

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

La Grange Warehouse and Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

204 A Rocks Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

L. E. Mankowski

Telephone #: 838-1254

STREET & NUMBER

204 A Rocks Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: HDC 900
Folio #: 48

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barn/Warehouse

This structure is located just north of the Maryland State Route #24 Bridge over Deer Creek, and it practically abutts the roadway. It is a south-facing two-story building, composed of massive, uncoursed stone. The walls feature attic louvers, east-west running iron support rods and north-south oriented exposed cross beams, imbedded in the stone. The window and door cavities have stone sills and lintels. A block addition has been added to the eastern end. Overall, the structure is three bays by two, with board-and-batten enclosed windows. Both livestock and regular doorways are located on the northern side, while a single door is positioned on the southern side. The roof is gable-flank and composed of slate and tarpaper.

The Store

This building is just north of the barn and faces the road. It is a two-story frame building, three bays by two, sitting upon a stone foundation. There are no windows on the northern or on the southern first floor sides. The windows are 9 X 6 on the western embrasure of the first floor, and 2 X 4 in the upper level, all in nailed frames. The lower panes still have louvered shutters. A double-door with a four-light transom is situated on the western side, and a second rests near the southeast corner and also has a similar transom. The roof is gable-front and made of slate, with very wide eaves. A porch, since removed, covered the western face of this store. Still printed on the same wall is the phrase, "ALL COUNTRY PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE FOR MERCHANDISE".

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This center of the iron industry was located near Deer Creek Bridge at Rocks, at the junction of the Rocks Road and St. Clair Bridge Road, and did a thriving business. It was operated by the Rogers family, who owned about 2,000 acres of farm and forest land in the vicinity of Rocks.

Isaac Rogers came to Harford County from Chester County, Pennsylvania, sometime before 1800. He immediately saw the opportunity of developing a successful industry because of the fine water power, the nearness to deposits of ore, and the forests which would provide charcoal. He and his three sons, Joseph, Ivan, and Stanley, are said to have given employment at one time to 300 men. The company maintained a large warehouse and community store, thus ministering to the needs of its employees.

The iron works was last owned by the E. Stanley Rogers Company and the large holdings were disposed of in 1886 when the furnace ceased to operate.

Charcoal was an indispensable fuel for the iron industry. Some estimates have placed the use of this product at two and one half tons of charcoal for each ton of pig iron. This explains the large ownership of forest lands by furnace companies such as La Grange Iron Works.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Harford County Directory, 1953
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1783 Maryland Tax List
1798 Federal Tax List
1814 Maryland Tax List

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22,572 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the east by Rocks Road; on the south by the land of John Roming and on the north by the lands of Francis Hince.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Paul Penrod and Susan Deeney	DATE	January 17, 1977
ORGANIZATION	Historic District Commission	DATE	838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER	45 South Main Street	TELEPHONE	
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	STATE	Maryland

