

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Walter's Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Forwood's Mill

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Walters Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Street 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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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

H. Smith Walters

Telephone #: 838-4081

STREET & NUMBER

3025 Ady Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21050

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: HDC 937

Folio #: 342

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED Cabin	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD mill	<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

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A number of additions have been made to the mill structure. Large bins, hoppers and storage buildings have been attached to the western side within the past 30 years, and a stubby, shed-roofed office wing protrudes from the eastern extreme. The original mill faces Deer Creek, which parallels Walter's Mill Road to the north. The mill rests upon a high stone foundation that is into a hillside and exposed on the northern side. It is a two-story structure, with walls of vertical siding. The structure is four bays across and two deep, with louver holes oriented east-west and near the gable-flank. The windows are new 1 X 1's, with a few 6 X 6 sashes on the eastern facade at the cellar level. A single 2 X 2 opening is on the northern facade near the western end. There are four board-and-batten entrances. One is located on the northern side of the cellar, with a door directly above it on the first floor. A similar arrangement can be found on the southern aspect, with a door on the first floor and one above it on an upper level. The roof is a gable-front, but the pitches are uneven in a "saltbox" configuration. The roof itself is made of slate and has wide eaves. There is a small brick chimney at the northeastern corner of the roof. Originally, a long viaduct pipe ran from Cabbage Run, southwest of the mill, and led to an interior water wheel. The runoff then passed through a sluice that crossed Walter's Mill Road and emptied into the Deer Creek.

#### The Interior

The cellar has extremely thick stone walls, with wood lintels above the windows and doors. The iron wheel, which has a diameter of between sixteen and twenty feet, is located near the western wall, and a pegged frame supports the water sluice from the old mill pond. The ceiling supports are a series of beams and crossttimbers. Also in the cellars are hoppers, scales and the gears and belts that turned the grindstones when the mill was water-powered. The first floor contains more chutes and hoppers, with the interior walls being mortised joints. More modern blowers, dryers and separators have been emplaced. An old grain inspector, with magnets to remove metal, is still intact. The top floor has silk screen sifters and storage bins. The beams are hand-cut and pegged.

#### The Cabin HA-18

This structure is located on a hillside directly behind Walter's Mill and is in a pronounced state of decay. It is single-story, with walls of interlocked log, covered with lath. There is but one opening on each side, and there is an attic opening on the western end. The windows are boarded and an uncovered doorway is along the southern wall. The badly-deteriorated roof is gable-flank and tin, and a stucco-covered stone and brick chimney is sited at the western end of the building. Inside, there is one room on each floor, the lower one having old plaster on the walls. The attic detail includes pegging and hand-split lath.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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

In 1752, John and Samuel Forwood, sons of William and Mary Forwood of New Castle County, Delaware, settled on Deer Creek. They jointly purchased land from Benjamin and Charity Colegate; 110 acres of Maiden's Meadow, 20 acres of St. Annes', 100 acres of Colegate's Contrivance and 25 acres of Colegate's Addition. John and Samuel erected a mill on their property prior to 1775. The 1783 Tax List declared them as jointly owning a grist mill as well as the following tracts:

Samuel Forwood

George's Fancy 94 acres  
 Henry's Pleasure 50  
 Colegate's Contrivance 100  
 Maiden's Meadow 19  
 Forwood's Purchase 12  
 Colegate's Addition 18  
 Robert's Chance 60  
 Webb's Discovery 11 1/2

John Forwood

Maiden's Meadow 91 acres  
 John's Friend 4  
 Forwood's Purchase 32  
 John's Addition 25  
 Homer 20  
 John's Adventure 49  
 Colegate's Addition 7

In 1790, John Forwood transferred his interest in the mill, along with 28 acres, to Samuel. In 1794, Samuel Forwood deeded the mill to his son, Samuel Forwood, Jr. In 1804 it was sold to Clement Green and from him it passed to Joseph Parker in 1823. In 1846, the Parker trustees conveyed the mill to John Smith, and the structure has remained in the Smith family ever since. An advertisement in the Bel Air Times in 1886 refers to the place as Greenspring Mill and reported that John S. Smith had installed a cob crusher. The original mill burned in 1900 and was later rebuilt. The 1878 Martenet Map still refers to the place as Forwood's Mill. An unusual feature is the overshot wheel, located inside of the building, being fed from one stream while emptying into another. The water-powered grindstones were used commercially until 1972, when Hurricane Agnes destroyed the dam and the millrace.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Directory- 1953  
Harford County Land Records  
Martenet's Map of 1878  
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Pub., Phila-  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, delphia.  
Baltimore.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 158

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The tract is located on Walter's Mill Road, which runs west from Maryland State Route #543, paralleling Deer Creek. It is about 0.3 miles from the the latter thoroughfare, located in the fork made by Walter's Mill Road and Deer Creek Church Road.

