

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Oak Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Knight Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2, Box A 306

CITY, TOWN

Street

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Raymond and William Knight

Telephone #: 734-7255

STREET & NUMBER

920 Priestford Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code  
21034

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: JAR 153  
Folio #: 405

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**

HA-1093

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

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

This is a northern-facing structure, two stories in height, composed of bevelled frame siding, in two units. From the southern side, the wall construction makes the ~~two units~~ ~~composing~~ this house to appear as one. It is five bays by two overall, although the western wing is three bays by two, when looking at it from the northern side. Pairs of 2 X 2 attic panes are sited on the eastern and western extremes. The stuccoed stone foundations are high, with odd-sized 3 X 3 and 2 X 2 cellar windows on the southern extreme. The regular windows are almost entirely 6 X 6's, with the exception of some 9 X 6's on the northern wall. The southern windows are flanked by black louvered shutters. The main door, with a three-light transom and four-pane sidelights, is centered on the southern facade, with a cellar entrance beneath it. Another access way to the basement is found on the eastern extreme, where the foundation is fully exposed. Doors are also located on the western end of the addition and on the northern side, near the northeastern corner. The roof is gable-flank overall, built to cover both wings and made of slate. It is underscored by a small box cornice. A porch once stretched along the length of the southern facade, but most of this has been removed and only a fragment of the original porch and the stone perpendicular supports remain. An enclosed porch is attached to the northern embrasure of the western section of the dwelling, and also on this unit at the western end is a two-bay shelter with a shed-roof, square columns and bracket-scroll trim. A new piazza stands over the northern entryway, a concrete base with square columns and scalloped trim. There are two stucco-covered brick chimneys, one inside-end on the eastern extreme and one on the interior and straddling the ridgeline of the western section.

The Interior

A number of the details have survived. A wide thru-hall once existed at the western extreme of the eastern section, but the northern entrance has since been converted to a window. Trim throughout is limited to block and beam with scribed circles on the blocks around the doors and windows. The fireplace in the western unit has been covered over, but the black marble hearth in the eastern wing remains. A huge double-door leads from the thru-hall to the main eastern room, where the doors still retain old box locks. Circular stairs lead from the western wing and the "old" part of the eastern unit to the upstairs. The cellar was apparently used as a kitchen, with an immense hearth along the eastern wall and circular stairs leading to the first floor.

The only older outbuildings are the springhouse and the smokehouse, both located northeast of the dwelling. The springhouse is sunk into the ground, as most of them are, and is of uncoursed stone, with a frame and log upper section. There are two doors, one on either gable end, and a window on either of the other sides. The roof is tin and gable front. The smokehouse is also stone and one-story, with a slate hip roof. Doors are on the eastern and western sides and a single window is on the northern side.

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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"/> 400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 500-1599	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building has been altered, but many of the older interior details remain intact, particularly in the cellar. The old smoke and springhouses are also still standing. The house could quite possibly date from before 1800. William Morgan was perhaps the builder, as he acquired the tract in a series of land deals in the late 1700's. The 1783 Tax List shows Morgan as owning 184 acres of Simmon's Choice, 90 acres of Freeland's Mount and 110 acres of Arabia Petrea, as well as 394 additional acres in Deer Creek Middle Hundred. Morgan, one of the signers of the Bush Declaration, was born in 1744 near Trappe, the son of Edward Morgan. He married Cassandra Lee, the daughter of James Lee, and had nine children. These included Elizabeth (married Thomas S. Chew), Sarah (married Joseph Hopkins), Eleanor (married John Hopkins), Maryandra (married Ephraim Hopkins), Cassandra (married Zaccheus Bond), James, Martha and Margaret. William Morgan was a commissioned captain in the Revolution, and was also on the Deer Creek Upper Hundred War Committee. He died in 1795, leaving the land and (maybe) the house to daughter Eleanor in 1795. The 1798 Tax List indicates John Hopkins, husband of Eleanor, as owning a 15 X 28 one-story frame house, which might be a part of the present structure. Hopkins himself was one of the first County Commissioners, elected in 1828. The place has been a working farm since Hopkins' time, and changed hands at reasonable intervals in the 1800's. The 1878 Martenet Map shows the owner as being Basil Spalding.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Directory- 1953	<u>Præston, W.W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Sun Press, Baltimore.</u>
Harford County Land Records	<u>Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Ba.</u>
Federal Tax List of 1798	<u>Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Ba.</u>
Martenet's Map of 1878	<u>Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Ba.</u>
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970,	Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 189½

