MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Baker -Scarborough House Inventory Number: HA-1553

Address: 913 Stepney Road. City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014

County: Harford County USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, Maryland, 1985

Owner: Krokowski, Janet Is the property being evaluated a district? NO

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: 057999

Project: Adams Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Site visit by MHT Staff: x no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ___ yes x no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible x yes ___ no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B x C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on January 17, 2003. Its condition was unchanged since the preparation of the Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in, Maryland Historical Trust, Inventory Form For State Historic Sites Survey prepared by Natalie Shivers, Harford County Historical District Commission, on April 1980. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 17, 2003.

From the description, the house, which faces west, is a two and half story, gabled roofed (east to west) house. The house is five bays wide and two bays deep. German wood siding is located on the main section of the building. The main/ west section of the house has an interior brick chimney at the north end and an exterior chimney on the south end. The east section of the building consists of two and half story, gabled roof and is three bays wide and one room deep with an exterior chimney on the

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Comments:

[signature] 4/30/03

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[signature] 4/29/03

Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

east and shed roof porches on the north and south sides of this section. The main wood portico entrance is on the west side, and is column supported with a lower hip roof. Fenestration is a 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. In addition, the house was originally described as being in good condition. In addition to the house, a one-story, gable roofed clapboard structure with a brick chimney at the east end is located to the north of the house. South of the house are four wood framed out buildings, including a board and batten barn. It was observed that this property appears unchanged from the description in the attached form.

The property is not associated with any event or personage that would qualify it for eligibility under Criteria A or B, respectively. A portion of the Baker-Scarborough house reportedly may date from ca. 1839, and the property remained in the hands of the Baker family for many years, evolving as the family prospered. The Bakers were locally prominent in the canning and furniture making industries. The significance of the property is local in nature and derives primarily from the extensive elements of design and construction, which remain in good condition. Accordingly, the property is considered eligible for historic registration under Criterion C. No known archaeological significance is associated with the property, making it ineligible for consideration under Criterion D.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

HA-1553

Photo Negative List - Adams Raw Land 09.75132.0272

Ordered by Property Number

Roll 1			Roll 2			Roll 3				
Neg	Property		Neg	Property		Neg	Property		Summary	No Photos- (Bldg. demolished, or not in survey area)
1-33	HA-1294		2-17	HA-0987		3-4	HA-1296		HA-0987	HA-988
1-34	HA-1294		2-18	HA-0987		3-5	HA-1296		HA-0989	HA-1295
1-35	HA-1294		2-19	HA-0987		3-6	HA-1296		HA-0991	HA-1304
1-36	HA-1294		2-2	HA-0989		3-7	HA-1297		HA-0998	HA-1313
1-1	HA-1533		2-3	HA-0989		3-8	HA-1297		HA-0999	
1-2	HA-1533		2-4	HA-0989		3-9	HA-1297		HA-1293	
1-3	HA-1533		2-11	HA-0991		3-10	HA-1297		HA-1294	
1-4	HA-1533		2-12	HA-0991		3-1	HA-1554		HA-1296	
1-5	HA-1533		2-13	HA-0991		3-2	HA-1554		HA-1297	
1-6	HA-1534		2-14	HA-0991		3-3	HA-1554		HA-1533	
1-7	HA-1534		2-15	HA-0991					HA-1534	
1-8	HA-1534		2-16	HA-0991					HA-1535	
1-9	HA-1534		2-33	HA-0998					HA-1536	
1-10	HA-1534		2-34	HA-0998					HA-1553	
1-11	HA-1534		2-35	HA-0998					HA-1554	
1-12	HA-1534		2-36	HA-0998					HA-1618	
1-13	HA-1534		2-25	HA-0999					HA-1875	
1-14	HA-1534		2-26	HA-0999						
1-23	HA-1535		2-27	HA-0999						
1-24	HA-1535		2-28	HA-0999						
1-25	HA-1535		2-29	HA-0999						
1-26	HA-1535		2-30	HA-0999						
1-27	HA-1535		2-20	HA-1293						
1-28	HA-1535		2-21	HA-1293						
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1-15	HA-1553		2-23	HA-1293						
1-16	HA-1553		2-24	HA-1293						
1-17	HA-1553		2-1	HA-1536						
1-18	HA-1553		2-5	HA-1536						
1-19	HA-1553		2-6	HA-1536						
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1-22	HA-1553		2-9	HA-1536						
1-30	HA-1618		2-10	HA-1536						
1-31	HA-1618		2-31	HA-1875						
1-32	HA-1618		2-32	HA-1875						

