

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

(1320)

1. Name: Caroline Rine House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/8/4  
Boys HD

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6  
Coordinate H-14

4. Address: 19925 White Grounds Road  
Boys, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building  
Ownership private  
Public Acquisition N/A  
Status occupied  
Accessible no  
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC  
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory  
1976

Federal      State x County x Local     

6. Date: 1881

7. Original Owner: Caroline Rine

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent      b. altered      c. original site

9. Description: The Caroline Rine house faces northwest and is built upon field-stone foundations. This is a two and a half story L-plan house, very similar to the Mahlon Lewis house. It has a cross gable roof which appears to be covered by raised seam metal roofing. There are two stone chimneys in the front and one chimney in the rear ell.

The house is three bays across and one bay deep. A small gable-roofed porch, supported by metal poles, shelters the front door. The front door itself is surrounded by a two light transom. A glass enclosed porch with a pent roof is located on the southwest side of the house. The original clapboard siding has been replaced by the present green asbestos siding. Windows throughout the house are double-hung, six-over-six lights. At the peak of the cross gable on the northwest (front) facade is a round four light window.

Originally a full width porch was across the front of the house. This was replaced with the present porch before it was purchased by the present owner.

10. Significance:

This very well maintained, small house was built by a single woman 39 years before she was allowed to vote. It has been mostly inhabited by single women since, and has been kept in immaculate condition. It is in the Boyds Historic District, between the two largest, most impressive houses in the town.

In 1881 Caroline E. Rine bought  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of property from the tract, Gum Spring, from James E. and Sarah J. Williams. She paid \$50, and probably had the house built by Williams as he was the builder of other houses in the neighborhood. She sold the place in 1886 to George O. and Fannie Overhart for \$900. James A. Higgins bought it in 1888 for \$452, and used it as the home of his invalid sister. The present owner purchased the property in 1948, with her invalid husband. In 1972 she was remodeling the kitchen and found the original beams and wood ceiling to be in excellent condition, so she left them exposed. In June 1979 she was adding a fireplace to the south wing, and discovered this room to be of log construction.

The owner, Mable Ballenger, is well known in the community. She has frequently taken care of the homeless and/or elderly in her home, and is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church and an active member of the Boyds/Clarksburg Historical Society.

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman August 1979

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979 14. Designation Approval     

15. Acreage:  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 18/8/4  
Boyds HD  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Caroline Rine House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

19925 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Mable Ballenger

Telephone #: 972-0540

STREET & NUMBER

19925 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyds

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1196

Folio #: 290

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

# 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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**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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES    1881                                    BUILDER/ARCHITECT    James E. Williams (probably)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and tax records of Montgomery County  
Ballenger, Mable. Interviews, 1978-1979.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre

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

Margaret M. Coleman Candace Reed, Architectural historian

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails August 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87 926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

