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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 114 Angelwood/Keewaydin Survey Number: WA-IV-089

Project: MHRP Rehabilitation Agency: Washington Co.

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Keewaydin is significant for its association with Dr. Walter Reed, noted U.S. Army physician. This property was owned by Dr. Reed and his family as a summer home from 1899 - 1921. Dr. Reed became an assistant surgeon in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1875 and was associated with the medical corps for the rest of his life. Reed made significant contributions to the fields of bacteriology and pathology and is noted for the discovery that Yellow Fever is spread by a specie of mosquito. Dr. Reed held the rank of Major, was a professor of bacteriology and pathology, and served as curator of the Army Medical Museum in Washington, D.C. The U.S. Army Hospital in Washington, D.C. was named in his honor.

The house is also significant for its architecture as an example of a turn of the century summer house in the shingle style. A multi-gabled structure with a very irregular appearance, Keewaydin has large open porches, a rough stone foundation and shingle cladding. The Highfield, Cascade, Maryland-Blue Ridge Summit area was a popular summer resort during the turn of the century. The Western Maryland Railroad made the region accessible from Baltimore and Washington. Many summer homes were constructed on South Mountain at that time.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory form

WA-IV-089

Prepared by: Paula Stoner Dickey

Elizabeth Hannold May 4, 1992  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Ronald L. Anderson 4 May 92  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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Survey No. WA-IV-089

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

WA IV-089

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FRANKLIN COUNTY  
WASHINGTON COUNTY

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CASCADE

WASHINGTON  
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MILITARY RESERVATION

WJEJ  
Radio Tower

WASHINGTON  
FREDERICK  
COUNTY  
COUNTY

See ADC's  
"FREDERICK COUNTY, MD STREET MAP"  
For Continuation

DOES NOT JOIN MAP 13

A

B

21780

420,000 FT

ALLEGANY CO  
WASHINGTON  
CO

CATACTIN MOUNTAIN

01/B  
1ST AVE  
2ND AVE  
650

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-IV-089**

**18th-19th Century**

**Mt. Angelwood, Keewaydin**

**Cascade Vicinity**

**private**

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
**Mt. Angelwood, Keewaydin**  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
**Water Company Road**

CITY, TOWN  
**Highfield**

VICINITY OF **Cascade**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
**6**

STATE  
**Maryland**

COUNTY  
**Washington**

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
**Lt. Col. & Mrs. K. D. O'Bryan**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
**P. O. Box 577**

CITY, TOWN  
**Cascade**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
**Maryland 21719**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **374**  
Folio #: **001**

STREET & NUMBER  
**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE  
**Maryland 21740**

**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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED $\leq$ 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This shingle sheathed frame house is located off Water Company Road, east of Cascade and Highfield and south of Blue Ridge Summit, Pennsylvania on the side of South Mountain, near its top, in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a terraced area of the mountain's side and faces north.

The building is a multi-gabled structure, two stories high with a one and a half story back section set perpendicular to the main building. The second story of this front portion overhangs the first level by several feet being constructed above an open porch supported by round pillars resting on stone piers. Shingled panels span the area between the piers.

The front or north elevation of the house has a very irregular appearance. Although the house is only three bays wide at the front elevation, its overhanging second story makes it appear much larger. From the front or north, variations such as a projecting gable, a jerkinhead and hip form the roof line beneath which are both enclosed and open porches. The back part of the house, only one and a half stories high, is also three bays wide and is off set against the front section so that the entire plan of the house is irregular. Where shingles do not cover the exterior surface of the building, German siding is used. Multi-paned windows light the dormers and main rooms. The roofs are sheathed with asbestos shingles.

Although the house would appear to have been built in sections most interior woodwork and trim is consistent throughout the structure. Most of the millwork is of a type associated with the turn of the century period. The interior of the front section of the house at the first story consists of one large parlor with a fireplace in the west wall and double run stair in the northeast corner. In a closet beneath the stair written in pencil on the back of a riser is the inscription, "Dr. Reed, Blue Ridge Summit." Behind in the back section there are two rooms, a kitchen and dining room. The dining room has a back stair with a lattice work balustrade.

