

M: 23-36
Brown House and Mill Site
Montgomery County, MD

The property, designated as the Alf Brown Residence and Sawmill on the *Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County* (1865), and located on a 71-acre parcel of land at the intersection of Route 97 and the Patuxent River, was built by 1865. The house was originally constructed as a 2-1/2-story, stone side-passage dwelling, but came to include a 2-1/2 story stone extension, a one-story concrete block extension, a rear two-story frame ell and a detached concrete block garage. A well house, the foundation of a barn and the mill race are the only surviving pieces of the original site that still remain. The property does not meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-36

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Brown House and Mill Site
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 23222 Georgia Avenue Not for publication _____
city or town Brookeville vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code _____ zip code 20833

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____ No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>Agricut.Outbuilding:</u>
	<u>Well House, Barn</u>
<u>INDUST./PROCES./EXTR.</u>	<u>Manufact. Facility: Saw</u>
	<u>Mill</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Early Republic/Federal

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Fieldstone
roof Gable: Slate
walls Fieldstone
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

INDUSTRY

Period of Significance circa 1865

Significant Dates circa 1865

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 71.80 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Brown House and Mill Site occupy Parcel Number 333 on the Montgomery County Tax Map HW.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel is part of a larger parcel of land that was associated with the property since the 18th century.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians
organization M-NCPPC date February 11, 1999
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910
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12. Property Owner
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name State of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources
street & number 580 Taylor Avenue telephone 410-260-8164
city or town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401
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The property known as the Brown House and Mill site was built by 1865 and is located on a 71-acre parcel of land at the junction of Route 97 and the Patuxent River in rural northeastern Montgomery County. The property includes a primary residence, a spring house, a foundation of a barn and the former sawmill's mill race.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The 2-1/2 story primary residence was built in four phases and has undergone at least one fire, and extensive alterations, leaving only the exterior stone walls of the original dwelling intact. As it stands today, the dwelling is a long, two-story, five-bay stone structure and set upon a stone foundation and covered with a gable roof. The roof, sheathed in slate, features two, brick chimneys. Several gable-roofed frame additions extend off the rear elevation of the stone structure. A concrete block kitchen addition and a concrete block detached garage are located at the western end of the stone house.

The original structure on the site was built by 1865, as indicated on the Martenet and Bond map. Based upon the stonework (prominent quoining), the three-bay configuration and stone end chimneys (one is now a central chimney), it appears that the oldest section of the house is the three-bay eastern half. This would have corresponded to a three-bay, side-entry house covered with a gable roof with two stone end chimneys.

It follows, then, that the two-bay western half was added at a later date, as a second phase of construction, transforming the house into the long, five-bay structure it is today.¹ Based upon the site visit and research, it is not clear when this second phase of construction may have occurred, but probably stood by the last quarter of the 19th century, at the latest.

The third phase of construction occurred in the 1940's,² and includes the gable-roofed frame wing which protrudes from the rear of the west end of the stone house. This 1-1/2-story addition, built into a hill upon a stone retaining wall, corresponds to the second and half-story of the main stone structure. A dormer window was added to the rear slope of the roof of the stone house.

¹ The current owner believes that the original section is actually the two-bay western half. There is no surviving architectural evidence that fully supports either theory.

² This date is based upon notes on working drawings obtained from the curator of the property, Les Abiol. Please also note that this property is under the curatorship program sponsored by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

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The fourth phase of construction was implemented in the 1950's.³ During this phase, the concrete block kitchen at the western end of the stone structure, and a detached, concrete block, three-car garage were added to the dwelling.

Exterior Description:

Main Block:

The north elevation of the main block is divided into the phase I (eastern half), and the phase II (western half) of the 2-1/2-story stone dwelling.

The eastern half of the dwelling is characterized by well-crafted stone walls with corner quoining and exterior end stone chimney. It is divided into three-bays with a side entry and a tripartite window on the first story and three windows on the second story. The entry is clearly marked by a Federal-era wood architrave surround, and features a six-paneled wood door (the two upper panels are glazed). The tripartite window to the east of the door is a product of either phase III or IV and includes a central 8/8 window and two flanking 6/6 windows covered with a wood lintel. The second story retains its original, and symmetrically aligned single window openings filled with 6/6 sash.

The western half of the 2-1/2 story stone house abuts the stone walls of the eastern half and is slightly recessed from it. It has three openings on the first story and two openings on the second story. The first story has two, single 6/6 windows to either side of a large phase III or IV bay window. The second story features two symmetrically placed 6/6 windows. A boxed wood cornice extends the full width of the stone structure, unifying the two parts. Copper gutters and down spouts are found on both parts of this facade.

The east elevation of the main block is two bays deep and features a large exterior end chimney. The chimney is flanked by two, three light fixed sash windows on the first floor and two, four-light fixed sash windows in the attic level. The gable end is articulated with a flat raked molding and return.

The south elevation of the main stone house is partially obscured by the phase III and IV additions which extend off its western end. Two, single 6/6 windows in the stone building's eastern end remain intact. A gable dormer with a pair of 6/6 windows located towards the eastern end of this slope of the gable roof is a product of

³Ibid.

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the phase III period of construction.

The west elevation of the main block of the house is obscured on the first story by the concrete block kitchen addition, but is intact at the second story. This elevation reveals a gable roof having the same pitch to either side, but shortened roof slope towards the south elevation. Some alteration in the stonework along this side of wall suggests that the original rear wall of the stone house was partially removed, and the roof altered, when the phase III frame ell was added to the rear of the dwelling. Two single 6/6 windows are located on center of the wall surface at the second story and attic levels (the second story window is located off-center).

Additions:

Constructed in the 1940s (Phase III), the 1-1/2-story frame wing abutting the south elevation of the dwelling was built into a hillside. It is set upon a stone foundation and is covered with a gable roof, with gable dormers and a stone end chimney matching the stone of the main structure. A stone retaining wall upon which the frame addition is built, and a stone wall surface found on the eastern elevation of the frame wing, raises some questions as to the evolution of this rear wing. The stone house may have had a rear wing of stone, that was, during this period, significantly altered and integrated into the addition.⁴

The phase IV changes include the addition of the concrete block kitchen and garage and the raising of the ceiling and floors in the stone extension. The kitchen is a one-story, low-lying block-like structure that abuts the west end of the stone house. It has a flat roof, sheathed with asphalt shingles and features a covered entry with a simple shed roof and a three-bay window.

The ceiling and floor of the stone extension are raised one foot to match the floor height in the original stone house. This is visible on the second story exterior stonework, where the shadows of the original placement is visible.

The garage is a free-standing structure, west of the kitchen addition. It is covered with a gable roof and features, three-garage door openings.

