

HA-393

Old Darlington Road  
Glenville and Stokes Roads  
Darlington vicinity  
Public and private

First quarter of 19th century

The old Darlington Road is a section of the original route of the Darlington - Level (Hopewell Crossroads in the 19th century) road, an important transportation link between the northern and southern parts of Harford County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Old Darlington Road

AND/OR COMMON  
Stokes Road

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Glenville and Stokes Roads

CITY, TOWN  
Darlington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
1st

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Harford County Dept. of Highways and  
Windon Fifth Real Estate Ltd. Partnership

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
(see Description, Section 7)

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1143

Folio #: 73

STREET & NUMBER  
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
c. 1970

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE  
MD

**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 checked="" 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

The old Darlington Road is an unpaved narrow road beginning at Glenville Road and the present Darlington Road (MD 161) just south of the Deer Creek bridge, running south on Glenville Road about 200 feet to the junction of Stokes Road, then following south and east on Stokes Road about 450 feet to rejoin Darlington Road.

The Wilson's Mill Tenant House (HA-392) is located on the west side of Stokes Road just south of the junction with Glenville Road. A modern house dating from about 1965 is located on the south side of Stokes Road just west of the Darlington Road intersection.

The Glenville Road Section is owned by the Harford County Department of Highways. Stokes Road is entirely owned by the Windon Fifth Real Estate Limited Partnership, the owner of the Wilson's Mill complex (HA-10, 11, 25) on the north side of Deer Creek and the Tenant House mentioned above. Legal ref: Liber 1143/73, p. 11.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	X <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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 First quarter of 19th C. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Darlington Road is a section of the original route of the Darlington - Level (Hopewell Crossroads in the 19th century) road, an important transportation link between the northern and southern parts of Harford County.

The present Darlington Road was constructed about 1930 on a different alignment from the original route. The covered bridge over Deer Creek was removed about 1928 and replaced by the present steel structure (HA-1578).

ADDENDUM: Samuel Mason in Historical Sketches of Harford County, Maryland, states the bridge washed out in 1931. The previous covered bridge crossed the creek directly opposite the Miller's House (HA-25). The main road on the north side of the creek followed the route of the present access road to Wilson's Mill.

The attached photocopy from Mason's book shows the second covered bridge and a section of the old Darlington Road on the south bank.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Mason, Samuel, Jr. Historical Sketches of Harford County, Maryland, Intelligencer Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa., 1940.

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

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

September 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 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

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Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

NATIONAL HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME  
 COMMON: ~~The old Stokes Road~~  
~~The old Darlington - Howe de Grace Road~~  
 AND/OR HISTORIC: The old Darlington to Howe de Grace road

2. LOCATION  
 STREET AND NUMBER: Runs west of Darlington Road from the bridge over Deer Creek  
 CITY OR TOWN: Darlington to a point about 0.4 mi north of Harrow Church  
 STATE: Maryland CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY: HARFORD CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input 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"/>	<b>Unrestricted</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roadway.		In use	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"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Road

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY  
 OWNERS NAME: Harford County Department of Public Works  
 STREET AND NUMBER: ~~St. A~~  
 CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Maryland CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
 STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.  
 CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The HA number is for the old road that led from Darlington south to Haver de Grace and Aberdeen. Still a dirt road, lightly used, it appears to be in better condition now than when I remember it first in about 1920.

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 

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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 Engineering 

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) Historic Industry losophy Agriculture Invention Science Art Landscape Sculpture Commerce Architecture 

Social/Human-

Communications Literature itarian Conservation Military Theater Music Transportation 

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

Unlike many old roads in Harford County  
 this stretch appears much as it did decades  
 ago. Joined at this point by a  
 road leading up the south side of Deer  
 Creek leading to Clancille from Stafford  
 and Rock Run, the road lies just  
 south and a little west of the site of a  
 covered bridge <sup>(HA 344)</sup> that replaced the ford  
 over Deer Creek at the Wilson - Regbie  
 Mill. (HA 11.)

