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Preston Stone House (Barbara Rumsey House)

Architectural Survey File

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Preston Stone House
2802 Forge Hill Road
Bel Air vicinity
Prive

c. 1850

The Preston Stone House is typical of Black 19th century vernacular houses in Harford County. Its simple form, local materials and plain craftsmanship are the common elements of this type of building and similar houses of the late 19th century still exist in the area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Preston Stone House

AND/OR COMMON Barbara Rumsey House

2 LOCATIONSTREET & NUMBER
2302 Forge Hill RoadCITY, TOWN
Bel Air☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE Maryland

COUNTY
Harford**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED
Not applicable

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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REG. STRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, MD.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

c. 1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Preston Stone House is a simple vernacular stone house with 1 1/2 stories and a one story frame rear addition which is located on the northwest side of Forge Hill Road near the village of Kalmia in Harford County, Maryland. The house appears to date from the mid-19th century and is clearly the oldest house in the immediate vicinity, a group of small 20th century houses and mobile homes. The Preston House is set back about 200 feet from the road and faces southeast.

The house has a two-bay main elevation and a gable roofed entry porch. The stone section has a single interior chimney and a composition roof. The rear addition has aluminum siding. The fenestration in the stone section is one over one on the second floor and six over six on the first. The original plan had one room on the first floor and two on the second. This plan apparently survives intact.

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	
<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 Black History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	c. 1850	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Preston Stone House is typical of Black 19th century vernacular houses in Harford County in its simple form, local materials, and plain craftsmanship. The 1853 Jennings and Herrick map shows a building owned or occupied by A. Greme in the approximate location of the Preston house, suggesting the possibility of a connection with Angus Greme. The 1878 Martenet map shows a house occupied by Jane Preston (col'd) in the same location. Several other houses occupied by Blacks, many named Preston, were also located in this area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	DATE
Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor	October 1982
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	(301) 338-8000, Ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	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

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME			
COMMON: <u>Mary Barnes House</u>			
AND/OR HISTORIC:			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>East of Kalmia Road north of Forge Hill Road near Kalmia</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Kalmia</u>			
STATE: <u>Maryland</u>		CODE:	COUNTY: <u>Harford</u>
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
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: <u>Mrs Mary Barnes</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Kalmia</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air RFD</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	CODE:
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE/REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <u>Clerk of Circuit Court</u>			
STREET AND NUMBER: <u>Harford Co. Courthouse 40 S. Main St</u>			
CITY OR TOWN: <u>Bel Air</u>		STATE: <u>Maryland</u>	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

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mrs Barnes fieldstone house is set back from both roads under several big trees - only footpaths lead to the house. ~~A~~

Two bays by one, 1 1/2 stories - 1 room and kitchen ^{addition} down stairs, two upstairs.

Windows 1/1 upstairs 6/6 downstairs.

Mrs Barnes and her grandson were clearly suspicious and fearful of a white person surveying. "Just don't take it." Relaxed a little when told M.H.T. may help some keep their places.

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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 ☒

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 ☐

History -

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

Mother and grandmother of most of
 the house owners around her, Mrs Barnes'
~~and her house~~ ^{symbolizes her independence}
~~and self-sufficiency~~ ^{and represents independence}
~~and free~~ a successful break with the
 slavery of her grandparents. When she
 first owned this house the ~~meaning~~ ^{success} was
 relatively greater. Now the very modest
 houses around her and the fact that
 she still lives in this ~~little~~ ^{same} unimproved
 small place ~~have~~ ^{signify} that
 that their lot is not continuing to
 improve at the same rate.

