

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

"The Old Munnikhuysen Place"

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1014 Thomas Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Smith

Telephone #: 836-2286

STREET & NUMBER

1014 Thomas Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 647

Folio #: 240

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	very little	

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

This stone, log, and frame dwelling, located on a one hundred acre farm in the Thomas Run valley, is actually two separate houses. The Smith family has paid close attention to detail in the restoration of this house.

Section 1 of this house is two stories high and three bays long. The exterior wall is covered with shiplath. The actual construction of this section was discovered when carpenters were working on the interior walls. While stripping these walls it was discovered that this house was of log construction. This log section is built onto rubble stone foundations approximately 3 feet high. The principle entrance in this section is in the center bay of the east facade. The door is original and has eight moulded wood panels. Windows are six lights over six. One of the panes of glass on the south east bay window is inscribed with the words "Louise Wyatt" and "L.W.M.". The roof in this section is slate covered with very wide eaves. A massive, stone chimney is located on the exterior gable end of the south facade. This chimney is 6 ft. 6 inches wide at its base and projects 2 feet 11½ inches from the wall. Above the roof line, the chimney is corbeled brick. Between the log section and the rubble stone section is a four inch space separating the two distinct dwellings. The present owners have closed this space and have provided interior doors to join the two dwellings. Inside the log section consists one room on each floor. The floor in this section has been lowered after the installation of a modern heating system. The original floor level may be seen in the wooded base surrounding the fireplace on the south wall. A enclosed stairway has been removed in this section to make way for a half bath on the first level (see floor plan). In the process of restoring the interior walls, it was discovered that the windows had been present on the west wall. These are indicated on the floor plan by dotted lines. An old newspaper was discovered under the plaster of an upstairs window in this section. It is dated April 18, 1833. Ceilings have been raised slightly in the second story of this section.

Joined to the west wall of the log section is another section, used now as a modern kitchen, it is constructed of frame. During the restoration of the house it was found that this had originally been a shed roof porch.

The next room, joined to the west wall of the modern kitchen, may have been the original kitchen out building. This is also of frame construction with rubble stone foundations. It is two bays by one. A large, rubble stone fireplace is located on the east wall of this section. The face of this fireplace is covered with plaster. This fireplace had a crane which has been removed.

Iron pot hangers are, however, still present. The former owner of the house had used this area as their kitchen but the Smith's have converted it to a den. The log beams, visible in the ceiling, are very old, and have been white washed. They had been impossible to clean and were black with smoke and grease. Wood plank wainscoting is present in this room. A boxed in, curved stairway is present in the south west wall of the room.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is unique in a number of ways. Constructed of log and stone, this building is really two separate buildings joined years after construction. They do not share a common wall but rather have a space measuring approximately four inches between the log structure and the stone structure. A newspaper discovered under the plaster of an upstairs window in the log section is dated April 18, 1833 but this section is probably much older.

Parker Hall Lee is listed as having owned several properties at the time of both the 1798 and 1814 tax assessments. These tax assessments seem to give a very incomplete listing of Lee's holdings, however. In the 1814 tax assessment a log dwelling measuring 16 square feet was present on "Prospect" or "Paca's Park". The measurement of the log unit of the house in question is approximately 19' 10" by 16' 4" so it can not be said for certain that these are the same structure.

One unique feature of the stone unit are the fake windows on the north facade. This is the only known example of this English custom in Harford County.