The house appears to be in good condition and stands on a tract of land containing nine acres. From the rear entrance a terraced walkway leads beneath an arbor to outbuildings and yard area

**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	
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<input checked="" 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

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Dr. Reed purchased this property in two transactions, one in 1899 from Theodore S. Royer and one in 1901 from T. A. Wastler (111/228, 150/62). Further examination is necessary to determine how many periods of building are represented in the house, but the notation on the back of the stair step in the front section, inscribed "Dr. Walter Reed, Blue Ridge Summit," would suggest that at least a portion of the work was done during Reed's ownership. Dr. Reed died in 1902. The summer home remained in his family until 1921, being sold by his wife, Emily Lawrence Reed (161/42). The present owners of the house have some Reed family items including a photograph of the house labeled in Mrs. Reed's hand writing, "Walter Reed's summer home, 1902."

Dr. Walter Reed was born in 1851 in Virginia and at the age of 18 he received an M. D. degree from the University of Virginia. In 1873 he received another M. D. degree from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York. Dr. Reed became assistant surgeon in the U. S. Army Medical Corps in 1875 and was associated with the medical corps for the rest of his life. He began research in bacteriology and pathology in 1890 when stationed in Baltimore which led to the study of the spread of various diseases such as Typhoid and Yellow Fever. Among the most noted of Dr. Reed's discoveries resulted in the control of Yellow Fever through experiments that proved that the disease was spread by a specie of mosquito. This work was under taken with soldiers in Cuba during the Spanish American War. Dr. Reed held the rank of Major, was a professor of bacteriology and pathology at the George Washington University and served as curator of the Army Medical Museum in Washington D. C. After his death on November 23, 1902, the U. S. Army Hospital in Washington D. C. was named in his honor.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

O'Bryen, K. D., Notes Compiled on the Reed Summer House.  
 The National Cycloedia of American Biography. Vol. 33, NY: James T. White & Company  
 1947.

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9 acres

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

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**December 1977**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

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

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P. O. Box 577  
Cascade, MD 21719  
October 8, 1975

Dr. William B. Bean  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Iowa City, Iowa 52242

Dear Doctor Bean,

I must apologize for the inordinate delay in replying to your letter.

I am afraid the trail of Mrs Reed's books is a dead end. The books were sold about February or March at one of the weekly auctions held at the local Volunteer Fire Company. The regular auctioneer is Edgar J. Stull who does have an exceptional memory for individual items, prices, and purchasers but in this case he can not recall who bought the merchandise.

Materials sold at these auctions are on consignment from various individuals in the community and may come from as many as twenty different sources in a single weekly sale. Records are kept of the items sold and significant items can be identified from these records, but there is no catalog of items as might be prepared for a Parke-Burnett sale. The newspaper ads are of no help since several from that time period included the identical entry, "books." The Reed family ownership of the books was not noted until the time of the sale.

Purchasers use numbered cards for identification and the listings of names and addresses versus the numbers are not kept beyond the time all accounts have been settled. The records would hardly help even if they were available since the clerks do not have time to write a full description on the sale item register, and once again the identification of those lots would probably have been simply, "books."

There are a number of antique dealers from within a radius of about 90 miles who more or less routinely attend the auctions and do buy a significant number of book lots, but individual buyers also account for a goodly portion of the total.

As I recall there were two lots of Mrs Reed's books sold. One was the books in French - thirty or forty in number - and a similar quantity of miscellaneous books, mostly novels of the pre-World War I period. Neither carton brought spirited bidding but I do not remember anything of the purchasers.

I can understand that it must be frustrating to you to have such a lead develop only to slip beyond your grasp before anything can

be done. I will keep alert for any future "Reed" items that may appear at these Thursday evening auctions since I do attend quite regularly, and the sales are again in progress after a summer break.

If you should make your visit here during the winter months, be prepared for weather as chilling as that in Iowa City. Keewaydin was an Indian word for the North wind, and it blows across this mountaintop with a force and regularity that well justify the Reeds' use of the name.

Sincerely,

K. D. O'Bryen

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THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

IOWA CITY, IOWA 52242



University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Department of Internal Medicine

Area 319: 356-2883

If no answer, 356-1618

July 15, 1975

Colonel K.D. O'Bryen  
P.O. Box 577  
Cascade, Maryland 21719

Dear Col. O'Bryen,

Your letter of the 10th. of July is before me together with the fascinating enclosures and the remarkable account of the house in times gone by. I suppose Walter Reed must have referred by name to "Keewaydin" in at least 20 letters he wrote to his wife, particularly from Havana during the yellow fever studies. There are one or two deeds planned in the general vicinity or at least comments about purchasing ground.