⁴ This theory is supported not only by the existence of the stone wall, but of the windows in the wall. They are smaller, four-light sash with wood lintels above as opposed to the typical, large 8/8 windows found elsewhere on the rear wing.

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Interior Description:

The interior of the stone dwelling was remodeled during both the phase III and phase IV periods of construction, and thus retains neither the original configuration of space, nor any original materials or features. It currently includes a large living room in the eastern half of the stone house, and a dining room in the western half.

The living room has a fireplace centered on the east end wall of the room with a phase III mantel and cabinets to either side. The north wall of the living room contains a small opening which leads into a back stair hall. This opening was cut through the stone wall during the fourth phase of construction. A narrow opening cut into the eastern stone wall of the living room leads into the dining room. The dining room has a fireplace located against its east end wall with a phase IV mantel, and a large opening on the west wall leading into the kitchen extension. During the phase III alterations, the floor in the dining room was raised one foot to match that of the living room; all ceilings and floors (and windows) were similarly raised by one foot. This is visible on the exterior facade, where shadows below the second floor windows are visible.

The kitchen extension has changed very little since its construction. Wall and base wood cabinets line the north and west walls of the kitchen. A narrow opening on the north wall leads to the utility room addition on the back side of the house. This room has stone walls that are presently visible due to a moisture problem being corrected by the curator.

The second floor is accessed through stairs located in the back stair hall. The second story of the stone house and extension mirrors the floor plan from below. The stone house and the stone extension has two bedrooms with a 1950's bathroom and closet centered between the two rooms. The rear ell contains two more bedrooms and a 1950's bathroom. The roof of the one-story kitchen is accessed through a door on this level.

Outbuildings:

Well house: The well house is located east of the main house. Set upon a stone foundation, the one-story frame structure is clad in wood clapboards and is covered with a gable roof. The gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles.

Barn: Stone piers located to the south of the main house are the only remnants of the barn.

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Mill Race: The mill race is located directly north of the main house.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Historic Context:

The Brown house and mill was built before 1865 by Alf Brown. It is unclear whether this is Allen Brown or his ancestor.⁵

Charles N. Zeitler and his new bride,⁶ Mary Ada Anderson bought the house and 88.23 acres of land from Allen Brown in 1897.⁷ On March 9, 1920, the Zeitler's put a lien on their house to secure a debt to William Grafton Holland for \$2,500.⁸ In 1929, Charles Zeitler and his wife sold 71.6 of the 88.23 acres of land to M. Frederick Cooper.⁹ This left the Zeitler's with 16.5 acres of land.

Eighteen months later, M. Frederick Cooper sold the 71.6 acres of land to Melvin Cooper,¹⁰ who in November of 1933, sold it to William G. Holland.¹¹ That same day, William Holland also purchased three acres of land from the Zeitler's remaining 16.5 acres. This brought William Holland's acquisition to 74.6 acres, including the

⁵There is no information in the Sandy Spring Museum of the courthouse referencing an Alf Brown. The only information obtained presently is for an Allen Brown, who sold the property in 1895 to Charles Zeitler.

⁶Sentinel Abstracts, p414

⁷Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book TD 2 Folio 386

⁸Referenced to in Deed Book 528 Folio 308, Montgomery County Courthouse

⁹Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 482 Folio 360

¹⁰Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 528 Folio 308

¹¹Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 560 Folio 475

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dwelling house and mill.¹²

A year after this sale, William Holland sold his 74.6 acres to Earl W. and Lorene M. Graeff.¹³ The Graeff's owned the Brown House for eighteen months and then sold the house and the 74.6 acres to Ellanora F. Williams,¹⁴ widow, and the grandmother of Robin Williams, the present-day comedian. Ellanora F. Williams lived in the house for 9 years, before selling it in 1945.

Between 1945 and 1949, the property changed hands three times. In 1949, the property was purchased by Harry R. and Sara DeSilva.¹⁵ During their ownership of the property, the DeSilva's made significant alterations to the house.

The DeSilva's sold the property in 1973 to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources.¹⁶ The original intent was to use the house as a Study center for the Patuxent River State Park. The house was put into the DNR's curatorship program, and is presently occupied by Mr. Les Albiol.

¹²Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 560 Folio 474

¹³Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 568 Folio 119

¹⁴Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 644 Folio 104

¹⁵Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 1245 Folio 528

¹⁶Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 4440 Folio 11

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Agriculture;
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning;
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building, Site

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s):

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling;
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTANCE: Agricultural Outbuilding: Well House, Barn
INDUST./PROCESS./EXTR.: Manufact. Facility: Saw Mill

Known Design Source:

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Chain of Title:

October 30, 1897 Allen B. Brown and wife sells their house and property to Charles N. Zeitler. (88.23 acres)
(Deed Book TD 2 Folio 386)

May 13, 1929 Charles N. Zeitler sells 71.6 acres to Frederick Cooper (leaving the Zeitler's with 16.5 acres).
(Deed Book 482 Folio 360)

November 9, 1931 M. Frederick Cooper sells 71.6 acres to Melvin W. Cooper. Deed Book 528 Folio 308. (This is subject to the lien of a certain mortgage from said Charles N. Zeitler and wife to William Grafton Holland dated March 9, 1920, securing a debt of \$2,500, in which said mortgage of said property is also fully described.)
(Deed Book 528 Folio 308)

November 2, 1933 Melvin W. Cooper sells 71.6 acres to William G. Holland. (Deed Book 560 Folio 475)

November 2, 1933 Charles N. and Mary A. Zeitler sells 3 acres to William G. Holland. This leaves the Zeitler's with 13.5 acres from the original 88.23.
(Deed Book 560 Folio 474)

April 13, 1934 William G. Holland sells 74.6 acres Earl W. and Lorene M. Graeff.
(Deed Book 568 Folio 119)

October 9, 1936 Earl W. and Lorene M. Graeff sells 74.6 acres to Ellanora F. Williams, widow. (Deed Book 644 Folio 104)

October 4, 1945 Ellanora F. Williams, widow, sells 74.6 acres to Lyle J. Selby, unmarried. (Deed Book 988 Folio 121)

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October 12, 1948

Lyle J. Selby, unmarried, sells 74.6
acres to William D. and Mary Eula
Blair. (Deed Book 1197 Folio 379)

April 13, 1949

William D. and Mary Eula Blair sells
74.75 acres to Harry R. and Sara T.
DeSilva. (Deed Book 1245 Folio 528)

