

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: JB Fulton House/Sunny Acres Inventory Number: AA-208
 Address: 1401 Rossback Road City: Davidsonville Zip Code: 21035-1002
 County: Anne Arundel USGS Topographic Map: Davidsonville
 Owner: Mr. & Mrs. Les Belcher Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 55 Tax Map Number: 49 Tax Account ID Number: 06227200
 Project: Tarnans Branch Stream Restoration Agency: State Highway Administration
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district ___ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___ yes X no

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in _____

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Sunny Acres is located on Rossback Road near the intersection of Rossback Road and MD 424. The farm includes the house with several barns and it functions as a working sod-farm. The house and barns are situated on approximately 33 acres, with the property extending southward toward US 50/MD 301. Large trees line the property at Rossback Road. The working portion of the farm is to the left of the house, and a field serves as the back and side yard, ending at the band of trees where Tarnans Branch stream is located.

The farmhouse has had several additions. The middle portion of the house consists of a front facing gable constructed of brick. To the left of the front facing gable is a small enclosed breezeway that connects to the original portion of the house. The original portion is the small side gable, brick cottage with an internal chimney. Another addition to the house is the kitchen area that is recessed from the original brick portion. To the right of the front facing gable is a frame side gable addition. The rear of the house also contains several additions of frame construction.

There are several barns associated with the farm, but appear to be less than fifty years of age. There is also a detached three-car garage.

According to the MIHP form, the house sits on land traditionally associated with Middle Plantation, which is located less

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service	<u>1/14/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>1/17/03</u> Date

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than a half-mile away on MD 424. The name Fulton is identified on the 1860 Martenett's of Anne Arundel County and is also identified with the name JB Fulton on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Anne Arundel County.

While the property still retains its historic farming tradition, the parcel is not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places for the following reasons:

Sunny Acres is not considered eligible under Criterion-A as it is not associated with significant events of broad patterns of history.

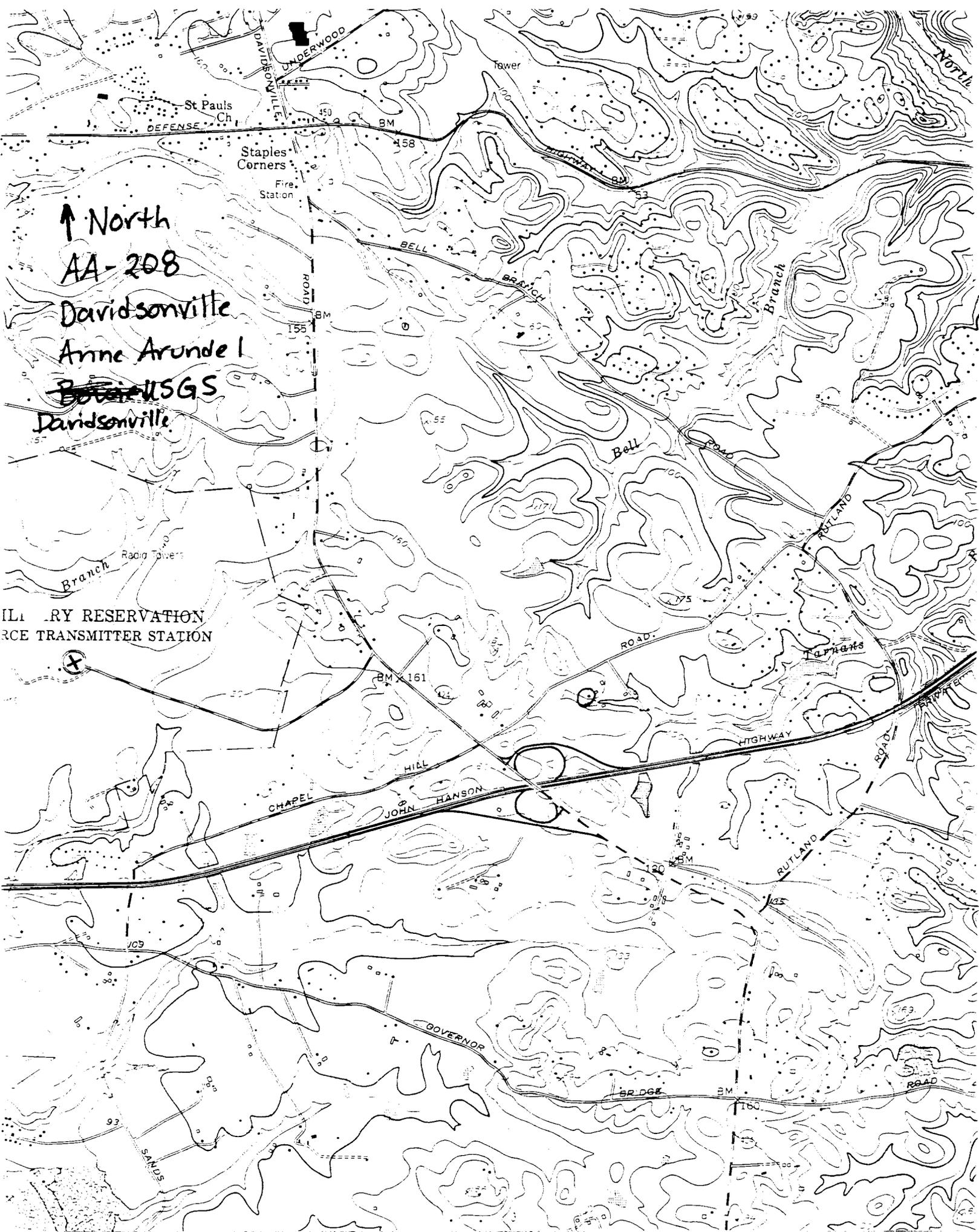
Sunny Acres is not considered eligible under Criterion-B as it has no known link or association with prominent persons in local, state, regional, or national historic events.

