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Corrections HA 703-712

The main section of this house was probably built around the mid nineteenth century. It is not present on the 1798 or 1814 tax lists. The owner, as well as architect Jim Wollon, believe this to be true. The middle section of the house does, however, match up with the information given in the 1798 Federal Tax List. This section has been greatly altered by Victorian influences, but can be recognized as a 1½-story gambrel roofed house of about 1740-80. New bay windows, wide dormers upstairs, alter the appearance, as does a rebuilt fireplace and fluted columns by the bay windows.

It should be noted that the southwestern "outside end" chimney, of the main section mentioned in Paul Penrod's report is incorrect and is actually part of the older, center section. It has been rebuilt and extended to the height of the northern section to prevent fires.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Monmouth Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wheel Road

CITY, TOWN

Emmorton

__ 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)	__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

Mrs. James McLean

Telephone #: 838-5797

STREET & NUMBER

Wheel Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Emmorton

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GCB 259

Folio #: 237

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. 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

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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

This dwelling is basically a three-part house; a northeast-facing two-story stone structure, an adjacent one and one-half story stone and shingle addition, and a very recent one-story stucco wing, perpendicular to the latter addition.

The main section has coursed rubble walls. From the northwest aspect, the building is three bays by one, but from the southeastern aspect it is four bays by two. There are only a few shutters on the windows and the windows themselves are 6 X 6 in nailed sashes. A joined pair of windows rest over the northeast entrance. This same doorway is framed in an architrave trim with a three-light transom above it. Two casement doors are and a regular inset door are on the southern side of the house, with almost all of the hardware being replaced. These casemnents have two-light transoms, while the other door has a three-light transom. The roof is gable-flank and asphalt-covered, with very wide eaves. A one-bay shed-roof porch covers the northeastern doorway. A stone platform lies below the three southwestern egresses. This main portion has four original brick chimneys; two inside-ends located near the northern extreme, and one inside and one outside-end situated on the southern extreme.

Adjacent to the stone house is a one and one-half story addition, with stone walls partially covered with imbricated shingles. It has elements of Victorian and French architecture. Three protruding windows are located on the northeastern embrasure, while six openings are sited on the southeastern facade. All of the windows have patterned sashes, including the shed dormer openings. The eastern side of the roof has a triple-window dormer and the opposite slope has two double and one triple dormers. A two-story shingled Victorian tower is positioned on the western side, complete with a pyramid cap. Just north of this is a partially-enclosed three-bay shed porch containing a pedimented portal. The cellar of the southern entrance of this building is exposed, with a cellar door being located on the lower tower wall, and southeast of this is a single 6 X 6 cellar opening with a flat brick arch. A sunporch has been constructed onto the very end of the building. The roof is slate-covered and mansard, resembling a French style, with two elaborately corbeled brick inside-end chimneys. A cornice and frieze skirts this roof.

The modern addition is one by two, with 8 X 8 windows, a gabled porch, and a doorway beneath this porch on the southeast wall.

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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
__0-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X 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 most significant feature of this group of structures is that they are original and have remained intact all of these years. The brewery and octagonal smokehouse are quite unique among the selection of local outbuildings. Also represented here is the evolution of a farm, for both first, second and third-generation outbuildings are present. The oldest part of the farm includes the stone tenant house and the brewery, both built prior to 1800. One of the earlier owners of this land was William McComas, who acquired 195 acres of the tract called Gresham's College. The 1783 Tax List indicates that William's descendent, James McComas, owned 305 acres of Gresham's College. The largest component of the present estate was part of a 1307 acre tract that was purchased by a John Beal Bardley from Henrietta Marie Delaney in 1759. Still another portion was originally John Paca land. Paca may have most likely been the builder of those two old structures. The main house and possibly the wing date from around 1800. Two Frenchmen named Simmonnet owned the tract at the time, and this might explain the French style of the southern part of the house if they did indeed build it. Frank Billingsley, who owned 200 acres of Gibson's Park and 33 acres of Paca's Search in 1783, is another possible builder of the house. The farm was owned from 1840 until 1879.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 262±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This tract is located on Wheel Road (east side), south of Emmorton Road. It is bounded by Atkinsson Reservoir property to the west, by Wheel Road to the north, by the Archer lands to the east and by Singer Road to the south.

