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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Constant Friendship

AND/OR COMMON: Constant Friendship

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: Emmorton Road

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: first

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Harford County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X 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	X OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Reuben Shiling

Telephone #: work - 539-4224 home - 484-4442

STREET & NUMBER: 7814 Ridge Terrace

CITY, TOWN: Baltimore ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: MD

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: HDC 932
Folio #: 346

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Harford County Courthouse

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	__ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Main house (HA-766) on the Constant Friendship Farm faces west and is located on a hill with a magnificent view of the wooded valley below. The house itself, a frame mansion, is beyond help now, having been allowed to deteriorate for several decades and being completely gutted by a fire on December 26, 1974. The house consits of two, possibly 3 main sections with a small twentieth century addition on the north east end. It is a beveled frame constructed onto low, rubble stone foundations. It has a slate roof. Section 1 of this house is four bays long. It has a corbeled brick fireplace at each end. A through hall now leads to section two. The open stairway had had low risers with no visible trim. A half rail runs the length of the stair. A cellar entrance is located in the base of the stairway. The principle entrance, located on the south side, had had a transom, probably of four lights, judging by the size of the frame. An old box lock was seen on the floor where the door should have been. The crumbling elegance of this old house can be seen in the delicately moulded chair rails and the remnants of beautiful old wall paper. Shutters were present on this section at one time. Remaining windows are six lights over six. Two smaller attice window flank chimneys at each gable end. A two panel door on the east facade is flanked by side lights of four panes.

A porch may have been present on the south facade at one time. A Flggstone is laid out in front of the door and steps lead down the hill.

Section 2 is six bays long; the 3 bay part that is flush with section 1 was probably added first, and later expanded to the 6 bays present. This section, is two stories with higher ceilings than the first section. An entrance on the northwest bay of this section is in line with the through hall of section 1. There are probably three fireplaces in this entire section; two chimneys are present, the position of one seeming to indicate its use by 2 fireplaces built back to back.

Log Smokehouse HA-767

The actual construction of this log smokehouse is sturdy-its interlocking log frame is plastered and chinked with stone. The slate roof of this building has fallen in, though, due to its weakening by extreme vine growth. This structure is approximately 8-10 feet square, one story, and it is built onto 3-4 feet high rubble stone foundations. A door is located on the south facade.

Log Dwelling HA-768

This dwelling is located north east of the main house. It faces south and consists of two sections.

Section 1 is of interlocking log frame. It is one story high, two bays by one. It is built onto low, rubble stone foundation. It has a slate, gable flank roof with a brick chimney on the east inside end. The only entrance in this section is on south east bay. A wood plank door is present. Windows at the ground level are six lights over six. Two attic windows are present on the west gable end. These are casement windows of six lights. Gable ends at the attic elevation, are covered with beveled board.

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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	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 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

The tract, Constant Friendship, was originally owned by Col. Thomas White, an extensive land holder in Harford County. The patented this property in 1761. Between that time and 1790, the tract fell into the hands of William Hall, probably a nephew of Col. White, whose wife was Sophia Hall. In 1790, William Hall built the dwelling house on the Constant Friendship Farm. The 1814 tax list shows that William Hall owned 1126 acres on which stood the two story frame dwelling, as well as eight out buildings, a saw mill, and a grist mill. The property remained in the hands of the Hall family until 1948 when the trustees of the estate of Caroline Hall Broumel sold the lands to settle an equity case which involved her heirs. This had been a properous dairy and cattle farm. As the financial worth of land in Harford County was realised, The Constant Friendship farm was bought up by speculators in the 1960's and was proposed for development into a community of modern homes. During that time, most of the buildings on Constant Friendship Farm had been, abandoned and during the thirty year stretch from the time it left the hands of the Hall family and the present, the impressive frame house was allowed to deteriorate. The Caretaker, Clyde Dennis, and his family had lived in the house until a fire on December 26, 1974, completely gutted the building.

