

## SUMMARY

### JESSE PLUMMER HOUSE HA-1048

The Jesse Plummer House consists of three separate sections built over a period of at least 40 years. Owned by the Hanson family from 1860 until 1935, the 1-1/2-story log section (on the south end) of the Jesse Plummer House was probably in existence when the property was sold by Thomas Lilly to Sarah McCracken in 1843. The shed-roofed section on the west side of the log section has log rafters and also seems to pre-date the main two-story house. The latter, whose proportions and plan are surprisingly elegant, probably dates from 1877 when Lydia and Benedict Hanson took out a mortgage on their 15-acre lot.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jesse Plummer house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

east side of Cavalry Rd. (Md. Rte. 136) north of Grafton's Lane, near Churchville

CITY, TOWN

Churchville,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21028

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wiley M. Plummer

Telephone #: 734-6074

STREET & NUMBER

212 Cavalry Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Churchville,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE  
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Built in an indeterminate number of stages, this shingled house is located on Cavalry Road (Md. Rte. 136), north of the intersection with Grafton's Lane.

The main section facing east is two stories with a gable roof, three bays wide and two bays deep, with a brick chimney in the north end. The entrance with a four-light transom and a gable-roofed portico is in the south bay of the east side. Most windows have 6/6 sash and occasional louvered shutters; gable windows have four lights. The cornice is boxed with a frieze.

Adjacent to the main structure on the south is a 1½ story, gable-roofed section with a rear salt-box addition. The south facade has a shed-roofed dormer containing two 6/6 sash windows. Aside from the four-light windows in the upper story of the south end, the fenestration appears to be new or altered.

Attached to the west side of the main structure is a two-story, shed-roofed wing with a brick chimney in the west end. Windows in this section are 6/6 on the north side and 6/3 on the south side.

A visit in April, 1980, provided access into the interior and, hence, more information on the structure. The 1-1/2-story southern section is log with a winder staircase in the southwest corner. The fireplace in the south wall has a plain mantel with a cavetto cornice and is flanked on the west by a cupboard. The shed-roofed addition to the north, containing a kitchen, has log rafters.

The main section, probably dating from after the Civil War, has a side hall with a two run-with-landing staircase against the west wall, with the parlor on the north, and two rooms in the west section in the attic, the sawn rafters are mitered. The loss of several shingles on the exterior reveals circular sawn clapboards.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property was owned by the Hanson family from at least 1860 until 1935. In 1860 Lydia Hanson purchased part of "Stoney Ridge" and "Paca's Enlargement" for \$800 from Catherine McCracken.<sup>1</sup> It is not clear whether the house (or part of it) was already here, but the 1858 Jennings and Herrick Map attributes a structure on or near this location to F. B. Hanson. An 1877 mortgage taken out by Benedict H. Hanson and his wife, Lydia, reveals that the lot was 15 acres in size and it remained so until 1947.

Lydia Hanson died in 1881 and her son, David Hanson subsequently acquired the property.<sup>2</sup> He died in 1924 and the lot passed to his widow.<sup>3</sup>

This house appears to have evolved with each transaction within the Hanson family. The exterior-shingled and re-modelled more than once-offers few clues. The boxed cornice underscored by a frieze and the side hall plan, however, hint at a former elegance. The plan, in particular, is unusual in this area, especially in a rural situation. Houses with sidehall plans were more frequently seen in towns where lots were small and the hall was put on one side to allow a parlor of sufficient breadth.

## Footnotes

<sup>1</sup> WG 11/326

<sup>2</sup> ALJ 47/186

<sup>3</sup> DGW 203/271

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, will, and equity records of Harford County.  
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map.  
 1878 Martenet's Map.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

August, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 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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Addenda

The owner of the Jesse Plummer Farm is now Pat Koski (734-6479). She is planning to remove the cedar shingle siding and repair and/or replace the earlier plain siding underneath.

