

SUMMARY

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Chrome Valley Mill
1532 E. Jarrettsville Rd.
Jarrettsville, Md. 21084

Built in 1857 by Samuel Wetherill, this 3-story rubblestone grain mill has been converted into a residence, although it still has the Mill wheel, Mill pond and Mill race.

Among the Mill's owners were J. Jenks Kirk, the Baltimore Chrome Mining Co., and in 1919, Samuel Streett, whose flour sacks advertised: "Chrome Valley Mills, Queen of the Pantry Flour, Sharon, Md.," The mill shut down soon after that and stood vacant until 1959.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wetherill's Mill or Kirk's Mill, Stokes Mill

AND/OR COMMON

Chrome Valley Mill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1532 Jarrettsville Road, nr. Jarrettsville (North side MD Rte. 23, on East branch

CITY, TOWN

of Winters Run, 3 miles East of Jarrettsville)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

COUNTY

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Farmer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1532 Jarrettsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville, MD

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

21084

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, MD 21014

STATE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 3-story rubblestone mill is located on the north side of Jarrettsville Road (Md. Rt. 23), on the east branch of Winters Run, about 3 miles east of Jarrettsville. The ridgeline of the gable-roofed mill is on an east-west axis, and the west end of the structure is banked so there are only 2-stories above grade there. The mill wheel (temporarily disassembled) and trough is on the south side of the building. Various alterations have been made to convert the mill into a residence; most hardware, doors, and woodwork are replaced, although for the most part, the original openings were used. Also, a brick chimney was added in the west end. The roof has a boxed cornice and gables are board and batten.

The sides are arranged as follows: On the east end, the center bay contains a door in each of the three stories, and the gable windows in the north bay, while there is an additional entrance in the ground story south bay, a window above that in the second story.

The north side has a door flanked by windows in the ground story and a window and door in the second story.

The west end has an entrance in the center bay of the ground story, 2 windows in the upper story, and 1 window in the gable.

The west side has a replaced center frame section with modern fenestration and an original window opening in the third story east bay.

Although the interior has been re-modelled drastically, the hewn joists and roof framing have been retained.

East of the house is the original mill pond, while north of the mill is the basin for the mill race runoff and where the chrome ore was washed. The mill race, which approached from the west towards the mill wheel on the south side of the mill, is also still in evidence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to molinographer, John Mc Grain, this mill was built in 1857 by Samuel Wetherill, and indeed there is a plaque in the south wall reading "Wetherill's Mills/1857. Although C. Milton Wright suggests there may have been a mill here earlier, there is no record that there was a mill on the lot consisting of the tracts "Neils Paradise, Gladly Ground", and "Minster", purchased by Wetherill for \$4000 from Edward Holloway and Archer H. Jarrett, trustees. Mc Grain notes that in 1858 advertisement in the Southern Aegis for the deceased Samuel Wetherill's estate lands the presence of "a large new grain mill, 3 pair of burrs, 1 of country stones.....saw mill."

McGrain's report indicates that J. Jenks Kirk bought the mill in 1860 and six years later sold it to the Baltimore Chrome Mining Co. of Maryland. A trustees sale in 1868 advertises "Kirk's or Wetherill's Mill . . . containing about 55 acres of land, partly under cultivation, improved by a 2-story frame dwelling nearly new, frame stable, stone mill well provided with machinery, and a frame building with a large water wheel and 2 batteries of 5 stamps each for chrome ore...."

Samuel Streett purchased the mill in 1869, and after the sheriff seized the mill in 1873, it was conveyed to William N. Hughes and R. Nelson Rampley. According to McGrain, Streett probably operated the mill both before and after acquiring the title: The 1867 Hawes Business Directory listed Streett grist and saw mill at Chrome Hill, while the 1880 State directory listed A. & L. Street and also H. Streett as millers there.

McGrain's report continues that Hughes and Rampley sold to N. Oscar Stokes in 1883, and he in turn sold it in 1919 to Samuel W. Streett. The second Streett's flour sacks advertised Chrome Valley Mills, Queen of the Pantry Flour, Sharon, Md. The steel overshot wheel purchased for a cost of \$1780 in 1922 is said by one newspaper (The Aegis) to have been the largest of its kind in the country at that time.