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 9, 1976

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE
267-1212

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Carriage House 704

It is located south of the main house, consisting of a stone structure with a slate gable-flank roof. The beams inside are hand-hewn and original.

Well House 705

This building is sited just west of the tower of the main house. A door is on the east side, and two 3 X 3 windows are on the southern exposure. The roof is hip, and a brick inside-end chimney is situated on the southwestern corner of the roof.

Smokehouse 706

Further down the slope and west of the house is the smokehouse, an unusual octagonally-shaped building with a slate hip roof and vertical wood siding. A cupola is located on the very peak of the roof. Drying racks appear inside, as this building later served as a place to cure tobacco. It is said to be one of the only octagonal buildings of it's type in Harford County.

Stone Tenant House 707

This dwelling is constructed of uncoursed fieldstone, and is a "short" two stories. It measures four bays by two, with 6 X 6 windows and 4 X 4 attic windows on the eastern and western extremes. There are four double sets of 2 X 2 windows on the southern face of the second floor, although there are hardly any openings at all on the northern side. Most of the windows have stone lintels, and the sashes and frames have been replaced. Two doors are situated on the southern side, and a cellarway is on the same side, located under the floor of a three-bay shed porch. The roof of the house is slate and gable-flank, with an underlying soffit. Chimneys are sited at both ends of the structure; the eastern one being a brick flush-end and the western one being a stone flush end.

Brewery-springhouse 708

This is positioned southeast of the stone tenant house. It has thick, uncoursed stone walls. A single doorway and window are on the western side as the spring runs right through a portion of the building that was probably used for the cooling of milk. The gables of the building are covered with wood shingles, and the structure is capped with a slate, gable-flank roof. A frame stable has been built on to the southern end, and a tall stone chimeny is built near the southeast corner of the roof. Part of this structure was allegedly used as a brewery.

The shop and shed 709 & 710

These are second-generation farm buildings and stand near the the two gambrel-roofed barns. They are quite typical structures, having vertical board and batten siding. The shop has 6 X 6 windows. Both roofs are gable flank.

The Granary-corncrib 711

This building occupies the space between the parallel pairs of barns. It is a three-story building, the first being of stone and the other two being of vertical siding. It has a gable-flank slate roof.

The Barn 712

This is a quite massive building, actually consisting of two barns attached together. The walls are stone almost throughout, and an inordinate amount of windows appear on the southern side. A causeway leads up to the main doorway on the northern facade. The roof is slate gable-flank and the interior support beams are both pegged and notched, consisting of hand-hewn timbers and logs.

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TITLE SEARCH

Libre		Folio	
GCB	259	237	In 1940, Percy Ballantine conveyed to James McLean 262¼ acres and 18¼ perches.
SWC	225	400	In 1933 the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore, acting as a trustee for the estate of Alexander S. Bell, sold 260 acres to Percy Ballantine.
ALJ	38	352	In 1879, Stevenson Archer sold to Margaret Bell a tract consisting of Gibson's Park, Paca's Search, Clagett's Forest, Gresham's College and other lands. These lands had been owned by Ramsey McHenry after the death of Sophia McHenry in 1874.
HD	22	313	1. In 1840, Matthew Kennard conveyed 260 acres of Gibson's Park and 33 acres of Paca's Search to Sophia McHenry.
HD	Q	31	a. Jean Rene Compagnon sold the property to Isaac Kennard in 1802.
JLG	Q	258	Augustine Ballazar Simmonnet transferred the property to Jean Rene Compagnon in 1802.
JLG	L	328	In 1794, Henry Ruff conveyed the tracts to the Simmonnet Brothers.
JLG	K	370	In 1789, Frank Billingslea conveyed the tract to Henry Ruff. The grantor obtained the land from John Paca.
HD	11	460	b. Matthew Kennard obtained 233 acres of Paca's Search and Gibson's Park from Ebeneezer N. Allen in 1828. Allen acquired the tract from Isaac Kennard as a result of a land suit.
HD	30	115	2. George M McComas transferred six acres and 82 perches to Sophia McHenry in 1844, this land being part of Gresham's College.
HD	31	206	3. Charles S. Sewell sold 16 acres of Vesuvius and Clagett's Forest to Sophia Mc-Henry in 1845.
HD	5	422	Joshua Guyton, sheriff, sold 15 acres to Charles S. Sewell in 1822. Guyton had been holding the land after Benjamin Richardson sued James McComas for debts in 1814.
HD	Y	71	In 1814, Charles McComas sold 12 acres of Gresham's College to James McComas.
HD	S	66	William McComas sold sections of Clagett's Forest and Gresham's College to James McComas in 1805.
HD	X	116	In 1812, Nathaniel Hollingsworth sold 9 acres and two perches to James McComas.
HD	S	402	William Stewart sold Nathaniel Hollingsworth 1307 acres in 1806. This land was conveyed to Stewart by John Beal Bardley in 1800, who in turn received it from Henrietta Marie Delaney in 1759 (Baltimore County Land Records, Libre BT 4, Folio 42).

