

HO-434

Cissel Farm

6927 Mink Hollow Road

Private

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cissel Farm has traditionally been dated to c. 1760, but the physical evidence suggests that it was built about 50 years later than that. The farm was 126 ½ acres that was purchased by Samuel Gaither in 1798, and had: "1 story dwelling House 16 by 16 wood, Out House 20 by 16." Gaither sold the farm four years later to Samuel Cissel, who that same year, had married Elizabeth Belt. The main block of the house is a two-story frame structure that has double-struck nails that would generally date the house to the first quarter of the nineteenth century, suggesting that Samuel Cissel built a new house for his new family on the property in the ten-year period c. 1802-1812. In 1845 and 1846 Philip Cissel bought out the interests of his siblings. The second story on the east addition is built of hewn, heavy timber framing, but the rafters are mitred and butted at the ridge and have circular-sawn sheathing, features expected after 1850 that suggest that it was Philip Cissel who put on this addition. After Philip Cissel's death C. Claude Cissel purchased the interest of the heirs in the farm. At this time there was a dining room addition made to the back of the main block, which has a three-sided bay at the south end of both stories of it. Given that C. Claude Cissel acquired the farm in 1903, it is likely that he was responsible for this addition. The Lane family purchased the house in 1965, and they made a substantial renovation of it which included new windows and doors, the two-story portico on the front, replacement of the earlier staircase, new interior trim, and additions on the east, west and south.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Cissel Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 6927 Mink Hollow Road __ not for publication

city, town Highland vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Dwight Wilcox, trustee

street and number P.O. Box 188 telephone 301-258-7676

city, town Highland state MD zip code 20777

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 10949 folio 602

city, town Ellicott City tax map 40 tax parcel 307 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	3 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	1	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	3 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				2	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Cissel Farm is located at 6927 Mink Hollow Road, about one mile east of Highland, in southwestern Howard County, Maryland. The farm consists of a large frame house, the Cissel family cemetery, and three modern outbuildings. The house faces north to a circular drive at the end of a long driveway that runs southeast from the road and then turns south.

House, exterior

The house is a 2 ½-story, five-bay by one-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is a one-story hyphen and wing on the east of the same materials, and the wing has a ridge that runs north-south. It has a poured concrete foundation and an exterior brick chimney on the east side. There is a one-bay by one-bay, two-story ell on the rear (south) of the main block, and it has a three-sided end to the south. It has the same

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materials, and the roof ridge runs north-south and overhangs the clipped corners of the south end. On the east side of the ell is an enclosed porch that attaches to the hyphen and wing. There is a one-story wing on the west end that has aluminum siding and a gable roof of asphalt shingles with an east-west ridge. There is an exterior brick chimney between the main block and this wing, set south of the ridge. On the south side of the main block is an enclosed one-story porch that attaches to a modern CMU addition covering an in-ground pool.

The north elevation of the main block has a two-story flat-roofed porch supported by four colossal round metal columns. On the first story there is a center entrance with a six-panel wood door. There is a modern, Colonial Revival surround with a broken pediment. To the east and west are triple six-over-six sash with new windows and cornices over them. The second story has five six-over-six sash, with the two eastern bays being set lower on the wall. There is a wood box cornice with returns, though most of it is covered by the porch. The roof has two gabled dormers with six-over-six sash, and there is an interior brick chimney between the east-center and center bays. The east elevation has a small, modern one-light sash in the center of the first story with a doorway to the north that has a door with nine lights. The second story and gable end each have a six-over-six sash. The south elevation of the main block, on the second story, has a six-over-six sash in the east bay.

The ell has no opening on the second story of the east elevation. The three-sided south end has a one-over-one sash on each side in the first story and a six-over-six sash on each side of the second story, with a small six-over-six sash in the gable end. The west elevation has a six-over-six sash on the second story.

The south elevation of the main block, on the second story, has a six-over-six sash in the west and west-center bays, and paired six-over-six sash in the center bay. The west elevation of the main block has a six-over-six sash on the second story and a four-light casement centered in the gable end.

House, interior

First story

On the first story there is one large room in the center with a circa 1950s addition on the west and one room in the kitchen on the east, plus one room to the south of this kitchen. There is an enclosed porch on the south side of the large center room. On the south side of this enclosed porch is an enclosed pool. On the east side of the south addition is a more modern addition.

The center room has all new flooring, drywall, egg and dart moulding on the cornice, a new stairway, and modern trim and window sash. The south wall has been pushed out about 5 feet to the south on the eastern half of this room. The stairway is on the north wall. There is a new fireplace on the west wall with a wood mantel that was moved here from the east fireplace, according to the previous owner. This

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mantel has fluted Corinthian columns with heavy paint and dates to the late 19th or early 20th centuries. The mantel has quirked ogee-and-bevel moulds. The fireplace on the east wall has slightly splayed stone jambs, a firebox floor of fire brick, and a new hearth. It has a wood mantel that probably dates to the 1960s.