Sunny Acres is not considered eligible under Criterion-C. While the original portion of the circa 1700 house is intact, there are other examples of this period housing in Anne Arundel County. Moreover, the breadth and number of additions to each side and rear of the original portion of the house, overwhelms the original structure in size and mass.

The actual farm house is not considered eligible under Criterion D, however, the Belcher Mill Site is considered potentially eligible with a Phase 2 testing required.

Prepared by: Becky Kermes

Date Prepared: 11/20/2002



↑ North
AA-208

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Anne Arundel

~~Blair~~ USGS
Davidsonville

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FORCE TRANSMITTER STATION



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

J. B. Fulton House

AND/OR COMMON

Sunny Acres

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rossbach Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Davidsonville

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul & Elizabeth Hittle

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rossbach Road

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF Davidsonville

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Anne Arundel Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 2613

Folio #: 119

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-608

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This anomalous farmhouse is composed of two one-room, one-story brick structures separated by a breezeway as well as frame additions on the rear containing the kitchen, bathroom and a spare bedroom.

The original portion of the house appears to be the approximately square brick cell on the northwest corner of the house. This structure has sixteen inch thick brick walls, 1/5 bond, on stone foundations which are built up approximately one and a half feet above grade. The threshold to the entrance on the southeast corner is similarly well above ground level. The first floor interior has been recently modernized except for the box staircase in the northeast corner, which is in a well-preserved state. The fireplace in the center of the south wall has been rebuilt, but retains its large scale. The chimney is internal and on the gable end. On the west side of the structure is a central doorway flanked by a sash window on either side.

The original porch on this side has been replaced with an enclosed addition with a second story. The second floor contains a hall running the length of the north side and a single room located centrally off this hall. There is a small window in the north gable end. The gable roof which runs north-south has a standing seam metal roof.

The second brick structure is an elongated rectangle with a gable roof running perpendicular to that of the square block. The western gable end of this room is located approximately three feet from the eastern wall of the square block. This breezeway which apparently was opened originally has been roofed and paved. The long wing has an entrance off this hallway on its southwest corner and another entrance, since closed off, in the center of the south wall. There is an internal chimney on the west gable end. This fireplace has also been rebuilt. There is a first story window and a second story window on the eastern gable end. The attic on this wing can be reached only from the roof. The rafters on the roof appear to have been hewn on two sides and milled on the other two. The irregular brickwork on the attic's eastern gable end may indicate fire or other damage. The roof is also covered with sheet metal. The frame addition to the south of the long wing contains the current dining room and kitchen. Across the hall from these rooms are the bathroom and bedroom, both recent additions.

The only cellar is under the dining room and kitchen wing. It has plastered stone foundation walls with a built-on ledge on three sides. The log sills which outline the cellar indicate an earlier date for its construction than for the structure currently over it. The cellar is entered from an outside entrance in the south wall.

The house is currently the residence on a small working farm. None of the outbuildings appear to be of the same vintage as the brick structures.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

As a title search has yet to be done for this structure, little definitive information is at hand.

