

SUMMARY

HA-1281

Mitchell-Joesting House
Calvary Road
Churchville, MD 21028

Probably built in 1861 by James Henry Swartz, the Mitchell-Joesting House stands on a small parcel of the "Stony Ridge" tract. The house was purchased by Caroline P. Mitchell in 1863 and remained in the Mitchell family until 1967.

The Mitchells, mostly farmers, owned a great deal of property in this area south of Churchville during the 19th and 20th centuries. This house is of the typical Harford County pattern with its center front gable, symmetrical facade, shed-roofed front porch, and lack of decoration. Other Mitchell properties represent other standard patterns for the modest Harford County farmhouse--together the community is a microcosm of central Harford County vernacular residential architecture in the 2nd half of the 19th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mitchell-Joesting House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Cavalry Road (Md. Rte. 136), south of Churchville Rd.
(Md. Rte. 22), near Churchville.

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 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
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John F. Joesting (recently deceased)

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

500 Asbury Road

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 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

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, frame house, located on the west side of Cavalry Road south of Churchville Road, is e1-shaped (with the e1 filled in) and has a gable roof with a center front gable. Set on a low stone foundation, the main three-bay by two-bay section faces east and has a two-story, two-bay long e1 with a shed-roofed addition filling in the e1. The house is covered variously in clapboard and asbestos shingles. Windows on the first and second stories of the main section have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters; gable windows have four lights; fenestration on the e1 and rear addition is varied.

The front or east side is spanned by a one-story, shed-roofed porch with square posts and balusters. The entrance --a 6-panel door with a four-light transom-- is in the center bay, flanked by a window on each side. A round-arched, four-light window is in the center gable.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1861, Samuel Webster sold three roods and two perches of "Stoney Ridge" to James Henry Swartz for \$75.¹ Two years later Swartz sold the same lot to Caroline P. Mitchell for \$1000.² The hike in price in just two years suggests the erection of a structure in the interim. Indeed, the 1878 Martenet's Map shows a structure in this location owned by Caroline Mitchell.

Evidently, the house was occupied by Caroline Mitchell's nephew, Joseph F. (or P.) Mitchell, from at least 1898 until 1933. Caroline Mitchell's will³ dated January 5, 1898, leaves to Joseph Mitchell the real estate "located at Cavalry and now occupied by him," and the deed from Joseph Mitchell's heirs to Elizabeth Mitchell in 1933 states that this is the lot on which he formerly resided.⁴

The property remained in the Mitchell family until Elizabeth Mitchell Ilgenfritz died in 1967.

The Mitchell family owned a great deal of property in this vicinity and along Snake Lane. This house is of the typical Harford County pattern with its center front gable, symmetrical facade, front porch, el shape, and lack of decoration. Other Mitchell properties represent other standard patterns for the modest Harford County farmhouses--together the community is a microcosm of central Harford County residential vernacular architecture in the second half of the 19th century.

1. Liber WG 12, Folio 412
2. Liber WG 14, Folio 125
3. Will Records Liber HTB 14, Folio 177
4. Liber SWC 227, Folio 91

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, & equity records of Harford County

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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 Site Surveyor	DATE	9/79
ORGANIZATION	Harford County Historic District Commission	TELEPHONE	838-6000 X207
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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MITCHELL-JOESTING HOUSE

