

HA-407

Dr. Silas B. Silver House; "Silverton" 1858
3643 Harmony Church Road
Darlington vicinity
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Dr. Silas B. Silver House; "Silverton"

AND/OR COMMON

George C. Reeves House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3643 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George C. Reeves

Telephone #: 734-6485

STREET & NUMBER

3643 Harmony Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE, zip code 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 747

Folio #: 271

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

c. 1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

Maryland STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dr. Silas B. Silver House is a 2-1/2 story vernacular stone house with Italianate details which was built in 1858 on the south side of Harmony Church Road about 1/4 mile west of the intersection with Darlington Road (Md. Rt. 161) in Harford County, Maryland. The house faces north toward a panoramic view of the Deer Creek valley.

The house is sited on a hill and stands about 250 yards south of the road. The plan is basically square with a slate hipped roof and wide bracketed cornice. The main elevation on the north has five bays with a central gabled dormer and two flanking dormers with pointed arched windows. The central dormer has a brick arched window on the top story and paired lancet windows under a belcast, bracketed hood at the second floor level. A one-story porch shelters the central doorway. The doorway has a rectangular transom and side lights. The west elevation has two bays and a bay window on the first floor. The east elevation has three bays and an enclosed porch which appears to be a modern addition. Two interior brick chimneys are located at the east and west ends of the house.

Two small frame outbuildings are located about forty feet southeast of the house. One is a woodshed, with a stone foundation and vertical siding. The roof is presently metal, but may have originally been wood shingles. Next to the woodshed on the east is a stone icehouse with a below-ground floor where the ice was stored, and an upper level for meat storage. The icehouse is square in plan with a shingled roof and a small cupola.

A modern garage is located about 30 yards east of the main house. Approximately 20 yards east of the garage is a frame wagon shed or carriage house. This building has board and batten siding and a scalloped bargeboard. A frame barn stands about 40 yards east of the carriage house. Also on the property south of the barn is a modern mobile home and, at the bottom of the hill to the south, a modern residence.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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			local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1858 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mr. Reasin

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

Dr. Silas B. Silver (1815-1883) was the brother of Benjamin, John A., and Jeremiah Silver, all of whom built large stone houses in the same area during the 1850's. Dr. Silver was one of the four Silver brothers who married four Pannell sisters. He was the most prolific diarist in the Silver family, describing not only events in his own life, but also local, state and national events, weather, illnesses and other daily news in the area. A selection of items from his diaries was published in B.S. Silver's Our Silver Heritage; copies of the pertinent pages are attached. Of special interest is the entry for April 1, 1858, in which Dr. Silver writes that Mr. Reasin, the architect of Silverton, was employed to design the exterior only of Dr. Silver's new house, for which he was paid \$100. Dr. Silver and Benjamin Silver together designed the interior. Dr. Silver also names the masons, carpenters, plasterers, and "undertaker" or contractor for Silverton. The family moved into the house on September 12, 1859, when the house was not yet finished. The next day, September 13, they named the new house "Silverton."

NOTE: Old survey number HA-408 (Icehouse) is consolidated under HA-407 in this form.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Silver, B.S., Our Silver Heritage, Gatesville Publishing Co., Gatesville, TX 1976 (Historical Society of Harford County Archives)
Martenet, Simon Map of Harford County, 1878.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

November 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000 Ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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.

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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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Dr. Silas B. Silver House

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTION:

The datestone to the left of the arched window in the north gable of the house reads "1859". On the right of the window is a stone inscribed "Dr. S. & Mrs. S."

The building labeled an "icehouse" in Photo # 2 and described in Section 7 actually had a double use: The eastern half of the building was a smokehouse and brick vents are located in the east and south elevations. The west half of the building has a small window on the south elevation and may have been used as a root cellar.

A frame henhouse is located about 50 feet southwest of the house. A frame corncrib stands about 50 feet south of the wagon shed. Both have vertical siding and the corn crib has battens.

Janet Davis
August 1983

SILAS B. SILVER HOUSE

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CHAIN OF TITLE (PARTIAL)

747/271	30 June 1967	Grantor: Frank J. & Libuse V. Simik Grantee: George C. & Muriel R. Reeves, Jr. Acreage: 97.05
690/316	9 October 1965	Grantor: French Hash Peak, Georgia Hash Reeves, and Thomas S. Hash, executors of estate of Mega Alvina Hash, et al. Grantee: Frank J. Simik
164/424	23 July 1919	Grantor: Thomas W. and Geneva Landreth Grantee: Thomas H. and Mega A. Hash Acreage: 97.41, part of "Green Spring Forest"
162/421	3 April 1919	Grantor: Henry L. Makinson Grantee: Thomas W and Geneva Landreth Acreage: 97.41 Amount : \$9,497.48
122/124	4 June 1907	Grantor: Willie B. Makinson & wife et al., heirs of William R. Makinson Grantee: Henry L. Makinson Acreage: 100 " . . . being the same and all the land which was conveyed to the said William T. Makinson by deed from Susan S. Silver . . ."
51/126	13 February 1884	Grantor: Susan S. Silver, widow of Silas B. Silver Grantee: William T. Makinson Acreage: 100 " . . . being the same and all the land devised to the said Susan S. Silver by the last will and testament of Dr. Silas B. Silver (see Will Book WSR 9/424, 15 November 1882)."