You fascinate me by describing a auction where some of the Reed books were sold. If you could give me any details of this particularly who the auctioneer was, who the owner was at that time and the purchaser, information you no doubt do not have, I should be greatly indebted to you. The only collection of Walter Reed things that I know were sold within the last 10 or 15 years was bought by a urologist named, Latimer, in New York City and I have looked over all of his material and gotten copies of a few things of interest.

When I get back down to Galveston I will have my secretary make excerpts of comments about the property, the planning and so on. Is there now adjoining the place a reservoir which appears in some older maps? I will also look up photographs and send you copies. There is at least one of the house as it stood when Walter Reed had it. There is another of Walter Reed and about a 15 year old daughter hanging on his back. There is one of Mrs. Reed sitting on the porch in a rocking chair. I have a feeling I found one or two others somewhere, but I will either lend them to you or get copies made. I will also send you copies of a series of papers I have written on Walter Reed particularly in the past several years. I am enormously grateful to you and hope I have a chance to pay another visit to Blue Ridge Summit and have you conduct me around through the house and around the territory.

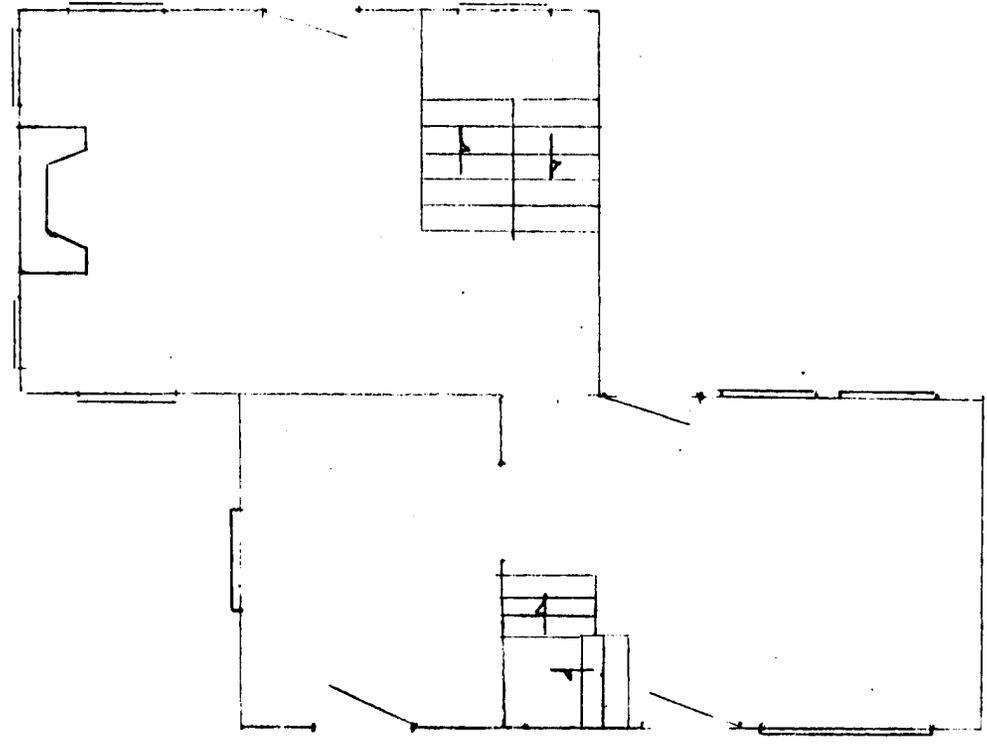
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*WBB*