The building sits on land traditionally associated with Middle Plantation, which is located less than a half mile away, on Route 424. It is identified with the name J. B. Fulton on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Anne Arundel County. The current owner, Paul Hittle, acquired the house in a very rundown condition. He mentioned both Boswell and Kent as the names of previous owners.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

G. W. Hopkins atlas of Anne Arundel County
Philadelphia, 1878
Personal Communications, Paul Hittle, 3/78
to Richard Greenwood, Bridget Deale

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Tax Parcel 33.59 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

Richard Greenwood, SHA/MHT Surveyor

4/12/78

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

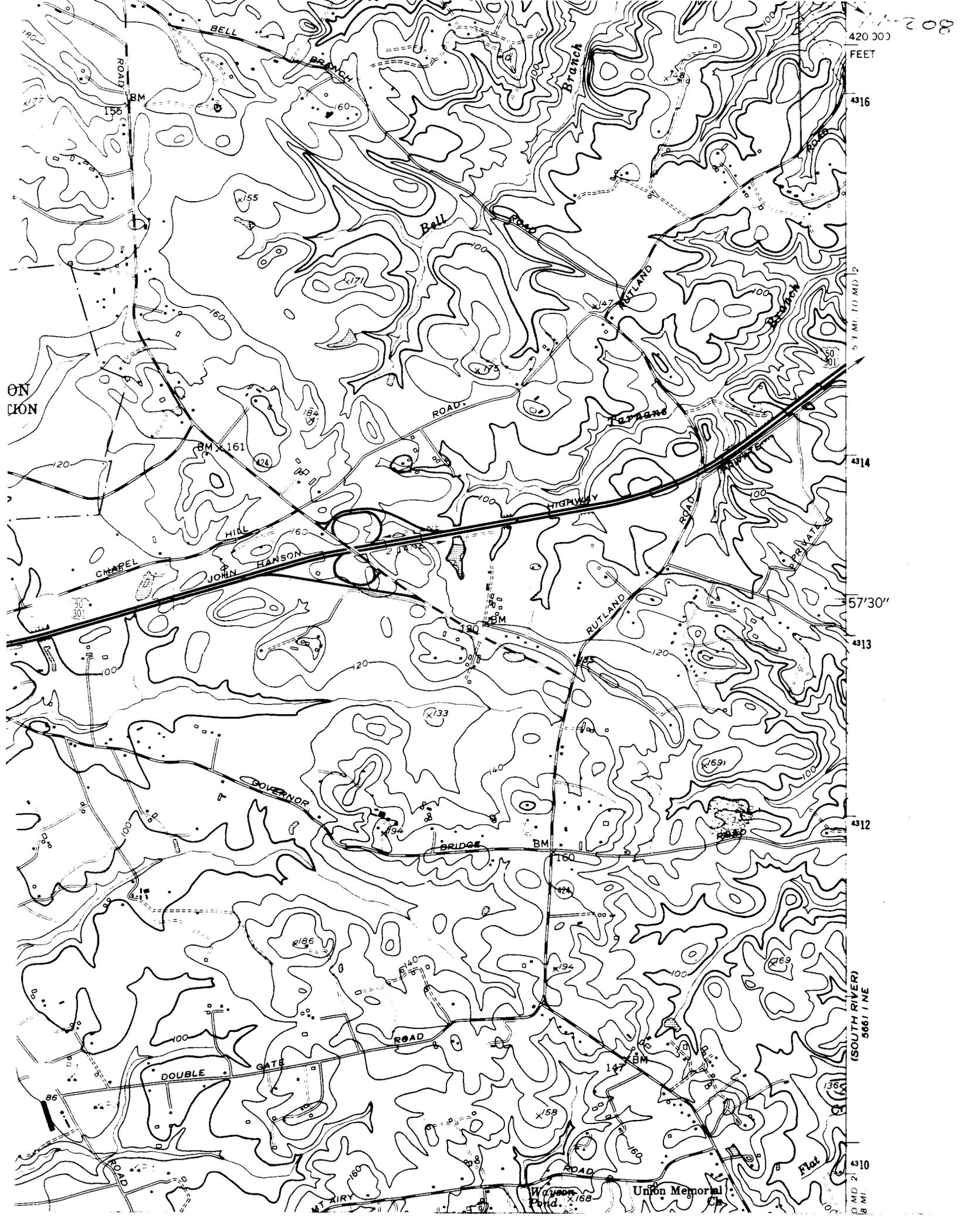
CITY OR TOWN

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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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Summary of work

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Sunny Area

Area around frontland

Rocky terrain, photographs

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Singular view of the sun / east elevation
or view of the house

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Anne Arundel, MD

Prof. Kenner, Photographer

Negatives @ M^o S^o S^o

January 1952

A few views of the west (11 - 12 - 13)
of the house

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Sunny Acres

Archie Arvold R.D.

View of terraces, photographer

January 2, 1900

Photograph of 170 5400

100' to 150' high

View of the northwestern side of the plateau

elevation

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