

HA-1298

SUMMARY

Wm. Sims House  
Aldino-Stepney Road  
Carsins Run, Maryland

This two-story, gable-roofed frame farmhouse dates from the third quarter of the 19th century. It - or a portion of it - was probably built by Michael Gilbert on his 64-acre farm of the tract called "Gilberts Pipe". The Gilbert family owned a great deal of property in this area, and the nearby town of Aldino was once called "Gilbert Town". Several other Gilbert houses are still standing - HA-998 and HA-1299.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON  
William Sims House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Aldino-Stepney Road, North of Md. Rte. 22 nr. Carsins Run

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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  
William Sims

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Aldino-Stepney Road

CITY, TOWN  
Aberdeen

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21001

**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 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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, gable-roofed clapboard house is located on the east side of Aldino-Stepney Road, north of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22).

Set on a raised stone foundation, the house is four bays wide and one room deep, with a one-story shed-roofed addition on the east end. A one-story screened porch with a hipped roof and carved brackets spans the south-or-front-facade, which has windows (irregularly spaced) in each of the four bays. There are three brick chimneys with corbelled caps: a pair west of center in the main section and one in the east wing. Windows have 6/6 sash and, in the first story south side, louvered shutters.

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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 checked="" 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

In 1826 Michael Gilbert began to accumulate parcels of "Gilbert's Pipe": 46 acres from the estate of Charles Gilbert (d. October 14, 1820)<sup>1</sup>, 30 acres from the estate of James Gilbert<sup>2</sup>, and, in tandem with John & James C. Gilbert, another 50 acres from the estate of Charles Gilbert<sup>3</sup>. When Michael Gilbert died in 1860, he left all his real estate "being a tract of land where I now live called Gilbert's Pipe containing 64 acres" to his wife Martha Gilbert.<sup>4</sup> This house may have been built in the interim by Michael Gilbert, and exterior architectural evidence concurs with a mid-19th century date.

However, Michael Gilbert's inventory indicates that he was a less-than-prosperous farmer: "two small heifers and two dry cows; six ewes and lambs; two pigs (one ick); one old candle stand, old looking glass; six chairs, old Rush bottom; two beds and bedding; one old spinning wheel and reel; one old side saddle; one box and desk; six articles ironware, old; one old plough; three buckets and cupboardware." The modesty of Michael Gilbert's possessions suggests that the present house is of a more substantial size than one he would have lived in--he certainly could not have furnished all the rooms with what was included in his inventory. Only a portion of the house may have been here during Michael Gilbert's lifetime or, indeed, the house may have been constructed after his death.

The house was certainly built by 1878 when an equity case refers to 71 acres of "Gilbert's Pipe" "now is the occupancy of ... Martha & Edward Gilbert." (Martha Gilbert had acquired an additional seven acres from George Armstrong and Elizer Baker for \$625 in 1872).<sup>5</sup> The 1878 Martenet's Map shows several houses in this vicinity, one belonging to Edward Gilbert.

In 1892, in another equity dispute, the farm was sold to J. Scott Hughes for \$1900.<sup>6</sup> Nine years later, he sold it to Hobson Jones for \$2500,<sup>7</sup> and in 1905 Lillie B. Jones, "spinster of Baltimore City," purchased it for \$2185.<sup>8</sup> She sold it the next year to George Alexander Gilbert for \$1250,<sup>9</sup> and after he died in 1907, the property was sold to Arthur Preston.<sup>10</sup>

In 1938, he sold the 71-acre farm to Fielder C. Rhudy, who soon after sold it to John D. & Florence E. Cooley.<sup>12</sup> In 1951, the property--still 71 acres--was sold to William & Elaine Sims.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will, and Equity Records of Harford County  
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

12/79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Harford County Historic District Commission

