WI-22 c. 1815
Bishop Stone House
Salisbury vicinity
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Bishop Stone House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-22

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

Survey No. WI-22

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Bishop Stone House

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: 7526 Wolf Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Salisbury x vicinity of congressional district: First

state: Maryland county: Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
x district	x public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name: Richard T. and Shirley K. Anderson

street & number: 7526 Wolf Road telephone no.: 410-749-7309

city, town: Salisbury state and zip code: MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 28, P. 97 liber 1409

street & number: Wicomioco County Courthouse folio 9

city, town: Salisbury state: MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties

date: 1970 ___ federal x state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: Maryland Historical Trust

city, town: Crownsville state: MD 21032

7. Description

Survey No. WI-22

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Bishop Stone house, commonly known for the past several years as "Stone Manor," is a three-part frame house located at 7526 Wolf Road northwest of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

The main block is a two-story, side hall/parlor plan structure built around 1815, while the adjacent story-and-a-half frame section was built in two stages, both during the early to mid nineteenth century. In 1969 a single story frame wing was built on a perpendicular axis to the nineteenth-century story-and-a-half wing. The three-part frame dwelling, sheathed with beaded aluminum siding, is supported a low brick foundation that has been parged. The medium to steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The south (main) elevation of the two-story side hall/parlor house is three-bays across with an entrance marking the east bay. The entrance is filled with a replacement door. The adjacent nine-over-six sash windows have been replaced, although the window frames remain intact. An ovolo molded backband surround frames each opening. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, all of which are replacements. The ovolo molded surrounds remain intact on the second floor as well. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice sheathed with aluminum.

The west gable end of the main block is a plain wall surface with vents piercing the gable end on either side of a rebuilt brick chimney. The gable end finish of the roof has a plain bargeboard also covered with aluminum. The north (rear) wall of the side hall/parlor house is defined by a three-bay facade with an original door in the eastern bay. The two top panels of the door have been changed to glass. The windows on the first and second floors have been replaced. The east gable end of the main block is largely covered by the story-and-a-half dining room/kitchen wing. Louvered vents mark the gable end.

The story-and-a-half wing is shetltered across its front by a shed roof porch that was added during the 1960s. The south wall of the wing is three bays across although the wall was formerly pierced by two doors which have been closed over. Individual doors opened into the dining room and kitchen. The nine-over-six sash windows are replacements. Rising off-center through the roof is an interior brick chimney stack which was rebuilt as well. A pair of gable roofed dormers filled with six-over-six windows light the upper story. Attached to the north side of the dining room/kitchen wing is a single-story rear wing erected in 1969.

The interior of the early nineteenth-century house has been remodeled over the past thirty years, but major portions of woodwork survive in the main block. The Federal staircase remains intact. Square section newel posts are topped by turned finials, and rectangular balusters support a molded handrail. The stringer is plain. A flat four-panel door opens into the stair closet.

(Continued)

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-22

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	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X local

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

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[1] Somerset County Land Record, JD 3/37, 26 July 1817.

[2] Somerset County Register of Wills, JP 5/21, proved 13 March 1838.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-22

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	**date**	5/10/99
street & number	P. O. Box 5	**telephone**	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	**state**	Maryland 21871

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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WI-22
Bishop Stone House
Hebron vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 28, Parcel 97

1407/9	Paul M. Wilson, Jr. Personal Representative of the Estate of Edna L. Wilson (died January 15, 1994)
	to
9/2/1994	Richard T. Johnson Shirley K. Johnson Item 1: 3.1 acres being part of Chick Ridge Farms, Inc. Item 2: 4.6 acres Items 1 and 2 being the same property
JWTS 731/271	Harry N. Hastings Clara Mae Hastings
	to
4/12/1971	Paul M. Wilson, Jr. Edna L. Wilson Item 1: 3.1 acres being the same land that was conveyed unto grantors by Chick Ridge Farms, Inc. et al., 1/9/1969, JWTS 704/270 Item 1: 4.6 acres conveyed to grantors by Gene A. Swindell et al. 6/16/1967, JWTS 651/288