The Diaries of Mittie Munnikhuysen, housed in the Library of the University of Louisiana, were inspired by this house and neighborhood. Her "Maryland Years" mentions this among other things: "I am now seated at the back window upstairs and have one of the loveliest views of the valley of Thomas Run. As far as the eye can reach is seen a beautiful range of woodland and the hills on which it is look almost mountainous and the highest hill opposite is Mr. Watters' peaceful dwelling surrounded with many trees, close by, stands dear old Watters Meeting house". (June 25, 1858). Miss Munnikhuysen was married to Howard Bond in this house on January 15, 1861.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.  
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.  
Harford Directory, 1953.  
The Diaries of Mittie Munnikhuysen

1783 Maryland Tax List  
1798 Federal Tax List  
1814 Maryland Tax List

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 100 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property is bounded by Thomas Run Road on the south, the lands of James L. Dorsey on the north; of H. Corns on the east; and Walter F. Candill on the west.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian	February 1977
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	DATE 838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	STATE Maryland 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

Title Search  
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1014 Thomas Run Road  
Bel Air, MD 21014

GRG	647	240	5/23/64	Grantor: Louise, Robert B, Lutine B. Munnikhuysen Grantee: J. Howard and Bettie H.B. Smith Acreage: 100 acres
RLN	23	452	12/18/56	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Frances Lee Munnikhuysen Grantee: Louise W. Munnikhuysen
JAR	166	110	11/3/19	Grantor: Hall L and VAR Munnikhuysen Grantee: Frances L. Munnikhuysen, Robert B and Louise W Munnikhuysen Acreage: Their interest in the farm. Tract name: Paca's Enlargement.
JAR	139	54	11/13/12	Grantor: James Lee, trustee Grantee: Hall L, Fanny L, Robert B and Louisa W Munnikhuysen
JMM	11	320		Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Elizabeth G. Lee Grantee: John Moores and James Lee in trust for Louisa W. Munnikhuysen
ALJ	58	398	4/30/1887	Grantor: William Munnikhuysen and others Grantee: Elizabeth G. Lee
ALJ	25	479	5/27/1871	Grantor: John A. Munnikhuysen Grantee: William T. Munnikhuysen, Jr. (To take care of his debts) Acreage: 140 acres
ALJ	9	6	5/22/1857	Grantor: Daniel Scott, Trustee Grantee: John Munnikhuysen Acreage: 240 acres, part of a tract called Paca's Park being all the land conveyed to Richard D. Lee, deceased, by his father Richard D. Lee, Sr. except 10 acres to be laid off at the option of said John and 1/2 of the house occupied by Thomas Curry.
ALJ	1	374	1854	Equity Case: docket 977, D-16. John A. Munnikhuysen v. Richard D. Lee, deceased. Richard Dallam Lee died early in 1841 or 1842. Heirs at Law were Richard D. Lee, Sally B, Bettie D, Roberta C, Reverdy J, Alice P, Otho S. Lee and Hannah, his Widow. The property was sold.

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4/16/1829 Grantor: Richard Dallam Lee  
Grantee: John A. Munnikhuysen never received deed  
Acreage: 240 acres part of a tract called Paca's Park,  
except 10 acres and ½ the house.

NOTE: There seems to have been some confusion as to what the tract's name was. In some of the deeds a description is given for the location of the surveyed property, but it is called Paca's Park. Paca's Enlargement is the correct name, as Paca's Park is located near Abingdon. Richard Dallam Lee probably received the property from his father, Parker Hall Lee, a large land owner in Harford County. Parker Lee's Will does not name all of his property which he granted to his heirs.

INVENTORY NO. HA-51

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 1/17/76

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST

NAME OF OWNER: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Mr + Mrs J. Howard Smith

ADDRESS: 1014 Thomas Run Road  
836-2286 Bel Air, MD

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

WINGS, ADDITIONS: frame - 2 story, rubble foundations 2 1/2 - 3 ft high  
stone - 2 story  
2 sections

ACTUALLY  
2 houses.

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
  - [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
  - [X] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
  - [ ] LOG
- Large stone

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, <sup>yes</sup> SHUTTERS: lowered 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[X] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

granite  
lintels

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

HARDWARE: original [ ] replaced[ ]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
4 ft 4 ft 2 each

BOX  
CORNICE, BARGE,

very wide  
EAVES: on log section  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[X] hip[ ] gable[ ] tin covered - 3 bays Brick found.

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[X] STONE[ ] CORBELED[X] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 1 on each gable end - ~~the~~ inside Stone Section

ARCHES: 1 on south gable end - rubble stone below roof line - bricks above.

