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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

La Grange House and Outbuildings

AND/OR COMMON

(LAGRANGE HOUSE - LAGRANGE SMOKEHOUSE)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

204 A Rocks Road, eastern side of State Route #24, just north of Deer Creek Bridge and the ~~intersection with Rocks Station Rd.~~

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

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
X 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

L. E. Mankowski

Telephone #: 838-1254

STREET & NUMBER

204 A Rocks Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: HDC 900

Folio #: 58

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure faces the Rocks Road, to the west, and is divided into three parts, all of these being two-story. The main section, a perpendicular wing on the former's southeast corner, and a unit attached to the northern wall of the main section comprise these three units. This main portion has walls of stucco over stone and measures five bays by four. Those along the southern exposure are spaced in pairs on both floors and are trimmed with old panelled shutters. There are a pair of 3 X 3 attic openings on either gable end. The other sashes are 6 X 6 and are not original. Two windows south of the western portal on the first floor are floor-length. The door itself has three-pane sidelights and an intricately-patterned transom. The roof is gable-flank and asphalt, with box cornices and frieze trim. Two recently-added hip dormers, with cornices and 3 X 3 windows, face the west. A seven-bay shed-roof porch encloses the entire western facade, fronted with cut stone steps. Two corbeled brick chimneys are located on the extreme inside ends. A cellarway can be found on the southern embrasure.

The attached section to the north is similar in construction, except that it is a shorter two stories, measuring three bays by one. Again, the window configuration is 6 X 6, and there are opposite doors with transoms and panelled insets, on the eastern and western sides. A tall, brick corbeled flue is positioned on the northern inside-end on the gable-flank roof.

The rear wing has walls of stucco over brick and stone, and measures two bays by one. The slate roof is gable-flank and intersects the ridgeline of the main house. A brick chimney is sited on the eastern inside-end.

The Outbuildings

North of the house is a frame, one-story schoolroom, with three openings on the western facade and two on the southern exposure. The eastern and northern walls are blank. The windows are 4 X 4, and a single door, facing west, has a two-pane transom. The building sits upon a stone base. The slate roof features extremely wide eaves, with frieze trim on the gable ends. Bracketed cornices appear over the windows. A stone privy, with a slate hip roof, is southeast of the house. It is divided in half and has seperate entrances on the northern and southern sides. Closer to the house is a stone icehouse, with a door on the western aspect and a slate, gable-flank roof. A most unusual building is partially submerged in the hillside directly behind the house. This is a stone smokehouse, with a very high peaked slate roof that extends to ground level. The eaves feature bric-a-brac trim, and an inside-end brick stack is located on the southern end. Two 2 X 2 windows are situated on the northern and southern extremes, and a door is also located on tge latter aspect. Further south of the house is a more recent cluster of structures; a corncrib, carriage house and two sheds, all of vertical frame resting on stone foundations, with gable-front roofs.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
__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

Because of our incomplete tax lists, it is not known at this time when the stone house was built. The Martenet map of 1878 indicates Evan S. Rogers lived in this dwelling at that time and maintained a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. The stone stucco house appears to be of the Federal sytle. It is five bays long and has the Roman symmetry of the Early Georgian or Federal period. Its center through hall has a wide panelled door with a transom and side lights and the corners of the dwelling are unmarked by quoins. It was not possible to view this house's interior.

This center of the iron industry was located near Deer Creek Bridge at Rocks, at the junction of the Rocks Road and St. Clair Bridge Road, and did a thriving business. It was operated by the Rogers family, who owned about 2,000 acres of farm and forest land in the vicinity of Rocks.

Isaac Rogers came to Harford County from Chester County, Pennsylvania sometime before 1800. He immediately saw the opportunity of developing a successful industry because of the fine water power, the nearness to deposits of ore, and the forests which would provide charcoal. He and his three sons, Joseph, Ivan, and Stanley, are said to have given employment at one time to 300 men. The company maintained a large warehouse and community store, thus ministering to the needs of its employees.

The iron works was last owned by the E. Stanley Rogers Company and the large holdings were disposed of in 1886 when the furnace ceased to operate.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martenet Map, 1878
Harford County Directory, 1953
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1783 Maryland Tax List
1798 Federal Tax List
1814 Maryland Tax List

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22.572 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bounded on the east by Rocks Road; on the south by the land of John Roming and on the north by the lands of Francis Hince.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Paul Penrod and Susan M. Deeney	January 17, 1977
ORGANIZATION: Historic District Commission	DATE: 838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER: 45 South Main Street	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air	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.