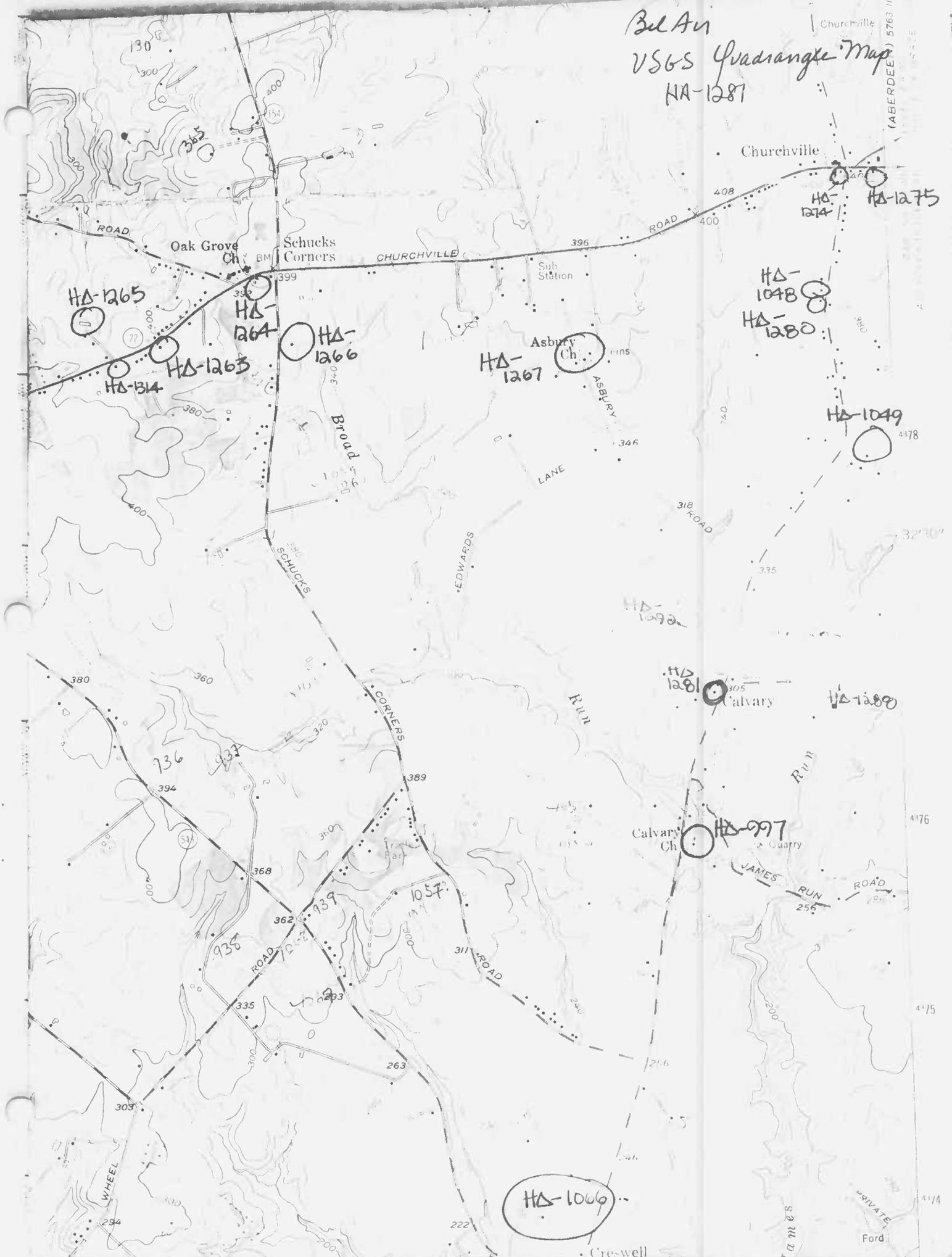
Title Search

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1. 749/88 July 24, 1967 Grantor: Mildred Johnston Page, Executrix of Will of Elizabeth Mitchell Ilgenfritz (d. July 31, 1965)
Grantee: John F. Joesting
Sum: \$15,000
Acreage: 0.721 Acres
2. SWC 272/378 November 3, 1936 Grantor: John L. G. & Caroline H. Lee
Grantee: Elizabeth M. & Charles F. Ilgenfritz of Baltimore City
Acreage: 3 roods, 2 perches of "Stoney Ridge"
3. SWC 272/378 November 3, 1936 Grantor: Elizabeth & Charles F. Ilgenfritz of Baltimore City
Grantee: John L. G. Lee
Acreage: 3 roods, 2 perches of "Stoney Ridge"
4. SWC 227/91 July 10, 1933 Grantor: Harry A. & Elizabeth B. Mitchell, Lester W. & Elizabeth K. Mitchell of New York City; heirs of Jos. Mitchell
Grantee: Elizabeth Mitchell
Acreage: 3 roods, 2 perches of "Stoney Ridge"
5. JAR 137/217 May 31, 1912 Grantor: Noble L. Mitchell, Exec. for estate of Caroline P. Mitchell, dec.
Grantee: Joseph P. Mitchell
Acreage: 3 roods, 2 perches of "Stoney Ridge"
6. WG 14/125 April 29, 1863 Grantor: James Henry & May I. Swartz
Grantee: Caroline P. Mitchell
Sum: \$1000
Acreage: "Stoney Ridge" = 3 roods, 2 perches
7. WG 12/412 August 24, 1861 Grantor: Samuel Webster
Grantee: James Henry Swartz
Sum: \$75
Acreage: "Stoney Ridge" = 3 roods, 2 perches

Bel Air
USGS Quadrangle Map
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