William B. Bean, M.D.  
Sir William Osler Professor  
of Medicine

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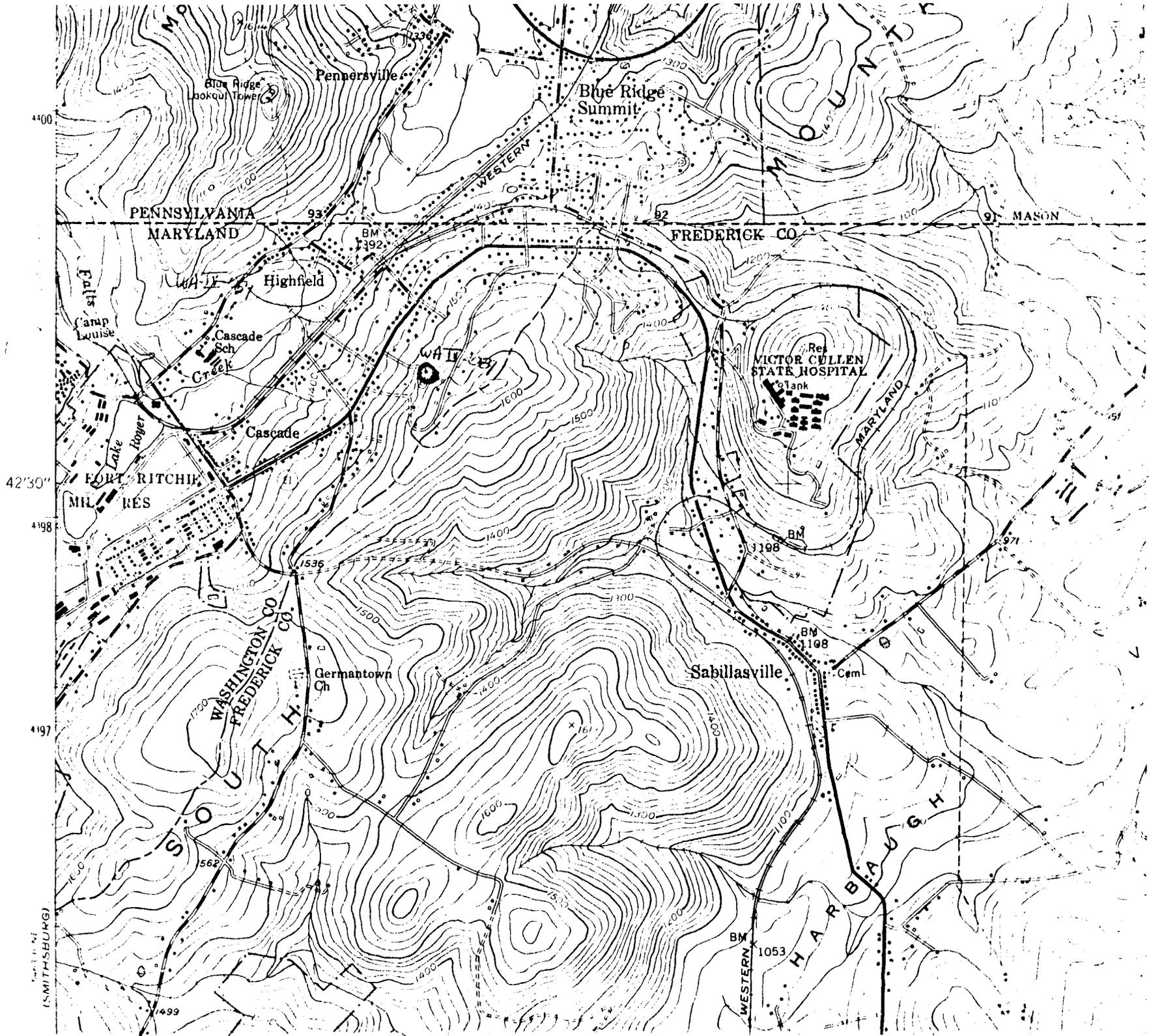