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bordered on the east by Maryland State Route 336 and on the north by Trappe Road. Access is via a long lane that runs south of Trappe Road about 0.5 miles west of Route 336.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul I. Penrod / site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

September 15, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
JAR	153	405	In 1916, William W. Kegley imparted Oak Hill Farm, of 189½ acres, to G. Main Knight.
JAR	145	42	In 1914, Elwood L. Steltz conveyed the property to William Kegley.
JAR	130	274	In 1910, Robert Archer and James J. Archer, trustees, devised the parcel to Elwood Steltz. These trustees were named following a 1903 case involving Henry W. Archer and William S. Archer, executors, v.s. Priscilla D. Spalding.
ALJ	37	489	In 1879, Priscilla Spalding obtained 214 acres from Basil A. Spalding.
ALJ	34	119	In 1876, Henry W. Archer, trustee, transferred the land to Basil A. Spalding. Archer was named trustee after an 1876 case involving Henry W. Archer and Lewis Smith.
NG	13	345	John Tenant, in 1862, mortgaged the property to Franklin Hanway.
ALJ	8	397	Ellis Smedley and William T. Kirk sold 221¼ acres to John Tenant in 1857.
ALJ	5	399	Ellis Smedley and William T. Kirk acquired the property from the heirs of Josiah Lee in 1855.
HD	17	68,69	A. In 1833, John Hopkins, William Hopkins, Joseph E. Hopkins, Thomas C. Hopkins and Cassandra M. Hopkins conveyed 197 acres of Freeland's Mount to Josiah Lee.
HD	22	38	B. John Hopkins devised Freeland's mount to Josiah Lee in 1838. It was left to Eleanor Morgan by William Morgan, the former being the mother of John Hopkins, Jr.
Will AJ	2	464	In 1795, William Morgan conveyed 160 acres of Freeland's Mount to Eleanor Morgan. Also involved was 50 acres of land mortgaged from William Allender and 165 acres of Arabia Petrea.
JLG	D	226	I. Isaac Johnson transferred 72 acres of Johnson's Folly and 38 acres of Simon's Choice to William Morgan in 1782. This land came from George Treshaw to Thomas Johnson and then to Isaac Johnson.
JLG	C	34	II. Samuel Jenkins conveyed 165 acres of Arabia Petrea to William Morgan in 1779.
JLG	M	258	III. William Morgan obtained 50 acres of Freeland's Mount from Ann Allender.
JLG	I	313	William Allender mortgaged the property in 1790 from William Morgan.
AL	1	55	IV. In 1774, John Moore sold 200 acres of Arabia Petrea to William Morgan. Jacob Giles and Isaac Webster sold this estate of the late Robert Adair to Robert Dunn in 1768.

INVENTORY NO. 1093 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: 8/30/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: off Priestford Road across ~~from~~ Keen Creek. <sup>on</sup> Trappe Rd.

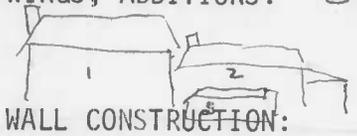
DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: west

NAME OF OWNER: Ray & Bill Knight

ADDRESS: RD 2, Box A 306, Street, 21154

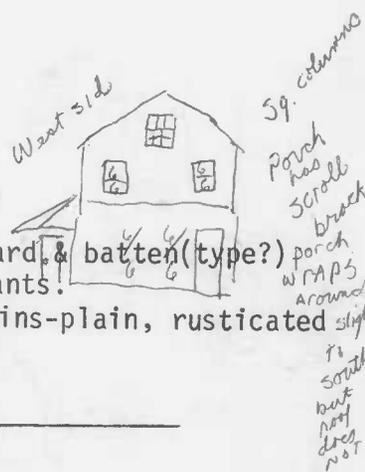
STORIES: 1[ ] 2[] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 sections 1) 5 x 2  
2) 2 x 2