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: Reeves - Slave house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Harmony Church Road about

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: HARFORD CODE:

0.5 mi west of Darlington Road

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <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"/> Comments <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: George Reeves

STREET AND NUMBER: Harmony Church Road

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington STATE: Md 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: 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:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

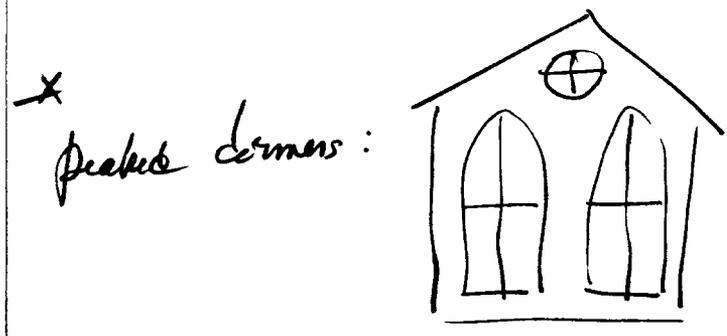
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Modern int. bath <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone masonry house, square, 2 1/2 stories, facing north, with dormers* in the hip roof facing east and west, a gable over the front door facing north. Heavy corbelled cornice. 2 Chimneys are interior. windows 4/4

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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)

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

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

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Another spacious farm house indicative of the wealth derived from farming this area in the mid 1800's. One of the Sibon family farms. later owned by Thomas Had who ^{also} did blacksmithing during the late 1920 & early 1930s. (\$10.50 a hop/ for new shoes, \$0.25 for re-setting.)
 The country - suburban residence now of a real estate agent. ~~whomsoever~~

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	COOE

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** COOE: _____

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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~~HA 407~~

STATE:	HA - 407
MAGI #	1304074535
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Reeys - Seave Icehouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: South side of Harmony Church Road about 0.5 mi

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington west of Darlington Road

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Structure</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Unoccupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <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"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <u>Household work</u>	
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: George Reeys

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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

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Deteriorated</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Unaltered</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Original Site</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone and frame icehouse, square, under a hip roof with a dove-cote at the peak, was used to store ~~potato~~ seeds and garden tools, while in the deep pit lined with stone ice was hauled up from an icefank in the stream, stored with fresh straw, for household use.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>19th Century</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Palitical <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Plonning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	losophy <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Industry</u>
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Conservotian <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theoter <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportotion <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Household industry : space for
 cooling food and storing ice for
 a modern ~~refrigerator~~ ice box in the late 19th.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

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 **NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p>_____ Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date _____</p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p>_____ Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date _____</p>
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CHAPTER VI

SECTION 3

Sub-Section 4

SILAS BENJAMIN SILVER of Benjamin and Charity Warnock Silver

It is regrettable that someone of Dr. Silas Benjamin Silver's brothers or sisters did not record a description of Silas, however, we are most fortunate in that he, for thirty-two years (1836-1875) except 7 years 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1851, 1852, and 1853, maintained a diary. All thirty-two diaries were in the possession of Albert P. Silver on 7 November 1902. On 8 November of that year he loaned 9 to Isabel Milton (1867-1875) and on 17 February 1903 he again loaned 3 more (1876-1879) to the same person. All were returned to him. However, of the thirty-two, only one is available. Summaries of those during the years 1854-1875 are also available. This is most disturbing because, like the Biblical Luke, Silas' powers of observation were very keen.

Since the summaries of his diaries made by Albert P. Silver are the only real available references, ninety-nine percent of this portion is taken directly there from, and the reader should remember these are quotations.

Silas Benjamin Silver obtained his early education in the same school as his brothers and sisters. On 22 July 1835 he graduated from Union College with an AB Degree and on 6 April 1838 received an M.D. Degree from the University of Pennsylvania along with 44 others.

On 26 November 1857 he married Susan Schaeffer Pannell. They spent their honeymoon in Philadelphia. Susan was the daughter of James and Susan Schaeffer Pannell. James Pannell was the son of Edwin and Sarah Pannell. James was born 20 March 1784 and married Susan 3 December 1854. Susan was the daughter of George and Catherine Schaeffer and was born 14 November 1790 and died 30 April 1862.

Thus, it can be seen, he began keeping a diary three years before marriage. The following are the most important entries from his diary of 1854. "1 January Rev. William Finney resigned as pastor of the Church at Churchville being pastor for 40 years. 29 January Sunday visited to see Mr. Stephen Boyd who is in the last stage of consumption. 30 January the market, during the month, grain has advanced owing to the Russian and Turkey War. Wheat \$2, corn 90¢ to \$1.00. 11 February a meeting of farmers at the Darlington Academy to take into consideration the transportation of grain on the Tide Water Canal. 18 February Stephen Boyd died of consumption about 4 o'clock age about 60 years. He was when in health a very large portly man. 20 February at the funeral of Mr. Boyd who was buried at Harmony Church." During these years Silas subscribed to the following papers: Weekly Baltimore Patriot, Harford Gazette and the Daily Sun. "30 May Tuesday a great calamity an explosion in Wilmington of three teams loaded with gun powder awful destruction. 26 August B. Silver is opening a public road from James F. Reasin to the road leading by Death's Ford to Churchville."

From 1 August through 23 August, Silas in company with Mary Charity Silver visited the Virginia Springs, Rock Bridge. "12 September Tuesday sold part of my crop of corn. last week in Philadelphia 181 bu at 93¢ per bu. 30 September Saturday the Rock Run Post Office is closed. There being no one to keep it. 2 October a petition for a post office at Green Spring was sent around by me. Green Spring was changed to Clifton, being another in Md. 6 October I visited Washington City, with a petition for a post office at Clifton. It was granted. I was introduced to H. King 1st Asst Postmaster and Mr. Dundee 2nd asst. 26 October serious accident! The Port de Posit Bridge -- two stretches were broken down and 80 head of cattle in the water - 15 had their legs broken, also 2 of the drivers went down but were not hurt. 28 October Saturday yesterday sold my wheat for \$1.92 to Wilmer W. Davis.

Nov. 1 The Post Master General, has appointed a new post office called Glenville near Dr. Worthington's. I took the petition with 26 names on the 1st of October and had

the appointment made at Washington. 11 November The new post office Glenville, Harford County, Maryland is this day opened. 3 December Sunday William Pannell died about 10 'clock today -- his disease complicated hydrathorax. He was sick 4-5 weeks and was tended by myself assisted by Dr. Polk and Finney. He was 71 years of age and was buried in Churchville 5 December. 28 December Thursday this day made an appraisalment of the personal property of Jane Pannell (deceased) by William P. Silver and myself."

