

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 535

Hunningdon

16129 York Road

Sparks, Baltimore County

ca. 1865

Private

The property on which the circa 1865 dwelling known as Hunningdon stands was owned by the Mays family from 1865 until 1964. The farm complex is situated in Sparks near Piney Hill, between the towns of Philopolis and Hereford, all of which are 19th century towns located near the Northern Central Railroad. The house is set in the midst of iron ores, quarries, and farmland in district eight. The dwelling is fashionably detailed in the Italianate style of architecture with transitional elements tying it to the Second Empire style. Along with its historic outbuildings, Hunningdon stands as a prominent example of a rural agricultural farm.

The three-story building is constructed of brick coursed in a stretcher bond pattern on the façade and a five-course American bond pattern on the remaining elevations. The main block rests on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation and has a mansard roof clad in asphalt shingles with three rows in an ornamental fishscale pattern. The strict symmetrical façade features an enclosed entry vestibule that was not original to the house. A two-story brick ell is attached to the main block to form the present L-shaped plan. A bracketed ogee molded wood cornice with acorn drops and unadorned frieze envelops the building with returns on the gabled end of the ell. Additionally, a one-story gabled entry addition was attached to the rear elevation of the ell and a greenhouse with an enclosed plexiglass porch was added to the west elevation. Three interior end chimneys exist in the building, two of which have corbeled caps, while the other was rebuilt with a metal cap. A central interior corbeled brick chimney also exists in the ell. A new chimney with a metal cap was added to the rear addition. The house is located in a rural area on the east side of York Road and includes approximately twelve acres of farmland surrounded by rolling hills with four historic outbuildings on the property to the east of the main house. These include a German bank barn, springhouse and smokehouse built contemporarily with the dwelling, a circa 1900 hay barn, and a foundation site of an original carriage house. Additionally there are non-contributing buildings, which include a caretaker's house, two garages, a carport, pool, and a shed.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hunningdon

other

2. Location

street and number 16129 York Road not for publication

city, town Sparks vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joanne H. Hessey

street and number PO Box 654 telephone 410.472.4580

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152-9384

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel map 28, parcel 216

city, town Towson liber 4369 folio 390

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing
			Total

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1865, the five-bay wide Italianate and Second Empire transitional style dwelling at 16129 York Road is three stories in height. The building is constructed of brick coursed in a stretcher bond pattern on the façade and a five-course American bond pattern on the remaining elevations. The main block rests on an uncoursed fieldstone foundation and has a mansard roof clad in asphalt shingles with three rows in an ornamental fishscale pattern. The strict symmetrical façade features an enclosed entry vestibule that was not original to the house. A two-story brick ell is attached to the main block to form the present L-shaped plan. A bracketed ogee molded wood cornice with acorn drops and unadorned frieze envelops the building with returns on the gabled end of the ell. Additionally, a one-story gabled entry addition was attached to the rear elevation of the ell and a greenhouse with an enclosed Plexiglas porch was added to the west elevation. Three interior end chimneys exist in the building, two of which have corbeled caps, while the other was rebuilt with a metal cap. A central interior corbeled brick chimney also exists in the ell. A new chimney with a metal cap was added to the rear addition. The house is located in a rural area on the east side of York Road and includes approximately twelve acres of farmland surrounded by rolling hills with four historic outbuildings on the property to the east of the main house. These include a German bank barn, springhouse and smokehouse built contemporarily with the dwelling, a circa 1900 hay barn, and a foundation site of an original carriage house. Additionally there are non-contributing buildings, which include a caretaker's house, two garages, a carport, pool, and a shed.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The primary façade, facing west, measures five bays in width. The central entry has an enclosed vestibule constructed in the 1960s by the current owners to replace the original half-hipped roof porch. The flat-roofed vestibule is one story and one bay wide. The vestibule has six casement six-light windows acting as transoms over eighteen-light windows. A central wood and two-light storm door provides entry. The single-leaf door to the main block is Italianate in style, particularly evidenced by the four wooden panels, of which the upper two are arched. A three-light transom and two-light over panel sidelights finish the decorative detailing of the main entry. Additionally, the wooden framed vestibule has a dentiled wood cornice, which compliments that of the original building. Flanking the entry to each side on the first story are two elongated 2/4 sliphead windows where the bottom rails are raised upward through the head of the frame into the wall. The second story has five 2/2 wooden windows. All of the windows on the façade have marble lug lintels and sills. In addition, there are three gabled dormers in the mansard roof, which have square-edged wood surrounds and wood pediments with scroll-sawn detailing. The central dormer contains two thin paired 2/2 windows flanked by single 2/2 dormers. On the south end of the façade, a two-story wood frame and Plexiglas greenhouse was added with a single-leaf one-light wood door.

