

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Leighton

AND/OR COMMON

Marylea Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Thomas Run and Pennington Roads

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

___ VICINITY OF

Thomas Run

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. William E. McGuirk, Jr.

Telephone #: 838-4828

STREET & NUMBER

Thomas Run and Pennington Roads

Maryland

21014

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

Thomas Run

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of Circuit Court

Liber #: GRG 418

Folio #: 447

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. 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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED additions	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Marylea Farms house is set back off Pennington Road and is surrounded by tall trees and large shrubs. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces north east. A branch of Thomas Run cuts through the property to the south of the house.

This large coursed rubble stone house is in four sections. The additions, though built in the recent past, maintain the character of the two earlier sections quite well. The rooves are covered with wood shingles.

SECTION 1 is believed to be the oldest. The coursed rubble stone structure is three bays long. It has a gable flank roof with a corbelled brick chimney on the south inside end. The main entrance is in the center bay on the west side. An enclosed, one bay entrance porch or vestibule is built onto this bay. On the east side the door directly across from the west door leads to a small room known by the family as the "den." This room then leads to a frame addition called the "potting room." A second door on the east side leads directly outside. There is a 3-step cornice on the ceiling of the east wall of the den. It does not, however, continue on to the ceiling of the later added potting room. There is a quartzite slab at the door way between the main room and the den. The 5' 11" doors are made of board and batten and have 2 iron strap hinges on each one. The walls are 20" wide in section.

Windows are 6 lights over 6, the panes are old, bevelled glass, and the window frames are narrow. A large field stone fireplace in the south wall has a wooden mantle and slate flag stones on the floor surrounding the fireplace. The wooden floor has been replaced. Built in book cases flank the fireplace. The ceiling is 7 feet high.

Beaded board stairs in the north wall lead to the second floor. This floor is divided into two rooms and a bath. East of the stairs in the ceiling of the north wall is an opening to a loft in the attic. There are 2 windows in the east and west walls of the second floor. They are located in the first and third bays.. Two built in closets are on the south wall.

It is believed by the family that the first floor room of this section was originally a kitchen. There is no cellar.

SECTION 2 is 2½ high, 3 bays by 2. The roof is gable flank and has a corbelled brick chimney on the inside south end. Dormers are newer additions (1939). The entrance is on the east in the north bay. The door is board and batten, and has a transom of 4 lights, and an old style lock. A one story, shed roofed porch extends across the three bays. A small attic window is west of the chimney, and to the east is a datestone of 1817.

Inside, this section is divided into 2 parts. The first is a rather formal sitting room with a small brick fireplace on the south wall. The fireplace is flanked by closets with double hung doors having two tiers of moulded panels on each. Also, below the larger doors, are double hung doors with one panel on each. This section is approximately 3 feet higher than the first section and has much higher ceilings. The second room is an entry hall. In the north west corner is the stairway leading to the second story. On the side of the stairs is a door leading to the cellar.

THE THIRD AND FOURTH SECTIONS were constructed in 1939 by the former owners, the Sayre family. The architect is not known, but the style chosen for these later additions shows that he/she was greatly concerned with the compatibility of the different sections, as well as the comforts needed for large family living.

The third section is a continuation of the second, adding a bedroom, bath and a

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although a large part of this house on Marylea Farm was built in the 1930's, the datestone on one section is 1817, and the south section was probably built several years earlier. No part of the present house appears to have been built at the time of the 1798 Federal Tax List, however. James Cain is listed as owner of the property on the 1783 Maryland Tax List and in 1798, Elizabeth Cain is listed as the owner. The dwelling in which she lived is described as a one story, wood structure measuring 25 feet by 20 feet. Outbuildings included a stable and cellar house of wood, and a 12 feet by 12 feet stone spring house. The measurements of the wood dwelling come very close to that of the log and stone structure still present on this tract.

