

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

George Robinette House

(Thomas W. Wilson House)

AND/OR COMMON

Breakneck Farm, Patterson-Wilson House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Wilson Road, 1.5 m SW of intersection NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

of Dickerson Road CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Flintstone District

VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Allegheny

001

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"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<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

Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Patterson (Jane M.)

STREET & NUMBER

Box 55, Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegheny County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

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
<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

The George Robinette House is located on the westerly side of West Wilson Road near the intersection of Breakneck Road about four miles southwest of Flintstone, Allegany County, Maryland. The structure is built into the side of a hill that slopes downward to the southwest from the road. It stands amid open and wooded fields.

The house is a two and a half story classically influenced brick structure with foundation walls of roughly cut stone, a hip roof, brick flat arches above the principal windows, and a high basement on the west end resulting from the slope of the land. The principal facade (south side) is approximately symmetrical with five bays and a center entranceway. The two bays to the east of the doorway project outward several feet with a gable and small window above. A one story frame porch with brick and stone under supports, stone steps, and a shed roof stretches across the facade covering the entrance and the bays to the west. The porch has three square posts, chamfered from the balustrade up, and squarish balusters. The entranceway has rectangular sidelights and transom and a panelled door.

A wing extends with a gable end from the easterly side of the back (north side). An L-shape porch with balcony wraps around the north side of the main portion and the west side of the wing. The porch and balcony are replacements of the originals that had deteriorated and were removed by the present owners. The roof of the balcony is an extension of the roof of the house.

The east wall of the house, including the back wing, has five bays with a center door and side lights along it. The west wall of the main portion has two windows, one in each of the outer bays, per floor, including the basement level. The back wall (north side) of the main portion has a door on each level with two windows, the outer, most of which was added in recent years, on the first floor and one on the second. The back wall of the wing is blank except for an attic window while the west side of it has a door and window to each level. The two gable end walls have returns which are extensions of the roof overhang. The brick of the facade is laid in Flemish bond and that of the side walls in common bond.

The roof of the house and the front porch are covered with tin sheets. The roof is pierced by five internal chimneys: two along the west side forming a pair, one on the north end of the wing, and two along the east wall. Several of the chimneys show signs of repair as does the roof overhang.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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The principal windows are double-hung wooden sashes with narrow frames and six-over-six lights. The attic windows in the gable end walls have one wooden sash. The main windows of the east, south, and west sides have louvered shutters, most of which probably are original.

The internal arrangement of rooms consists of a center hallway with double parlors along the west side and two large rooms plus the present kitchen in the wing along the east side. The partition between the west rooms on the first floor was removed by the present owners. A small bathroom was recently built into the front room along the east side of the hall. The doorway in the east end wall opens into the center room of the three along that side. The main staircase rises from the first floor along the east side of the hall, terminates at a landing, and continues up along the west wall. The woodwork throughout the interior is rural classical in design. The main type is a variation of the standard form consisting of stepped flat pieces with molded trim applied around the outer edge. The trim found in the double parlors to the west of the hall on the first floor is a variation of the symmetrical moldings commonly used at this time. (See molding profiles attached).

The George Robinette House is structurally sound and in excellent condition. Although changes were made to the interior in adapting the house to conform with the taste and living standards of the present owners, the house appears to retain much of the original fabric.

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input 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 c. 1845 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Robinette House is representative of mid nineteenth century rural domestic architecture of the affluent resident of Allegany County. Located in the county's farming region, the house was erected for George Robinette who, in addition to farming activities, operated a tannery near Flintstone.

Robinette purchased the property on which the house stands in 1843. (Allegany County Deeds DD/447) The Wilson family, another name along with Robinette that is associated with the early history of the Flintstone region, acquired the property in 1892 and retained it for over a half a century. (Scharf, vol. 2, p. 1460) The Wilsons were primarily interested in farming activities.

The house exhibits the strong influence that the classical, particularly the Greek Revival, styles had on pre-Civil War architecture in Allegany County. The low pitch hip roof, the double internal end chimneys (on the west wall), the symmetrical interior trim of the principal rooms, rectangular sidelights and transom, and the use of returns on the gable end walls are characteristic of house construction of this period in Western Maryland, particularly Allegany and Washington Counties, and the areas immediately to the north in Pennsylvania. The principal facade (south side) and the floor plan of the house are approximately symmetrical, a hallmark of the classical styles. An interesting feature of the exterior, probably aesthetically oriented, is that the mortar joints are striped with dark paint.

The George Robinette House was purchased by the present owners in 1964 and was refurbished and modernized by them. The farm of which the house is a part contains about two-hundred-twenty acres and is known today as Breakneck Farm, a name applied in recent years.

