

HA-1069

## Harford Furnace Store

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Harford Furnace Store  
2605 Cresswell Road  
Bel Air, MD 21014

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Harford Furnace Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 2605 Cresswell Road

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
First

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gayley

Telephone #: 734-6249

STREET & NUMBER  
2605 Cresswell Road

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
MD 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 331  
Folio #: 87

STREET & NUMBER  
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland 21014

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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**

This rubble stone structure, now a private dwelling, is thought to have been the general store at Harford Furnace. The structure is located on Creswell Road atop a steep hill and is el-shaped. It faces west by southwest.

This house represents several periods of time. The oldest unit, at the southwest end, is thought to have been constructed in the 1760's. The 3 bays by 2, stone addition was probably built in the early nineteenth century, while a stone addition on the southeast is a recent replacement for a frame unit built on in the last 1800's.

The stone wall on the west facade is stuccoed at the first elevation. On the south side, the ground level and the first elevation are stuccoed.

The roof on all sections is slate. It is gable flank on all but the south end of the old unit where the roof forms a hip. There is a box cornice. There are three, corbeled brick chimneys, all flush with the walls. One is on the north end of the first addition and a chimney on both the east and west sides of the old unit. There is no real attic in this house.

Windows in most of the house are six lights over six throughout. These have brick flat arches.

The house is built into a hill and has an entrance into the cellar on the south side. There is a cellar under the entire house. A fireplace support is on the west wall of the old unit. The floor in this section, originally wood plank over dirt, is now cemented. A cooking fireplace is located on the east end. Its flue has been closed up. A dumbwaiter is on the east wall. The cellar under the first addition is little more than a crawl space.

The positioning of fireplaces in the oldest unit, seem to indicate that this unit may have originally been a hip roofed house facing south. The fireplace in the west room of the old unit has been changed and now has a marble, semi-elliptical face with a cartouche. Floors in this unit have been changed and the eastern fireplace closed.

A door in what is now the old unit's bathroom has a three light transom. This door opens onto a small landing and a flight of stairs. the hallway of the old unit is a through hall. The stairway to the second elevation is in the northeast corner. The stairway has been re-done. The main door on the west facade has a four light transom. The door itself has an old box lock.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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**

This dwelling served at one time as a general store at Harford Furnace and possibly as a hotel. The structure is on Cresswell Road opposite the site of Harford Furnace and the glebe house (HA-871).

Situated on the tracts Nova Scotia, originally surveyed as a 1500 acre tract for Thomas Sterling in 1684, and Ranger's Range, patented in 1682 by David Jones, this house and land may possibly have been part of the Bush River Iron Works. Information concerning this company and its holdings is vague in the 1798 Federal Tax List. At that time this particular piece of property was owned by Daniel Robertson. Dwellings listed include two frame houses as well as a kitchen, milk house and two outbuildings. However, if this house was actually being used as a general store its assessment have been listed separately. Information for the 1798 Tax List from Harford Upper Hundred is quite sketchy.

Many of the local newspaper articles concerning Harford Furnace mention that "The General Store" was on the site of property owned until recently by Dr. Callahan, who used the original walls in his construction." (Harford Gazette, "Scene of Iron Smelting in Old Days," James R. Simmons, 1949). This is mentioned in a few articles after 1949 and probably used Simmons' article as their main source of information. What he actually meant is not known, for the walls of the present dwelling appear original save for some fresh stucco and repointing. The interior has been modernized and much detail has probably been lost, but the house definitely does not appear to have been completely rebuilt in the recent past by Dr. Callahan or anyone else.

Southeast of the house are remnants of a mill race and north of the house, near on corner of the Gayley's boundary line, is a slight mound where once existed the Harford Furnace Library.

