

Wilson-Halsey House
HA 1929

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Wilson-Halsey Stone H0use

2. Location

street & number 709 Old Pylesville Road N/A not for publication

city, town Pylesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 5th

state Maryland _____ county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name W. Paul Halsey, Jr.

street & number 3962 Street Road telephone no.: (410)452-8610

city, town Street state and zip code Maryland, 21154

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber HDC 1212

street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl. folio 960

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two story stone house is located near the southwest corner of the T intersection of Street and Old Pylesville Roads in Pylesville, Maryland. Built on a solid stone foundation, the house is five bays wide and of a center hall plan, with two interior endwall chimneys for three heating fireplaces. Walls are comprised of local rock which was blasted from a nearby deposit¹ and field stone. The massive substance of the structure is augmented by quoins of large cut stone. Considerable modifications have occurred to both the interior and exterior. Exterior additions include an enclosed porch and second story deck on the north, main facade and a one story gable roof projection on the west endwall which wraps around to the western most bays of the south side. The original slate roof has been replaced by modern asphalt shingles. A turn-of-the-century barn and four more recent outbuildings, to include two machinery sheds, one shop, and one chicken house, are included on the premises.

The north, main facade consists of central upper and lower entrances, with remaining bays containing replacement 1/1 sash windows (with the exception of the upper right middle bay which has been sealed over with stone for interior modifications). The added enclosed porch runs the length of the first story central three bays and is accessed from the right end. A simple cornice and painted trim provide accent against the stone walls.

With the exception of two small square windows on either side of the chimney at the gable, both endwalls are blind. The one story gable roof addition is located at the right endwall, and wraps to the south side western two bays. The painted rakeboard is flush with the endwalls. An entablature at the right endwall gable peak gives the date of remodelling as 1957.

The southern facade, and original main facade, retains its central entrance. With the addition covering the lower left bays, only the right windows windows are exposed. All upper five windows remain intact.

According to Mr. Paul Halsey, Jr. who grew up in the house, the interior underwent substantial modification in the 1957 remodelling. Though the two rooms of the first floor remain the same, renovations for a bathroom required that the central staircase be re-oriented 180 degrees. The original stairs, which had one landing midway and then turned, were replaced with a similar configuration leading from the new north entrance. Paneling, crafted bookcases, a kitchen within the addition at the southwest corner, a powder room beneath the stairs, and replaced mantelpieces at both of the first floor end fireplaces are modern interior elements which made this house more comfortable for its owners. The second floor, originally divided into four small rooms, now has been turned into two large ones. The fireplace on the second story right gable is still exposed.

¹Conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Halsey, Jr. January 24, 1996.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA 1929

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/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This large stone house was most likely built by Andrew Wilson during the second quarter of the nineteenth century, as per the stone markers described throughout the title chain marked A.W. "near the house". Andrew Wilson amassed over one hundred acres of land from land tracts "Wilson's Chance", "Genoa", and "Scheming Defied". The Halsey family has owned the house and surrounding farm since the 1920's, the name for which the house is more commonly known.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA 1929

See attached sheets

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 181.43 acres

Quadrangle name Fawn Grove

Quadrangle scale 24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 60, Tax Map 5

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
none			

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dianne Klair

organization Harford County Planning and Zoning date March 1996

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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.

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

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 C/O U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
 WASHINGTON, DC 20240

WILSON-HALSEY STONE HOUSE
Title Search

HDC 1212/960	November 3, 1983	Grantor: W. Paul Halsey, Jr. as Representative of Estate of W. Paul Halsey, Sr. Grantee: W. Paul Halsey, Jr. Granted: 181.43 acres with improvements
GRG 837/448	January 19, 1970	Grantor: Zero, Inc. Grantee: W. Paul Halsey, Sr. Granted: One half interest of two land tracts totalling 185 acres to W. Paul Halsey, Sr. and one half interest of same to Hollis M. Halsey.
GRG 837/446	January 19, 1970	Grantor: W. Paul, Sr. and Hollis M. Halsey Grantee: Zero, Inc. Granted: 185 acres with improvements
 (1) <u>100 acres</u>		
DGW 203/171	April 20, 1927	Grantor: Thomas M. and Sarah Fender Grantee: W. Paul and Hollis M. Halsey Granted: 100 acres composed of tracts "Wilson's Chance", "Genoa", and "Scheming Defied".
DGW 195/481	February 24, 1926	Grantor: Philip H. Close, Attorney for Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham of North Carolina Grantee: Thomas M. and Sarah Fender Granted: same, which had been sold at auction to the Cockerhams on February 20, 1926 for \$12,000.00.
DGW 186/431	April 5, 1924	Grantor: Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham Grantee: Beaufort and Jennie Cockerham Granted: same
JAR 158/252	January 5, 1918	Grantor: William F. and Maggie B. Stubbs Grantee: Joseph L. and Emma Cockerham Granted: same, for \$9,000.00
WSF 122/174	October 15, 1907	Grantor: Samuel W. and J. Mollie Wilson Grantee: William F. Stubbs Granted: same, for \$3800.00