The eastern wing is a modern kitchen that has a textured plaster ceiling and new window sash and trim. There is a cooking fireplace on the west elevation that is built of stone and has straight jambs, with traces of white wash and paint. The jambs consist of a large flat stone set on its end, and there is one large stone for the lintel. The fireplace has a new stone hearth, but the firebox contains an iron crane with iron eyes at the top and bottom. It has a new wood mantel shelf that partially hides a rowlock course of brick on top of the stone lintel.

The south addition has new flooring, trim, sash, and drywall. It has a three-sided end on the south end of the room. A doorway on the west elevation connects it to the center room, and a door on the north elevation connects it to the east wing. There are also doors on the west elevation leading to the enclosed porch and a door on the east leading to the southeast addition. All of the doors are modern.

Second story

The second story center room is divided into a passage along the north wall, with a bathroom on the south and a bedroom on the west. This entire center section has all new flooring, trim, drywall, doors, and 20th-century wood sash, and retains no historic features. A photograph of the east wall taken during renovations shows a brick chimney in the center, with a down brace from the southeast corner post. The east wing chamber is also all new and is divided with new partitions. The south addition chamber is all new except for the sash, which are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners and where the muntins meet the rails. These windows have parting beads and deep narrow ovolo muntins, with 10-inch by 12-inch lights. The sash are hung on cords.

Attic

The attic of the main block of the house has siding on the east side of the east wall that was later covered with sawn diagonal lath fastened with cut nails and covered with plaster on the east side. The siding is sash-sawn, is heavily weathered, and has a bead on the bottom edge. The siding is fastened with double-struck nails that are driven in just above the bead. The siding has a weather of 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 6 inches. It is very weathered and there is no evidence that it was ever painted, even where it was covered by the addition. There is an opening on the east wall, north of the chimney, and it has a vertical board door hung on cast iron butt hinges. The trim around this door is fastened with mature cut nails, and the doorway must have been put in when the east addition was put on. The joists in the main block are hewn, are 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 inches wide by 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 inches deep, are spaced 24 to 25 inches on centers, and run north-south. The rafters are sash sawn and are tapered, being 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 inches wide and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep at the ridge, tapering to

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4 to 5 inches at the foot. The rafters are spaced 22½ to 26½ inches on centers and have an open-faced bridle and peg at the ridge. The rafter feet sit upon wood blocks on top of the false plate. There are board collar beams added with wire nails because the ridge joints were pulling apart. The rafters support circular-sawn sheathing boards that are wide, as well as narrow sash-sawn butted boards that have cut nails in them, and there is plywood on top of this sheathing. There are several rafters that are mitered and butted at the ridge, and these are probably replacements. The Roman numeral marriage marks on the rafters are cut with a shallow chisel. The west gable end studs are toe-nailed with double-struck nails. There is a dormer on the north elevation that is built with circular-sawn dimensional lumber that appears to date before World War II, and it is fastened with wire nails.

The east addition attic floor is set several feet lower than the floor of the main block. The walls and ceiling were lathed and plastered with circular-sawn lath fastened with cut nails; much of this lath and plaster has disappeared. The south wall of the east addition has a hewn corner post that is 5 inches deep by 7½ inches wide, and is mortised and tenoned and pinned to the plate. It has a sash-sawn up brace that is also pinned to the plate, and it is 3 inches by 5 inches. The studs in this wall are sash-sawn and are tenoned into the plate but are not pegged. The studs are 3 inches wide by 5½ inches deep. This wall butts up against the siding of the center or main block, and was clearly added to it. The rafters are sash-sawn, are 3 inches wide, and are tapered from 3 inches deep at the ridge to 4½ to 5 inches deep at the foot. They are mitered and butted at the ridge. The rafters sit on top of a hewn plate, though it is not possible to see how the rafter feet are fastened to it; the south plate does not have any mortises in it for the rafter feet. The rafters support circular-sawn board lath that is wide, and there are some narrow boards mixed in, but it is not possible to see any tool marks on them. The north dormer has circular-sawn timber and wire nails identical to that used in the north dormer of the main block. The hewn plate in the south wall is 4½ inches wide and 6½ inches deep. The flooring is face-nailed with cut nails. The east window frame has a double bead on it. The collar beams are toe-nailed from below with mature cut nails, and there are other collars added above them with wire nails. There is a piece of 1 by 2 between each mitered ridge joint. There is a brick chimney in this section on the west wall, and it is plastered. The vertical-board partition wall in the attic is constructed with wire nails.

The south addition attic was clearly added later, as the east addition rafters were cut out to accommodate access to it. The rafters in the south addition are circular-sawn and wire-nailed, and have a ridge board. The rafters are 2 inches by 5¾ to 6½ inches.