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 STUCCO \_\_\_\_\_  
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: <sup>lowered</sup> 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[] 9/6  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ] 6/6

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: <sup>very slight</sup> RISEING SUN 4 LB.  
SIDE DOOR - 4 PANEL Moulding  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

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

✓ PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[ ] gable[ ] 1 bay, cornice, 59. column on north side #1

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[] <sup>PROB</sup> original[] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: Wide - N. gable ends

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: CELLAR

porch N. side #2  
enclosed shed roof porch  
6/6 + 9/6  
shed roof covered w/ TIN

originally main entrance  
faced south

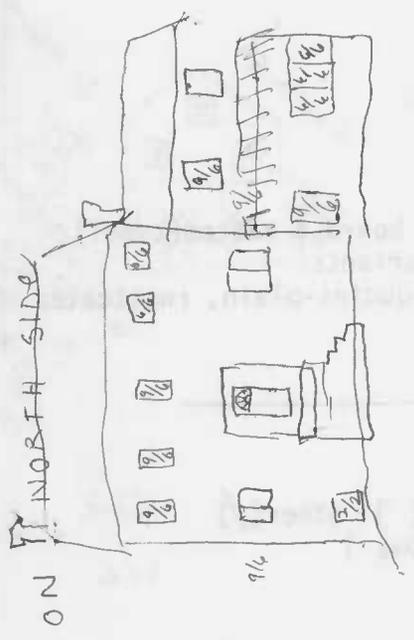
5 bays  
6/6

center bay door  
4 pane side lights  
3 light transom

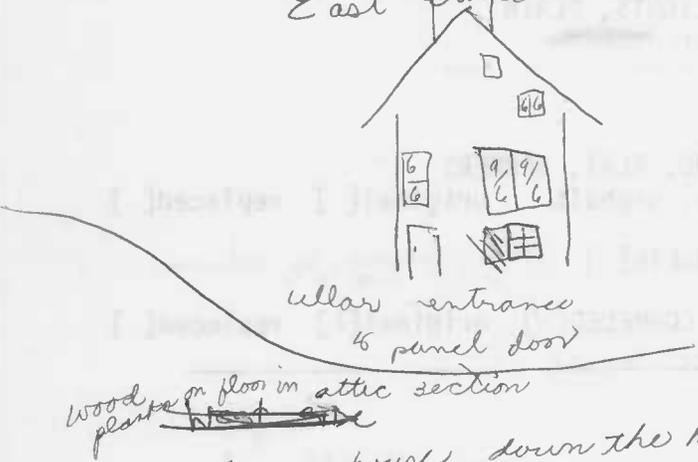
1 bay porch over center bay  
1 story stone supports.

cellar door directly under main entrance semi dug out  
cellar windows 3/3.

porch probably extended to western bays (2 more rubble  
stone supports present.)



East Gable end



wood planks on floor in attic section  
~~west side~~

tin covered roof

Spring house down the hill  
north east of house.

rubble stone with frame  
attic section. log rafters  
gable ends / 2 windows gable flank

sq. chimney  
rubble stone smoke house  
8 panel door on  
W. side  
also door on east side  
window on N. boarded up

hip roof - slate  
NAILS INSIDE

INVENTORY NO. 1093 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8-30-76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: KNIGHT HOME

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: THAYER RD. O.P. HALL

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: SOUTH

NAME OF OWNER: RAY WILLIAM KNIGHT

ADDRESS: # RD 2 A-306 STREET MD. 21154

STORIES: 1 [ ] 2 [ ] 3 [ ] 4 [ ] 5 [ ] 6 [ ] BAYS: 2x3 - WESTERN WING

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 5x2 OVERALL



WALL CONSTRUCTION: 2x2 ATTC < 16x25

- 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 STUCO OVER IT

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON N. SIDE LG. PART 1 ON S. SIDE 1 COLUMN DIAGONAL  
1 COLUMN ON E. SIDE BELOW V. PANEL  
(SEMI-DIV. EAST)

HARDWARE: original [ ] replaced [ ] 1 ON W. SIDE OF ENCLOSURE  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
3-17 TRANSOM, 4-17 ON S. DOOR