The original patentee of the tract, Leigh of Leighton, was Col. Thomas White. He received the land from Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland, in 1753. Col. White, through his wife, Sophia Hall, was the proprietor of large tracts of land which he added to by the purchase and patent of others. White lived with his wife, Sophia, on a tract of land conveyed to Sophia by her father, Col. John Hall, called Sophia's Dairy. In 1777, Col. White's taxable real estate in Harford County comprised 7,772 acres. It is doubtful that Col. White, a lawyer and deputy surveyor general for Baltimore County, ever lived on the tract, Leigh of Leighton. After the death of his wife, White moved to Philadelphia, and in 1747 he was married for the second time to Ester Newman. Through his Last Will And Testament, the tract was conveyed to the daughter of his second marriage, Mary. Col. White had apparently returned to Sophia's Dairy where he died in 1779. Mary White married Robert Morris, financier of the American Revolution and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Eventually, Morris sold portions of the tract to various people, including James Cain. Cain purchased the property in 1785 and the land remained in the hands of the Cain family until 1867. The Cain family were farmers and little can be found concerning some of their other activities. Matthew Cain, a son of James, and later owner of the property, is listed as having served on the Petit Jury of Harford County during the August term of Court in 1806. A Matthew Cain Family stained glass window is present in the St. Ignatius Catholic Church, which is a National Register Historic Place.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1783 Maryland Taxlist
 1798 Federal Tax List.
 Harford County Land Records
 Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Press of the Sun Book Office,
 Baltimore, pp. 153, 205.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 353.09 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

Susan M. Deeney Field Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

Bel Air

CITY OR TOWN

45 S. Main Strret

DATE

9/76

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext 207

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.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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Physical Description
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thru-way to the fourth section. The roof line was extended at that time, adding 3 dormers and a corbelled brick chimney on the inside north end. The addition also extends east-west to form a 5 bay section. The doorway in the second bay on the north side has an ornate 3 light transom and a one tier entrance porch. Directly across from it on the south side is an inset glass door with a five light transom. Each door has 14 lights. The roof has 3 hips with a very long east-west ridge. An inside end, corbelled brick chimney is located on the west hip.

The 4th section then forms a sort of "T" on the west end. The roof ridge line runs north-south. A corbelled brick chimney is located at the south inside gable end. Two attic windows flank the chimney. It is 3 bays by 4 with an entrance on the west side complete with a one bay, one tier, entrance porch with a shed roof.

Wood chair rails are on the walls in both the 3rd and 4th sections.

In the courtyard on the south side of the house, there is a smoke house or privy in the south west corner. This outbuilding is an octagonal, flemish bond, brick structure. It has an octagonal hip roof and a small cupola. The roof is covered with wood shingles. The entrance faces north and is board and batten with 2 iron strap hinges. It is not known when this structure was built. It is in excellent condition.

To the south of the house and across the Thomas Run tributary, there is a very old stone and log structure, 1 bay by 2. There is an entrance in the north east bay and one in the west gable end. The first floor is rubble stone and the attic section is of log. The roof is covered with wood shingles. The entire roof extends past the end of the stone structure to form a porch supported by log columns. (3 columns).

There are many other out buildings on this large farm but they are fairly recent constructions.

TITLE SEARCH
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William E. Mc Guirk, Jr. and family
Thomas Run Road and Pennington Road
Marylea Farm