Besides the proposed community development, this tract will also be affected by the rerouting of Maryland Rte. 24. The house, itself, seems to be beyond repair, but two log structures (HA 767 and HA 768) are in fairly good condition and seem to be of considerable age. These are good examples of interlocking log frame structures and should be preserved.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1798 Federal Tax List

Preston, Walter W.; History of Harford County; 1901, Baltimore

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage; 1967.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approximately 543 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This land is bounded by other lands owned by Reuben Shiling.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Susan Deeney, Field Historian	DATE: December 7, 1976
ORGANIZATION: Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE: 838-6000 ext. 207
STREET & NUMBER: 45 South Main Street	
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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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TITLE SEARCH
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Emmorton Road
Bel Air, MD

HDC	932	346	7/9/73	Grantor: D.A. Enterprices, Inc. Grantee: Reuben Shiling Acreage: 831.489 acres
GRG	650	647	6/30/64	Grantor: Title Service Inc. Grantee: Reuben Shiling Acreage: 195 acres (being 588/238)
GRG	609	134	12/28/62	Grantor: Thomas Allen and Mary Isbelle Moore Grantee: Reuben Shiling Acreage: 134.7493A (being GRG 395/356)
GRG	656	288	9/1/64	Grantor: George F. Porter and Ethel Porter Grantee: Reuben Shiling Acreage: Plat Bk. GRG 9/77 .57 acres (being GRG 514/276)
	514	276	11/6/58	Grantor: Alvin N. and Jean G. Gray Grantee: George F. and Ethel J. Porter Acreage: 543 acres, Plat of "Constant Friendship" Plat GCB 4/34
	514	272	10/29/58	Grantor: Confirmatory Deed Grantee: Stewart Day to Alvin N. and Jean G. Gray
GRG	323	76	11/8/48	Grantor: Stewart Day and John A. Robinson, Trustees Grantee: Alvin N. and Jean G. Gray This deed was defective "Constant Friendship" or "Lauretum decree for Equity Case 3/10/48. James H. and Sara E. Broumel Vs. Charles Wallace Broumel and Joy etc. . . . Docket 7/140 #11985.
ALJ	23	241	12/14/1869	Grantor: Agnes Hall Grantee: Thomas W. Hall Acreage: 250 acres
ALJ	33	447	6/6/1876	Grantor: Agnes Hall Emory Grantee: Thomas W. Hall, Jr. Acreage: 200 acres
DGW	191	482	12/18/25	Grantor: Louis E. A. Degoll Grantee: Thomas White Hall, son of above named Thomas W. Hall balance of a tract called "Lauretum". Caroline Hall Broumel died possessed of this property
			4/22/44	Grantor: Last Will and Testement, of Caroline H. Broumel Grantee: Heirs at law-Husband J. Wallace Broumel, her sons James H. and Charles Wallace

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AJG	19	498	8/7/36	Grantor:	Last Will and Testement of Thomas White Hall
				Grantee:	Caroline H. Broumel, his sister
				Acreage:	Lauretum 39 acres
WSF	10	29	1/14/1884	Grantor:	Last Will and Testement of Thomas W. Hall
				Grantee:	Caroline H. Broumel, his daughter
SR	1	171	10/7/1818	Grantor:	William Hall LWAT
				Grantee:	Son Aquila, property north side Bynam Run, son Thomas White all my lands lying on the west side of the road leading from Abingdon to Belle Air and on the main road leading from Gupowder Neck to Bell Air. To son, George William, lands west side of road leading from Gupowder Neck to Bell Air and lying between said road and the Glebe lands of James McComas. It is my will and desire that all my lands lying between the SSE line of the Glebe lands, and Winters Run be sold for payment of debts likewise all my lands lying on the west side of Winters Run being part of Constant Friendship, Harrison's Resolution Hickory Ridge.
AJC		382	8/15/1807	Grantor:	Thomas Hall age 23 died, gave to uncles
				Grantee:	Edward a horse, Bendedict his hogs, Brother H. Carvil, George, executors property to be divided between William White, Sophia, Isabella, John Thomas, Edward Benedict, Martha Ann, Elizabeth Hall.
AJC		245	6/30/1804	Grantor:	LWAT Thomas Hall 52 years old, 5 children-Sophia William W., Isabella, John Thomas, Edward Benedict
				Grantee:	To Thomas Hall (by wife Eleanor Gordon 1000 lbs. and some furniture and a horse to George Wahsington Hall 1000 lbs. to Carvil Hall, 1000lbs.