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: George Robinette House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Breakneck Farm, Patterson-Wilson House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Wilson Road, 1.5 m SW of intersection of Dickerson Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone District				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <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	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
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
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<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: Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Patterson (Jane M.)				
STREET AND NUMBER: Box 55, Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Flintstone			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 371-507				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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

kitchen in the wing along the east side. The partition between the west rooms on the first floor was removed by the present owners. A small bathroom was built into the front room along the east side of the hall a few years back. The doorway in the east end wall opens into the center room of the three along that side. The main staircase rises from the first floor along the east side of the hall, terminates at a landing, and continues up along the west wall. The woodwork throughout the interior is rural classical in design. The main type is a variation of the standard form consisting of stepped flat pieces with molded trim applied around the outer edge. The trim found in the double parlors to the west of the hall on the first floor is a variation of the symmetrical moldings commonly used at this time. (see molding profiles attached)

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B. 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)

c. 1845

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" 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 | | | _____ |

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES				
Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.				
Heritage Press, Vol. 1, No. 11 (September, 1972), published by Preservation Society of Allegany County.				
Scharf, J. Thomas. <u>History of Western Maryland</u> , 2 vol. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.				
Whiffen, Marcus. <u>American Architecture Since 1780: A Guide to the Styles</u> . Cambridge, Mass.: M.I.T. Press, 1969.				
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA				
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES	
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds
NW	°	' "	°	' "
NE	°	' "	°	' "
SE	°	' "	°	' "
SW	°	' "	°	' "
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:				
<p>Acreage Justification:</p> <p>The twenty-five acres around the George Robinette House are being nominated to insure an adequate, open setting around it and to preserve its present immediate environment.</p>				
11. FORM PREPARED BY				
NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey				
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.				DATE 3/24/75
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510				
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE Maryland	
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)				
Significance of this property is:				
National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>				
_____ Signature				

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Book 371, p. 507

29 May 1964

grantor: Vivian L. Annan

grantee: Charles L. Patterson and his wife, Jane M.

commonly known as the Robinette Farm, about four miles west of
Flintstone

Book 203, p. 455

12 April 1945

grantor: Harriet L. Wilson, et. al.

grantee: Vivian L. Annan

Book 172, p. 160

21 February 1935

grantor: Claude R. Wilson, Executor of estate of Thomas J.
Wilson

grantees: Harriet L. Wilson, et. al.

Book 73, p. 212

12 October 1892

grantor: William H. Robinette and wife, Sallie

grantee: Thomas J. Wilson

consideration: \$3,650.00

Book 62, p. 126

10 June 1885

grantor: William R. Percy, Trustee Mortgage

grantee: William H. Robinette

Book DD, p. 447

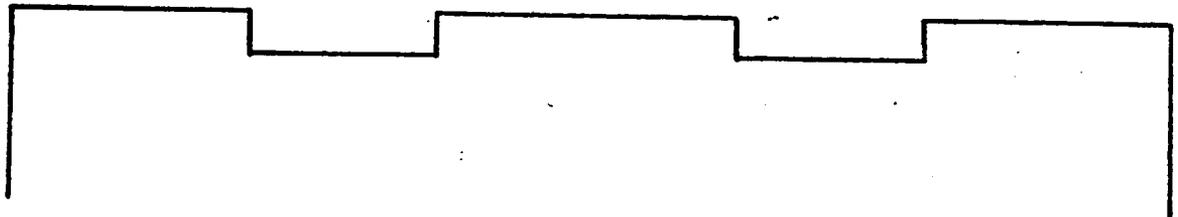
27 June 1843

grantor: John Piper, Jr.