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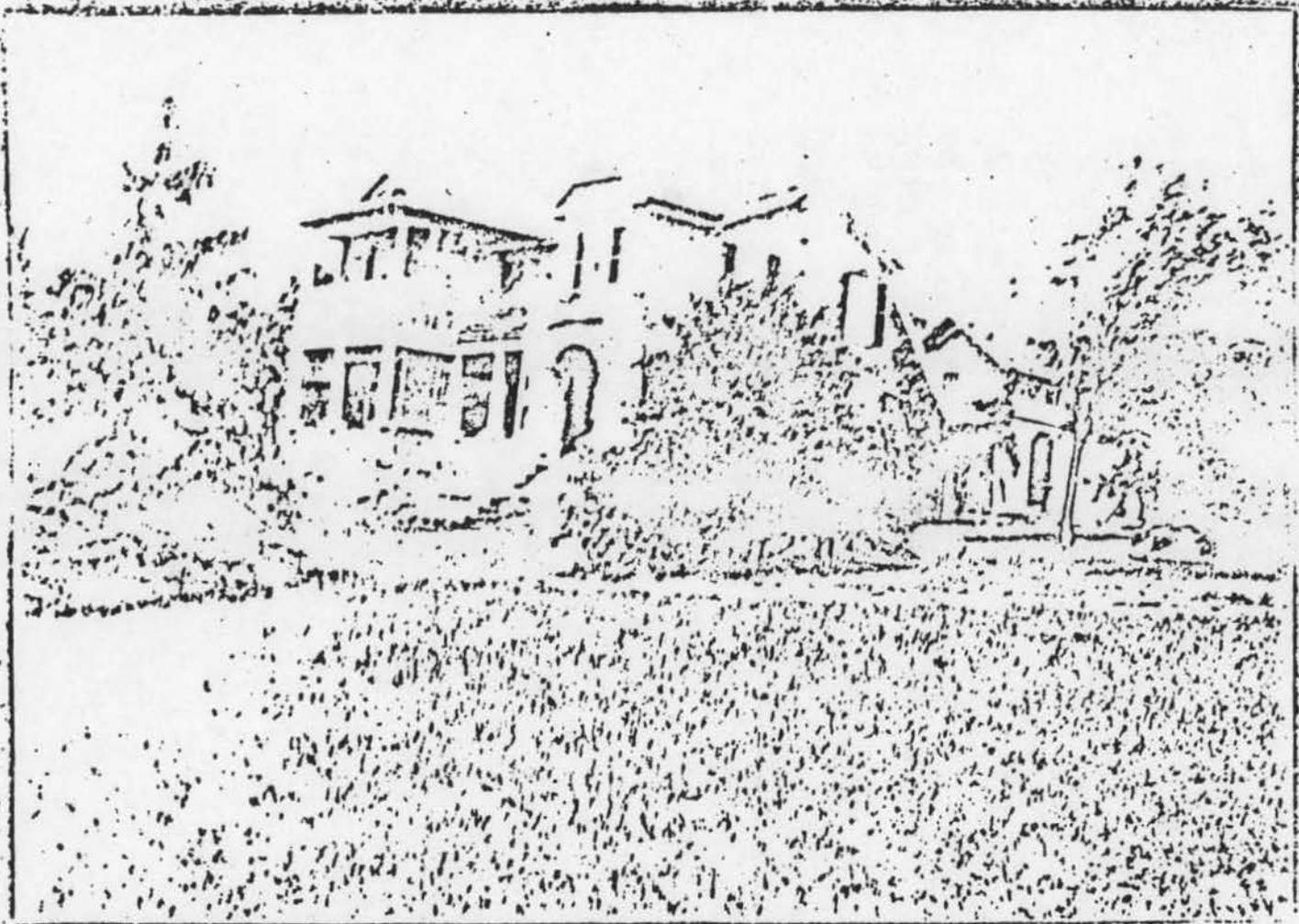
Keewaydin, Cascade, Md. approximate floor plan 1<sup>st</sup> story