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INVENTORY NO. 766 - 769 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: _____ TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: _____

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Schilling (lawyer in Baltimore)

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 MAIN

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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

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

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: _____
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Box

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:
original[ ] replaced[ ]

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK[x] STONE[ ] CORBELED[x] original[ ] replaced[ ]
LOCATION: _____

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

Fire 12/26/1974

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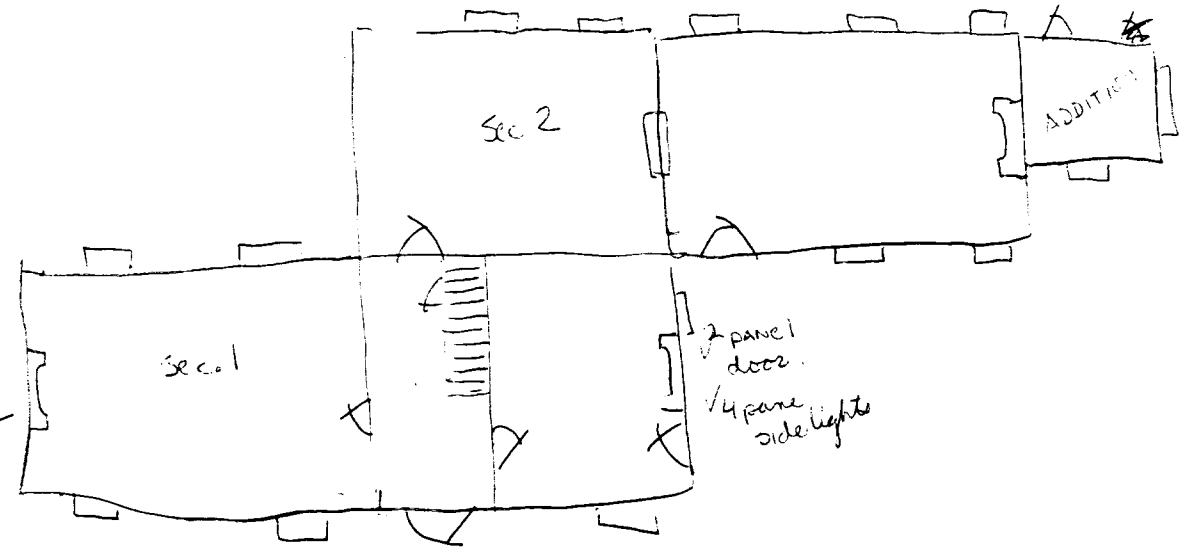

2 small attic windows

replaced brick
~~mold~~ moulded trim mantle

chair rails with moulded trim

door had a transom (prob 4 =
old box lock

half rail along stair

Shutters were present

Section 1, 2 story higher than Section 2, 2 stories

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INVENTORY NO. 766-769

ELECTION DISTRICT

DATE:

TAX MAP NO. ?

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO.

NAME OF PROPERTY: log house

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER:

ADDRESS:

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 sections

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

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[x] LOG

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

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

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:
original[ ] replaced[ ]

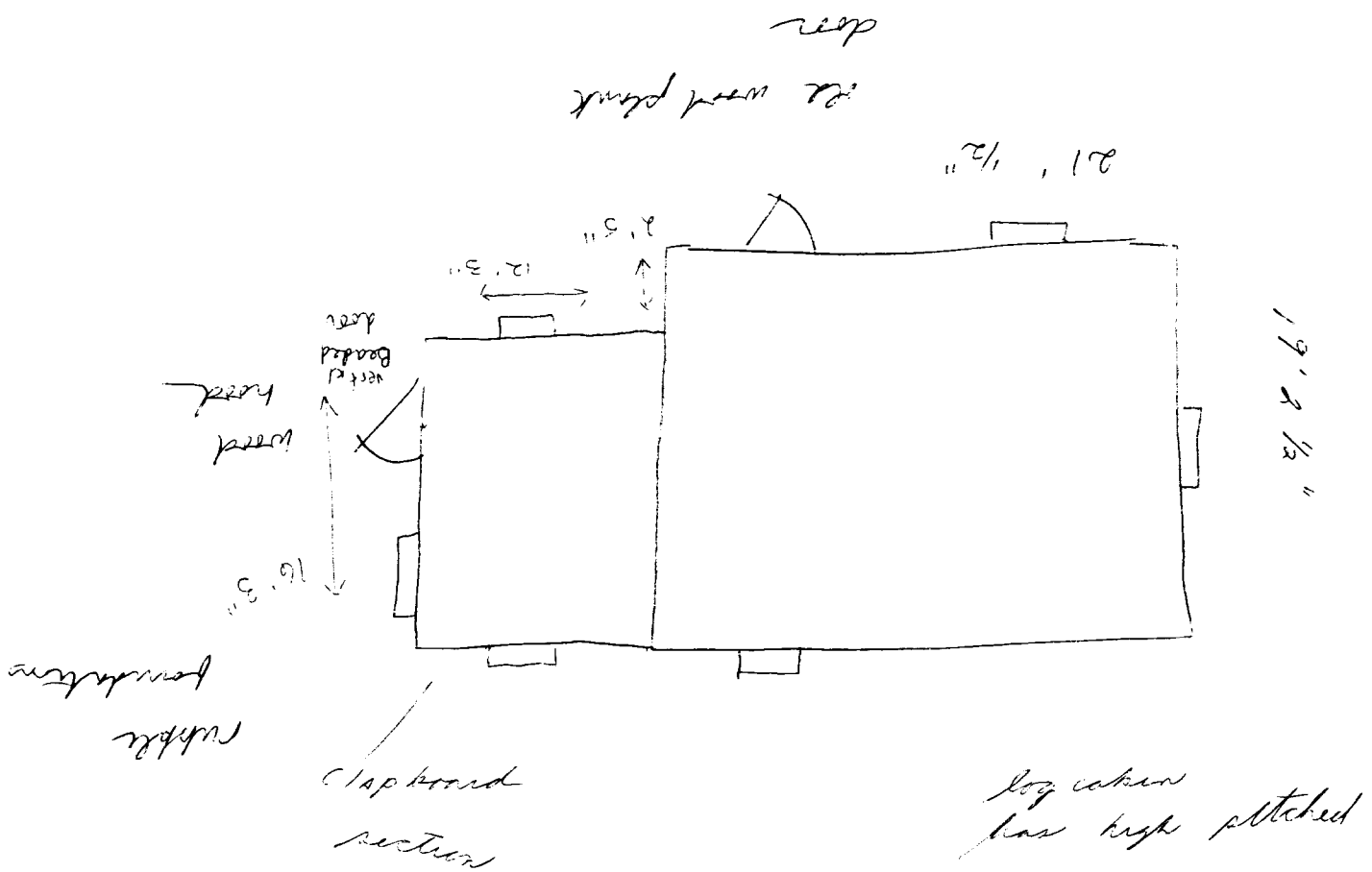
ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[x] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK[x] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]
LOCATION: INSIDE END - EAST

