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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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| Anne Arundel     |         |
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| ENTRY NUMBER     | DATE    |
| 69-05-19-0003    | 5/15/69 |

1. NAME

COMMON: Cedar Park

AND/OR HISTORIC: (Ewen Upon Ewenton) (West River Farm)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Cumberstone Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland

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3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)  | OWNERSHIP                                   | STATUS   | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC                            |
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| District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Public <input type="checkbox"/>             | Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>           | Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>               | Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>               |
| Object <input type="checkbox"/>  | Both <input type="checkbox"/>               | Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> | No: <input type="checkbox"/>                        |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)                                 |   |  |   |
| Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                               | Government <input type="checkbox"/>         | Park <input type="checkbox"/>                          | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>  | Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>         | Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Educational <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>           | Religious <input type="checkbox"/>                     | Comments _____                                      |
| Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>   | Museum <input type="checkbox"/>             | Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>                    | _____   |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: Cumberstone Road

CITY OR TOWN: Harwood Post Office

STATE: Maryland

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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Anne Arundel County Court House, Land Records Office

STREET AND NUMBER: Church Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 85

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: P. O. Box 1704

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STATE: Maryland

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| INTEGRITY | (Check One)<br>Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> | (Check One)<br>Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If Known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cedar Park is located one and a half miles north of the junction of Maryland 255 and Owensville Road at Galesville, Maryland; four and four-tenths miles south of the intersection of Maryland 214 and Maryland 468; the house is at the end of a lane running for two-tenths of a mile northeast from the intersection of Cumberstone and Bayfield Roads.

Original:

Frame, one and a half story, one room deep, dimensions fifty feet by twenty feet. Fishscale shingles covered roof. Interior believed to have consisted only of great hall and parlor with a gallery or loft above, accessible only by ladder. Chimneys stood inside each end of house. Due to very primitive construction, (handhewn timbers, rived oak siding, vertical supports consisting of logs sunk into the earth), it is assumed that the house was built in the mid-seventeenth century by Richard Ewen or his son, Richard Ewen II.

Present Appearance:

In 1697 Richard Galloway II elongated the house by four feet at each end, placing massive exterior chimneys at the gable ends. Across the length of the west side, he added a low shed roof covering two cell rooms, connected by a central hall, which (by partitioning the great hall) he also caused to run through the house to the east or river side. Then he encased the entire house in brick (all header; partial English bond). The west facade is the front. The roof over the main house has a sixty degree pitch and is an example of a Maryland leanto (or "catslide") roof. In the roof are four peaked dormers on the east side, two in the west roof. The medieval transitional profile has been explored and illustrated by Henry Chandlee Forman, F.A.I.A. and author. (See bibliographic #9.)

To the east a two-story addition projects from the older section forming the stem of the "T". The first floor of this wing was built of brick c. 1800; the second story of frame c. 1835. There is structural proof that the brick addition replaced a porch with its porch chamber above, mentioned in a 1735 inventory of Richard Galloway. The exact dimensions of the original have not been determined. Richard Galloway could have added the porch at the time he enlarged the original house, thus creating a "cross" design typical of the late seventeenth century.

Cedar Park is picturesquely located in the pastoral setting overlooking the West River. The Maryland Department of Forests and Parks Big Tree Champions of Maryland by Fred Besley, State Forester, credits the estate with the Maryland champions, as well as National champions, American Beech

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

SPECIFIC DATES (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>            | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>          | Religion/Philosophy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>    | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>             | Science <input type="checkbox"/>                        | <u>Architecture</u>                                 |
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| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>            | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____   |
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| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>           | Military <input type="checkbox"/>             |   | _____   |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Paragraphs, Dates, Events, Etc.)

17th Century:

The property upon which "Cedar Park" stands is known to have been in the possession of Captain Richard Ewen, a Puritan Commissioner for the province of Maryland, as early as 1656. It was first surveyed for Charles Calvert, Governor, (later third Lord Baltimore) in 1665, who then assigned it to Richard Ewen, Jr., High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County. There is a strong tradition that Lord Baltimore had a hunting lodge at Ewenton upon Ewenton. The Ewen descendants, all practicing Quakers, continued to live on the property. A Quaker meeting was held there in 1684, making this a surviving structure in Anne Arundel County, in which religious services were held at an early date. Richard Galloway II (whose wife was a Ewen descendant) purchased the property in 1697 and is credited with bricking over and enlarging the house.

18th Century:

The place became known at this time as the West River Farm. Richard Galloway II was a merchant planter. The first tobacco inspecting house in Maryland stood here. The farm continued in the hands of the Galloways and Spriggs (by marriage).

