HA-329 c. 1730

Hopkins-Matthews House
1839 Trappe Church Road
Darlington, MD
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-329
MAGI#1303295104

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hopkins-Matthews House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
1839 Trappe Church Road

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

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
Marchant H. Hall

Telephone #: 836-3716

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 146

CITY, TOWN
Darlington

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:477
Folio #:444

STREET & NUMBER
40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE
1970

__FEDERAL X STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
MD

8 SIGNIFICANCE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 Hopkins-Matthews House is a 1-1/2 story frame house, the oldest section of which dates from 1730, which is located on the south side of Trappe Church Road about one-tenth of a mile west of the intersection of Poole Road near Darlington, Harford County, Maryland. The main elevation faces northwest.

The house has three main sections, the central of which is dominant. This part contains the main entrance under a small entry porch in the process of reconstruction. The facade has two bays. The steeply gabled composition roof has a single interior chimney at the south end of the central section. At the rear or southeast side of the enter section are two shed additions. The northernmost section is also 1-1/2 stories, but lower in height than the center section. This section contained the original kitchen and had a large open fireplace in the north end. The fireplace and hearth have been rebuilt, using many of the original fieldstones and retaining the original mantel beam. The roof contains two shed dormers on both front and rear elevations. A former open porch on the rear elevation has been enclosed. The southernmost section also has shed dormers on both elevations and an access drive to the basement level on the south end. This section replaces an earlier wing which, according to the present owner, was used as a school. The date of reconstruction is unknown.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES C. 1730 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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A complete title search on the house was not done in this survey; however, the farm was sold to Samuel H. Matthews in 1873 and was described in the deed as "the Home Farm upon which Joshua Hopkins resided at the time of his death." The property includes parts of the tract "Bachelor's Good Luck".

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jennings and Herrick, Map of Harford County, 1858
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878

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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

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning	March 1983
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
45 South Main Street	(301) 838-6000 ext. 207
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	MD

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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N. R. FIELD SHEET

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Hall-Matthews House

AND/OR HISTORIC: "Miss Tacy"

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters south of Troppe Church Road about 0.1 mi

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington west of Poole Road

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: Marchant H. Hall

STREET AND NUMBER: RFD

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington | 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 :

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

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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

Frame house, 1½ stories, in 3 parts. Facing north. The ridgeline runs east-west. In the central section, about 20 x 20, 2 bays wide a large brick fireplace is in the west wall. Beams, now exposed, are beaded, hand hewn. ~~[illegible]~~ The east section, about 20' x 15', is 2 bays wide, has a central chimney. There are two low dormer windows in the north roof. The west section is a mirror-replica of this old east part.

Awkward additions, "mistaken" ~~[illegible]~~ remodeling such as the three-sash front window in the central part, and even the improbable symmetry of the west addition can do little to detract from the appeal

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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 ☐	unknown

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

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

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

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

Mr Hall, an engineer, commutes many miles to work daily; hence this little farmhouse too has become outer suburbia in the East Coast Megalopolis. He and his son and one farmer work a farm composed of three farms acquired within fifteen years.

A tiny peaked-roof house perched on a well wooded knoll south of the Deer Creek valley. The setting even surpasses the house itself.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DATE:

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:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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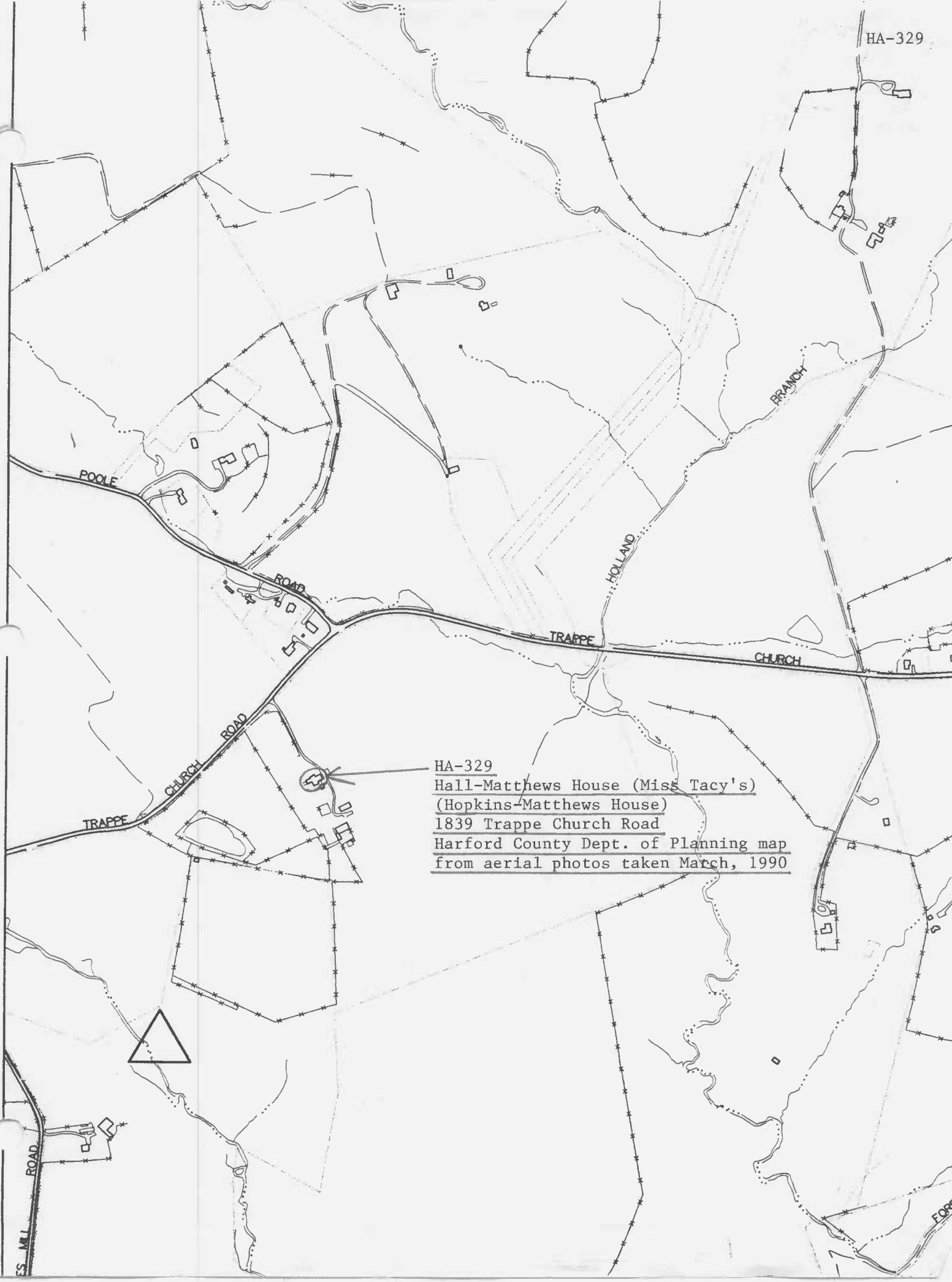
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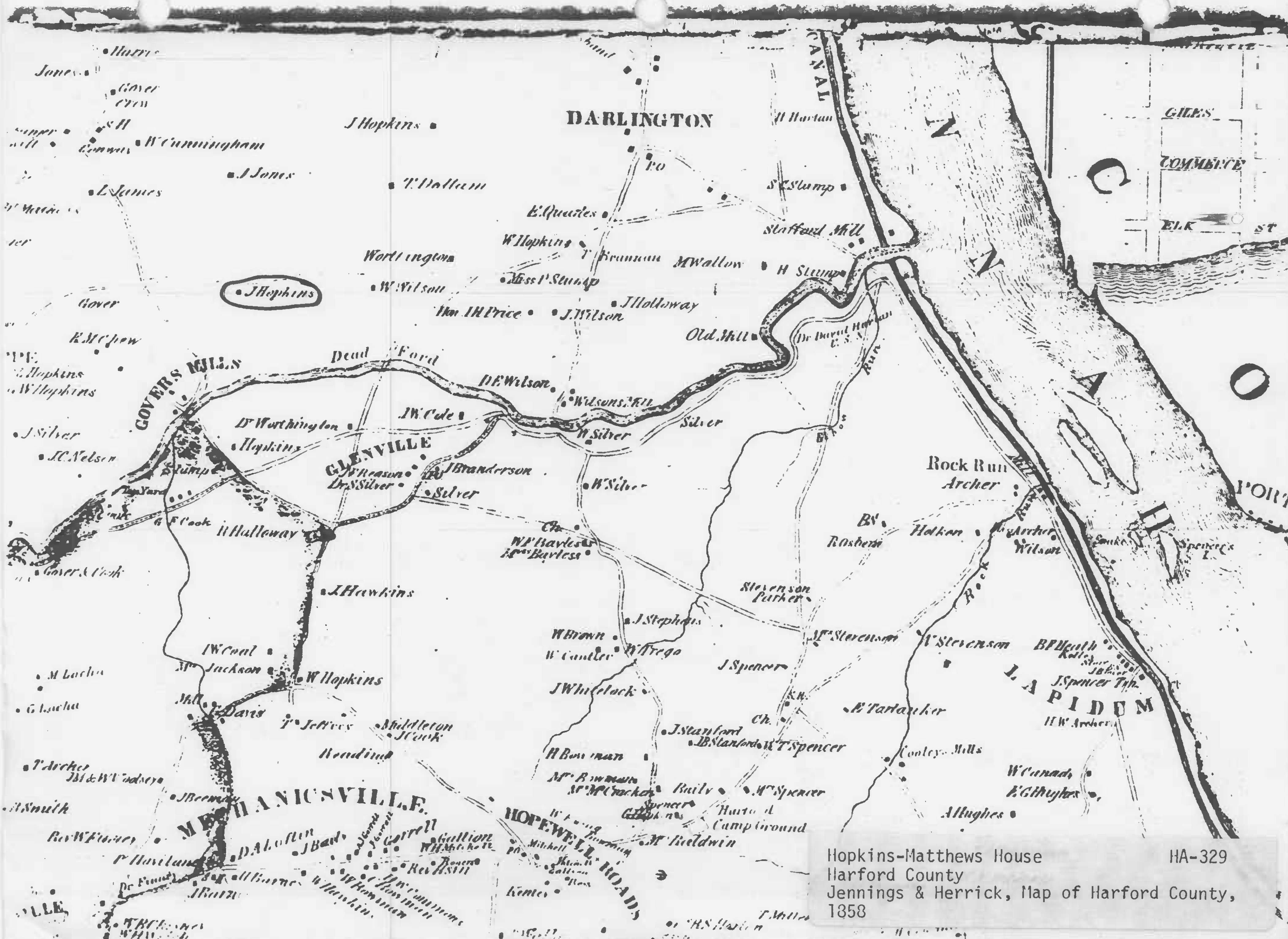
(Hopkins-Matthews House)
1839 Trappe Church Road
Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990