Basement

There is a basement under the east addition only. It has rubble stone walls and ¾-round log joists that run north-south. The joists rest on a board set on the wall, and this board is about 1-¼ inches thick. There is a hearth support on the west end that partially remains, and it has a ledger board nailed to the joists with cut nails. The floor board above is nailed to the trimmer with cut nails, one of which missed

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and is thus visible for examination. The trimmer has beveled half-lap joints onto the joists, and they are nailed with nails that have square shanks. Only a short portion of the center of the shank is visible here. There is a doorway on the east elevation, with a window to each side. The south wall has a niche built into the stone work. There is a crawl space under the main block, and it has $\frac{3}{4}$ -round log joists that lap on a sill on the north wall. The sill sits on some loose flat stones, and does not appear to be a real foundation here.

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1802-12, c. 1850, c. 1903

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SUMMARY:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Cissel Farm has traditionally been dated to c. 1760, but the physical evidence suggests that it was built about 50 years later than that. Much of the earlier history of the farm recorded in an earlier historic sites survey of the property is also incorrect. The farm was 126 ½ acres that was purchased by Samuel Gaither in 1798, and it consisted of parts of two land patents, "Hammond and Gist" and "Bite the Biter." At that time, according to the 1798 tax assessment, the farm had:

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1 story dwelling House 16 by 16 wood
Out House 20 by 16

Gaither sold the farm four years later to Samuel Cissel (1773 [or 6]-1824), who that same year, 1802, had married Elizabeth Belt. The main block of the house is a two-story frame structure that has been substantially altered on the interior, leaving little with which to date it. However, in the attic are heavily weathered beaded-edge weatherboards on the east gable end of the main block, captured by the east addition. This siding is fastened with double-struck nails that would generally date the house to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. It is possible that Gaither's one-story house is buried within part of the main block or the east addition, but this could only be determined through sub-surface investigation. The nail evidence visible in the basement of the east addition, scant as it is, is consistent with a nineteenth-century period of construction. The second story of the east wing is clearly an addition to the main block. A letter from Susan H. Iglehart (nee Cissel, b. 1876) recounts family history that states that her father, Philip, always claimed that he was born in the same room (in 1814) where he ended up dying (in 1894). There seems no good reason to dispute this, and it certainly corresponds with the physical fabric, suggesting that Samuel Cissel built a new house for his new family on the property in the ten-year period c. 1802-1812.¹

Elizabeth Cissel died very young and Samuel quickly remarried, to her sister, Isabella (1787-1880), in 1806. He, in turn, died in 1824, leaving all of his property to his widow for life, and then to his nine children. In 1845 and 1846 Philip Cissel, who was living elsewhere, bought out the interests of his siblings and acquired another 46 acres. The second story on the east addition is built of hewn, heavy timber framing, but the rafters are mitered and butted at the ridge and have circular-sawn sheathing, features expected after 1850 that suggest that it was Philip Cissel who put on this addition. After Philip Cissel's death C. Claude Cissel purchased the interest of the heirs in the farm. There were several changes made to the dwelling at this time, including the dining room addition to the back of the main block, which has a three-sided bay at the south end of both stories of it, and the mantel with fluted Corinthian columns, now on the west fireplace but apparently moved here from the east fireplace of the main block. Both of these features would typically be found c. 1890-1915. Given that C. Claude Cissel acquired the farm in 1903, it is likely that he was responsible for these alterations and additions. There is reportedly a photograph of the house from the early twentieth century showing three front doors and a

¹ Federal Direct Tax, 1798, Patuxent & Huntington Hundreds, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Maryland State Archives. Walter V. Ball, "The Cecil Family of Maryland," typescript, n.d. Earlier family members spelled their name Cecil, but Samuel had changed the spelling to Cissel. Dates are also taken from the family cemetery on the property, which were transcribed in Howard County Genealogical Society, comp., *Howard County Maryland Records*, vol. 6 (Columbia, MD: Author, 1988), pp. 78-81. Letter, Mrs. Claude H. Iglehart (Susan Henderson Cissel Iglehart) to Mrs. J. Warren White, Jr., 21 March 1951. Letter, Ellen Packard to Kenneth Short, 10 July 2011.

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one-story porch that wraps around the west end. When C. Claude Cissel's widow sold the farm in 1960, she was the last of the family to own the property. It was subsequently subdivided and the house cut off on 16 acres. The Lane family purchased this portion in 1965, and they made a substantial renovation of the house which included new windows and doors, the two-story portico on the front, replacement of the earlier staircase, new interior trim, and additions on the east, west and south.²