All that remains of what was once an industrial center of the county is the Gayley's house, the Kintail Glebe(HA-871) and springhouse (HA-872).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Sidelights on Maryland History, by Hestor Dorsey Richardson, Williams and Wilkins Co. 1913  
History of Harford County, Walter W. Preston  
Scene of Iron Smelting in Old Days, from Harford Gazette, James R. Simmons  
 Baker, Helen; Do You Know Harford County, 6 January 1956 issue of the Harford Democrat, Aberdeen, MD

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 17.75 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

This property is bounded on the west by Creswell Road (MD 543) and on the north and east by the property of William Boniface.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	
Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Historic District Commission	
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	838-6000, ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	Maryland

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

The wall between the oldest unit and the first addition is almost two feet thick. Windows in this unit have been changed. These were originally 6/6. They were then changed to floor-to-ceiling size and are presently shortened slightly in length, each window having two ten-light casements. The fireplace on the north end of this room has been re-faced. A trap door in the ceiling near the chimney flue is said to have been used for access to a storeroom above when this unit was the area's general store.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

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National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation SheetHarford Furnace Historic District  
Harford County, Maryland

HA-1755

Section number 7 Page 7.4HARFORD FURNACE STORE (HA-1069) 2605 Creswell Road; c. 1845; c. 1870

Now converted into a private residence, this two-story, gable-roofed rubble stone structure was the general store for the Harford Furnace complex. A building marked "Store" is shown on this site on both the 1858 and 1878 Harford County maps and the building's present owners have a c. 1870 photograph of the structure when it was a store. At that time a shed-roofed porch spanned the west and south facades. The porch has been replaced by a smaller version, but the two facades otherwise are similar to their c. 1870 appearance.

The store was built in three parts and now has an L-shaped plan. The oldest section is three bays long and two deep and is believed to be the southern half of the main section. Later an identical addition was put onto the north and the unit almost reads as one. The masonry is slightly different and there is a ~~seam~~ present to mark sections. The 6/6 windows are replacements but are similar to those seen in the 19th century photograph. A two-story wing extends to the east, forming the L. This wing dates to the mid 20th century but is a replacement of a late 19th-century frame wing. The interior has been altered but the exterior still suggests the building's commercial era.

## FRAME HOUSE, 3017 Goat Hill Road, possibly 19th century

One story frame building adapted in recent years as a dwelling, no historical association with the furnace is documented.

Title Search  
HA-1069

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gayley  
2605 Cresswell Road  
Bel Air, MD 21014

331	87	5/15/1949	Grantor: Timothy A. and Margaret A. Callahan Grantee: John W. and Janet C. Gayley Acreage: 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres
DGW	181	186 1/16/1923	Grantor: Thomas A. Cassilly, Jr. (Attorney for James Walsh) Grantee: Timothy A. and Margaret A. Callahan
ALJ	60	508 9/3/1888	Grantor: Edwin H. Webster and Henry D. Farnandis, Trustees, et al Grantee: James Walsh Acreage: 205 acres "Harford Furnace Property": "Rangers Lodge", "Nova Scotia"
JMM	11	99 5/31/1888	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James Walsh Grantee: I bequeath the rest and residue of my estate to my son, James Walsh
HD	18	150 5/4/1835	Grantor: St. George's Parish Grantee: Joseph W. Patterson (Edward Patterson and Richard Green)
HD	11	38 7/29/1827	Grantor: Edward Griffith Grantee: Vestry of St. George's Parish Acreage: 205 acres, "Nova Scotia" and "Ranger's Lodge"
JLG	P	69 2/4/1800	Grantor: Daniel Robertson Grantee: John Allen Acreage: "Nova Scotia" and "Ranger's Lodge"
JLG	A	184 2/2/1778	Grantor: Isaac Webster Grantee: Daniel Robertson Acreage: 100 acres part of "Nova Scotia" and part of "Ranger's Lodge"
JLG	A	218 6/28/1776	Grantor: Jacob Giles, John Bond, Isaac Webster, John Lee Webster, James Webster, owners proprietors of the Bush River Iron Works Grantee: Daniel Robertson Acreage: 150 acres

INVENTORY NO. HA-1069 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/79 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Harford Furnace Store

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 2605 Creswell Road, Creswell

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: west

NAME OF OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. John Gayley

ADDRESS: 2605 Creswell Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21014

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: recent ell on east

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, ~~GABLE FLANK~~, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: north end of west section, south corner of west facade,  
east wall of oldest portion

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

HA-1069

Harford Furnace Store  
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Bel Air, 21014

According to the 1878 Martenet's Map, the main compound of the Harford Furnace and Chemical Works (1867-1876) was concentrated at the intersection of Creswell Road and Goat Hill Road and along the west bank of James Run. Of the large community that sprang up around the Furnace, including a charcoal iron furnace, a four-building chemical works, a "flouring mill", saw mill, 45 dwelling houses, wheelwright, blacksmith, coppersmith, cooper and harness shops, a store, warehouse, and offices, only two dwellings (HA-871, HA-1067), the charcoal shed, and this house that formerly served as the store remain. The house has been altered since it was used as the store, but it is important as the lone survivor of the commercial enterprises that flourished around the Harford Furnace.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC  
Harford Furnace Store

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
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CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
First

STATE

Md.