The south elevation of the main block has two gabled dormers in the mansard roof, which have square-edged wood surrounds and wood pediments with scroll-sawn detailing. The windows are 2/2- wood sash. A two-story half-gambrel-shaped sunroom on a brick veneer foundation has been attached to the dwelling with a one-

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story glass enclosed porch with a rounded corner attached to that. The ell projects from the rear of the main block and a one-story flat-roofed stretcher bond brick addition to the kitchen on an uncoursed stone foundation is visible on the south elevation. It has two paired 2/2 windows with parged concrete sills. The second story of the ell contains three 2/2 windows with marble lug lintels and sills. A single-leaf wood paneled door with 9-lights and a marble lug lintel leads to the kitchen addition roof.

The rear of the building, or east elevation, has a one-story enclosed Plexiglas and wood post porch that runs the length of the main block to the ell and the kitchen addition. The first story, visible through the porch, contains two 2/2 windows with marble lug lintels and sills. The second story of the main block has one window of similar fashion. There are two gabled dormers in the mansard roof, which have square-edged wood surrounds and wood pediments with scroll-sawn detailing. The windows are 2/2. An inset three-light window to the basement is also present, with a wood surround and marble lug lintel. The gabled ell has a new off-center louvered vent in the gable peak and a first story 2/2 windows with a marble lug lintel and sill. The first story of the ell also has a rear gable one-story addition with a later extension of the gable roof that has an overhang and German weatherboard siding in the gable end. Part of the original gabled addition remains at the juncture with the main block and is slightly raised from the newer extension. Weatherboard siding has been added to the gable end.

The north elevation, which includes a solid wall plane of the main block and ell, is symmetrically fenestrated. The first and second stories each contain six 2/2 windows with marble lug lintels and sills. Additionally, there are three 3-light windows with marble lug lintels located in the foundation. There are also two gabled dormers in the mansard roof of the main block, which have square-edged wood surrounds and wood pediments with scroll-sawn detailing and 2/2 lights.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The L-shaped house is composed of a main block and ell, which features a center hall three-room plan. This includes a parlor on the southwest, a parlor to the northwest, and a dining room to the northeast, which extends into the ell. The main block interior walls are brick with a plaster finish. All of the doors were originally grained with a deep brown color. The ell contained the original kitchen, which has since been extended.

The hollow newel stair retains its original configuration and is centrally located in the main part of the house. Detailing includes an octagonal carved newel post, a carved gripper rail, and turned balusters. The stair also has an open stringer with scroll-sawn brackets. There is a paneled wood door to the exterior of the main block at each end of the hall, as well as a four-paneled door to the dining room. Wooden four-paneled doors with molded casings and porcelain knobs lead to the two parlors. The center hall also has ten-inch beaded cap baseboards and three-and-a-half to four-inch floorboards.

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The southwest parlor now functions as a library. Detailing includes a painted plaster ceiling, ten-inch wood baseboards with beaded caps, plaster on brick walls with paint and wallpaper, and molded wood window and door casements. Additionally, the casings on the inside wall of the façade further accentuate the sliphead windows. A new three-light double leaf door with a three-light transom leading to the rear porch has replaced an original window. The parlor also contains a fireplace on the exterior end wall. The slate mantel has been grained to appear as marble and has a rounded opening with a keystone and corner panels. An ogee molded chair rail is a later addition to the room.

Across the central hall to the north is a second formal parlor. Detailing includes a painted plaster ceiling, ten-inch wood baseboards with beaded caps, plaster on brick walls with paint and wallpaper, and molded wood window and door casements. Additionally, the casings on the inside wall of the façade further accentuate the sliphead windows. The end wall has a marbleized slate fireplace mantel with geometric and Greek key patterning. A large gilded mirror with an off-center crown is fastened to the wall above the mantelpiece. A large, almost full room length arched entry with a molded wood surround, defines the boundary between the parlor and dining room. The doors have been removed.

The dining room, which includes a portion of the main block and the ell, includes detailing such as a painted plaster ceiling, ten-inch wood baseboards with beaded caps, plaster on brick walls with paint and wallpaper, and molded wood window and door casements. Three four-panel wood doors with porcelain knobs and lock boxes are present. One entry originally lead to the exterior, but now connects to the Plexiglas porch, a second leads to the kitchen portion of the ell, another reaches the enclosed stair in the ell, and the final door leads to the central hall.

The rear portion of the ell functions in its original capacity as a kitchen, but was significantly altered in the 1960s. The south wall was extended six to eight feet. New windows were added, but were in keeping with the style of the originals. Parquet flooring, cherry cabinets, and a new mantel with a rounded wood shelf and Tuscan pilasters were also alterations made to the original kitchen space. The hearth was also raised and soldier bricks were used for the surround. Access to the basement was originally through the kitchen, but was moved to the rear gable addition. A pantry was added under the enclosed stair leading to the second story.