² Samuel Cissel Estate, Will EV & JG 1-212, 1824, Register of Wills, Anne Arundel County Circuit Court, Maryland State Archives. Letter, Iglehart to White, Jr., 21 March 1951. Letter, Ellen Packard to Kenneth Short, 29 June 2011.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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● See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 16.266 A
Acreage of historical setting 126 A
Quadrangle name Clarksville Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 40, parcel 307, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Dwight L. Wilcox / ?	Dwight L. Wilcox, trustee / ?	20 Sept. 2007	MDR 10949-602	Deed - fee simple	\$0	16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	[no previous reference]
James D. & Barbara A. McCotter / ?	Dwight Wilcox / ?	24 Apr. 1991	MDR 2321-17	Deed - fee simple	\$550,000	16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	Refers only to 1090-128 & 2278-644
Charles W. & Janice L. Smith (H/W) / ?	James D. & Barbara A. McCotter (H/W) / ?	24 May 1985	1352-588	Deed - fee simple	\$265,300	16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	
Wilbur E. & Lena R. Berry (H/W) / ?	Charles W. & Janice L. Smith (H/W) / ?	13 Sept. 1971	570-621	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	All of 1 st parcel below
Louise M. Lane, widow / ?	Wilbur E. & Lena R. Berry (H/W) / ?	5 Oct. 1965	WHH 443-746	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	1) 16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft 2) 16.841 A	J.T.L. Jr. dec'd
Cissel Farms, Inc. / MD Corp.	Louis M. Lane / ?	14 May 1965	WHH 439-734	Confirma- tory Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	16.282 A - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	J.T.L. Jr. dec'd (1)
Mollie H. Cissel, widow / Howard	Cissel Farms, Inc.	9 Nov. 1963	WHH 411-615	Confirma- tory Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	157.632 A reserves family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	

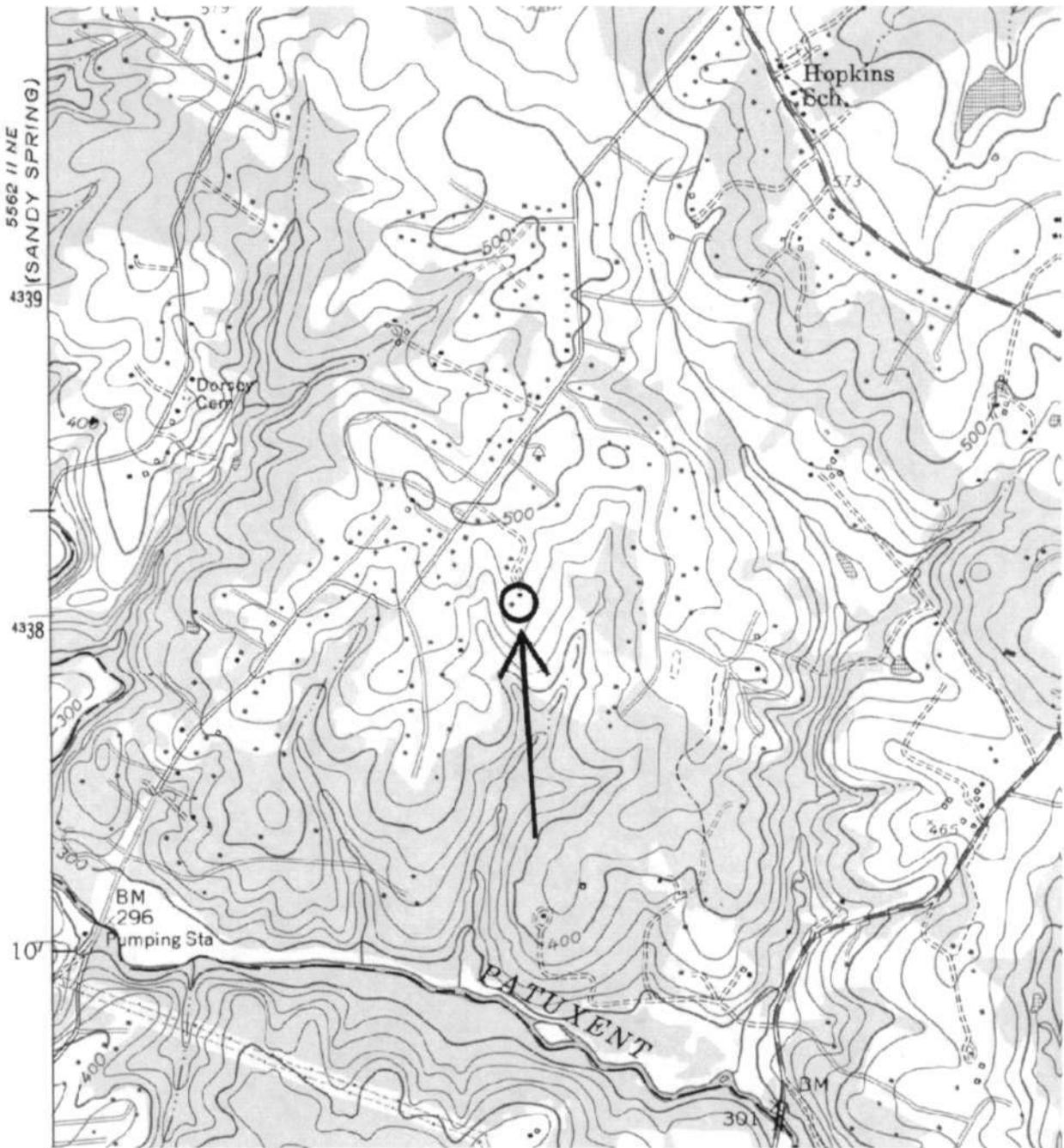
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GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Cissel Farms, Inc. / ?	John T. & Louise M. Lane (H/W) / ?	28 May 1960	RHM 353-447	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	15 A ± - Cissel family burial plot 734.571 sq ft	[no previous reference] (1)
Mollie H. Cissel	Cissel Farms, Inc.	13 Apr. 1960	RHM 352-256				(2)
Mollie H. Cissel, widow / Howard	Cissel Farms, Inc.	13 May 1960	RHM 352-256	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	157.632 A - Burial plot	C.C.C. d. 20 Oct. 1959
Rosalie Hall / Howard	C. Claude Cissel & wf. Mollie H. / ?	7 July 1959	RHM 336-235	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	?	
C. Claude & Mollie H. Cissel (H/W) / Howard	Rosalie Hall / ?	7 July 1959	RHM 336-233	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	? Below, -2 A	
M. Ellen Cissel Philip B. Cissel & wf. Ella Susan H. Cissel E. Marvin Cissel	C. Claude Cissel	1 Sept. 1903	JHO 78-13	Deed – fee simple	\$5,000	?	
Benjamin G. Cissel & wf. Eleanor Osborn B. Cissel & wf. Elizabeth / Marion Co., Ohio	Philip Cissel / Howard Dist., AA Co.	5 Jan. 1846	JLM 6-295	Deed – Indenture	\$5.00	A) 126 3/4 A B) 46 A, 100 sq. p.	Hammond & Gist Bite the Biter [no previous reference]
Samuel Cissel (Cecil) & wf Margaret D.; James Cissel & wf. Rebecca; Sarah Burford & hus. William; Richard Cissel & wf. Margaret E.; Margaret A. Pearce & hus. George C. / Howard Dist., AA Co.	Philip Cissel / Howard Dist., AA Co.	21 Dec. 1845	JLM 6-297	Deed – Indenture	\$5.00	A) 126 3/4 A B) 46 A, 100 sq. p.	 [this deed not referred to in 78- 13]

