Addendum

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Howard House

Montgomery Co., MD

C. Mazurek

Feb. 1997

Section 7.1

This stone structure with a frame and clapboard addition is falling into complete disrepair. The frame addition on the north gable end of the house is collapsing and separating from the original stone section. The interior log support beams are still intact, but the flooring is deteriorating to the point where they will no longer support any weight. The original stone construction is still intact, due to the presence of the standing seam tin roof which still protects it from the elements. The wooden shed and corn crib to the west of the house have collapsed.

HOWARD HOUSE M-23-8B
MONTGOMERY CO., MD; VICINITY OF UNITY
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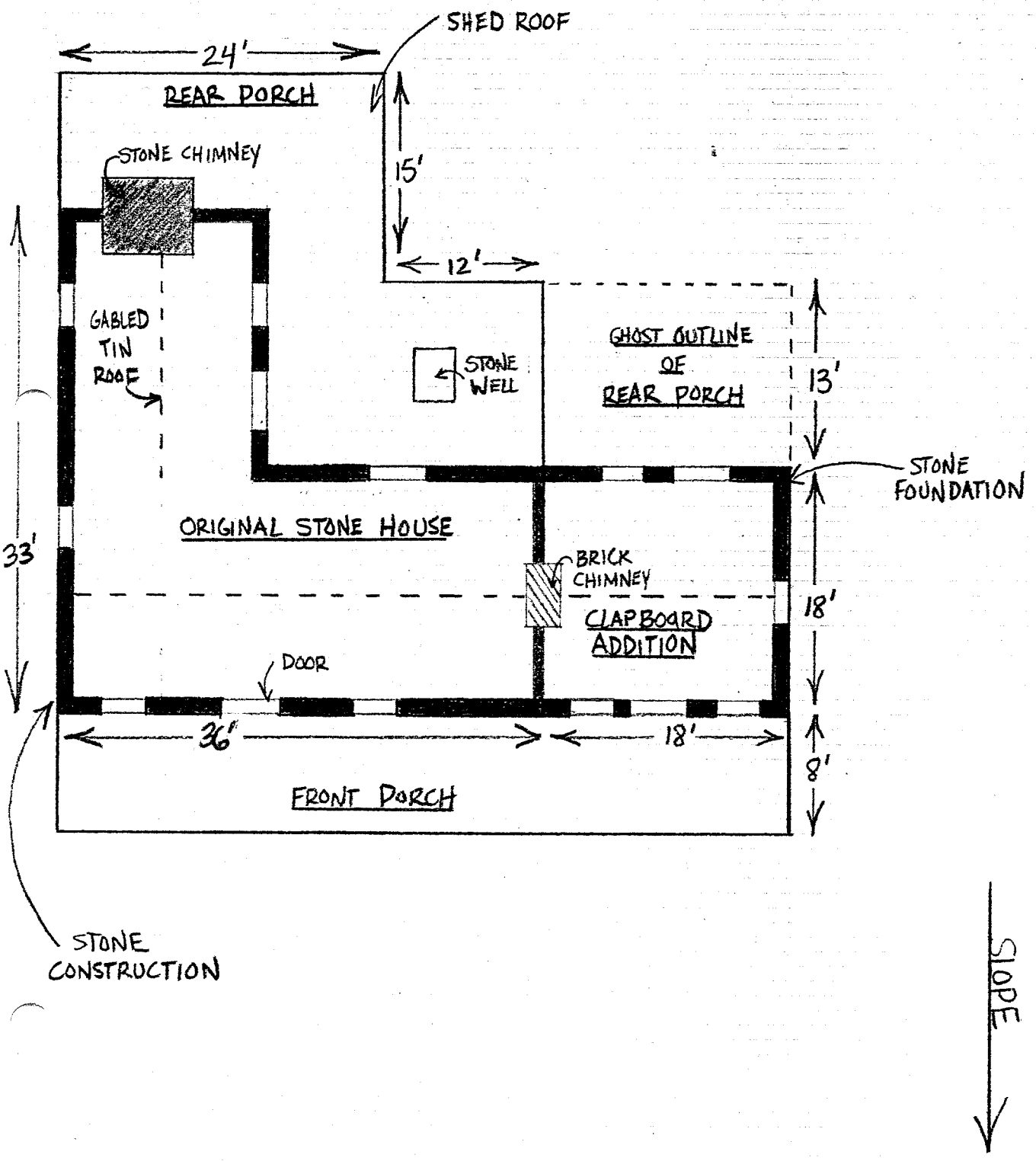

