

Addendum

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Howard House

Montgomery Co., MD

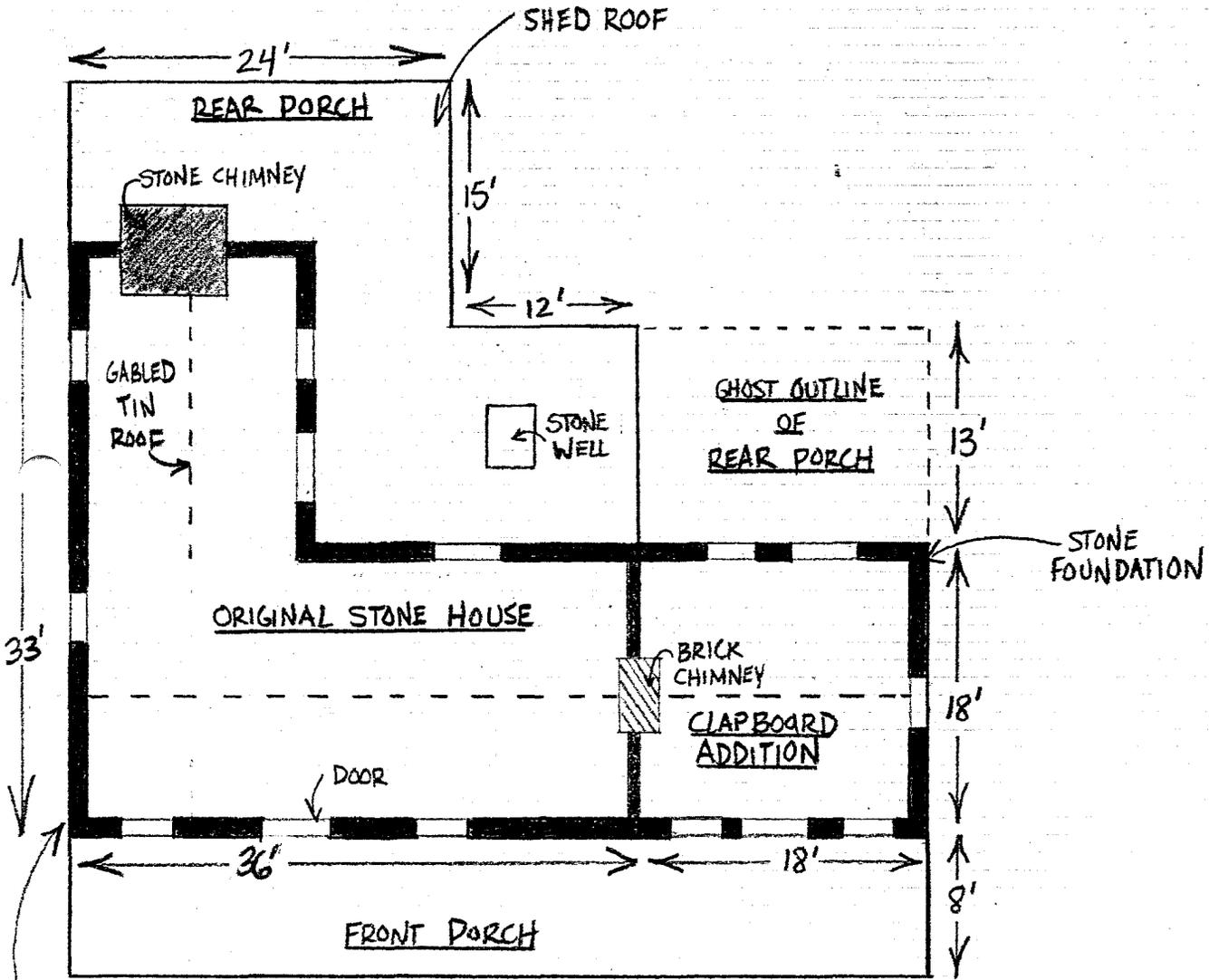
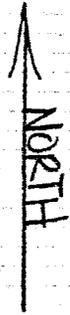
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Feb. 1997

Section 7.1

This stone structure with a frame and clapboard addition is falling into complete disrepair. The frame addition on the north gable end of the house is collapsing and separating from the original stone section. The interior log support beams are still intact, but the flooring is deteriorating to the point where they will no longer support any weight. The original stone construction is still intact, due to the presence of the standing seam tin roof which still protects it from the elements. The wooden shed and corn crib to the west of the house have collapsed.