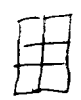
ARCHES:

COMMENTS: In good shape, should be moved or SAVED



log cabin
has high pitched
roof

frame on
gable ends
attic elevation
2 attic windows
6 lt.



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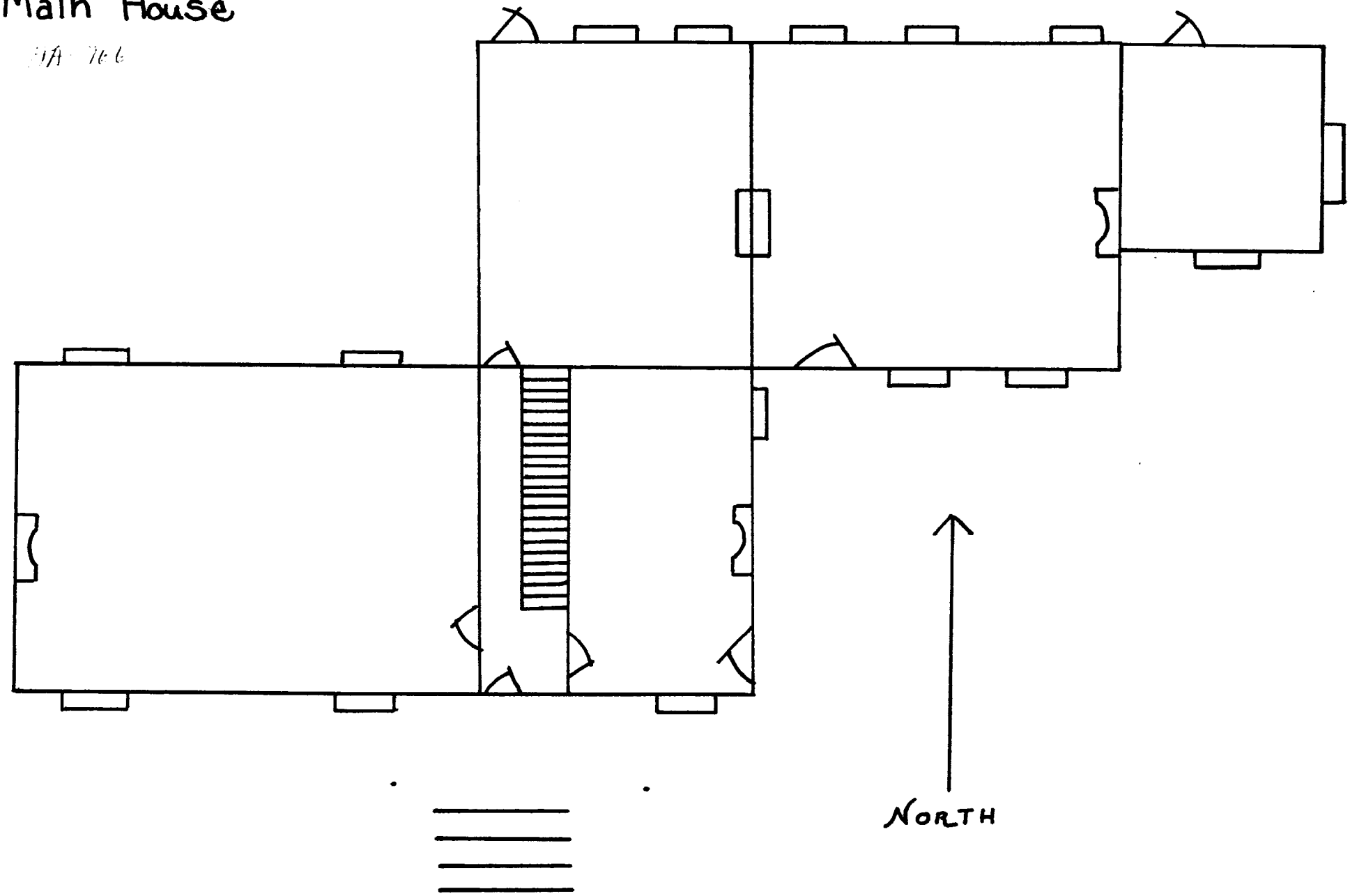
Constant Friendship