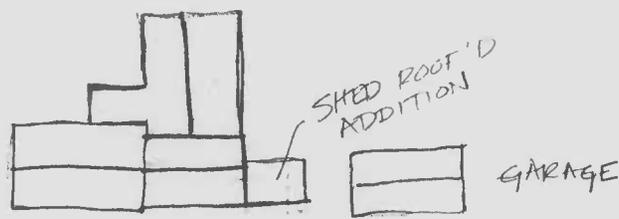
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Harry R. and Sara T. DeSilva sells
the 74.75 acres to the State of
Maryland, Department of Natural
Resources (Present Owners). (Deed
4440 Folio 11)

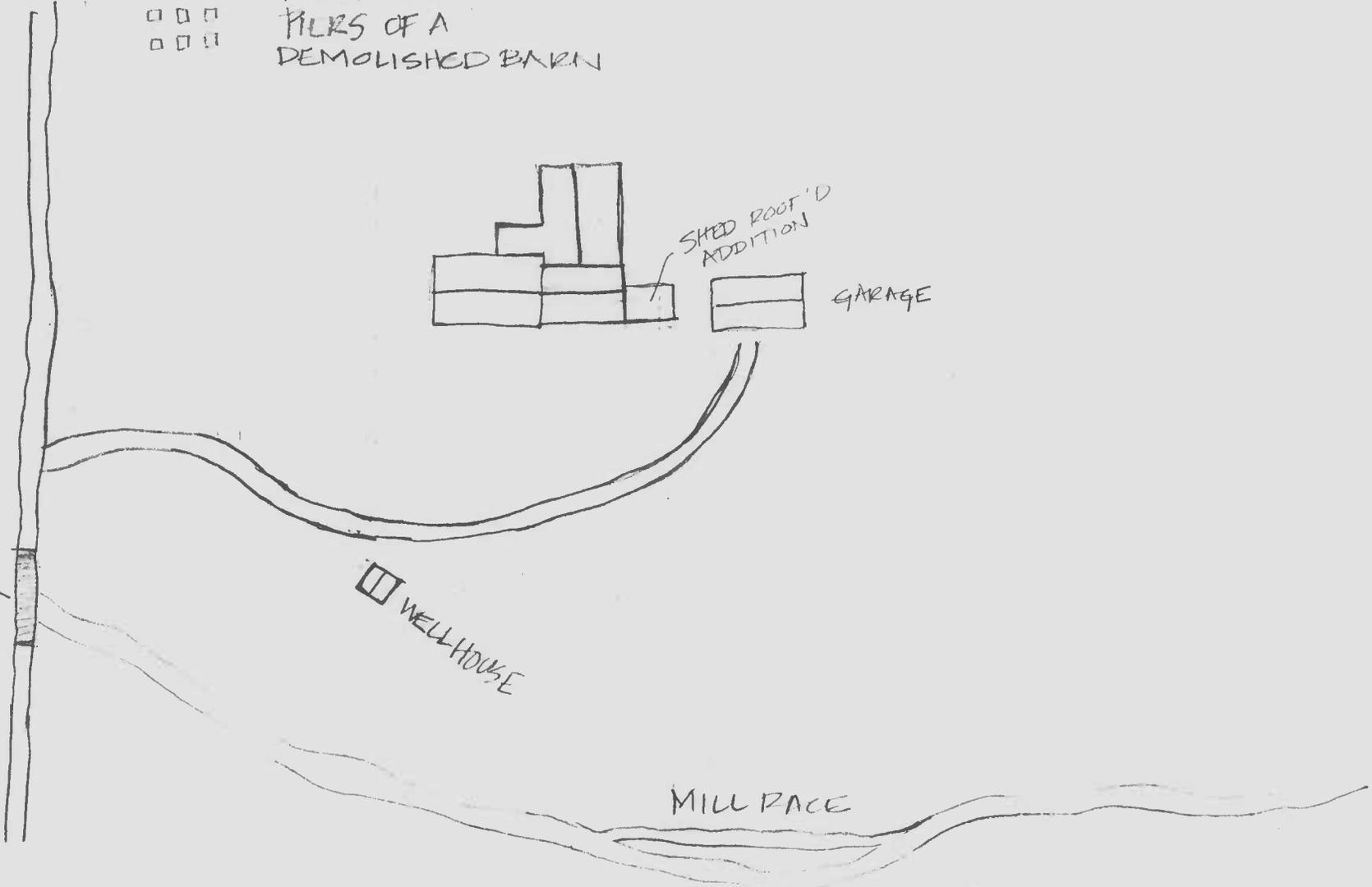
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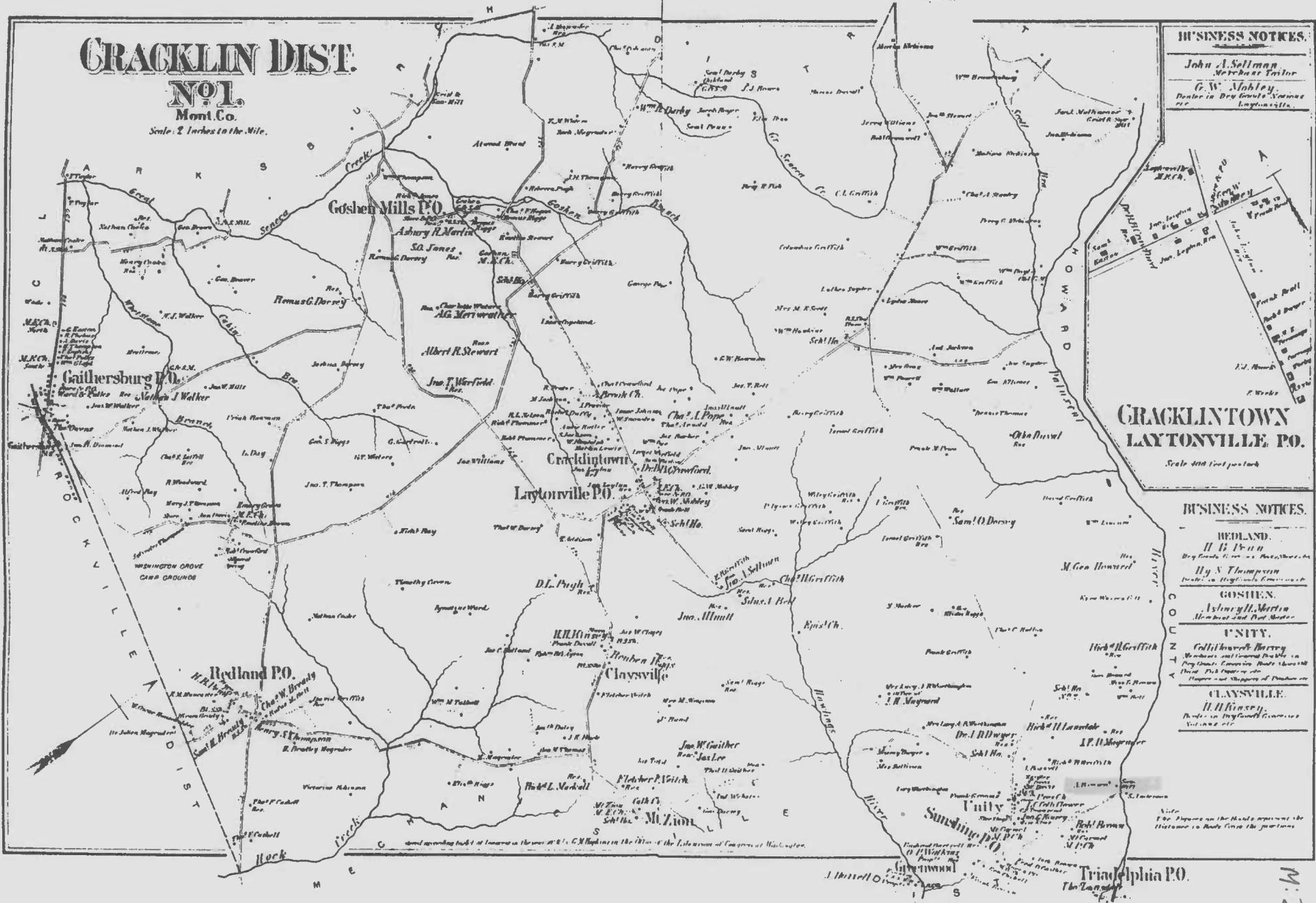
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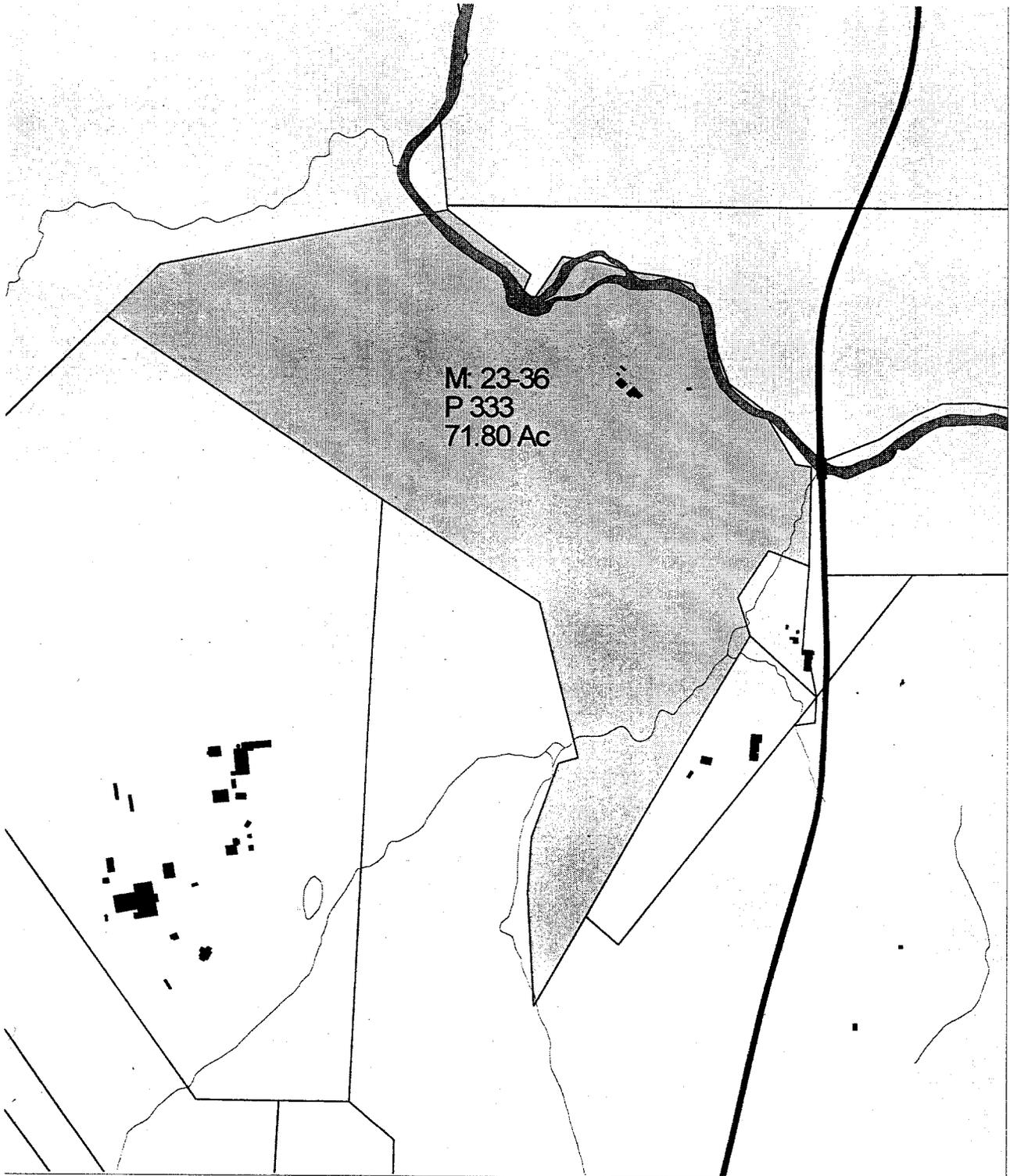