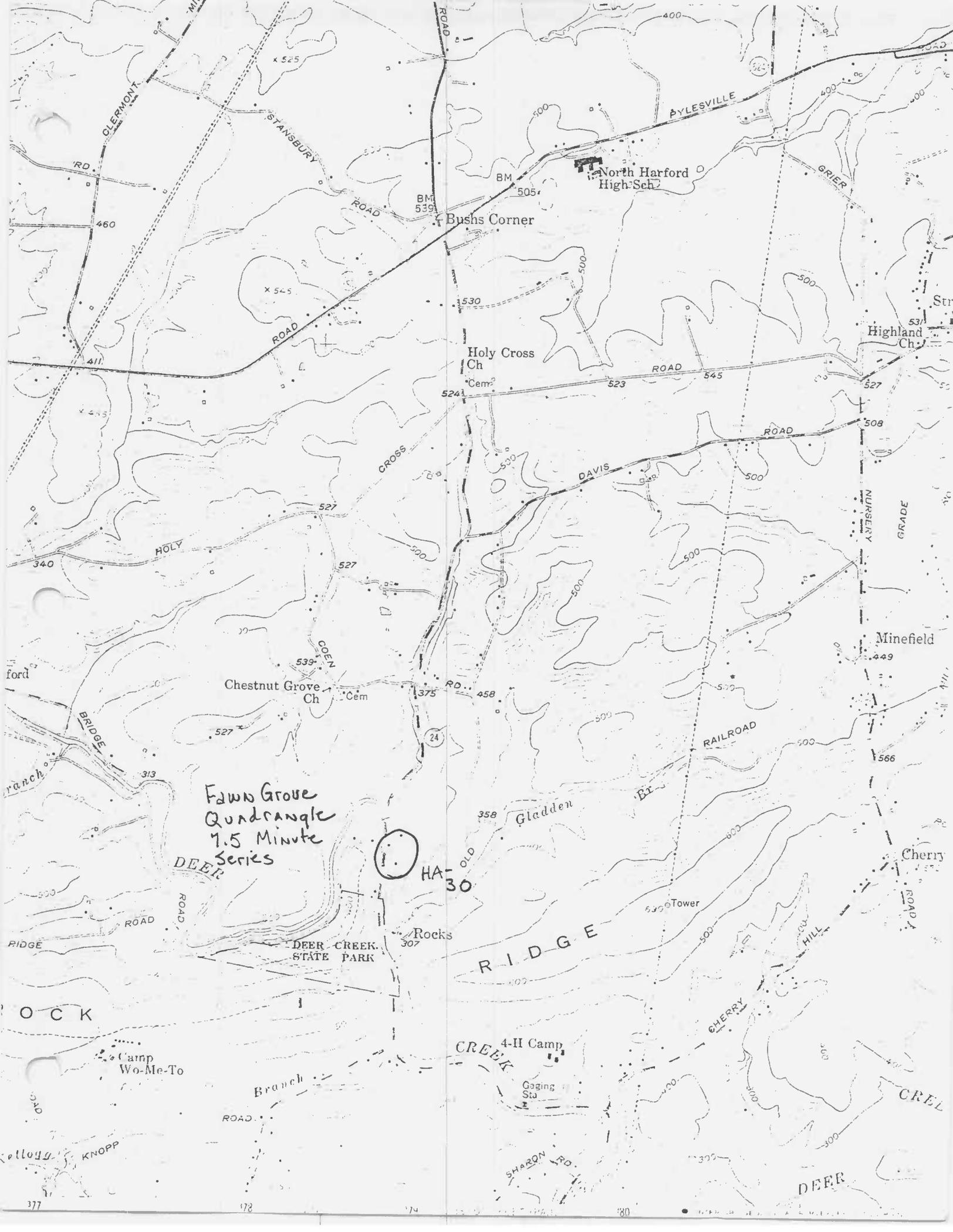
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TITLE SEARCH

<u>Liber</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
HDC	900	48	Frances Wilson Hince sold 22.572 acres to Leonard E. Mankowski in 1972.
GRG	308	411	Catherine Lochary conveyed 479 acres of La Grange to Frances Wilson Hince in 1947.
GRG	308	410	J. Clarence Wilson imparted the parcel to Catherine Lochary in 1947.
WSF	115	117	In 1905, J. Clarence Wilson obtained 813 acres from Alonzo Wilson.
WSF	96	490	Henry M. Marshall, attorney for Mary E. Rogers, transferred 969 acres to J. Clarence Wilson and Alonzo Wilson in 1899.
WSF	96	262	In 1899, Henry M. Marshall conveyed 974 acres to Mary E. Rogers.
WSF	89	411	Charles A. Rutledge sold the property to Herman Guthrie in 1896.
WSF	77	457	Martha J. Rutledge released the land to Elizabeth W. Ruthledge.
ALJ	65	40	Robert Archer, attorney, conveyed the property to Martha J. Rutledge in 1889. This sale came as a result of an 1889 equity case involving Grace S. Rogers v.s. Charles J. Rutledge.
ALJ	56	124	Charles A. Rutledge bought the property in 1883 from Robert Archer, trustee. Archer was invested with the parcel following an 1883 equity case involving Mary E. Rogers and Grace A. Rogers.
WG	12	307	In 1861, Isaac Rogers conveyed the property to Evan S. Rogers. An earlier deed from 1844 recorded a similar transfer of the interests of Isaac Rogers to Evan S. Rogers.



Fawn Grove
Quadrangle
7.5 Minute
Series

DEER

HA-30

OCK

Camp
Wo-Me-To

Branch
ROAD

DEER CREEK
STATE PARK

Rocks
307

OLD
RIDGE

4-H Camp

Gaging
Sta

SHARON RD

Tower
630

CHERRY
HILL

CREL

DEER