The basement, accessed from the rear addition to the kitchen, reveals a stone back to the kitchen fireplace, a brick jack arch and stone foundation walls, which are present under the main block except for the southwest parlor. The basement has a poured concrete floor and beams, which are half-unmilled and half hand-hewn, as well as completely unmilled log beams. The nails present are machine-cut.

The second floor, which includes two bedrooms and a bath includes wood floors measuring three-and-a-half to five inches in width and molded wood door and window surrounds in keeping with the main floor detailing.

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Originally the space over the dining room was used as the servants quarters and a rear stair may have existed, leading to the attic as evidenced by a scar in the wood floors. The ell portion houses a sitting room.

The attic space was finished into livable space, as evidenced from the exterior by the mansard roof and dormers. The attic portion of the ell was not accessible for survey.

OUTBUILDINGS

There are numerous outbuildings associated with the property, located to the east of the dwelling. Historically associated with the house as it existed in the 1850s is a German bank barn, a springhouse, a smokehouse, and the foundation of a carriage house. A hay barn was erected circa 1900. Additionally, there are non-contributing buildings, which include a caretaker's house, two garages, and a carport. A shed has also been built on the remaining foundation of a granary. There is also a pool.

The two-and-a-half story, two-bay German bank barn was built circa 1850 on an uncoursed stone foundation. The barn has a gabled roof, now clad in corrugated metal, and has board and batten vertical wood siding. Some windows and doors have been replaced. Cattle were originally housed in the ground level, which has vertical board doors with iron strap hinges. The interior of the barn reveals hand-hewn and unmilled rafters with mortis-and-tenon joints. Eleven-inch floorboards and hand-wrought nails with handmade square heads are also present.

The circa 1850s one-and-a-half story and one bay wide springhouse, built into the hill, was constructed of uncoursed stone. The building now functions as a billiard room, resulting in numerous alterations. These alterations included the removal of an icehouse portion of the building, a new double leaf wood door with a retained wood lintel, an asphalt-shingled roof, the addition of three skylights and a reconstructed wood cornice. An off-center gabled entry with German siding was added to the east elevation.

Built circa 1900, a two-story, three bay hay barn stands to the southeast of the German bank barn. Constructed of vertical board siding, the barn has a corrugated metal roof and a one-story, three-bay shed porch supported by wood posts.

A smokehouse was also constructed about the same time as the main house. It is situated just to the north of the rear addition. The one bay, one story building is built of brick with a six-course American bond pattern. The smokehouse rests on an uncoursed stone foundation. The gable front roof is clad in asphalt shingles and has a small vertical board window in the gable end. There is a single-leaf wood three-panel and four-light door with a flush wood lug lintel.

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The property also has a contributing site, which is the stone foundation of a carriage house.

Noncontributing outbuildings include a 1990s one-bay, one-story vertical board shed, which was built on an historic stone granary foundation, which was demolished in the 1990s. The gable front shed has an asphalt shingled roof. A two-story, three-bay caretaker's cottage was built in the 1980s. The side-gabled dwelling was constructed of wood German siding on a poured concrete foundation and has a steeply pitched asphalt shingled roof. In addition, the cottage has a one-story, three-bay shed roofed porch supported by square wood posts. Garages were built to the north of the rear addition to the dwelling and the second was constructed to the northeast of the caretaker's house. The gable-fronted garages were built in the 1980s and have wood German siding, poured concrete foundations, asphalt shingles and wood paneled roll-up doors. To the west of the main dwelling garage, there stands a 1970s wood post carport. The one-story, one-bay structure has a gable-front asphalt shingled roof and German wood siding in the gable end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates ca. 1865-1964 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates ca. 1865

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The property on which the circa 1865 dwelling known as Hunningdon stands was owned by the Mays family from 1865 until 1964. It is located on York Road, the major thoroughfare connecting Baltimore to York, Pennsylvania. The farm complex is situated in Sparks near Piney Hill, between the towns of Philopolis and Hereford, all of which are 19th century towns located near the Northern Central Railroad. Located at the northern edge of Election District Eight, the house is set in the midst of iron ores, quarries, and farmland. The dwelling is fashionably detailed in the Italianate style of architecture with transitional elements tying it to the Second Empire style.