Cissel Farm (HO-434)
6927 Mink Hollow Road

CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Zephaniah Cissel / Howard Dist., AA Co.	Philip Cissel / Howard Dist., AA Co.	12 Jan. 1846	JLM 6-294	Deed – Indenture	\$5.00	A) 126 3/4 A B) 46 A, 100 sq. p.	[this deed not referred to in 78- 13]
Samuel Cissel / AA Co.	wf Isabella kids Samuel, Zephaniah, Benjamin, Osbourn, Betsy, Philip, James, Sally, Richard	<u>Written</u> 3 May 1824 <u>Probated</u> 14 June 1824	<u>Wills</u> EV & JG 1-212	Bequest	-	?	[no previous reference]
Samuel Gaither / AA Co.	Samuel Cissel / AA Co.	29 Dec. 1802	NH 12-42	Indenture	£332.15.0	126 3/4 A	p/o Hammond & Gist Bite the Biter [no previous reference]
James Tolson / AA Co.	Samuel Gaither / AA Co.	12 Oct. 1798	NH 9-460	Indenture	£332.1.3	126 1/2 A	Hammond & Guest [sic] Bite the Biter [no previous reference]



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Cissel Farm
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Clarksville quad

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Cissel Farm
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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, north elevation

HO-0434_2011-06-28_08
House, interior, east addition framing in
south wall of attic

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House, east & north elevations

HO-0434_2011-06-28_03
House, south elevation, from east

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House, west & south elevations

HO-0434_2011-06-28_05
House, interior, main block mantel

HO-0434_2011-06-28_06
House, interior, east wing fireplace

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House, interior, original beaded
weatherboards & double-struck nails on
main block, from east addition attic



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House, north elevation

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House, interior, main block mantel

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GOD PUT ME ON EARTH
TO DO A FEW THINGS
I'M SO FAR BEHIND
I'LL NEVER DIE

GONE

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House, interior, east wing fireplace

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House, interior, original beaded
weatherboards + double-struck nails on
main block, from east addition attic

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House, interior, east addition framing
in south wall of attic

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The Cissel Farm/Sandstone Farms
Highland
Private

Circa 1760

The sixteen acre farm faces east, lying on what was once a 176 acres, part of two tracts of land called "Hammond and Gist" and "Bite the Biter", which were acquired and owned by the Cissel family until 1962 when Mr. John Lane acquired it.

The Cissel Farm is built in several sections around an old two and a half story gabled roof (running east-west) kitchen, whose north wall is connected to an early two and a half story frame house. The latter, now one large living room, once comprised a central hall with library and living room to the north and staircase on its east wall. This was extended westward and connects with a three story high dining room off the kitchen's west wall and a one story high, shed roofed "L" shaped family room formed by enclosing an open porch on the living room's west wall.