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

45 South Main Street

838-6000 X 207

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

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

## WILLIAM SIMS HOUSE

## Title Search

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1. 360/196 July 26, 1951 Grantor: John D. & Florence E. Cooley  
Grantee: William G. & Marian Elaine Sims  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"
2. MEWR 253/363 December 3, 1938 Grantor: Fielden C. Rhudy & wife, Ruth  
T. Rhudy  
Grantee: John D. & Florence E. Cooley  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"
3. SWC 251/346 June 8, 1938 Grantor: Arthur & Celia Preston  
Grantee: Fielden C. & Ruth T. Rhudy  
Acreage: 71 Acres
4. Equity Records  
JAR 99/378 September 4, 1911 Douglas B. & Doris Gilbert vs. Mary S.  
Gilbert, et al - Division of estate of  
George Alexander Gilbert (dec. August  
25, 1907)
5. JAR 132/364 March 3, 1911 1st Part: Noble L. Mitchell, Trustee  
Henry A. Osborn, Mary S.  
Gilbert  
2nd Part: Henry A. Osborn  
3rd Part: Arthur Preston  
Acreage: 71 Acres
6. WSF 117/241 February 21, 1906 Grantor: Lillie B. Jones, spinster of  
Baltimore City  
Grantee: George A. Gilbert  
Sum: \$1250  
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe" = 71 Acres
7. WSF 115/318 July 22, 1905 Grantor: John L. G. Lee, Assignee  
Grantee: Lillie B. Jones  
Sum: \$2185  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"
8. WSF 102/42 February 25, 1901 Grantor: J. Scott & Ida B. Hughes  
Fireside Bldg. Assoc.  
Grantee: Hobson Jones  
Sum: \$2500  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"
9. WSF 73/174 April 13, 1892 Grantor: George L. Van Bibber, Trustee  
(Amos Spencer vs. Martha M.  
Gilbert, et al)  
Grantee: J. Scott Hughes  
Sum: \$1900  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"

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10. ALJ 62/136 May 19, 1888 Grantor: A. Preston Gilbert, Trustee  
(Cassandra W. Lee vs. George E. & Martha M. Gilbert, et al  
Grantee: Martha M. Gilbert  
Sum: \$2000  
Acreage: 71 Acres of "Gilbert's Pipe"
- 11A. ALJ 27/149 February 3, 1872 Grantor: George S. & Sarah C. Armstrong  
Charles & Elizer Baker  
Grantee: Martha M. Gilbert (sic)  
Sum: \$625  
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe" = 7 Acres
- B. ALJ 23/363 February 23, 1870 Grantor: Sophia Gilbert, Chas. B. Gilbert  
& wife, Susan H. Gilbert  
Grantee: G. Sidney Armstrong  
Sum: \$600  
Acreage: "Gilbert's Pipe"
12. Will Records Approved Will of Michael Gilbert  
CWB 7/594 April 23, 1860 Devisee: Martha Gilbert, wife
- 13A. HD 20/72 October 21, 1836 Grantor: Jarvis & Sophia Gilbert, Wm. &  
Elizabeth Chesney, Ephraim &  
Ann Gilbert, Amos & Ann Anderson,  
Taylor & Sophia Gilbert, Comfort  
Gilbert, Mary Weeks  
Grantee: Michael Gilbert  
Sum: \$210  
Acreage: of James Gilbert, dec. called  
"Gilbert's Pipe"  
22 1/2 Acres; 8 Acres
- B. HD 10/287 December 29, 1826 Grantor: Garvas Gilbert, James C. Gilbert  
Ephraim Gilbert, John Gilbert,  
Taylor Gilbert, Elizabeth  
Gilbert, Comfort Gilbert, Mary  
Weeks, Ann & Amos Anderson  
Grantee: Michael Gilbert  
Partition of lands of Charles E. Gilbert,  
dec.; to Michael Gilbert - 1/2 of  
lots No. 4 & 5 - Clarks Tobacco  
& Gilbert's Pipe - 46 Acres
- C. HD 12/123 December 29, 1828 Grantor: Taylor Gilbert  
Grantee: James Gilbert, Michael Gilbert,  
John Gilbert  
Sum: \$100  
Acreage: Part of "Gilbert's Pipe"; part  
of plantation property belonging  
to Chas. Gilbert, now dec.

