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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Cedar Hill

AND/OR COMMON: Bliss- Weaver Place

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Nr. Intersection of Harmony Church and Noble's Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN: Darlington ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Cornelius Bliss

Telephone #: 734-6532

STREET & NUMBER: 1806 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN: Darlington ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 383
Folio #: 470

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
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house was built in four parts, the older two units sandwiched between two 1952-vintage sections. The sections are attached in tandem and face northwards.

The western section

This is L-shaped and two story, with frame siding. It measures three bays by two with 6 X 6 windows. Small attic louvers are inserted in the gable ends of each leg of the "L". A door is located on the northern side near the eastern extreme and another is along the southern exposure. The roof is an asphalt gable-front with box cornice trim. An interior brick chimney is sited on the roof, near the seam where the two legs of the "L" meet.

The stone section

This is two-storied, with walls of coursed stone with quoined corners. Two belt courses run around these walls as well. This unit is three openings across and two deep, with 6 X 6 window sashes. Opposite doors are on the northern and southern exposures and are nine-pane, with two-light transoms. A one-bay shelter covers the northern portal. The roof is slate-gable flank with very little underlying trim at all. A brick flue is sited on the eastern inside-end of this portion of the dwelling.

The log unit

Again, this is attached to the eastern end of the stone house. It is one and one-half stories, with walls of stucco-covered logs, resting over a stone cellar. The bays measure two by two and the window sashes are 9 X 6. A doorway, with a four-pane transom, is located on the northern facade. A screened-in porch, quite recent in construction, has been added to the northern aspect of this unit. It is probable that the roof was raised, for the gabled dormers are inset within the slope of the gable-flank slate roof. They have 3 X 6 window sashes. There are two brick inside-end cimneys on the eastern and western extremes, the eastern one having been replaced.

The kitchen

This addition was constructed at the same time as the L-shaped wing. It is composed of frame siding and is one bay by two with 6 X 6 windows. A ground-level entryway is located on the southern extreme. The roof is an asphalt gable-flank.

The interior

The log section contains both chair rails and exposed beaded beams and wall trim. Brick fireplaces are located at either end, and a circular stairwell is positioned in the northwest corner of the house. The stone section has the original flooring, cherry banisters and original hardware. A thru-hall connects the doors and a fireplace is built into the far western wall. The cellar under the log unit was the original kitchen, and it still retains the old log beams and a covered over hearth.

An old stone tenant house once stood on the property, but this has since been razed.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The farm on which this house is located has also been known by the name of Evergreen. Part of it includes a very old section of a tract called Hall's Rich Neck, patented in 1699 by Thomas Hall. In 1748, Col. Thomas White purchased 510 acres of this tract. The 1783 Tax List gives the following divisions of the tracts that probably are encompassed by this farm:

Margaret's Mount		Hall's Rich Neck	
William Wilson	140 acres	Thomas Hall, Jr.	652 acres
Freeborn Brown	120 acres	James Clark	35 acres
Samuel Bailus	200 acres	Windmill Hill	
William Cox	100 acres	Thomas Hall, Jr.	100 acres
Richard Hawkins	72 acres		

The oldest part of the structure, the log section, was built in the late 1700's, according to the Federal Tax List, and cpuld have been constructed by either Wilson, Hawkins or Hall from the orevious list. The stone section is peculiar to a style that would put it in the 1830-1860 bracket. This further improvement might have occurred under it's ownership by the Stumps. The 1878 Martenet Map lists the owner as being William Hopkins, although he did not obtain the land until 1883.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 95

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located northwest of the intersection of Noble's Mill and Harmony Church roads, the southern and eastern borders also being along these thoroughfares.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor
ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust
DATE
July 30, 1976
STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle
TELEPHONE
267-1212
CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis
STATE
Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE SEARCH

Libre		Folio	
GRG	383	470	In 1952, Cornelius N. Bliss acquired 95 acres from The Pennsylvania Company for Banking and Trust.
GRG	327	126	In 1949, Amelia D. Lurman sold 96.74 acres to the previous deed's grantors.
GRG	314	500	H. Elizabeth Esley conveyed the tract to Theodore G. Lurman, Jr. in 1948.
SWC	239	488	In 1936, Dudley A. Bragdon conveyed the property to Theodore G. Lurman, Jr.
SWC	221	240	In 1931, Benjamin A. Weaver sold the parcel to Dudley A. Bragdon.
DGW	195	286	W. Worthington Hopkins received 132 acres from Benjamin A. Weaver in 1925.
JAR	164	357	Lulu Clark sold 182½ acres and 34 perches to Benjamin A. Weaver in 1919.
JAR	162	272	Ida E. Hopkins sold the parcel to Lulu Choate.
Will JA	15	243	In 1912, William Hopkins bequeathed the land to Ida E. Hopkins.
ALJ	48	7	Frederick Stump sold 180½ acres and 34 perches, called Evergreen, to William J. Hopkins in 1883.
Will CWB	7	1129	William H. Stump left the property to Frederick Stump in 1865. William had gotten the property from Thomas C. Stump.
HD	23	356	In 1839, Thomas C. Stump acquired Hall's Rich Neck from John H. Price.
HD	13	86	In 1830, Samuel Bradford, trustee, conveyed 90 acres to Robert Parker.
HD	X	244	William F. Miller acquired the property from John Wilson in 1813. The parcel included parts of Margaret's Mount, Hall's Rich Neck and Windmill Hill and consisted of 96 acres.
HD	S	118	1. In 1805, William Wilson conveyed 3¼ acres to John Wilson.
JLG	P	232	In 1800, Samuel Wilson sold William Wilson 160 acres.
JLG	N	572	In 1798, William Wilson transferred the property to Samuel Wilson.
JLG	E	328	Samuel Litton conveyed the acreage to William Wilson in 1783.
JLG	D	133	Samuel Litton acquired the property from John Cooley in 1780.
JLG	P	173	2. In 1800, Joseph Miller sold 54 acres of Hall's Rich Neck to John Wilson. The tract was willed to Thomas Hall by Col. Thomas White.
JLG	P	385	3. In 1800, Richard Hawkins sold 80 acres of Margaret's Mount to William Wilson.
JLG	C	393	In 1780, Robert Hawkins conveyed 80 acres to Richard Hawkins.
JLG	A	6	In 1777, Robert conveyed a further parcel to Richard Hawkins. Thirty acres came from Richard Wells in 1730 and 100 came from John Miles in 1716.