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Libre		Folio	
HDG	32	49	4. In 1846, Coleman Gillott, trustee, sold 7 acres of Claggett's Forest to Sophia McHenry.
HD	V	372	In 1810, Isaac Kennard purchased the acreage from James Maddox. Maddox also sold three acres and 29 perches to James McComas (Libre HD V, Folio 374).
HDG	34	219	5. In 1848, Lycurgus W. Lee sold 200 acres of Gibson's Chance to Sophia McHenry.
HD	7	186	In 1823, Cassandra Wilson and others transferred the tract to William D. Lee.

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INVENTORY NO. 703-712 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: 6/29/76 TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: MONMOUTH FARM HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: LANE OFF OFF WHEEL RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH EAST

NAME OF OWNER: MRS. McCLEAN

ADDRESS: WHEEL RD

BEL AIR

STORIES: 1[✓] 2[✓] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 3 X 1 MAIN - WEST-NORTH ENDS
4 X 2 (EAST SIDE) SOUTH

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

WALL CONSTRUCTION: SOUTH WESTERN ENDS 1½ STORY WING

addition south of main house
modern stucco addition pp. to rest of house

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

ADDITION IS STONE WITH SHINGLE COVERING

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE PART OF WALL
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[✓] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ] JOINED PAIR OF WINDOWS OVER NE ENTRANCE
A FEW ON FIRST FLOOR OF STONE HOUSE
pegged[ ] nailed[✓] wide[ ] narrow[ ]
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: DOORS ON NE SIDES. 3-LT TRANSOMS ARCHITRAVE TRIM
2 CASEMENT DOORS + 1 REG. INSET DOOR ON NW SIDE
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[✓] 3 LT TRANSOM 2 LT TRANSOM - CASEMENT
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

PATTERN SASH IN ADDITION

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: WIDE
original[ ] replaced[ ] MANSARD - SLATE - ADDITION

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

ON ADDITION - EAST SIDE 1 3-HOLE SHED DORMER WEST SIDE 2 2-HOLE, 1 3-HOLE DORMER PATTERNED SASHES

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[✓] hip[ ] gable[✓] 1-BAY ON NE SIDE
1-BAY OVER NE DOOR OF NEW VECTION

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER ____ BRICK[✓] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[✓] replaced[ ]
LOCATION: 2 CORBELED - FANCY - INSIDE ENDS OF MANSARD WING

ARCHES: 4 ON MAIN HOUSE - 2 INSIDE ENDS ON N. END, 1 INSIDE + ONE OUTSIDE END - S EXTREME

COMMENTS: cellar entrance on northern end
stone platform on eastern side of main house

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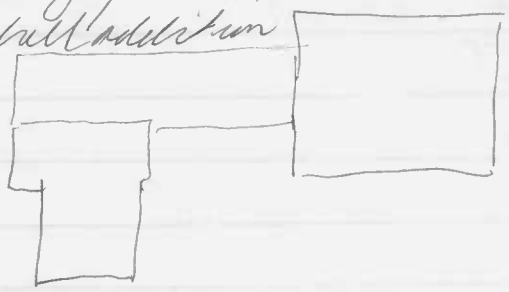
Modes addition