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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:		<i>J. S. Ewing</i>	
ORGANIZATION	<i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE	<i>Nov 69</i>
STREET AND NUMBER:		<i>55 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:

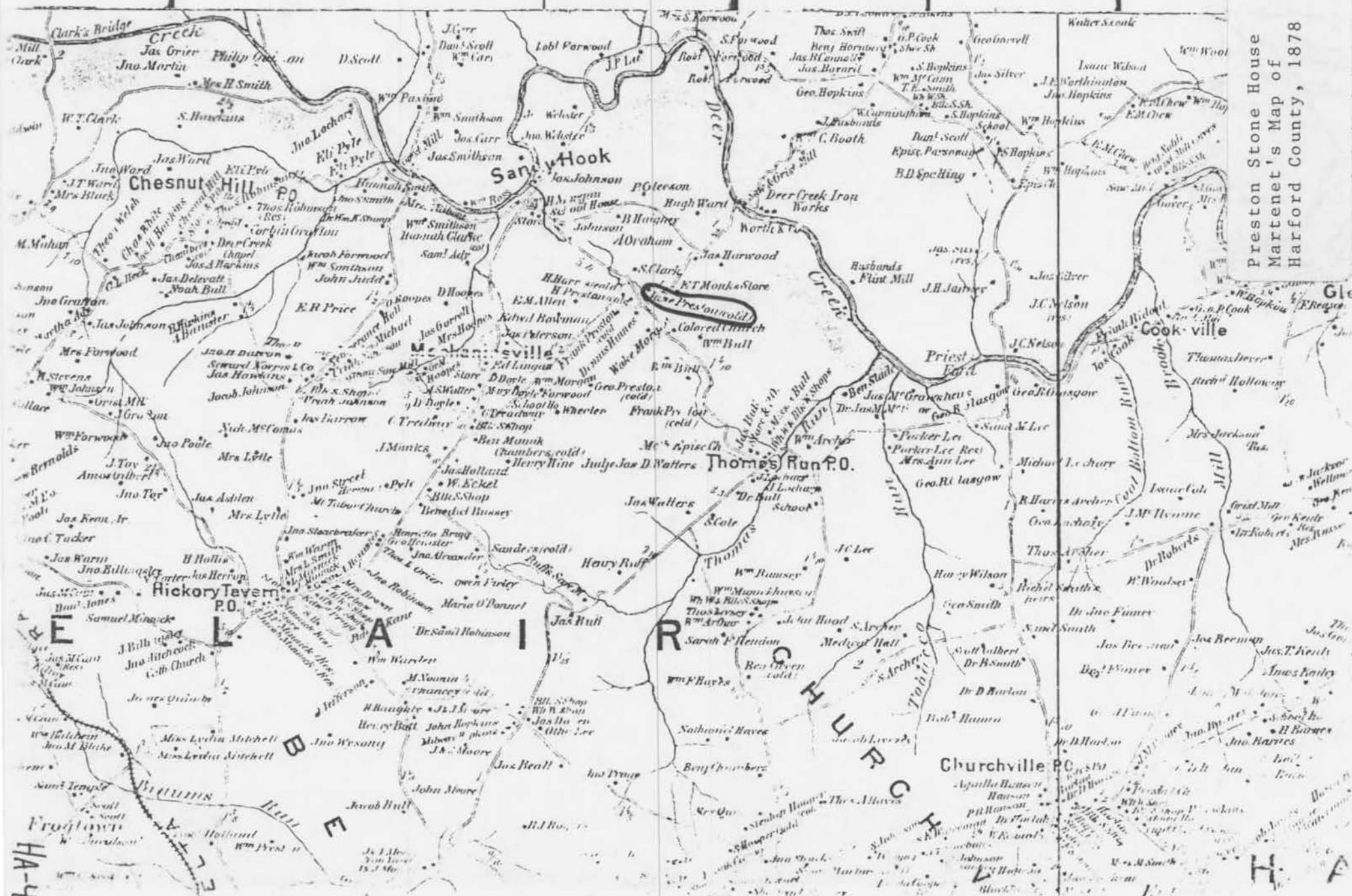
Keeper of The National Register

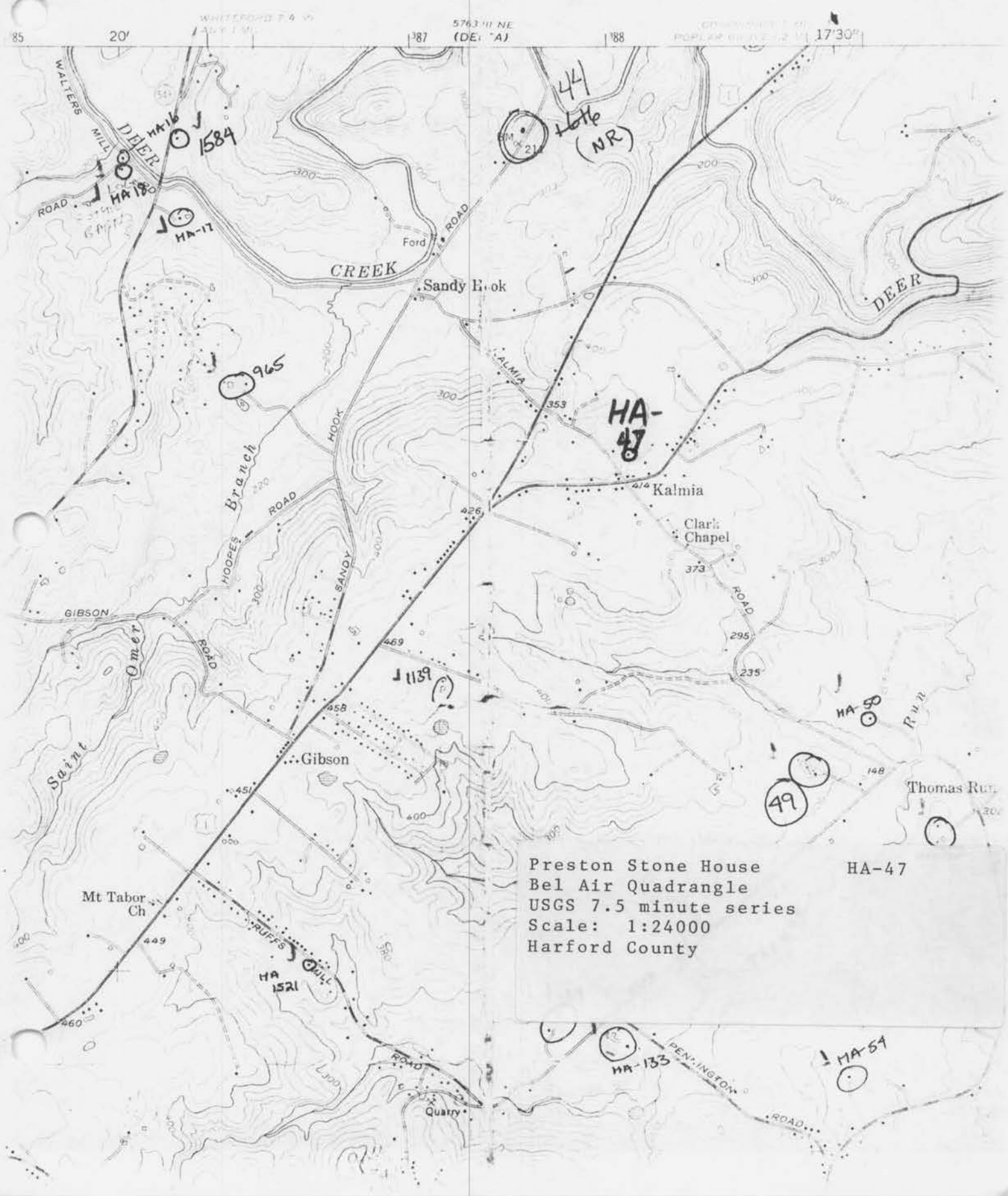
Date _____

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Jennings & Herrick Map of
Harford County, 1858





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

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Preston Stone House
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
October 1982
Southeast elevation

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