JWTS 458/407	Hamilton P. Fox, Jr. Evelyn J. Fox
	to
3/28/1958	Chick Ridge Farms, Inc. Known as part of the "Bishop Stone Farm"
JWTS 446/458	Alfred T. Truitt, Jr.
	to
3/18/1958	Hamilton P. Fox, Jr. Power of Attorney 144 acres Bishop Stone Farm Upon the death intestate of Edward L. Vaughn on March 12, 1937, a one third interest in the hereinbefore described land descended unto his wife Rosa A. Vaughn and a two-thirds interest descended unto Ernest A. Vaughn, Carl E. Vaughn, Dorothy V. Handy, Wesley L. Vaughn and Willard E. Vaughn
JCK 113/452	Edward A. Schneider Gertrude T. Schneider
	to
9/2/1919	Edward L. Vaughn 144 acres Bishop Stone Farm

JCK 107/568	Caroline L. Clouser and others
	to
2/13/1918	Edward A. Schneider
	$1,000
EAT 76/421	Jacob Franklin Clouser, et al.
	to
10/5/1911	Jacob S. Clouser
	Bishop Stone Farm
FMS 5/476	Reuben Coble
	to
9/13/1889	Jacob S. Clouser Williamstown, Daughin County, Pa.
	$2,600 that certain tract or part of a tract of land contained in Lot. No. 3 of the survey of the Benjamin G. Hearn land known as the Bishop Stone farm 164 acres
FMS 1/526	E. E. Jackson, William H. Jackson, William B. Tilghman, and Henry W. Anderson
	to
11/19/1886	Reuben Coble
	$2,266. 164 acres

FMS 1/446

Thomas Humphreys, Trustee of Benjamin G. Hearn

to

8/16/1886

E. E. Jackson, William H. Jackson, William B. Tilghman and H. W. Anderson

Thomas Humphreys was made permanent trustee to sell all the property of said deceased

Sale occurred on 9/10/1881

Somerset County
Land Record
WP 5/46

Thomas W. Stone
Leah H. Stone
James M. Stone
Lucinda Stone

to

1/23/1850

Benjamin G. Hearn

$ 1,600 High Suffolk

being the same land which was devised by the Last Will and Testament of Bishop William Stone to William M. Stone and which lands Thomas M. Stone by virtue of a power of attorney from said William M. Stone did on 11/19/1842 convey to Joshua M. Stone

202 acres

Somerset County
Land Record
WP 5/139

William Birckhead
Elizabeth Birckhead

to

3/2/1850

Benjamin G. Hearn

"Ecclefechan"

Somerset County
Will Book
JP 5/21

Last Will and Testament of
Bishop William Stone

to

Written
2/1/1838
Proved
3/13/1838

1st I give and bequeath to my son William Murray Stone the farm where my deceased father lived, also that tract of land which my father purchased from Thomas Hitch to him and his his heirs forever...

2ndly I give and bequeath to my son John Wilmer Stone the farm on which I now live, adjoining the one just given to my son William, together with the lands which my father purchased from Ninian Pinkney, William Goddard and John Lankford.

3rdly I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Waters Stone one negro man named Hugh and a negro girl named Priscilla–also my secretary and bookcase to him & his heirs forever...

4thly I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Stone two thousand dollars current money of the United States; also a negro man by the name of John Randolph, a negro boy by the name of Morris and a negro girl by the name of Mary to her and her heirs forever...

5thly I give and bequeath to my son James Murray Stone one negro man by the name of Moses and one negro girl by the name of Charlotte to him and his heirs forever....

6thly I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann two beds (first choice) a Bureau & looking glass, one chest of drawers (first choice) one Mahogany table with a drawer, one silver Ladle, one half of my silver spoons, one large China bowl, and all my quilts finished and unfinished, also all the gold which I have in my possession, and my horse and double carriage to her and her assigns...