There are no entries made for the year 1855.

"25 January 1856 I have had during the past week a store room fitted up in my new house at Glenville. 12 February at the sale of the late James C. Doddrell place, at Darlington and bid for it for William Easter to the amount of \$6,500.00 and it was knocked off to me, it calls for 96 acres. 19 March sale at Sarah Bayless she leaves the old homestead of the Bayless family. 22 March Chesney made a contract on August 5, 1855 to build my house at Glenville and after working had left it unfinished and brought an action v.s. me for balance of contract. 24 March I drew a petition to the Post Office Department asking for change of routes 3944 and 3950 giving a daily mail to Hopewell and Glenville. Route 3950 is now tri-weekly supplying Glenville and Hopewell. 5 April I took petition of patrons of Glenville and Hopewell Post Offices asking for a change in route to be established on the western side of the Susquehanna River from Havre de Grace to Darlington. 11 June I visited Washington and got a daily mail for Churchville Glenville and Hopewell X Roads supplied by way of Pennsylvania by changing route from Bel Air to latter place. 28 June recv'd a circular from Washington instructing contractor to commence on 2nd July a service from Perymanville supplying daily the offices Churchville Glenville and Hopewell X Roads. I got a change made giving a daily and earlier mail instead of a tri-weekly one. Mr. Philip Desuan is to carry it for \$244.00 and gets \$50.00 additional from Harford Furnace."

There are no entries for 1857, the year Silas was married.

"19 February 1858 Court house in Bel Air burnt. 1 April employed Mr. Reasin, the architect to draw plans for house. B. Silver and I gave him the interior and he was to sign the exterior, charged \$100.00. 22 April commenced to quarry stone for house. 12 May commenced to haul stone for house. 7 June William Silver commenced to build the mason work of his new stone residence near Harmony Church. 21 June began to erect the foundation of my new house. 25 June Mr. Langdon engaged in putting down 942 feet of pipe (and it will take 200' more) to throw water to my house. 23 July the stone I am hauling for my house came from a quarry of Mr. Reasin and about 1/3 from a quarry of William Silver. 26 July ram placed in my spring which is a distance of 1137 ft + 70 = 1207 feet. It seems to work very well. 29 July Trappe Church consecrated with Bishop Worthingham also Rev. Crompter and the pastor Rev. Peck. 30 August contracted with Joseph E. Ramsey to do carpenter work on my house. 7 September Mr. Bowen and Brother of Towsantown, masons commenced my house. 1 November masons finished the wall of my house. 20 November the carpenters are engaged this week in roofing my house. The undertaker Mr. Joseph E. Ramsey of Baltimore" (NOTE- the use of the word undertaker here referring to the man who built the basic carpentering on the house) "carpenters - Mr. Ware and son of Cecil County, Md.

28 April 1859 called on Mr. John Parish and wife who have recently removed into the neighborhood from Burlington, N. J. 10 May the fisherman on the Susquehanna River have done a poor business this season. They have caught very few fish. 5 June a light frost last night - it nipped the corn and vegetables some. 7 June James and Jarrett Standiford are engaged in plastering my house second coat. 23 June plasterers finished. 12 September we commenced to move into our new house and for the first time dined and slept there, it is not quite finished. 13 September We name our residence 'Silverton'.

5 March 1860 A railroad meeting at Darlington in the interest of the Central Railroad, many present, addressed by Dr. Stubbs of Cecil Co and Stevenson Archer of Harford. The road is complete to Avondale, Pa. and is progressing to Susquehanna River. It will pass up Deer Creek if made when contemplated. 7 March Maryland Legislature, William F. Bayless, Charles McCoy and Dr. Joshua Wilson, Franklin Whitaker - Senator. 8 March The legislature of Maryland recommends to Governor to remove from office Judge Henry Stump of the Criminal Court of Baltimore. He has been intemperant.

6 December 1861 I purchased two lamps in Baltimore they are to burn kerosene oil, it is the first we have used. 8 February 1862 B. Silver Postmaster appointed at Glenville. 23 June William Reasin of Baltimore has just moved into Dr. Worthington's old mansion at Glenville. 15 October draft took place at Bel Air 204 names drawn for this county. 18 October to 22 November 25 or 30 cases of diphtheria under my care, a new disease." No entries for 1863.

"18 January 1864 Deer Creek high, D. E. Wilson's mill dam entirely carried away. It had been built 19 years. 19 May another draft took place in this county today. 23 June gold 220 premium. 15 July a federal force of 10 or 12 took a horse from B. Silver. 25 October the water in the springs is now very low. The spring at Glenville is nearly dry and my hydraulic is graded down very low. 27 October the farmers are engaged in husking corn some of them are hauling it to Aberdeen for \$7.50 per bbl.

30 January 1865 I pay this winter \$10.50 per ton for coal. 18 March great freshet in the Susquehanna River! Tremendous rise! Bridges - canal banks are carried away. 20 March the bridges far up the river are all swept away. One span of the Conowingo Bridge was carried away. It is said the river has not been as high since 1832.

12 February 1867 Dr. Silver elected delegate of the Harford County Medical Society to National Convention in May to meet at Cincinnati Ohio. 20 June John F. McJilton built a new house last summer on the old Massey property lately owned by Henry W. Hopkins. 7 August 1st Congregational meeting about new church at Harmony. 15 August Deer Creek higher than I suppose it was ever known to be. There was much damage done on the night of 15 August. The bridge near Wilson's mill which had been standing for 40 years was carried away about 2 or 3 hundred yards above the mill. 5 November Benjamin Silver of Benjamin and Charity Warnock Silver elected to the House of Delegates. 19 November I recvd notice (S.B. Silver) of appointment as Post Master at Glenville vice Benjamin Silver resigned on account of being elected to Legislature.

