

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Harford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
"D. H. Springhouse"

AND/OR HISTORIC:
D. H. Springhouse

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Allibone Road
Northeast side of Sandy Hook Road, about 0.6 miles north of

CITY OR TOWN:
Street

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Harford	CODE 025
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) household utility (abandoned)

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Coy D. Tharpe and H. H. Green

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tharpe and Green Mill

CITY OR TOWN:
Churchville

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Clerk of the Circuit Court, Harford County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
40 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Bel Air

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The balanced lines of the D. H. Springhouse, a little grey stone building set into the base of a steep hill, attract the eye at first glance, and then several exceptional details, one by one, hold the attention.

This is a stone springhouse with a schoolroom above, sixteen feet six inches by twenty-three feet, with one narrow wall set into the bank over several fresh springs. It measures two bays by one. The A-roof ridgeline runs east-west.

The quality of stonemasonry is notable. All corner stones and all stones facing west, south, and east, are perfect ashlar, precisely cut rectangles smoothly finished on all six sides. Even courses fit the quoins. Lintels and sills bear traces of finely-notched chisel lines, parallel or radiating to a perfect curve at each end.

Entry to the schoolroom is through a wide doorway a few steps above the high ground at the west wall. Two windows with pegged oak frames, double hung, six lights over six, are located in the north and south walls. Shutter hinges and hooks are still in place.

Entry to the springhouse below is through a wide round arch in the south wall, made of nine stones, four on each side of the perfect keystone. On this level there are two rooms. The first, smaller, is the churn room with a small fireplace in the northwest corner, used to keep the butter and cheese warm enough in winter.

The springhouse, about fourteen feet square, had underwater shelves of stone on which crocks of milk and cream were set. Here the swirling springwater kept them cool but above freezing. Dairy products and meats and other perishable foods for the family and some of the young livestock were kept for a day or so this way.

Features of the stonemasonry skill include three window lintels with a rams-horn pattern finely etched with radiating chisel lines. The east end wall has a large stone plaque with scrolls and columns in low relief around a raised oval, gracefully inscribed "D. H. 1816." The peak of the east wall is topped with a square stone base that supports a tapering four-sided arm under a tiny Ionic capitol. The capitol supports a one-inch cube centered under a perfect sphere which measures about six inches in diameter. All of this is formed from a single stone.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1816

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Primarily interesting because of its extraordinarily fine craftsmanship, the D. H. Springhouse has several other points of interest.

The owner of the remote farm on which the springhouse was built was Judge William Smithson who thirty years earlier, in 1775, had been a signer of the famous Bush River Declaration, prototype of the Declaration of Independence. Smithson was a Lord Justice of the Court in Harford Town in 1780 and served many sessions as justice of the Circuit Court in Bel Air until 1801.

There is an unresolved mystery surrounding the craftsman-architect-stonemason who built the springhouse. Two sources say that his initials were "D. H.," the letters that are carved on a plaque on the east wall of the springhouse. A third source gives him another name and no explanation of the inscription. A former owner who knew several of Smithson's descendants says that "D. H." was David Holland, a man fanatically devoted to his craft. He denies the legend that Holland was an alcoholic who worked only for an unstinted supply of cider. The historian William Stump Forwood wrote in 1879 that he knew of a David Hopkins who, according to him, built many of the fine Stump-family houses at Rock Run, Stafford, and Darlington, before working on the D. H. Springhouse. Forwood terms this latter building "[Hopkins'] monument . . . [a] beautiful piece of stonecutting known far and near . . . [which] bears the initials of the builder and the date of its construction."

A springhouse has interest as an element of country living on a comfortable if not luxurious scale and as a combination of utilitarian architecture and natural beauty. This particular springhouse is a superb little building of excellent craftsmanship, contrasting dramatically with its isolated setting.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Paul B. Harlon, at Churchville, October 14, 1971.

Forwood, William Stump. "Homes on Deer Creek." Article 1 of 5 in a series in the newspaper, AEgis-Intelligencer, Bel Air, Maryland. December 19, 1879.

List of deeds traced in Harford County Land Records by Jean Ewing, Maryland Historical Trust, November 1971.