COMMENTS: random plank flooring

3/3 windows plant chimney  
North

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3/6 windows

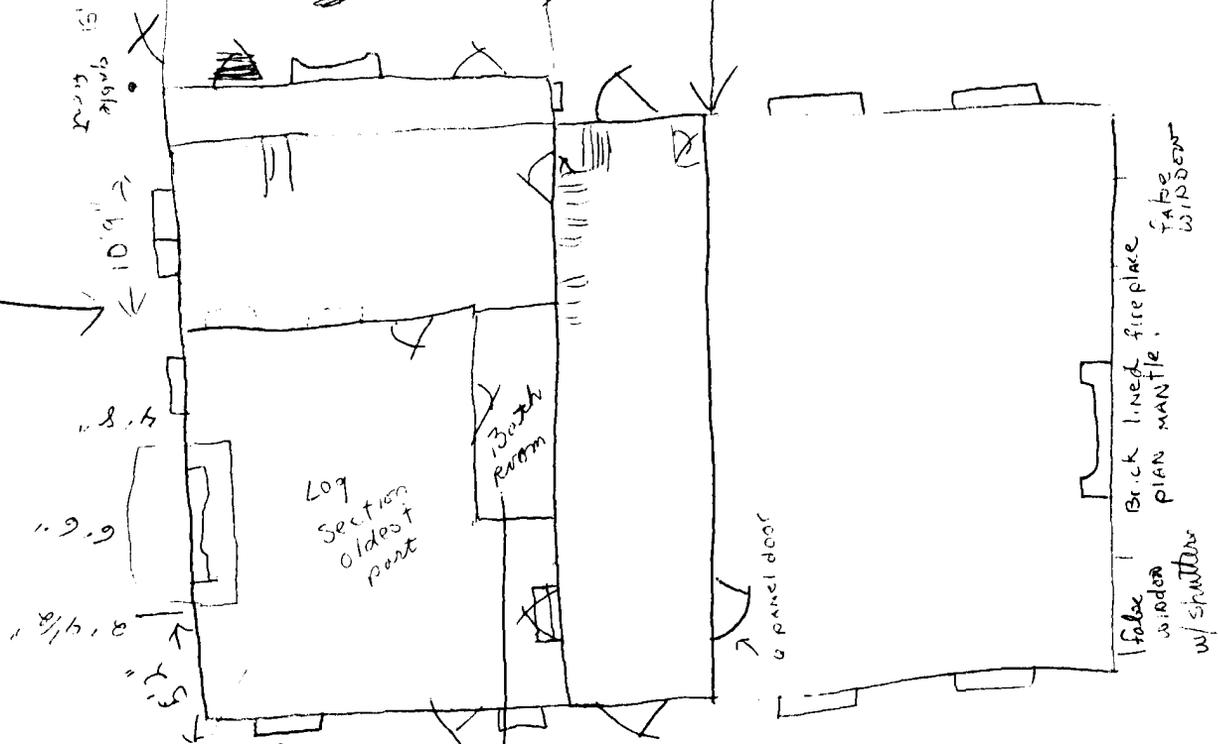
(re)place  
present up stone  
log section  
celling was low

had been  
aporch  
w/ SHED  
ROOF

Louise Wyatt  
L.W.M.  
in window pane

7 inch separation between log house  
7 stone house

boxed in  
curved  
stairway



19' 10"

