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Nathan Harkins House  
1101 Walters Mill Road  
Chestnut Hill vicinity  
Private; unoccupied

ca. 1870

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Nathan Harkins House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
1101 Walters Mill Road

CITY, TOWN  
Chestnut Hill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2nd

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER not in use

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Paul Harkins

Telephone #: 838-6214

STREET & NUMBER  
1103 Walters Mill Road

CITY, TOWN  
Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code  
MD 21050

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 304

Folio #: 493

STREET & NUMBER  
20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

STATE  
MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Nathan Harkins House is a two-story frame house with a rear wing and a shed porch built about 1870 in open farmland south of Walters Mill Road about 3/4 mile north of Chestnut Hill, Harford County, Maryland. The house is located on a small ledge in rolling hills. It is currently unoccupied.

The main facade has three bays with the entrance in the north bay, indicating a side hall plan. The doorway has a plain rectangular transom and the door itself has round-arched panels formed by molding. The fenestration is 6/6 and storm windows are in place. The shed porch extends across the entire facade and is supported by chamfered posts. The northwest corner post has been removed and is, at the time of the survey, lying on the porch deck. The rest of the porch has a scroll-sawn balustrade.

The slate roof is broken by a single interior chimney on the south gable end. A two-story wing with an interior chimney at its east end extends from the northeast corner of the main section. The angle formed by the two sections has been filled in with a one-story shed, including an enclosed porch. A bulkhead entrance to the cellar is located on the south elevation of the main section. The bulkhead's brick walls and gable frame roof with an arched opening are of more recent construction than the rest of the house. The ground slopes sharply away from the house on the south, exposing the stone foundation. The exterior of the house is weatherboard, formerly white painted but now weathered.

Down the slope to the south is a stone and frame springhouse with two levels. The lower stone level is the springhouse, with stuccoed and whitewashed walls. The upper level is probably frame with an exterior covering of formstone. A datestone reading "1922" is set in the formstone to the right of a door on the north elevation. The gable above the door is novelty siding. The roof is slate. Small 3-light windows are located in the east and west elevations of the upper level.

A group of barns and other agricultural buildings stands about 50 yards west of the house. Some parts of these buildings are probably contemporary with the house, but they have had substantial additions and alterations. They are still in use as agricultural buildings.

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	
100-1499	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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

Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Department of Planning &amp; Zoning

DATE

May 1984

STREET &amp; NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

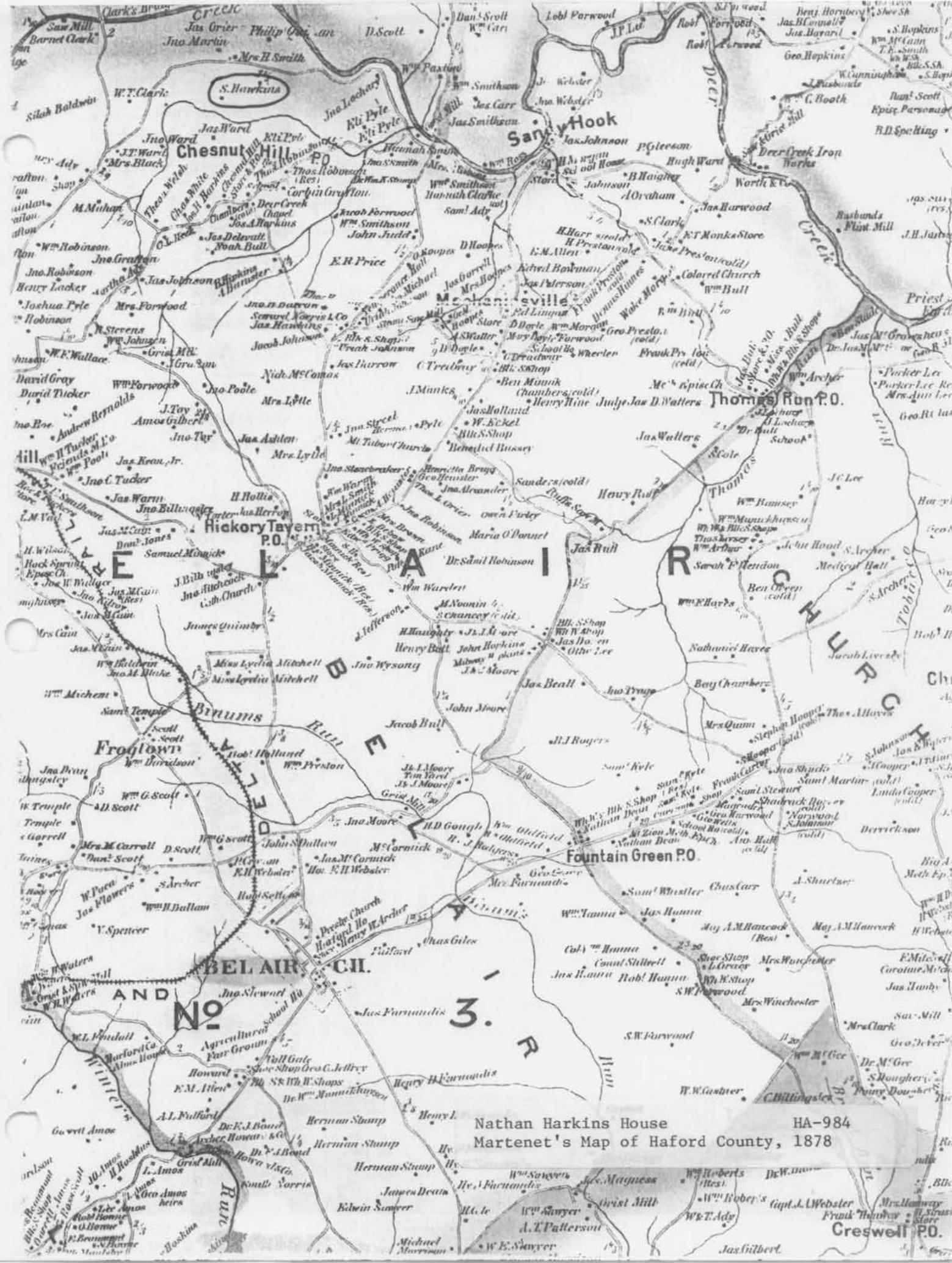
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

NATHAN HARKINS HOUSE

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CHAIN OF TITLE (PARTIAL)

304/493 12 April 1947	Grantor: H. Elizabeth Esley, unmarried Grantee: Calvin W. and Etta M. Harkins, Paul W. and Olla K. Harkins Acreage: 84; land devised to Calvin W. Harkins by will of his father Nathan R. Harkins, June 13, 1910 (Will Book JA 15/24, 1914)
28/21 19 October 1872	Grantor: John and Hannah Ward and Joseph and Sarah Jane Gorrell Grantee: Nathan R. Harkins Acreage: 84; " . . . on which Gorrell now resides" Amount : \$2900
19/5 9 May 1867	Grantor: James McLaughlin and Malinda McLaughlin Grantee: John Ward Acreage: 84; " . . . bounded by lands of Stephen Harkins, William Ward, James Grier, John Thomas, William Smithson, Ely Pyle, and Thomas Robinson" Amount : \$3000



Nathan Harkins House  
Martenet's Map of Haford County, 1878

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Creswell P.O.





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West elevation

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Springhouse

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South elevation

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