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casual User Application

MNCP  **MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING**
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

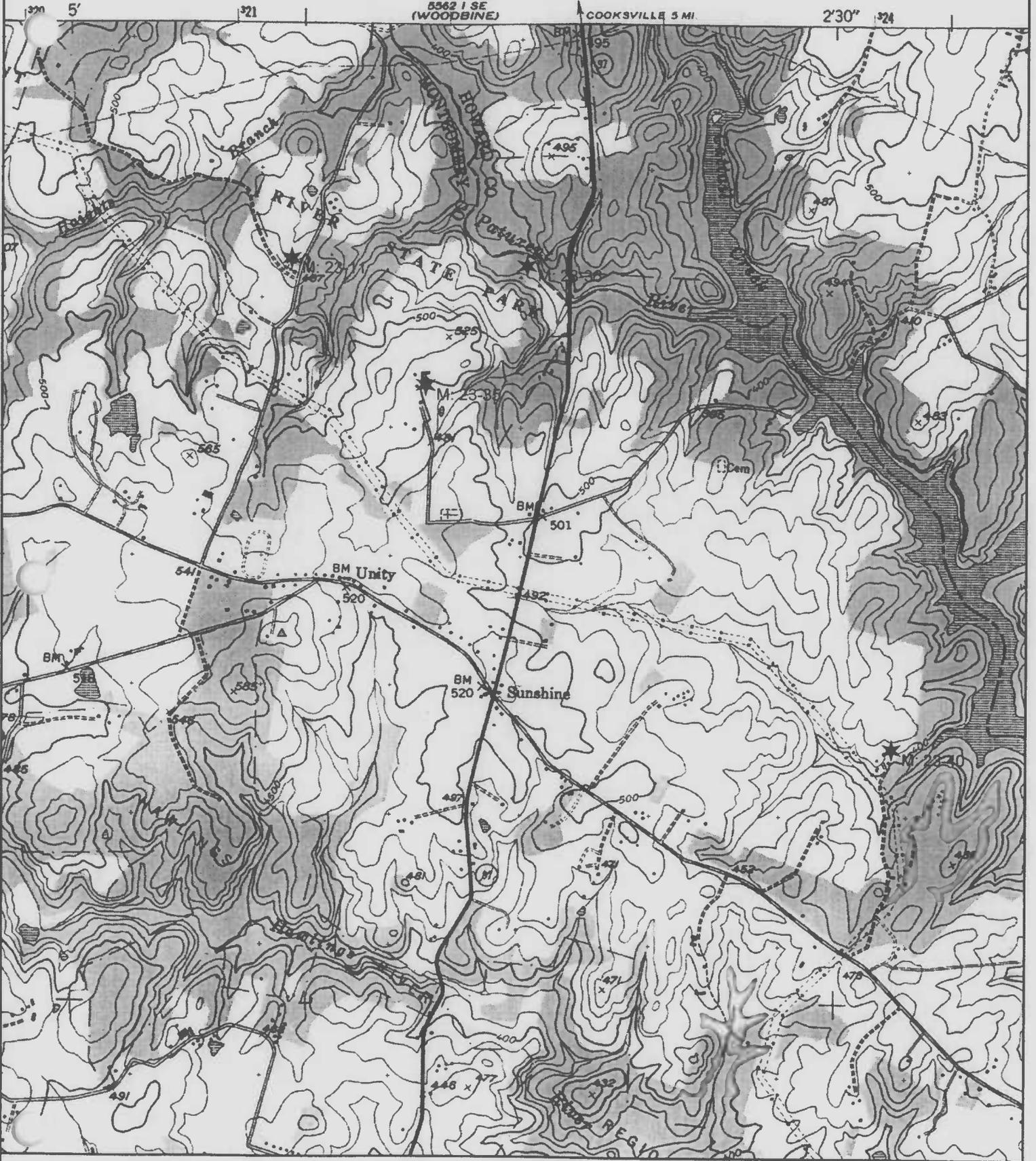

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Name: SANDY SPRING
Date: 7/13/99
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 13' 41.8" N 077° 03' 32.3" W
Caption: BROWN HOUSE MILL SITE (M: 23-36)
23222 Georgia Av.



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NORTHWEST ELEVATION LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION LOOKING NORTHWEST

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION LOOKING NORTHEAST

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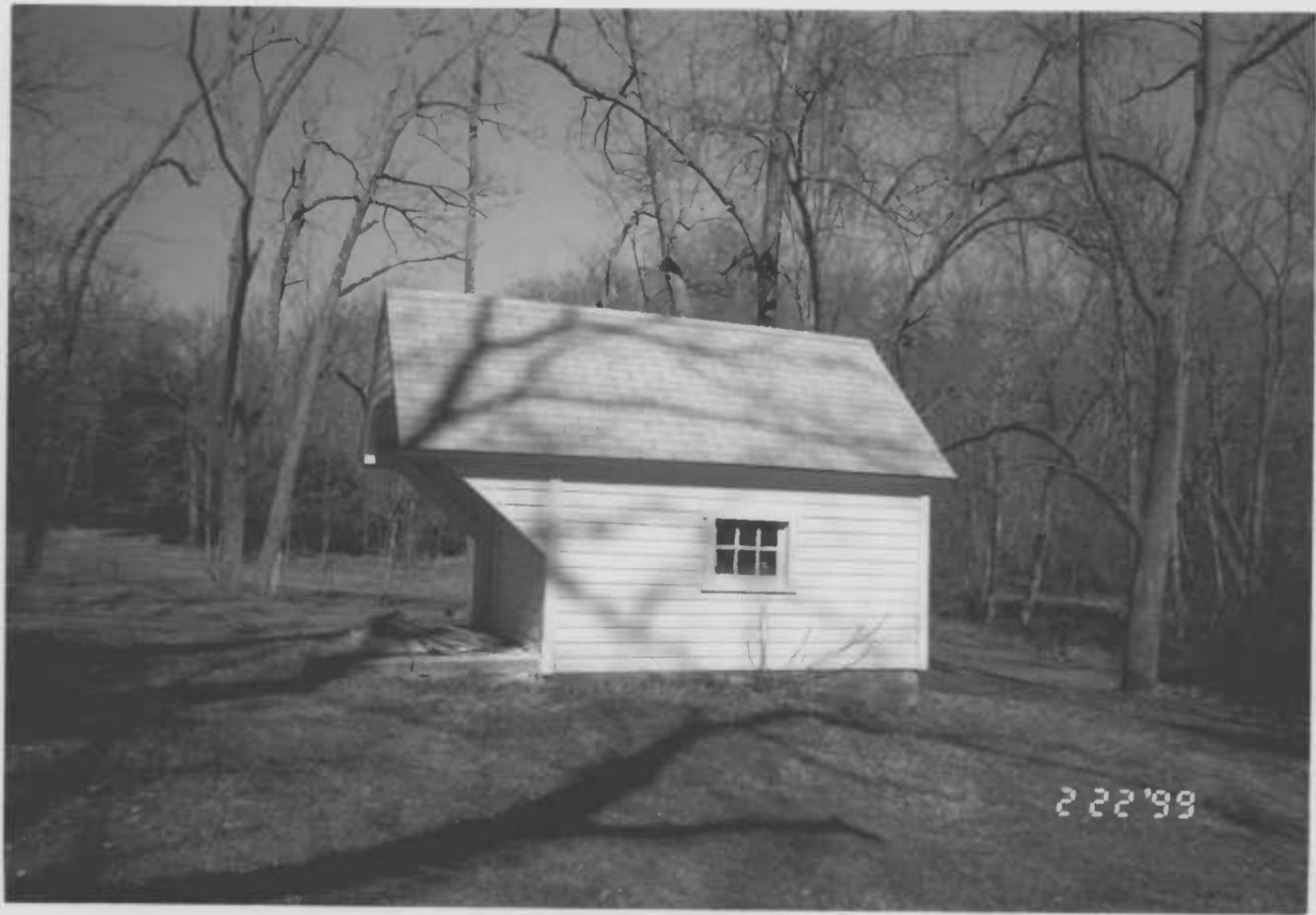
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VIEW OF WELL; LOCATED ON SOUTH SIDE
OF WELLHOUSE

