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## Gleeson Farmhouse (Charles Walter Tenant House)

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c.1860

Gleeson House  
2215 Allibone Road  
Sandy Hook vicinity  
Private

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC  
Gleeson House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER  
2215 Allibone RoadCITY, TOWN  
Sandy Hook☒ VICINITY OFCONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2ndSTATE  
MarylandCOUNTY  
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 checked="" 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
	not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME  
Charles E. Walter

Telephone #: 838-4291

STREET & NUMBER  
2213 Allibone RoadCITY, TOWN  
Bel Air☐ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
MD 21014**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE  
REG. STRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County CourthouseLiber #: 811  
Folio #: 122STREET & NUMBER  
20 W. Courtland St.CITY, TOWN  
Bel AirSTATE  
MD**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**TITLE  
Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites InventoryDATE  
c. 1970☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical TrustCITY, TOWN  
AnnapolisSTATE  
MD

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Gleeson House is a two story frame house with a shed porch dating from about 1860 and located at the end of a farm road north of Allibone Road near Kalmia in Harford County, Maryland. The main elevation faces southeast.

The house has two sections, the rear wing being a one story building that may have a log structure according to the original survey form and which was possibly built before the main section. This part adjoins the front section at the northeast corner. A shed addition on a concrete block foundation fills in the angle between the two sections. The older wing has an exterior stone chimney on the north gable end which has been partially rebuilt at the top with brick. The exterior of the wing has asbestos siding in some areas and brick-patterned composition sheet siding on its north elevation.

The main section has a three-bay elevation on the southeast with a side hall entry. The shed porch has square posts with molding strips forming recessed panels. The slate gable roof has a box cornice with returns on the gable ends. Brick interior chimneys are located at the east end flanking the ridgeline. The ground floor windows are 2/2 and the upper story windows are 6/6. The foundation is stone and the exterior covering is asbestos siding.

About 40 yards downhill to the north is a low structure with a metal roof. Since it stands in a fenced cow pasture, it was not observed in detail, but its size and location suggest that it is a springhouse.

**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 checked="" 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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 Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

May 1983

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON:	Charles Walter's Tenant House
AND/OR HISTORIC:	Henson Farmhouse

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: North side of Allibone Road about 0.3 mi west of			
CITY OR TOWN: Hickory Route 1			
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"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)														
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Charles Walter			
STREET AND NUMBER: Allibone Road			
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	
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

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STATE:  
COUNTY:FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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

This old wooden farm house has three big fireplaces, all now bricked up, whose purpose is now to continue to hold up the walls.

Three bays by two, ~~with~~ two stories, the house faces south with a wing running back along the east wall. This wing contains the largest chimney, and is of log on a stone basement.

The front windows, facing a one-story porch on the south, are large, two over four, and come to the floor. The other two chimneys are at either end of this section and reach to the ends of the ridgepole of the slate roof running east and west.

The house needs basic repairs to the foundations, roof and walls, but its site is extremely beautiful and unspoiled.



## 8. 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 ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

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

Social/Human-

ArchitecturalCommunications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☒HistoricConservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

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

This old farmhouse has been allowed to deteriorate in spite of its splendid site overlooking the Deer Creek valley northwards and westwards.

The present owner has a new granite bungalow a few feet from the road, with a picture window facing nothing but the road, and reproduction antiques throughout the house.