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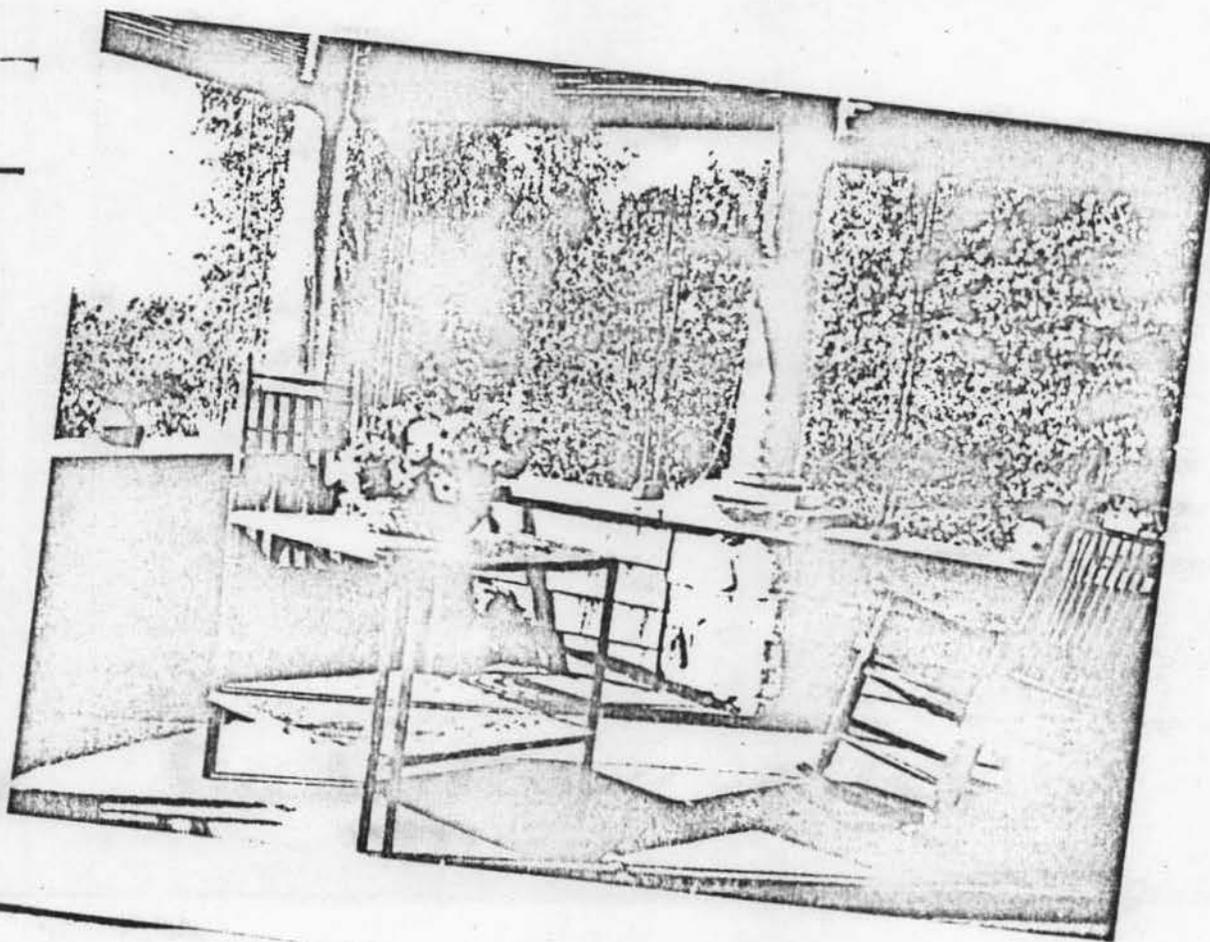
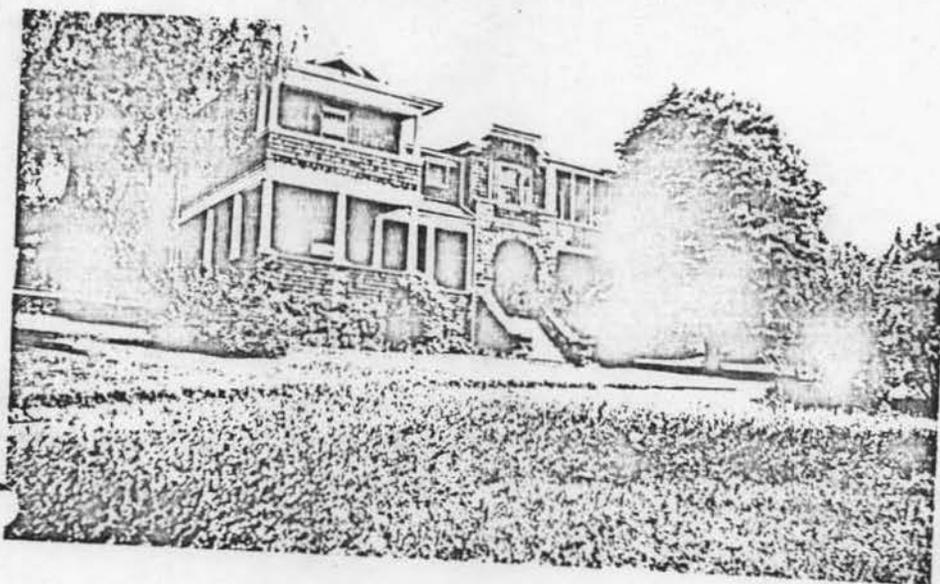
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Walter R. Rosten's home - 1941

