

SUMMARY

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HOMELANDS
HERBERT-HARLAN HOUSE
Priest Ford Road
Churchville, Maryland 21028

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The farm was purchased by John Herbert in 1806 and is still owned by his descendents. The house itself evolved with each generation, beginning with the westerly three bays of the main (south) section in the early 19th Century. Dr. David Harlan added the easterly two bays and widow's walk in the third quarter of the 19th Century and his son, William Beatty Harlan, added the porch and leaded glass windows in the first quarter of the 20th Century.

The house then, still on the original farm, has become quite an important landmark in Churchville. Its own evolution with each generation of the Herbert-Harlan family bears witness to the waves of the development of the town, each one superseding the earlier ones so that most of what exists now in Churchville dates from the early 20th Century when Margaret Harlan's heirs sold off a number of lots along the main roads.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
HomeLands

AND/OR COMMON
Herbert-Harlan House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
East Side of Priest Ford Rd. (Md. Rte. 136), North of Churchville

CITY, TOWN
Churchville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland 21028

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 type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Paul & Katherine Harlan

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Priest Ford Road

CITY, TOWN
Churchville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21028

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

STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

1012

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story gable-roofed frame clapboard house is located on the east side of Priest Ford Road (Md. Rte. 136), just north of Churchville.

Set on a low stone foundation, the house is T-shaped with two shed-roofed additions on the north end: The main or south section measuring 47'4"x28'4" is five bays wide and two rooms deep (the two easterly bays were added in the third quarter of the 19th Century; with a four-flue stuccoed chimney in the west end and a one-flue stove chimney in the east. The 2-1/2 story shed-roofed tee measures 24'3"x20'8" and is three bays long and one room wide with an interior three-flue stuccoed chimney near the north end. The windows in the second story center bay of the south facade has leaded glass. Most windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. Except for the north wing, the clapboards are beaded and on the west measure 4-1/2-6" and on the east regularly 6-1/2". The roof has a boxed cornice and widow's walk (sans balusters) added in the late 19th Century. Dating from the early 20th Century, the three bay wide front (south) porch has fluted doric columns and an architrave ornamented with triglyphs. The entrance in the center bay has sidelights and a transom.

The interior of the south section has a center hall plan with two rooms on the west (originally with doors between them) and a double parlor on the east, separated from the hall by a pair of fluted columns. The trim in the west section is plain with recessed circles in the corner blocks; the trim in the east parlors is distinguished by two vertical flutes. The mantels in the two west rooms are similar with U-shaped shelves molded cornices and end blocks with recessed panels supported on free-standing columns. The staircase has scroll brackets and square balusters.

The tee contains a hall with enclosed back stair on the the south and kitchen on the north.

Structures northeast of the house. ←

- "A" The outbuildings include a two-story stone smokehouse east of the house, and ⁵ a frame ¹ a one-story,
- B,C From west to east, they comprise: -
- D,E gable-roofed shed covered with asbestos siding; a two-story corn crib on stone posts
- F with a hewn frame; a one-story stable, a board-&-batten barn with a long roof pitch on
- G the west and shed addition on the east, and a board-&-batten shed open to the south.
- South of the house are the farm buildings. The modern barn includes the old wagon and corn shed that survived the fire that ~~6~~ killed the old barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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

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In 1806, John Herbert began purchasing land in this area known at that time as "Lower Crossroads"; during his time as "Herbert's Crossroads". He may have built part of the present house soon after, but the dimensions of the western three bays that are said to have been his do not correspond to any of the buildings attributed to John Herbert on the 1814 Tax List. (The 1806 cornerstone was carved in the 20th Century, during the residency of Paul Harlan). The 1814 Tax List does show that, as we would expect, John Herbert was a prosperous landowner. Valued at \$7594, his holdings included 280 Acres, 8 slaves, a "Wood house (24'x16')", log kitchen (18'x16'), wood barn (18 square feet), good for nothing, one house (32'x22') wood, two old frame dwelling houses (40'x32') very sorry, mill house (wood), log barn (14'x27'), corn house (14'x9'), log house (20'x22'), wood stable (16'x14'), stone springhouse (7'x10'), wood kitchen (14'x12').