[see continuation sheet]

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 TEN ACRES							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	37	17	76	18	41
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: two acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Jean Ewing, Field Surveyor

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **July 5, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland 21401** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date July 10, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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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Form 10-300a
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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"D. H. Springhouse"

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

Preston Walter W. History of Harford County. Baltimore: Sun
Book Office, 1901. pp. 219-221.

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STATE:	
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1. NAME

COMMON: *D. H. Stone Springhouse*
 AND/OR HISTORIC: *Bald Hill Farm, ~~and Schoolhouse~~ David Hollander Springhouse*

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *North side of Sandy Hook Road about 0.5 mi north of*
 CITY OR TOWN: *near Hickory* *Alibone Road*
 STATE: *Maryland* COUNTY: *Harford*

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"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" 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"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Springhouse & Schoolhouse</i>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *Mr Coy Tharpe and Mr Harry Green*
 STREET AND NUMBER: *Tharpe & Green Mill*
 CITY OR TOWN: *Churchville* STATE: *Maryland*

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*

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
 DATE OF SURVEY:
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
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 CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE

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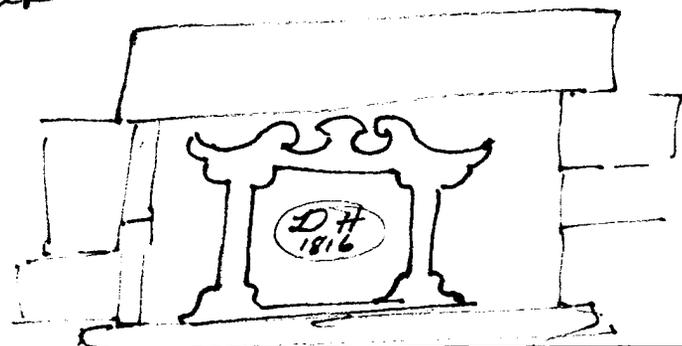
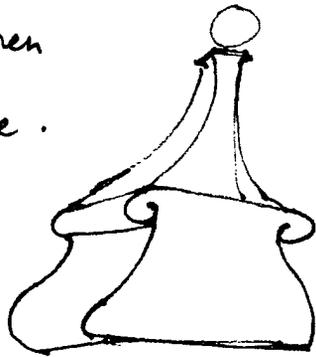
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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Unique stone-carving on the little ~~the~~ stone springhouse with a school room over it, (used now to store grain) Remarkable stone-carving for such a small building in rural area, legend ~~It~~ gives this building special interest. It faces southwest, ^{steep} slate roof ridge line runs NW ~~to~~ SE. Finished granite throughout, the SE facade has a finial at the peak with a ball on a high pedestal as shown resting on an ionic base.

Below this a recessed tablet surrounds an oval inscribed with the initials D H over the date 1816
Other stonework



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| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

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

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Remarkable stone-cutting on a rural outbuilding - Legends about its origin include the story that "D.H." was an alcoholic craftsman and was paid in cider for his labors.

includes two ^{huge} carved lintels for large windows to the springhouse and two large key stone lintels for windows on the northeast side. A small fireplace is ~~on~~ the lower level outside the springhouse door inside a ~~brick~~ arch

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA *BLL AIR USE & 75' TOPO Q34D*

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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: *B. Swift*

ORGANIZATION: *Maryland Historic Trust* DATE: *Nov '69*

STREET AND NUMBER: *50 State Circle*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *Md* CODE:

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Keeper of The National Register

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Here are 13 more slides of HA 44
the D H Spring house.

According to Paul Harlan who
bought this farm from the
Webster family and sold to the
present owner Coy Sharpe, D.H.
was David Holland who worked
for the Websters (- for "Greek Ned"
Webster, not "Fat Ned", his first cousin!)
The room above is the old
Webster family schoolroom. There
is a fire place on the lower
level... I thought that slide was
at Annapolis.

David Holland carved and assembled
a mantelpiece block that I must get
listed too.

Two slides are at Annapolis (MHT)
a distance shot of the site, setting, (A)
and a detail of carving in that
east gable. (B). I suggest you
show A, 1, 2, B, 3, 4, 5 etc...
Note the narrow base to that

Mr. Ricourt

HA-44

spire which is all one piece with
the large peak stone. Note
deterioration of wood work and
dislocation of stones.

The floor of the school room should
show to be fallen in near the
door. That is a great arch
in and the tintel is beautiful.