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Cascade vicinity

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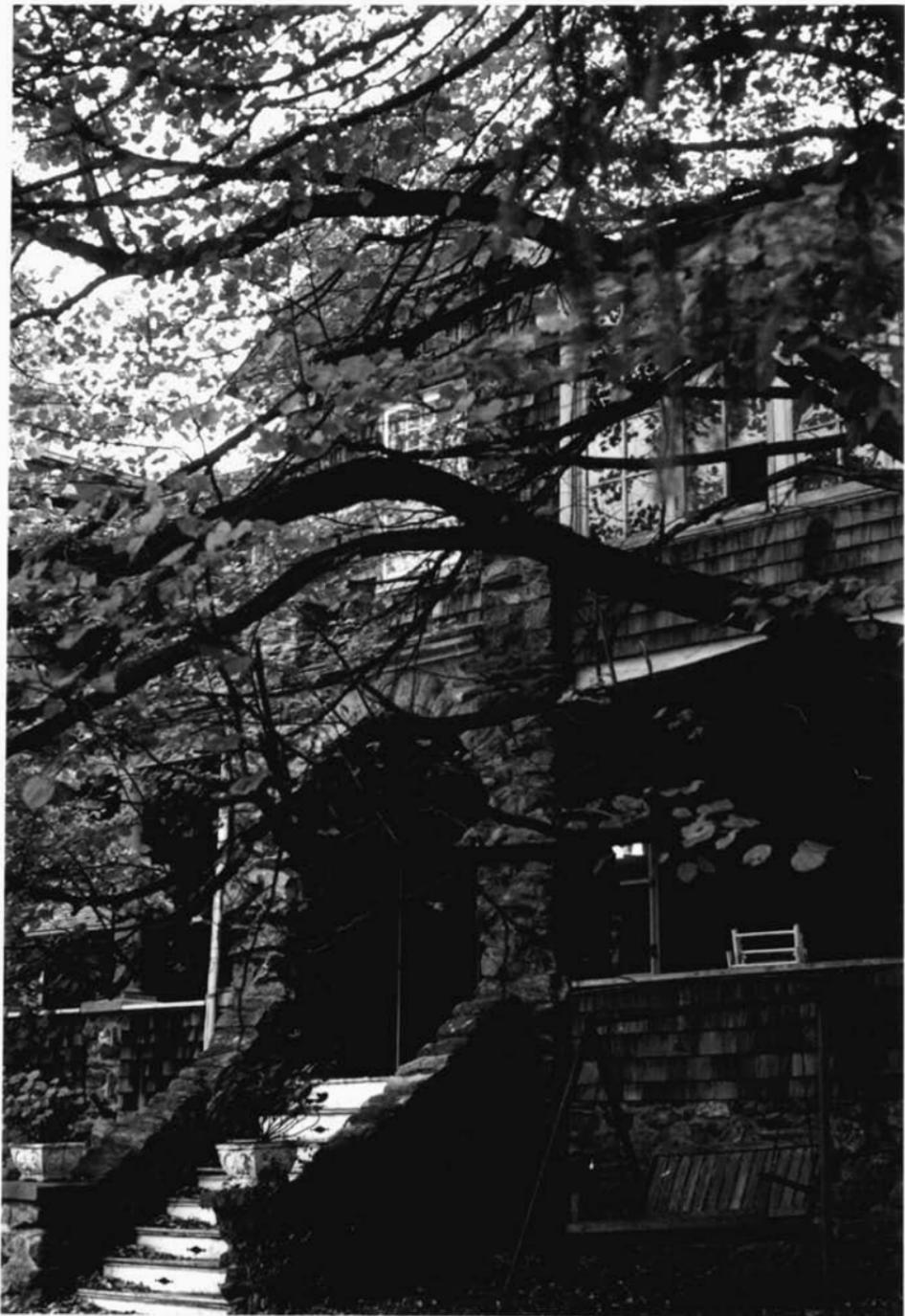
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Mt. Angelwood, Keewaydin  
off Water Company Road, Highfield  
Cascade vicinity

WILSON TICKET

WASHINGTON CO

WATER SURVEY