19th Century:

In 1785 Sophia Sprigg married John Francis Mercer, later tenth Governor of Maryland (1801-1803). In 1818 Governor Mercer entertained President Monroe and his cabinet at "Cedar Park," as it was then called. From 1825 to 1834, Mercer's daughter, Margaret, operated a successful boarding school for girls, The Cedar Park Academy. Miss Mercer was also a forerunner in the move to liberate and rehabilitate Negro slaves. In 1869 the Mercer family sold Cedar Park to cousins, Dr. James H. Murray and his wife, whose descendants live there today.

20th Century:

Cedar Park is still in a setting so unspoiled as to be [see continuation sheet]

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#6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Historic American Building Survey  
1964

Library of Congress

Washington, D. C. 20540: 03

#7. DESCRIPTION

(grandifolia), girth 15'7", crown spread 93', height 112'; Buckey Horse Chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum), girth 12'7", crown spread 64', height 63'; and Southern Red Oak (falcata), girth 24'4", crown spread 117', height 120'. Splendid groves of oak, beech, linden, and cedar are found within the Park.

#8. SIGNIFICANCE

now unique on the Eastern Seaboard. At its front, or west side, the house is partly surrounded by an open park, which has never been plowed and which once sheltered Governor Mercer's deer; to the north stands an ancient woods with a grove of virgin Red Oaks, as well as American Beeches and Tulip Poplars of comparable stature, and large quantities of native holly. Because the property has been traditionally protected from ax and plow, it now boasts the largest Southern Red Horse Chestnut and American Beech trees in the U. S. (The champion Red Cedar blew down in 1954.) On the east or garden side, the view over a half mile meadow, out the mouth of West River, and across the Chesapeake Bay to the southern tip of Kent Island is today exactly as shown in a painting made by one of Miss Mercer's pupils in the early nineteenth century.

Kelly, J. Reaney, Quakers in the Founding of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 1963) pp. 93  
 Kelly, J. Reaney, Cedar Park, Its People and Its History, Maryland Historical Magazine, (Baltimore, Maryland Historical Society, 201 W. Monument, March 1963).

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |           | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE |         |           |         |         |
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust

DATE: May 9, 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Post Office Box 1704

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21404

CODE: 19

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date May 9, 1969

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert R. Ruppel  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date May 15, 1969

ATTEST:  
William J. Henkle  
Keeper of The National Register

Date May 15, 1969

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#9. REFERENCES

Forman, Henry C., Early Manor and Plantation Houses of Maryland, privately printed for the author at Easton, Md. and Haverford, Pa., 1934, pp. 100

Forman, Henry C., Gardens and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland, Tidewater Publishers, 1967.

Recorder: Mrs. E. W. Bridgman, Jr., Cedar Park, Cumberstone Road, Harwood, Maryland 20776.

Monograph Series, White Pine., published by National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Washington, D. C. Original plates in A.I.A. Library, D. C.; copy in Anne Arundel County Public Library, Maryland Room, Annapolis, Md. Subject: Elevation, volume XVII #5, pp. 119.

Maryland Historical Magazine, volume 60 #4, Dec. 1965, pp. 308. Cedar Park: "The Portraiture of the Bay-Arabian, the property of the Right Honorable the Earl of Godolphin" (horse portrait - hung here 1965).

THE KEY-YEAR DENDROCHRONOLOGICAL  
PATTERN FOR THE OAKS OF  
MARYLAND'S WESTERN SHORE 1570-1980

American Institute of  
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APPENDIX

Building Descriptions

Garry Wheeler Stone

Historic St. Mary's City

1987

The first phase of Cedar Park is a large (50' by 20' 9") "great" or "English" built hall, parlor, and porch dwelling. It is the most elaborately joined and heaviest framed structure to survive from the early Chesapeake. Most of its wall posts are 10 by 12 inches in section, and its 8 by 9 1/2 inch wall plates must have been reared with sheer poles and tackle. Every joint in its carcass and principal rafter roof is mortised and tenoned, and all the major joints are artfully shouldered or tapered to avoid weakening the joint or the member. Ironically, Cedar Park is not a "framed" structure, but a post-in-the ground building with interrupted sills and a dirt-walled cellar. These features Cedar Park owes to the Chesapeake tradition of impermanent, frontier construction. Also derived from this "Virginia" tradition are the building's gable chimney plan and its exterior shell of clapboard siding and subroof nailed to closely ("double") spaced studs and rafters. Under a shed, the rear slope of the roof still retains much of its original covering of round-butt shingles.