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Libre		Folio	
JLG	P	469	4. In 1801, Thomas Hall sold William Wilson ten acres of Hall's Rich Neck, conveyed to Thomas Hall by Col. Thomas White.
JLG	I	214	5. In 1790, John Cooley conveyed 80 acres of Margaret's Mount to William Wilson.
JLG	D	136	In 1781, John Cooley received the plot from Richard Hawkins.
JLG	C	1	In 1779, Ezekiel Van Horn conveyed 50 acres to John Cooley

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INVENTORY NO. 156,157

ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 18 March, 1976

TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: Cedar Hill

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Near Harmony Church + Nobles Mill Rds

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Cornelius Bliss (Mr Bliss has sold his property)

ADDRESS: 1806 ~~Glenville~~ HARMONY CHURCH Rd

STORIES: 1 ④ 1[½] ⑤ 2[√] ①② 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: House is in 4 sections

① 1952/53 Frame ② by stone 18 oats ③ Log ④ 1952/53

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

[√] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
[ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
[√] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
[√] LOG has been white washed (stucco or whatever + paint.

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE ② PILASTERS, OTHERS
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE 2 ½ - 3' High
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[√] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: See picture
HARDWARE: original[√] replaced[√]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
on south door, stone section

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS on Log section Gable
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[√] replaced[√]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK[√] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]
LOCATION:

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: Front steps Flag stone
Mill stone in Bottom step
Formal Garden type Box woods + other evergreens along walk + front of House + around the rear. Many stone statues + figurines among the daffodil etc. (life size frogs + squirrels) Bigger than life frog - Boy playing harmonica deck

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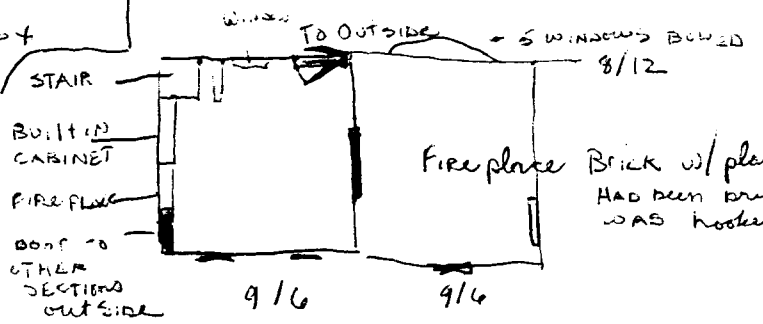
Hopkins
Loyd Weaver
& father
owned it

owner believes roof was raised at one point to make space for a 2nd floor (dormers added at this time)

OLD IF NOT ORIGINAL HARDWARE

(3) Log section
2 stories + Basement

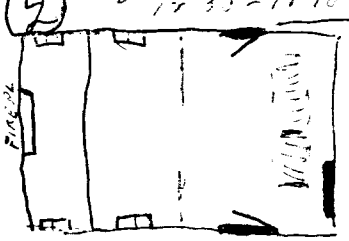
chairrails
exposed Beaded beams + Beaded Boards on WALLS



Fireplace Brick w/ plaster no mantle.
HAD been bricked up. COAL furnace WAS hooked up to it.

UPSTAIRS IN LOG SECTION - FIRE PLACE

(2) Square stone section
1830 - 1870



DOORS HAS 9 lights 3/3/3

CUT ORIGINAL DOOR TO MAKE Dutch Door

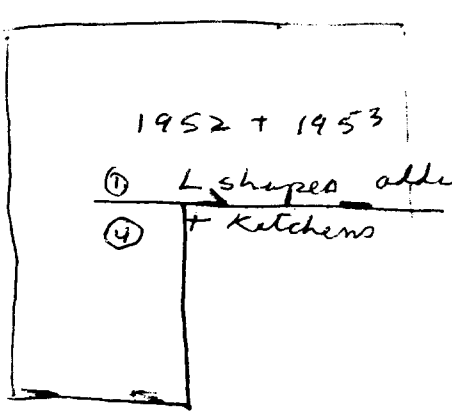
TRANSOM - 2 lights
old if not orig. HARDWARE

Beaded wood
cherry banister
[illegible] trim

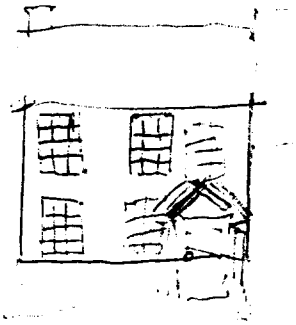
Cellar - log beams visible
Bricked & stoned up fireplace
of large proportions

(4) New (1952 - 53) Kitchen Addition

(1)



1952 + 1953
(1) L shaped addition
(4) + Kitchens



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INVENTORY NO. 156,157 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 3-18-76 TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: CEDAR HILL - owned by Hopkins, Weaver

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: NEAR INTERSECTION OF HARMONY CHURCH/NOBLE'S MILL RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH

NAME OF OWNER: CORNELIUS BLISS

ADDRESS: 1806 HARMONY CHURCH RD., DARLINGTON, MD. 1 2 3 4

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[✓] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]

WINGS, ADDITIONS: WOODEN L SHAPE SECTION ON LEFT - NEW STONE CENTER SECTION
RIGHT SIDE IS LOG WITH NEW ADDITION - NEW

3X2 STONE
2X2 LOG
1X2 KITCHEN
2X2 "L"

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

in NEWEST PARTS

[✓] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
[ ] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
COURSED [✓] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
[✓] LOG STUCCO COVERED ON OLD SECTION
PAINT +

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS TRACK ~~STONE~~ ROW ON SLIGHT EVIDENCE OF QUOINS SOUTH SIDE OF STONE HOUSE
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW✓, BRICK, STONE✓ FLUSH
WATER TABLE: NONE✓ PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] STONE 9/6[✓] LOG 9/9[ ] other[ ] 3/6 TOP LEFT OF WOOD UNIT
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF STONE 1 ON RT. NORTH SIDE OF "L" 1 LOWER ON N SIDE OF KITCHEN
HARDWARE: original[✓] replaced[ ] SOME LOCKS
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
SOUTH SIDE OF LOG PART LEFT SIDE w/ 4 LITE TRANSOM
" " OF STONE w/ 2 LITE TRANSOM CENTER 8 LITE DOOR

BOX CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: ON STONE SECTIONS RATHER PLAIN
original[✓] SOME replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS - EXCEPT FOR 1952 L SECTION NEWER INSET GABLE DORMERS NEW SHED ROOF SCREEN PORCH ON SOUTH SIDE OF LOG PART
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[✓] 1-BAY ON NORTH STONE SIDE

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[✓] 3 replaced[✓] 1
LOCATION: 1 ON LEFT SIDE OF L
1 ON EAST END OF STONE UNIT
2 ON EITHER END OF LOG UNIT (EAST ONE REPLACED)

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: Millstone on flagstone step
boxwoods + evergreen on grounds
Gardens/terraces on south side
springhouse on south side
logs covered with siding on south side