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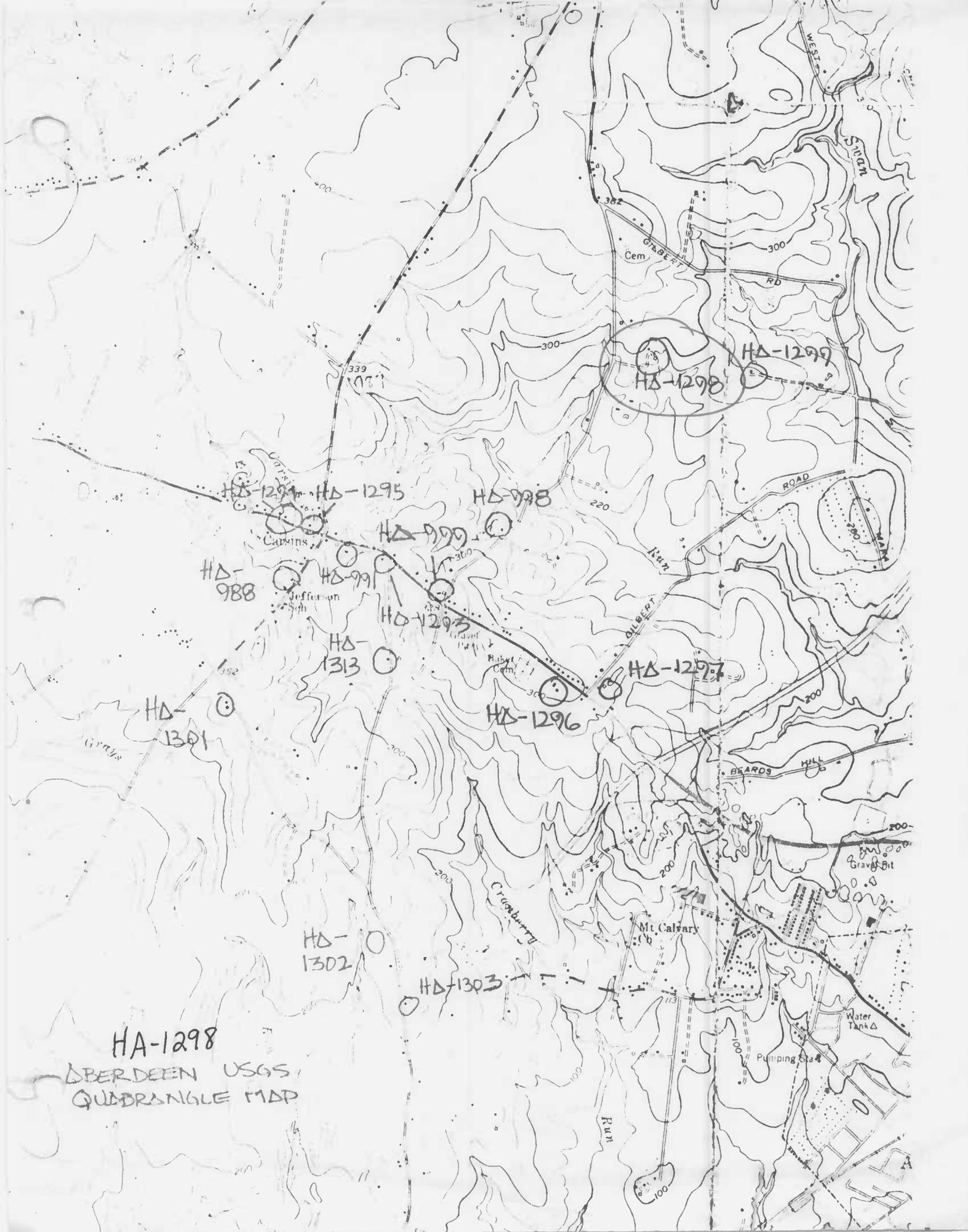
13D. HD 10/281

December 29, 1826

Grantor: Garves Gilbert, Ephraim Gilbert,  
Taylor Gilbert, Elizabeth  
Gilbert, Comfort Gilbert, Mary  
Weeks, Ann & Amos Anderson  
Grantee: James C. Gilbert, Michael  
Gilbert, John Gilbert  
Sum: \$100  
Acreage: Lot No. 7 = 25 Acres

William Sims House  
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Significance (continued)  
CONTINUATION SHEET #1

1. Liber HD 10, folio 287
2. Liber HD 20, folio 72
3. Liber HD 12, folio 123, Liber HD 10, folio 281
4. Will Records Liber CWB 7, folio 594
5. Liber ALJ 27, folio 149
6. Liber WSF 73, folio 174
7. Liber WSF 102, folio 42
8. Liber WSF 115, folio 318
9. Liber WSF 117, folio 241
10. Liber JAR 132, folio 364
11. Liber SWC 251, folio 346
12. Liber MEWR 253, folio 363



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BERDEEN USGS  
QUADRANGLE MAP



William Sims House  
Aberdeen, MD 21001  
Natalie Shivers  
Southwest

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