HISTORY

Although the exact date of construction for the dwelling has not been determined, deeds, tax records, and stylistic embellishments support a circa 1865 date. Despite the fact that the 1850 *Map of the City and County of Baltimore Maryland* by J.C. Sidney indicates that J. Merryman occupied a dwelling that appears to be in the same location as Hunningdon, it is not believed to be the same house. Deed research indicates that John P. Mays purchased the property in two separate transactions dating from 1865 and 1874. In 1865, Mays purchased ninety-one acres from John and Ann E. Knight. The tract of land was known as Bachelor's Good Luck and was bought for \$927.50. An adjoining twenty-two-and-a-half acres were purchased in 1874 for \$1,100 from Joshua M. and Mary Jane Gorsuch and Frank and Eleanor Cole. Due to the higher cost for a smaller amount of acreage, it is believed that the house was located on this second parcel of land. This tract of land had historically been part of Bachelor's Good Luck and The Reserve, both of which had been owned by the prosperous Baltimore County Merryman family. In 1876, tax ledgers record that the dwelling belonging to John P. Mays was worth \$1,500.¹ It is interesting to note that the 1877 Hopkins atlas indicates that there was no dwelling in this vicinity. This absence of a dwelling may be due to the fact that the house lies on the dividing line between the Seventh and Eighth Election Districts, and therefore, may have been overshadowed by the division of maps.

¹ Baltimore County Historic Buildings Survey List. Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, Maryland.

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Prior to his purchase of Hunningdon, John P. Mays was a resident of the Seventh District, residing just north of Hereford. At that time, he was a large landowner with a prosperous dairy farm. Upon moving south to the Piney Hill region of Baltimore County, Mays once again planned to embark in the dairy farm business. According to an 1885 article in the *Baltimore County Union*, the farm showed “a decided improvement, and now will produce crops equal to those of his enterprising neighbors. The buildings are attractive and conveniently built. The buildings and fences are all in first-class condition, and everything on the place has a neat appearance.”² The same newspaper article indicated that the farm included a brick dwelling house with a Mansard roof and a two-story rear ell, a large bank barn, a corn house and wagon shed, a hog house, a granary, and a dairy with a workshop and tool-house. The bank barn provided space for ten horses and thirty-five cows, including twenty head of Alderney and Ayrshire cattle. In 1885, Mays planned to once again begin his dairy farm operations, shipping milk from the Glencoe Station on the Northern Central Railroad, located to the southeast of the dwelling.³

As a result of his strong interest in agricultural practices, Mays was a director of the Agricultural Society of Baltimore County, as well as a prominent member of the Glencoe Grange. The Agricultural Society was originally formed in 1841. However, it stopped meeting in 1861 and was not reorganized until December 1878. According to its charter, the object of the organization was “to promote, protect, and improve agriculture in all branches, and to hold fairs and exhibitions.”⁴ The organization was a joint stock association with 2,000 shares and a \$10,000 capital investment. The society was located on a thirty-seven acre tract in Timonium and the grounds included a racetrack, exhibition buildings, stables, and pens.⁵

The property on which Hunningdon is situated is on the east side of York Road, a few miles to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It is located at the northernmost edge of the eighth district, which was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19th century. In 1877, it was considered the fourth largest district in the county and by 1881, it had grown to the third largest district with 62.86 square miles and a population of 6,000. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors. Although the district supported arable fields for plantings and dairy production, it was known for its iron ores, marble and limestone quarries, paper factories, and saw, grist and cotton mills.

Although the dwelling is located in the town of Piney Hill, little is known about this small village. Appearing on maps as early as 1850, Piney Hill is located just south of Hereford on York Road. It is situated at the northernmost point in the Eighth District, near Piney Run, the site of the iron ore beds for which the district is

² *Baltimore County Union*, January 31, 1885. Located in the Vertical Files at the Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, Maryland.

³ *Baltimore County Union*, January 31, 1885.

⁴ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 818.

⁵ Scharf, p. 818.

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well known. Hereford and Philopolis are 19th-century towns that are less than twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City. Situated between the York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Hereford was home to 300 inhabitants in 1881 and at that time, was the center of a rich agricultural region. Philopolis, whose population in 1881 was 100, is bisected by the York Turnpike and sits one mile to the west of the Northern Central Railroad. It was the home of Milton Academy and the headquarters of the Glencoe Grange, of which John P. Mays was a member. The close proximity of Hereford and Philopolis to York Road and the railroad rendered the small towns as centers of trade.

The imposing three-story masonry dwelling is representative of two architectural styles that were popular during the second half of the 19th century. It appears to be illustrative of the transitional phase between the Italianate style and the Second Empire style of architecture. Characteristic of the Italianate style are the wide eaves with an ornate bracketed cornice and elongated window openings. The Italianate style of architecture was begun in England as part of the Picturesque movement, a reaction to the formal classical ideals in art and architecture. It first appeared in the United States during the 1830s and was popularized in the 1840s and 1850s by the pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing. Most examples in the United States date from 1855 to 1880.⁶ Although the house has features of the Italianate style of architecture, it also has identifying characteristics of the Second Empire style. In particular, Hunningdon is capped by a Mansard roof with a molded cornice above and below the lower roof slope, decorative roof shingles, dormers, and bracketed eaves. The Second Empire style of architecture was most popularly used on residences between 1860 and 1880. The style first appeared in France during the reign of Napoleon III (1852-1870) and was applied to many public buildings in America following the Civil War. Both the Italianate and Second Empire style began to decline in popularity following the financial panic of 1873 and the subsequent economic depression.⁷ An historic German bank barn, smokehouse, hay barn, and springhouse all surrounded by sloping farmland edged with mature trees and agricultural fields, support the imposing dwelling.