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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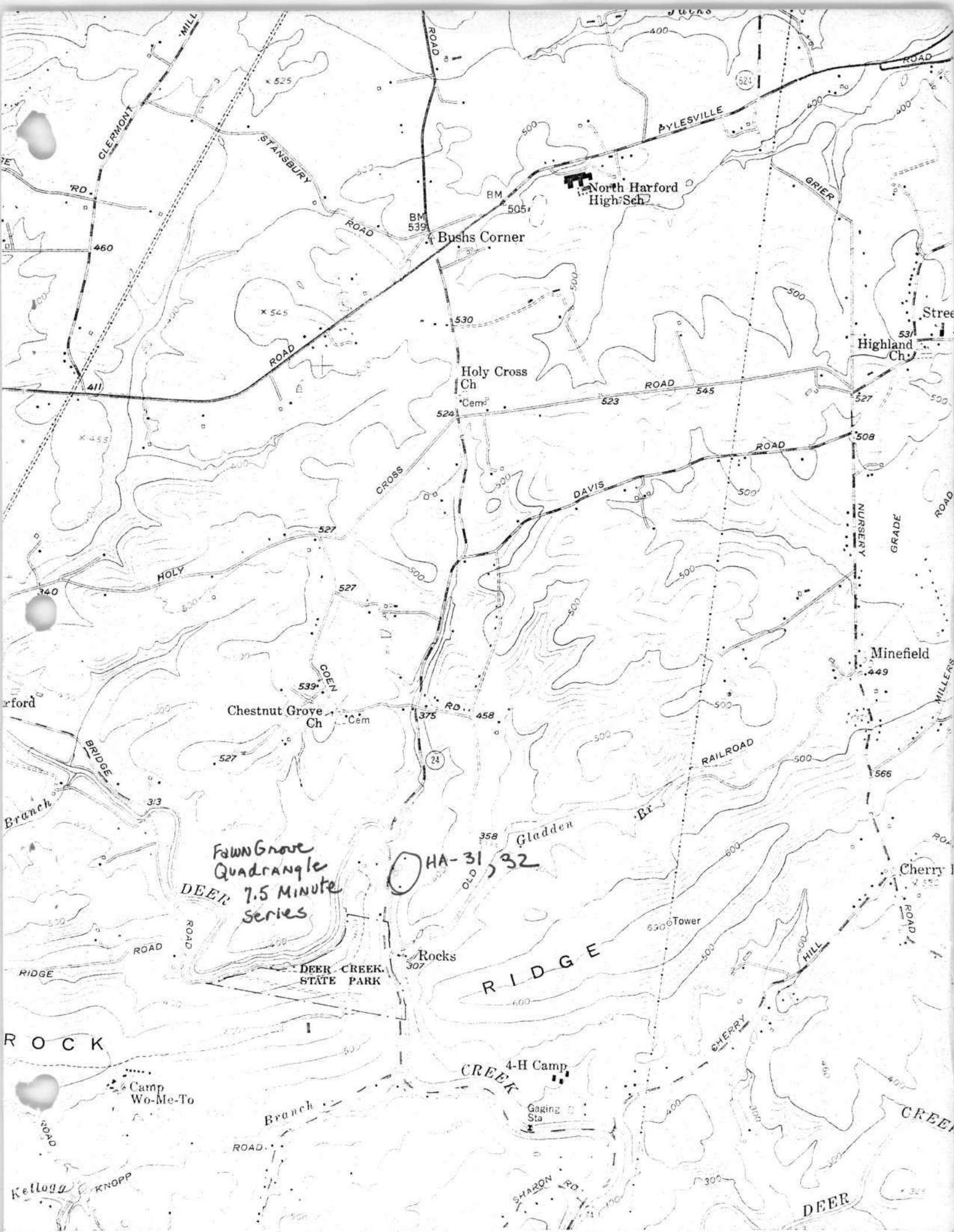
TITLE SEARCH