Main House



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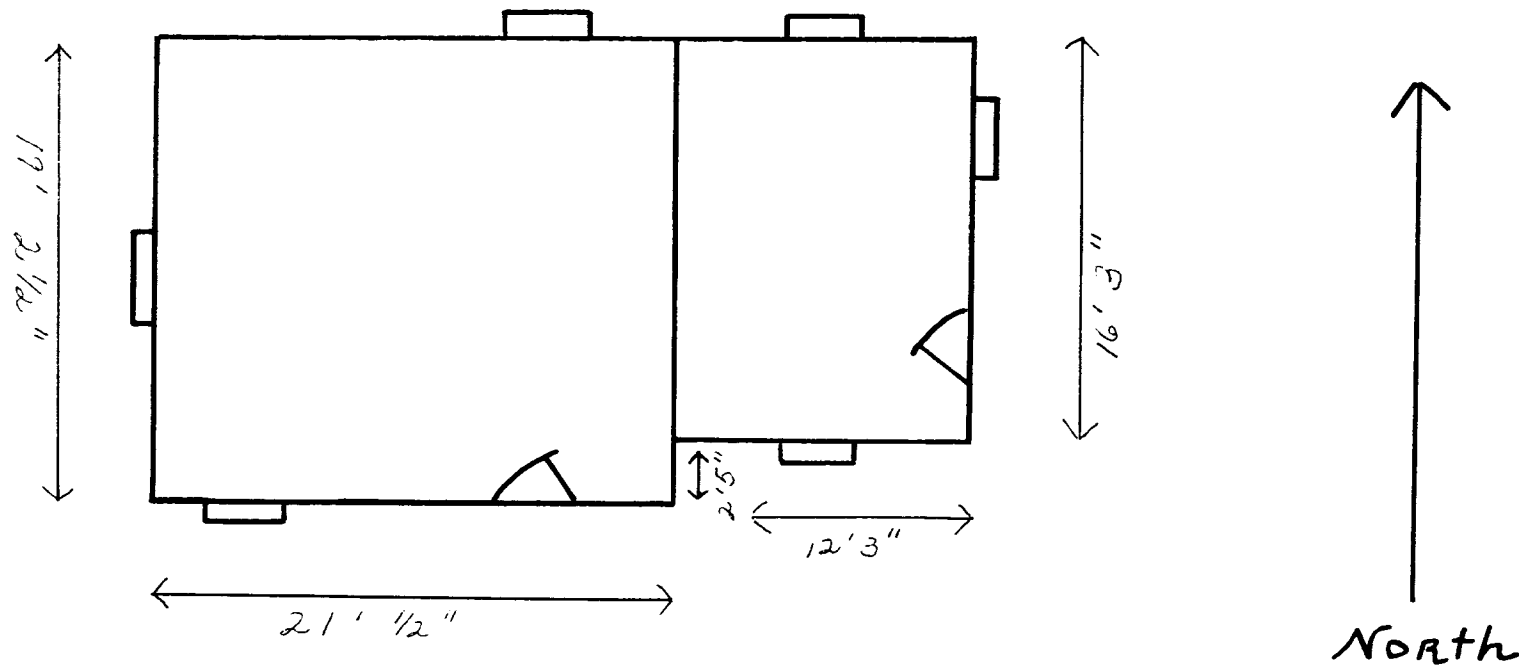
Log Dwelling with Frame Addition