The house remained under the ownership of John P. Mays until his death in 1896, when it was willed to seven of his descendants. Hunningdon remained in their possession for twenty years, being conveyed in 1916 to grandson John P. Mays. During the 20th century, the property, including the main dwelling and agricultural outbuildings, was transferred numerous times to members of the Mays and related Cromwell family. The property remained in the Cromwell family until 1964, when following two transactions was transferred to Joanne H. Hessey, the current owner.

Chain of Title:

Part 1:

⁶ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Architecture*, (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 212-214.

⁷ McAlester, pp. 241-242.

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October 1, 1865: Richard S. Merryman to Joshua M. Gorsuch
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 46 Folio 315

February 10, 1874: Joshua M. Gorsuch and Mary Jane Gorsuch, wife, Frank Cole and Eleanor Cole, wife, to John P. Mays
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 89 Folio 120

Part 2:

November 14, 1865: John Knight and Ann E. Knight, wife, to John P. Mays
Land records of Baltimore County
Liber 48 Folio 412

All Parts:

June 16, 1896: John P. Mays(grandfather) willed to Elizabeth A. Mays, William A. Mays, Sterling A. Mays, G. Mellor Mays, Marion E. Mays, Lorretta S. Mays, and Josephine E. Mays
Will Records of Baltimore County
Liber BNA 10 Folio 48

March 4, 1916: Elizabeth A. Mays, William A. Mays, Sterling A. Mays, G. Mellor Mays, Marion E. Mays, Lorretta S. Mays, and Josephine E. Mays to John P. Mays (grandson)
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 456 Folio 574

November 3, 1937: John Mays, little, Attorney, to Cameron S. Cromwell, Sr. and Lorretta M. Cromwell, wife
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CWB 1018 Folio 122

June 5, 1963: Elizabeth Mays, second wife and widow of Cameron S. Cromwell, Sr., to Cameron S. Cromwell, Jr.
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4152 Folio 525

June 5, 1963: Cameron S. Cromwell, Jr. and Patricia T. Cromwell, wife, to White Villa Corporation
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4152 Folio 535

June 5, 1963: White Villa Corporation to Cameron S. Cromwell and Patricia T. Cromwell, wife
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber RRG 4152 Folio 537

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September 15, 1964: Cameron Stirling Cromwell and Patricia Tillinghast Cromwell to Stoneleigh Enterprises
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4366 Folio 63

October 1, 1964: Stoneleigh Enterprises to Joanne H. Hessey
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4369 Folio 390

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Union, January 31, 1885. Located in the Vertical Files at the Baltimore County Office of Planning, Towson, MD.

Scharf, J. Thomas, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12.1694 Acres

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name Hereford

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Hunningdon is located at 16129 York Road near Piney Hill in Baltimore County, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 28, Parcel 216. The house has been historically associated with this parcel since its construction circa 1865.

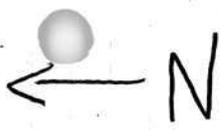
11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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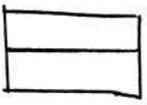


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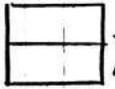
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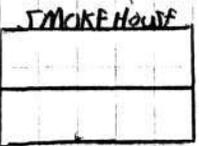
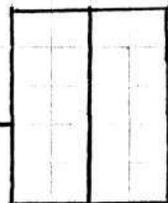


