

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Belle Vue Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Belle Vue Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Oakington Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

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 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

Dr. E. Hollister Davis

Telephone #: 939-2438

STREET & NUMBER

Oakington Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21074

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: ALJ 21

Folio #: 157

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Belle Vue Farm is only 300 feet from the Chesapeake Bay and faces south east in that direction. The house has been in the same family for two hundred years and it has grown with that family.

The main part of this house is two stories high, and three bays by two. The brick walls are Flemish bond. A moulded brick water table can be seen on the south east facade. The principal entrance is in the center bay of the south east facade. This has double hung, moulded panel doors. A four light transom is overhead. A one bay, screened in entrance porch shields this doorway. Windows louvered shutters. Windows on the front facade have semi-elliptical brick header arches that appear to be an added feature.

The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It has a box cornice and wide eaves. A corbeled brick chimney is located at each inside end of this section. Four light casement windows flank the chimney at the attic level of the south west side. Also on this side, it seems apparent that two doors were bricked up at one time. A flat brick arch still remains above one bricked in area. The doorways are bricked up in common bond.

The north west facade has many glazed headers. A three bay, one tier, screened in porch is on this side.

Inside, this section is arranged in the classic center through hall floor plan. The closed string stairway is located in the west corner. It has pine treads and turned balusters. The stair is paneled with mould paneling. Vertical beaded boards line the stair on the second elevation. The hallway has two tiers of moulded paneling with chair-rails and a box cornice.

The west room or study has a fireplace in the center of its west wall. The fireplace has a moulded mantle; plain pilasters carrying a moulded entablature, and a rectangular opening. The fireplace is flanked by closets which originally were doors leading to the Doctor's office. This room also has beaded chair rails.

There are no chair rails in the east room. A plain fireplace is in the center of this room's east wall. In the cellar of the brick section it was necessary to reinforce old beams. Brick fireplace supports are visible here.

Attached to the west facade of the brick section is a one room deep, two bay by two, two story, frame addition. This is built onto low rubble-stone foundations. Windows are six lights over six. A corbeled brick chimney is located at the west inside end. Inside this section has an enclosed stairway to the second elevation.

A one story shed addition and a two story, modern kitchen are attached to the north facade of the frame section.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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

The Bell Vue Farm represents one of Harford County's tidewater dwellings. The house is present on the Hauduco^{ur} Map of the Chesapeake Bay in 1795. It was probably 75 years old even at that time. The Davis family has occupied this house through most of its existance. This family emigrated from Wales in 1702 to Chester County, Pennsylvania. Dr. Elijah Davis moved the family to Harford County in 1786. He was married in 1788 and eventually had 13 children. Dr. Davis served as President of the Maryland Senate in the 1813 and the 1815 terms. He was a representative in the House of Delegates in 1807 and 1811.

The house is in the Georgian style and has many of this style's standard features. Its brick structural pattern is Flemish Bond.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Preston, Walter W; History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.
Hauducoeur Map, 1795
Jennings and Herrick Map, 1858

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

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 311 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This land is bounded by the Chesapeake Bay on the East; by Swan Harbor Farm owned by W. John Kenney on the north; and by Oakington owned by Eleanor Tydings Ditzen on the south.