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

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

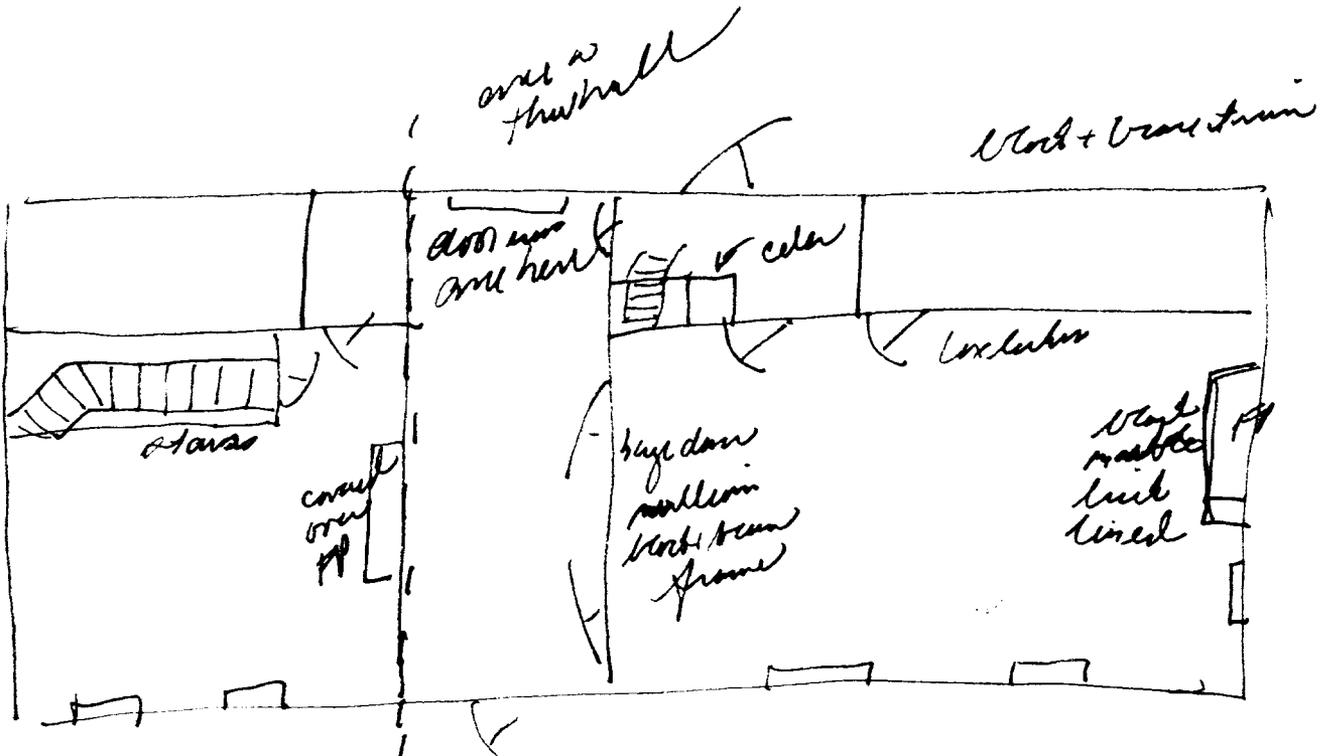
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed [ ] hip [ ] gable [ ]  
2-BAY ON WEST END  
4 COLUMNS, BRACE BRACKETS

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK  STONE [ ] CORBELED [ ] original [ ] replaced [ ]  
LOCATION: STUCCO CORNER OTHER IS  
INTERNAL BETWEEN