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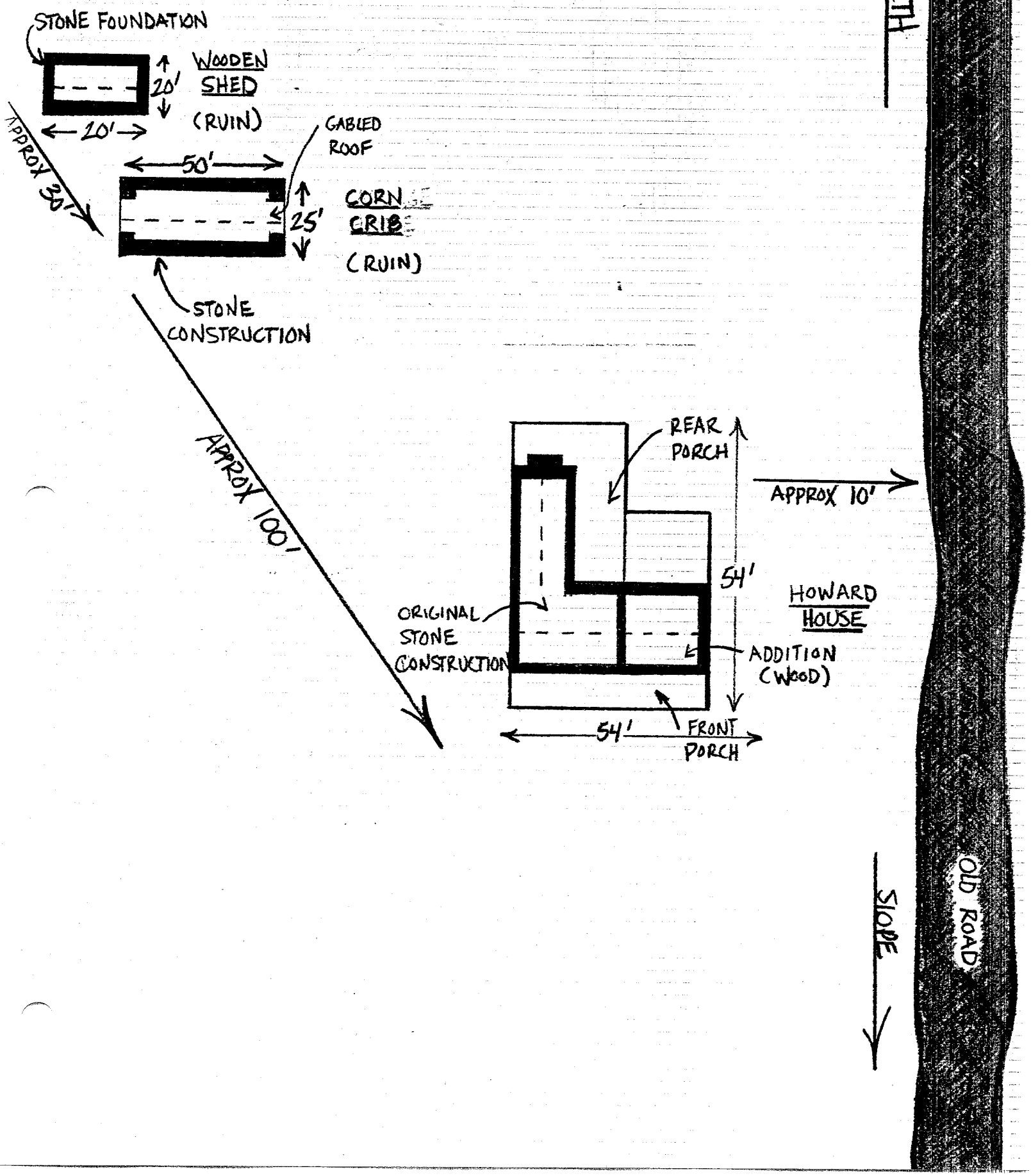