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Addendum

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Alfred Brown House

Montgomery Co.; MD

C. Mazurek

Dec 1996

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The Alfred Brown House is located off of Route 97 close to its intersection with the Patuxent River. The house is in excellent condition, as it has entered the curatorship program of the Department of Natural Resources, and is being restored by Les and Debbie Albiol. It is a two-story fieldstone structure that is banked into the hillside with various stone and frame additions projecting from the rear (south) facade. Also on the property are a cinderblock garage and a fieldstone spring house. According to the last survey taken in 1979 there were many renovations, especially in the 1950's, that have significantly altered the appearance of this structure. Since the property has been turned into a curatorship the exterior has not been altered in any major way, although the interior has had some minor work to upgrade its condition.

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DNR 44-46

MAGI # 1605415304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Alfred Brown House and Mill Site

AND/OR COMMON

DeSilva House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Maryland Route 97 and Patuxent River

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4440

Folio #: 4440

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Brown House, located on the west side of Maryland Route 97 at the Patuxent River is a two-part, two-storey fieldstone structure probably dating from the second quarter of the 19th century. A 20th century fire as well as subsequent remodeling, however, has considerably altered this structure.

The main (north) facade is three bays wide with the principle doorway located in the westernmost bay and a tripartite bay window occupying the remaining two bays. The doorway is framed by a neo-colonial wooden surround. The door itself is 6-paneled the uppermost panels are fixed-lights. The three-part window, which is a later addition, has a central 8/8 sashed window flanked by 6/6 sashed windows. An architraved surround and plain timber lintel and sill frame this window opening. The second storey retains its original three window openings. These windows have 6/6 sash and are framed by architraved surrounds with slightly projecting wooden sills.

An impressive exterior stone chimney is visible on the east gable wall.

A dentilated, molded cornice runs below the slate gable roof.

Joined to the west of the west end of the house is a slightly lower two storey stone wing of later construction. The two-bay north facade is defined by two 6/6 sashed on the first storey and two 6/6 sash windows in the corresponding openings of the second storey. A modern projecting tripartite picture window was added on the first storey between the two windows. Its window treatment yields a central 8/12 sashed window flanked by 6/6 sashed windows.

An interior stone chimney (which probably was originally an exterior chimney on the west gable of the main block) rises along the east gable.

The cornice area of this section is similar to that of the main block: a dentilated, molded cornice runs below the slate gable roof.

A one storey frame addition projects from the west end of this section.

Various clapboard additions project from the rear (south) facade.

The two stone sections have been heavily whitewashed.

The interior, although in excellent condition, dates from the 1950's when the house was extensively remodeled.

Outbuildings include an old frame barn/shed with a single roof and a stone spring-house.

The pit of an ice house is visible as is the worn outline of an old mill race.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1862 Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County show the house and mill of Alf Brown at this site. Land records research indicates that in 1856 Alfred Brown for \$3,347.50 receives a 103 acre parcel of land from Daniel and Martha Gaither. This was part of a larger tract of land known as Frederick's Grove inherited by Daniel Gaither from his brother Beale Gaither.

Although research to date has not yielded the builder of this structure it is quite possible that this impressive fieldstone house is another Gaither-built dwelling.

The following is taken from Mike Dwyer's survey form of 1972.

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Mr. De Silva bought the place and remodeled it prior to the State Acquisition."

RECOMMENDATION

The main house is currently used as office for park personnel. The surrounding grounds serve as picnic areas for park visitors. This is an excellent use of the building and its environs and should continue as such.

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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

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ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC/MHT

DATE Oct. 1972/Sept. 1979

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21 State Circle

TELEPHONE 589-1480/269-2438

CITY OR TOWN Silver Spring/Annapolis

STATE Maryland

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CHAIN OF TITLE

4440/11 DeSilva, Harry R. State of Maryland
7/27/1973 Sara T. Department of Natural Resources

1245/528 Blair, William D. DeSilva, Harry R.
4/13/1949 Maryeula Sara T.

1197/379 Selby, Lyle J. Blair, William D.
10/12/1948 (unmarried) Maryeula

988/121 Williams, Ellanora F. Selby, Lyle J.
10/4/1945 (widow)

644/104 Graeff, Earl W. Williams, Ellanora F.
10/9/1936 Lorene M.

568/119 Holland, William G. Graeff, Earl W.
4/13/1934 (widower) Lorene M.

291/315 Zeitler, Charles M. Holland, William G.
3/9/1920

Mortgage

Release 557/172 Mortgage of \$2500 for 2 years; includes
4/2/1933 4 parcels of land:

- 1) from Brown to Zeitler (TD2/386, 10/30/1897)
- 2) from Routenberg to Zeitler (216/204, 8/27/1910)
- 3) from Bowman to Zeitler (222/131, 5/20/1911)
- 4) from Connor, to Zeitler (288/388, 12/4/1919)

TD2/386 Brown, Allen B. Zeitler, Charles
10/30/1897 Melinda Purchases for \$800 - an 88 acre parcel of land; part of a tract of land called Frederick Grove; This being the same parcel as inherited by Allen Brown from Robert Brown (Equity N1856)

EBP 25/1 Brown, Alfred Brown, Robert
9/13/1881 For \$500 a tract of land called Frederick Grove containing 103 acres.

JGH 5/506 Gaither, Daniel H. Borwn, Alfred
12/16/1856 Martha For \$3,347.50 a parcel of land called Grederick's Grove containing 103 acres

0/77 Gaither, Beale Gaither, Daniel H.
4/29/1808 Martha For \$1,500 all the land given to Beale by his father Henry Gaither in his will.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brown House & Mill Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 97 & Patuxent River

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Md. Park Service-Patuxent River Park Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Annapolis Rock Road

CITY, TOWN

Howard County

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

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This is a two-story, fieldstone house that has been much altered over the years. The east section is said to be the oldest part. This is a Federal-style, three-bay house on the main (north) facade, and the door is in the west-end bay. While the upper story windows are placed correctly for an old house, the first floor has a three-part, modern picture window on this facade which suggests remodeling of the stone wall. Unlike most of the area's stone houses, the chimneys are not internal. The chimney visible on the exterior of the east wall is a large stone stack that narrows above the second-story fireplace level. (Although this is unusual, there is another local example of this treatment at "Far View" nearby. Part of the difficulty here is that the stone and mortar are concealed by paint.)

