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Preston Stone House
2802 Forge Hill Road
Bel Air vicinity
Prive

c. 1850

The Preston Stone House is typical of Black 19th century vernacular houses in Harford County. Its simple form, local materials and plain craftsmanship are the common elements of this type of building and similar houses of the late 19th century still exist in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Preston Stone House

AND/OR COMMON: Barbara Rumsey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 2302 Forge Hill Road

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air — X VICINITY OF — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 2nd

STATE: Maryland — COUNTY: Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
	Not applicable	__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: __ VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Harford County Courthouse — Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER: 40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air, MD. — STATE:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: c. 1970 — __FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN: Annapolis — STATE: Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Preston Stone House is a simple vernacular stone house with 1 1/2 stories and a one story frame rear addition which is located on the northwest side of Forge Hill Road near the village of Kalmia in Harford County, Maryland. The house appears to date from the mid-19th century and is clearly the oldest house in the immediate vicinity, a group of small 20th century houses and mobile homes. The Preston House is set back about 200 feet from the road and faces southeast.

The house has a two-bay main elevation and a gable roofed entry porch. The stone section has a single interior chimney and a composition roof. The rear addition has aluminum siding. The fenestration in the stone section is one over one on the second floor and six over six on the first. The original plan had one room on the first floor and two on the second. This plan apparently survives intact.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	COMMUNITY PLANNING	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	RELIGION
1400-1499	ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	CONSERVATION	LAW	SCIENCE
1500-1599	AGRICULTURE	ECONOMICS	LITERATURE	SCULPTURE
1600-1699	ARCHITECTURE	EDUCATION	MILITARY	SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	ART	ENGINEERING	MUSIC	THEATER
X 1800-1899	COMMERCE	EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	PHILOSOPHY	TRANSPORTATION
1900-	COMMUNICATIONS	INDUSTRY	POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		INVENTION		Local Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Preston Stone House is typical of Black 19th century vernacular houses in Harford County in its simple form, local materials, and plain craftsmanship. The 1853 Jennings and Herrick map shows a building owned or occupied by A. Greme in the approximate location of the Preston house, suggesting the possibility of a connection with Angus Greme. The 1878 Martenet map shows a house occupied by Jane Preston (colld) in the same location. Several other houses occupied by Blacks, many named Preston, were also located in this area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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
Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

October 1982

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
(301) 838-6000, Ext. 297

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD 21014

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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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Mary Barnes house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East of Kalmia Road north of Forge Hill Road near Kalmia

CITY OR TOWN: Kalmia

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐	Building ☑	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☑	Yes:
Site ☐	Structure ☐	Private ☑	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☑
Object ☐		Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
					No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☑	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Mary Barnes

STREET AND NUMBER: Kalmia

CITY OR TOWN: ~~Bel Air~~ RFD | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE/REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford Co. Courthouse 40 S. Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

STATE: | COUNTY: | ENTRY NUMBER | DATE | FOR NPS USE ONLY

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☑ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unaltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☐

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mrs Barnes fieldstone house is set back from both roads under several big trees - only foot paths lead to the house.

Two bays by one, 1½ stories - 1 room and kitchen addition downstairs, two upstairs.

Windows 1/1 upstairs 6/6 downstairs.

Mrs Barnes and her grandson were clearly suspicious and fearful of a white person surveying. "Just don't take it." Relaxed a little when told M.H.T. may help some keep their places.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Abariginal		Education	☐	Political	☐	Urban Planning	☐
Prehistaric	☐	Engineering	☐	Religian/Philasaphy	☐	Other *(Specify)*	☐
Histaric	☐	Industry	☐	Science	☐	History -	
Agriculture	☐	Invention	☐	Sculpture	☐		
Art	☐	Landscape Architecture	☐	Sacial/Humanitarian	☑		
Cammerce	☐	Literature	☐	Theater	☐		
Cammunicatians	☐	Military	☐	Transpartatian	☐		
Conservatian	☐	Music	☐				