Liber		Folio	
HDC	900	48	Frances Wilson Hince sold 22.572 acres to Leonard E. Mankowski in 1972.
GRG	308	411	Catherine Lochary conveyed 479 acres of La Grange to Frances Wilson Hince in 1947.
GRG	308	410	J. Clarence Wilson imparted the parcel to Catherine Lochary in 1947.
WSF	115	117	In 1905, J. Clarence Wilson obtained 813 acres from Alonzo Wilson.
WSF	96	490	Henry M. Marshall, attorney for Mary E. Rogers, transferred 969 acres to J. Clarence Wilson and Alonzo Wilson in 1899.
WSF	96	262	In 1899, Henry M. Marshall conveyed 974 acres to Mary E. Rogers.
WSF	89	411	Charles A. Rutledge sold the property to Herman Guthrie in 1896.
WSF	77	457	Martha J. Rutledge released the land to Elizabeth W. Ruthledge.
ALJ	65	40	Robert Archer, attorney, conveyed the property to Martha J. Rutledge in 1889. This sale came as a result of an 1889 equity case involving Grace S. Rogers v.s. Charles J. Rutledge.
ALJ	56	184	Charles A. Rutledge bought the property in 1883 from Robert Archer, trustee. Archer was invested with the parcel following an 1883 equity case involving Mary E. Rogers and Grace A. Rogers.
WG	12	307	In 1861, Isaac Rogers conveyed the property to Evan S. Rogers. An earlier deed from 1844 recoreded a similar transfer of the interests of Isaac Rogers to Evan S. Rogers.


Fawn Grove Quadrangle 7.5 Minute Series
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Tower
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DAVIS ROAD
NURSERY GRADE ROAD
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BRIDGE ROAD
RAILROAD
OLD GLADDEN ROAD
DEER RIDGE ROAD
CHERRY HILL ROAD
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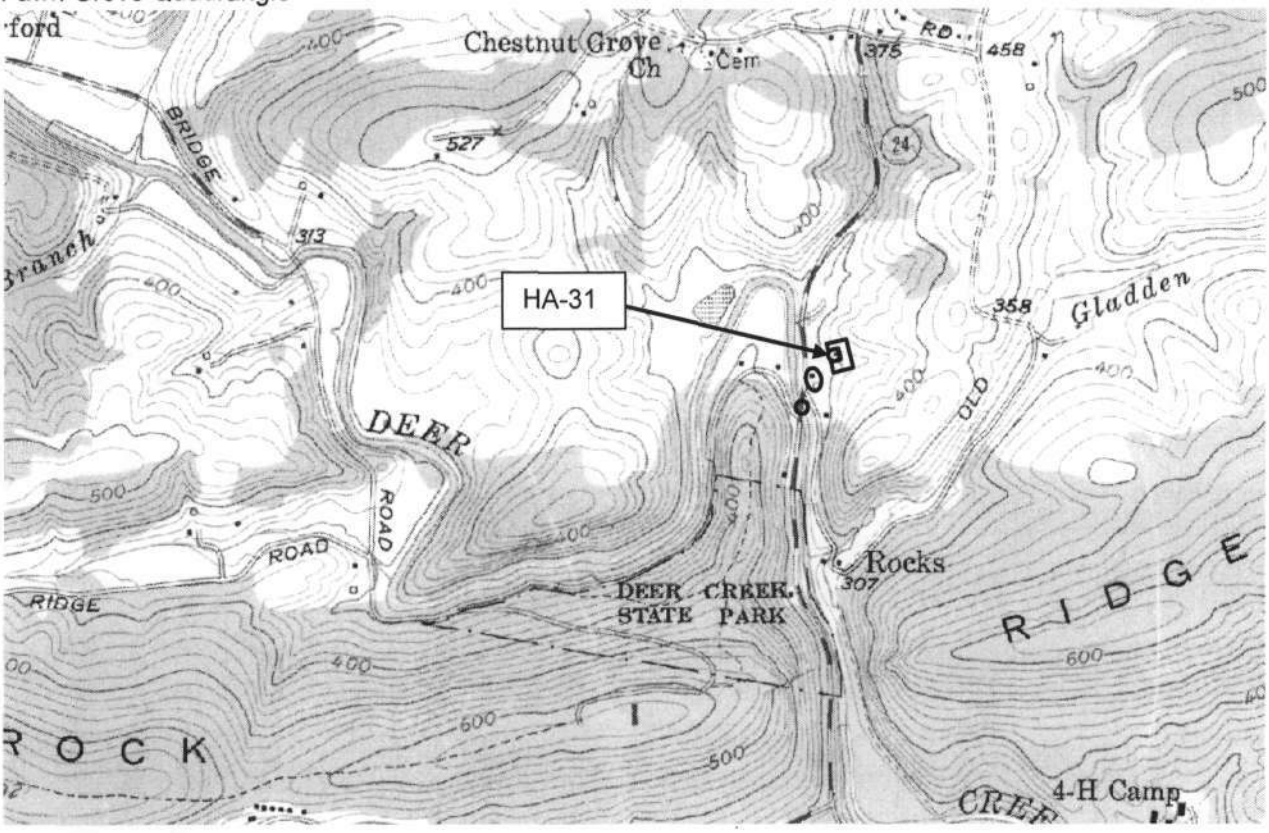