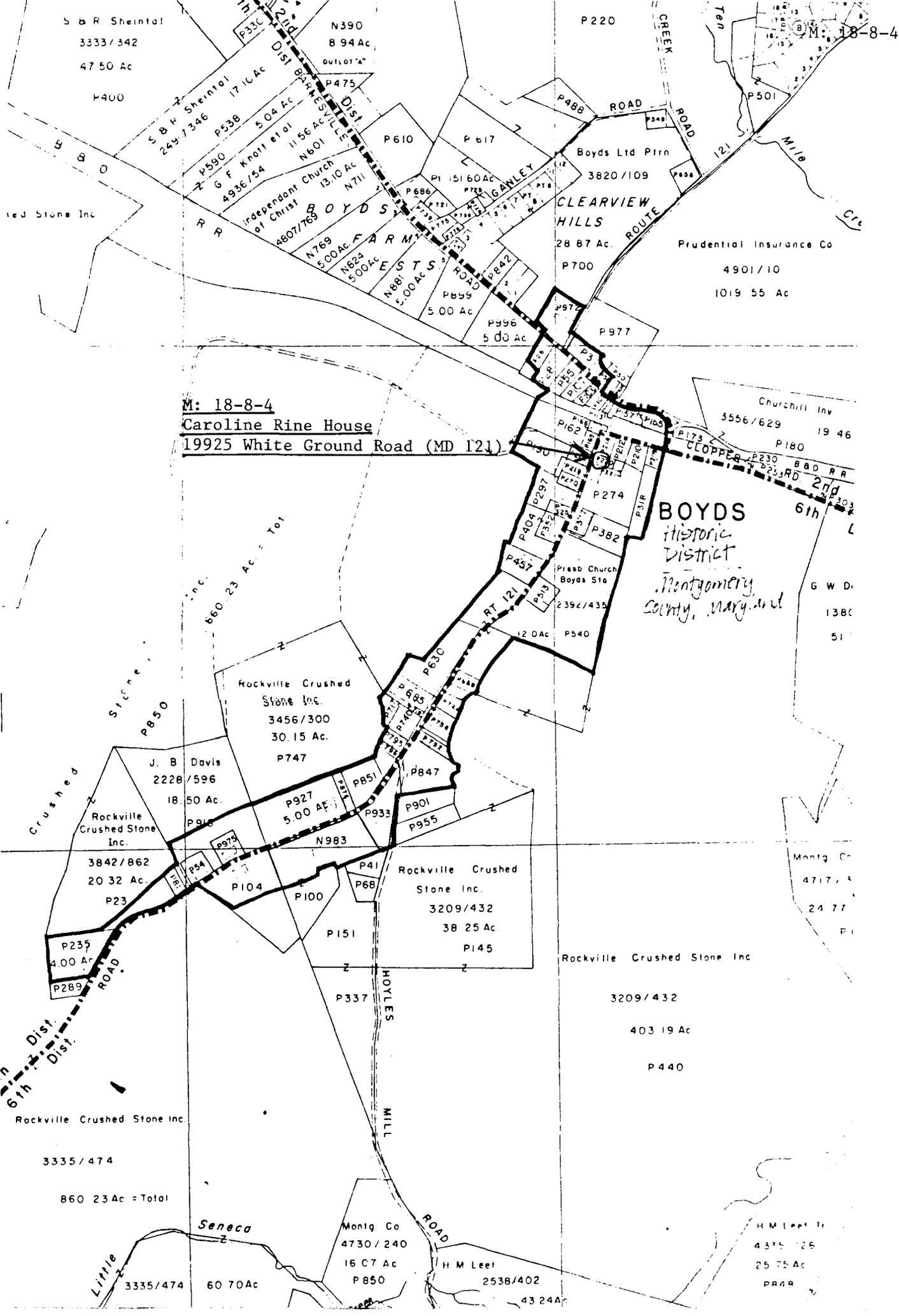
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Dickerson Maryland 20753

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



S & R Sheintal  
 3333/342  
 47.50 Ac  
 P400

N390  
 8.94 Ac  
 OUTLOT "A"

P220

M. 18-8-4

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Caroline Rine House  
1925 White Ground Road (MD 121)

**BOYDS**  
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 Montgomery County, Maryland

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J. B. Davis  
 2228/596  
 18.50 Ac.  
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Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.  
 3842/862  
 20.32 Ac.  
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 4.00 Ac  
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Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.  
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Rockville Crushed Stone Inc.  
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HOYLES MILL ROAD

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 4730/240  
 16.07 Ac  
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 2538/402