7th I give and bequeath to my son Thomas W. Stone one half of my silver spoons, one large China bowl, one dozen Mahogany chairs, one large Mahogany table (first choice) the bedstead on which I lie, one large looking glass hanging in the Hall, one pair of brass andirons, the shovel and tongues belonging to the same room, and one gun (first choice) to him and his heirs forever...

8th I give to my daughter Ann my painted portrait...

Somerset County
Land Record
JD 3/37

William Stone, Sr.

to

7/26/1817

William Murray Stone

Ecclefechan 258 acres "whereon the said William Murray Stone now resides"

Ruth Dryden, Land Records of Wicomico County, p. 125

Ecclefechan, patented second time in 1805 by William Stone for 258 acres

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment-William Stone, Esquire

Dwelling Houses

situate near Rockawalking Branch 1 fraimed wood dwelling house, 1 story 34 x 25, 1 fraimed wood cook house 16 x 18 ft, 1 sawed log meat house 1 story 14 by 14 ft., 1 fraimed wood carriage house 1 story 16 by 8 feet

Lands Assessment

situate near Rockawalking Branch 1 sawed log quarter 1 story 18 by 16 ft., 1 fraimed wood house 18 by 12 ft., 1 old fraimed wood barn 30 by 20 ft., 1 log corn house 20 by 7 ft.

Slave Assessment

16 slaves
10 between the ages of 12 and 50

7.1 DESCRIPTION
Bishop Stone House, WI-22
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland

The second floor retains wide pine floors, early nineteenth-century chair rail, and beaded baseboard molding. Flat six-panel doors have survived as well. The mantel in the principal bedroom has been removed. The open staircase continues to the attic, which is separated from the stairwell with a vertical beaded board partition. The attic has an exposed common rafter roof with nailed peak and collar joints. Double-struck cut nails are clearly evident in the collar joints. Wrought nails were used to fasten the vertical board partition.

The interior of the story-and-a-half wing has been extensively reworked with the removal of most of its historic materials. An enclosed stair behind a vertical beaded board and batten door survives in the kitchen, and a small beaded board-and-batten door opens into a small closet below. Access into the attic of the 1969 addition reveals an exposed roof section of the story-and-a-half wing. The stripped framing of the wing indicates it was built in two distinct periods. At the chimney location there is a distinct break in the plate and rafter systems. Mature cut nails are evident in the current kitchen section, however a nail type could not be discerned for the dining room portion.

There is an overgrown cemetery associated with this property, and it is located on an adjacent parcel of land. William Murray Stone was originally buried there, but was later moved to the Parson's Cemetery in Salisbury.