Interior

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Beaded in log part - beams and ceilings boards
old staircase opening in log part - winding stairs to 2nd floor
fireplace once run through west side of old log unit
on east side one 2 small fireplaces above each other on 1st and 2nd floor
some original hardware chair rails in log house all fireplaces in the center of the wall and parallel kitchen may have been downstairs

on second floor roof may have been raised for dormers.

stone section has original flooring, cherry banister - thru-hall
One of 6 washingtons surveysheets posted on the wall
fireplace, one over other in stone house
large library in stone part locks
log beam overtop the cellar

bay window - new south side
"L" and log part

CEDAR HILL

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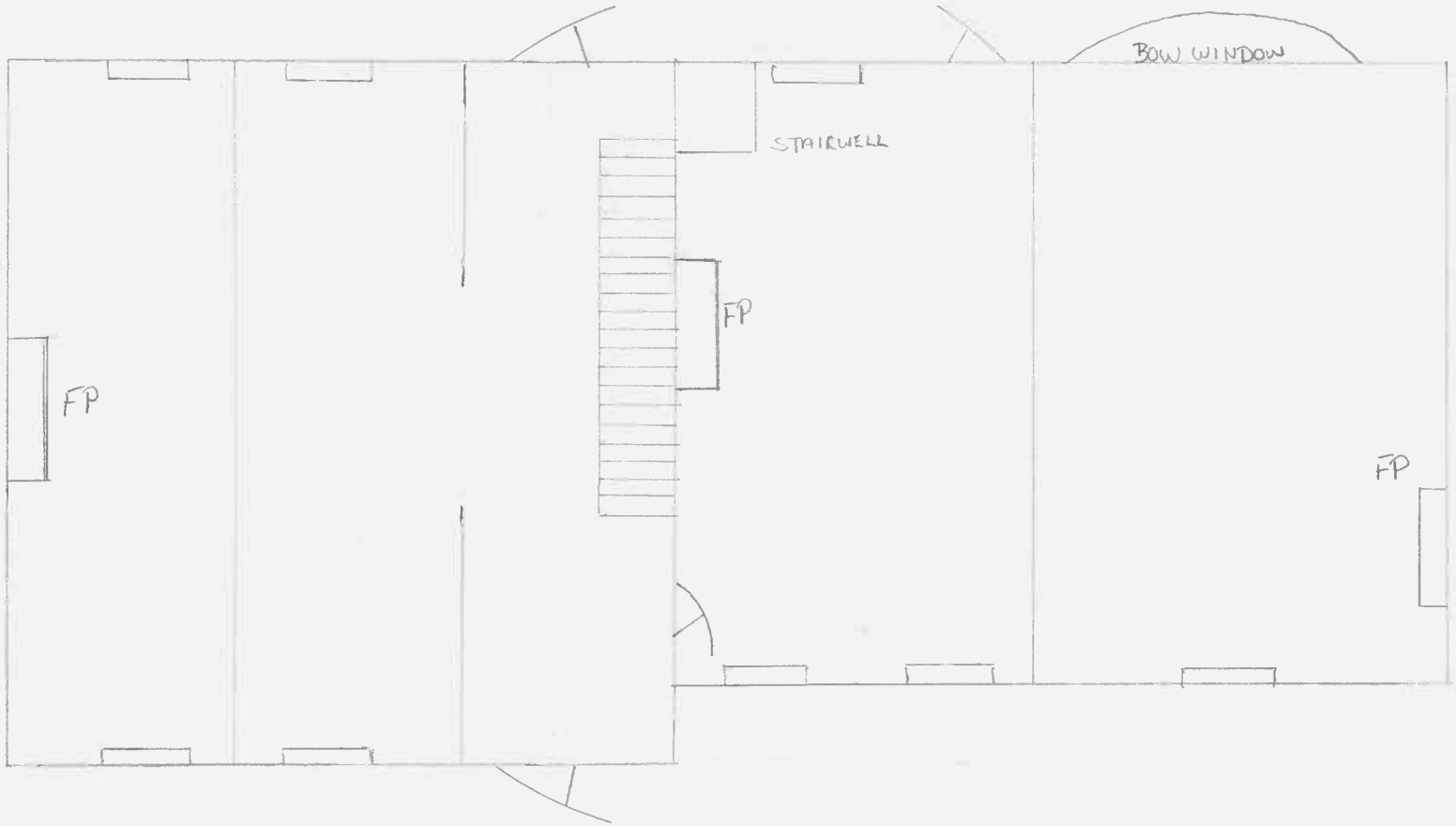

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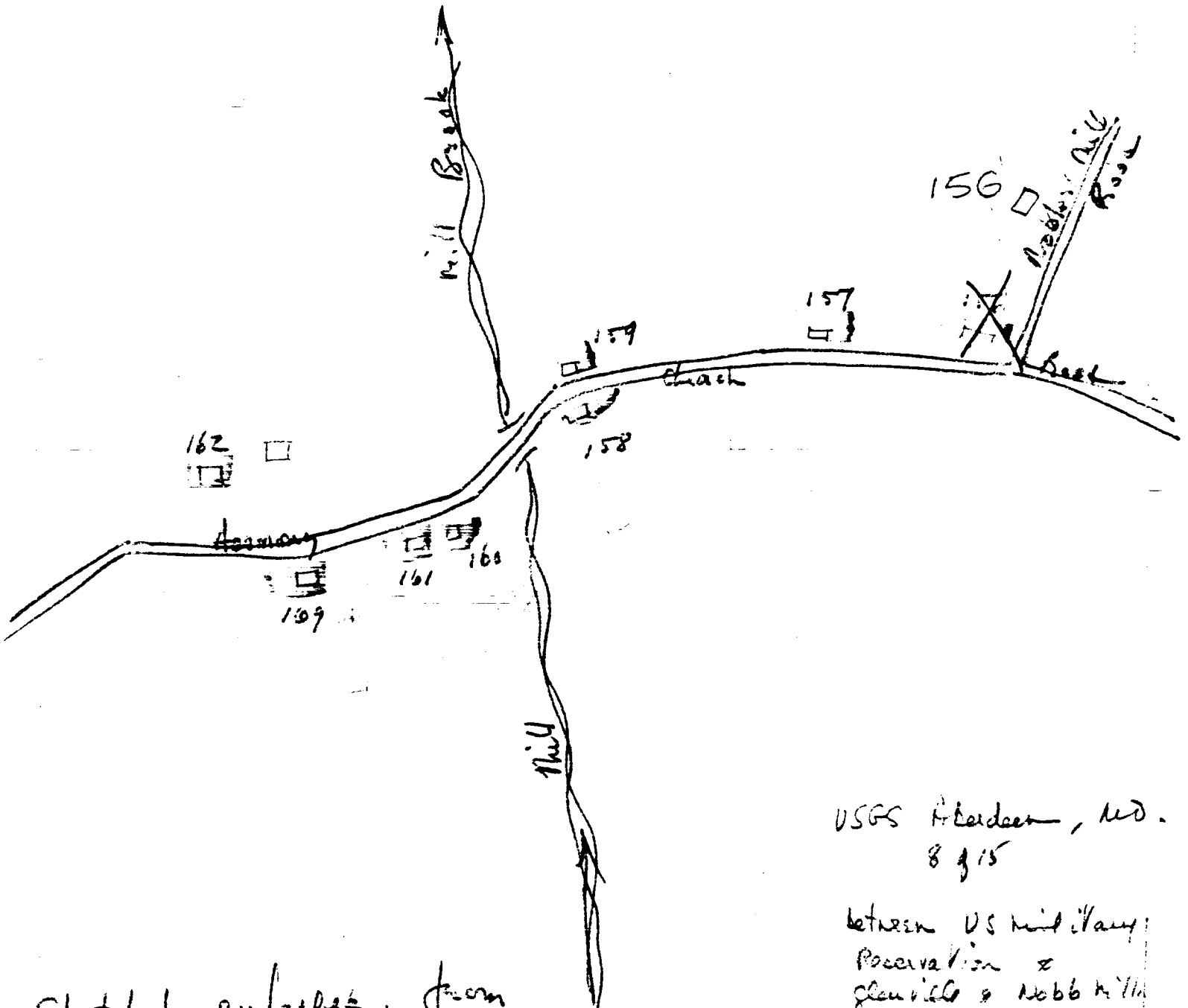