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

Mother and grandmother of most of the house owners around her, Mrs Barnes' ~~and her~~ house symbolizes her independence ~~represents independence~~ and self-sufficiency; ~~and free~~ a successful break with the slavery of her grandparents. When she first owned this house the success ~~meaning~~ was relatively greater. Now the very modest houses around her and the fact that she still lives in this ~~[illegible]~~ same unimproved small place ~~have~~ signifies ~~[illegible]~~ that their lot is not continuing to improve at the same rate.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J S Ewing

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust

DATE: Nov 69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

_____

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Jennings & Herrick Map of
Harford County, 1858

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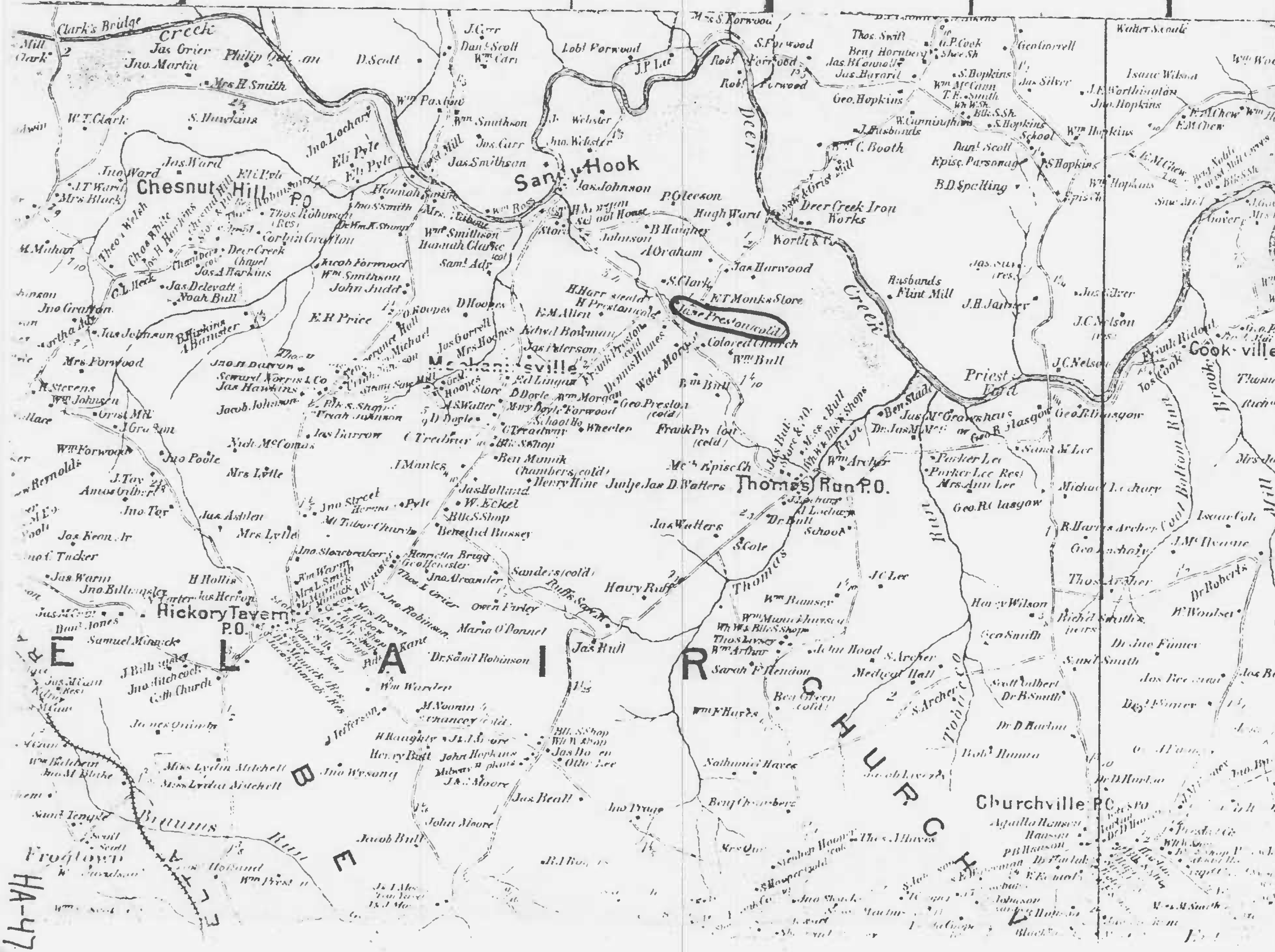
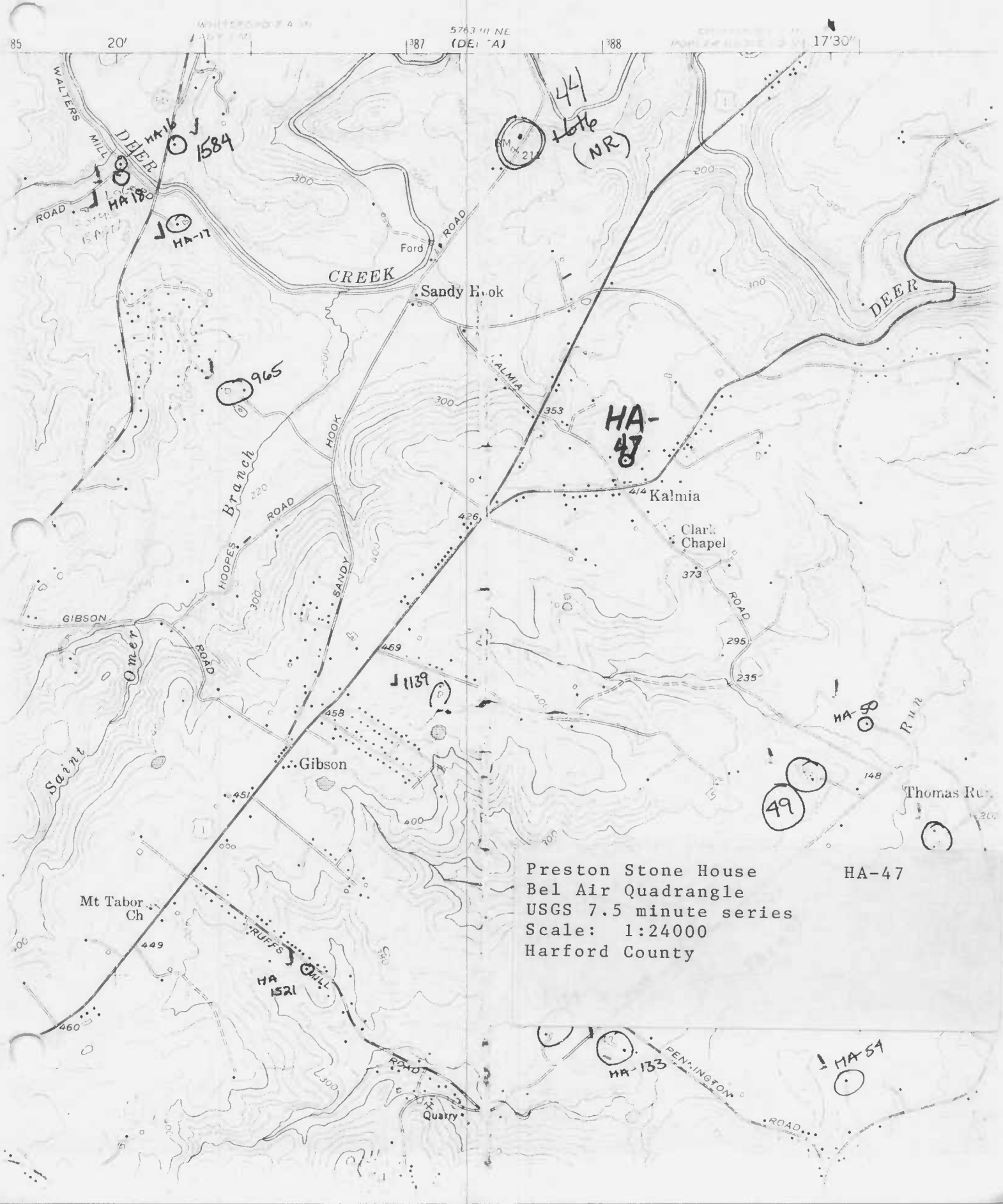


Preston Stone House
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878



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Bel Air Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24000
Harford County

Preston Stone House HA-47
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
October 1982
Southeast elevation

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