The building stands above a valley of unsurpassed beauty on the western border of Howard County, which area is in need of protection from a PEPCO power line planned in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI # 140345235

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hammond and Gist
AND/OR COMMON
The Cissel House/Sandstone Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
6927 Mink Hollow Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Highland
STATE
Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
VICINITY OF
6th
COUNTY
Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
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	<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: Horsefarm

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith
STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #: 286-2686

P.O. BOX 11
CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Highland, Md. 20777

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 40 Blk. 2 p. 307
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 570
Folio #: 621

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHo - 434
Dist. 5

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Cissel Farm faces east on a high ridge line overlooking the middle Patuxent River Valley. It is located in the middle of some 16 acres of sloping land, presently used as a horse farm.

The building consists of several sections, the oldest of which appears to be the present two and a half story kitchen which at one time held a huge cooking fireplace with crane for hanging the pots for cooking. The foundation for this chimney, set into the kitchen's south wall, can be seen in the cellar with its field stone foundation walls for both the kitchen and the present living room which at one time comprised three rooms: a hall, library and living room. The basement holds log ceiling joists which indicate this building to be of considerable age.

Springing from the north wall of the kitchen is the large living room which holds a lovely staircase along its east wall which at one time spiraled into what was once a hall. The living room has been extended westward. This added interior space has a north door leading into a family room, known as the Maryland room, which at one time was an L shaped, one story high, shed roofed, open porch and an interior south door which leads into a charming dining room with west bay window extending vertically to the second floor bedroom above, whose six-over-six windows hold their original hand blown lights.

The south wall of the dining room leads into a small corridor and staircase down to what was once a dairy and which has been created into a charming bedroom with a small addition on its west wall holding the washer-dryer laundry center. The gabled roof of this charming one story high frame building runs east-west and holds a wide brick chimney with exterior barbeque in the center of its south wall.

Going to the second floor we find the wide, kitchen, north wall stone chimney on the north wall of the bathroom which leads into a central hall running east-west from the front of the house to two steps leading into the charming bedroom above the dining room. A comfortable bedroom lies off the south wall of this hall which turns northward to meet several steps which lead up to the second floor hallway on the east wall of the living room section of the house. A bedroom lies off the west wall of this hall which leads northward into the large master bedroom, lying above the major part of the downstairs living room.

The attic is perhaps the most fascinating and perplexing section of the house. Here we see the old chimney rising from the west wall of the old kitchen. On either side of this chimney are evidences of a lower gabled roof, outlined by an exterior beaded wood framework.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Description (cont.)

This would seem to belie the fact that the kitchen came first and encourage us to believe that the original log house was the present living room with a later kitchen addition. Even more interesting is the tremendous width of the boards which form the gabled roof (running north-south) of the main body of the house with the intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) of the three story high dining room addition. The roof appears to have been constructed all at one time with these wide boards of some twenty four to thirty inches in width.

The exterior west wall of the dining room addition is particularly noteworthy with its two story high bay window crowned by the attic gabled roof's sharp outline, extending beyond the north and south sides of the bay window and forming a particularly interesting silhouette.

This picturesque building complex is completed and unified by a two story high flat roofed open porch running along the entire east elevation of the kitchen and living room section of the building, supported by round wooden columns.

West of the one story high, shed roofed, L shaped, Maryland room's west wall extends a one story high, two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) cinderblock room holding a lovely pear shaped indoor sylvan pool. A sliding glass door opens on the west wall while two large north and south apertures are filled with some 108 glass blocks which diffuse the light while allowing privacy.

A garage with upstairs apartment lies north west of the house which is surrounded by lovely pasture.

The Cissel family cemetery lies east of the house.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
—PREHISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION	
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—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE	
—1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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—1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION	
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		—INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1760

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cissel farm is significant historically, architecturally and in the area of conservation.

The farm lies on what was once a 176 acres, part of two tracts of land called Hammond and Gist and Bite the Biter, which were acquired by the Cissel family.

The original owner, Cissel is thought to be buried in the old cemetery, whose tombstone shows a date of death to be 1775. On January 5, 1846 Benjamin and Eleanor Cissel et al conveyed 157.5 acres to Philip Cissel. (6-295) The house and property passed down through the Cissel family until on May 28, 1932 Ella B. Cissel conveyed the land to C. Claude Cissel (143-510) On July 7, 1959 the farm was conveyed by Rosalie Hall, unmarried to another C. Claude Cissel and Mollie, his wife, with some 46 acres "together with the buildings". (336-235)

On the 13 May, 1960 Mollie H. Cissel, widow, conveyed the property to Cissel Farms, Inc. by deed. (352-256) On May 28, 1960 Cissel Farms, Inc., conveyed the property to John T. Lane. On May 14, 1965 Louisa M. Lane acquired from Cissel Farms, Inc., parcel #1 (439-734).