Joined to the west end of the house is a slightly smaller stone wing, of more recent construction.

Outbuildings include an old frame barn/shed with a shingle roof, and a stone spring. The pit of an ice house is still visible, as is the worn outline of an old mill race.

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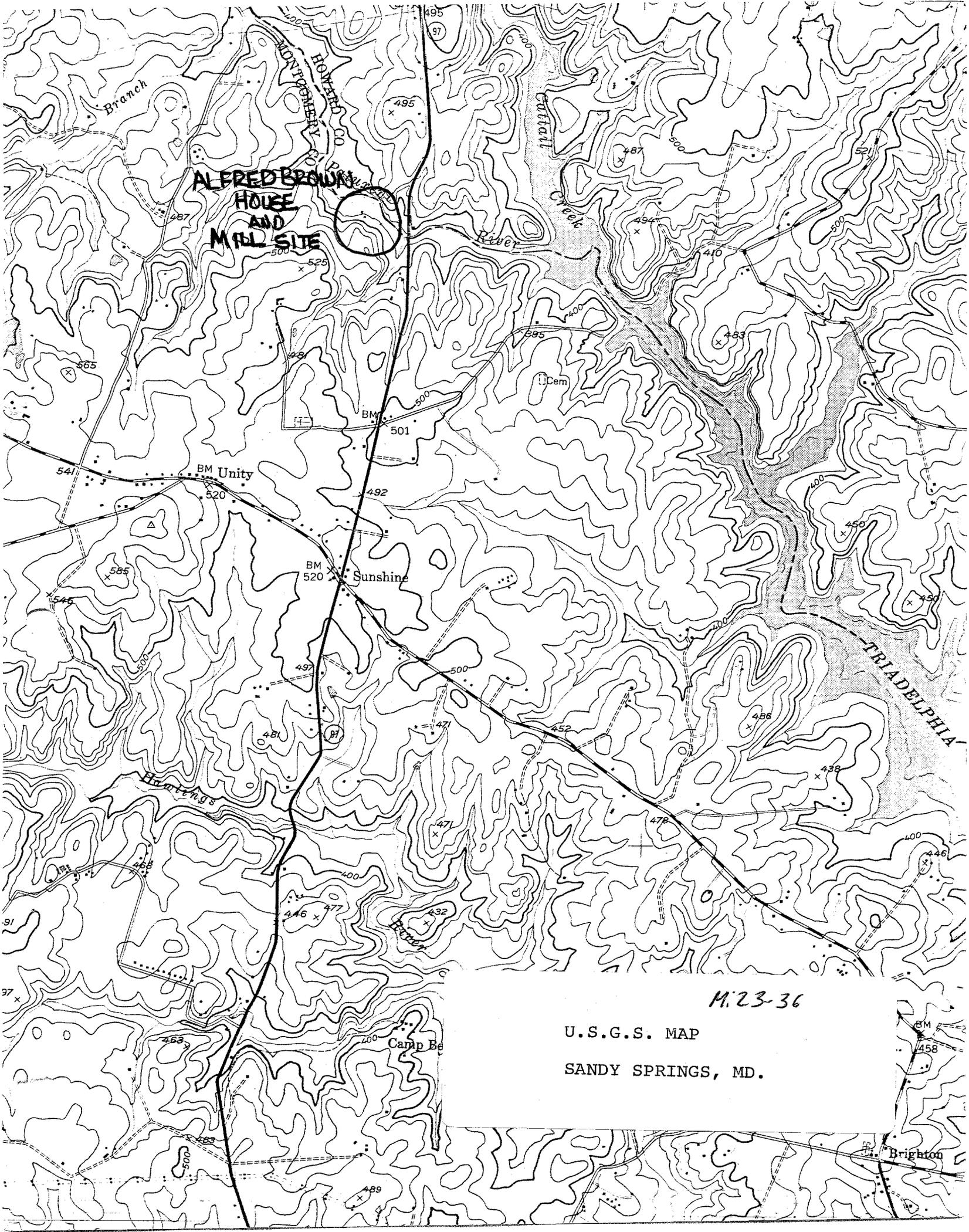
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ALFRED BROWN
HOUSE
AND
MILL SITE