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HARFORD COUNTY
Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: **District** - 02 **Account Number** - 057999

Owner Information

Owner Name: KROKOWSKI JANET M C

Mailing Address: 913 S STEPNEY RD
ABERDEEN MD 21001-2618

Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Deed Reference: 1) / 422/ 216
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
913 S STEPNEY ROAD
ABERDEEN 21001

Zoning
R1

Legal Description
6.9 AC
913 S STEPNEY ROAD
W OF ABERDEEN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
58	1C	50						82	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas

Town
Ad Valorem
Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1957	1,359 SF	6.90 AC	

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1	YES	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2003	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	82,700	92,700		
Improvements:	114,890	125,700		
Total:	197,590	218,400	197,590	204,526
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

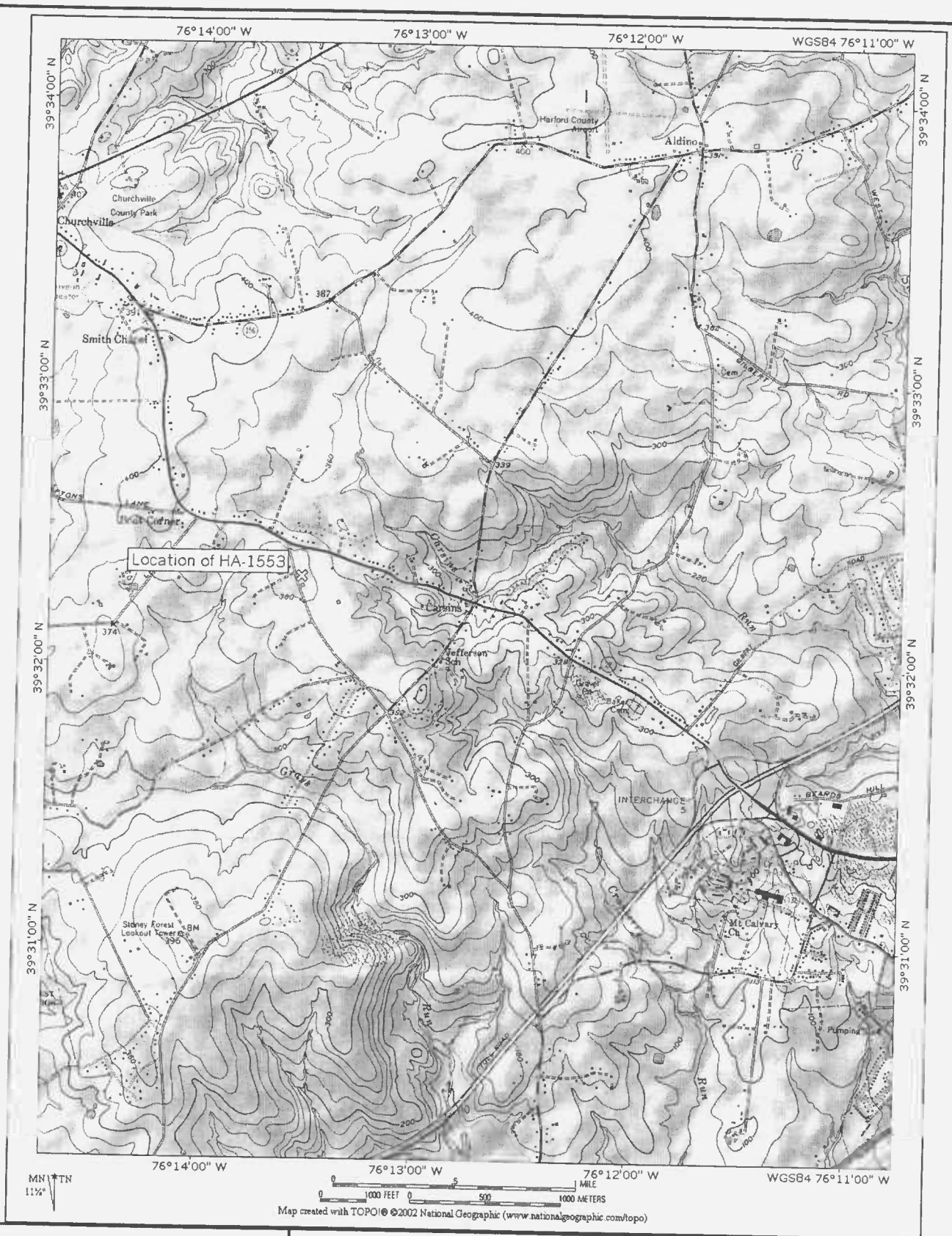
Seller:	Date:	Price:
KROKOWSKI DONALD F & WF	10/30/1992	$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:** / 422/ 216	**Deed2:**
Seller:	**Date:**	**Price:**
Type:	**Deed1:**	**Deed2:**
Seller:	**Date:**	**Price:**
Type:	**Deed1:**	**Deed2:**