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	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	September, 21, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Shaw House, 21 State Circle	267-1212
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	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  
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Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith Walters  
13 Ady Road  
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

937 342 7/27/73 Grantor: Nellie K. Walter, widow.  
Grantee: H. Smith Walters and upon his death to Barbara W. Holloway  
Acreage: 5 tracts of land, one tract being the tract on which the house stands, consisting of 16 acres. His mother retained interest in the two acres improved by her residence and the yards surrounding.

JAR 153 497 12/2/16 Grantor: Thomas M. Allibone and wife  
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter

DGW 203 152 4/11/27 Grantor: Meyer H. Getz  
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter  
Acreage: "All that farm or parcel of land composed of tracts or parts of tracts called "Adventure Resurveyed", William's Abode, and William's Discovery...158 acres.

JAR 134 400 1/8/12 Grantor: Emma F. Allibone, trustee, and others  
Grantee: Thomas M. Allibone

9 118 6/19/1876 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas Allibone,  
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis was named trustee for the real estate for the use of Allibone's wife's use, Emma L., and his daughters, Emma F., Susan C., Maria L., and Lucy B.

Emma Allibone died on 11/12/1878, her trustee, Edward M. Paxson executed deed to Henry Farnandis. Farnandis died on 3/8/1900, his share went to his daughters.

WSF 99 496 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee  
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis

WSF 100 7 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee  
Grantee: Bessie D. Farnandis, Annie Munnikhysen Wakeman

1. WG 11 388 5/22/1860 Grantor: William B. Bond  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson  
Acreage: 150 acres in the fifth district

HD 29 25 10/4/1843 Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis  
Grantee: William B. Bond  
Acreage: This is 150 acres but excludes "what lies east of the Public road leading from the new bridge over Deer Creek at Forwood's Old Place by Miskimmon's Shop toward Mrs. Elizabeth Brown's."

2. T 20 355 3/23/1868 Grantor: John W. Garrett, trustee for the estate of James Wilks  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson  
Acreage: 18 acres in the 3rd District.  
All the land lying on the north of a straight line drawn from the point of intersection of the County road leading from Hickory to Mill Green with the division line between the lands of John C. Forwood and Juliann.

Forwood as established by the will of John Forwood.

3. ALJ 23 142 11/16/1869 Grantor: Jonathan Warner  
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson
- ALJ 6 14 4/18/1855 Grantor: William Warner  
Grantee: Jonathan Warner  
Purchased at a sale made by Henry D. Farnandis, trustee on 7/18/1843. Sold because of an equity case.
- HD 5 77 3/18/1841 Equity : Otho Scott, use of Benjamin Boarman, complainant  
John C. Forwood, defendant.
- HD 18 380 1935 Grantor: In September of 1835, John C. Forwood owed \$1,000 to  
Grantee: Boarman. To settle this debt he conveyed to the complainant all the lands devised to him, John C., by his father, John. This consisted of 350 acres. He also sold the lands devised by his father, John, to Samuel Forwood, which in turn, Samuel Forwood devised to his nephew, John C. Forwood. This consisted of 312 acres.

Farnandis broke the property up into smaller parcels for sale. The property purchased by William Warner was the second parcel sold.

- B 5 187 5/15/1834 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Forwood  
Grantee: John C. Forwood, his son  
Acreage: "all that part of my farm whereon they and I now live which lies on the south side of said creek..."
- ALJ F 343 4/12/1785 Grantor: Samuel Forwood  
Grantee: John Forwood  
Acreage: Forwood's Purchase which borders on Colgate's Contrivance and consists of 45 acres. Samuel received this land through Patent on 6/8/1761.
- JLG A 356 4/26/1777 Grantor: This was a deed partition for the lands jointly owned  
Grantee: by Samuel and John Forwood. Basically the lands were divided in such a way that Samuel would own the west side of the property and John would own the east side.
- AL 1 384 11/12/1774 Grantor: Samuel Forwood  
Grantee: John Forwood  
This was an Arbitration... "a dispute concerning some land laid out for a mill seat by Daniel Preston by and with consent of the said parties and also all other disputes concerning the division of all lands by them jointly purchased."  
It seems that the Mill Seat "by Green Spring Run containing 22 1/2 acres" and the lands which they "now possess and dwell on" would be equally divided with the west side going to Samuel and the east to John.

Samuel and John Forwood received their land from Benjamin and Charity Colgate on 6/11/1752. The land conveyed to the Forwoods included the following: 110 acres Maiden's Meadow, 25 acres St. Omar's, 100 acres Colgate's Contrivance, 25 acres. Colgate's Addition.