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JESSE PLUMMER HOUSE

Title Search

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1. 307/98 July 2, 1947 Grantor: Albert M. & Flora A. Plummer  
Grantee: Wiley M. & Lettie N. Plummer  
Acreage: 2.49 Acres
2. 273/64 April 17, 1942 Grantor: Minnie E. Hamby, widow, Gingel Lee Hamby, wife of Va. Hamby  
Grantee: Albert M. Plummer  
Acreage: 15 Acres
3. SWC 251/274 May 11, 1938 Grantor: J. Glasgow Archer, Jr., married  
Grantee: Minnie E. Hamby & Gingel Lee Hamby, joint tenants  
Acreage: 15 Acres
4. SWC 234/376 January 11, 1935 Grantor: Enna May & Hall P. Hanson  
Grantee: Minnie E. Hamby  
Acreage: 15 Acres
5. SWC 218/443 May 6, 1931 Grantor: Mollie E. & William T. Kennedy  
Grantee: Enna May Hanson  
Acreage: 15 Acres
6. DGW 209/540 (Mort.) August 30, 1928 Mortgagor: Edwin H. Webster, Committee of the person and estate of George G. Moores, inebriate  
Mortgagee: Mollie E. Kennedy (formerly Mrs. Mollie E. Hanson) & Wm. T. Kennedy  
Sum: \$2000  
Acreage: 15 Acres
7. DGW 203/271 May 13, 1927 Grantor: Hall P. & Anna E. Hanson, son of David Hanson  
Grantee: Mollie E. Hanson, widow of David Hanson (David H. Hanson died 1924)  
Acreage: 15 Acres
8. ALJ 47/186 January 3, 1883 Grantor: Aquila B. & Annie E. Hanson, Frederick Hanson, Arthur G. Hanson, Frederick & Annie Hinkson, Orsina Hanson  
Grantee: David H. Hanson  
Lydia E. Hanson died 1881; children: Aquila B. Hanson, Benedict Hanson, Jr., Annie Hinkson, Orsina Hanson, David Hanson. Grandchildren: Frederick, Arthur G., Nannie (minor) Hanson.  
Acreage: 15 Acres

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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| 9.  | ALJ 34/323 (Mort.) | January 10, 1877 | Mortgagor: Benedict H. & Lydia Hanson<br>Mortgagee: Daniel Scott<br>Sum: \$400<br>Acreage: 15 Acres "Pacca Enlargement"                                    |
| 10. | WG 11/326          | April 16, 1860   | Grantor: Catherine C. McCracken (Heir of Sarah McCracken)<br>Grantee: Lydia Hanson<br>Sum: \$800<br>Acreage: Part of "Stoney Ridge" or "Pacas Enlargement" |
| 11. | HD 28/136          | April 17, 1843   | Grantor: Thomas & Juli Ann Lilly<br>Grantee: Sara McCracken<br>Sum: \$500<br>Acreage: Stoney Ridge or Paca's Enlargement                                   |

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Jesse Plummer

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Md 136 (Calvary Road) about

CITY OR TOWN: Churchville 0.5 mi south of Md 22 (Churchville Road)

STATE: Md COUNTY: Harford

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Jesse Plummer

STREET AND NUMBER: Calvary Road

CITY OR TOWN: Churchville STATE: Md 21028

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

CITY OR TOWN: HARFORD COUNTY STATE: Md

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): ---

**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:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

Excellent

Good

Fair

Deteriorated

Ruins

Unexposed

(Check One)

(Check One)

Altered

Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved

Original Site

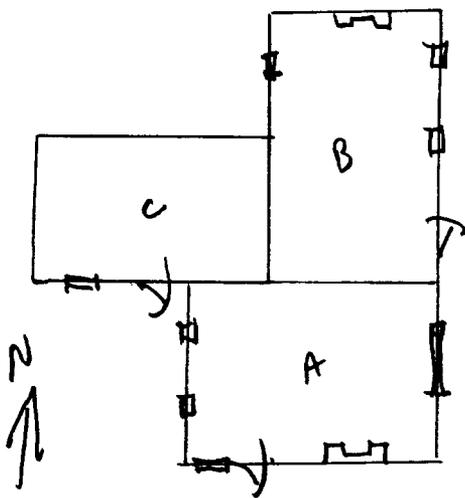
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three-part house looks as though its parts had been built separately and then ~~added together~~, moved up. All are shingle covered.

Section A is a 1 1/2 story cottage, perhaps for construction, now covered with shingles. Probably, over 2 bays by 2 (with a lean-to adding 2 bays by 2) it now has a large picture window facing the east. There are two flat dormers. A chimney rises to the peak inside the south end wall. Saws are trim.

Section B is a frame side-hall house two stories, a chimney inside the north end wall, a portico at the front-(east) door. Saws are moderately close; mouldings have ~~no~~ returns.

Section C is a shallow wing 3 bays by 0, under a lean-to roof. A flue rises <sup>at</sup> the west end wall.



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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

*mixed*

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <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    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

*An architectural pot pourri on a modest scale.*

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 RIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY NO. 1048

ELECTION DISTRICT 3

DATE: 4/79

TAX MAP NO. 42

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. 84

NAME OF PROPERTY: Jesse Plummer House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: E. Side Calvary Rd. (Md. 136), N. of Grafton's Lane,  
near Churchville, Md. 21028

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Wiley M. Plummer

ADDRESS: 212 Calvary Road  
Churchville, MD 21028

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 -- West - 2 story w/shed roof; 6/6 windows  
chimney in W. end; 6/6 windows w/narrow beaded trim; low stone  
foundation; louvered shutters on some 6/3 windows

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 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[X] beaded--more elab.  
original[ ] replaced[ ] trim on north end.

