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Fristoe House  
Grafton Shop Road  
Forest Hill, MD 21050

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fristoe House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Grafton Shop Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

\_\_\_ 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 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

Harvey Fristoe

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Grafton Shop Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21050

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 713

Folio #: 362

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This home consists of two units and is located on a lane off Grafton Shop Road in Forest Hill. The Brick and Stone house faces south.

The smaller stone unit, to the west, is one story high. One very small window leads into the attic from the west gable end. That is the only access remaining to this unit's attic. This section is three bays by two.

The uncoursed rubblestone has been whitewashed. Window sashes have been replaced and are now one over one. A door is located on the east bay of both the north and south facades.

The gable flank roof is covered with wood shingles. It is a rainbow roof; its two slopes have a slight bulge or convex profile. A corbeled brick chimney is located on the west inside gable end of the roof. This is a recent construction and is set into an older, wider chimney.

There is no cellar under this unit. On the north facade the unit extends several feet to the east to form an additional room. A door and window are located on the east side and a frame shed covers the entrance.

Inside this unit, the western room is the kitchen. A large cooking fireplace is located on the west wall. The opening was originally quite wide but new brick and stone work has changed that completely. The thick walls are plastered. Floors have tiles over them. Several beaded, board and batten doors are located in this unit.

The brick unit of this home is two stories high and three bays by two. A corbeled brick chimney is located at each inside gable end of the wood shingled roof. This roof replaced the original pent roof in, approximately, 1938. The house is built onto stone foundations.

The brick unit has also been whitewashed with a thick masonry paint. The paint, chipping away in many areas, revealed the Flemish bond pattern on the principle facade. There is a plain watertable. A four row, Flemish bond belt course divides the first and second floors.

The main entrance to this unit is located in the center bay of the south facade. A large eight panel door is present. A four light transom is over this. A one-bay entrance porch here has a shed roof. Windows in this unit have been changed to one over one sashes.

The house is laid out in a classic central through hall floor plan. The interior of the home has been drastically remodeled. The owners seem to have a penchant for shellacked knotty pine.

The fireplace in this unit's west room has been closed up and plastered over. A glass pane was placed over an inscription in the brick fireplace so that the date would still be visible. Inscribed on the brick is the following: H. Wilson 1770.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 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
<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 checked="" 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 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 1770

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 98.50 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the East by Grafton Shop Road, on the North by Ridgecroft Road, and on the South by the property of Henry F. Munnikhyusen.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

45 South Main Street

838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

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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Harvey J. Fristoe

	713	362	6/21/1966	Grantor: Cora R. Fristoe Grantee: Harvey J. Fristoe, deceased Acreage: 98.50 acres
DGW	195	364	2/2/1926	Grantor: Forest Hill Permanent Building Association Grantee: Harvey J. Fristoe and Cora R. Fristoe, his wife Acreage: Including buildings
DGW	195	232	11/19/1925	Grantor: Thomas H. Robinson, Assignee Grantee: The Forest Hill Permanent Building Association of Harford County Acreage: Buildings
JAR	139	140	12/21/1912	Grantor: Sarah B. Warner Grantee: William B. Warner Acreage: 128.5 acres more or less
ALJ	23	414	1/19/1870	Grantor: Jonathan Warner Grantee: Brinton F. Warner Acreage: 128.5 acres buildings
WG	12	391	11/27/1861	Grantor: Jonathan Warner Grantee: Brinton F. Warner Acreage: 128.5 acres
ALJ	6	14	4/18/1855	Grantor: William Warner Grantee: Jonathan Warner
TSB	5	77	5/15/1834	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Forwood Grantee: John C. Forwood
Equity Book	5	411		Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis, trustee Grantee: William Warner
HD	1	154	10/18/1817	Grantor: John White Grantee: William Herod
HD	X	288	5/21/1813	Grantor: James Ward and William Ward Grantee: John White Acreage: Buildings and dwellings

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Description - - - continued

The knotty pine staircase, visible in this room replaced the original spiral staircase which was torn out in the late 1930's.

The east room, now a bedroom was probably used as a parlor originally. The closed-in fireplace on the east wall is quite wide-approximately seven feet. The mantle has been removed and the entire surface is plastered over. A door on the west wall leads to an area beneath the staircase where the back entrance and the inside entrance to the cellar are also located.

The layout of rooms on the second floor has been altered. There were probably only three rooms originally, but now, the second floor has been chopped up into several small rooms. Several doors are pegged and many H - L hinges are still present. Entrance to the attic is through a closet in the west bedroom. A ladder must be used.

The basement under this unit has had the least amount of change. Fireplace supports are present. There is a plain stone support under the west fireplace. On the east side there is a semi-elliptical supporting arch with brick headers. An outside entrance to the basement is located on the north bay of the east wall.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 (Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Fristoe house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters west of Grafton Ship Road about 2 miles

CITY OR TOWN: Forest Hill south of Boggs Road

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Tenant house</u>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Harvey Fristoe

STREET AND NUMBER: Grafton Ship Road

CITY OR TOWN: Forest Hill STATE: MD CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OR DEPOSITARY: **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

STREET AND NUMBER: **HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.**

CITY OR TOWN: **BEL AIR** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	But	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

Brick & ~~stone~~ house, whitewashed.  
The house faces south, the ridge line east-west.