INVENTORY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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

DATE: 18

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

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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

NAME OF PROPERTY: WALTER'S 206 CABIN

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: SOUTH

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

NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: bed sleep! old plank row walls attic in down in W. end

WALL CONSTRUCTION: plaster + split lath in attic

- [ ] 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 - covered with lath

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK NONE

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: covered over 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Low S. side  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

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

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

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

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[] STONE[] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: outside end - W. end  
other covered at base

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: log covered with lath at corner

Cajalón Luis to alive

NE corner

INVENTORY NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

DIRECTION OF VIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES (1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0) \_\_\_\_\_

WINDS, ACQUISITION: \_\_\_\_\_

WALL CONSTRUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_

STRENGTH: \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATION: \_\_\_\_\_

WATER TABLE: \_\_\_\_\_

WINDS FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRANCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ROOF: \_\_\_\_\_

WINDS: \_\_\_\_\_

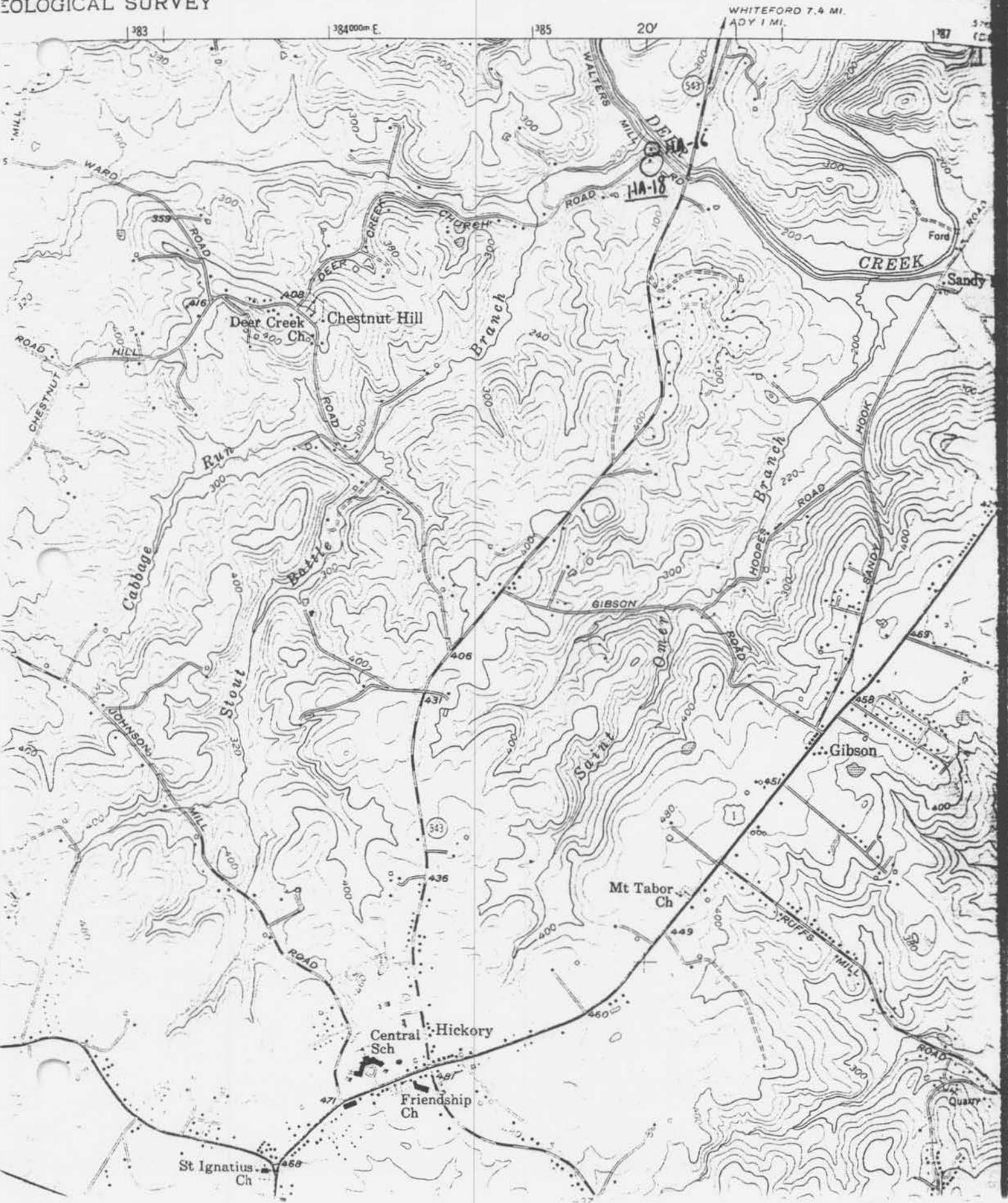
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ARCHES: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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Susan M. Deeney 9/76  
Southeast