COUNTY  
Harford

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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

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Telephone #: 734-6249

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CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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Liber #: 331

Folio #: 87

STREET & NUMBER  
40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Md. 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two-story, gable-roofed rubblestone structure, thought to have been the Furnace General Store, is located on the east side of Creswell Road (Md. Rt. 543) just south of the intersection with Goat Hill Road.

Built in three parts, the structure is el-shaped, with the six bay long side of the el (heretofore referred to as the west section) running approximately north-south and the short side extending east with its south side flush with the south end of the section. The south end of the former is hipped. The oldest section, dating from the late 18th or early 19th century, is at the juncture of the el, constituting three bays of the west facade and two bays of the south facade. Built second was the three bay by two bay north portion of the western section. The el-or east section-was built recently to replace a frame late 19th century wing. Portions of the composite structure are stuccoed.

Most windows have 6/6 sash, although several have been replaced with casement windows. Interior brick chimneys are in the north end of the western section, the south corner of the western facade, and in the east wall of the oldest portion where the new east wing was added. A pent roof in the first story extends along the northern four bays of the west facade. Originally a one-story porch wrapped around the west facade and south end of the west section.

The interior has been altered substantially. However, the current owners found hooks in the ceiling of the north room, supporting the theory that this structure served as a store. (Also, see enclosed photograph).

The library was located northeast of the house on the east side of Creswell Road; there is no longer any visible evidence of its location.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Only fragments remain of the community built around what was known as the Harford Furnace (1830-1867) and later the Harford Furnace and Chemical Works (1867-1876). According to the 1878 Martenet's Map of Harford County, the main compound was concentrated at the intersection of Creswell Road (Md. Rt.543) and Goat Hill Road and along the west bank of James Run.

In its heyday in the third quarter of the 19th century, Harford Furnace comprised 5873 acres, a charcoal iron furnace, a four-building chemical works, a "flouring mill", a "steam sawmill", at least 45 dwelling houses (including "barracks"), wheelwright, blacksmith, coppersmith, cooper and harness shops, a store, a warehouse, and offices.

Today, recognizable components of this community are few. This house, formerly the Harford Furnace store, is one. Others are the charcoal shed (now a house owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Smith), a stone house that probably housed workers (HA-871), the stone mansion built by the last owner of the Furnace (now the administration building of Eastern Cristian College), and foundations of the industrial complex on the west bank of James Run.

The present owners of this house have photographs of the building when it was a store. At that time a shed-roofed, one-story porch spanned the west and south facade; it appears to have been set on raised piers on a high stone wall with a flight of wooden steps at one end. Since then, the building has been altered substantially, notably the rear wing and the interior. However, it is important as the lone survivor of the commercial enterprises that flourished around the Harford Furnace.

Situated on the tracts "Nova Scotia", originally surveyed as a 1500 acre tract for Thomas Sterling in 1684, and "Ranger's Range", patented in 1682 by David Jones, this land may also have been part of the 18th century Bush River Iron Works. The 1798 Tax List indicates that Daniel Robertson owned this piece of property and at that time it had on it two frame houses, a kitchen, a milk house, and two out-buildings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Gatley House.

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Caswell Road (Mc 543) 100yds

CITY OR TOWN: Caswell south of Goat Hill Road

STATE: Md COUNTY: Harford

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: John W. Gatley

STREET AND NUMBER: Caswell Road

CITY OR TOWN: Caswell STATE: Md

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone farmhouse, partly stuccoed, is L shaped, 2 stories high, ~~6~~ bays by 2 in the main house with 1 bay in the original wing, now ~~the~~ extended. Facing west, the wing runs east along the south end wall, (the extension under a slightly lower roof). Windows have 6 lights on 6.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmhouse is a well-kept country estate.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

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

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: **255 NIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND**

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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INVENTORY NO. 1069 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 10/13/77 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: HARFORD FURNACE STORE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West x South West

Calahan solo to Gayley

NAME OF OWNER: MR and Mrs John W Gayley (1790's? Walsh)

ADDRESS: 2605 Creswell Road

Bel Air, MD 21014 Original Hse 1760's

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[X] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 3x2 3x2 6x2 w. 34' 10"

WALL CONSTRUCTION: new addition 2 story stone } replace an old frame addition (late 1800's)  
1. 28' 10"  
29' 7" (33')

FP Support West

DUMONAITER IN CELLAR  
ROUTING F.P. EAST END (closed up)  
WOODEN FLOORING OVER dirt  
NEW CEMENT FLOOR.