Later in that year, on October 5, 1965 Louisa M. Lane, widow, conveyed the property "together with the buildings" to Wilber and Lena Berry, wife who on September 13, 1971 sold the property to the present owners and occupiers of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith. (570-621)

Architecturally, this old farm house is representative of early Howard County log construction. The supporting beams in the fieldstone basement are of log construction and the floor boards of wide, random width, indicating early construction. The house is noteworthy not only for its association with the Cissel family and its eighteenth century construction but in its complexity of additions. The house grew like topsy with living room extended westward for more spaciousness and a one story high, shed roofed open porch enclosed to accommodate a family room.

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Significance (cont.)

The dining room with its west wall bay window is especially noteworthy and through examination of the attic roof rafters and early glass panes indicates a relatively early construction date. The two story high open porch on the east wall of kitchen and dining room sections gives an almost antebellum, Palladian flavor to an early Howard County log house. It is representative of the manner in which old houses accommodate themselves to growing needs and the individual tastes of their owners and as such is an outstanding example of American eclectic architecture.

In the field of conservation the building stands above a valley of unsurpassed beauty on the western border of Howard County. From its second floor west windows the PEPCO power line in Montgomery County which is to serve Montgomery County and Washington, D.C. can be seen. Proposals have been made to place the line along the little Patuxent River in the valley south of the house and very closely adjacent to it. This area is presently used as pasture for the Sandstone Horse Farms horses. It is hoped that PEPCO can find another alignment as this scenic area should be conserved for the enjoyment of future generations of Howard Countians.

For these reasons Cecil Farm should be placed on the National Register and included in any future local landmark legislation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCESHo- 434
Dist. 5Howard County's Land Records
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Smith
on October 29, 1977.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16.2666 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 40 p. 307.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Liber 570, folio 621