The mill closed and stood vacant until 1959, when the property was sold to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Campbell, who restored the upper two stories as a home. The mill was acquired in 1973 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farmer, who are undertaking further improvements and restoration of the mill complex.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, & equity records of Harford Co.
Wright C. Milton, Our Harford Heritage, 1967
Unpublished manuscript by John McGrain, Molinography of Maryland, in Library
of Maryland Historical Society.

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 Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor	DATE 8/80
ORGANIZATION Harford County Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE 838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER 45 South Main Street	CITY OR TOWN Bel Air, MD 21014

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

TITLE CHAIN OF CHROME VALLEY MILL, Harford County

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<u>Book</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Transaction</u>
562:256 488-217	1957	To James H. and Florine L. Campbell from Bessie S. Enfield and Ann Elizabeth Streett
GCB 265:421	1941	To Ann Eliz. Streett and S. Katharine Streett from Bessie B. Streett
JAR 164:402	1919	To Samuel ^{W.} /Streett from N. Oscar Stokes and H. Elizabeth Stokes
ALJ 49:247	1883	To N. Oscar Stokes from Wm. N. Hughes, E.N. Rampley, and Francis R. Rampley
ALJ 28:460	1873	To Wm. N. Hughes and R. Nelson Rampley from Sheriff in writ of <i>exponi vendititas</i> against Edward Scarborough and R. Nelson Rampley
ALJ 23:35	1869	To Samuel Streett from William A. Fisher, trustee of insolvent Chrome Company
WHD 15:294	1866	To Baltimore Chrome Mining Company of Md. from J. Jenks Kirk
WG 11:400	1860	To J. Jenks Kirk from Henry W. Archer, trustee of late Wetherill; "including the sawmill, the mill dam, head race, tail race, dwelling house."
ALJ 9:113	1857 Apr. 16	To Samuel Wetherill from Edward Holloway & Archer H. Jarrett, trustees in Ckt. Court of U.S. in case of Wm. Reed -vs- Rebecca Reed ... all of Neils Paradise ... glady Ground ... Minster f. 115 shows plat of property; no reference or illustration of mill shown (These tracts had been patented by Samuel Reed in 1801, 1812.)

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STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: *Chrome Valley Mill*

AND/OR HISTORIC: *Wetherell's Mill*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *North side of Jarrotsville Road about 0.3*

CITY OR TOWN: *Jarrotsville* *West of Old Federal Hill Park*

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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <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"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mill made into house</i>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *Robert N. Farmer*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Box 687*

CITY OR TOWN: *Jarrotsville* STATE: *MD* CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT*

STREET AND NUMBER: *HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE*

CITY OR TOWN: *BEL AIR* STATE: *MARYLAND* CODE: *40 S. MAIN ST.*

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: *BEL AIR*

ACREAGE

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:

STATE:
COUNTY:

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DATE

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)		
	Much <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Altered <input 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

This mill has been made into a house. 3 stories, the ends of stone masonry painted white, the sides filled in with heavy timbers ~~under~~ ~~the~~ board and batten siding, the A roof ridge line runs south-north, the south wall having a succession of four doors, one at each floor and one in the attic, under a pulley for loading and unloading.

The general appearance has been retained in ~~good~~ ^{simple} taste, the overshot mill wheel propped up again in place, though the feeder trough and chute gate are gone.

Decaying doors and window frames are replaced now with sound simple wood furniture. casement windows now placed across the third floor, eight lights ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ each frame in pairs or sets of three.

B. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	Political	Urban Planning
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
		Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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

A pleasant rustic home replaces an obsolete use, retaining a landmark. The site, mill pond, ~~etc~~ will used.

A datestone on the south wall states: Wetherill's Mill
1857

(This spelling contradicts that of land records and tradition, perhaps a stonemason's error.)