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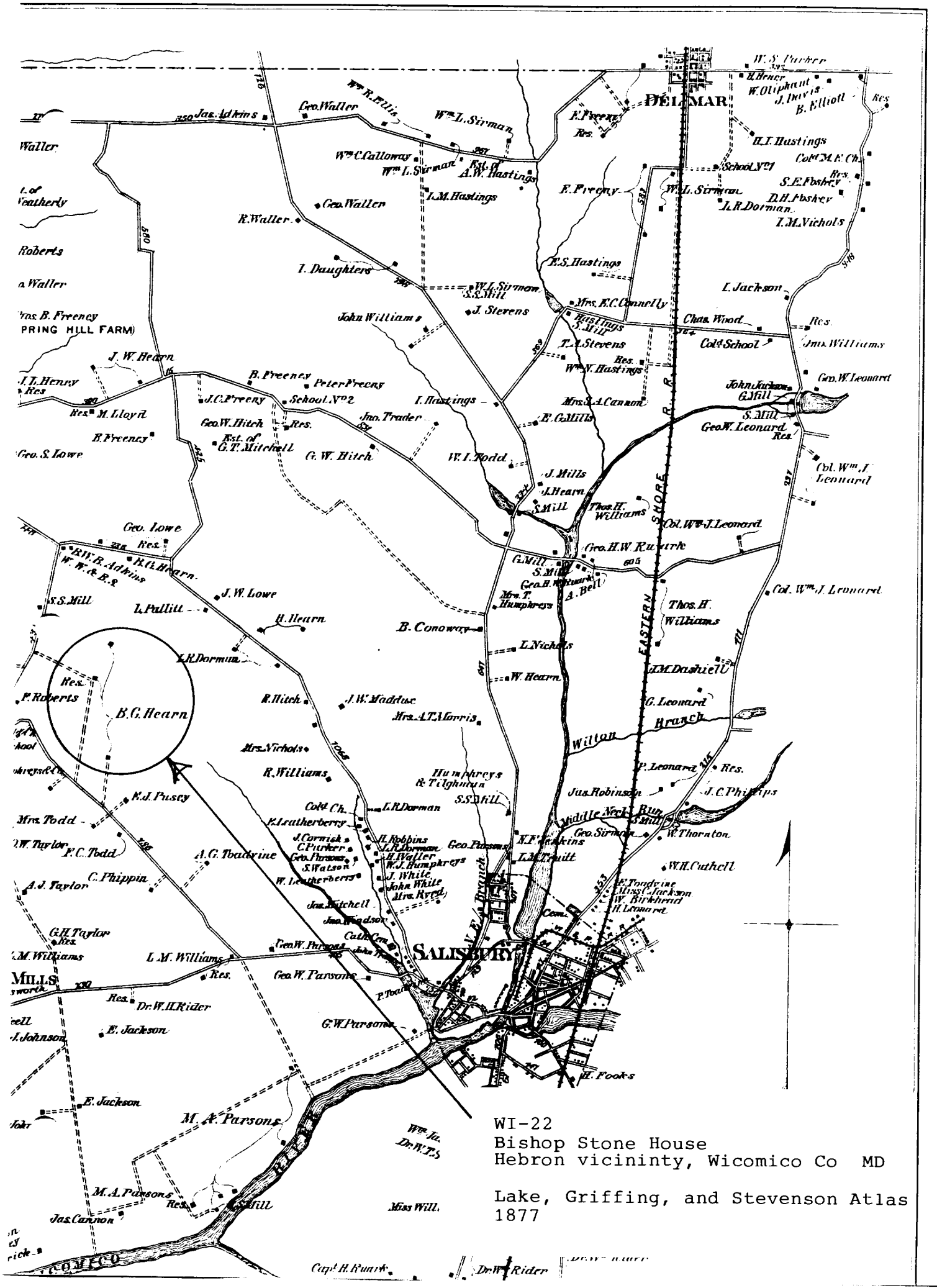
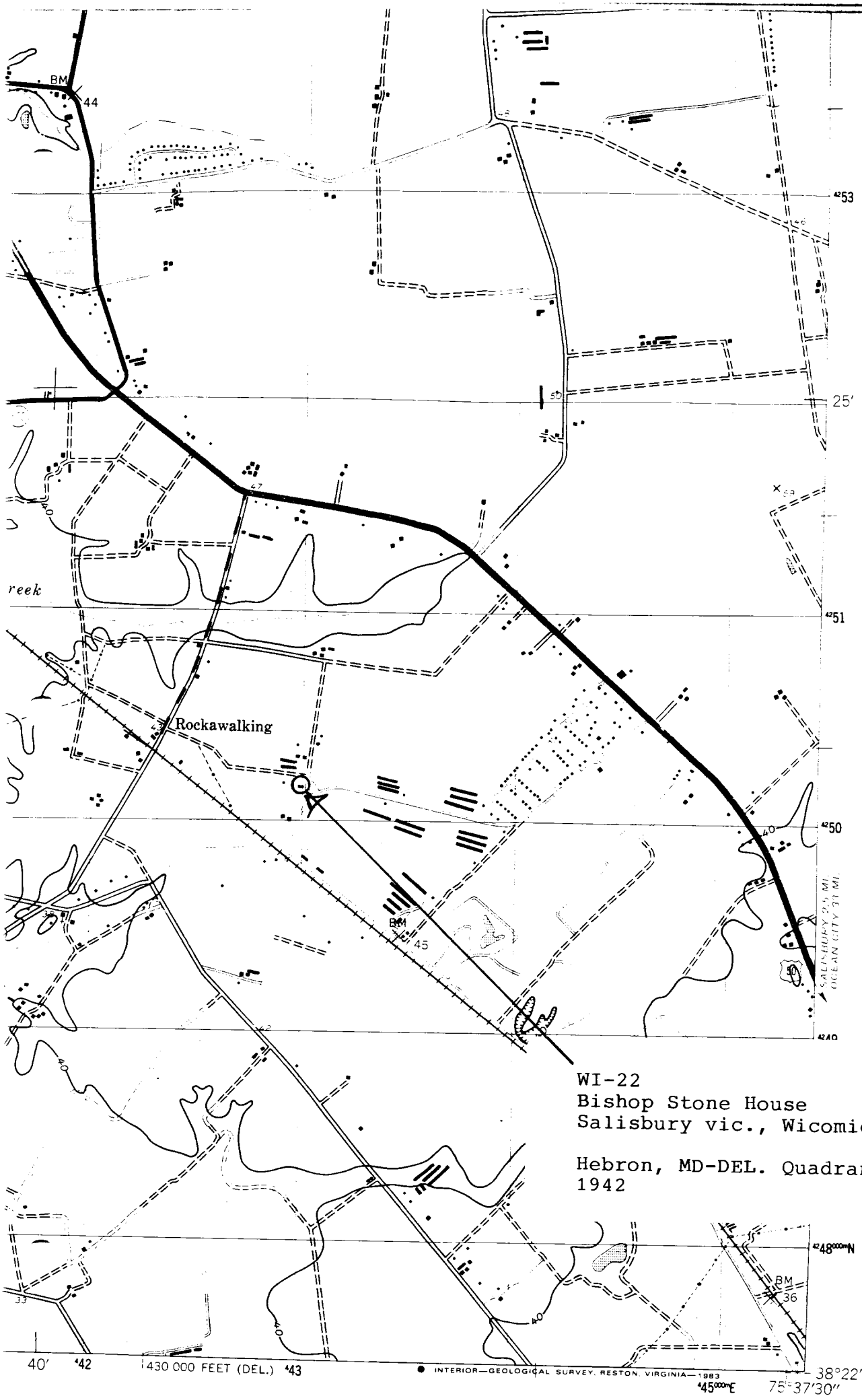
[3] Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 1/446, 16 August 1886.