A The stone part, to the west, is 1 story,  
3 bays x 2 with a very small window  
into the attic from the west wall.

A cooking fireplace is capped with a red  
brick chimney, new, in the west wall.

B A lean-to roof continues the line of  
the back of the house across the  
larger brick house.

C The Brick part, 2 stories, 3 bays x 2,  
has a chimney at either end. On stone  
foundations, beamed, it once carried a  
peet roof characteristic of most Pennsylvania  
houses of this age - 1770.

The interior was gutted, for no good reason,  
and "thrown away" despite efforts to save  
the reputedly fine paneling, in about 1938.

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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  (2 1805)

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

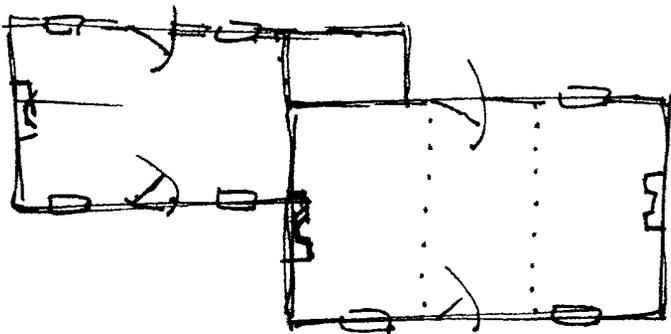
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

An unusual house for this area is stripped of pentroof, panelling and shutters and swabbed with masonry paint - all but destroyed.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ CODE \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

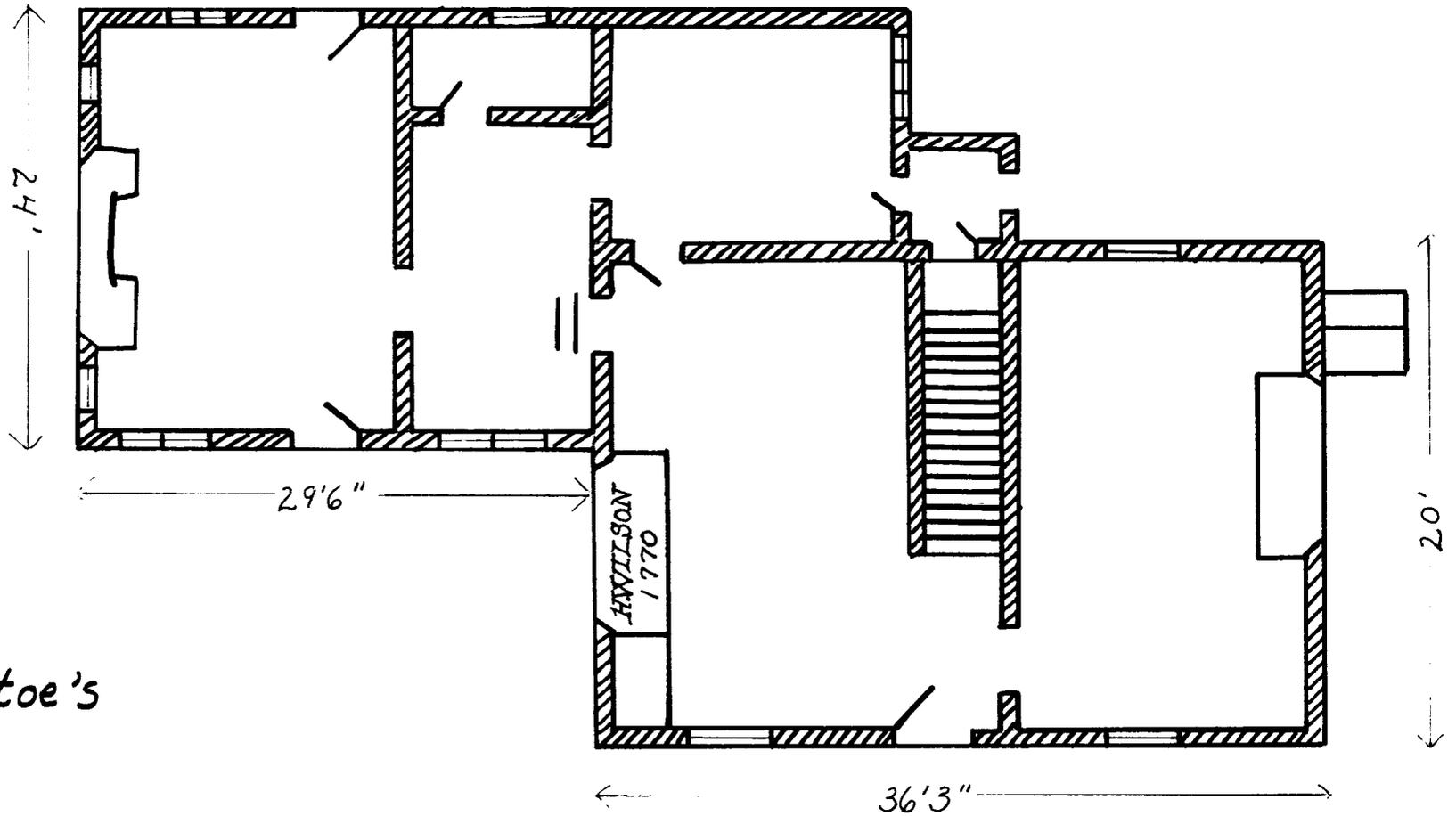
ATTEST:

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

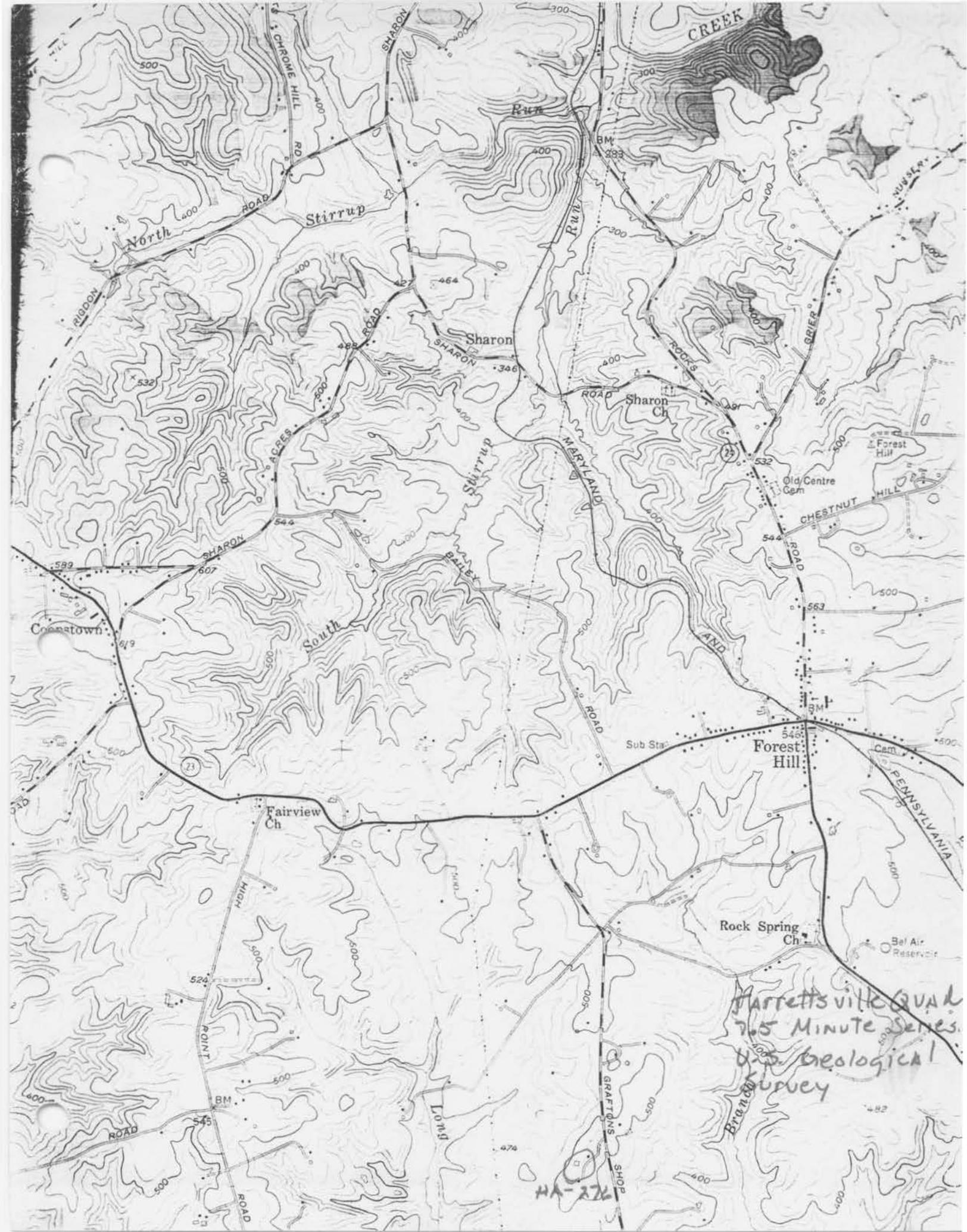
Date \_\_\_\_\_

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North



HA-276  
Harvey Fristoe's  
House



Harrettsville Quad  
7.5 Minute Series  
U.S. Geological Survey

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Fristoe Home HA-276  
Forest Hill, MD 21050  
Susan M. Deeney  
February, 1978  
South



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