1X2 8X8 windows
bays

" L shaped - rests
on SE edge of
gambrell addition



wing
3 protruded windows on
set on east side

3 BAY SHED porch partially covered
on SW side - pedimented door

6 opening across SW side
two story tower with pyramid
upper part is cap
shingled - SW side

southern extreme is exposed
cellar door on lower tower wall
brick arch over double 6X6 window
on SW side

sun porch on extreme S end
Convex and Spring around
edge of roof

Monmouth Farm - House

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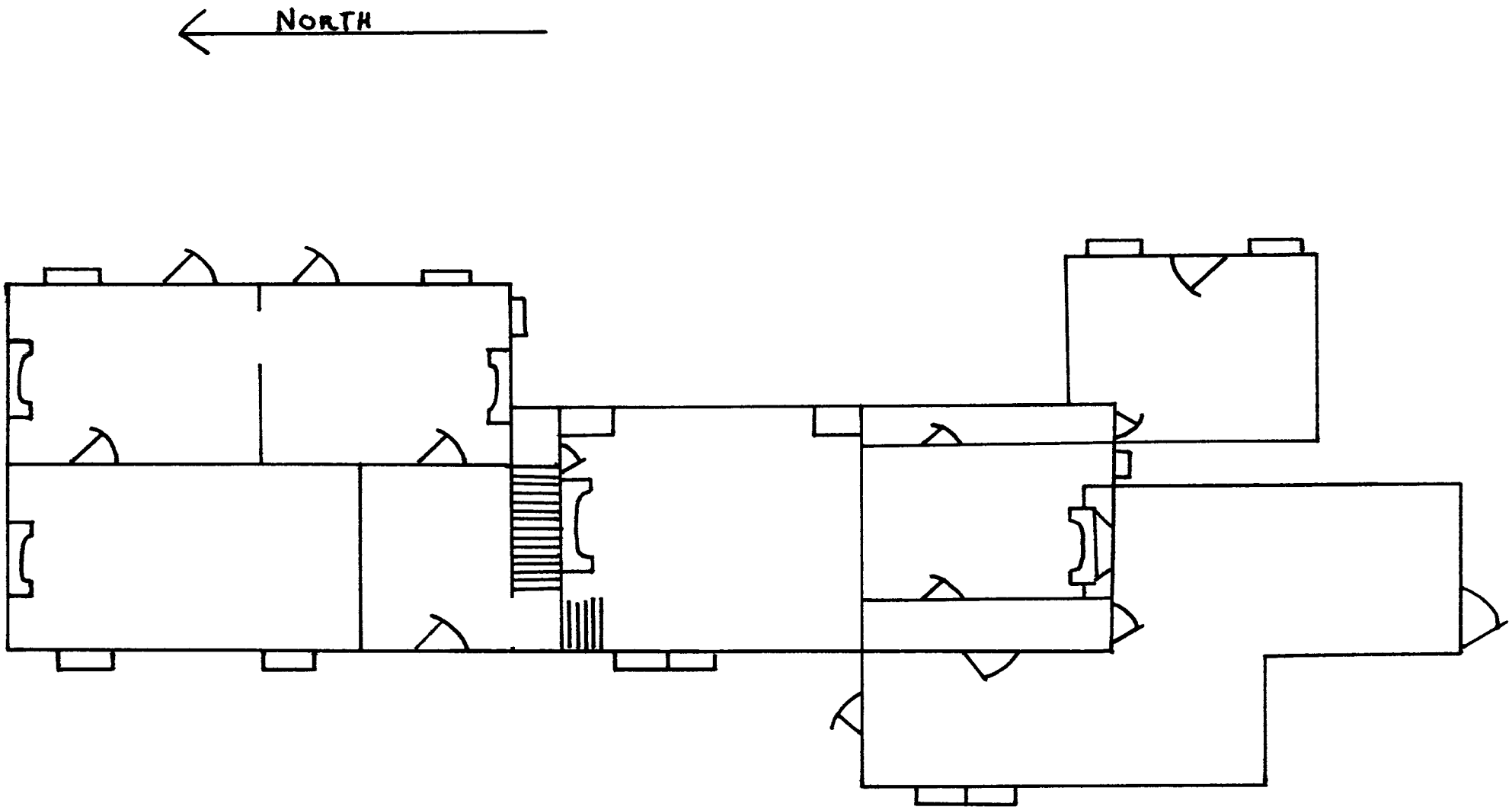