10 February 1868 a member of the grand jury. 7 May I made arrangements with Post Office Dept to have our mail carried from Havre de Grace to supply Glenville and Hopewell. 11 June a small branch railroad from Perryville to Port de Posit is finished and the cars are running on it this spring and summer connecting with several trains. 16 September a list of the salaries of the Post Masters of Harford County - Glenville \$56.00, Hopewell \$84.00, Darlington \$220.00, Lapidum \$82.00.

18 April the Trappe Church caught fire from stove pipe near ceiling and burned down. 11 May - Medical Society met at Bel Air. I was elected President last February for one year. 25 May we attended in the evening a meeting of the Historical Society at Darlington. Thomas King read an essay on the scenery of Deer Creek. This society holds it's meetings every Tuesday and has been well attended for one or two years. The exercises are reading an original essay or one selected, dialogue and lectures.

1 January 1870 Commenced to keep a diary from 1 January 1836 about the time when I commenced to study medicine. 21 January I am still Post Master at Glenville. The following list of letters mailed for 6 months. July 243, August 262, September 254, October 189, November 237, December 274 = 1459 (Av 459) - \$43.77. 2 June salary of Post Master at Glenville fixed for 2 years at \$64 per annum. It has for the past two years been \$56.00. I am nominating to P.M. William H. Starr the assistant who attends to it and receives the salary. 8 June James Silver is building a new dwelling house this summer. 21 August Rev. Finney preached last sermon in old church. It was dedicated on the 13 October 1837 by Rev. Finney.

17 June 1871 My farmer commences to cut wheat, I never recollect the like before. 2 September voted at Aberdeen under a new system of nominating candidates. 7 October The water supply! Although we have had several rains, the water courses are still low and my hydraulic for one or two months has been unable to give a constant stream. It has to be started several times a day. This has never occurred but once before.

29 February 1872 - Visited Mr. Dedenck's Chemical Works at the old Harford Furnace, they manufacture sugar of lead, acetic acid and other things. 3 April John T. Baldwin has received contract for mail from Glenville to Havre de Grace. Amount of contract \$359.00. 8 July 1872 new Deer Creek Harmony Church was dedicated at 3 PM. 23 July The

drought! Water supply! We stopped our hydraulic about the first of this month as both springs have failed. I have had an issue of water lower down opened for cattle - for several weeks the cattle had to be driven out to a large branch in the public road. We see several of the springs around, one below the barn and one in Mr. Barnes field. 28 July 1873 the drought is broken up, the ground fully wet.

5 March 1874 was at Stafford examining improvements going on in this old place. A soapstone mill erected by Thos. Symington -- turbine wheels placed in the grain mill. New wharves and roads and offices. A new impetus to the place. 22 April Thomas King removed from Baltimore to his farm 'Kentuc' in 1844 just 30 years ago. 26 May a bone mill has been started in Stafford by Ed M. Allen in the basement of the grain mill. It grinds bone very fine. 1 June Henry A. Silver, wife and daughters left Dublin for Mexico, Missouri. He was a member of the House of Delegates and the Constitutional Convention of 1867 and afterwards Librarian of the State. 8 June Henry A Silver's property at Dublin offered for sale by Archer and Williams Trustees was withdrawn at a bid of \$13,000.00. 26 September Prof. Donaldson descended in his balloon on John McGuigan's farm about 12 o'clock - he started from Barnums Show in Baltimore on 25 September about 4 PM and alighted at Silas Warner's about 11 1'clock at night and started the next morning about 10 o'clock with 3 persons and moved southeast about 6,000 or 7,000 feet high and alighted as above stated. 14 October the Harford Co. Agricultural Fair opens this day. It is the first held in this county. 12 March Joshua Griffin, a colored man was hung on the alms house property about 1 mile from Bel Air for killing Miss Susan Taylor below Aberdeen with a club - He is the 2nd person hung (after conviction by court and jury) in this county. There was a colored man hung in 1804. 20 March great ice gorge in the Susquehanna at Port de Posit. Ice gorge extends from Rock Run to the shoal below Havre de Grace, a distance of 12 miles or more. 6 April This day 37 years ago 6 April 1838 and 4 May this day 35 years ago (4 May 1840) I attended as a delegate the great National Whig Convention to confirm the nominations of Harrison and Tyler for Pres. and Vice Pres. of the U. S. It was a great day !!! 22 July this day 40 years ago (22 July 1835) I graduated at Union College and took degree of AB in a class of 89."

"Susan Schaeffer Pannell Silver died 29 June 1896 at age 66. Her funeral was conducted after 1530 3 July 1896. Her remains were brought from Minneapolis, Minnesota by Rev. W. H. Hartzell at 1700 3 July 1896. Remarks were made by Rev. Hartzell and Dr. J. T. Smith of Baltimore. Rev. Fitzsimmons and Wasson took part in the services. Pallbearers were George E. Silver, S. M. Bayless, A. P. Silver, D. H. Silver, Harry Silver, and G. T. Milton."

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Friday Morning, March 19, 1880.

HOMES ON DEER CREEK.

BY W. STAMP FORWOOD, M. D., OF DARLINGTON, MD.

No. 3.

"Tis sweet to hear the watch-dog's honest bark
When sweet-mouth'd welcome us we draw near;
'Tis sweet to know that an eye will mark
Our coming, and look brighter when we come!"
—Byron.

Earnestly desiring that all of our statements shall be as accurate as possible, ever upon minor points, we found it necessary in our second paper to correct an error of omission on the part of the printer, which occurred in the first letter; and now, in turn, we take occasion to rectify an error of commission, on our own part, which was inadvertently made in the second paper, viz: "Adjoining the Bayless property, and we believe formerly a portion of it, is the Harmony Church lot." A friend has drawn our attention to the fact that the church lot was not a portion of the Bayless property; but that it belonged to, and was donated by the late Benjamin Silver, Senior, for church purposes. Although quite a youth at the time, we do now distinctly remember that such was the fact. The subject was much discussed in our community at the time the erection of the original church was in contemplation; and we believe that, in addition to the presentation of the beautiful ground, Mr. Silver also materially aided in the erection of the church. We remember also that Mr. Silver's liberality in this connection was much commended and warmly applauded by his numerous friends throughout the surrounding neighborhood. It is eminently fitting that this record should be correctly made, especially for the information of those who will come after us.