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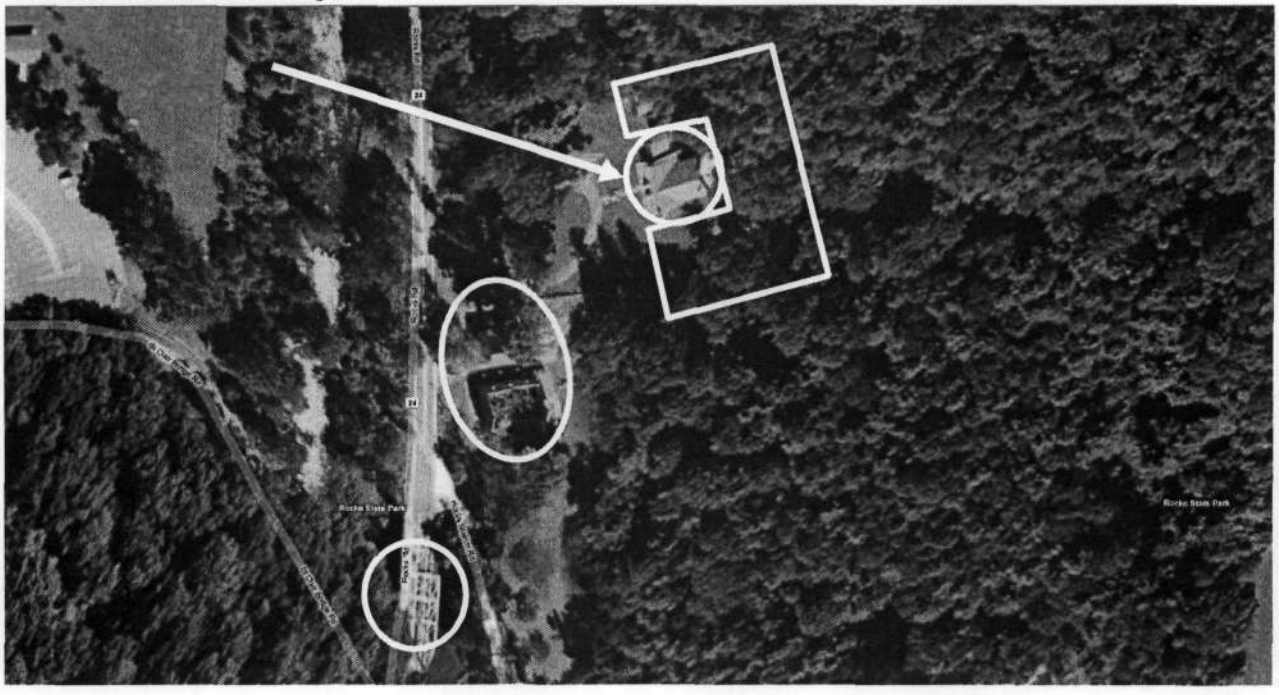

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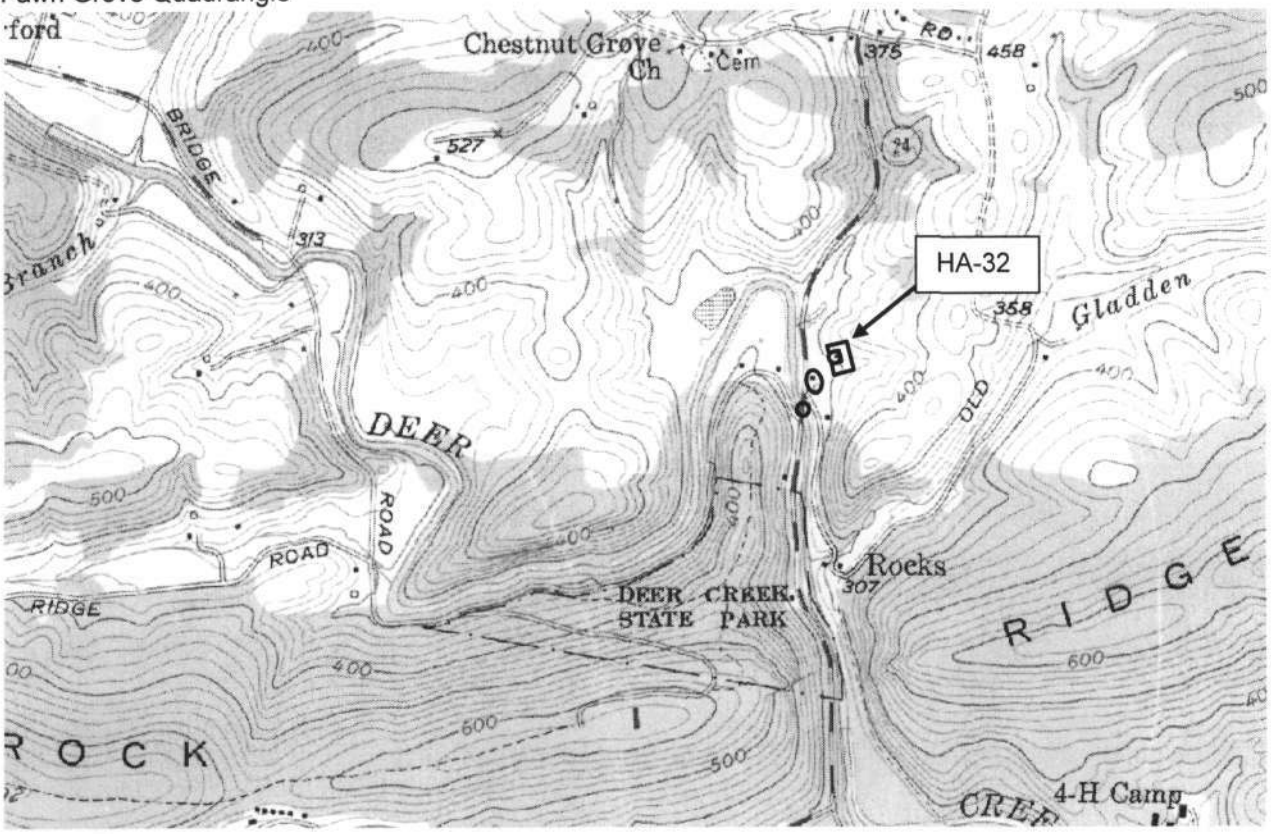