GRG	418/447	8/18/54	Grantor: Robert H. and Marie R. Sayre, III Grantee: William E. and Mary Paige McGuirk, Jr. Acreage: 3 tracts of land: 1. 252.6 Acres 2. 99 acres 3. 2.09 acres	
1.	SWC	248/101	10/1/37	Grantor: Ella D. and Joseph A. Ball Grantee: Marie and Robert R. Sayre, III Acreage: 252.6 acres, Leigh of Leighton, Uncle's Good Will
	SWC	230/107	3/16/34	Grantor: Clara B. Gould of St. Petersburg, Florida Grantee: Ella D. and Joseph A. Ball Acreage: 260 acres, more or less
	Unknown		1934	Grantor: Joseph A. and Ella D. Ball Grantee: Clara B. Gould
	DGW	203/116	2/25/27/	Grantor: John A. Robinson, Michael W. Fahey, Trustees, appointed to sell the estate of Joseph A. Ball, Sr. Equity case involved Helen H. Ball vs. Farrand H. Ball and others. Grantee: Joseph A. and Ella D. Ball, Jr.
	JA	16/51		Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Joseph A. Ball, Sr. Grantee: Mollie M. Ball, his wife, for the term of her natural life, with remainder to his children.
	JAR	139/81	10/31/12	Grantor: Sarah E. Ball and others Grantee: Joseph A. Ball (Sr.) Acreage: Gave up claim to land conveyed to children in will of their mother, Mary Smith Ball.
	GSN	12/328	10/19/1898	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Mary Smith Ball Grantee: Above mentioned Children
	WSR	10/455	12/7/1884	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James H. Ball, husband of Grantee: Mary Smith Ball
	ALJ	24/269	7/12/1870	Grantor: Samuel M. Magraw, trustee for James M. Magraw and others Grantee: James H. Ball Acreage: 261 acres, 1 rood, 14 sq. perches
	ALJ	20/179	4/8/1868	Grantor: A. Lingan Jarrett, trustee, estate of Matthew Cain. Equity case ALJ 12/38, Sarah Cain, et al vs. James M. Cain. Grantee: Samuel M. Magraw, trustee Acreage: 260 acres, more or less
	HD	R/153	10/7/1803	Grantor: Henry Dorsey of Edward Grantee: John, Matthew, Mary, Jane Cain and Ann Ficke, heirs at law of James Cain Acreage: 322.5 acres
	HD	4/175	5/4/1820	Grantor: John Cain Grantee: Matthew Cain Acreage: "Whereas James Cain father of the parties herein named died seized in fee of part of two tracts of land the one called Leigh of Leighton containing 322.5 acres and the other called Uncle's Good Will containing 125 acres situate on Thomas Run!..court decided that land could not be divided without "loss and injury" and John Cain, eldest of the Cain heirs agreed to sell the property to Matthew and divide the money between the heirs of his father.

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JLG	L/162	12/23/1794	Grantor: Robert and Mary Morris of Philadelphia Grantee: Henry Dorsey of Edward	
JLG	F/270	3/5/1785	Grantor: Robert and Mary Morris Grantee: James Cain Acreage: 130 acres	
Unknown		4/15/1773	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas White Grantee: Mary Morris, his daughter and the "heirs of her body" Acreage: 639 acres, 70 sq. perches, Leigh of leighton	
YUS Baltimore County Records	6/171	8/10/1753	Grantor: Patent from Frederick absolute Lord and Proprietary of the then Province of Maryland Grantee: Thomas White	
2.	GCB	259/389	10/1/37	Grantor: Title Holding Company Grantee: Robert H. and Marie R. Sayre Acreage: 99 acres leigh of Leighton
	GCB	259/322	3/16/34	Grantor: Edgar D. Kirk, Stanley J. Kirk and Maie T. Kirk, his wife Grantee: Title Holding Co.
	SWC	249/228	4/24/36	Grantor: Samuel G. and Josie L. Lundy Grantee: Edgar D. and Stanley J. Kirk Acreage: 91 acres more or less
	DGW	208/151	4/19/28	Grantor: Reid M. and Nannie Edwards; Burnette Edwards Grantee: Samuel G. Lundy Acreage: 91 acres, more or less
	DGW	198/4	3/3/26	Grantor: Frederick and Clara Lochary Grantee: Samuel G. Lundy, Elmer Poole, Minnie O. Poole Acreage: 114.5 acres
	WSF	125/17	5/21/17	Grantor: Preston M. and Annie R. Barrow Grantee: Frederick and Clara Lochary Acreage: 114.5 acres
	WSF	102/298	7/23/01	Grantor: Gilbert S. Hawkins, Trustee, for Mary E. Coale (apparently) Grantee: Preston M. and Annie R. Barrow Acreage: 115 acres, more or less
	ALJ	27/366	7/19/1872	Grantor: John S. and Amanda M. Dallam Grantee: Stevenson Archer, Trustee for MaryE. Coale, wife of Skipworth Coale
	WG	12/423	2/1/1862	Grantor: Henry D. Fanandis, Trustee Grantee: John S. and Amanda M. Dallam Acreage: 114.5 acres Fanandis acted as trustee in an Equity case involving Joseph A. Turpin and others vs. Daniel T. Hawkins and others.
	ALJ	1/244	2/1851	Grantor: Stevenson Archer Grantee: Heirs of Stevenson Archer Stevenson Archer died in 1848 and in 1851 the complaints of James Archer and others were brought into the Court of Equity. Pamela B. Archer and others were the defendants. The land was divided among the heirs and lot #8 was given to Laura S. Turpin.