Mr. Silver's mortal remains was one of the first, if we remember aright, to find its last resting-place in the new grave-yard, an' under the shadow of the church, where so many of his immediate and remote kindred have since been laid.

SILVERTON.

Continuing our rambles among some of the Homes that occupy and ornament the vale of our loved Deer Creek, the next property that comes in rotation with the one last described is "Silverton," the picturesque and beautiful residence of our long-time and much esteemed friend and fellow craft, Dr. S. B. Silver. "Silverton" stands like a watch-tower on the hill, the sentinel for the entire surrounding country. It occupies a higher location than any dwelling of large proportions in the vicinity, on the south side of the creek, and overlooks some of the finest country "that o'er the sun

The view from Silverton not only comprehends the magnificent Deer Creek valley, where careful and educated farming have secured the most abundant yield, but, in the unfolding of Nature's grand panorama, views can be obtained of York and Lancaster counties, in Pennsylvania; also of Cecil, and, we believe, a partial view of Kent county, Maryland, beyond the beautiful Chesapeake. Gazing from this and from other high points in the vicinity, over the verdant hills and fertile valleys of the noble Deer Creek, the words of rapture expressed by the great poet upon his first beholding the fair Andalusian vales of Spain, have oft and oft arisen in our thoughts of the grand and beautiful:

"Oh, Christ! it is a goodly sight to see
What Heaven hath done for this delicious land!
What fruits of fragrance blush on every tree!
What goodly prospect o'er the hills expand!"
—Byron.

"Silverton" is constructed of choice and selected stone, under the careful direction of its present owner, and unites the beautiful with the substantial and durable. Notwithstanding its high and exposed location to the winds of the North, the walls of Silverton will endure for centuries, and will remain as a monument to the care and forethought of him under whose supervision it was erected.

We do not remember the exact year in which Silverton was built, but believe it dates back twenty-one or twenty-two years. The door and window sills and lintels, are of massive granite from the quarries at Port Deposit, and are all beautifully dressed. The corners, and the greater part of the stone in the front, are also of the same handsome granite.

A wide verandah with substantial pillars, adorns the front of the dwelling, over which an uncovered observatory forms the roof, which is entered by a door from the upper hall-way. This, apart from the charming scenery already referred to as visible from this point, is a delightfully cool and pleasant place to occupy upon a warm summer afternoon, while the sun is declining upon the opposite side of the building. From this observatory, with the aid of a field-glass, the finest view can be obtained of the finest portion of the Deer Creek hills and of the many fine farms and farm buildings beyond, in the direction of Darlington. This scene is of the kind that was in the mind of the poet:

"Scenes must be beautiful which daily view'd
Please daily, and whose novelty survives
Long knowledge and the scrutiny of years."
—Cramer's Poet.

The heavily hooded dormer windows and the far projecting eaves of the roof of the building are striking, and very effective in the eyes of the beholder, and give the building a more finished and ornamental appearance than that usually found in the construction of stone houses. Every part of the structure has been built with special regard to durability and beauty.

The doctor was among the last of his brothers in the building of their homes, and in the modelling of his he appears to have combined all of the good points that they had adopted, and added other improvements, either useful or ornamental, which later experience and observation had suggested.

The grounds surrounding are quite in keeping with the dwelling. A splendid and spacious lawn, consisting of six or eight acres, slopes grandly down to the public road in front, like a charming landscape painted by the hand of a master. Beautiful evergreen trees, in endless variety, planted singly, and in groups, dot the lawn with their unfolding verdure; while near the dwelling are many bright beds of flowers, which, in the spring, summer and autumn, delight the eyes of all beholders with their profusion of rare and sweet blossoms. In the arrangement of the trees, we have manifested the care and the good taste of the Doctor, but the credit for the management of the flowers and shrubbery, which adorn the grounds of Silverton, is to be awarded to the fair hostess, whose taste for the beautiful in Nature lightens the labor of their culture, and reduces it to "a labor of love." And to the kindness and courtesy of the lady who presides so gracefully at Silverton, we have often, in the days gone by, been indebted for many a beautiful banquet.

In the language of Rip Van Winkle:

"May they" the occupants of Silverton, "live long and prosper!"

We are not aware of the number of acres comprised in the Doctor's beautiful farm, but feel very certain that he owns as many as any one farmer can cultivate to advantage. It is a misfortune, we think, for one man to own as much land as many of our Deer Creek farmers do. With a fewer number of acres they could raise quite as much grain and provender as they now do, and do it with proportionately less labor and expense. Doubtless many subdivisions of our farms will be made in the future, and two families will then reap their living from the same area of land that is now thought necessary for the support of one. Their subsistence, too, will be quite as bountiful, upon their reduced acres, as it now is to

those who spend their labor in half tilling a large extent of surface.

The Doctor's farm is well cultivated, and is in fine producing condition, and his cares in life should, by all rational deductions, rest lightly upon him. We trust they do, and 'tis our hope, too, that Time will deal gently with him, and extend him pleasant walks through many a flowing vale, until that good old age at last is reached, when, "we would rather pine and die than live." To him we are indebted for much friendly professional aid and counsel in our student-days, and in our early professional career. He has rendered his aid in emergencies, when the responsibilities upon our inexperienced shoulders seemed to be more than we could bear. He little knows how thankful for his attentions we have been, and he will doubtless feel surprised to find it recorded on this page.

Parting with "Silverton," and its kindly host and hostess, with many pleasant remembrances, we next arrive at the little post-town of Glenville.

Glenville is still in infancy, in size, as well as in years. Evidently its day is yet to come. The village, which adjoins Dr. Silver's property, and, we believe, is partly built upon it, consists of a post-office, two stores of general merchandise, a blacksmith and a wheelwright

shop, a shoe shop and five or six houses.