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT



SITE VICINITY MAP
Aberdeen, MD Quadrangle
SCALE: As Shown

ATC ASSOCIATES INC

Property Condition Assessment
HA-1553_ Baker-Scarborough House
Aberdeen, MD 21001

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BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE
913 STEPNEY RD.
ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO.
MD 21014
PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01.17.03
NEG @ MD SHPO
WEST ELEVATION
1/2

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NEG @ MD SHPO
SOUTH & WEST ELEVATION
2/2

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE HA-1553
ABERDEEN, MD 21001
01.03

Photo Gallery: 01/17/03

SUMMARY

HA-1553
BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE

The rear (east) portion of the Baker-Scarborough house may date from as early as 1839, when Nicholas Baker purchased 38 acres of "Hall's Plains." This wing is said to have faced Churchville Road and was added in the third quarter of the 19th century. The house looks much like a stripped-down version of the house (HA-1296) built by George W. Baker, brother of Nicholas Baker who built this house. Nicholas Baker had a chair and furniture factory and later had his own canning factory, an industry begun in Harford County by George W. Baker. The Bakers were quite prominent locally as canning magnates, and most of the family participated in the industry in one role or another during the last quarter of the 19th century and first quarter of the 20th century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Baker-Scarborough House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION (East side of Stepney Road, south of Md. Rte. 22.)

STREET & NUMBER
913 Stepney Road

CITY, TOWN
Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		✓NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Miller Scarborough

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN
Churchville, MD

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air,

STATE
MD 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-1553

7 DESCRIPTION

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

This 2-1/2-story, gable-roofed frame house, built in two parts, is located on the east side of Stepney Road, just south of Churchville Road.

Facing west, the house is comprised of two sections: the main-or west part--is frame with German siding, five bays wide and two bays deep, with a center front gable flanked by one dormer with scalloped shingles on each side, and an interior brick chimney in the north end and an exterior chimney (replaced) in the south end. A hip roofed porch with carved brackets spans the first story of the west side, which has a center entrance. The transom and sidelights contain etched glass. Windows have 2/2 sash, pronounced pediments, and louvered shutters. The older ell on the east, also 2-1/2-stories with a gable roof, measures 20'3" by 24'2" and is three bays long and one room wide with an exterior brick chimney (replaced) on the east, and shed-roofed porches spanning each side. Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters, and two dormers are located in the south slope of the roof.