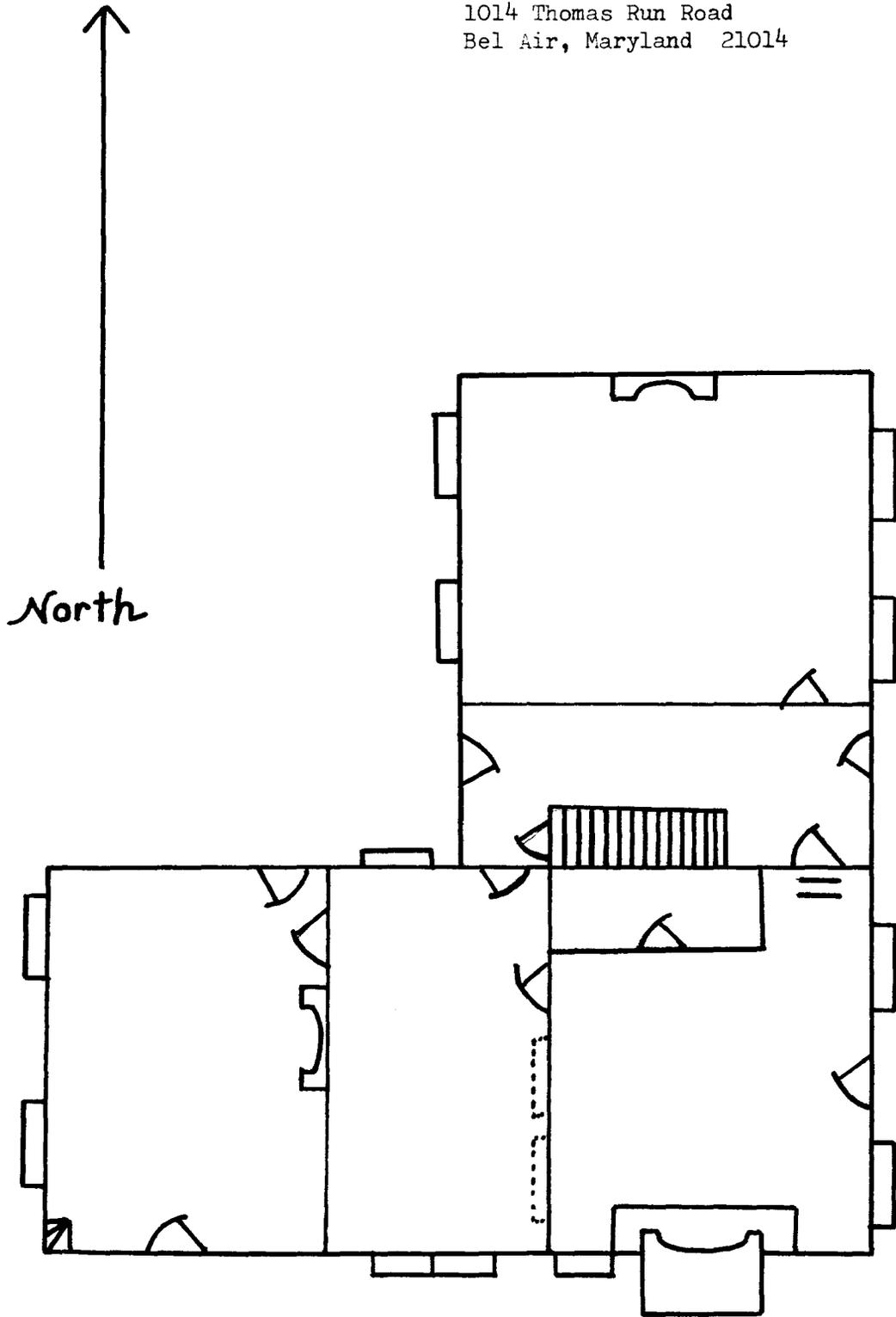
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EAST