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MONMOUTH FARM

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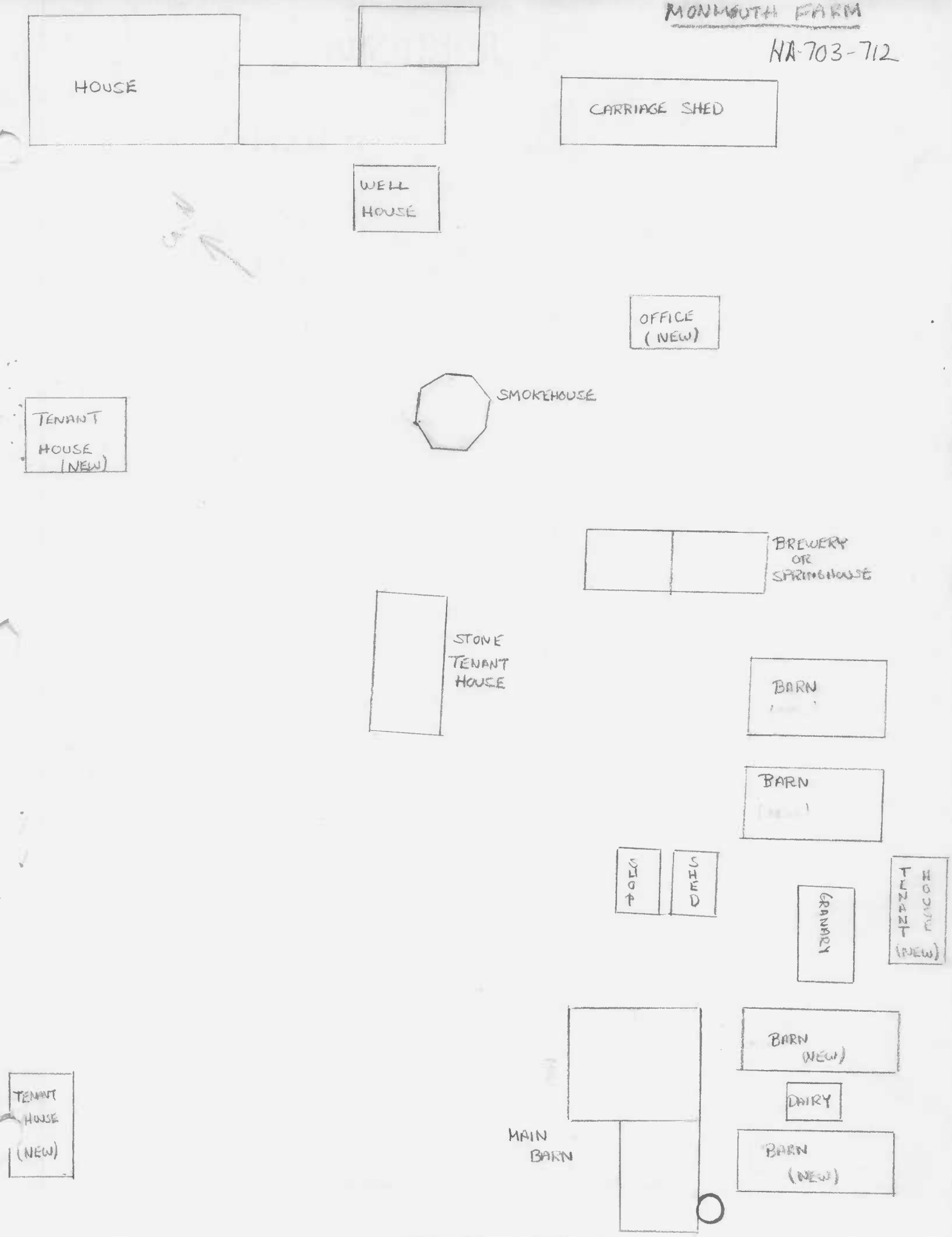