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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: **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 \_\_\_\_\_

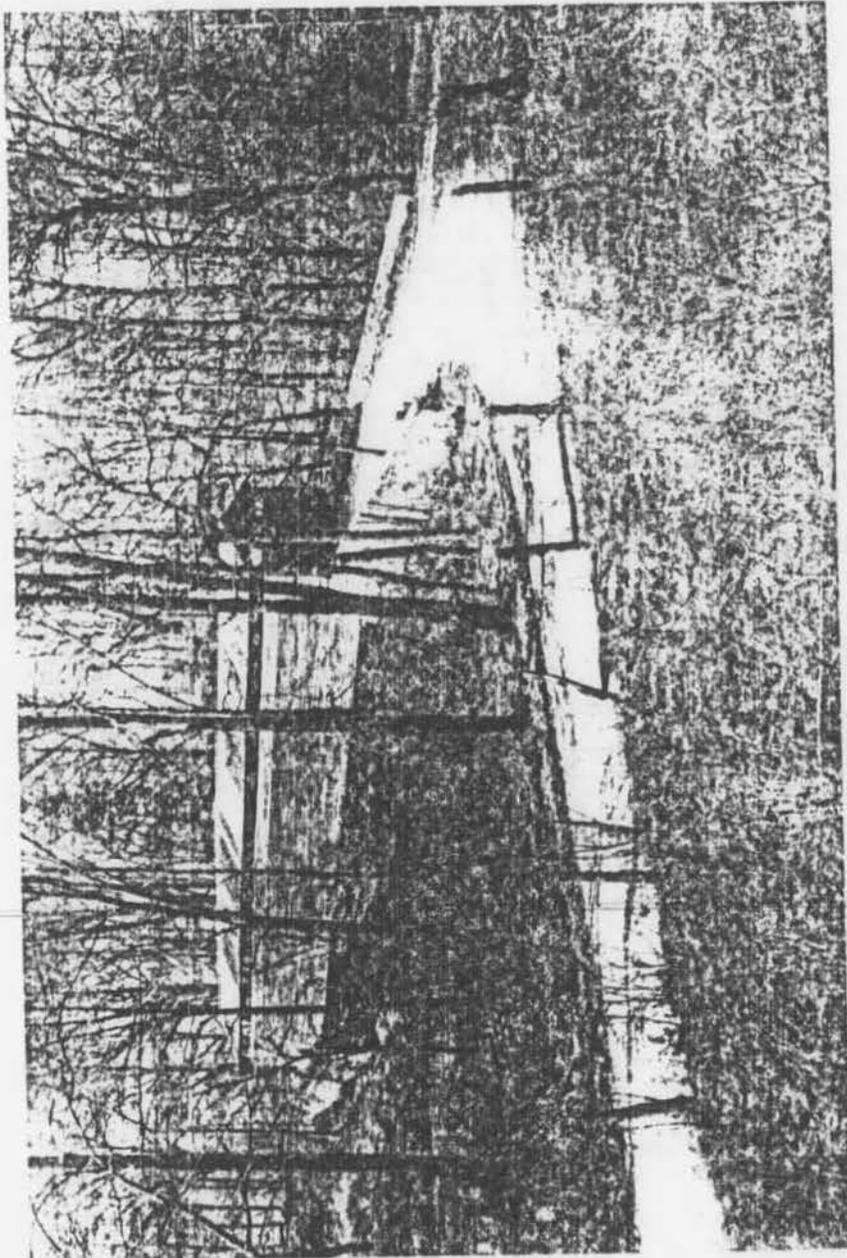
ATTEST:

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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WILSON'S MILL BRIDGE OVER THE DEER CREEK