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(ARMY CHEMICAL CENTER)
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Mountain
Clayton
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Constant Friendship HA-766
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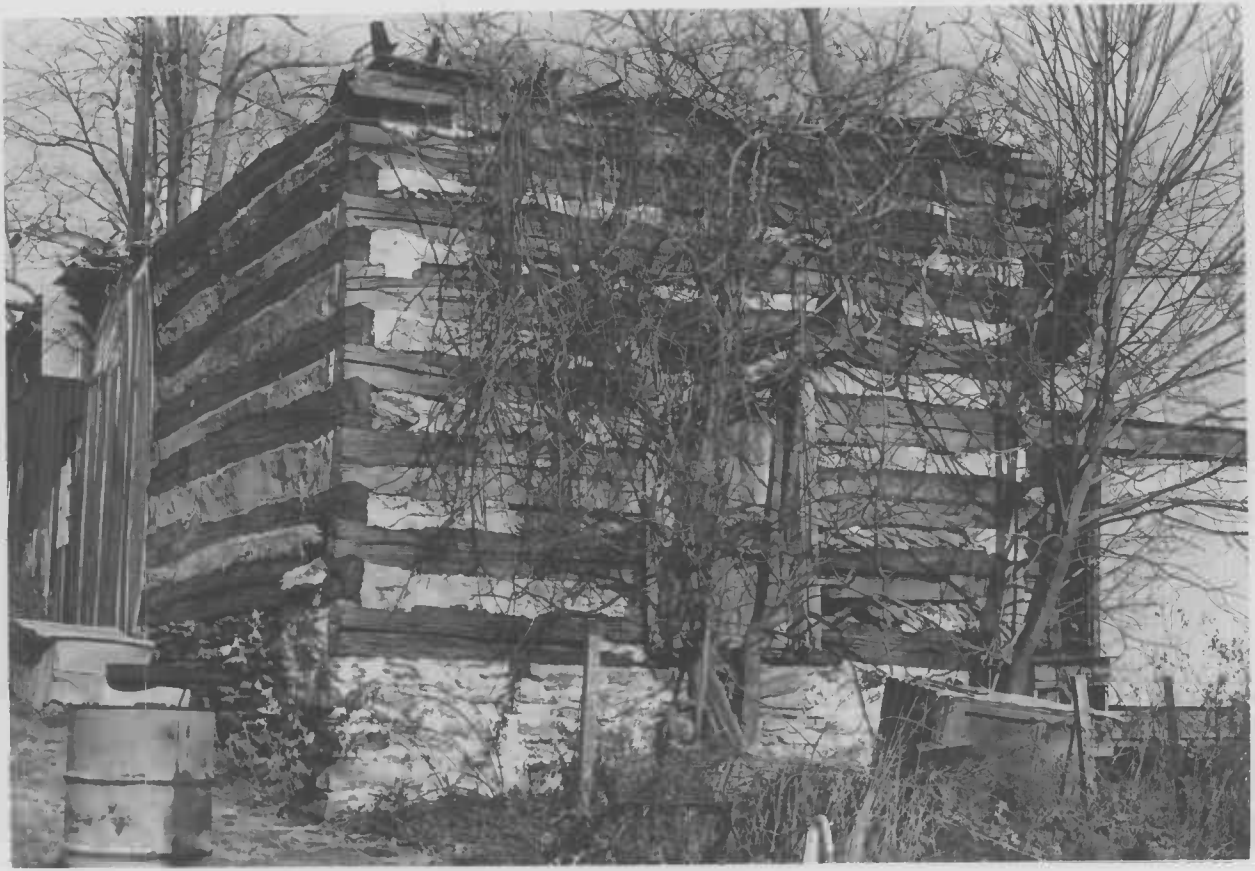
West



Constant Friendship HA-767
Log Out Building
Bel Air/Emmorton
Susan M. Deeney
November, 1976
South

Constant Friendship HA-768
Log Dwelling
Bel Air/Emmorton
Susan M. Deeney
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Old Log house at
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