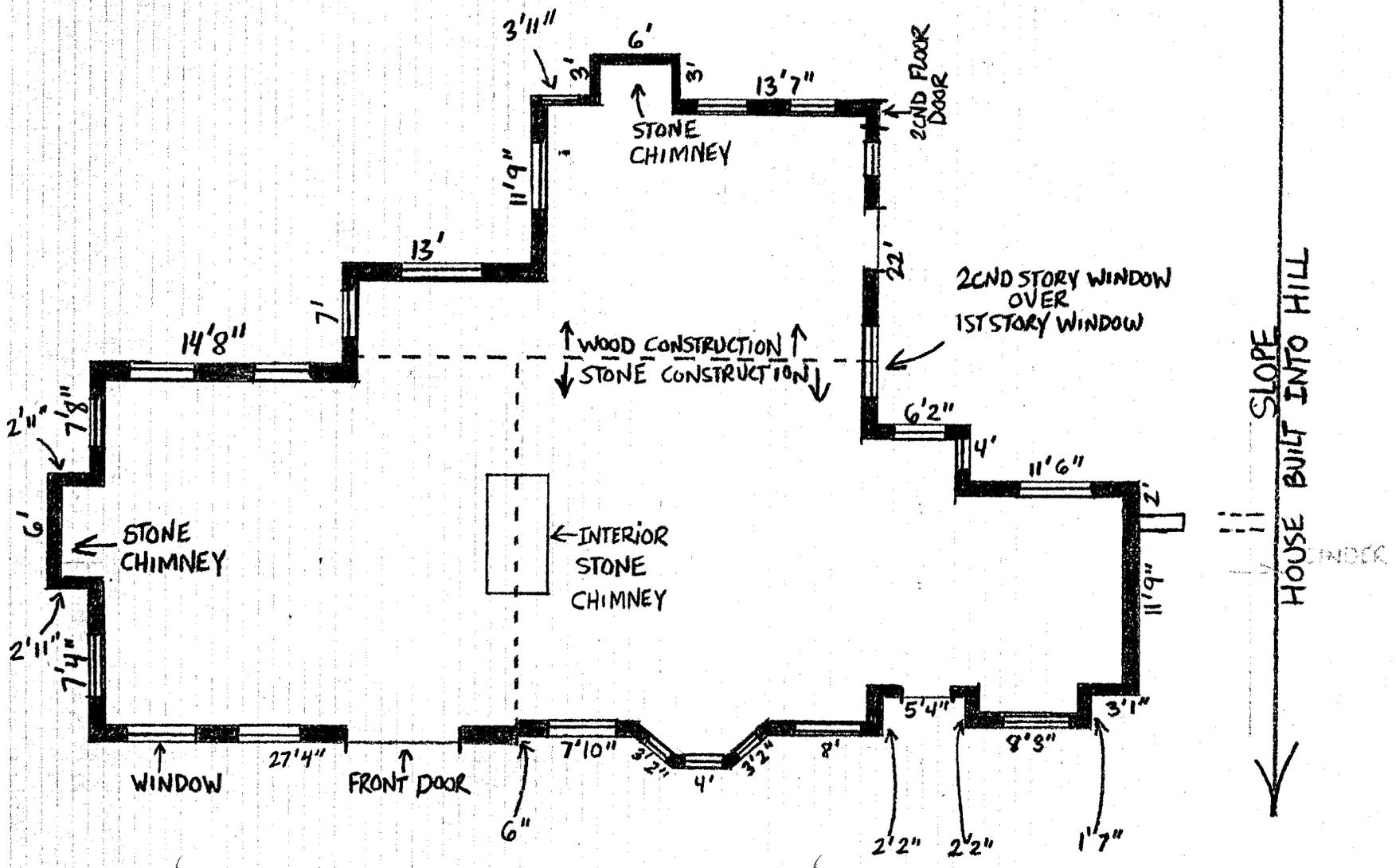


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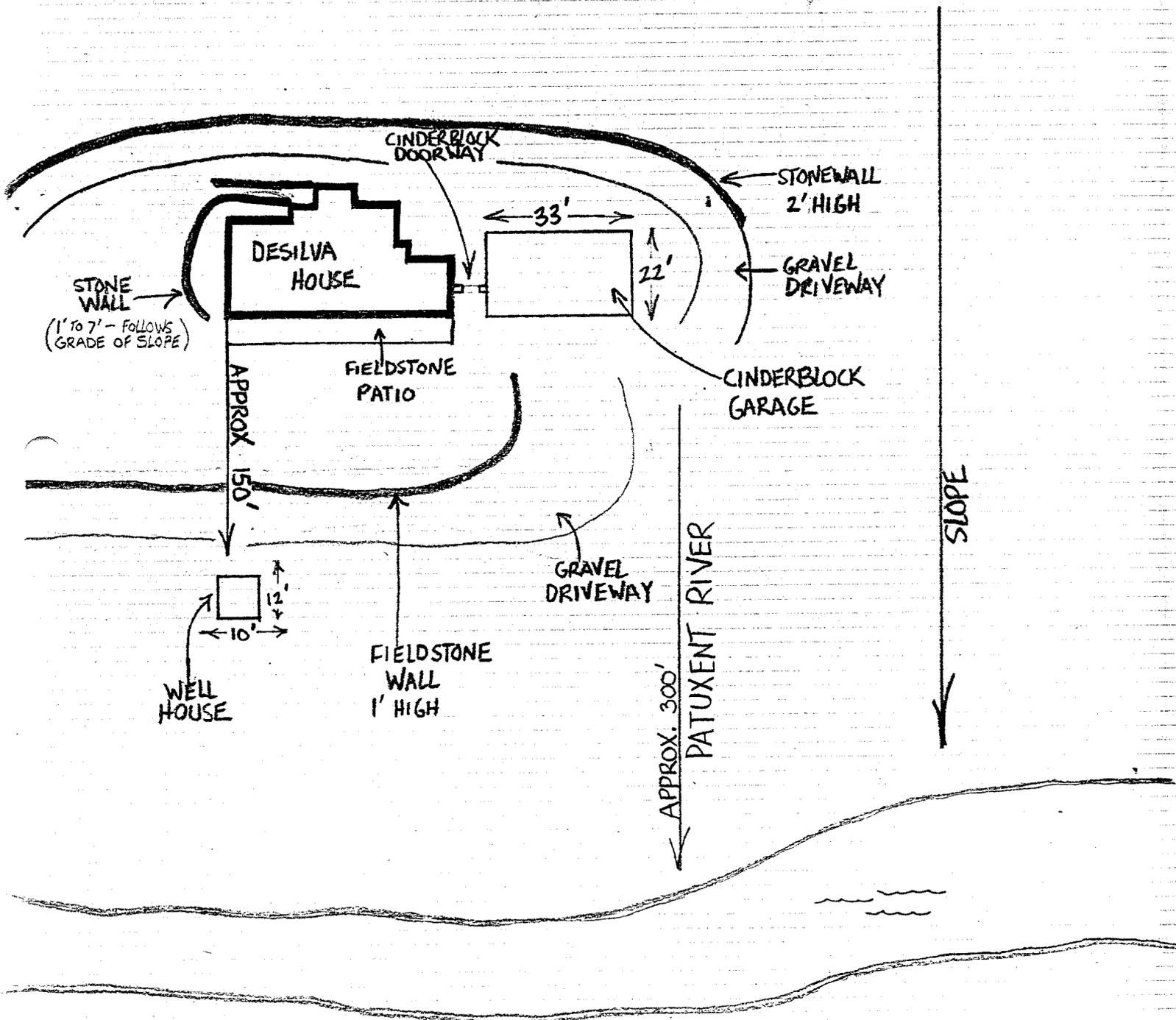
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SANDY SPRINGS, MD.

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ALFRED BROWN PROPERTY M23-36
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 DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, NOV 15, 1996
 *3/32 SCALE, GROSS MEASUREMENTS
 (OTHER FEATURES ONLY APPROXIMATED)



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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP





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EAST ELEVATION

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VIEW OF S.E., SPRING HOUSE

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OUTBUILDING FOUNDATION, FACING EAST

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OUTBUILDING RUINS, FACING WEST

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OUTBUILDING FOUNDATIONS, FACING WEST

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NAME #23-36 BROWN HOUSE + MILL SITE

LOCATION Rt 97 + PATUXENT RIVER SUNSHINE, Md

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Alf Brown Miller's House
west side of Maryland Route 97 at
the Patuxent River
Patuxent River State Park
N Elevation

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M 23-36;DNR-44-46

Alf Brown Miller's House
west side of Maryland Route 97 at
the Patuxent River
Patuxent River State Park
S Elevation

BMD; 4/79



M 23-36;DNR-44-46

Alf Brown Miller's House/Pump House
west side of Maryland Route 97 at
the Patuxent River
Patuxent River State Park
N.E. Elevation

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