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between US Military Reservation & Glenville & Nobb Hill

Sketched enlarged from U.S. Coast & Geodetic Maps. US Survey.

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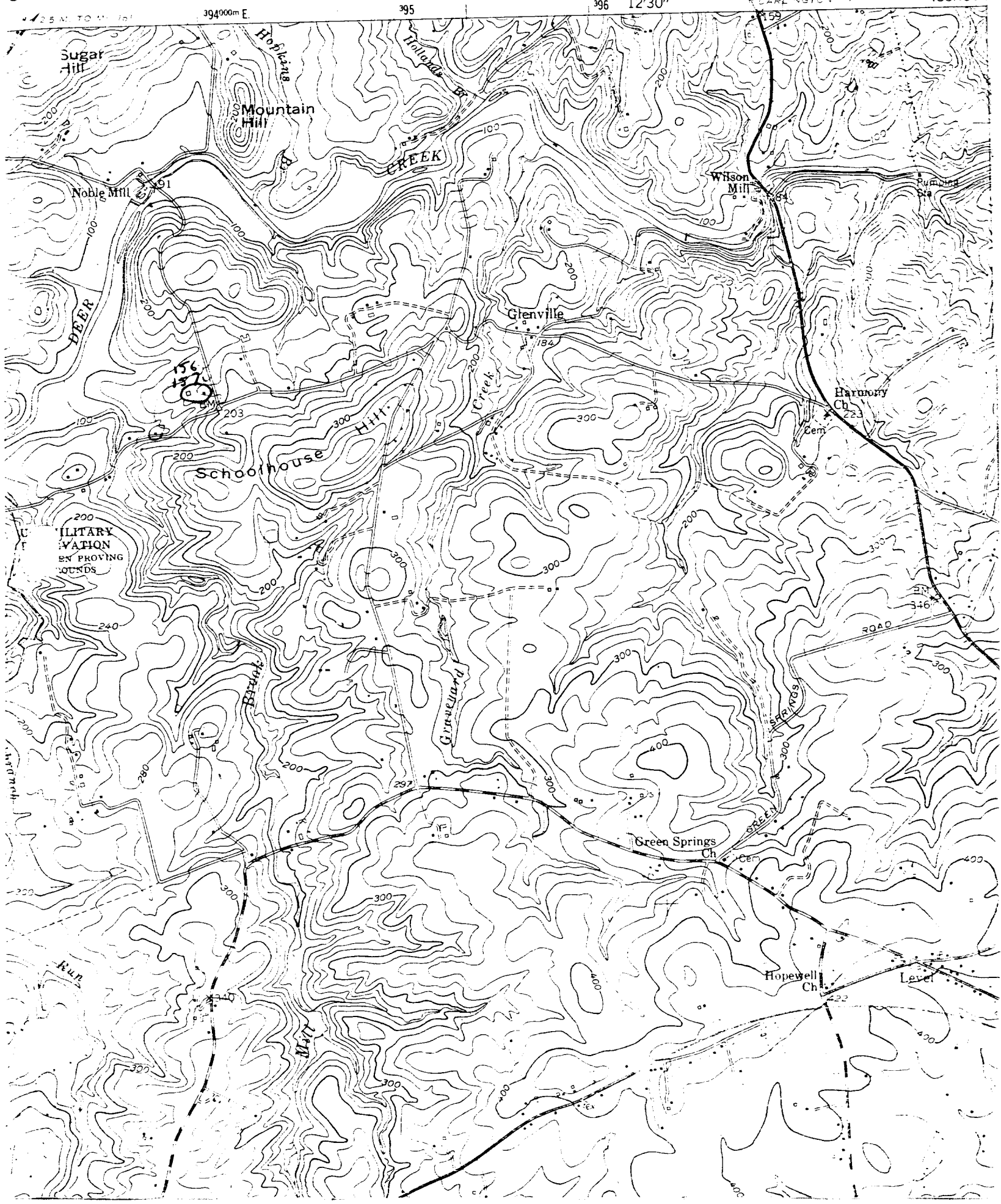