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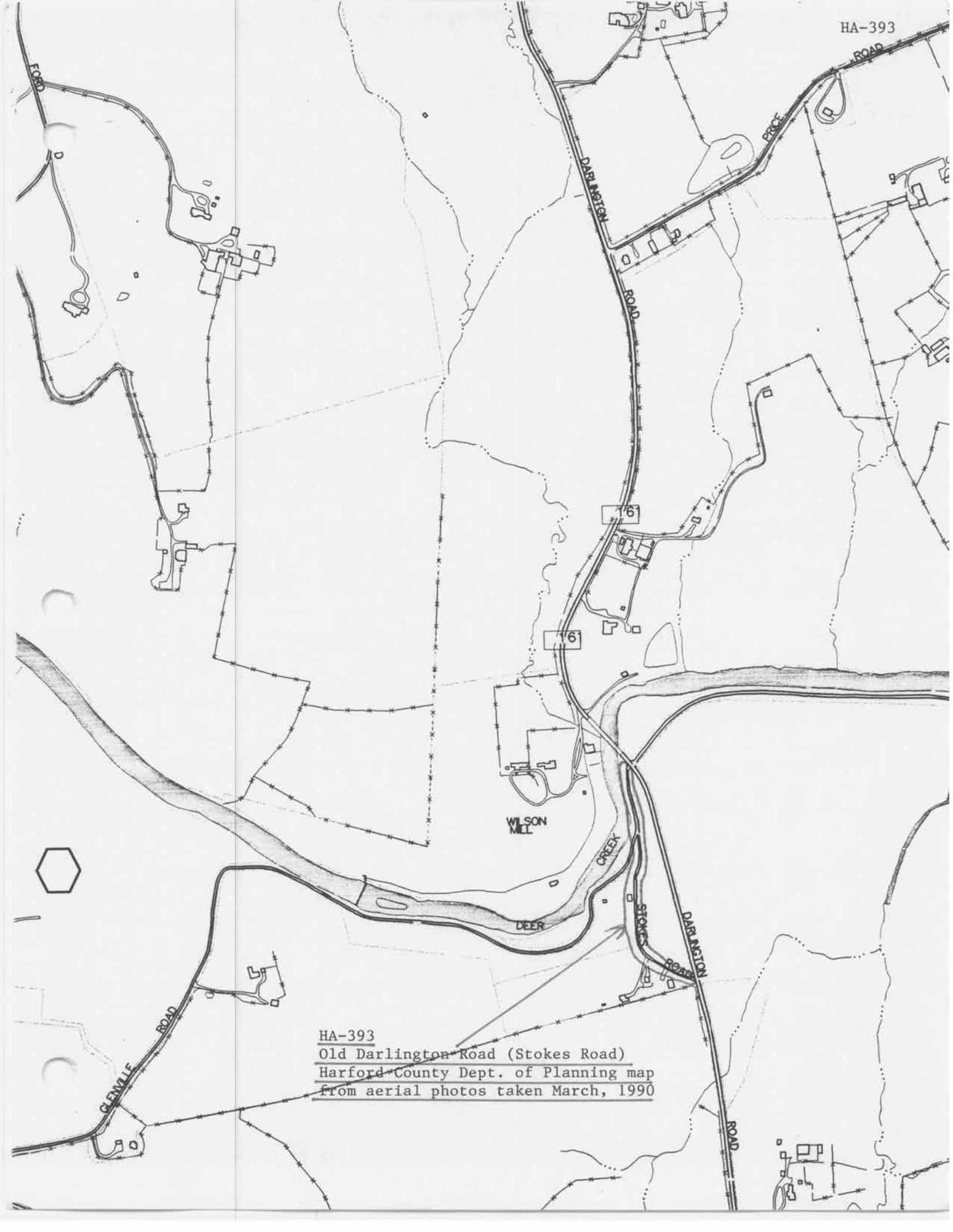
tained it by december 1931, when The mill has at dam and develop stone work on the scriptions:

The original of the spring and built by John A. caught fire and stone dwelling of David E. Wilson Church to Darlington a covered bridge er's house. This 1865 and the 20 years later further fate in 1931. (S

*Deerdal Mill.* the north side of ty of Mr. Oscar race and also of was located near around the base seat near Death's

*Nobles Mill.*—A mill on the Creek 1854, the timbers above the mill, the long floor joists for the saw carriage