Location on a well-paying dairy farm has not prevented this a near-hopeless state of disrepair.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	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
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SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>Jean S. Poiré</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Nov 69</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>50 State Circle</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	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 \_\_\_\_\_

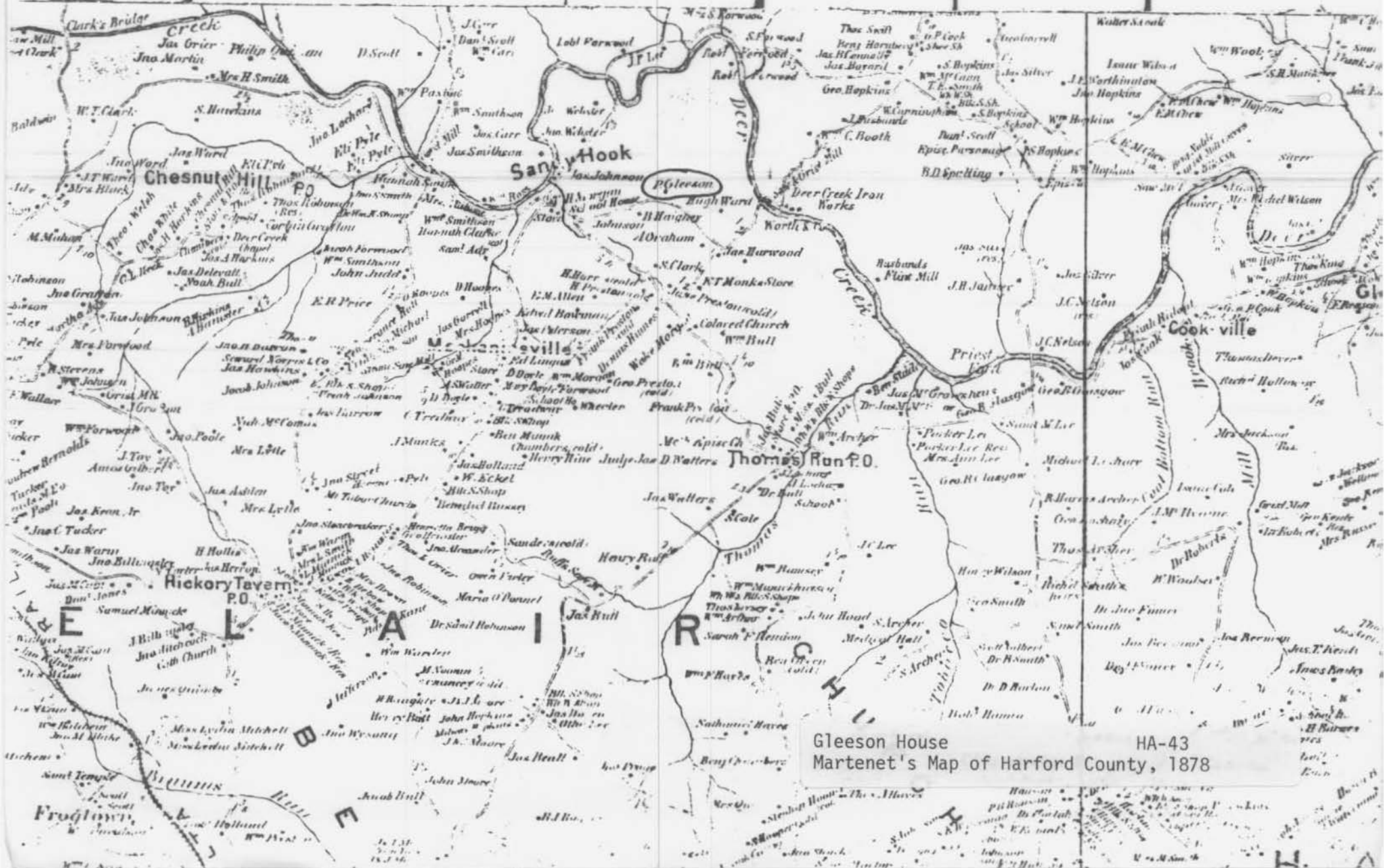
ATTEST:

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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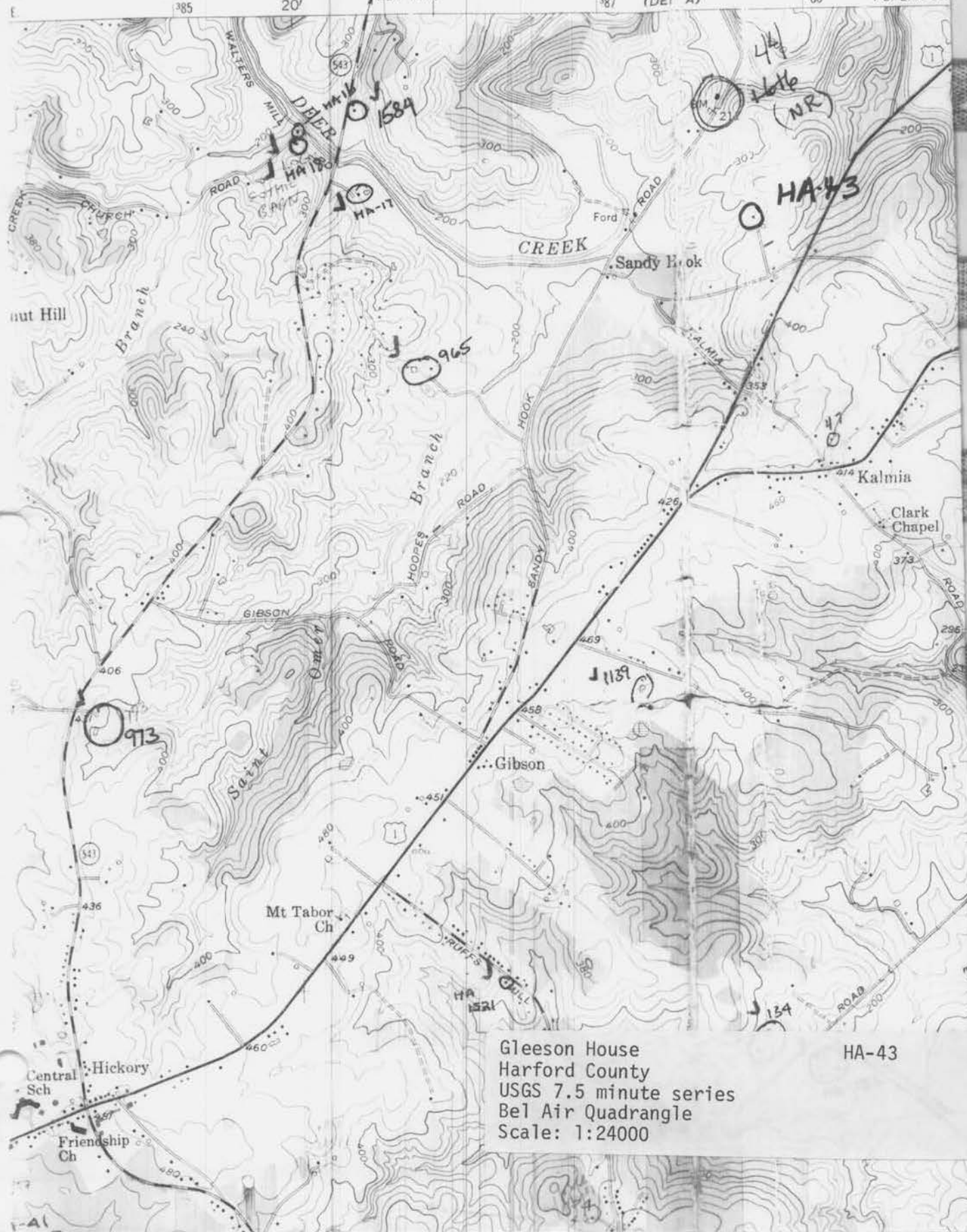
Gleeson House  
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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ALY 1 MI.

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Gleeson House  
Harford County  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Bel Air Quadrangle  
Scale: 1:24000

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Gleeson House  
Harford County, Maryland

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Photo: Janet Davis

May 1983

Southeast or main elevation

1/2



Gleeson House  
Harford County, Maryland  
Photo: Janet Davis  
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Rear wing, from north  
2/2

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