North of the house is a one-room, gable-roofed clapboard structure with a brick chimney in the east end. South of the house are four frame outbuildings, including a board and batten barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	✓AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__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 rear (east) portion of the Baker-Scarborough House may date from as early as 1829, when Nicholas Baker purchased 38 acres of "Hall's Plains" from Francis Cloman for $304.00.[1] (The 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map shows a structure without a name in this location.) It is said to have faced Churchville Road originally, and when the front (west) section was built, the house was turned around to face west towards Stepney Road. The front section of the house was built later in the 19th century: the year when Fort Sumter was fired on (1861) is bandied about by Nicholas Baker's descendents; another possibility is 1890 when Nicholas & Mary Baker took out a $2500 mortgage on this property.[2] In any case the property was sold to their son, Winfield L. Baker, in 1895 and included "the tract whereon Nicholas Baker now resides" as well as "all the household and kitchen furniture and all other domestic articles in the residence of Nicholas Baker." The house is now owned by Winfield Lee Baker's daughter, Mary Baker Scarborough.

The Baker family has been extremely prominent in Harford County's history. They pioneered the canning industry in this area and were among the great local canning magnates of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Since there were four generations of Nicholas Bakers, it is not clear exactly which one built the Baker-Scarborough house. Nicholas Baker III (d. 1845) was a farmer and merchant, who served in the war of 1812. With his wife, Elizabeth Cole, and and seven children, he probably lived in the nearby Rodman House (HA-999). His son, Nicholas IV (b. 1810, d. 1896), was the brother of George W. Baker, the first canner in Harford County. According to one biography, Nicholas had a small chair and furniture factory with James Everett and later his own canning factory.[3] The same article informs us that he purchased his farm in 1839 and, indeed, Nicholas Baker IV may be the Nicholas Baker who purchased 38 acres from Francis Cloman. He married Elizabeth Carsins, sister of William Carsins (Burdell Preston House, HA-991), in 1837 and they had six children: Elizabeth, John L., Charles H., Mary J., Sarah F., & George H. With his second wife, Mary Greenland, whom Nicholas Baker married in 1855, he had two more children: Edmund and Winfield L. The latter inherited the home farm and continued the canning business. Nicholas Baker, we are told, was a Republican and "an active worker" in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, & equity records of Harford County
Baker family archives (provided by George Harold Baker)
Interview with Miller Scarborough 12/79
Portrait & Biographical Record of Harford & Cecil Counties, Chapman Publishing Co., NY

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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
4/80