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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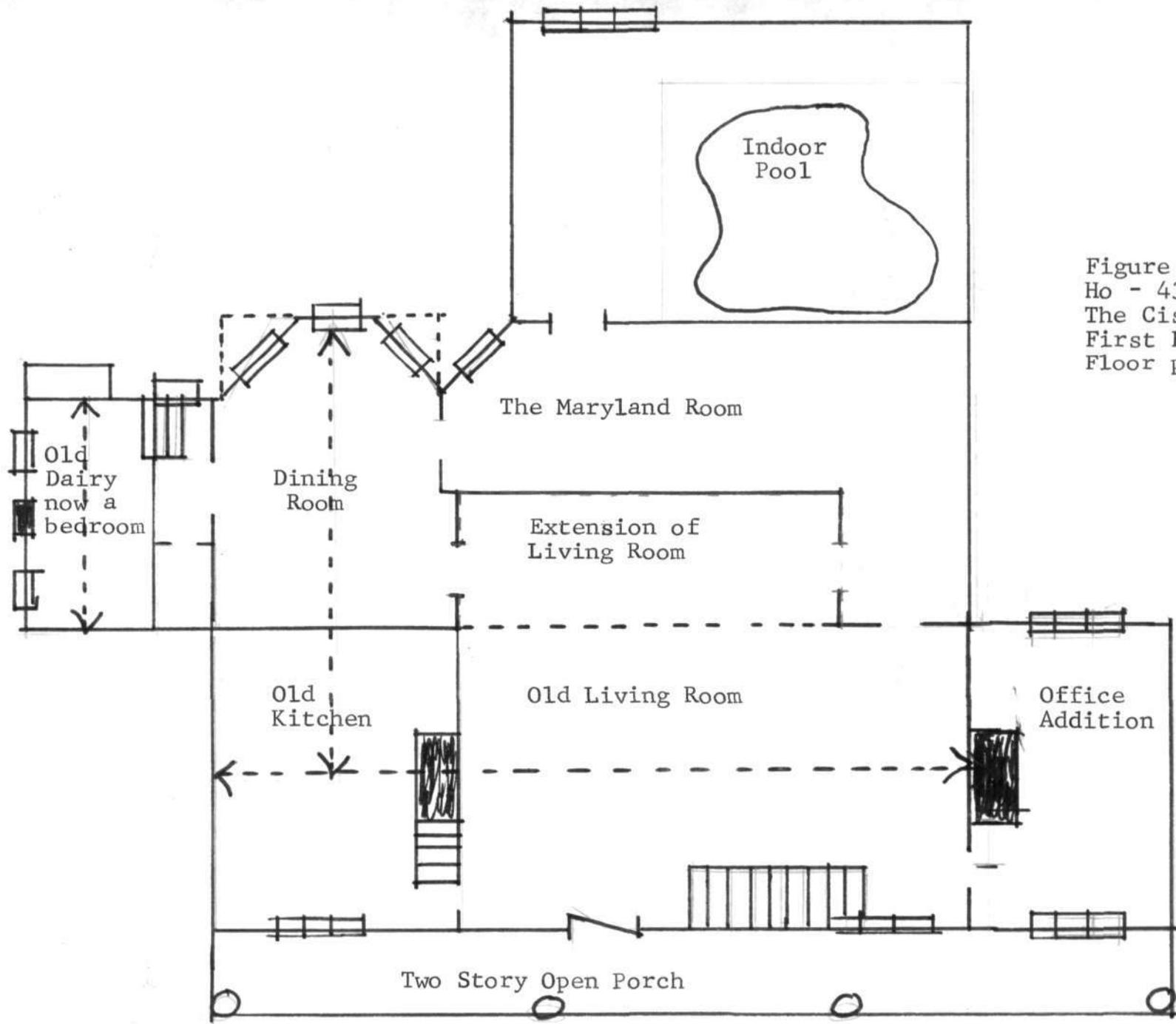
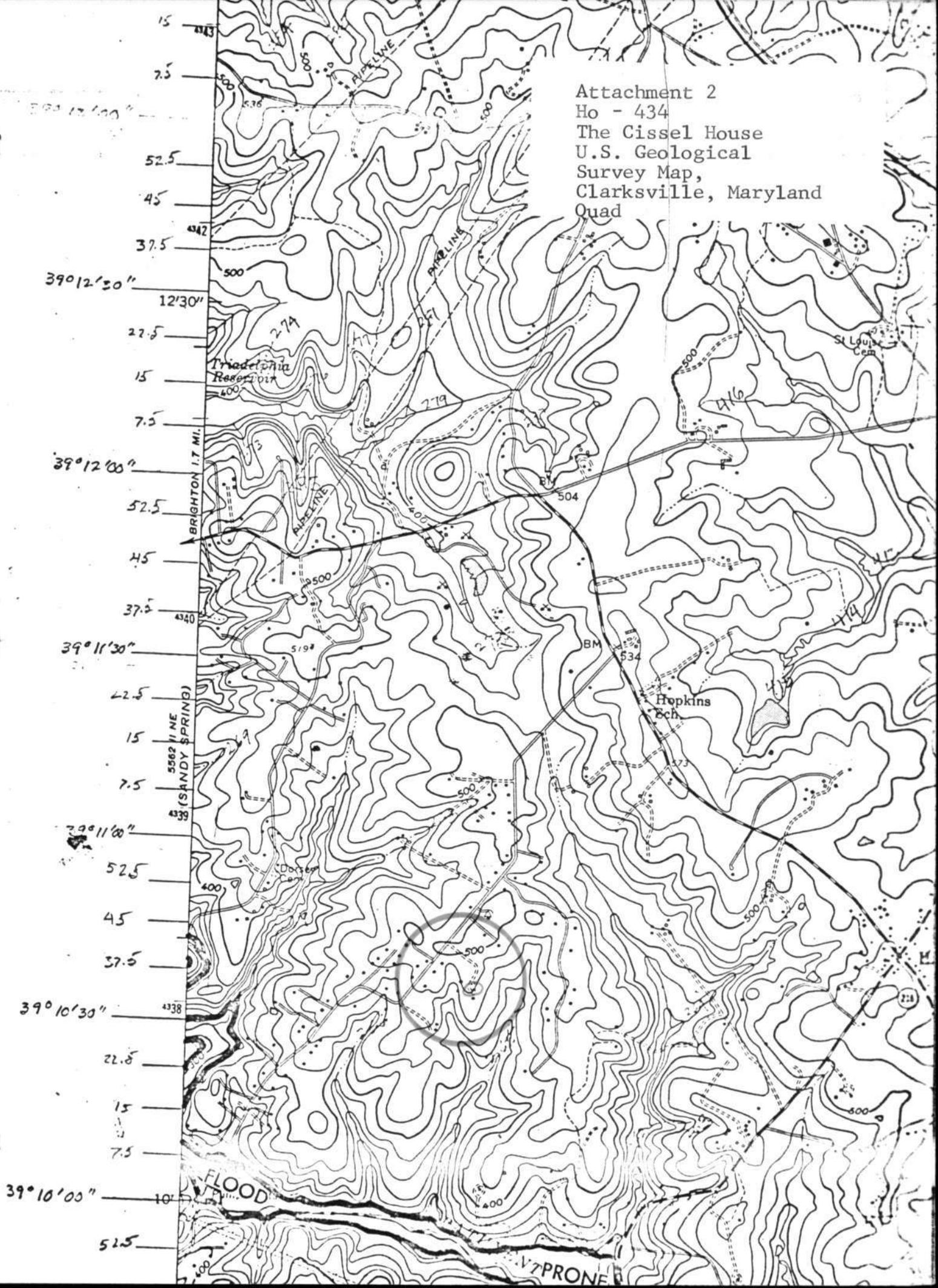


Figure 1
Ho - 434
The Cissel House
First Floor
Floor plan

Attachment 2
Ho - 434
The Cissel House
U.S. Geological
Survey Map,
Clarksville, Maryland
Quad



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BRIGHTON 1.7 MI.

5562 1/4 NE
(SANDY SPRING)

FLOOD

V7 PRONE



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THE CISSEL FARM
NORTH EAST

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