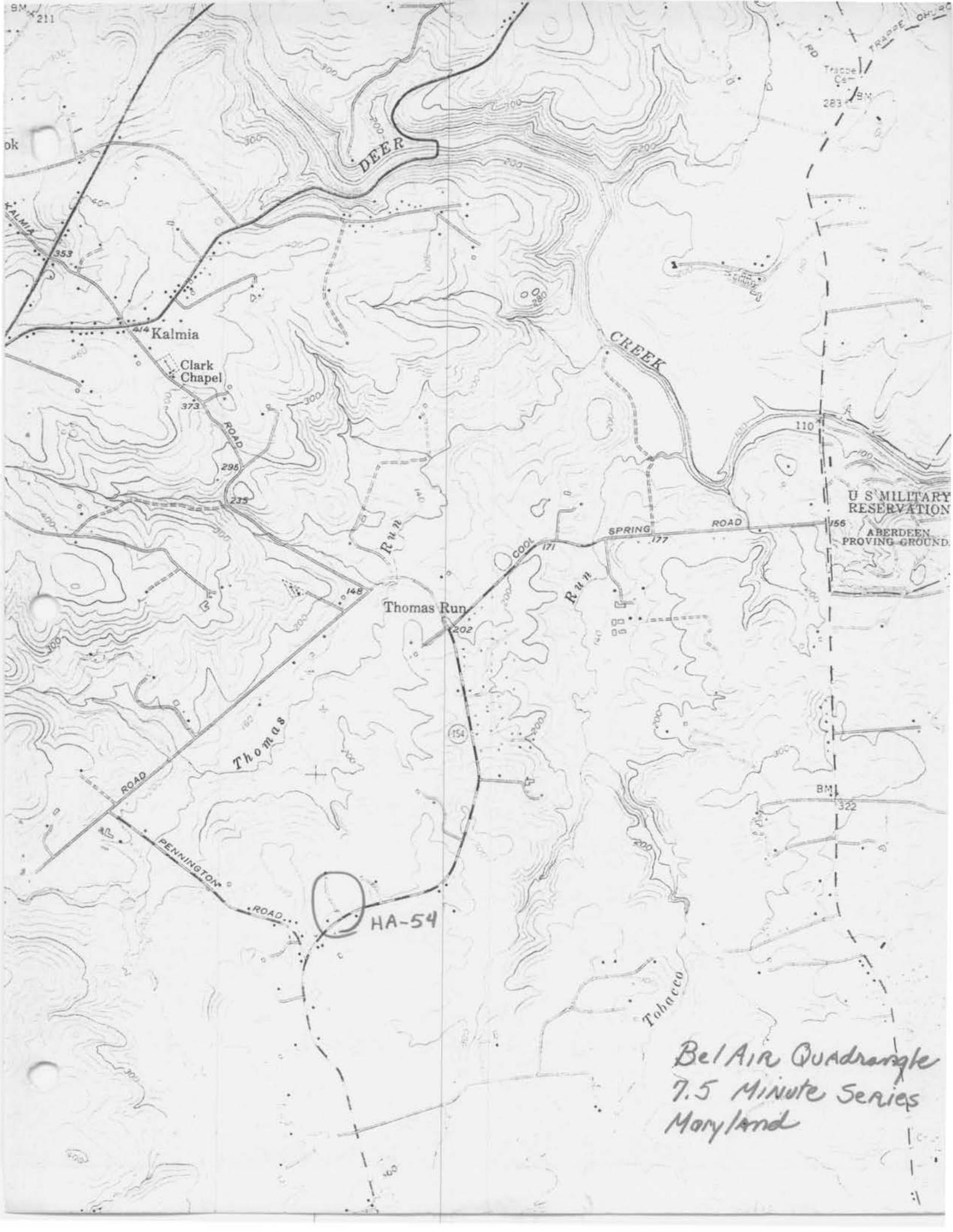
STAIRWAY  
WAS HERE

floors had been  
app 8 inches higher -  
though not level w/  
stone section,  
floor had to be lowered  
to put in heat.

MOSTLY  
ORIGINAL  
PANES

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DEER

CREEK

Kalmia

Clark Chapel

Thomas Run

U S MILITARY RESERVATION  
ABERDEEN PROVING-GROUND

Thomas

Tobacco

HA-54

Bel Air Quadrangle  
7.5 Minute Series  
Maryland



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Smith/Munnikhuysen House      HA-54  
Thomas Run Road  
Bel Air, MD  
Susan M. Deeney  
East  
December, 1976



Smith/Munnikhuysen House      HA-54  
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Susan M. Deeney  
North  
December, 1976