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HD	X/97	10/7/1812	Grantor: Thomas, John, and Robert Archer Grantee: Stevenson Archer	
			"Whereas Doctor John Archer now deceased...seized and possessed...of part of a tract of land called...Uncle's Good Will...and being the second allotment of said land which the said Doctor John Archer inherited as heir... to his father Thomas Archer who purchased the said second allotment from a certain Benjamin Boyd of Prince Georges County, MD, who was heir to Eleanor Boyd to whom the said Second allotment was devised by Charles Carrol, Esq.	
			...Whereas Dr. John Archer (also had at the time of his death) one other part of the said tract of land Uncle's Good Will it being part of the first allotment of the whole tract..."	
HD	R/455	9/7/1804	Grantor: Henry Dorsey of Edward Grantee: Dr. John Archer	
JLG	N/456	9/26/1797	Grantor: John Cretin Grantee: Henry Dorsey	
		8/5/1752	Grantor: Thomas Shea Grantee: John Cretin Acreage: Thomas Shea was the original Patentee to the land. he sold Cretin part of the tract.	
		8/12/1758	Grantor: Phillip and Charity Quinlan Grantee: John Cretin Acreage: "...did sell to John Cretin part of a tract of land... Uncle's Good Will as by reference being part of the Original Deed recorded in Baltimore County."	
3.	GCB	301/28	11/9/46	Grantor: Rowan F. and Sarah F. Caudill Grantee: Robert H. Sayre, III and Marie Riggs Sayre Acreage: 2.09 acres
	GCB	213/498	1/20/30	Grantor: George K. and Anne Louise Livezey Grantee: Rowan F. and Sarah F. Caudill Acreage: 86 acres, more or less, part of Leigh of Leighton and Uncle's Good Will
	DGW	195/411	1/30/26	Grantor: Florence and John Nagle Grantee: George K. and Anne Louise Livezey Acreage: 86 acres, Leigh of Leighton/Uncle's Good Will 17 acres, land leading from Doxen's Crossroads to Ruff's Mill.
	DGW	189/490	10/10/24	Grantor: Thomas N. Livezey, Sr., Kate E.S. Smith, Rudolph B. Smith Grantee: George K. Livezey and Florence Nagle
	JMM	11/341	1/18/1890	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Henry Kessler Grantee: Sylvania Livezey, for life, and at her death to her children: George, Florence, Kate, and Thomas, Jr.
	ALJ	36/176	2/26/1878	Grantor: Thomas Sutton Grantee: Henry Kessler
	HDG	32/378	7/27/1846	Grantor: Julia A. Bussey Grantee: Thomas Sutton The deed also gives "July Ann Bussey" as the grantor's name. It is unclear how the grantor came to be in possession of the land as no deed of conveyance can be found under the given name.
	HD	20/251	5/12/1838	Grantor: Jane Butler Grantee: Clement Butler

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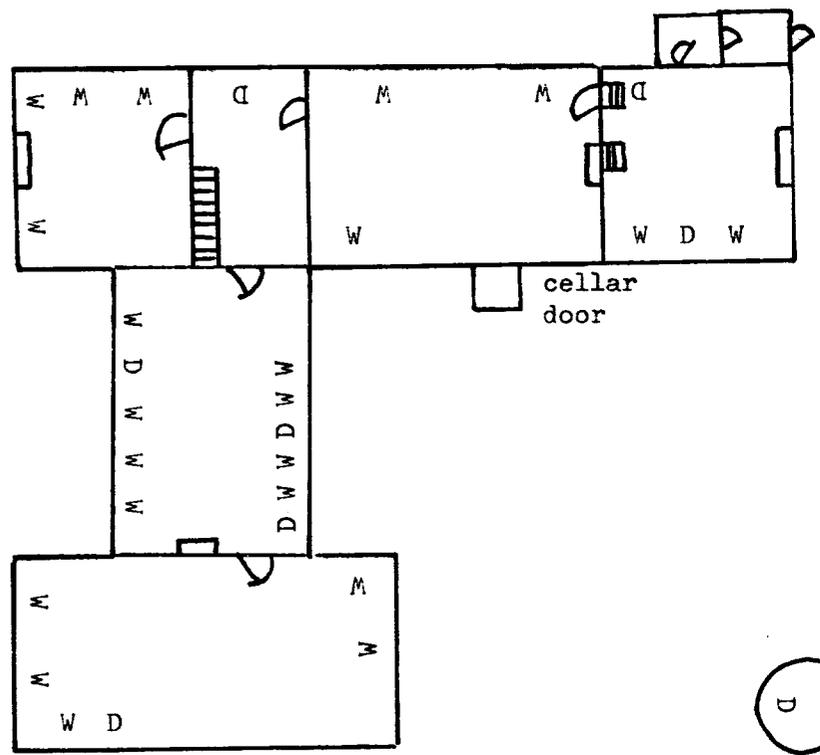
HD 13/198 6/12/1830 Grantor: Lewis Butler
 Grantee: Jane Butler