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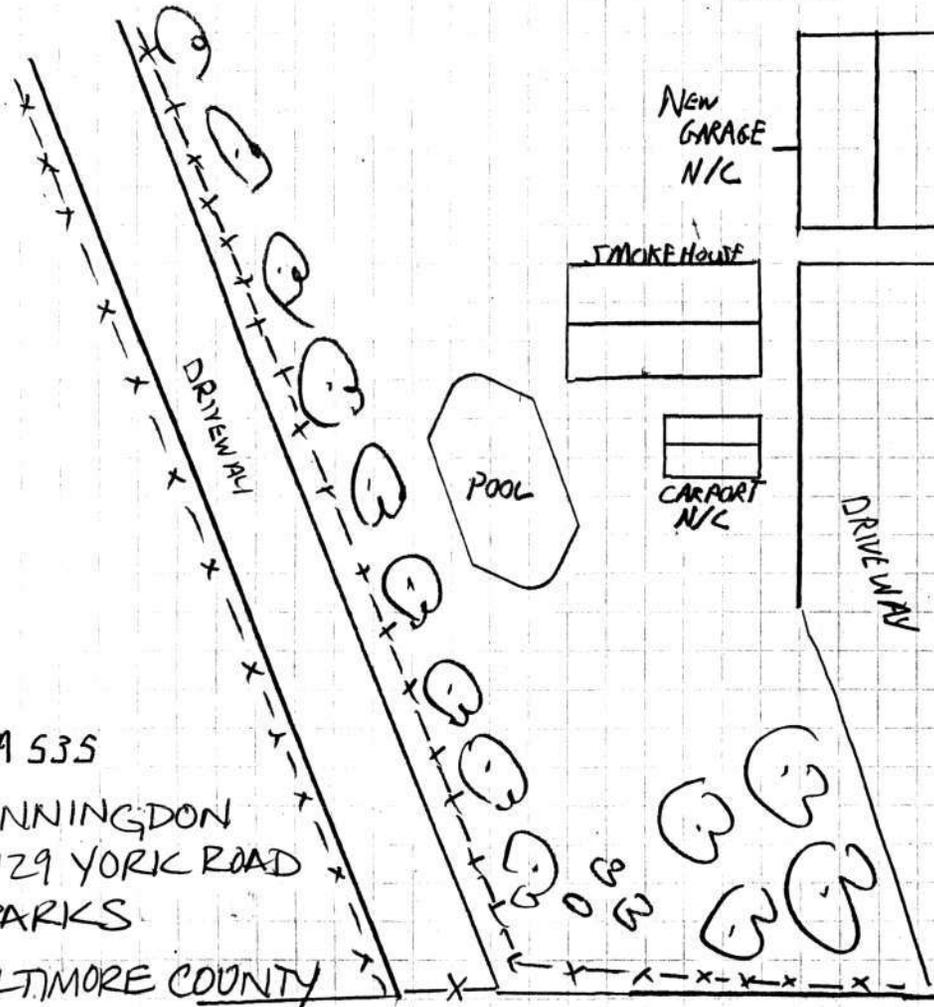