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

March 1977

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

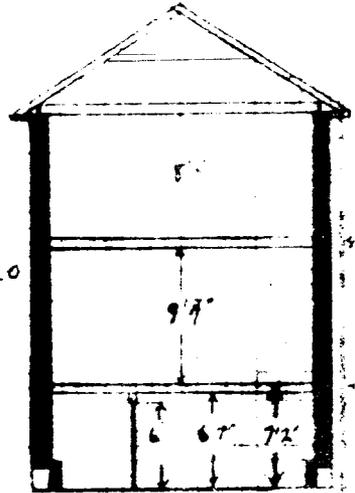
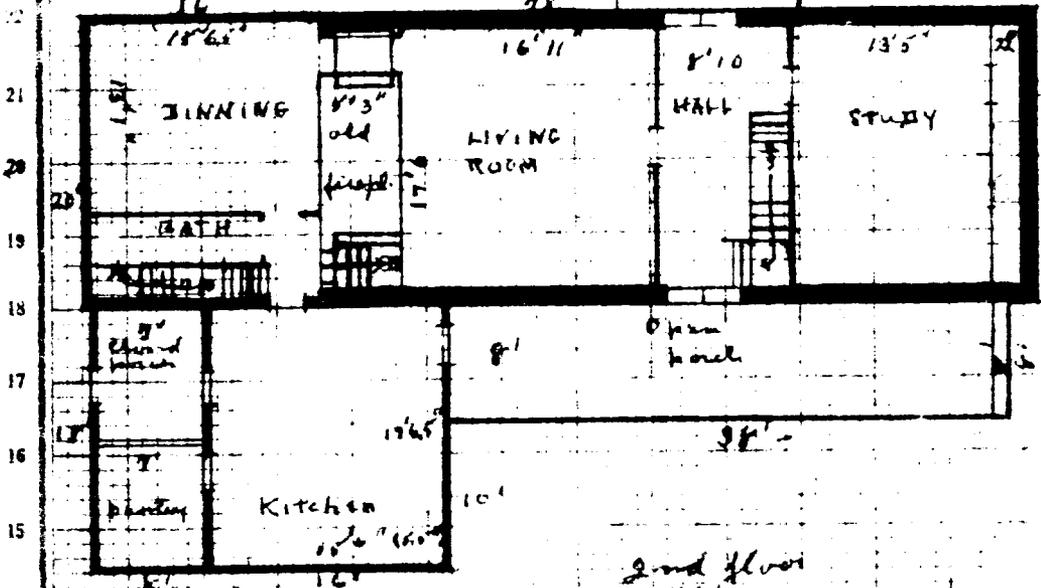
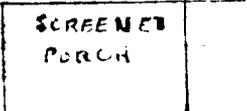
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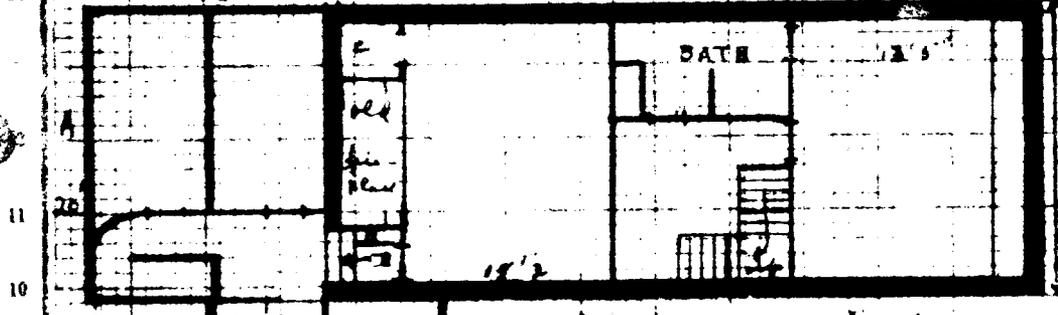
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Brick walls 1 1/2" thick
 Wooden walls 5/8" thick
 Steel partitions 3" thick

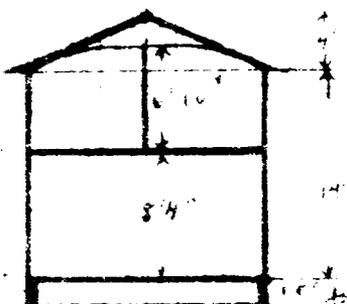
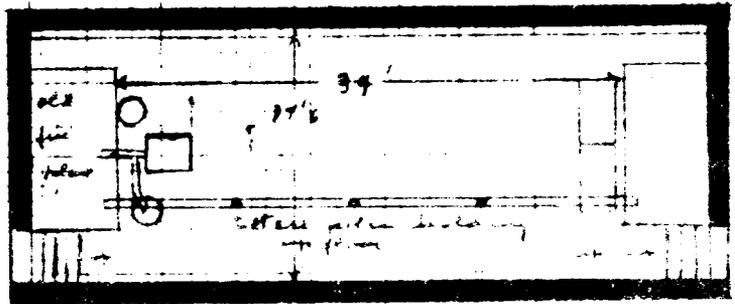
1st floor