Our well known favorably known J. Frank Reasin, owns the property immediately upon the south side, and that of a portion of the village the last four or five years Mr. Reasin erected a most beautiful frame dwelling, most approved modern cottage, with a number of ornamental porches, some bay-windows, resembling most tasteful and picturesque villas in the suburbs of the large cities, most stylish building of the kind that in the neighborhood. Mr. Reasin has a very pretty lawn about his house, planted a number of evergreen trees with shrubbery and flowers.

The farm that Mr. Reasin now tills so successfully, was formerly of the late Dr. Thomas C. Wood, a practitioner who enjoyed great success in his day, and who struggled through many a day, with a large, laborious, unremunerative practice. The Doctor's mistake, as we can see now, of drawing attention to the practice of his profession, he did to the cultivation of his farm, as pecuniary success was concerned, constitutes all success in this world, a great mistake of his life. He was mentally and physically by the nature of his practice which engaged his attention day, to the consequent neglect of that was stored in the soil of his v. For the vast and unceasing labor, body, incurred in the practice of his reaching from early manhood to age, he received no adequate reward, at last in comparative poverty. The now yields abundant harvests to each return of autumn, and with and tear of life that his professional him to, remained comparatively valueless in his hands, for want of attention that he was so assiduously applying devoting to the relief of the sick to the prolongation of the lives of people, many of whom shamefully advantage of his generosity and heart in not paying him the pittance his service, they well knowing that not exact it of them except as a voluntary tender.

If there be any one of his numerous yet living who received the services of this kind-hearted physician—for such both senses of the term, uniting, ministry with the practice of medicine a speaker in the Orthodox Firm.—I repeat, if any one still lives who prolonged, or rendered more effective the skill of this good man, and able, refused to remunerate him, and thus contributed toward his poverty and sorrow upon his old age, forgiveness for the past; and, as ever liberally reward his physician, as the only amends now possible for past delinquency!

If there exists in the brain of any man the merest unformed and solution of devoting his life to the medicine as a means of subsistence