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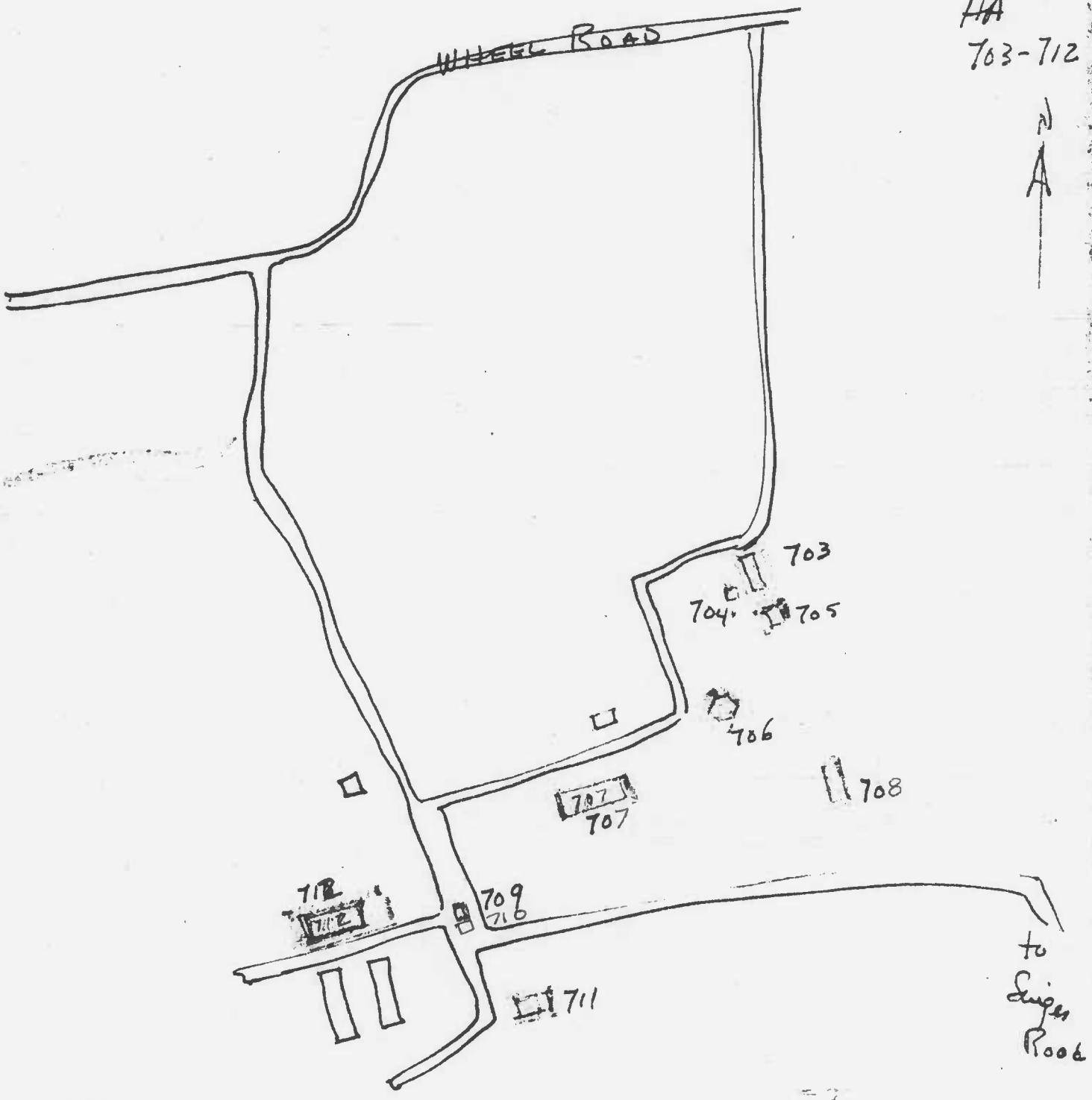