WSF 96/187	March 16, 1899	Grantor: James W. Davis et al. Grantee: J. Mollie Wilson Granted: 100 acres for \$900.00, no improvements mentioned. Land described as adjoining lands of Nathan I. Pyle.
WSF 93/385	January 25, 1898	Grantor: James W. McNabb and Stevenson A. Williams, Trustees from Equity Case on May 20, 1897 Grantee: James W. Davis and William B. Davis Granted: 113 and 3/4 acres, land of the late George A. Davis, and described in the following four deeds (A,B,C,D).
ALJ 69/71 (A)	June 20, 1879	Grantor: Robert and Elizabeth Caskey Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 90 acres, "Wilson's Chance", "Genoa", and "Scheming Defied"
HD 29/90	November 22, 1843	Grantor: Andrew and Elizabeth Wilson Grantee: Robert Caskey Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres with improvements for \$1,800.00 See (D3).
ALJ 50/464 (B)	August 26, 1884	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, Trustee Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 3 and 3/4 acres, improvements mentioned, part of "Wilson's Chance"
WHD 19/96 (C)	May 30, 1867	Grantor: John T. and Demelia V. Streett Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 13 acres and 5 perches, part of "Genoa" for \$521.25
WSF 75/95 (D)	September 17, 1892	Grantor: James W. and Bertha G. Davis Grantee: George A. Davis Granted: 20 acres for \$550.00, no improvements mentioned.
ALJ 65/151	May 13, 1889	Grantor: William B. Davis Grantee: James W. Davis Granted: 48 acres 3 roods and 11 perches for \$450.00

Will Record WSR 9/404	February 16, 1883	Will Record of Samuel W. Wallace divides equally part of his estate of approximately 48 acres, composed of three parcels and described as follows, to grandchildren James W. Davis, William B. Davis, and J. Mollie Davis. Wallace devises to daughters Martha E. Davis and Annie W. Wallace the farm on which he resides, except for that part which belongs to wife, Sarah A. Wallace.
ALJ 5/445 (D1)	April 6, 1855	Grantor: David W. and Mary Caskey Grantee: Samuel W. Wallace Granted: 15 and 1/4 acres of "Genoa" for \$725.00. Interestingly, a initial parcel marker is described asa "stone set in ground on west side of the public road near the house".
ALJ 2/48	September 4, 1852	Grantor: Robert and Elizabeth Caskey Grantee: David W. Caskey Granted: 15 and 1/4 acres of "Genoa" "beginning at a stone set in the ground on west side of public road near the house and marked with the letters A.W." for \$175.00.
HD 29/90	November 22, 1843	Grantor: Andrew and Elizabeth Wilson Grantee: Robert Caskey Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres of tracts "Wilson's Chance", "Scheming Defied", and "Genoa", improvements mentioned, for \$1800.00.
HD 19/277	September 17, 1836	Grantor: Archibald (son) and Agnes B. Wilson Grantee: Andrew Wilson (father) Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres as above. Andrew granted to Archibald "all that farm and land on which he lived", Archibald now desirous that he [Andrew] have and repossess the same".
HD 15/351	1832	Grantor: Andrew Wilson Grantee: Archibald Wilson Granted: 103 and 1/2 acres of the "messenger and farm where Andrew Wilson now dwells".
HD 15/240	1832	Grantor: St. Clair Streett et al. Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 55 and 1/2 acres of "Genoa" for \$550.00, no improvements mentioned.

HD 7/301	1824	Grantor: St. Clair Streett Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 5 and 1/2 acres 72 perches of "Scheming Defied" for \$105.00, no improvements mentioned.
HD 5/191	1821	Grantor: Samuel Wilson et al. (Archibald Wilson's heirs) Grantee: Andrew Wilson Granted: 41 and 1/2 acres of "Wilson's Chance", no improvements mentioned.
WHD 19/97 (D2)	May 30, 1867	Grantor: George A. and Janie M. Davis Grantee: Samuel W. Wallace Granted: 13 acres 91 perches of "Genoa" for \$542.75, no improvements mentioned.
No reference (D3)		"All that other belonging to me on the north side of the road leading from Pylesville to Wilsons X roads containing 20 acres."
(2) <u>85 acres</u>		
GCB 298/385	August 1, 1946	Grantor: M. Corinne Davis (widow of Charles D. Davis) et al. Grantee: W. Paul and Hollis M. Halsey Granted: 85 acres (check for imp.)
WSF 96/190	May 12, 1899	Grantor: Calvin C. Davis et al. Grantee: Charles D. Davis Granted: same land as bequeathed to Charles and Calvin Davis in will of Martha (Davis) September 5, 1885, Will Records WSR 10/133.
Will Record WSF 10/33	September 5, 1885	Martha E. Davis devises to sons Charles and Calvin 85 and 1/2 acres which she acquired from father, Samuel W. Wallace, and purchased with sister, Annie W. Wilson (Wallace). To Charles was given 40 acres, to Calvin was given 45 and 1/2 acres. See Will Record of Samuel Wallace February 16, 1883 WSR 9/404.
ALJ 35/497	1877	Grantor: Samuel W. Wallace Grantee: Martha E. Davis