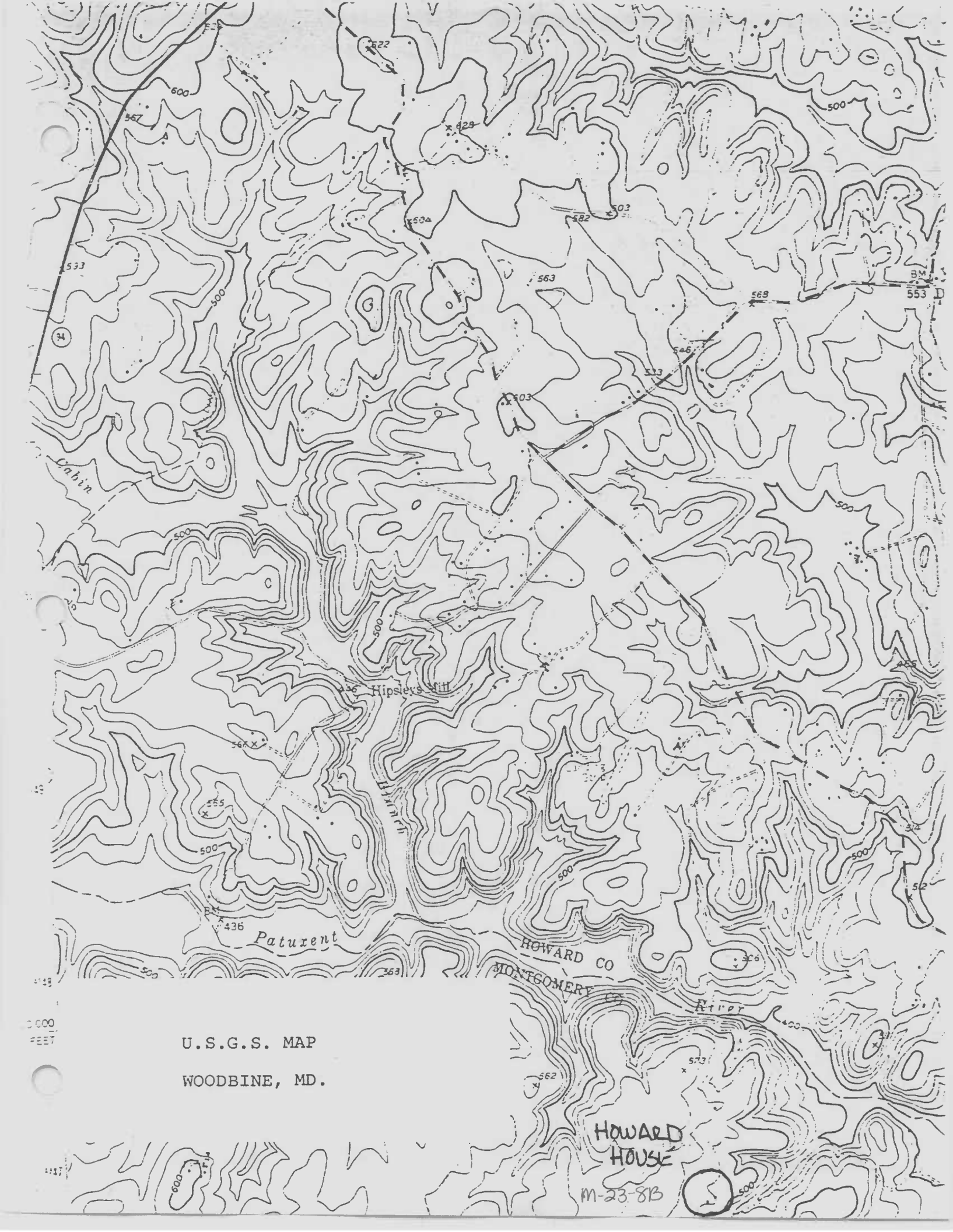

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WOODBINE, MD.