2nd floor



sub-basement



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Title Search
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Dr. E. Hollister Davis
Oakington Rd.
Havre de Grace, MD 21078

ALJ	21	157	12/24/1941	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of S. Griffith Davis Grantee: Dr. Edward Hollister Davis, nephew. I bequeath my farm "Belle Vue" to my nephew provided he desires to live on the farm or operate it. If he dies his children and descendants per stirpes.
SWC	239	177	11/20/1935	Grantor: Septimus Davis, et al Grantee: Griffith Davis Acreage: "Belle Vue Farm"
JAR	162	203	2/8/1919	Grantor: George Banks and Melvina Dorsey Grantee: R. Alexander Banks, deceased Acreage: "Bellevue"
ALJ	58	445	3/23/1887	Grantor: John Henry Banks and Mary Ellen, wife Grantee: Griffith Davis
ALJ	31	163	12/12/1874	Grantor: Land and Emigration Company Grantee: John H. Banks Acreage: "Bellevue" or "Belue Farm"
ALJ	30	330	6/5/1874	Grantor: Land and Emigration Company Grantee: S. Griffith Davis Acreage: 311 acres
WHD	17	119	3/20/1866	Grantor: Steven Archer, trustee Grantee: Henry James Acreage: "Belle Vue Farm", 326 acres, Steven Archer sold property to Henry James from an Equity Case.
WHD	8	217	11/2/1860	Grantor: Charles Lee, complainant Grantee: Albert Davis, defendant, Steven Archer, trustee
HD	26	269	11/26/1841	Grantor: Septimus Davis, et al Grantee: Martha Davis, et al Acreage: "Belle Vue" 326 acres

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— HD 17 198 6/28/1834 Grantor: Henry Dorsey of Edward
Grantee: Elijah Davis, et al
Acreage: "Belle Vue" 326 acres

HD 6 426 6/14/1823 Grantor: Elijah Davis
Grantee: Henry Dorsey of Edward
Acreage: "Belle View Farm"

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ELECTION DISTRICT 1A-242
TAX MAP NO. 1A-242 Title search page

DATE: _____

PARCEL NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Belle Vue FARM

ALJ 21
157

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South east

NAME OF OWNER: Dr E Hallister
DAVIS ~~Druff~~ ~~Davis~~ 9/4 acres

ADDRESS: 939-2434 ~~4-2434~~ 300ft from Chesapeake Bay

OAKINGTON Road
HAVRE de GRACE, MD 21074

STORIES: 1 [] 2 [X] 3 [] 4 [] 5 [] 6 [] BAYS: Brick 3 x 2

WINGS, ADDITIONS: life interest Frame 2 x 2
stone foundations low

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: level 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

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK about 2ft

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center (double hung, moulded panel doors)

HARDWARE: original [] replaced []
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

30x CORNICE, BARGE, WIDE EAVES:
original [] replaced []

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed [] hip [] gable [] 3 Bay near screened in front screened in covered entrance probable