HDG 31/409

September 5, 1844

Grantor: Samuel Wilson

Grantee: Samuel Wallace

Granted: 1/2 interest in all land that Samuel Wilson owns, no acreage provided, formerly belonging to Andrew Wilson. See (D3).

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Conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Halsey, Jr. January 24, 1996

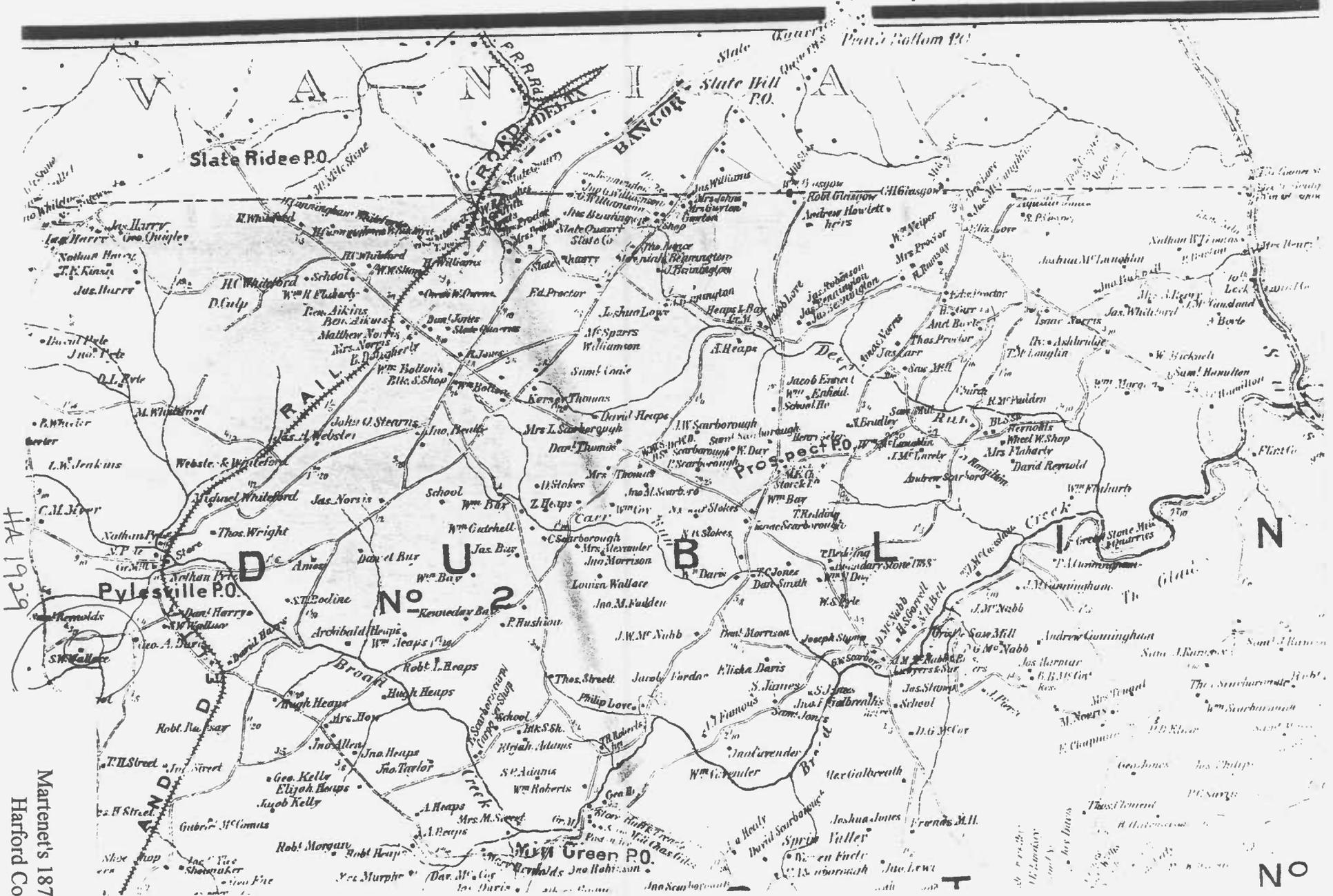
Coversations with Gary and Sherry Fullerton, March 15 and 23, 1995.