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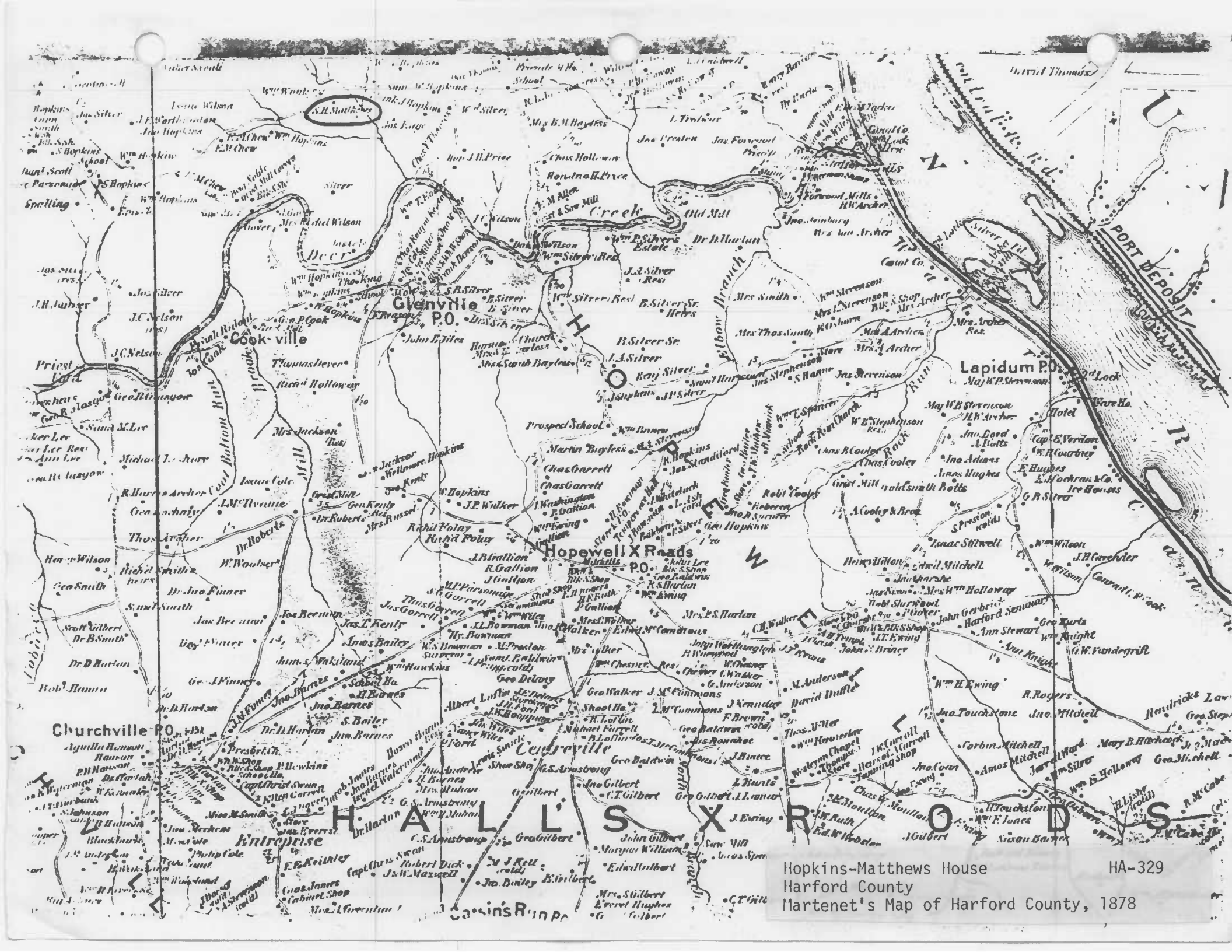