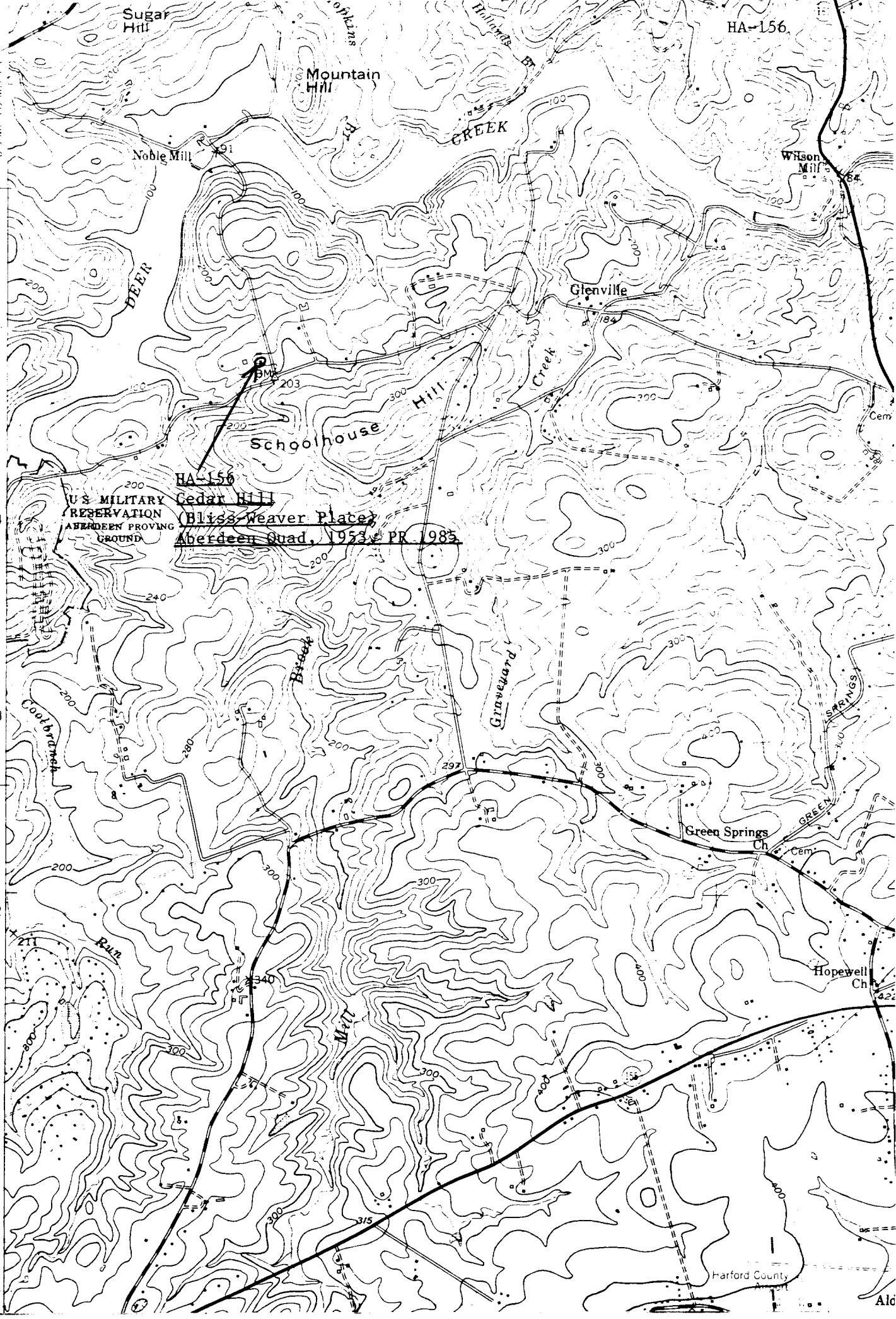
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Sugar Hill
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CREEK
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Cedar Hill
(Bliss-Weaver Place)
Aberdeen Quad, 1953, PR 1985
Brook
Graveyard
Cootbranch
Run
Mill
Green Springs Ch
GREEN SPRINGS
Hopewell Ch
Harford County Airport
4385000m N.
4384
4383
35'
4382
4381
4380

Cedar Hill Springhouse HA-156
Darlington, MD
Paul Penrod 3/76
North

Cedar Hill HA-156
Darlington, MD
Paul Penrod 3/76
North

SUMMARY

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Bliss Tenant House
Harmony Church Road

The concept of building into a hillside is common in this county and should be considered an important regional characteristic. This small stone tenant house is such an example and it further exemplifies the common plan of a double entrance which many associate with Germanic influence.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Stone Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN — CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

STATE — COUNTY

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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
CAJ Haakasson and Caj Harkansson — Telephone #: 734-6626

STREET & NUMBER
1806 Nobles Mill Road

CITY, TOWN — STATE, zip code
Darlington — X VICINITY OF Glenville — Maryland 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 997
Folio #: 1001

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN — STATE
Bel Air — MD 21014

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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN — STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

EXTERIOR:

The dwelling faces south; it is a three level stone bank-house standing about ten yards north of Harmony Church Road. It is not large; being only four short bays wide and one wide bay deep with measurements of 24' along the south (main) facade and 18' in depth.

The fenestration is symmetrical although not regular. On the main level for instance the principal facade (south) is vented by a 6/6 sash window in the outer two bays and doorways in the inner bays. The east and west bays are blind and in its original state the north side was opened up by two windows directly opposite those of the south wall.

The walls are made of brownish fieldstone (gneiss) and appear to have never had any exterior covering except of the south facade where evidence of whitewash suggests an earlier and larger single story porch.

The roof, which may not be original, has gable-ends with its ridge running east to west.

There are corbelled brick chimney caps on each end having the appearance of serving interior chimneys. The west cap is decorative; however, there is no fireplace chimney on that end. At attic level it can be noticed that the stone wall below the cap is hollow, for some as yet unexplained reason, but there is no evidence of smoke within. On the other end, however, there is a chimney 3'4" wide that projects into the rooms 2' and served fireplaces on each level.

The east door of the main facade has been blocked in, the porch replaced and a recent three level frame addition that wraps around the east and north sides alter the origi. exterior.

INTERIOR:

At least two major renovations have altered the interior in its original state. The three level plan provides for a kitchen in the bottom level, a living space above and a bedroom above that. The attic is finished with plaster and is accessible by stairs like those of the other levels.

Basement:

While there is evidence of a double entrance on the south facade and evidentally the house was once used as a duplex, the first level suggests that this was originally a single family dwelling with a basement kitchen. It is the north facade of this level that provides the many other entrances to the building and this is a single door located in the western most bay.

In the room one sees a single stone fireplace at the east end of the room. It is a fairly large fireplace with a 45" square opening. It is lighted by a window near the fireplace in the north wall and only one other window in the middle of the west wall. These windows have the same heavy lintels of the other openings and it should be noted that if this building was a duplex having a fireplace at each end, this window could not have existed.

There is evidence of an earlier door behind the present stairs in the northeast corner. Its lintel; however, was a hewn 3"x51" jack-arch and not the heavy stone seen elsewhe in the house and therefore may be considered an early alteration. Its presence does . se a question about the history of the present stairs while these stairs are modern, their placement seem original (based on the two stories above) however, the closed-off door in

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

ERIOD	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
✓1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The full gamit of 19th Century American architectural style is represented in this area as well as a considerable number of 18 Century buildings. While the physical characteristics of this environment are valuable, literally, as being part of the ever-disappearing original American fabric it should not be overlooked that structures such as this are an integral part of an historic landscape of which this county should be possessive. Every demolition of a pre-modern farm building represents a loss of the kind of visual document necessary for the as yet incomplete history of a traditionally apparent culture.

A tenant house such as this one being built out of local materials and utilizing a plan peculiar to the topography says a good deal about past life in this area. It is a positive contribution to the picturesque character of Deer Creek.

The concept of building into a hillside site and placing the kitchen in the basement the building is common in this county and should be considered an important regional cnaracteristic.

This small stone tenant house is such an example and it further exemplifies the common plan of a double entrance which many associate with Germanic influence.