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- [ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- [X] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- [ ] LOG

STUCCO ON 1st elevation  
SOUTH - on ground + 1st elevat.

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[X] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]  
see FLOOR PLANS

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
4 ft

Box  
CORNICE

BARGE, EAVES: original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[X] STONE[ ] CORBELED[X] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: FLUSH - North, South West, and in the new addition

ARCHES: NO ATTIC  
BRICK FLAT ARCHES \* southeast?

CELLAR UNDER WHOLE HOUSE  
COMMENTS: ORIGINALLY A SIDE HALL FLOOR PLAN.

Library Building  
NORTH OF HSE  
ON SAME SIDE OF ROAD

MILL RACE IN THE WOODS  
Behind house (east of house)

WINDOW

WINDOW

NOVA CUPBOARD

A DOOR  
CHANGED  
INTO  
A BOOK  
CASE

Firepl.  
changed

TRAD door  
above here  
(for access  
to store room)  
above:

10 LT  
CASEMENTS

33'

22

THICK

Box Lock

STAIRWAY  
altered

SIDE  
LITE

SIDE  
LT

Floors  
changed

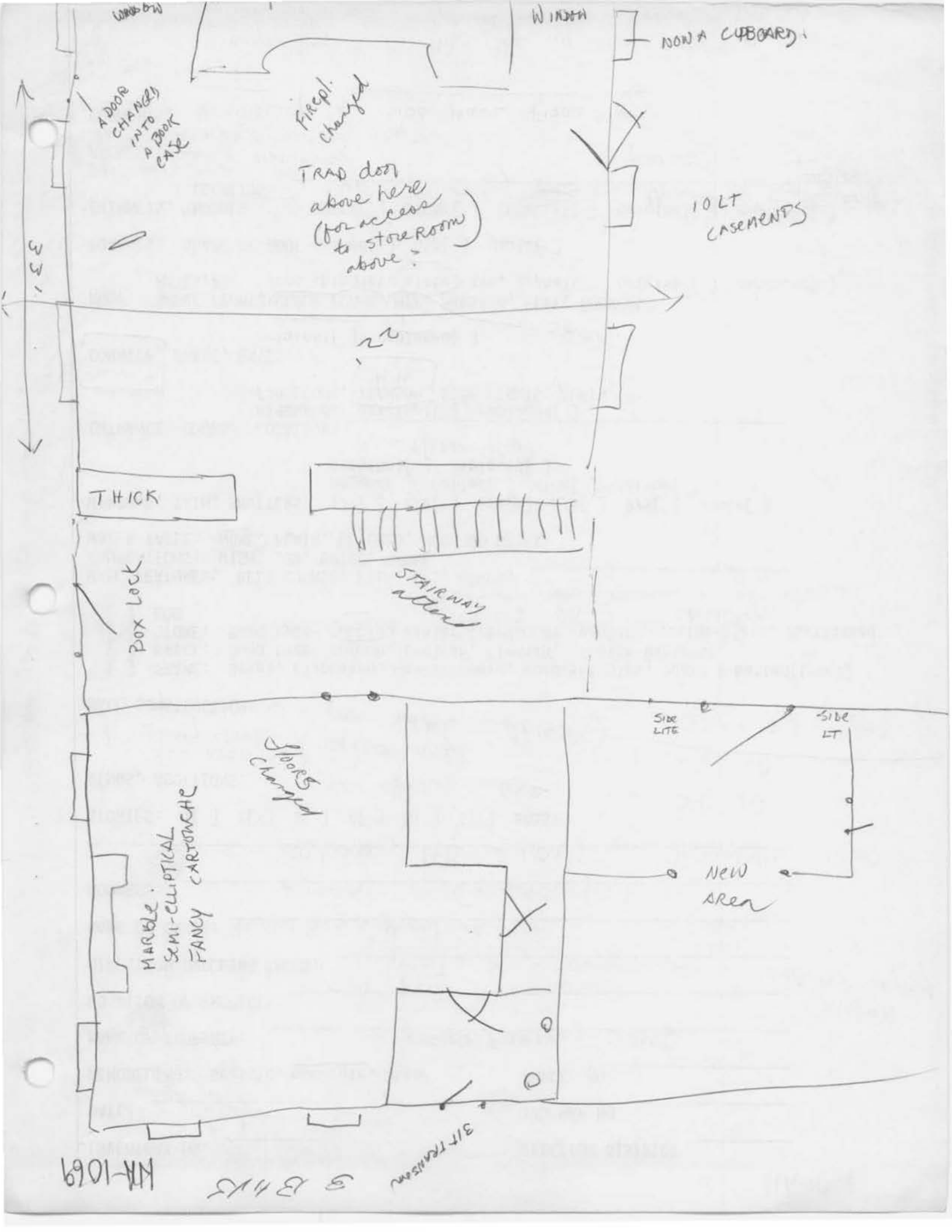
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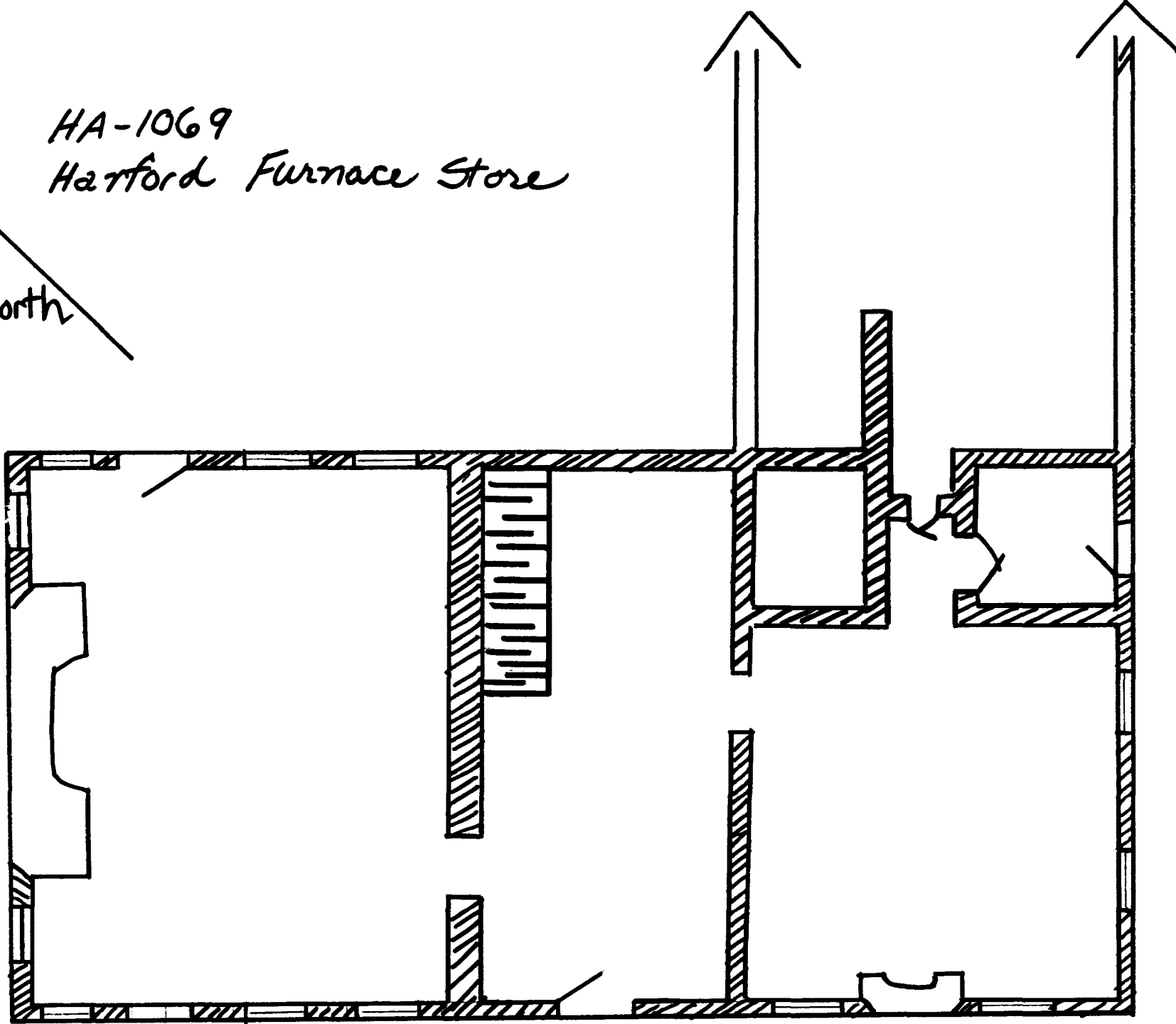
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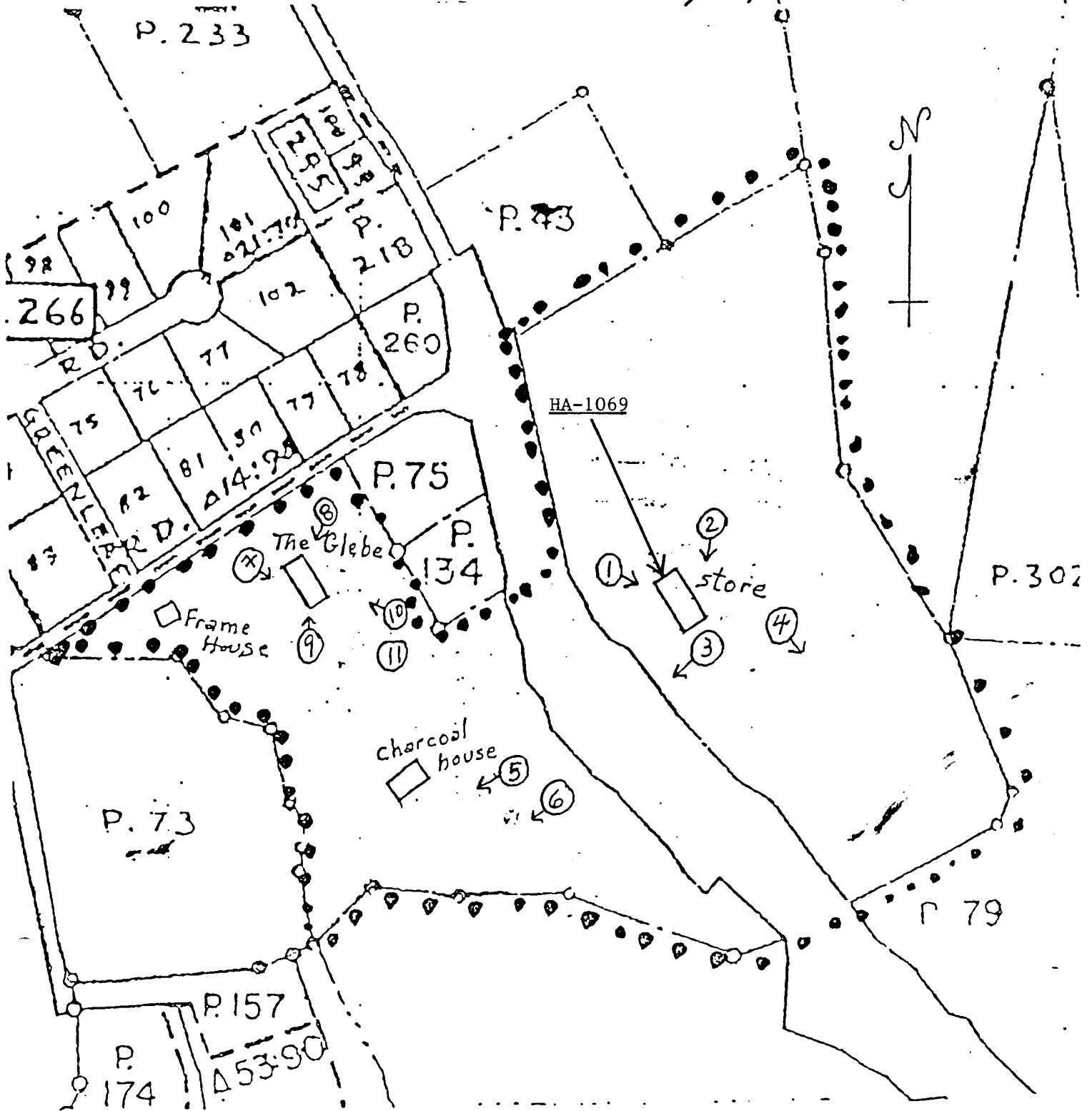