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[X] replaced[ ] 2/gable returns, boxed w/bead molding

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[X] pediment on front portico

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[ ] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 1 stuccoed in s. end of s. wing

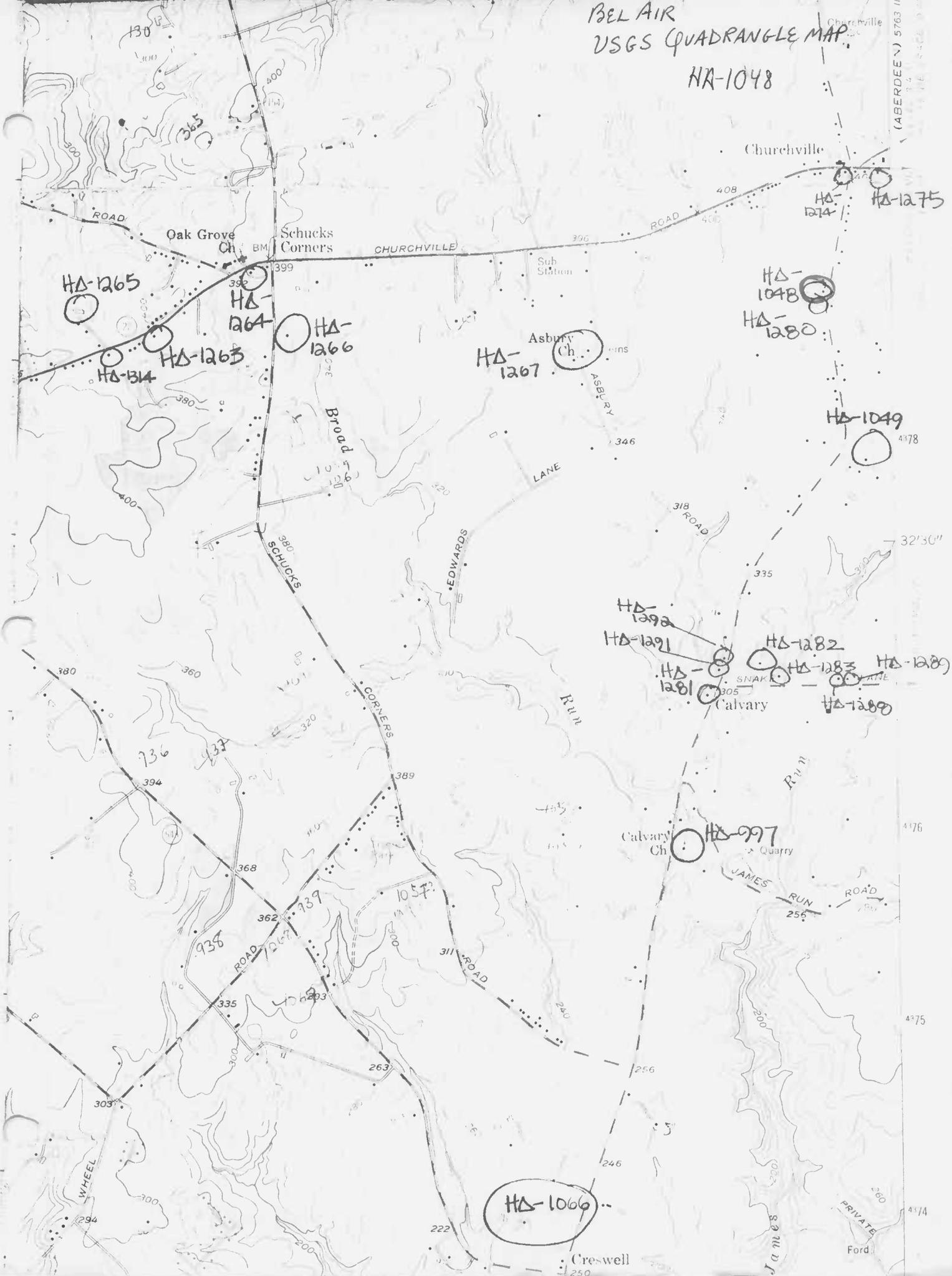
ARCHES: 2 brick--1 in north end; one in  
west end of west wing

COMMENTS: basement--1 hand-hewn beam

BEL AIR  
USGS QUADRANGLE MAP

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(ABERDEEN) 5763 II





Jesse Plummer  
Churchville, MD 21028  
Natalie Shivers  
April, 1979  
Northeast

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Jesse Plummer

Churchville, MD 21028

Natalie Shivers

April, 1979

Southwest

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