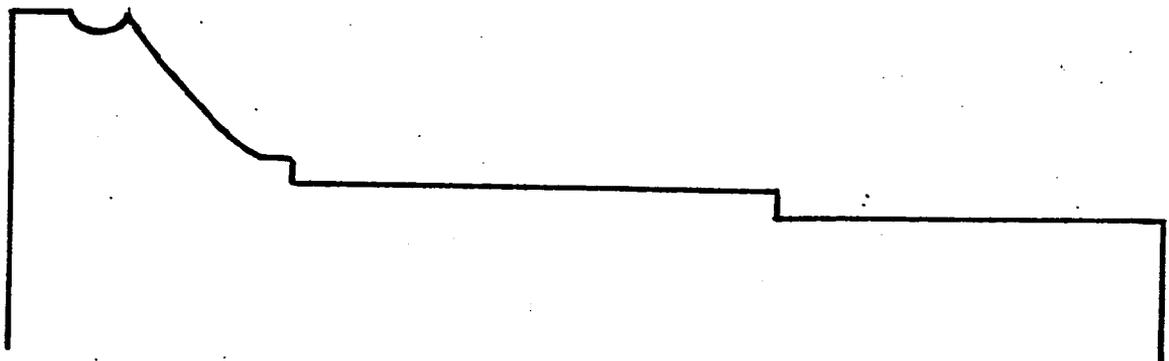
grantee: George Robinette

consideration: \$300.00

WOODWORK PROFILES

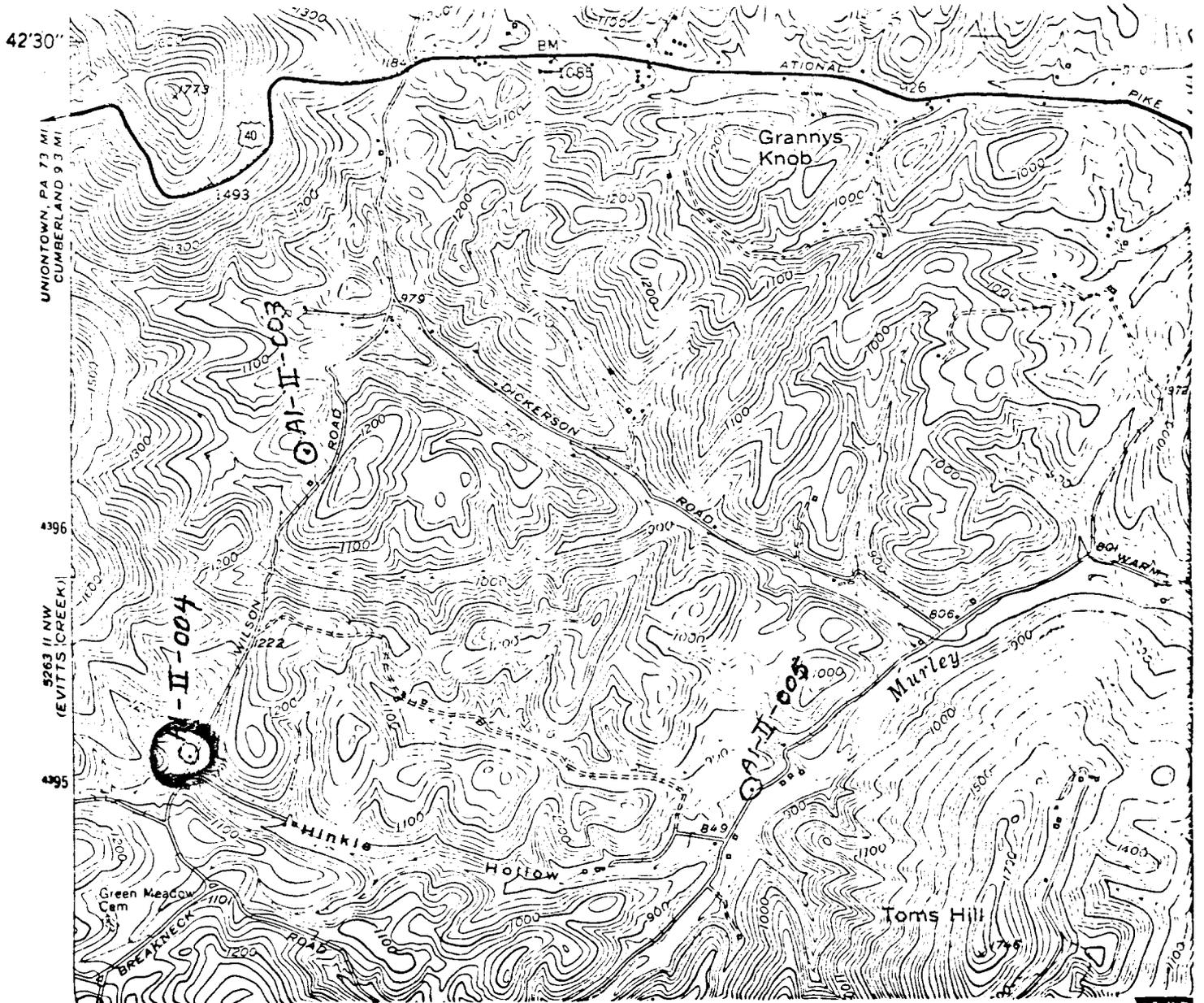


First Floor, SW room, hall doorway



First Floor, East Center Room, Doorway

George Robinette House
Allegheny Co., Md.



Site #: AI-II-004
 George Robinette House
 Breakneck Farm
 West Wilson Road, 1.5 m SW of intersection
 of Dickerson Road

Flintstone, Md.-Pa. Quad
 USGS
 1950
 scale 1:24000



GEORGE ROBINETTE House
West Wilson Road
Flintstone
Allegheny Co., Md.
SW VIEW
August, 1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS



GEORGE ROBINETTE HOUSE
WEST WILSON ROAD
FLINTSTONE
ALLEGANY CO., MD
NW VIEW
August, 1974

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George Robinette House
West Wilson Road
Flintstone
Allegheny Co., Md.
NE VIEW
August, 1974

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Patterson-Wilson-Robnett House

near Flintstone

Allegheny Co., Md

1974

c. 1840s

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