H M Leet Tr  
 4375/226  
 25.75 Ac  
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Montg. Co  
 4717/3  
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G W D  
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Churchill Inv  
 3556/629  
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Prudential Insurance Co  
 4901/10  
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CLEARVIEW HILLS  
 28.87 Ac.  
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Boys Ltd Plrn  
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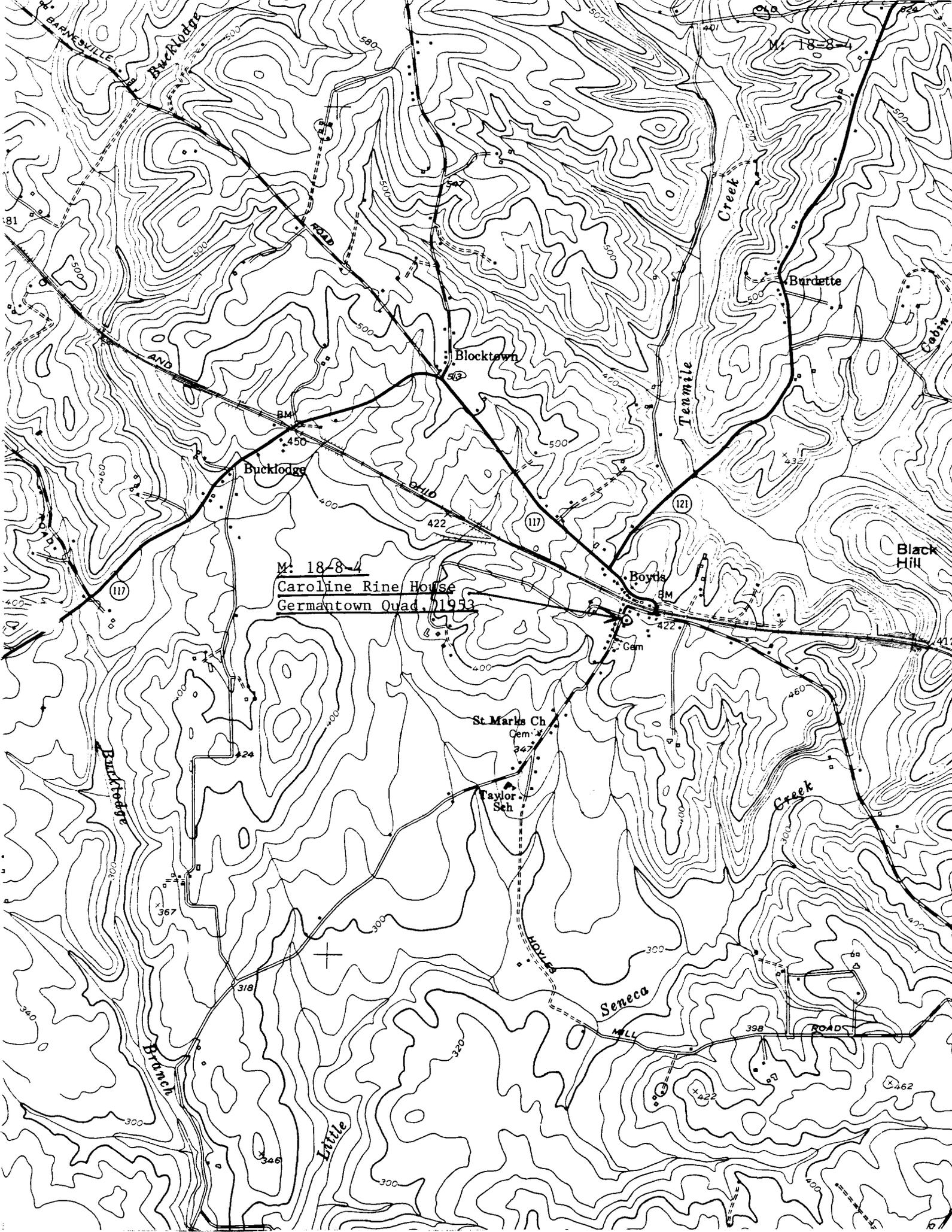
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6th Dist.  
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Seneca  
 Little  
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 60.70 Ac

43.24 Ac





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142-26

C. Rine  
House  
19925 WGR