Cedar Park was difficult to sample. The wall posts and sills are cedar, the sleepers are black locust, and the wall plates and false plates are tulip poplar. Of the major members, only the transverse summers, end girts, and principal rafters are oak, and the principal rafters are waney, young poles whose sapwood has been destroyed by beetles. It was necessary to sample the riven clapboard of the subroof to develop a structure pattern.

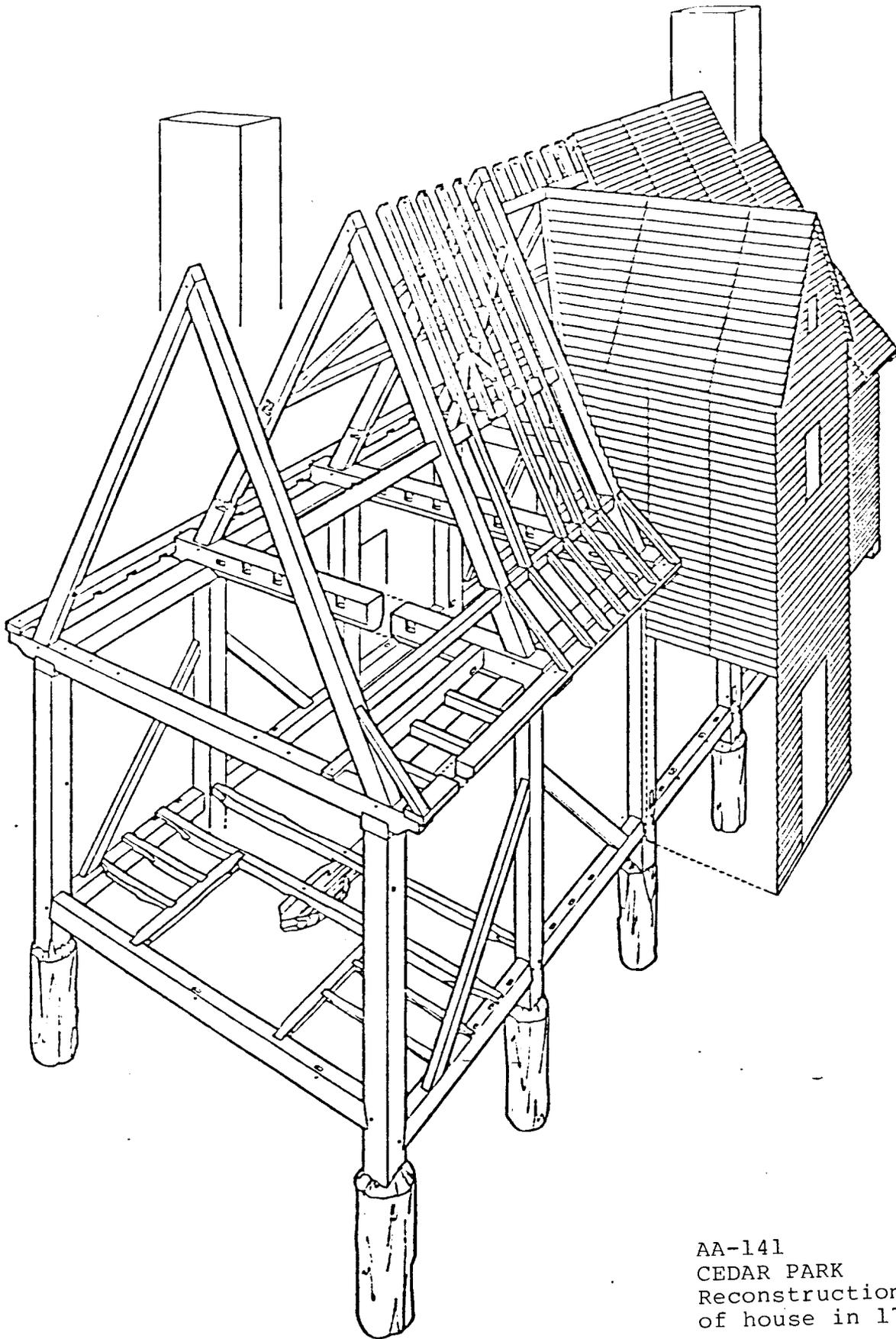
Cedar Park was built for Richard Galloway, a merchant-planter who had owned the property since 1690. Sometime after his death in 1736, a rear shed was added to the building, and later, in the mid-18th century, both gables were extended five feet and the entire structure was encased in brick. Good luck and the social status conferred by the bricking have preserved the building to the present, while its rear and gable extensions saved the structure's rare timber foundations.