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MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
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MD. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
S.E. ELEVATION
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
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MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
S.W. ELEVATION
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY Co., MD
C. MAZUREK
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NORTH ELEVATION
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
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MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
NORTH ELEVATION
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C. MAZUREK
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MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
INTERIOR
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
FEB 97
MD DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CORN CRIB S.W. ELEVATION
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
FEB 97
MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
CORN CRIB NORTH ELEVATION
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HOWARD HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
C. MAZUREK
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MD DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SHED, SOUTH VIEW
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CORN CRIB NORTH ELEVATION
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Patuxent River S.P.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Howard House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
North side of Damascus Road (access through Middleton Farm)

CITY, TOWN
Laytonsville ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
___DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	___OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE	___MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	___PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	___COMMERCIAL	X 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
		X NO	___MILITARY	___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 3977
Folio #: 158

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	X_DETERIORATED	_XUNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
_GOOD	_RUINS	_ALTERED	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone house is two stories with a single story stone ell projecting from the rear (west) facade. A two-story frame section has been annexed to the north gable end. The main section has a three-bay east facade with a central doorway opening into the south room. A one-story screened porch spans this facade. Interior brick chimneys are located in both gable walls. The ell, which appears to have been constructed at the same time, has a two-bay south facade with a semi-external stone chimney on the west gable end.

In plan, the main section has two rooms on the first floor. Although mantels have been grossly vandalized, the pressed-tin ceiling with fleur-de-lis tin cornice still remains in the south room. This room also contains a boxed corner staircase to the second floor. The second floor plan has an L-shaped hall, running along the south and west walls with three small rooms opening from it. The partition walls are frame, with vertical board sheathing. On both floors the major walls are plastered.

The rear ell is a single room with a large hearth with a wooden lintel spanning the opening; the present shelf is supported by brackets. The corner cupboard and the boxed staircase on the opposite wall both have narrow vertical beaded board sheathing. In the loft, there are small windows very close to the floor on the north and south walls. Window frames on both floors are beaded boards.

To the west of the kitchen wing, a second summer kitchen exists. This area, which is essentially a screened porch is accessible from both the main kitchen and the outside.

The frame addition to the north is two stories tall, one room up and one room down. It does not connect with the stone section on either floor. The frame section has been covered with asbestos shingles.

All three sections have standing seam tin roofs.

Two frame outbuildings are barely discernable to the southwest of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1875 with 20th century addition BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Greenbury Howard, one of Enoch George's 5 children probably built the ~~stone~~ house in the latter part of the 19th century. The frame addition was constructed in the 2nd quarter of the 20th century by an aunt who wanted separate but adjacent living space. This parcel was sold by the Howard heirs to the State in 1970 (Montgomery County land records 7/10/1970, 3979/158). (M23-8A, B)

Both houses, through the better part of the 20th century were used by the Howard family as summer residences. Thus, plumbing, heating and electric facilities were never installed.

An interesting postscript is that when Enoch George Howard died, his estate was divided equally among his five children. Greenbury bought several of these shares from his siblings. The money from the Greenbury Howard/Martha Howard Murphy transaction (Montgomery County land records 1/29/1898, TD2/222) was used to start the Afro-American, a newspaper in Baltimore.

Recommendations

The Howard Houses, as with the Gaither/Howard House (M 23-8A), are in poor condition due to gross neglect by park authorities. Since Plumbing, electrical, and gas facilities were never installed, renovation/restoration cost would be astronomical. A viable alternative, however, would be to stabilize the exterior walls of both buildings and convert these shells into picnic or camping shelter areas for limited access use. These sites readily lend themselves to scenic rest stops for horse or hiking trails.

If however immediate attention cannot be given to stabilization by the Department of Natural Resources, then it is recommended that the Howard house, as well as the Gaither/Howard house, be returned to private ownership with a protective easement affixed to both the dwellings and the surrounding land.

The Howard cemetery should be cleared of the extensive vegetation which has grown around it and then continued to be properly landscaped.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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
Bridget Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE
August 1979