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DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, FEB 3, 1997  
\*3/32 SCALE, GROSS MEASUREMENTS  
(OTHER FEATURES APPROXIMATED)

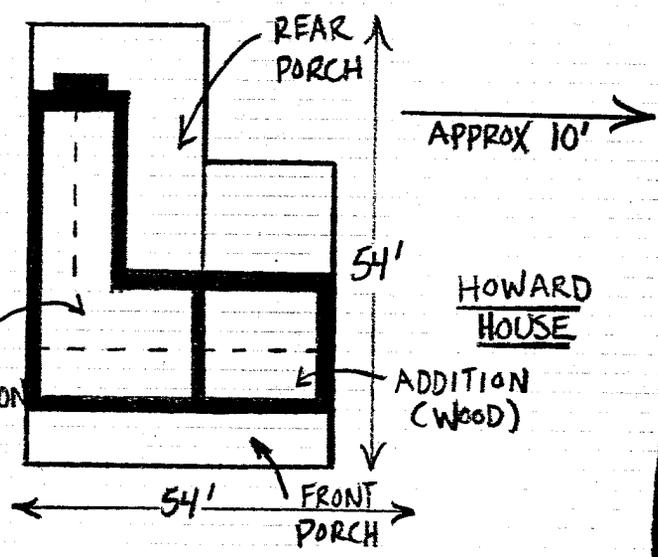
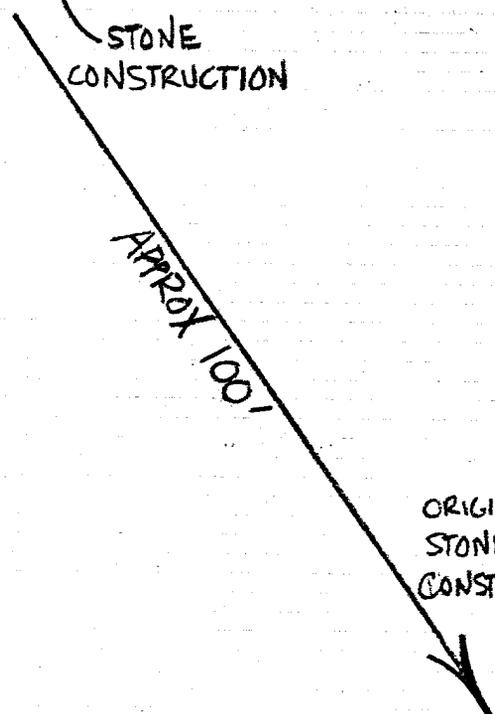
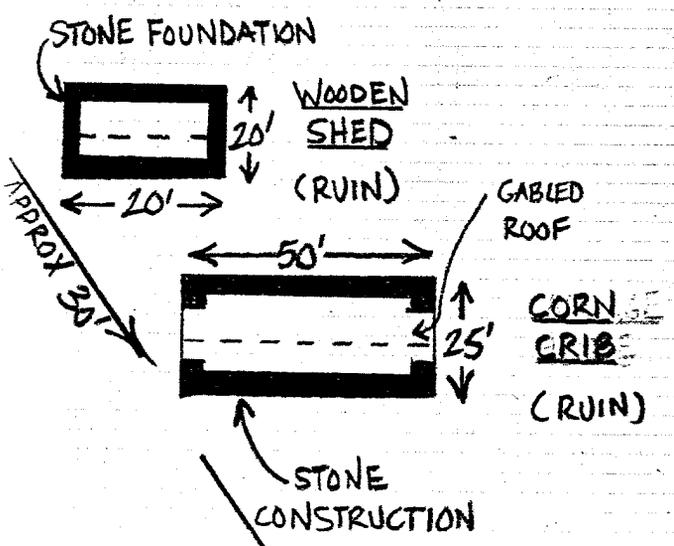