Prior to tree-ring dating, it was thought that Cedar Park might date from as early as the 1660s.

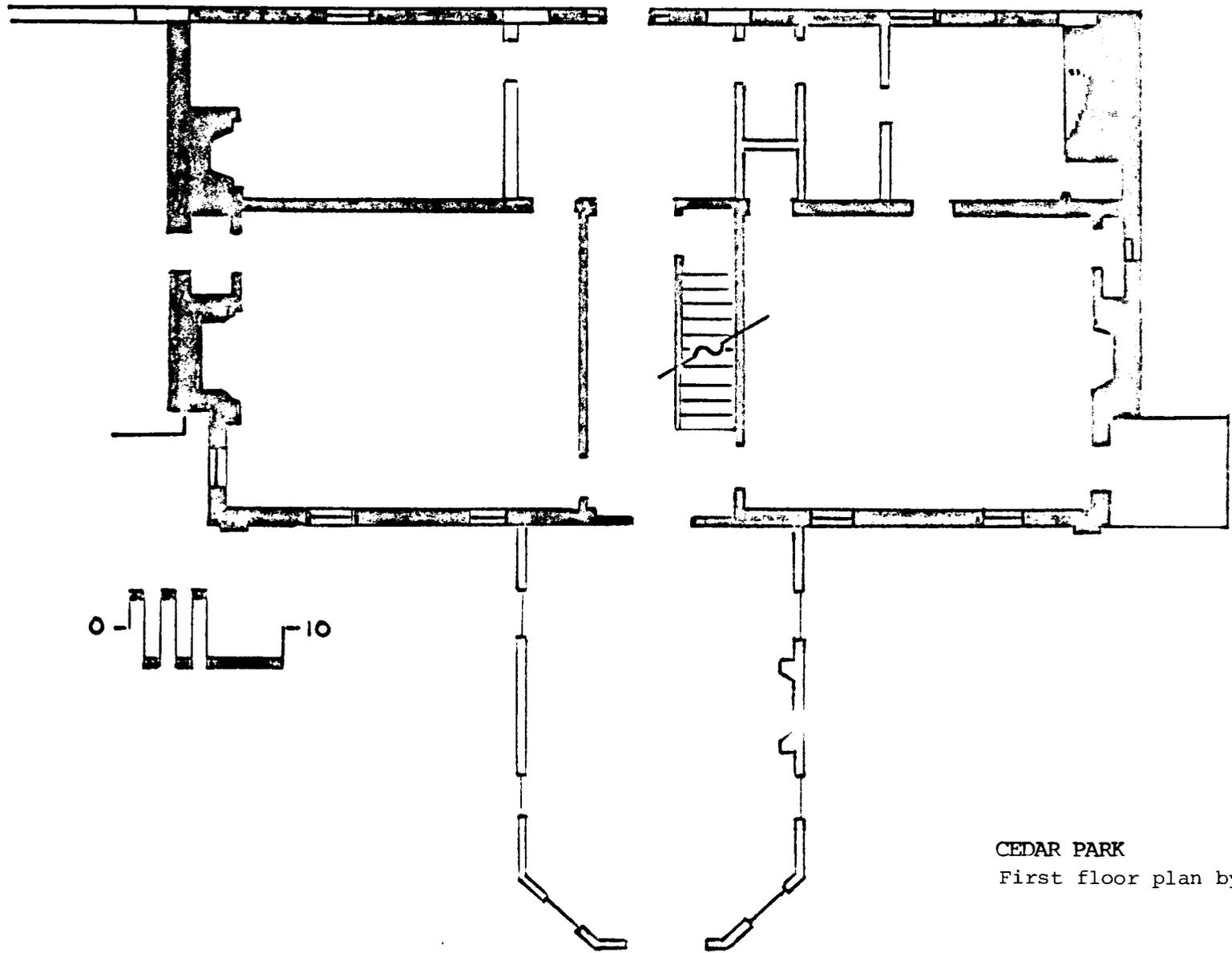
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Cary Carson, "Impermanent Architecture," pp. 187-89

See also, H. Chandlee Forman, Old Buildings, Gardens, and Furniture in Tidewater Maryland (Cambridge, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1967), pp. 189-200



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CEDAR PARK  
Reconstruction drawing  
of house in 17th century



CEDAR PARK  
First floor plan by Dell Upton

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CEDAR PARK, EAST ELEVATION

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