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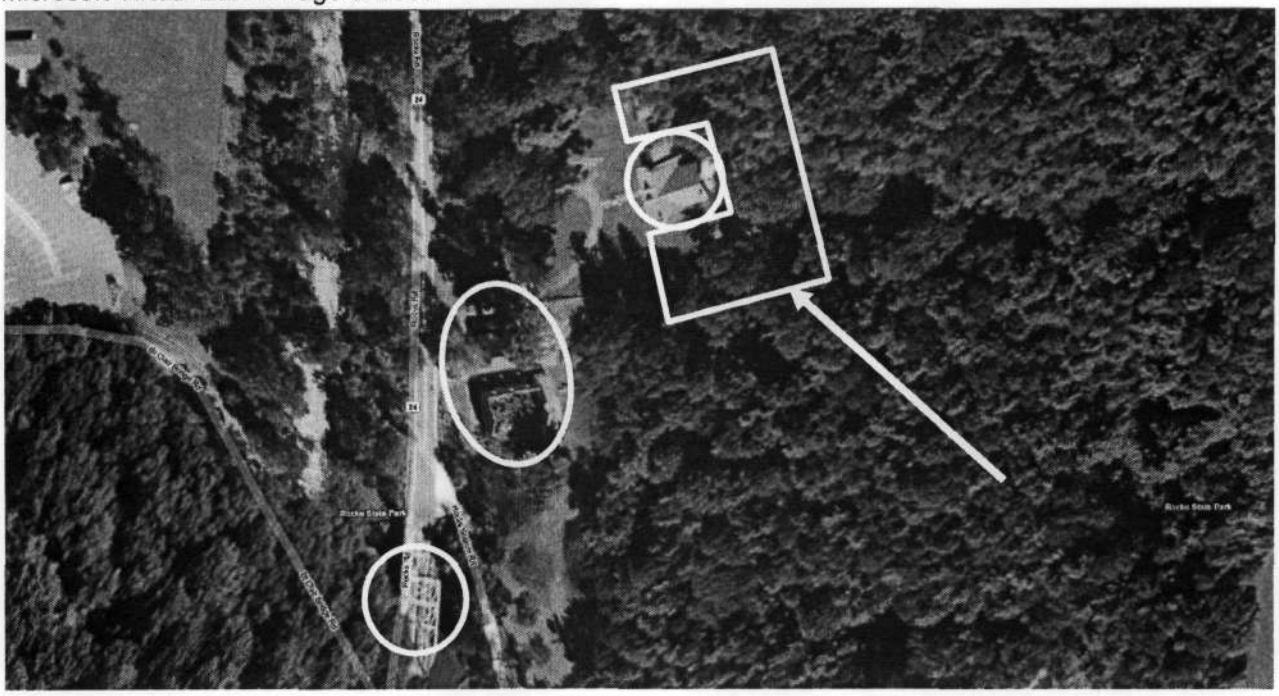

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