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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

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STATE COUNTY

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Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014

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Basement (Continued:

this location suggests that for one period the stairs at least had a different direction if not another location.

With the floors having been replaced it is difficult to tell if the original ceiling although other buildings in the area suggest that it might have had exposed joists and been whitewashed like the walls. The present ceiling height is 7'2".

2ND LEVEL:

This level was and is the main living area. The double entrance and evidence of a partition since the floor was replaced suggest that there may have been a transoerse wall dividing the area in half. The custom of a segregated formal parlor is seen in this area.

UPPER LEVEL:

Enclosed windows lead to the second level and provide for closet space. There was a single bedroom upstairs reflecting the same layout and fenestration as below including windows in the northeast corner to the attic.

In the attic one sees that the gable ends were plastered and painted but the roof framing has been left exposed. The floors are 13" random width laid with cut mails. The rafters are a mixture of sawn and hewn materials with many being undressed walnut tree rafters. These are ·ered at the ridge and fixed both there and at the joist ends with cut nails.

The area was lighted by pairs of casement windows at each end.

HISTORY:

The examination of maps, deeds, wills, etc. is not as fruitful for this building as it is in most cases. Even though its plan, materials and construction techniques suggest a building that is surviving from at least the 1870's (if not much earlier) it fails to appear in the standard sources. This building is not indicated by either the Jennings & Herrick Map of 1858 or the Martenet Map of 1878. In fact, it is not represented by even the latest U.S.G.S. Map. Furthermore, the title search for this parcel suggests that it has been a part of HA-156 (Cedar Hill or Evergreen) at least since the early 19th Century, but the presence of a building is never indicated by the records.

What is known is that ownership dates back to the Stump family in the 1880's, a period in which the building was surely standing. Stump ownership is continuous from that time until willed back into the Federal era. Deed HD Z/323 & 4 (September 19, 1816) shows Thomas C. Stump acquiring two acres of "Duckets Stump" adjoining Wm. Worthington and "The River" (Susquehanna?) at this time. A check of Thomas C. Stump as grantee for 1816-1840's shows many transactions including almost as many cases of him being the grantor. Many, if not all of these transactions however, are in the Deer Creek area and establish the presence of Stumps from an early date. Most curious among these dealings is the reference acquired by chain of title to HD 23/356 (October 14, 1839) in which Thomas C. Stump acquires via publick sale 90 Acres on the south side of Deer Creek. Deed 15/131 (December 1863), suggests that the land "on the road from Govers Mills to Windmill Hill" was inherited from Thomas C. Stump by his children. It can only be concluded ·t if this building predates the Civil War (which it most likely does) that it is of the ·tump" era. Thomas C. Stump left no will. The inventory of his estate lists slaves, a large number of household articles, but no mention of real estate.

We have a building here that is typical in plan and construction in Harford County prior to the Civil War which stands on land owned by Stumps. This fact is not presented in an effort to reinforce any hiarchy of names so much as it helps to demonstrate how certain areas of

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Harford County came to develop as they did and why we have 19th Century buildings standing where they do.

BLISS TENANT HOUSE

Title Search

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997/1001	April 30, 1976	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Cornelius Bliss H. Isaacs & C. Harkansson 96.18 Acres bordered by Harmony Church Road, Nobles Mill Road and Deer Creek
383/470		Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Pennsylvania Co., for Banking & Trusts Cornelius Bliss (1) 327/126 (2) 333/272 .785 Acres surveyed March & May 1937 for Lloyd Weaver
327/126	March 1948	Grantor: Grantee:	Amelia D. Lurman Pennsylvania Company
314/500	April 30, 1948	Grantor: Grantee:	H. Elizabeth Esley Theodore & Amelia Lurman
239/488	March 4, 1936	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Dudley Bragden Theodore & Amelia Lurman 103 Acres with two exceptions
221/240	October 15, 1931	Grantor: Grantee:	Benjamin A. Weaver and wife Dudley Bragden
164/357	June 28, 1919	Grantor: Grantee:	Lula Choate Benjamin Weaver
162/272		Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Worthington Hopkins & Ida E. Hopkins, et al Lula Choate, et al (1) one Acre (2) 182 Acres adjoining
48/7	May 18, 1883	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Frederick Stump William J. Hopkins part of a tract called "Evergreen" via Will of William Henry Stump
15/131	December 18, 1863	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Frederick P. Stump, et al William Henry Stump 300 Acres bordering on Deer Creek, the "road leading from Govers Mills to Windmill Hill" and the lands of Wm. Ross, Govers Mills, Wm. Hopkins and Rich Holloway land decended to them from Thomas C. Stump, father of Mary and William Hopkins

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HD 23/356	October 14, 1839	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Jon H. Price Thomas C. Stump 90 Acres at public sale on south side of Deer Creek called Halls Rich Neck; adjoining Elisha Cook; same land as purchased by Robert Parker, Jr. from Samuel Bradford
6/399	December 1, 1820	Grantor: Grantee: Acreage:	Roman Catholic Church Thomas C. Stump on Deer Creek near chapel - 25 Acres of Arabia Petra
6/459			More church dealings
8/101	September 1, 1824		Thomas C. Stump in village of Darlington
10/184	October 3, 1826		Another 36 Acres of Arabia Petra
10/188			32 Acres Arabia Petra
HD z/323	September 19, 1816		Thomas C. Stump acquired 20 Acres of "Durkits Stump"