HD 13/199 6/12/1830 Grantor: Otho Scott, Trustee, for the estate of John Cain
 Grantee: Lewis Butler
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 William Williams and Jane Guyton vs. Jane and Mary Cain.

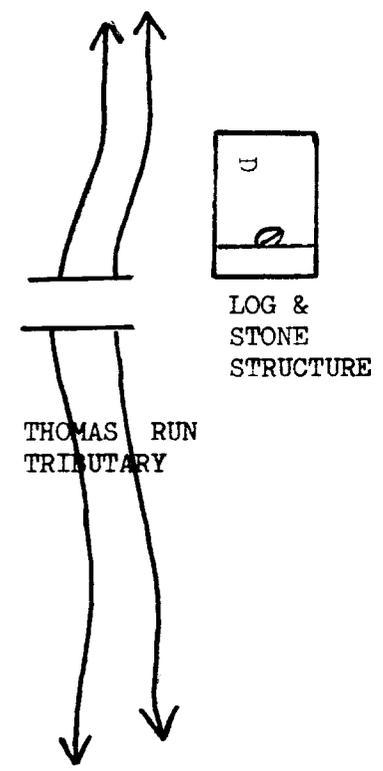
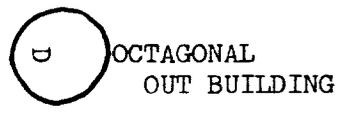
HD 1/128 EQUITY CASE
 The estate of John Cain:
 "...that the said John Cain died seized of a parcel of
 land situate in Harford County aforesaid composed of
 two tracts or parts of tracts the one called Leigh of
 Leighton and the other called Uncle's Good Will con-
 taining 270 acres more or less..."

It is not clear as to where John Cain got the said property. In deed HD R/153, 322.5 acres were conveyed to the heirs of James Cain by Henry Dorsey of Edward but this land was later conveyed by John Cain to his brother Matthew in Deed HD 4/175 (See #1). 130 acres were conveyed to James Cain by Robert and Mary Morris (JLG F/270), but this also was sold to Matthew by his brother John, who acted as the representative of the James Cain Heirs. There are no other land transactions in the Harford County records listed for John Cain. The two tracts of land can however be assumed to have come from the original patentees, Thomas White: Leigh of Leighton, and Thomas Shea: first allotment of Uncle's Good Will, and Eleanor Boyd: second allotment of Uncle's Good Will.