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
MD 21014

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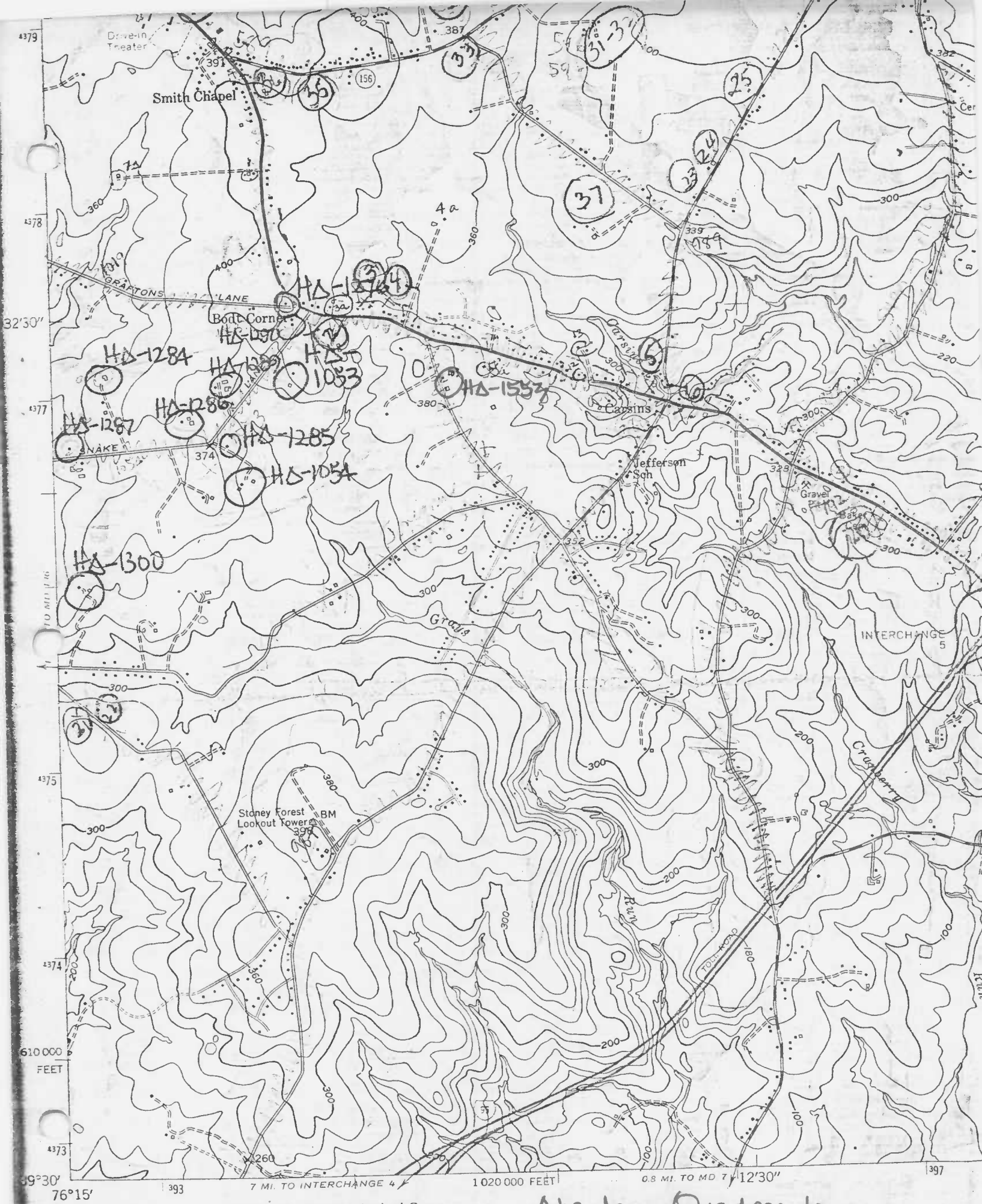
8. Significance Continuation Sheet #1

In design, the house is much like the Baker homestead (HA-1296), built by George W. Baker around 1855. That house has been altered severely, although its original configuration and some of its ornament can still be discerned. The Baker-Scarborough house seems to have been a stripped-down version of that one (after all, George W. Baker was the pioneer of the family canning enterprise and should have had the fancier house) and so is a fairly standard farmhouse, while George W. Baker's house was really a common farmhouse glorified with italianate ornament.

TITLE SEARCH

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE
HA-1553

284/262	7/18/1944	Grantor: W. Lee Baker (single) Grantee: Mary Baker Scarborough Acreage: 1) 84 1/4 A. 9 P 2) 49 A. 27 P 3) 22 A, 4) 21 1/4 A. (Winfield L. Baker, Dec.; Will ALJ 21/302)
WSF 85/88	3/8/1895	Grantor: Nicholas Baker Grantee: Winfield L. Baker Sum: $3500 Acreage: 2 tracts: incl. 1) tract whereon Nicholas Baker now resides
ALJ 69/89 (Mort.)	6/21/1890	Mortgagor: Nicholas & Mary B. Baker Mortgagee: Wm. B. Baker Sum: $2500 to be paid back in gold coin Acreage: 21-1/2 A. - "Halls Plains" + "Ann's or White's Purchase" = 25 1/2 A.
HD 22/272	6/1/1839	Grantor: Francis Cloman Grantee: Nicholas Baker, Sr. Sum: $304 Acreage: 38 A. 58 P



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Aberdeen Quadrangle

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Northwest