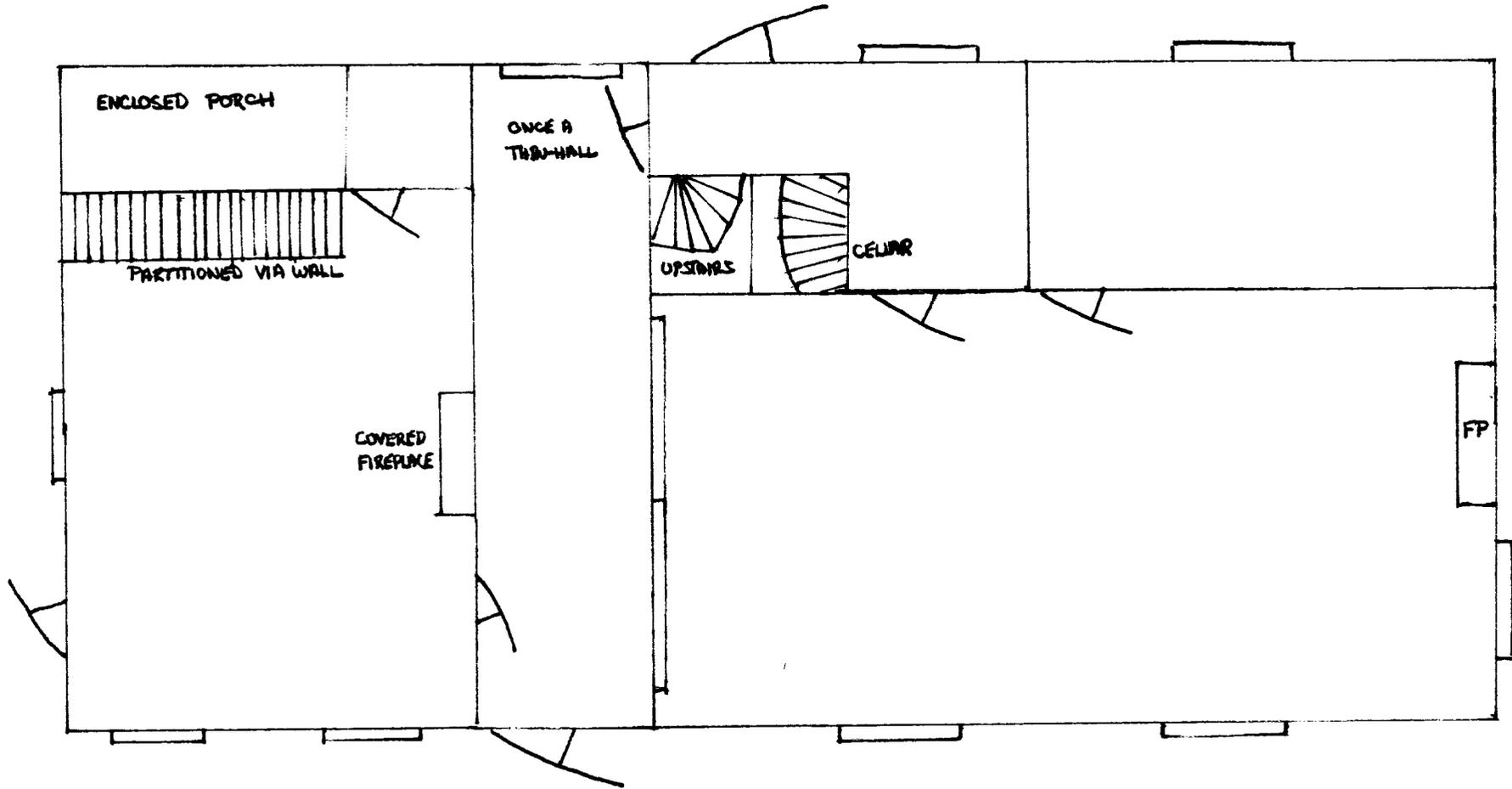
ARCHES:

COMMENTS: add signed 3x3 and 2x2x2 cells, windows

Interior

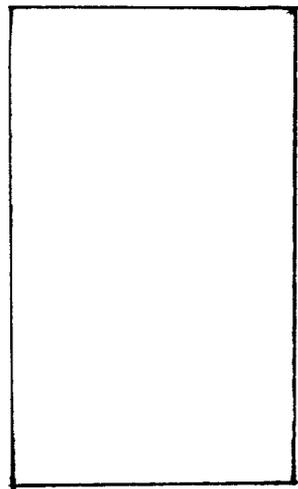
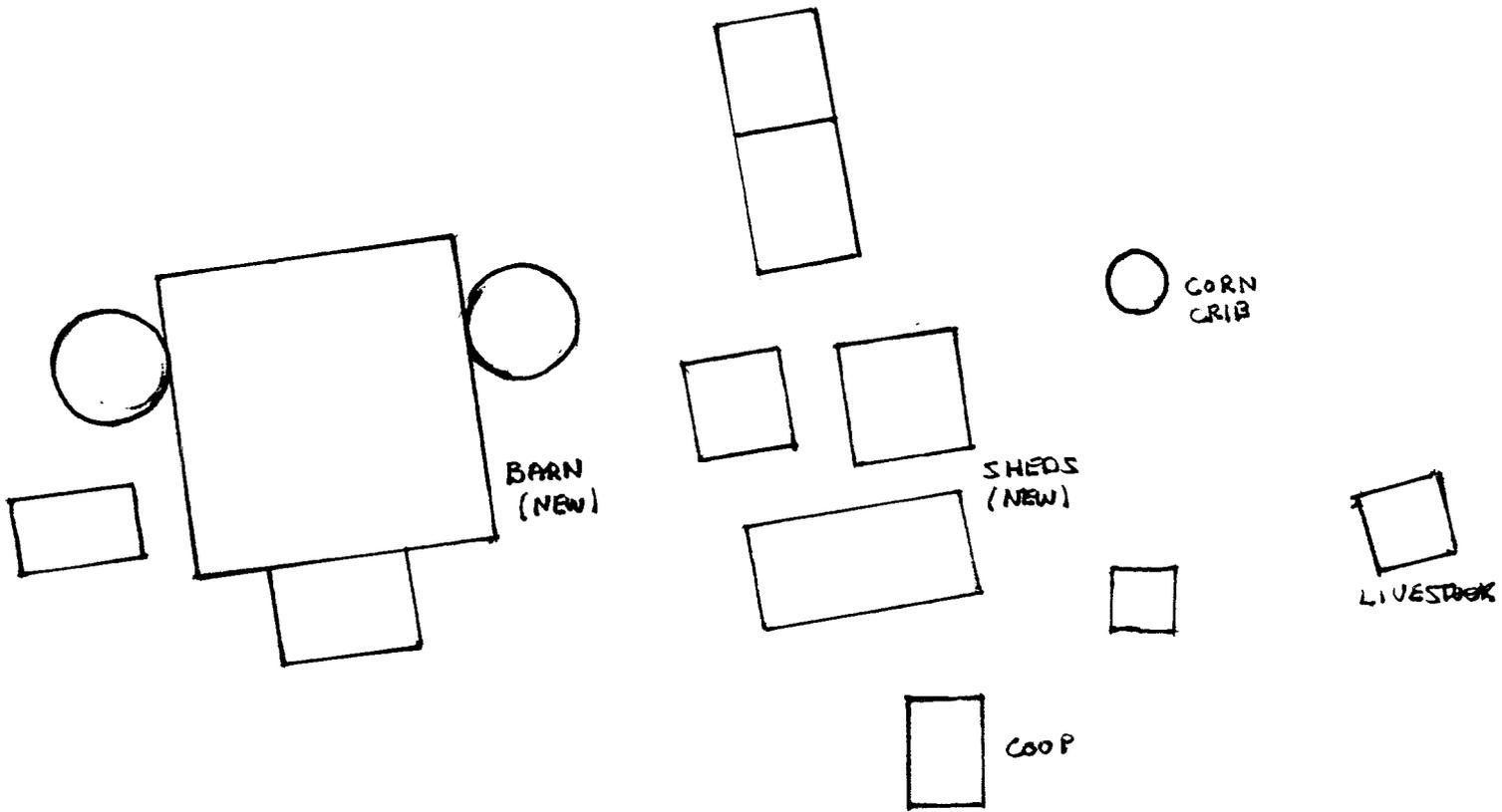


Cellar - window stain but clean  
 and sealed up on E. end  
 double clean, separate a possible  
 gutter from rest of frame



OAK HALL

NA - 1093



OAK HILL





4986  
650000 FEET  
4985  
4984  
4983  
35'  
4982  
4981  
SW



Oak Hill House HA-1093

Rd. 2, Box A 306

Street, MD

Paul Penrod

9/76

South side



Oak Hill HA-1093  
Rd. 2, Box A 306  
Street, MD  
Paul Penrod  
North side

9/76



Oak Hill Smokehouse HA-1093  
Rd. 2, Box A 306  
Street, MD  
Paul Penrod 9/76  
South side