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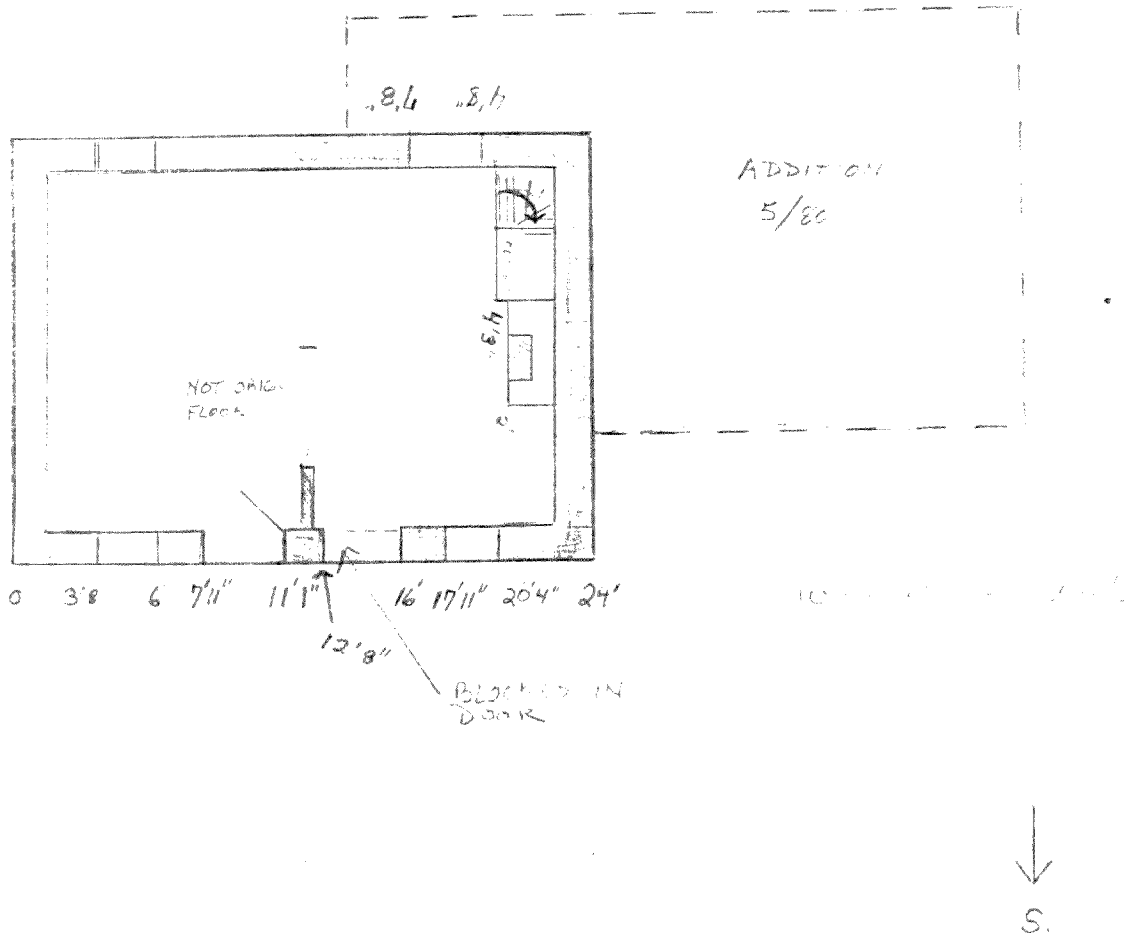

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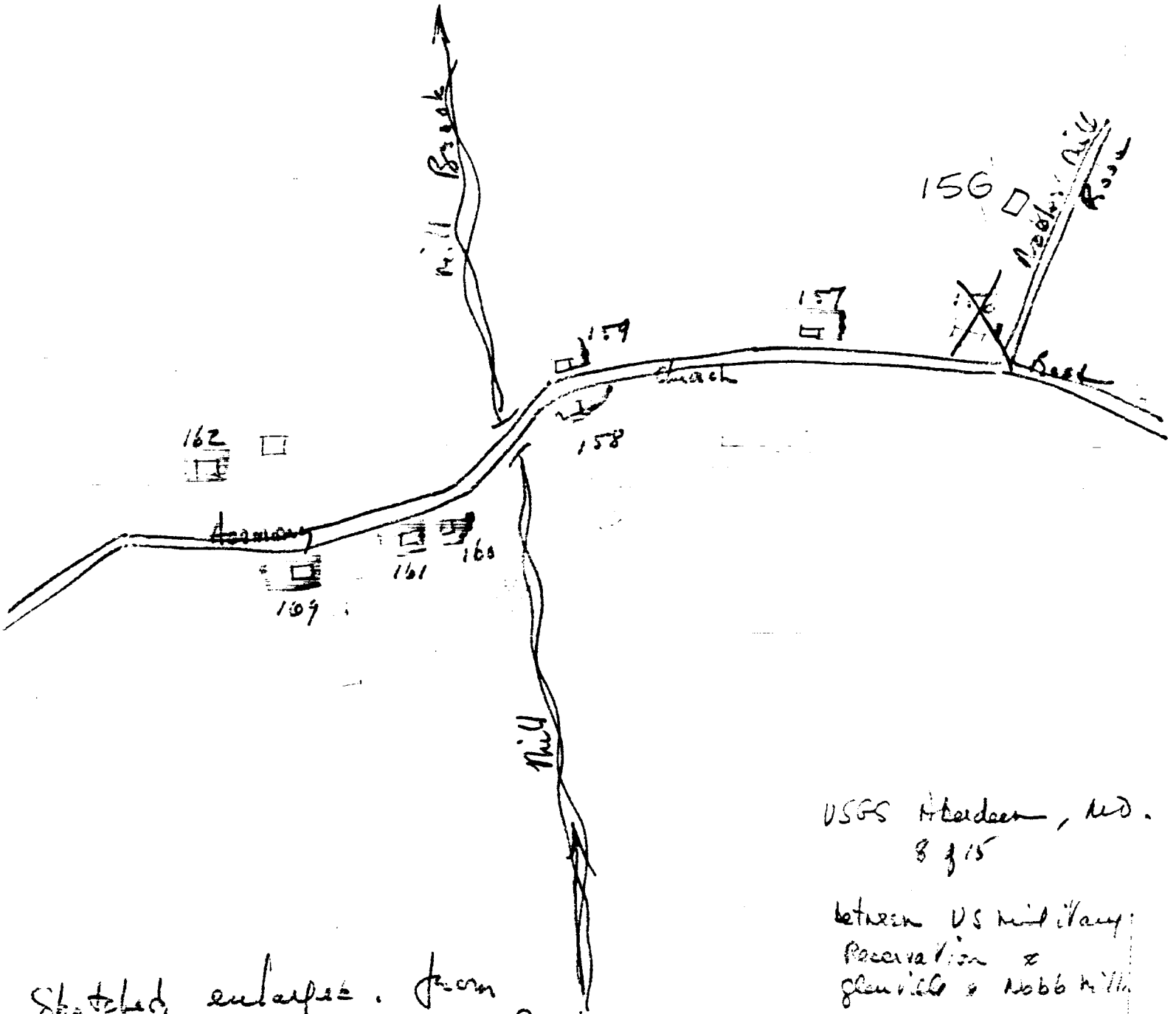