WI-22
Bishop Stone House
Hebron vicininty, Wicomico Co MD

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



WI-22
Bishop Stone House
Salisbury vic., Wicomico Co., MD

Hebron, MD-DEL. Quadrangle
1942

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Wicomico
TOWN Hebron VICINITY
STREET NO. Rockawalkin Ridge Rd., 1.1 mile north of Lewis Dashiell Rd (north)
ORIGINAL OWNER William Murray Stone
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER William Twilley Sr.
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES 2, 1½

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY W.-22

2. NAME Bishop Stone House
DATE OR PERIOD c. 1800
STYLE Federal
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC No

2 parts -- 1½ and 2 -- frame

2 story -- c. 1800
- 3 bays long and 1 bay deep
- brick foundation
- door on east side of south facade
- nine over six sash
- six over six sash
- six over six in attic gable
- west gable has chimney within

1½ story
- 3 windows and two doors
- center chimney
- porch extending on south facade to cover door to 2-story section
- 2 "A" roof dormers with six over six sash

Modern (1969) wing on north side of wing in with kitchen and garage

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior Exterior good

(In process of remodeling)
(appears that aluminum siding is to be installed throughout!)

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER
Michael Bourne
MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404
DATE OF RECORD Jan, 1970

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Bishop Stone House - Wi - 22

WI-22 Bishop Stone House, during restoration. c 1965

W1-22

Bishop Stone House · W22 1940? photo