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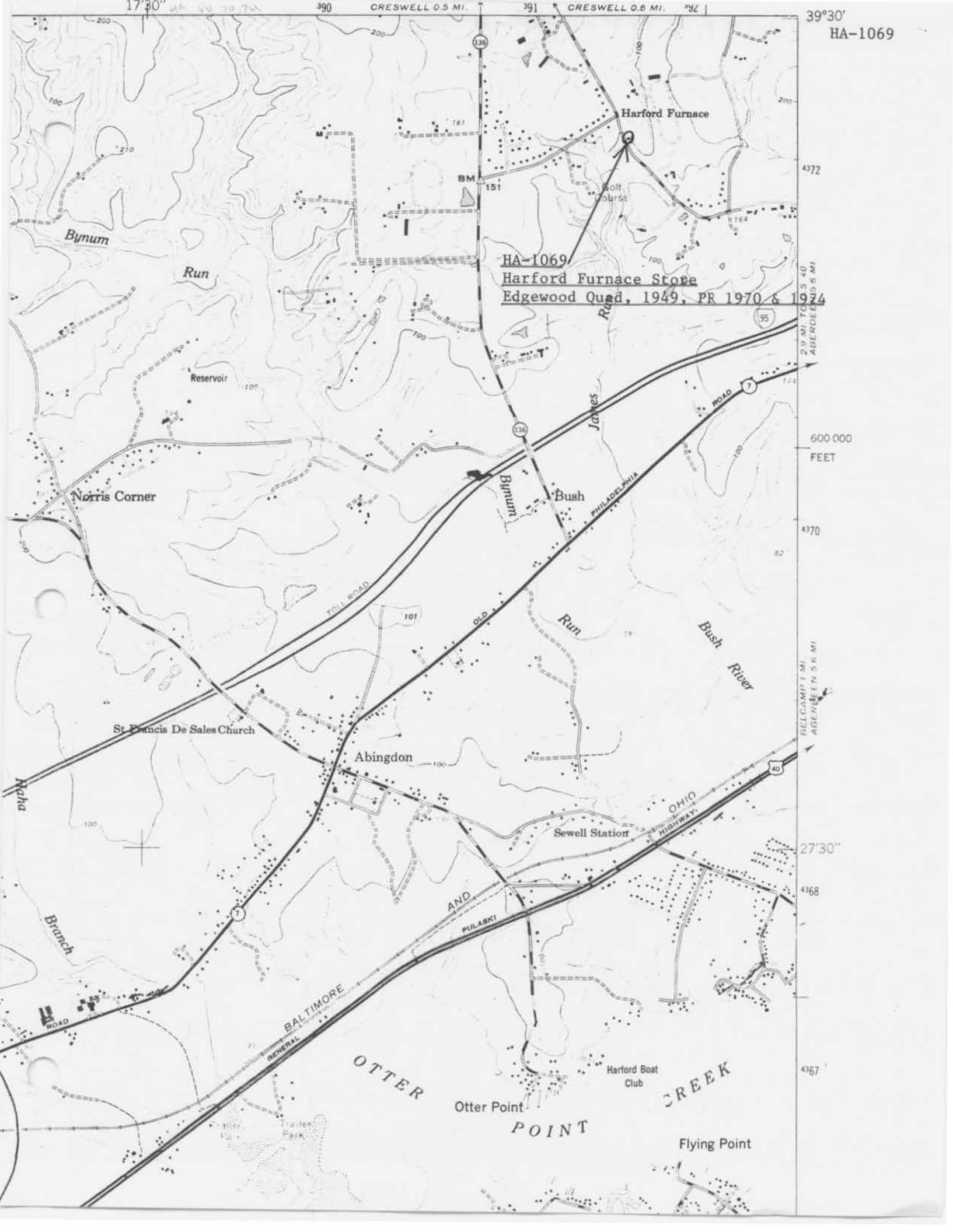
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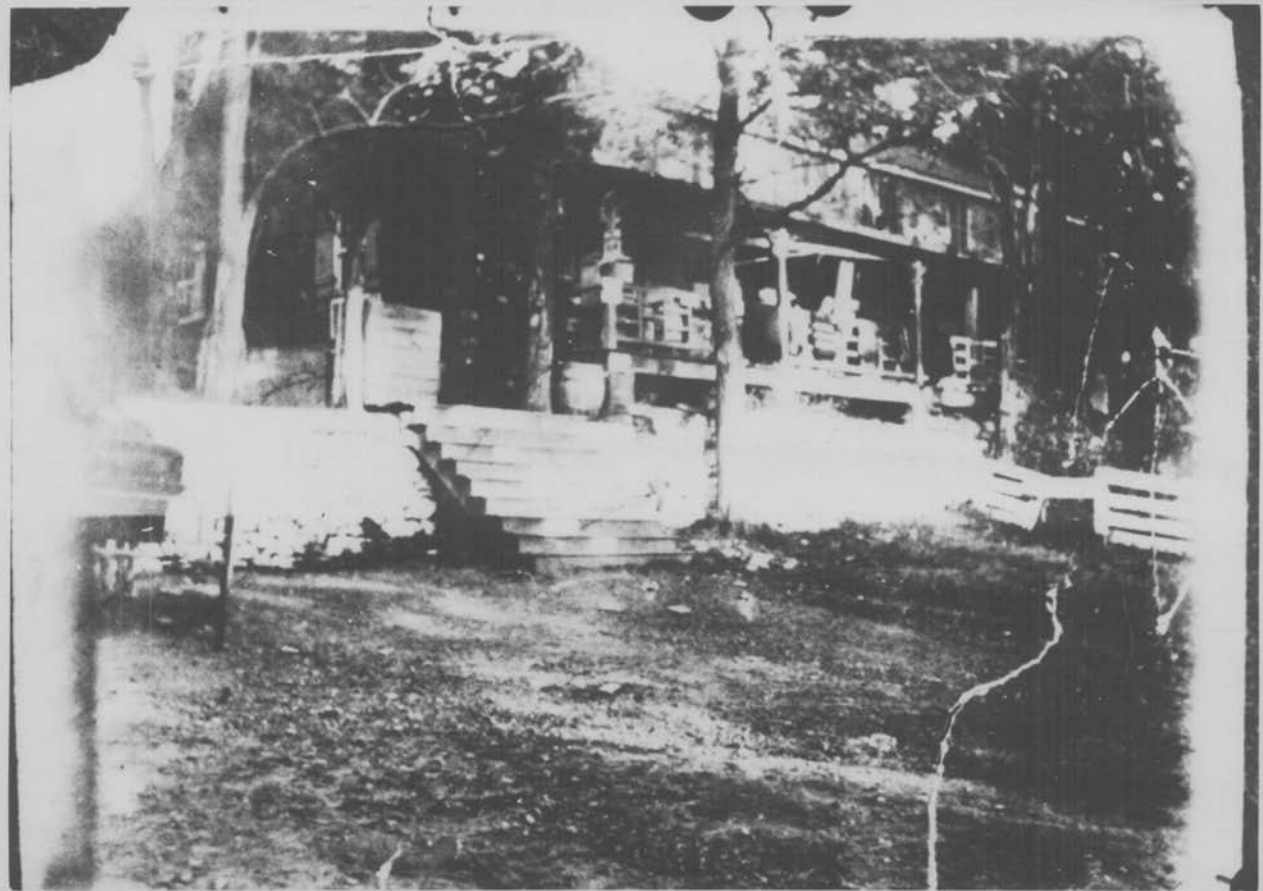




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Harford Furnace Stone  
Edgewood Quad, 1949, PR 1970 & 1974

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27°30'  
2.9 MI. TO S 40  
ABERDEEN 3.6 MI.

17°30'  
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CRESWELL 0.5 MI.  
391  
CRESWELL 0.6 MI.  
392  
Bynum  
Run  
Reservoir  
Norris Corner  
St. Francis De Sales Church  
Abingdon  
Sewell Station  
Harford Boat Club  
Otter Point  
Flying Point  
Branch  
Road  
TOLL ROAD  
OLD  
PHILADELPHIA  
OHIO HIGHWAY  
AND  
PULASKI  
Baltimore  
GENERAL  
CREEK



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Natalie Shivers  
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November, 1977  
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