STONE CONSTRUCTION



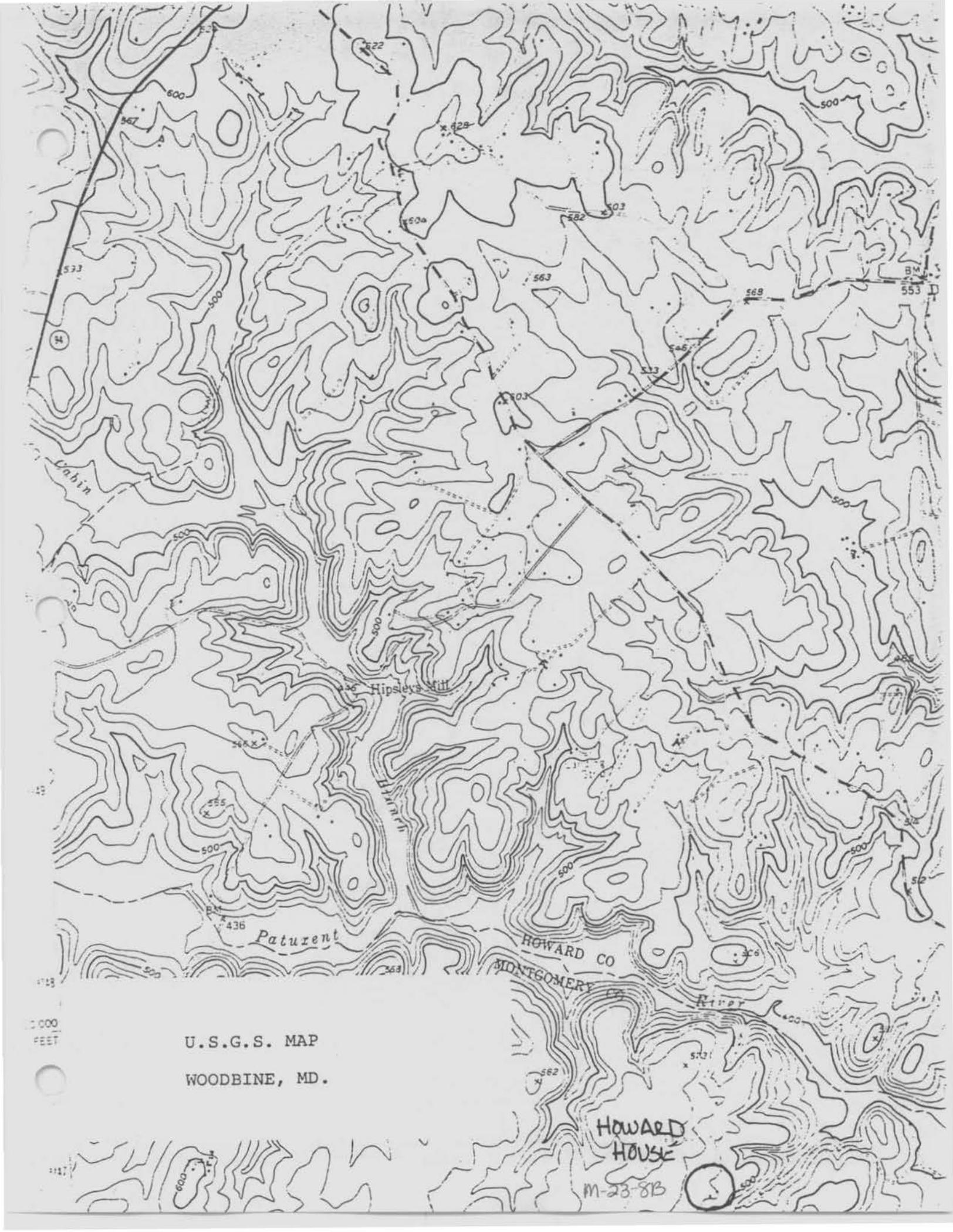
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NORTH



SLOPE





2000  
FEET

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SHED, SOUTH VIEW

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Patuxent River S.P.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Howard House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

North side of Damascus Road (access through Middleton Farm)

CITY, TOWN

Laytonsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY** DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT**OWNERSHIP** PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION** IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS** OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE** YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO**PRESENT USE** AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 3977

Folio #: 158

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

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

This stone house is two stories with a single story stone ell projecting from the rear (west) facade. A two-story frame section has been annexed to the north gable end. The main section has a three-bay east facade with a central doorway opening into the south room. A one-story screened porch spans this facade. Interior brick chimneys are located in both gable walls. The ell, which appears to have been constructed at the same time, has a two-bay south facade with a semi-external stone chimney on the west gable end.