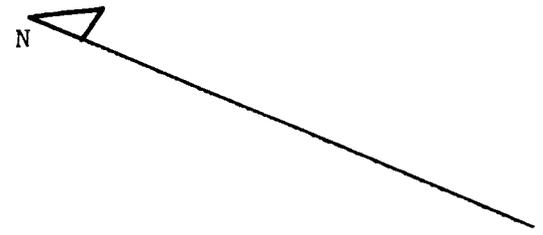
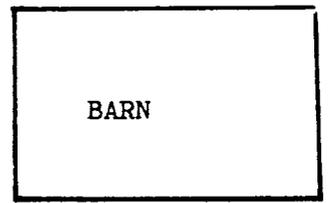
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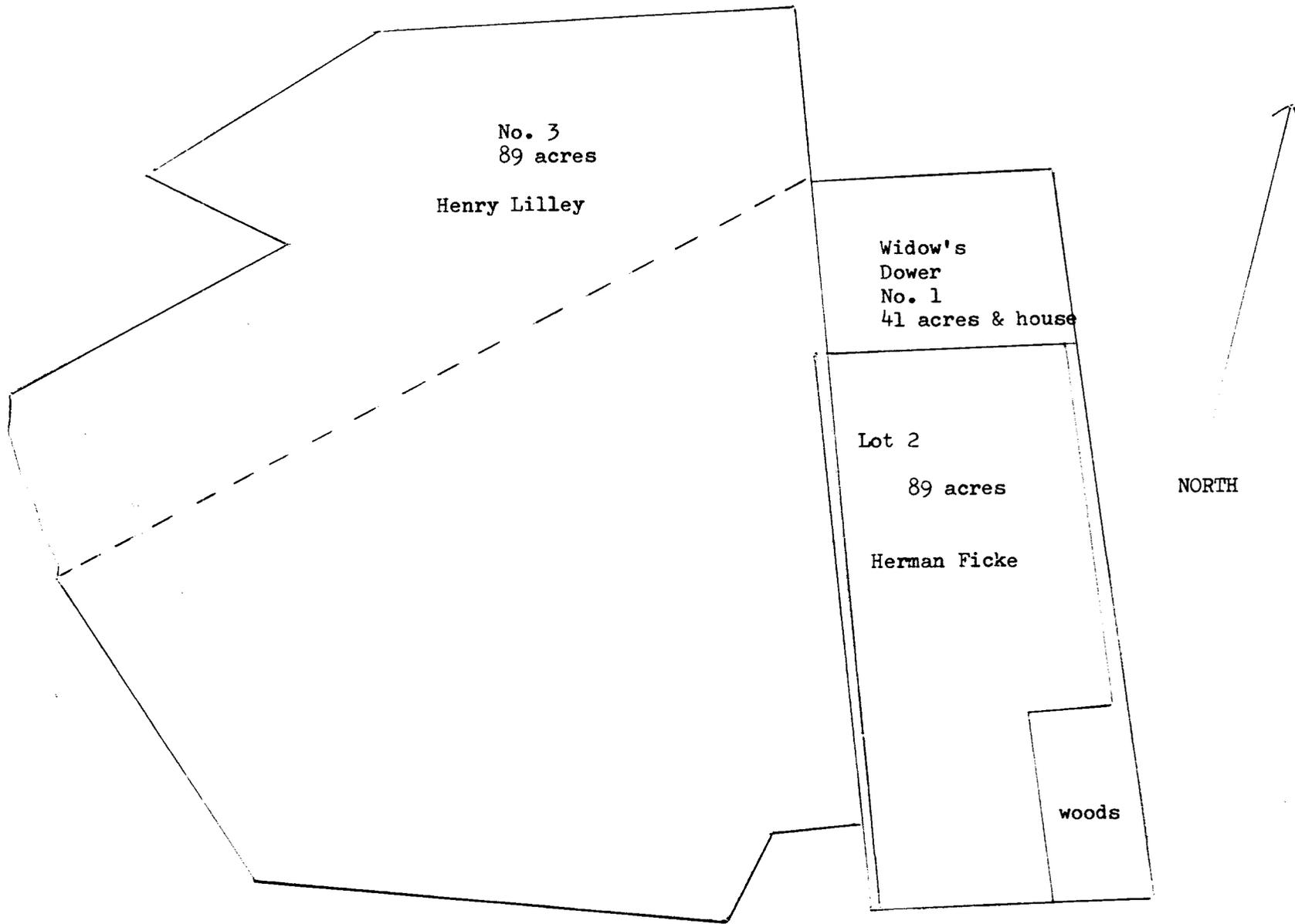


DRIVEWAY



Division of James Cain's Property
Plat HD 2 folio 363
Scale: 50 perches to an inch

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Leighton HA-133
Bel Air, MD
Susan M. Deeney
Northeast

6/76



Leighton HA-133
Bel Air, MD
Susan M. Deeney
West

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Leighton HA-133
Stone and log structure

Bel Air, MD

Susan M. Deeney 6/76

~~Northeast~~

Southeast



Leighton/MaryLea Farm HA-133
Stone and log structure
Bel Air, MD
Susan M. Deeney 6/76
Northeast