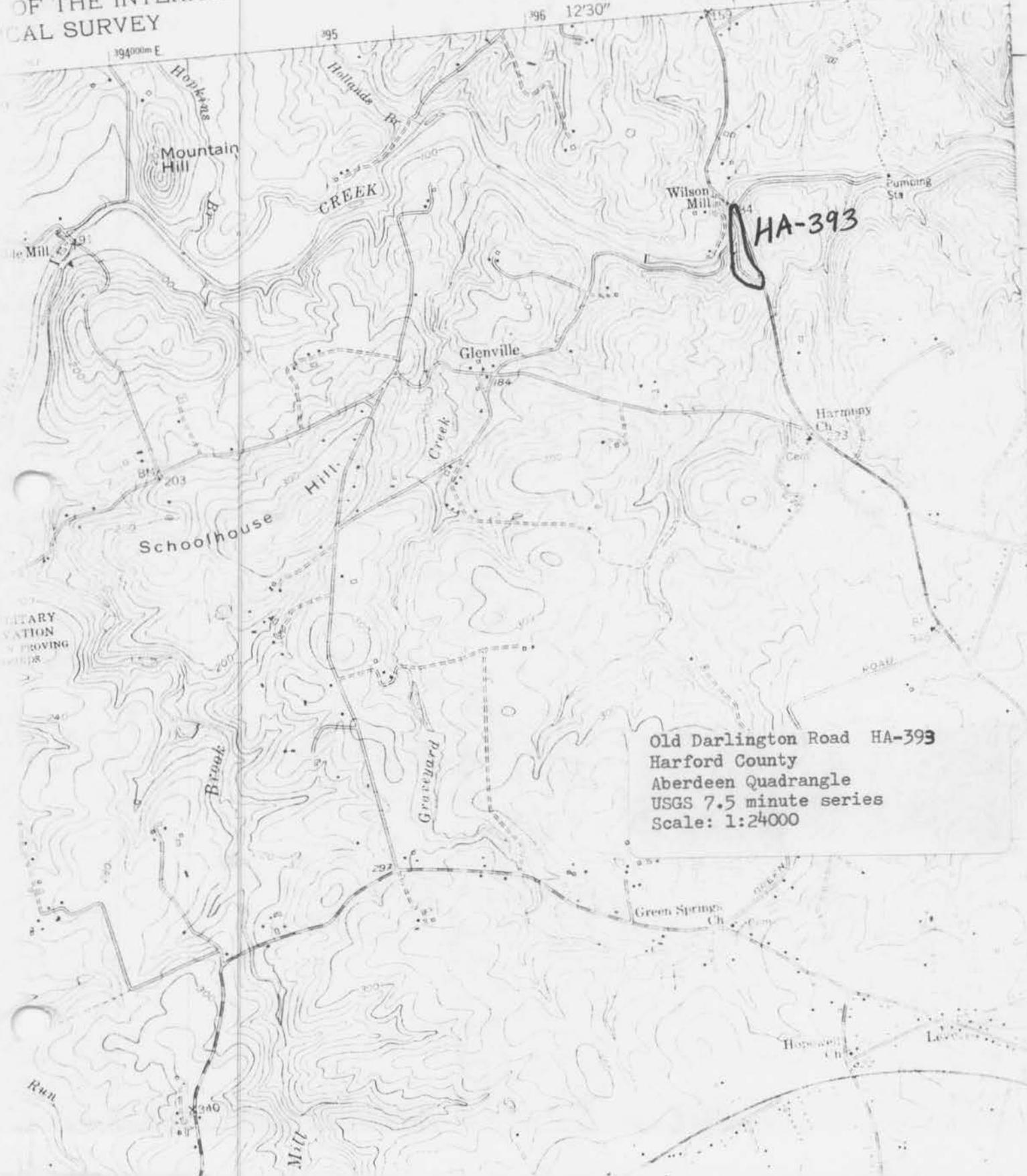
Old Darlington Road and Wilson's Bridge  
from Mason, Historical Sketches of Harford County Maryland  
Date of photo unknown



HA-393  
Old Darlington Road (Stokes Road)  
Harford County Dept. of Planning map  
from aerial photos taken March, 1990

UNITED STATES  
OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

5763 II SW  
(CONOWINGO GA)



Old Darlington Road HA-393  
Harford County  
Aberdeen Quadrangle  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale: 1:24000



Old Darlington Road

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Harford County

Photo: Janet Davis

September 1982

View toward northeast on present Glenville Rd.

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