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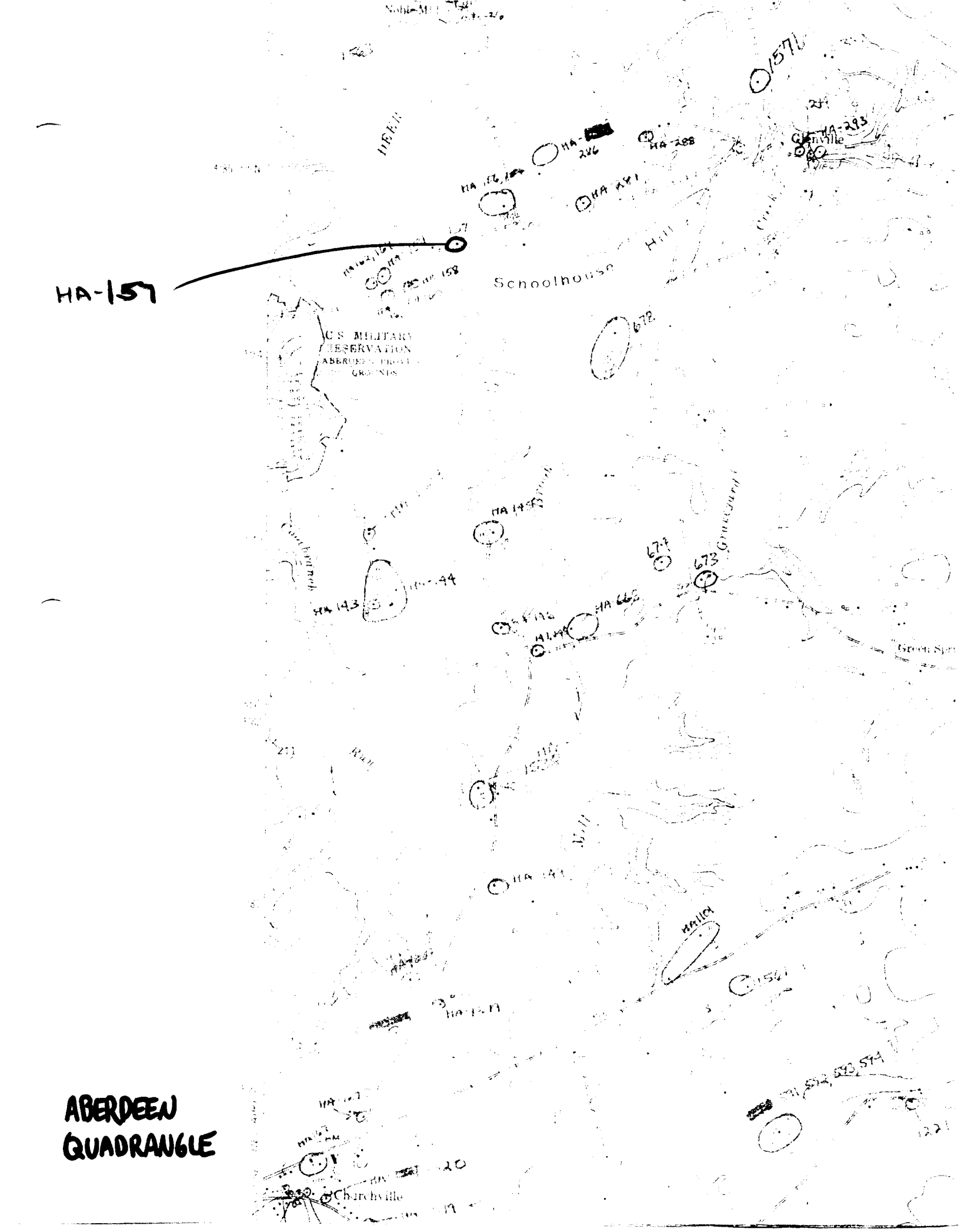
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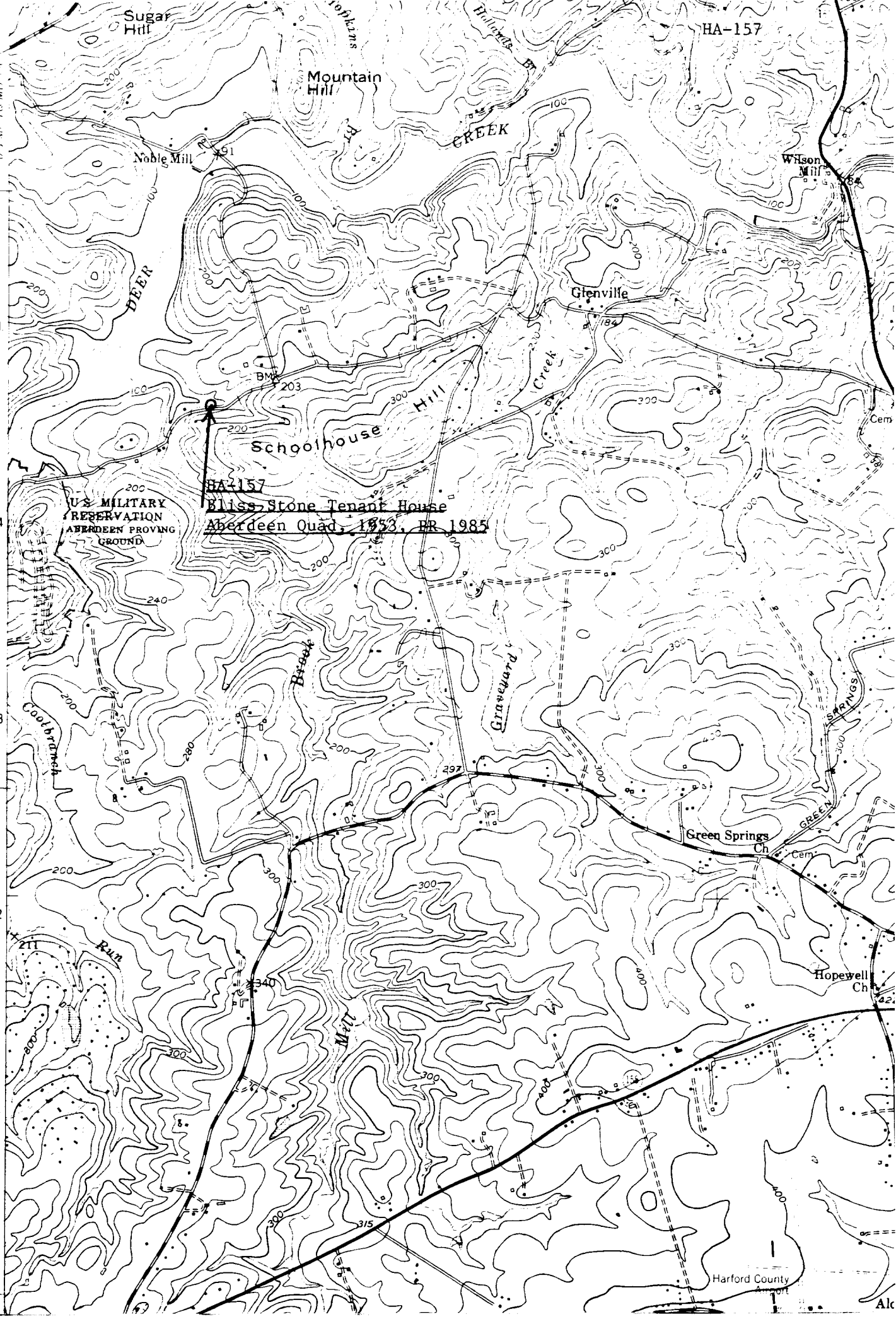

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Aberdeen Quad, 1953, PR 1985

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