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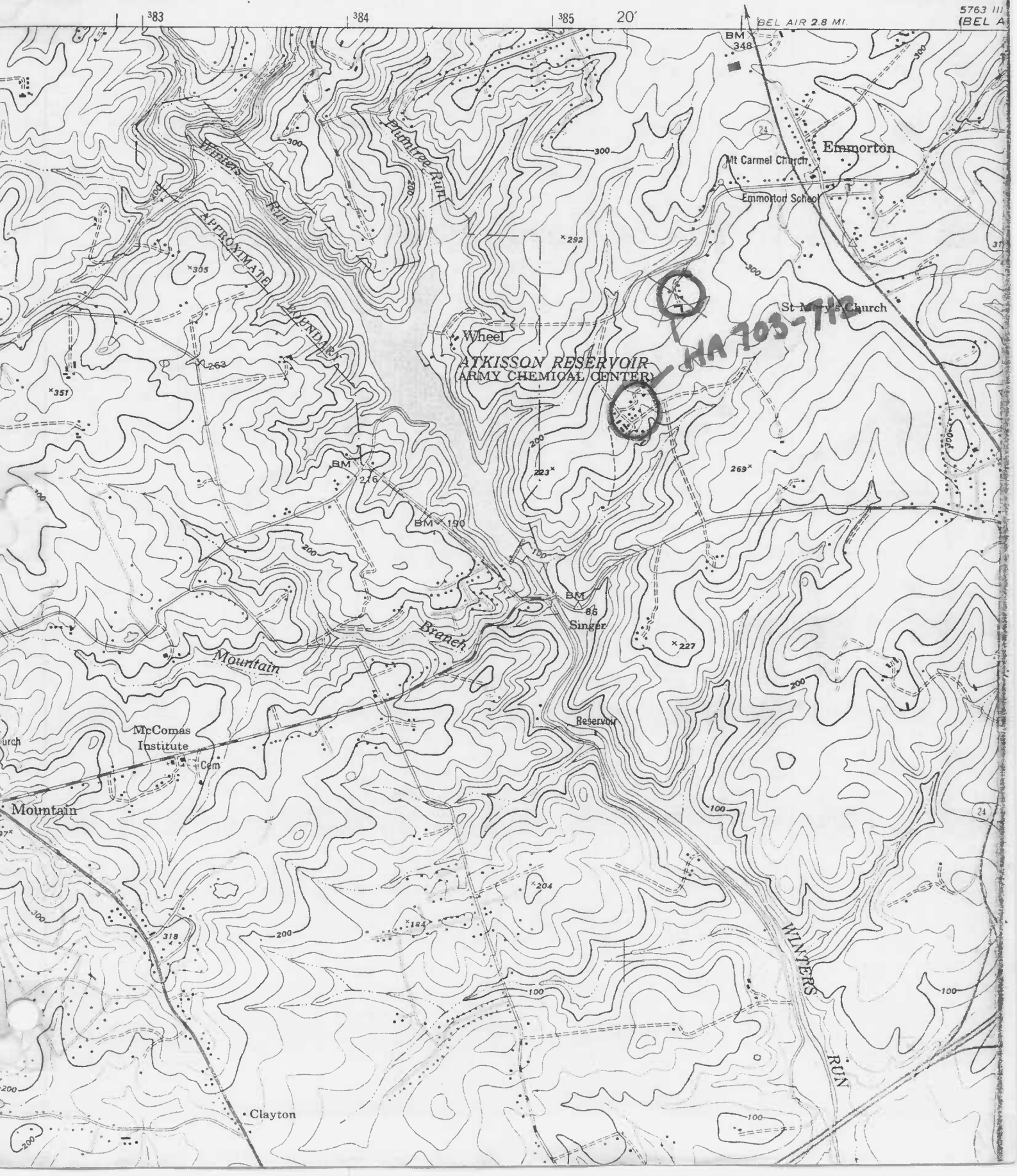

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Eastside

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Southside

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