STREET & NUMBER
21 State Circle

TELEPHONE
269-2438

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

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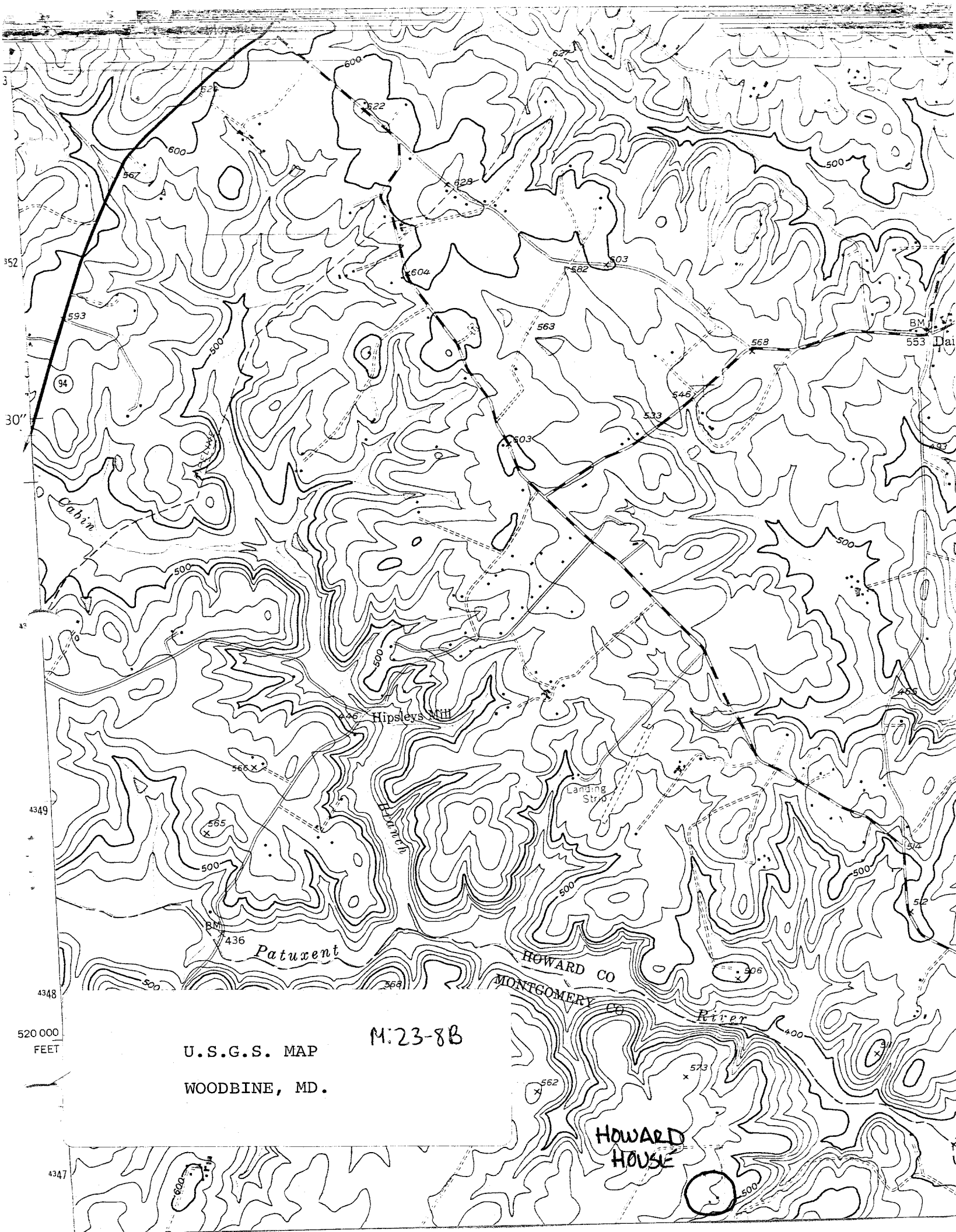
Howard House - Title Search

Land Record/ Date	Grantor/Grantee	Description
3979/158 7/10/1970	Heirs of Howard, Greenbury W. and Rebecca to Maryland Department of Natural Resources	Being part of all that tract of land of the estate of Greenbury W. Howard (Wills PEW 9/79)
JA 55/1 7/14/1896	Howard, John H. and Harriet A; Johnson, Martha E. and Thomas; Oliver, Maria B. and Jacob; Coxen, Harriet H; Murphy, Martha E. and John H. to Howard, Greenbury	Known as Lot #2 in the division of George Howard's home farm containing 100 acres ±
JGH 8/671 8/5/1862	Griffith, Maria G, et al, to Howard, George	Converges with Gaither/Howard house.



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Howard House
northeside of Damascus Road
Patuxent State Park
Damascus,MD
S℄Elevation MD:11/74

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Howard House
north side of Damascus Road
Patuxent State Park
Damascus,MD
N.W. Eelvation

MD; 11/74

HARRIET E.
Born June 12.
A. D. 1818.
Died Dec. 22. 1882.