In plan, the main section has two rooms on the first floor. Although mantels have been grossly vandalized, the pressed-tin ceiling with fleur-de-lis tin cornice still remains in the south room. This room also contains a boxed corner staircase to the second floor. The second floor plan has an L-shaped hall, running along the south and west walls with three small rooms opening from it. The partition walls are frame, with vertical board sheathing. On both floors the major walls are plastered.

The rear ell is a single room with a large hearth with a wooden lintel spanning the opening; the present shelf is supported by brackets. The corner cupboard and the boxed staircase on the opposite wall both have narrow vertical beaded board sheathing. In the loft, there are small windows very close to the floor on the north and south walls. Window frames on both floors are beaded boards.

To the west of the kitchen wing, a second summer kitchen exists. This area, which is essentially a screened porch is accessible from both the main kitchen and the outside.

The frame addition to the north is two stories tall, one room up and one room down. It does not connect with the stone section on either floor. The frame section has been covered with asbestos shingles.

All three sections have standing seam tin roofs.

Two frame outbuildings are barely discernable to the southwest of the house.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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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) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1875 with 20th century addition BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greenbury Howard, one of Enoch George's 5 children probably built the ~~stone~~ house in the latter part of the 19th century. The frame addition was constructed in the 2nd quarter of the 20th century by an aunt who wanted separate but adjacent living space. This parcel was sold by the Howard heirs to the State in 1970 (Montgomery County land records 7/10/1970, 3979/158).

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Both houses, through the better part of the 20th century were used by the Howard family as summer residences. Thus, plumbing, heating and electric facilities were never installed.

An interesting postscript is that when Enoch George Howard died, his estate was divided equally among his five children. Greenbury bought several of these shares from his siblings. The money from the Greenbury Howard/Martha Howard Murphy transaction (Montgomery County land records 1/29/1898, TD2/222) was used to start the Afro-American, a newspaper in Baltimore.

## Recommendations

The Howard Houses, as with the Gaither/Howard House (M 23-8A), are in poor condition due to gross neglect by park authorities. Since Plumbing, electrical, and gas facilities were never installed, renovation/restoration cost would be astronomical. A viable alternative, however, would be to stabilize the exterior walls of both buildings and convert these shells into picnic or camping shelter areas for limited access use. These sites readily lend themselves to scenic rest stops for horse or hiking trails.

If however immediate attention cannot be given to stabilization by the Department of Natural Resources, then it is recommended that the Howard house, as well as the Gaither/Howard house, be returned to private ownership with a protective easement affixed to both the dwellings and the surrounding land.

The Howard cemetery should be cleared of the extensive vegetation which has grown around it and then continued to be properly landscaped.

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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

Bridget Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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.