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton Our Harford Heritage pp 182-3

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
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** 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 _____

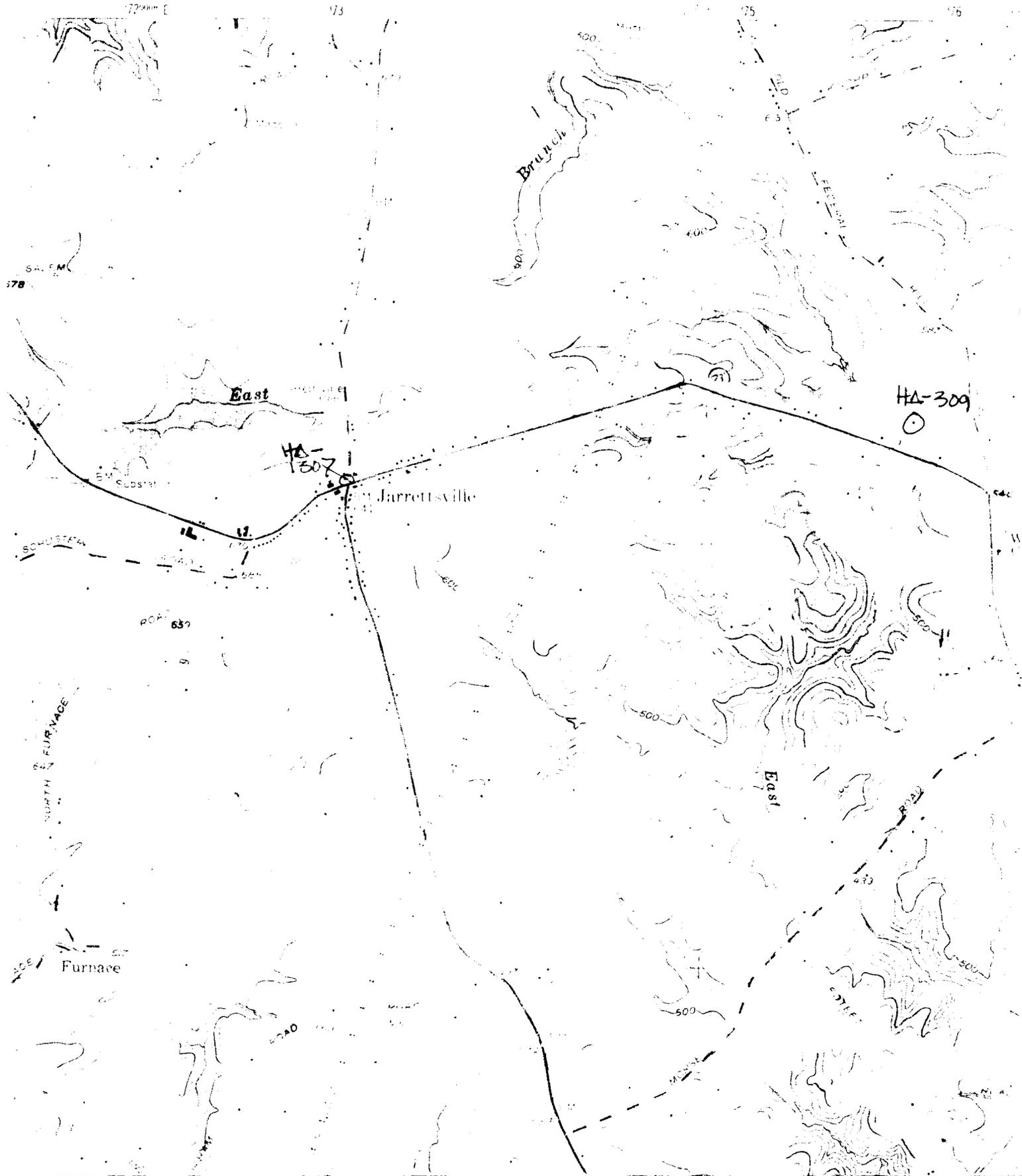
ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

JARRETTSVILLE U.S.G.S QUADRANGLE MAP





Chrome Valley Mill HA-309

Jarrettsville, MD 21084

N. Shivers

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Southeast



Chrome Valley Mill HA-309

Jarrettsville, MD 21084

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Northeast