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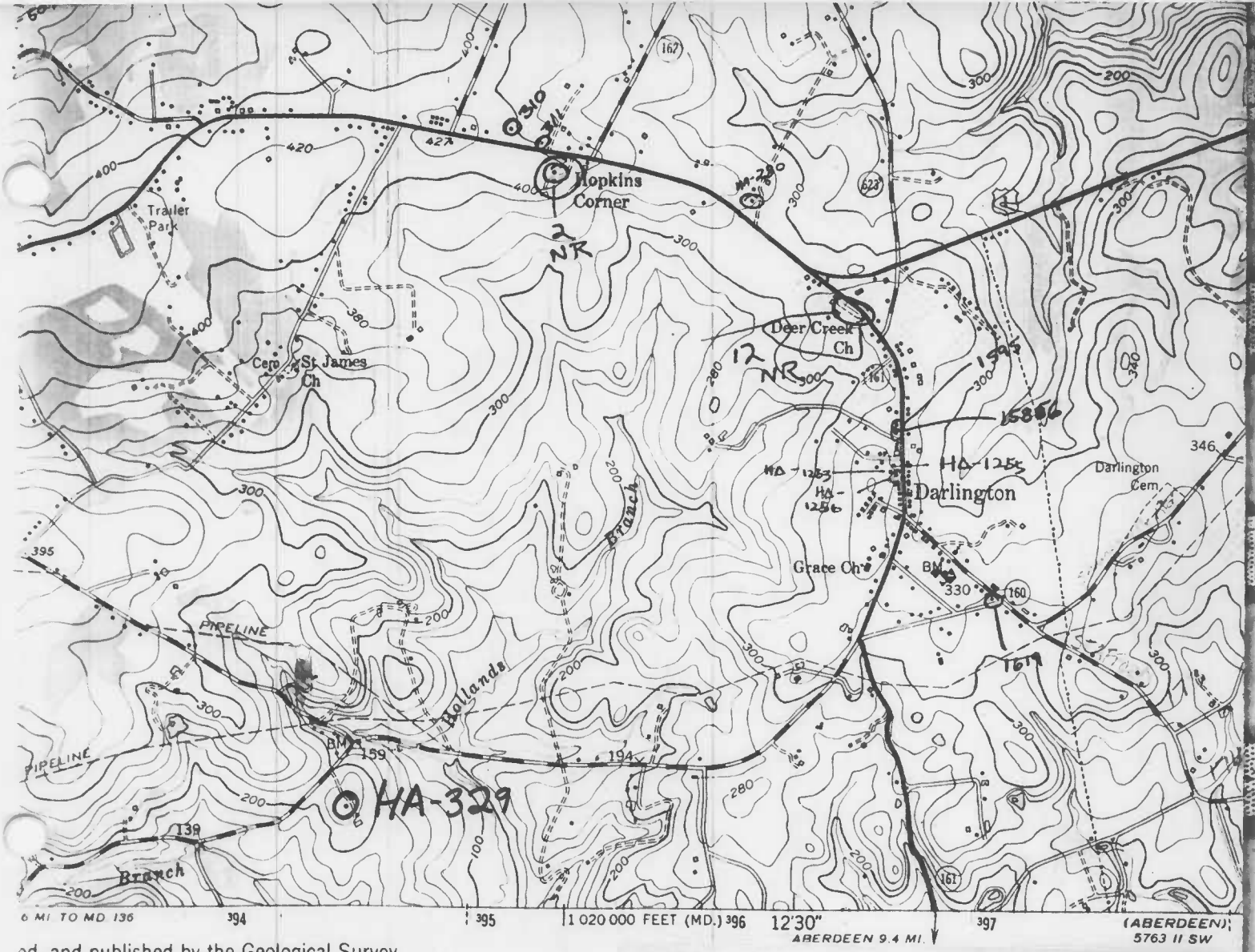

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Hopkins-Matthews House HA-329
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
March 1983
Northwest elevation
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Hopkins-Matthews House HA-329
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
March 1983
North elevation
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