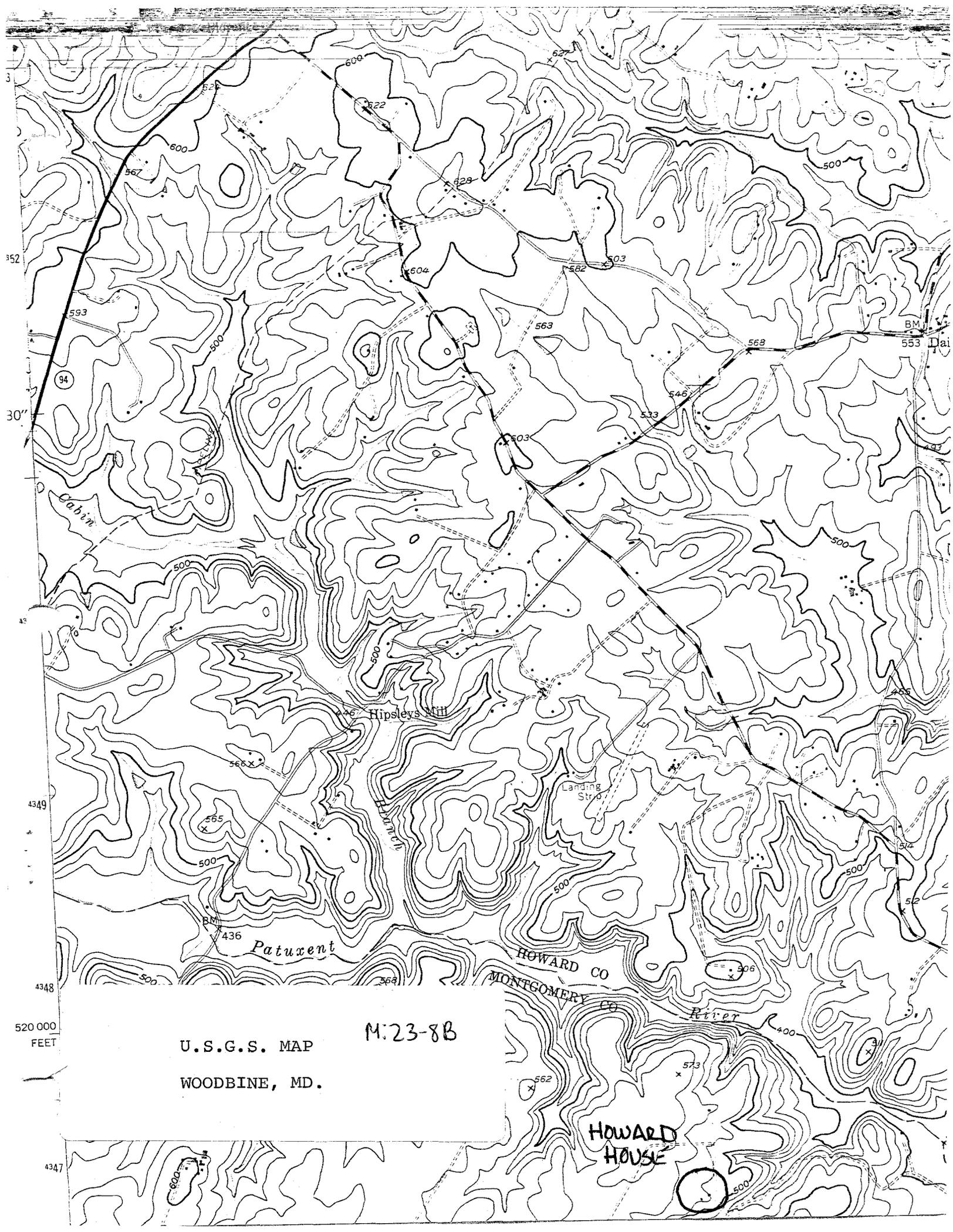
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Howard House - Title Search

<u>Land Record/ Date</u>	<u>Grantor/Grantee</u>	<u>Description</u>
3979/158 7/10/1970	Heirs of Howard, Greenbury W. and Rebecca to Maryland Depart- ment of Natural Resources	Being part of all that tract of land of the estate of Greenbury W. Howard (Wills PEW 9/79)
JA 55/1 7/14/1896	Howard, John H. and Harriet A; Johnson, Martha E. and Thomas; Oliver, Maria B. and Jacob; Coxen, Harriet H; Murphy, Martha E. and John H. to Howard, Greenbury	Known as Lot #2 in the division of George Howard's home farm containing 100 acres $\pm$
JGH 8/671 8/5/1862	Griffith, Maria G, et al, to Howard, George	Converges with Gaither/Howard house.



U.S.G.S. MAP

WOODBINE, MD.

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HOWARD  
HOUSE



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Howard House  
northside of Damascus Road  
Patuxent State Park  
Damascus, MD  
SE Elevation

MD:11/74



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Howard House  
north side of Damascus Road  
Patuxent State Park  
Damascus, MD  
N.W. Elevation

MD; 11/74

HARRIET E.

Beloved wife of  
George Howard

Born June 12.

A. D. 1845.

Died Dec. 22 1882.

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Though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of  
death, I will fear no evil: for  
thou art with me, O Lord,  
and thy rod and thy staff  
comfort me.

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HOWARD CEMETERY  
BETWEEN THE HOWARD/GAITHER HOUSE  
AND THE HOWARD HOUSE

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

BMD 5/79

E. GEORGE  
HOWARD

Born

In Montgomery Co. Md.

Oct. 11, 1814.

Died

Jan. 14, 1895.

Peace

Peace

Rest

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HOWARD CEMETERY

BETWEEN THE HOWARD/GAITHER HOUSE  
AND THE HOWARD HOUSE

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

BMD 5/79