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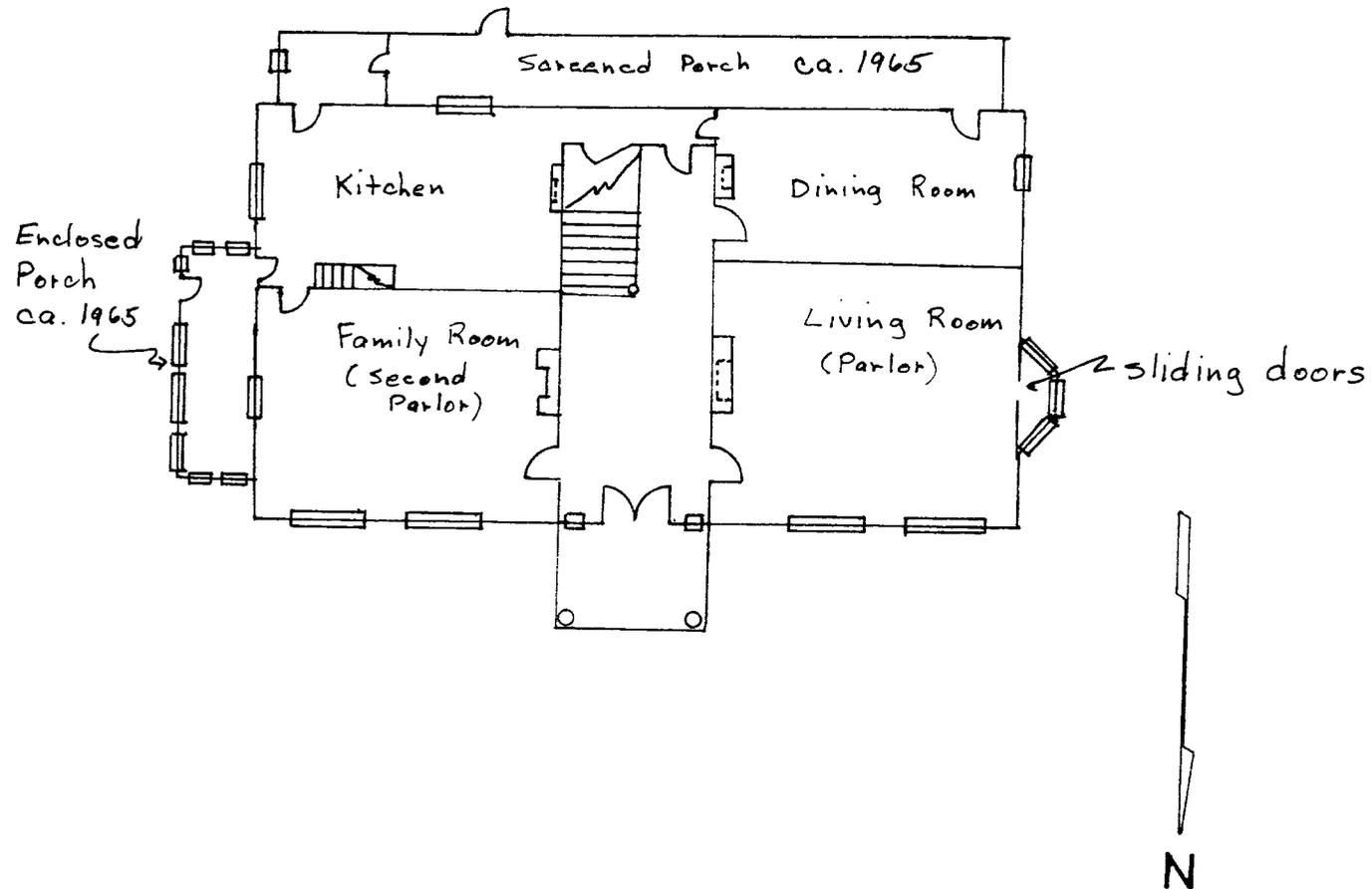
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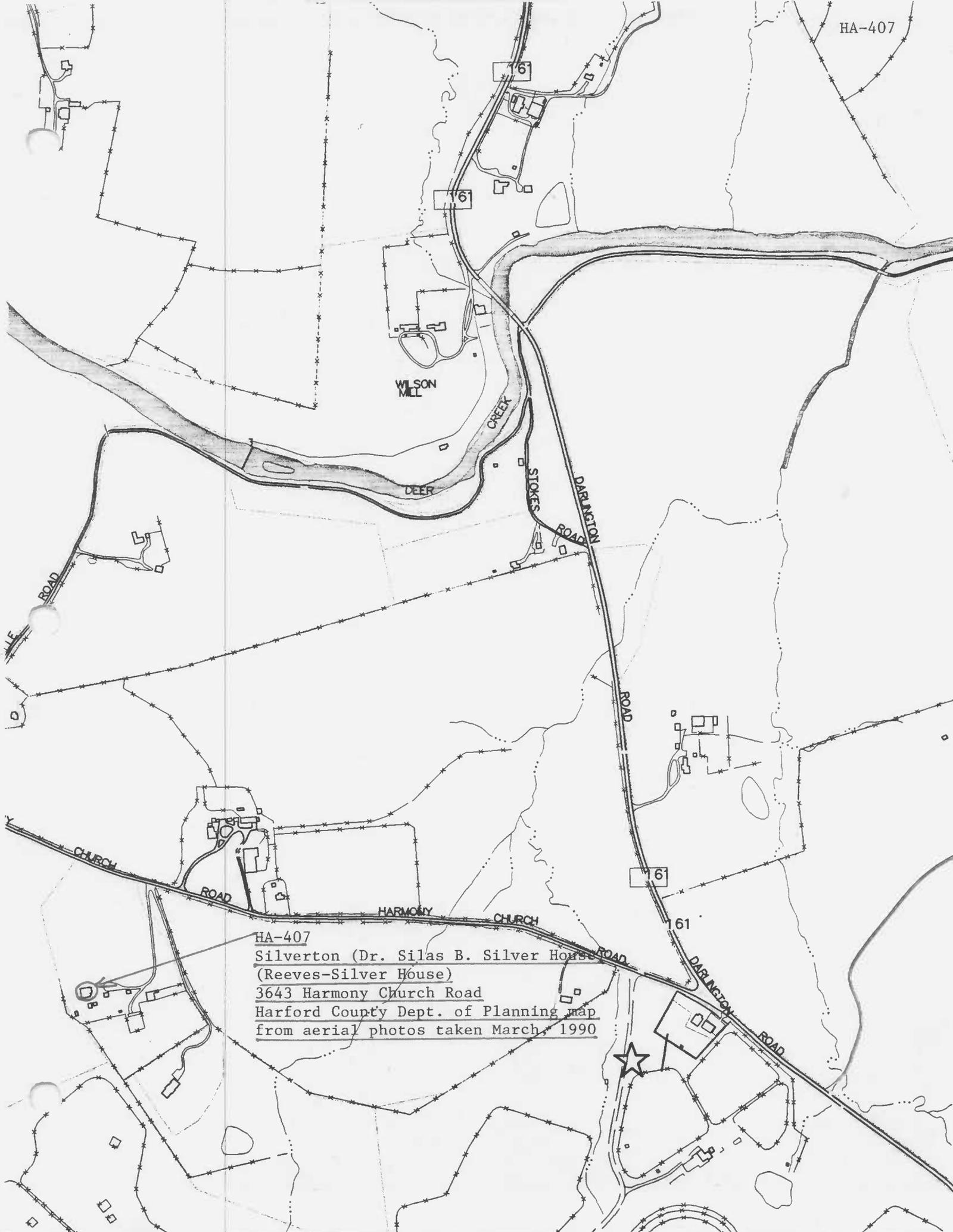
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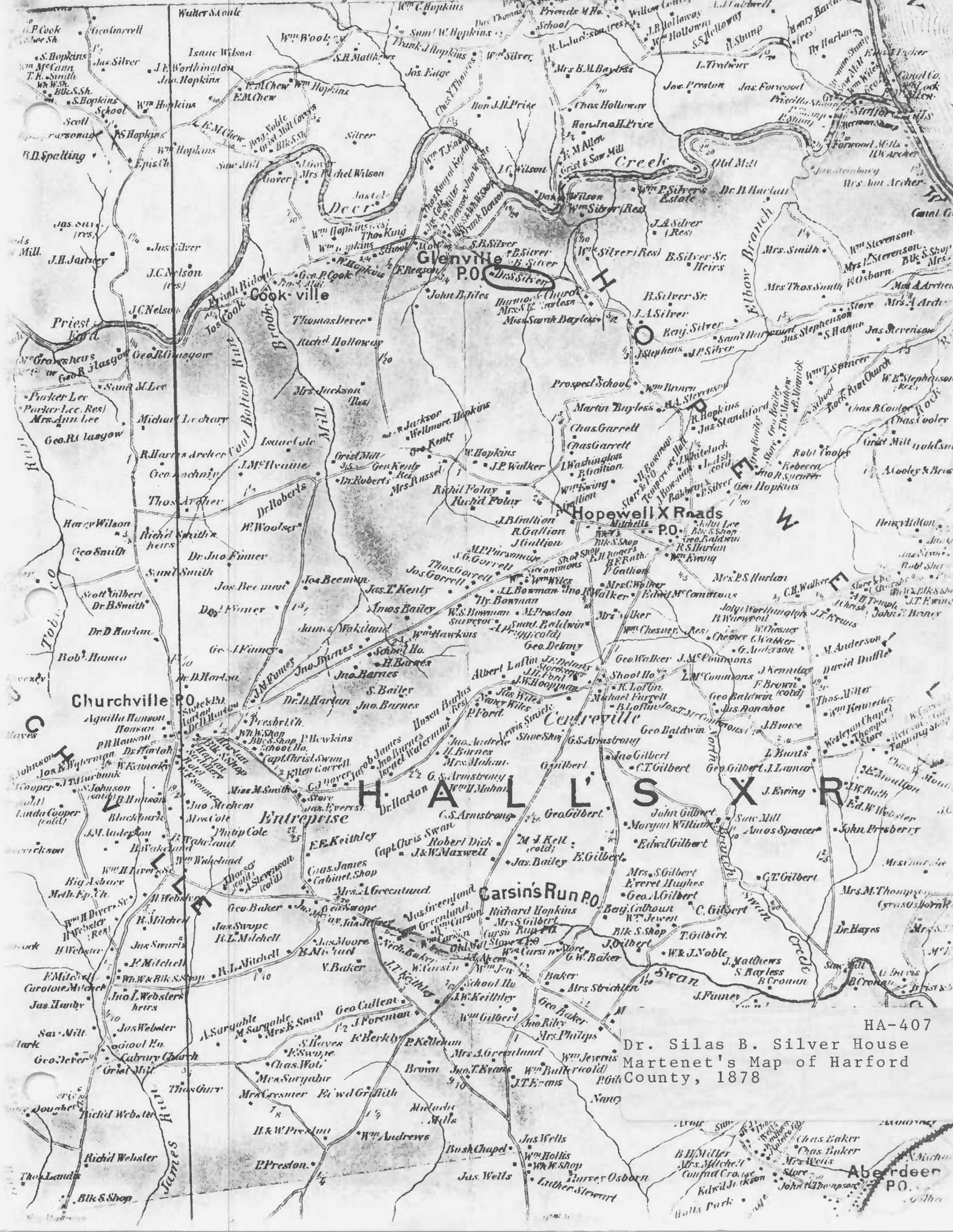
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Silverton (Dr. Silas B. Silver House
(Reeves-Silver House)
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Harford County Dept. of Planning map