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HOWARD CEMETERY
BETWEEN THE HOWARD/GAITHER HOUSE
AND THE HOWARD HOUSE
PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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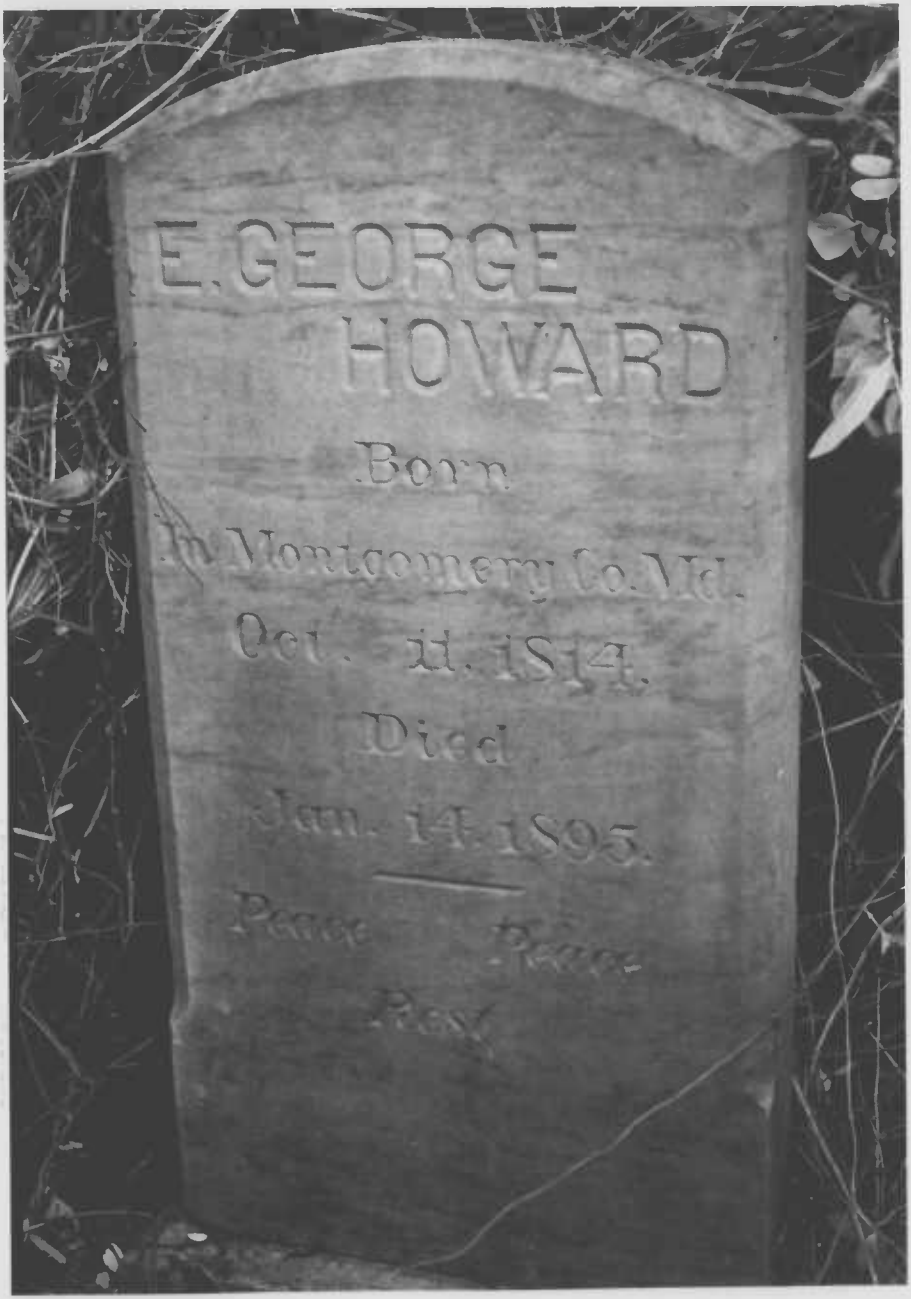
E. GEORGE
HOWARD
Born
In Montgomery Co. Md.
Oct. 11. 1814.
Died
Jan. 14. 1895.
Peace
Peace
Rest

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HOWARD CEMETERY
BETWEEN THE HOWARD/GAITHER HOUSE
AND THE HOWARD HOUSE
PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK BMD 5/79