Our Harford Heritage, C. Milton Wright. 1967.

Land Records, Harford County Courthouse.

Harford County Historical Society Archives.

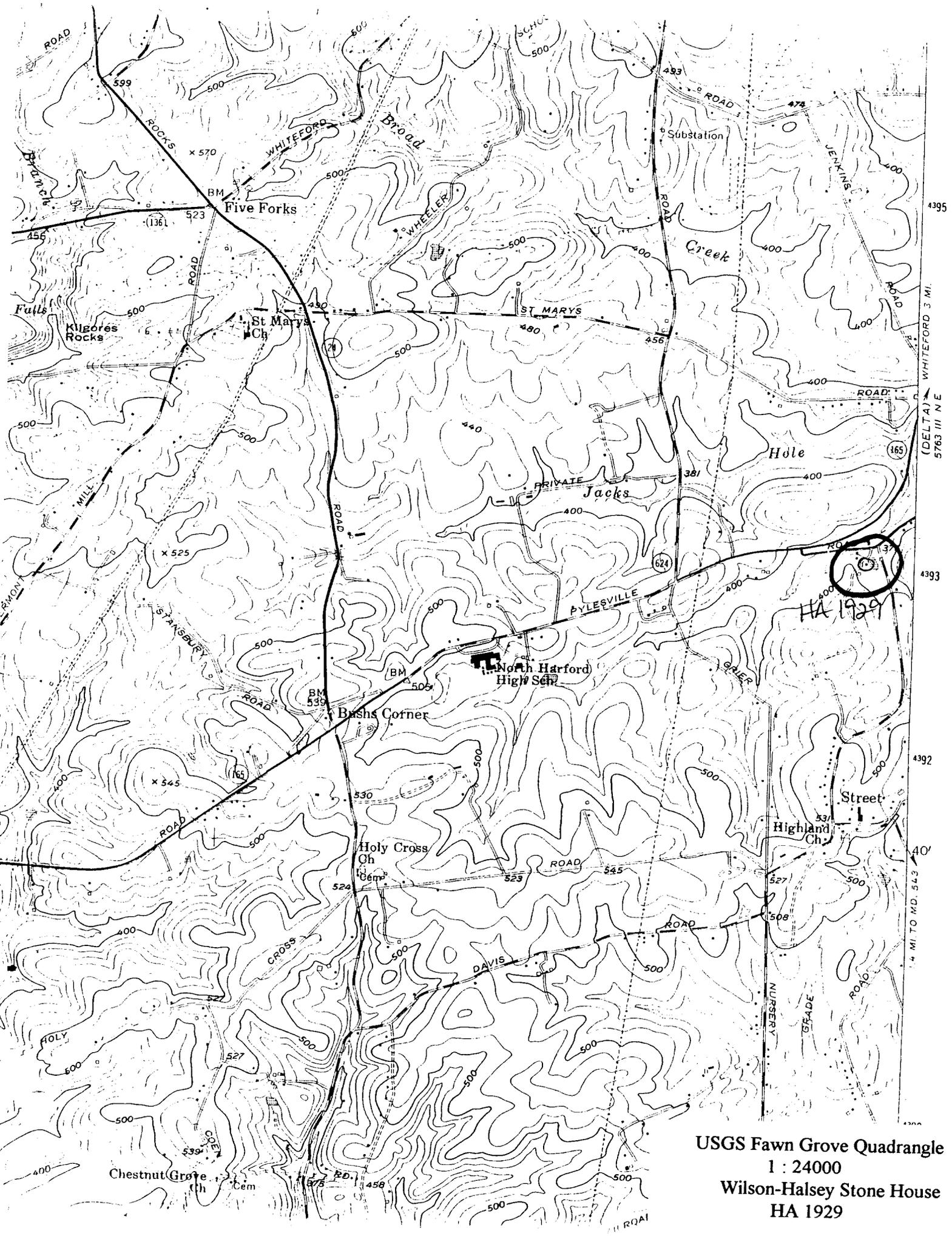
Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.



HA 1929

Martenet's 1878 Map of Harford County

No



USGS Fawn Grove Quadrangle
1 : 24000
Wilson-Halsey Stone House
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Milton Halsey Stone House
Harpur County, Maryland

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View northwest from Street Road, original main facade

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111 1955

Hilbert - Clabry Stevenson (born)

Harford County, Maryland

Dorcas Blair

April 1955

Maryland State

View west from driveway of house, red, white & blue

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HA 1939

John - Halcy Stonehouse
Stamford Court, Maryland

Diana Klair

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View South from yard of house, originally the rear
elevation of structure

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