The farm then passed to John Herbert's son, James, who was a merchant with a store stocked with all sorts of exotic inventory: hundreds of yards of cloth ("twiled, striped and orange bom basset", gingham, flannel, "casamere", muslin, "jackonett", calico, cambrick), shawls, handkerchiefs, "crevats", suspenders, pantaletts, plain ribbons and "watch ribins", lace, gallons of French brandy, Lisbon wine, as well as gin and whiskey, "pairs of Morocco shoes", barrels of vinegar and molasses and quires of pepper, one hair sifter (?), 6 dozen jews harps, wagons and wagon parts, "rasors", all sorts of combs - redding - side, long, hair and "pocket", toothbrushes, slate pencils, "escences and phials", inkstands, ink powder, camomile, allspice, allum, ginger, "jig blue", "bohea tea", "cannamon", smoking tobacco, cigars, snuff boxes, castor oil, dozens of pitchers - white, luster, queensware, cream, "liver pool" cups, saucers and teapots, soup plates, breakfast plates, blue edged plates, "scales & waits" - the list goes on for 14 pages; B. Herbert, and then James Herbert's daughter, Margaret Herbert, inherited his property in 1831. In 1846 she married Dr. David Harlan, Medical Director of the U.S. Navy, and the 1858 and 1878 Martenet's Map show Homelands as his residence. The easterly half of the house, at least, was constructed at this time. Born in 1809 near Stafford, David Harlan was the son of Jeremiah Harlan. Educated at Rock Run Academy and Washington Medical School of Baltimore, David Harlan's service with the Navy in both the Mexican and the Civil Wars gave him national prominence. David Harlan died in 1891, Margaret Harlan in 1903 and the farm was split among their five children: Oleita,

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (See Attached Sheet)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will & Equity Records of Harford County
 Wright, C. Milton, Our Harford Heritage, 1967
 Interview with Paul B. Harlan, 3/80

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

6/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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

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Significance (Cont.)

Herbert, Wm. Beatty, David E., and Henry. William Beatty Harlan inherited the house and in 1929 left it to his son, Paul Beatty Harlan, the current owner.

William Beatty Harlan added the porch and the colored glass windows. An earlier photograph (clearly 20th century) shows the house with its widow's walk with gingerbread balusters, regular window in the second floor center bay, front entrance, minus sidelights, hip-roofed three bay wide front porch with a tapered doric square posts, and a noticeable seam in the second story east of the center bay.

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Paul Harlan's house

AND/OR HISTORIC: The Herbert Family Farm house

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side Proost Ford Road (Md 136) 0.3 mi north

CITY OR TOWN: Churchville of Churchville Road (Md 22)

STATE: Maryland CDDE: Harford COUNTY: CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Paul B & Katherine Harlan

STREET AND NUMBER: Proost Ford Road

CITY OR TOWN: Churchville RFD STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S Main ST

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: MD 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: CDDE:

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STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