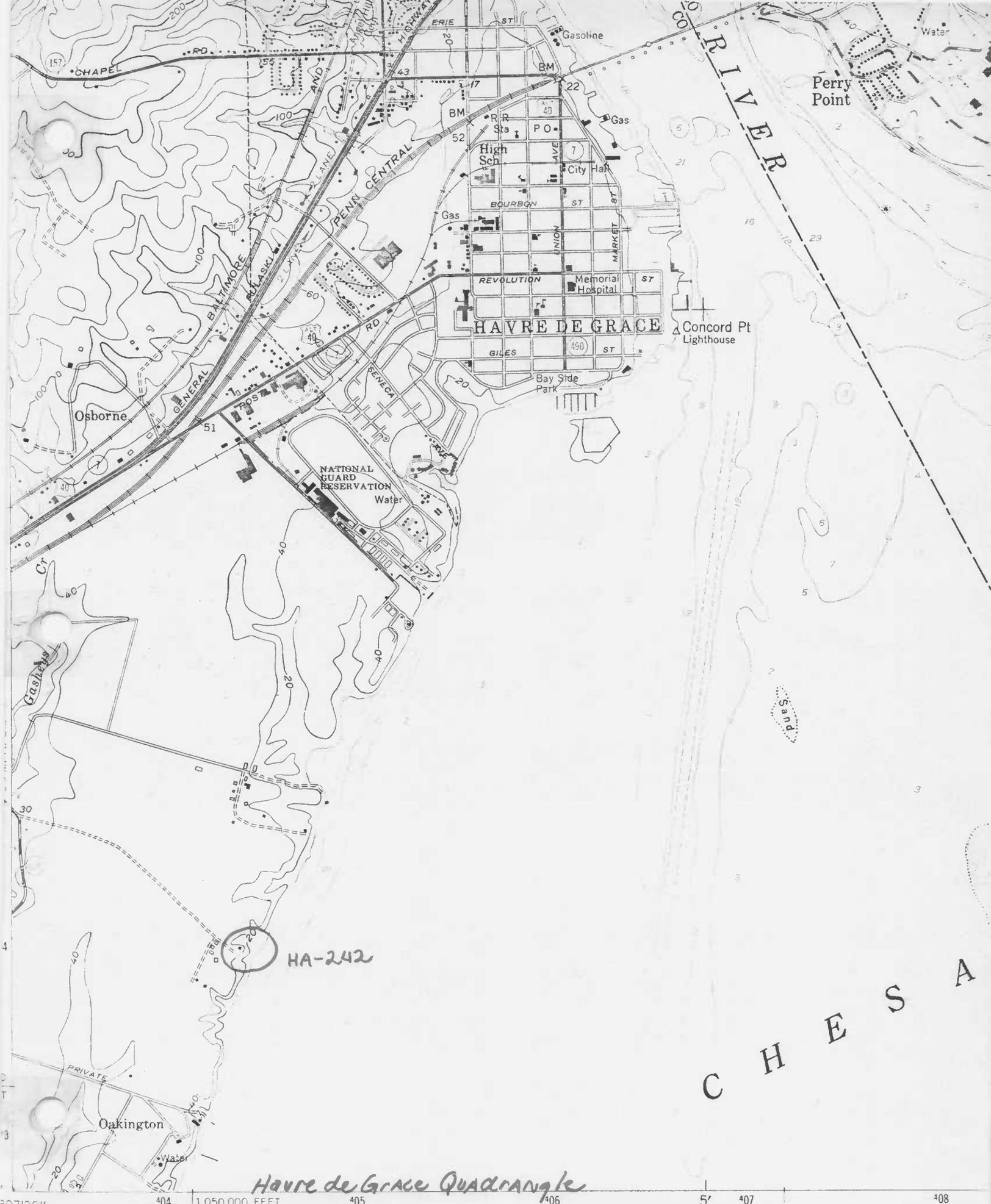
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK [] STONE [] CORBELED [X] original [] replaced [X]
LOCATION: 1 at each inside end, brick section

ARCHES: 1 at inside end frame

COMMENTS: ATTIC WINDOWS 4" casement

front windows have semi-ellips reader arches - probably a change

1927's
Buck front
was at house at 1730



Havre de Grace Quadrangle



Belle Vue Farm
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