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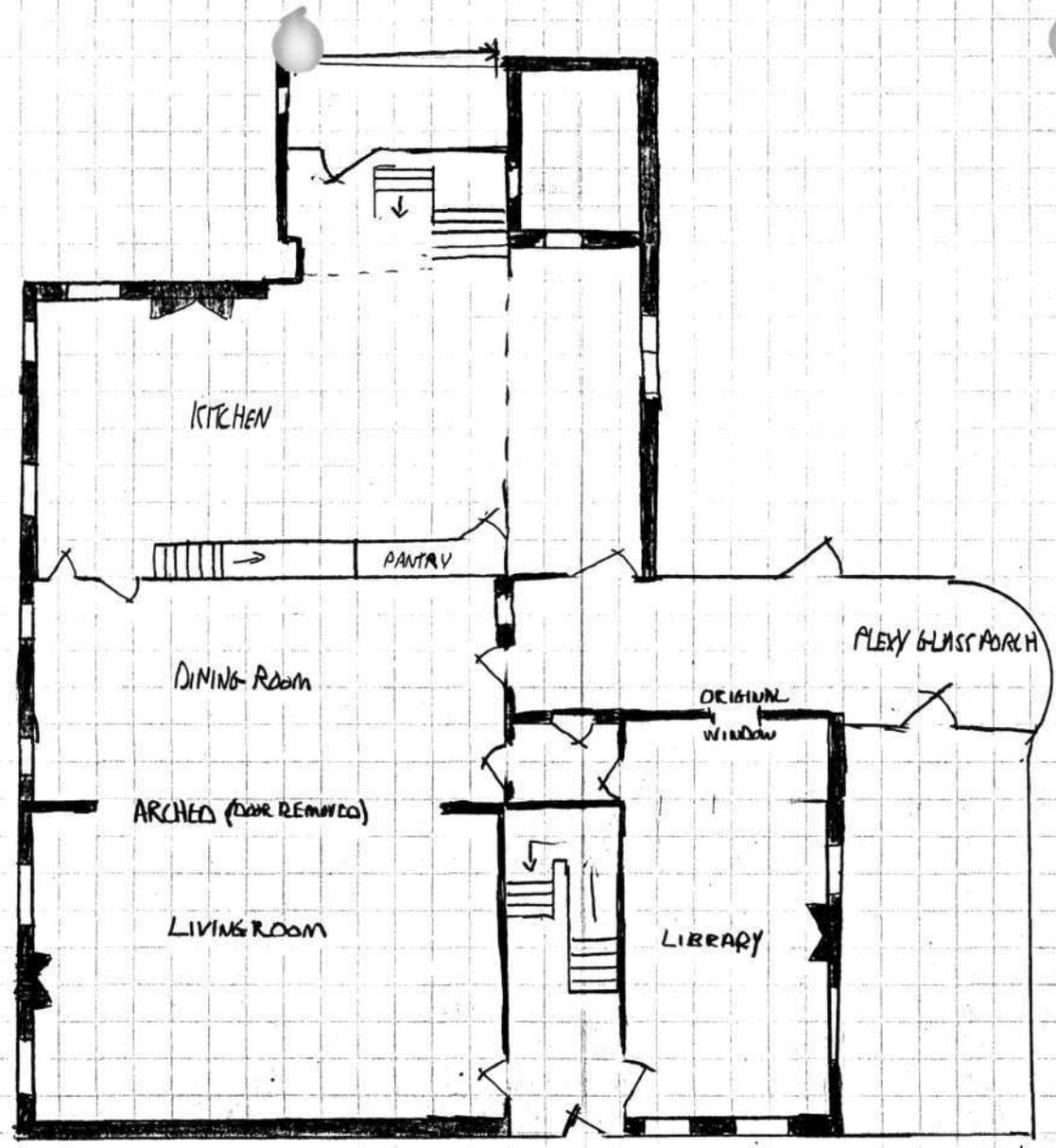
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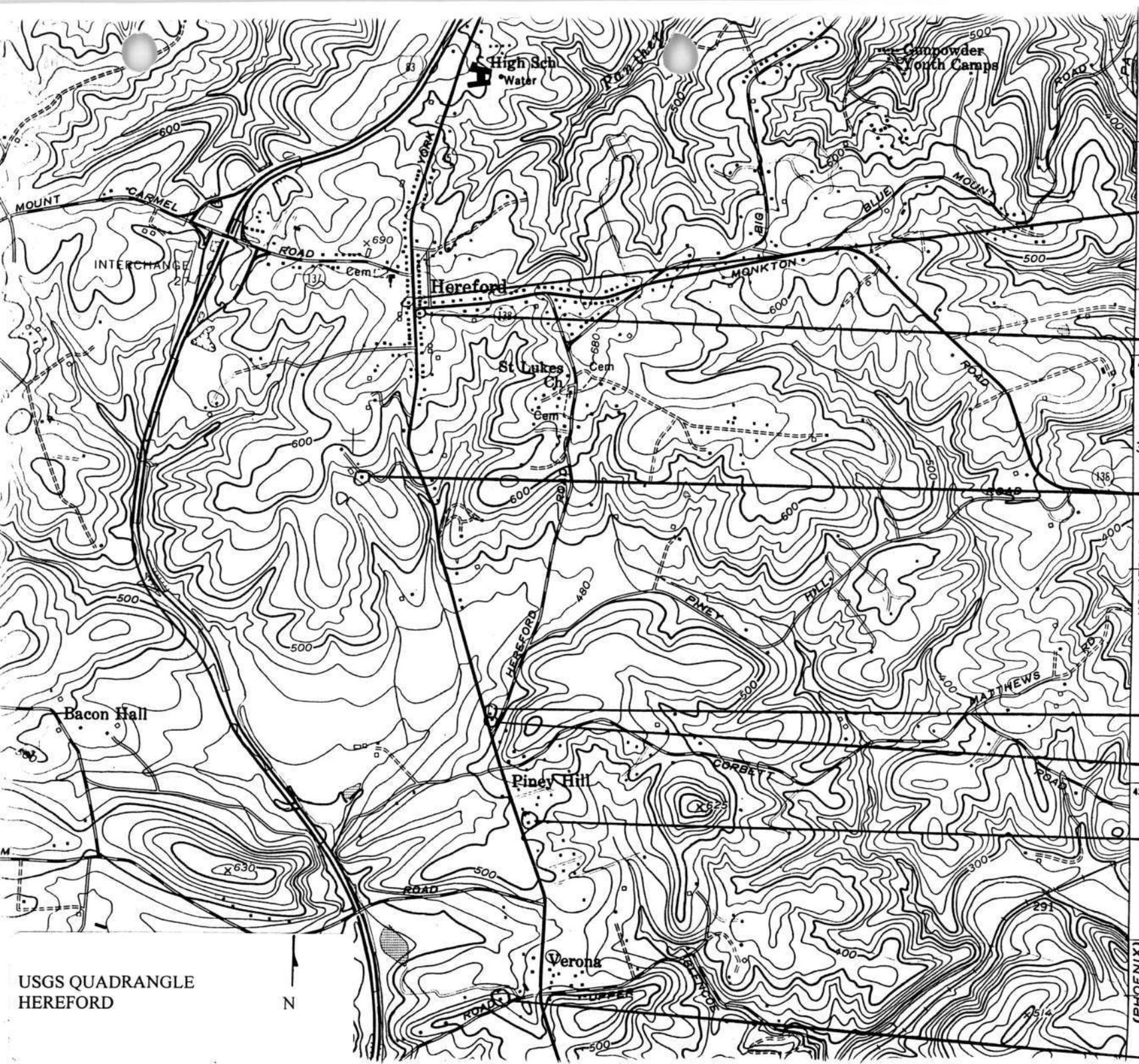
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BANK BARN, NORTHEAST CORNER, LOOKING SOUTHWEST



