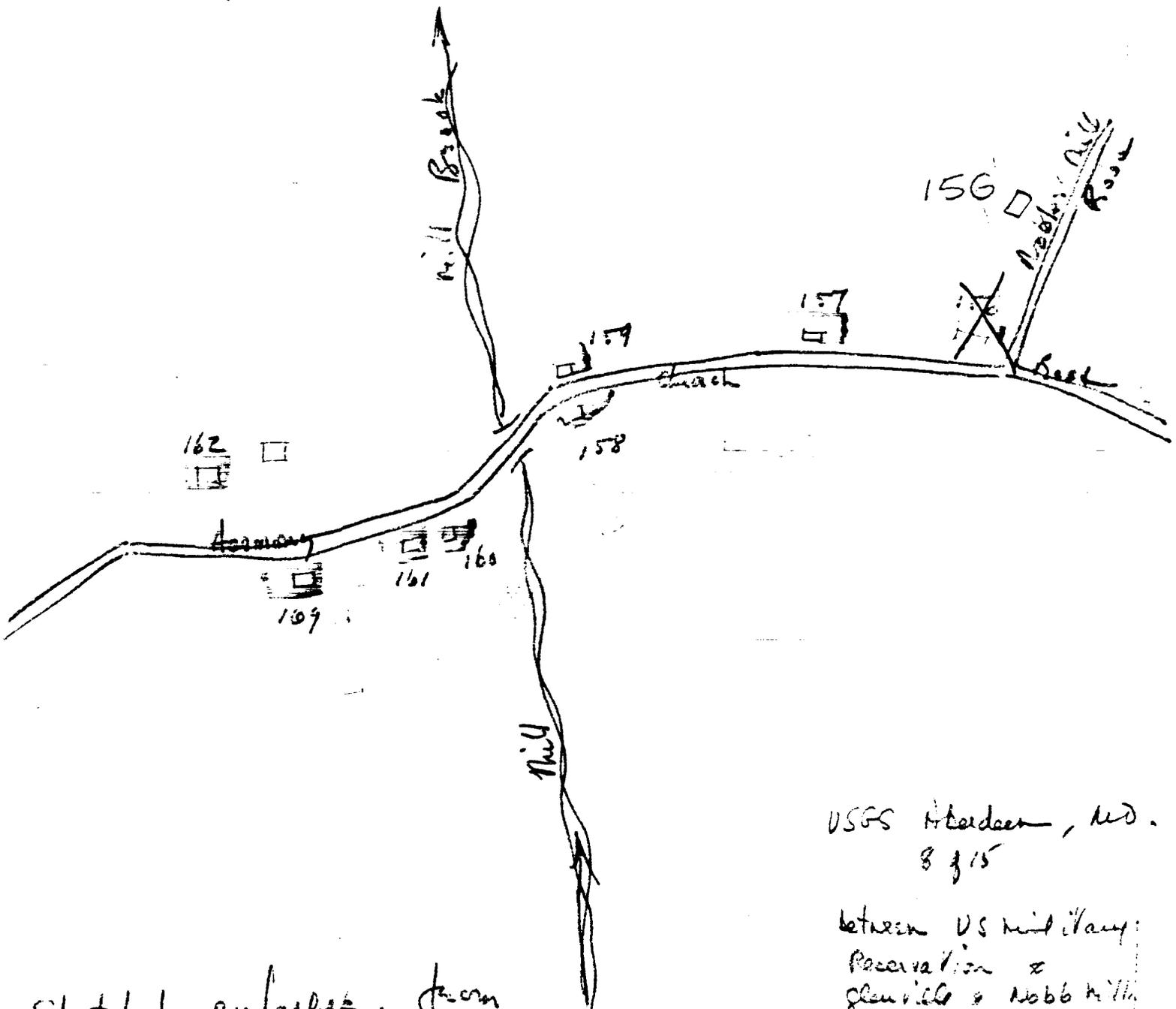
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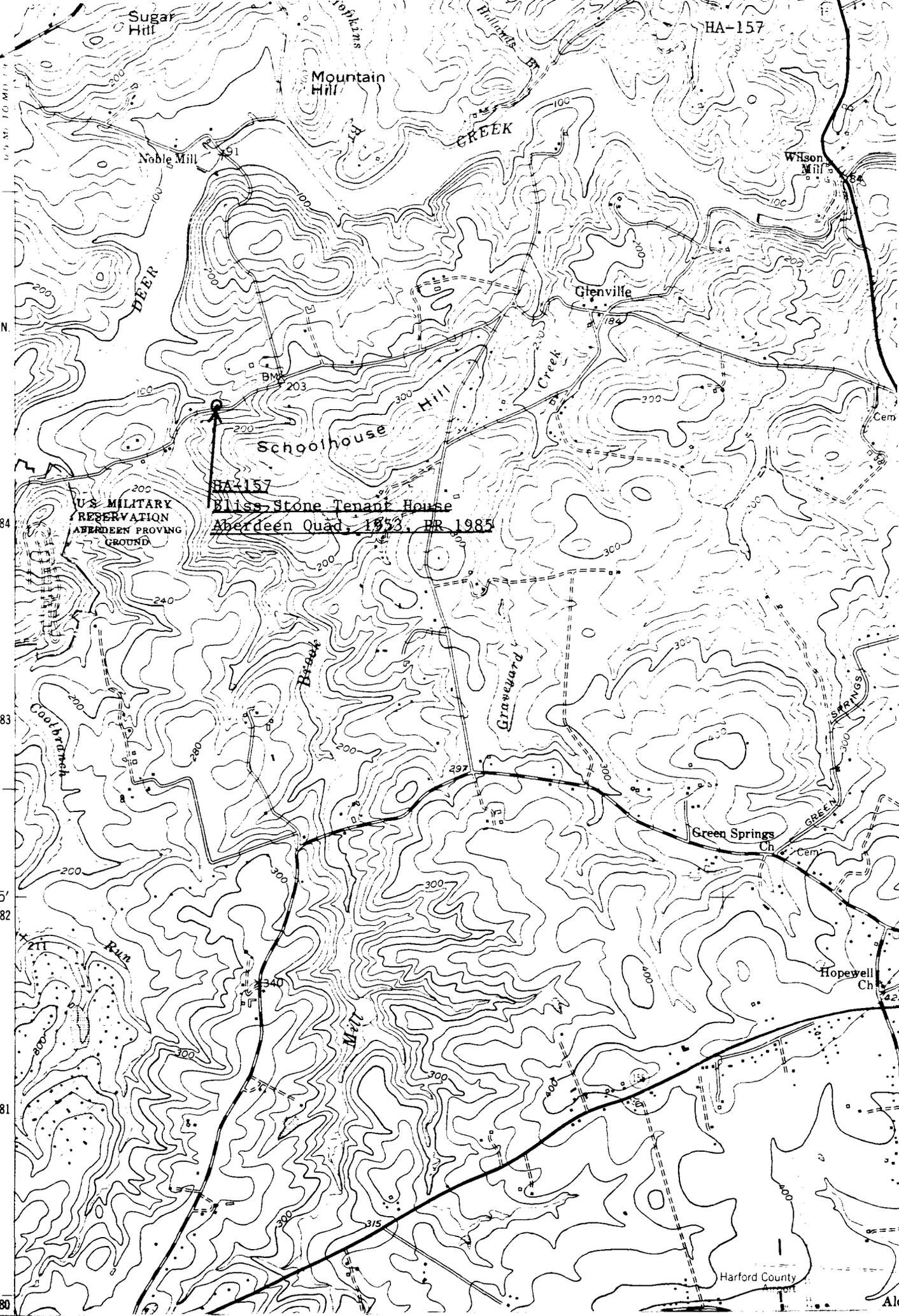
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 Aberdeen Quad, 1853, PR 1985



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