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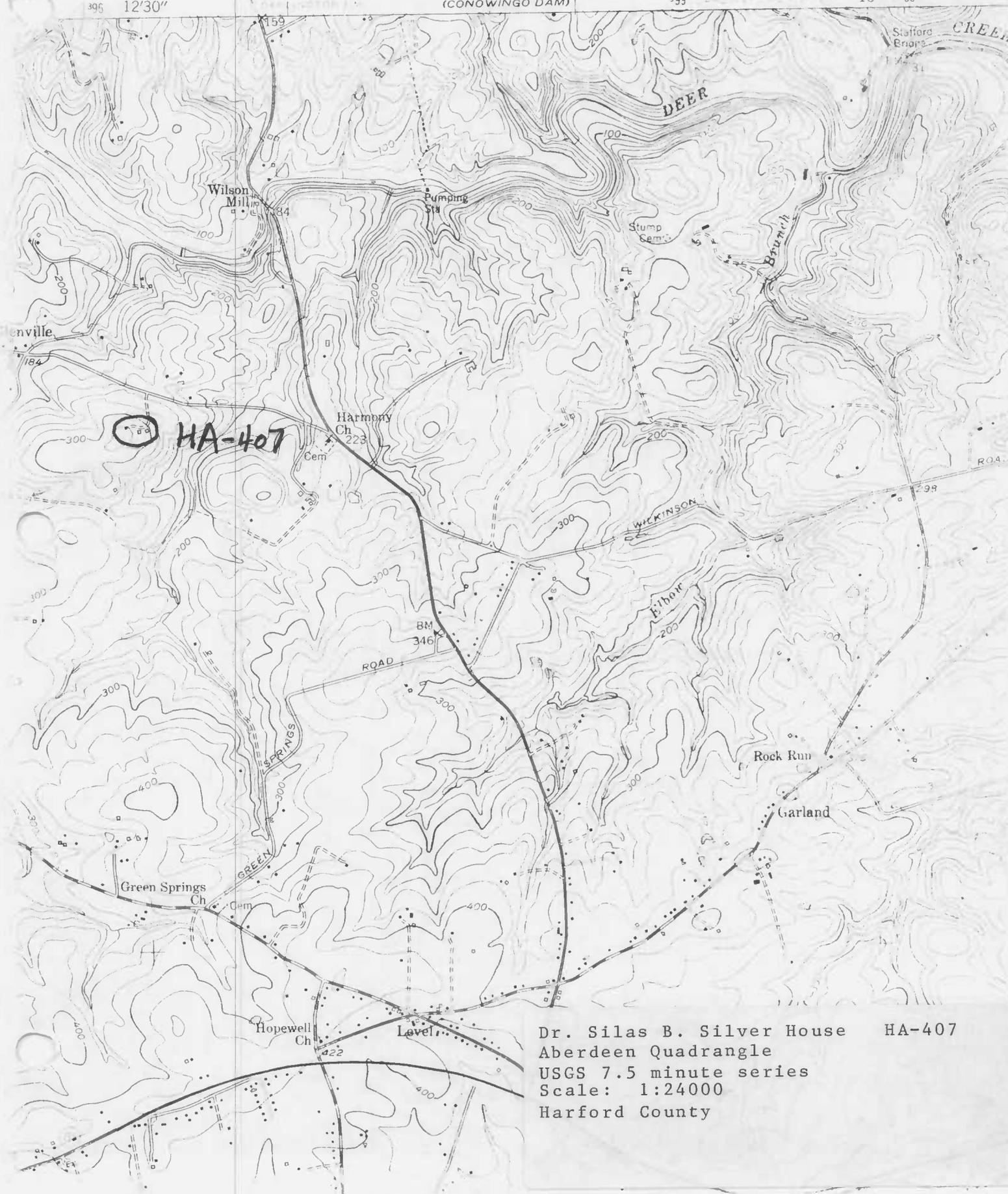
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North elevation



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Icehouse (L) & Woodshed (R);

north elevation

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View northeast from house; B. Silver
House (HA-398) left; William F. Silver
House (HA-389) & John A. Silver House
Site (HA-385) in distance on Right