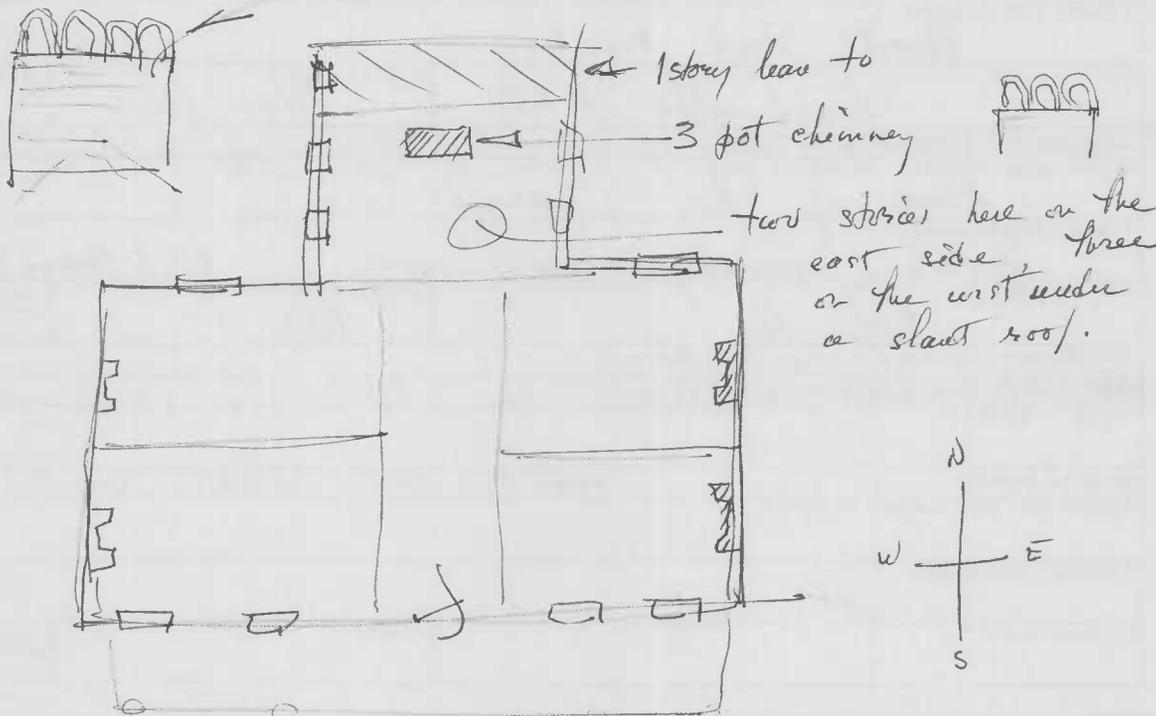
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This well-kept farmhouse has two and a half stories with a captain's walk on the ridge. The house faces south, the ridgeline runs east-west.

Of sturdy frame construction, painted white with dark green shutters, a heavy-columned porch runs across the south facade. Five days by two rooms deep, the end walls have heating fireplaces in each room downstairs and up, so that four flues at each end of the house rise to the arched chimneys:



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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)

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|---|--------------|----------------|--|
| Aboriginal | Education | Political | Urban Planning |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering | Religion/Phi- | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry | losophy | <u>Architectural</u> |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention | Science | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape | Sculpture | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture | Social/Human- | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature | itorion | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military | Theater | _____ |
| | Music | Transportation | _____ |

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

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This house is evidence of the wealth of farming in Halifax in the early 1800's. Since 1806, when the frame house under the main roof was added to the smaller older house to the north, the Huberts and Harlan have made a very comfortable living managing ~~the~~ general produce and dairy farms in the County. Mr Harlan has sold off some of his land but still manages about 230 acres. His wife is active in club and charity work. His three children have left Halifax County.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview w. Paul Hulan, owner, descendant of the Herbert family, purchasers of farm in 1805.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	
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SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean S. Zorif

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust DATE: Dec '69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: MD 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:

Keeper of The National Register

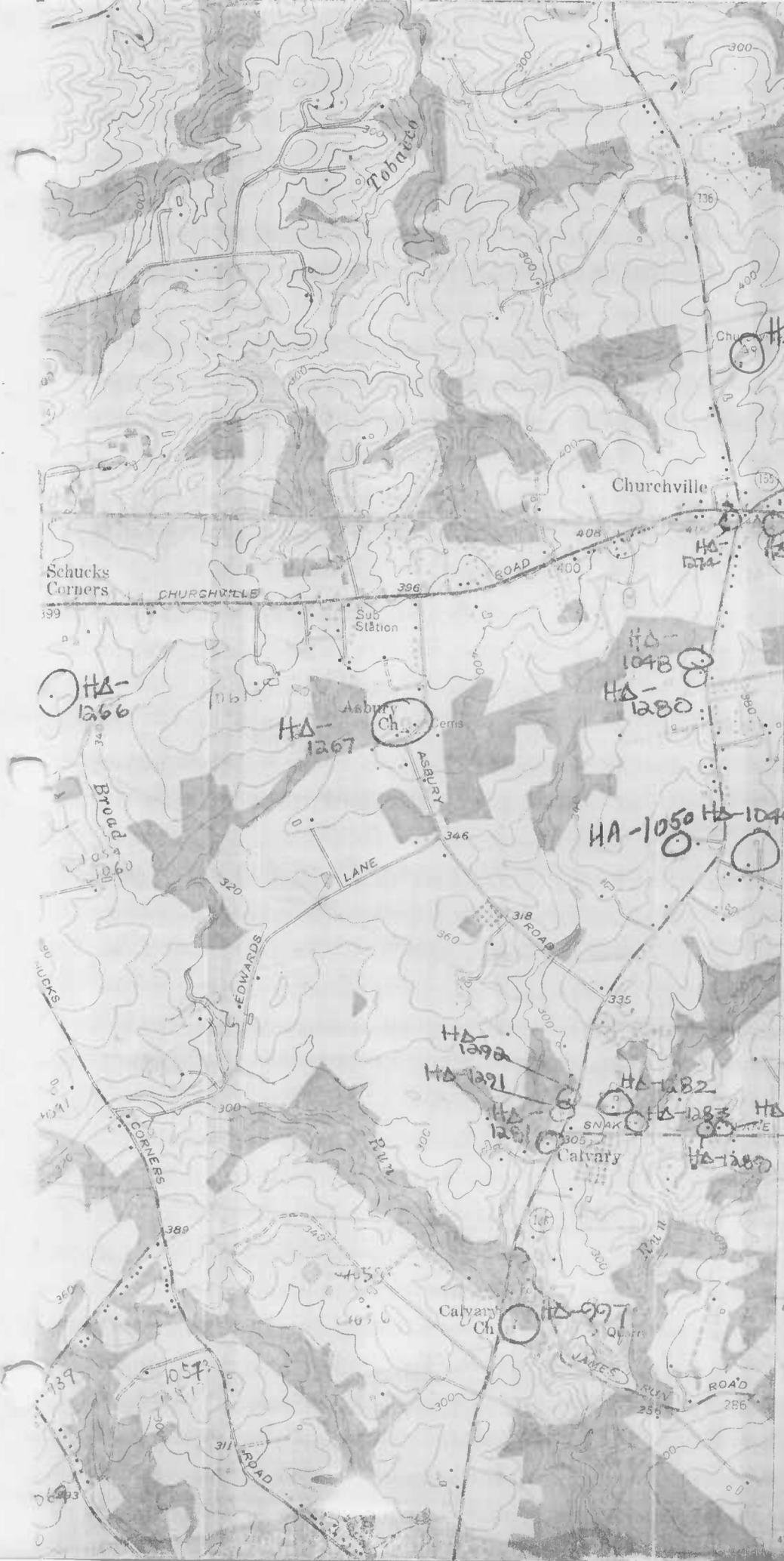
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The high cellar walls of granite bear the inscription 1886.

The wing running north from the center of the house has a slant roof reaching from a low-ceilinged 3 stories on the west to 2 stories on the east. A large chimney with three flues comes through the roof at the center of this slope, indicating that an older house may have been added to, upwards. Other additions ~~may have~~ included the lean-to shed at the north end of the house.

