

Start Here

Scan One Time Only

And

Copy for Multiple Numbers

-----HA-31-----

-----AND-----

-----HA-32-----

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-31, 32  
1300314364

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

La Grange House and Outbuildings

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

204 A Rocks Road,

eastern side of State Route #24, just north of Deer Creek Bridge and the intersection with Rocks Station Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> 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 #: 58

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

This structure faces the Rocks Road, to the west, and is divided into three parts, all of these being two-story. The main section, a perpendicular wing on the former's southeast corner, and a unit attached to the northern wall of the main section comprise these three units. This main portion has walls of stucco over stone and measures five bays by four. Those along the southern exposure are spaced in pairs on both floors and are trimmed with old panelled shutters. There are a pair of 3 X 3 attic openings on either gable end. The other sashes are 6 X 6 and are not original. Two windows south of the western portal on the first floor are floor-length. The door itself has three-pane sidelights and an intricately-patterned transom. The roof is gable-flank and asphalt, with box cornices and frieze trim. Two recently-added hip dormers, with cornices and 3 X 3 windows, face the west. A seven-bay shed-roof porch encloses the entire western facade, fronted with cut stone steps. Two corbeled brick chimneys are located on the extreme inside ends. A cellarway can be found on the southern embrasure.

The attached section to the north is similar in construction, except that it is a shorter two stories, measuring three bays by one. Again, the window configuration is 6 X 6, and there are opposite doors with transoms and panelled insets, on the eastern and western sides. A tall, brick corbeled flue is positioned on the northern inside-end on the gable-flank roof.

The rear wing has walls of stucco over brick and stone, and measures two bays by one. The slate roof is gable-flank and intersects the ridgeline of the main house. A brick chimney is sited on the eastern inside-end.

The Outbuildings

North of the house is a frame, one-story schoolroom, with three openings on the western facade and two on the southern exposure. The eastern and northern walls are blank. The windows are 4 X 4, and a single door, facing west, has a two-pane transom. The building sits upon a stone base. The slate roof features extremely wide eaves, with frieze trim on the gable ends. Bracketed cornices appear over the windows. A stone privy, with a slate hip roof, is southeast of the house. It is divided in half and has separate entrances on the northern and southern sides. Closer to the house is a stone icehouse, with a door on the western aspect and a slate, gable-flank roof. A most unusual building is partially submerged in the hillside directly behind the house. This is a stone smokehouse, with a very high peaked slate roof that extends to ground level. The eaves feature bric-a-brac trim, and an inside-end brick stack is located on the southern end. Two 2 X 2 windows are situated on the northern and southern extremes, and a door is also located on the latter aspect. Further south of the house is a more recent cluster of structures; a corncrib, carriage house and two sheds, all of vertical frame resting on stone foundations, with gable-front roofs.

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**

Because of our incomplete tax lists, it is not known at this time when the stone house was built. The Martenet map of 1878 indicates Evan S. Rogers lived in this dwelling at that time and maintained a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. The stone stucco house appears to be of the Federal style. It is five bays long and has the Roman symmetry of the Early Georgian or Federal period. Its center through hall has a wide panelled door with a transom and side lights and the corners of the dwelling are unmarked by quoins. It was not possible to view this house's interior.

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.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Martenet Map, 1878  
 Harford County Directory, 1953  
 Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967.

1783 Maryland Tax List  
 1798 Federal Tax List  
 1814 Maryland Tax List

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 M. Deeney

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

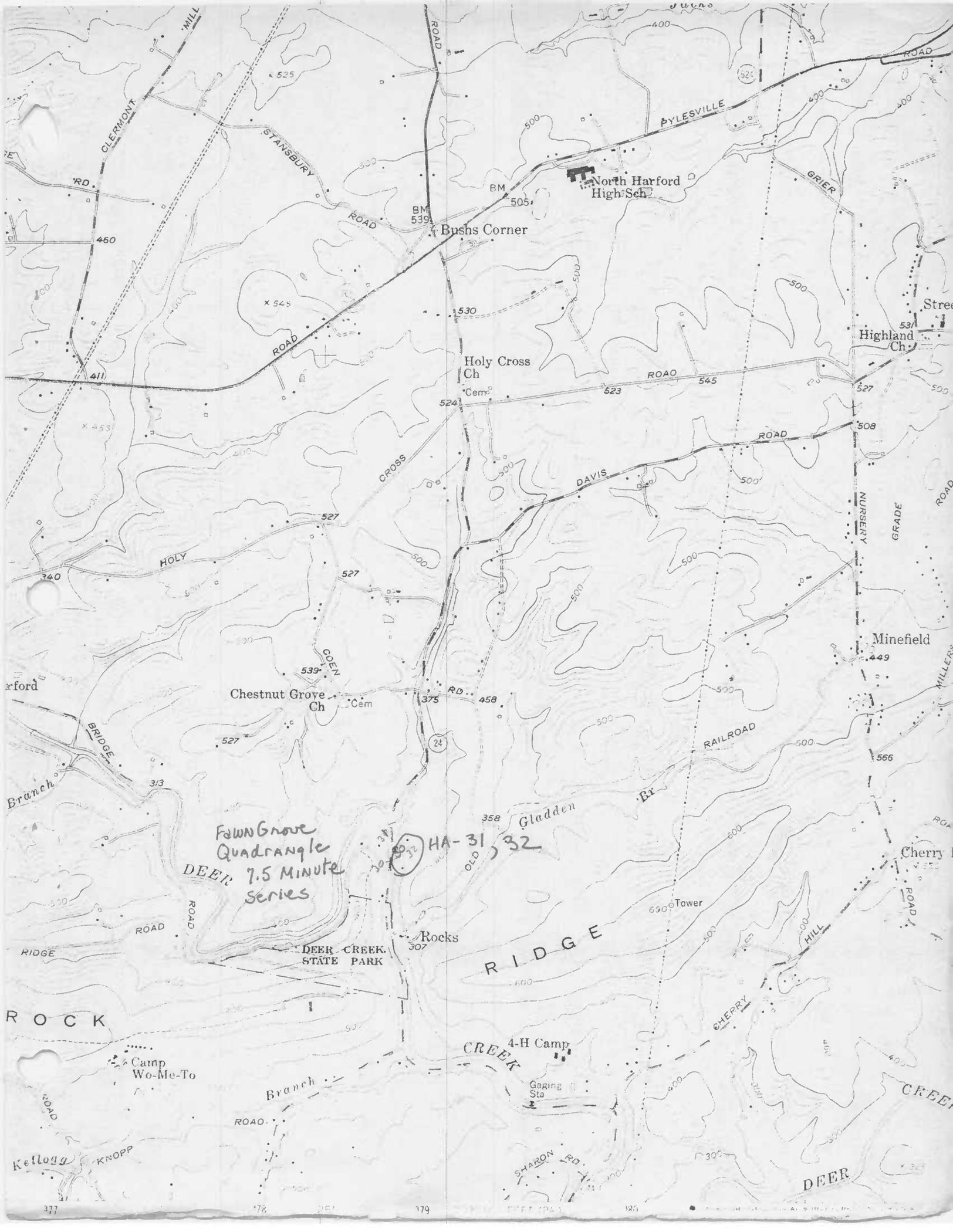
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

## 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	184	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.



End Here

Scan One Time Only  
And  
Copy for Multiple Numbers

HA-31

AND

HA-32