The fireplace was in the corner
beside my right elbow when I
took. That's our manure
below the ice in & but the spring is a beauty.

The dark slides come up
all right in the projector. Don't
worry.

Thanks for promoting Harford
County for us.

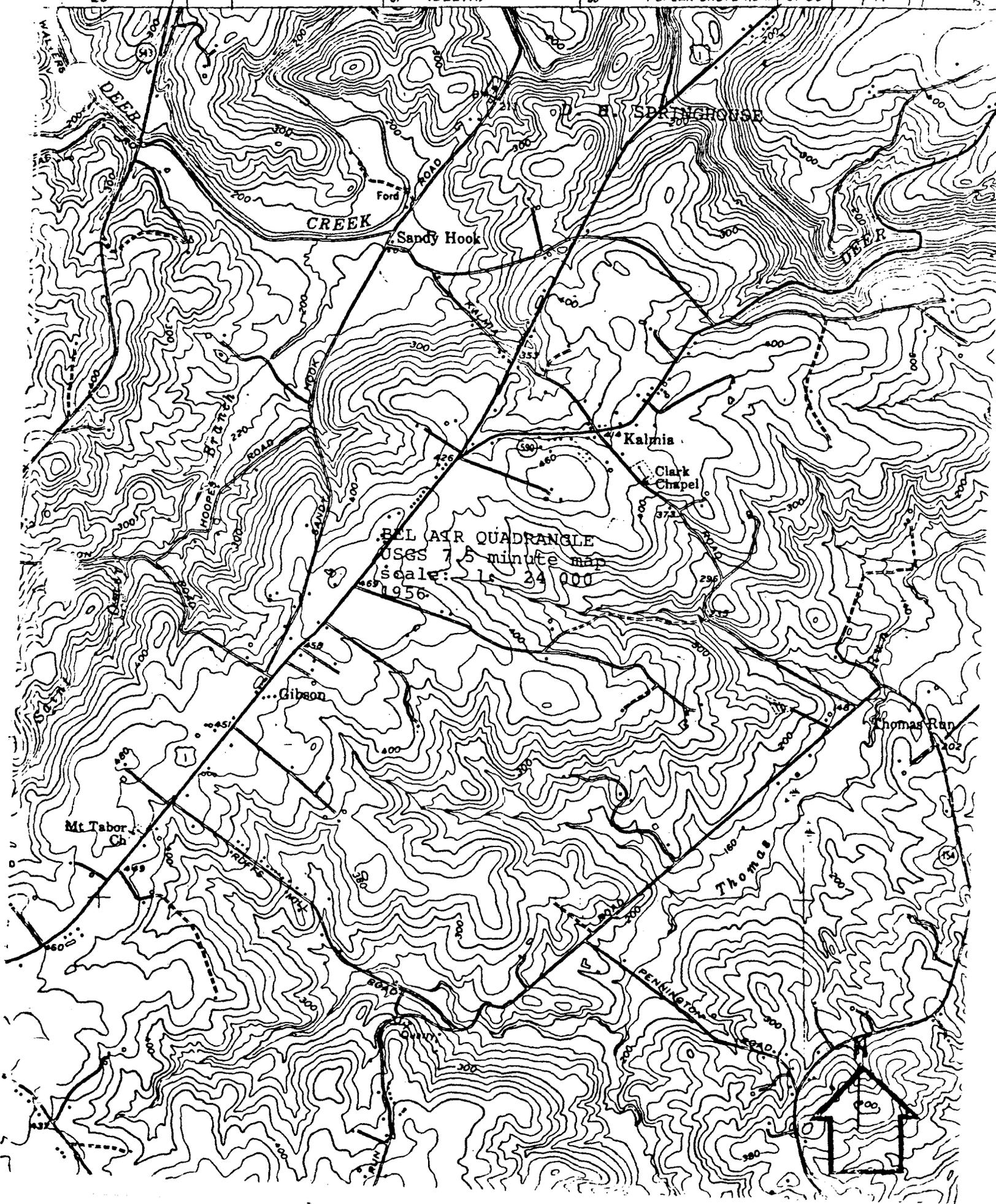
Jean

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ADY 1 MI.

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(DELTA)

CONOWINGO 7 MI.
POPLAR GROVE 1.2 MI. 17'30"

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BLUE AIR QUADRANGLE
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D.H. Springhouse HA-44

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