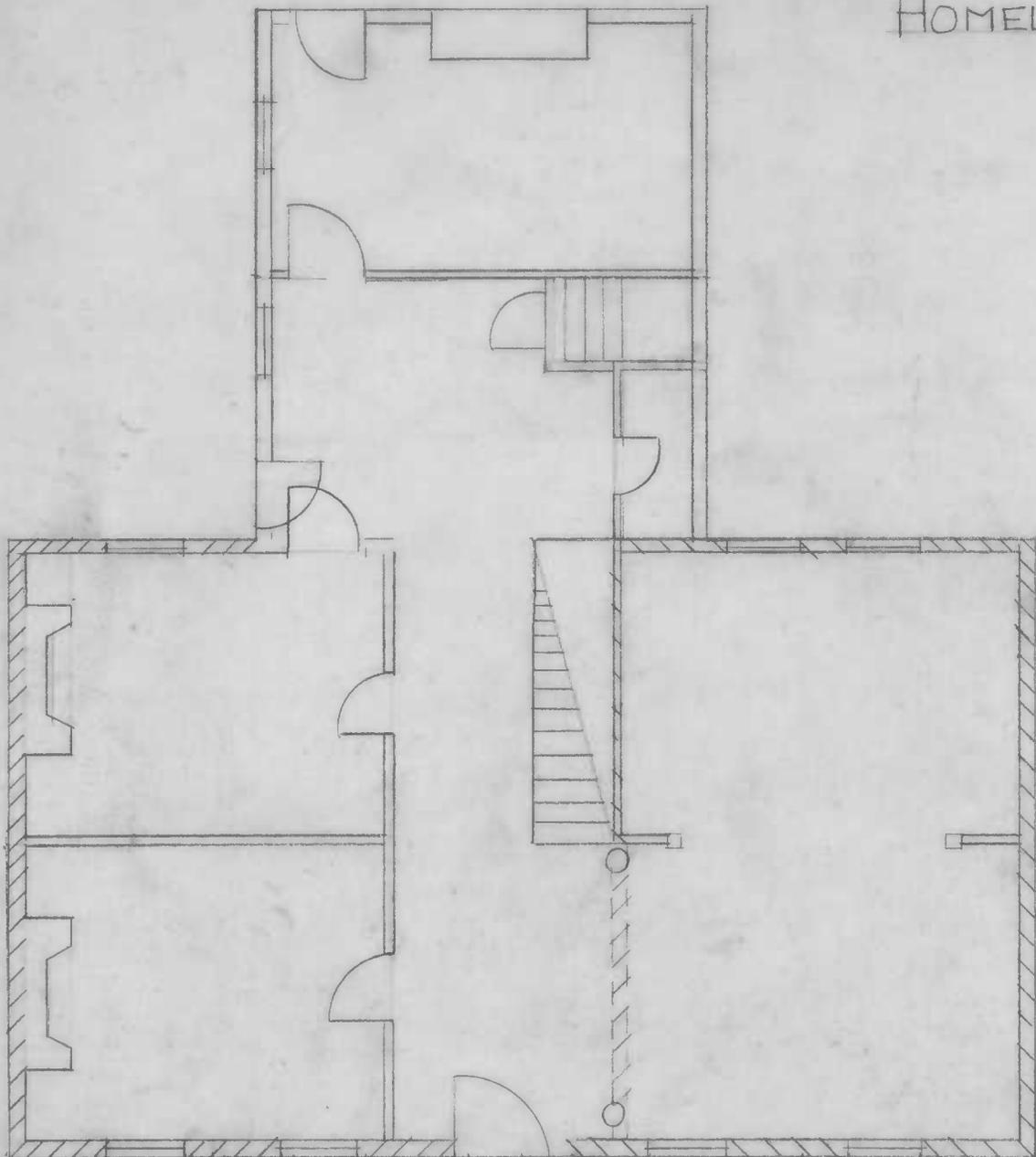
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Bel Air USGS Quadrangle
Map

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MAYFE DE GRACE VI.
ABERDEEN (P.O.)



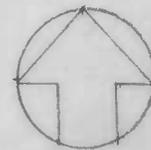
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TO MD. 22
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 PHASE I: 1ST. 1/4 19TH. C.

 PHASE II: 3RD. 1/4 19TH. C.





Homelands
Churchville, Md. 21028
Natalie Shivers 4/80
Southwest

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Homelands
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East

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Northwest



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Smokehouse

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