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BANK BARN, INTERIOR



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western elevation, looking east

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Southwest corner, looking north-east



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southern elevation, looking north

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Northeast corner, looking southwest

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Northwest corner, looking southeast

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STAIR HALL, FIRST FLOOR, LOOKING EAST



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2nd FLOOR, MAIN HALL, GOING WEST

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KITCHEN, FIRST FLOOR, LOOKING NORTH

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SITTING ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, LOOKING EAST

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16129 York Rd. Mill Spring House

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Southwest corner, looking northeast



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BANK BARN, SOUTHWEST CORNER, LOOKING NORTHEAST



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BANK BARN, WEST ELEVATION, LOOKING EAST



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HAY BARN, SOUTH EAST CORNER, LOOKING NORTHWEST

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BANK BARN, INTERIOR



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SPRING HOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER, LOOKING SOUTHWEST



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16129 York Rd Smokehouse

Baltimore County

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Southwest corner, looking northeast.

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16/29 YORK RD

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SHED, CARRIAGE HOUSE FOUNDATION, CARETAKERS HOUSE,
SOUTHWEST CORNER, LOOKING NORTH-EAST

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HUNNINGDON - 1850-1875 - 16129 York Road, east side, between Indian Spring Court and Corbett Road, Sparks vicinity. Brick house of three stories, including Mansard level. Victorian style, five bays wide, central entrance, no porch. Long back building in brick with gable roof. House is missing from three atlases, but was long in the Mays family, probably the "improvements" charged to John P. Mays in 1876 tax ledger and to George A. Mays in 1896, when the dwelling was worth \$1500. The 1918 tax ledger showed John P. Meays (sic) with a dwelling 55 x 16 and 26 x 22, worth \$3563. I.L. Webb, per "House Numbers".

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HUNTINGDON (P)

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JAN. 31
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Philopolls, 8th District.—I can but notice the interest taken, the judgment displayed and the improvements made by many of our successful farmers, and as I have written respecting the judgment, energy and prosperity of the same I deem it best not to overlook my personal friend, Mr. John P. Mays, who for many years was a resident of the 7th district, living between Hersford and Wiseburg, where he owns a large and highly cultivated farm, and upon which he so successfully conducted the milk business. Mr. Mays left that farm and its interests to the care of his son, Albert, and removed about a year ago with his son Charles, to the 8th district, above the 19-mile stone on the York pike, where he owns a farm of 190 acres of naturally good soil, having purchased the same a few years ago from Mr. Richard Merryman. The farm already shows a decided improvement, and now will produce crops equal to those of his enterprising neighbors. The buildings are attractive and conveniently built. The dwelling house, which is nearly three-stories high, with Mansard roof, built of brick, with two-story brick back-building; the large bank barn is conveniently arranged, well lighted, and has stabling for 10 horses and 35 cows. There is also a large corn house and wagon shed combined, also a convenient and improved hog house and granary for the storage of grain and feeding of swine. The dairy is conveniently situated and admirably arranged, and over the dairy is a large work-shop and tool-house. The buildings and fences are all in first-class condition, and everything on the place has a neat appearance. Improved machinery and implements are deemed necessary, and about 20 head of Alderney and Ayrshire cattle can be seen, with the necessary driving and work horses and mules. Mr. Mays thinks he will engage again in the milk business, and ship from Glencoe. My friend Mays should feel proud of the result of his labors and accept the praise he is so justly entitled to. I have but imperfectly described his home, and whilst I have more to say and might speak of his genial manners, friendship, wisdom and generous hospitality, I no doubt would also fall far short of what he deserves. His interest in agriculture has made him one of the directors of Baltimore county Agricultural Society, and his well-informed mind has made him a prominent member of Glencoe Grange. His companionship causes one to be cheerful, thoughtful and active, and especially tends to promote the interests of the young. He has had the pleasure of four grown children and now has added joy in the sight of fifteen grandchildren.

Glencoe Grange hold a meeting on 31st Inst., consisting of the usual routine business and readings. Mrs. Ella Seatt, Mrs. J. B. Benson and