

ADDENDA

In 1984 the Department of Natural Resources contracted with Joe Getty to conduct a follow-up survey of selected historic properties on DNR lands. DNR funded the field survey and photography but did not prepare finished copy. The attached photocopy pages were forwarded to the Maryland Historical Trust to supplement existing files. All original material and photographs remain in the possession of the Department of Natural Resources under the supervision of Ross Kimmel (x3771).

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Griggs House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Hernwood Road

CITY, TOWN

Granite

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

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**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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**

Griggs house is a two-story, gable-roof (ridge parallel to facade), stuccoed frame house--three bays on facade, entrance in the south bay--with central gable dormers front (east) and rear (west). Original sash was 6/6.

There is a small pedimented porch at the entrance, a long hipped roof porch on the north, and a simple wooden cornice under the major eaves. Proportions and sparse detail are classical. Interior is a side-hall plan with simple Victorian stair details. Most of the remaining woodwork appears to be late Federal/early Classical. Large double parlor doors on the first story are 8 panel, hinged rather than sliding.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES      before 1817                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
 (See Smith House/Sumwalt House BA-1528, DNR-135 - Patapsco)

This house probably illustrates an improvement in the condition of the homestead on which the neighboring Smith house was built. Characteristics of the house suggest a very early Victorian building date.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1877 Baltimore County Atlas

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

John D. Hnedak, Historic Sites Survey Team Captain

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1978-79

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## DRAFT--GRIGGS HOUSE

The Griggs House is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure on a stone foundation. The house has a gable roof with a single gable dormer. There is a one-story rear addition. The key characteristics of the house <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ its Federal style use of details such as the symmetrical facade, the interior floor plan, and the window and mantel designs. From these details and construction techniques, the house appears to have been built in the mid-nineteenth century. Early twentieth century remodeling includes the covering of exterior <sup>with</sup> ~~is~~ stucco.

The Griggs House is located on Her<sup>n</sup>wood Road, approximately one quarter mile north of Old Court Road, northwest of Granite, Baltimore County. The house is sited on a prominent slope in the gently rolling countryside. A short distance west of the house is the Smith/Sumwalt House. It appears that both houses were in the same family's ownership during the late nineteenth century.

The Griggs House is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure on a stone foundation. The foundation is slightly elevated above ground level and has two-pane windows located on the south and west sides of the house. There is also an exterior foundation entrance on the west facade. The main facade of the house faces south and is symmetrically arranged with an entrance in the westernmost bay <sup>and</sup> ~~is~~ six-over-six windows in the other bays of the first and second stories. The entrance has a one-bay, one-story porch with a pedimented roof. The door has four-panel trim and a molded frame with a bead edge. The six-over-six windows

are double hung sash with bead edge frames. There is a box cornice and a single pedimented gable dormer is located on the roof. The gable roof of the structure is covered in asphalt shingles. There is a brick chimney stack that rises on the northern side of the gable roof.

The west gable end has a single window in each story and a six-over-six sash window in the gable. The east gable end has two windows on each story and a six-over-six sash window in the gable. The east gable end also contains a full-length, one-story porch.

The north end of the structure contains a one-story addition with a shed roof. This addition has a door and a window on both the east and west facades. The north facade has two windows and ~~then~~ an interior-end brick chimney. The north facade of the main section of the house has two windows on the second story.

The building is constructed of a post and beam frame on a stone foundation. The interior walls are plastered and materials used included machine-sawn lathe and machine-made nails. The floors are random width wood floors supported on log joists. The exterior was originally covered in weatherboard siding but now contains stucco applied over chicken wire nailed to the weatherboard. The foundation is constructed of cut-stone and the main porch has large granite steps. The interior has a side hall plan with two rooms in the main section off the hall. The stair hall is quite wide and contains a late nineteenth century ~~newel~~ newel post

handrail and balusters. The south room of the original section is plainly designed with a baseboard, molded window frames, and a wide door between the front room and the parlor. The parlor contains a fireplace mantel and a built-in cupboard. The mantel has a molded shelf with a molded panel below it and unadorned pilasters. The room in the addition was used as a kitchen and has a pressed tin ceiling.

#### Statement of Significance.

The Griggs House shows the application of Federal style architectural characteristics to regional farmhouse construction in the Maryland Piedmont. The house is symmetrical facade, porch details, room plan, and wood ornamentation display characteristics frequently found in urban Federal design. However, the structure has been extensively remodeled and later vandalized. Remodeling has included the addition of a late nineteenth century stairway and the exterior covering in stucco. Vandalism has accounted for the breakup of the interior architectural fabric of the structure including the removal of the mantel piece on the second story and of several window frames.



# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

Griggs House

## 2. Location

west side of  
street & number

Hamwood Road; one-quarter mile north of Old Court Road

 not for publication

city, town

Granite

 vicinity of

congressional district

Sixth

state

Maryland

county

Baltimore

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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

Department of Natural Resources

street &amp; number

Times State Office Bldg

telephone no.: 269-3771

city, town

Annapolis

state and zip code MD 21401

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

Baltimore County Courthouse

liber

street &amp; number

folio

city, town

Baltimore

state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

DNR Survey

date

1978-79

 federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

Department of Natural Resources

city, town

Annapolis

state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. BA-1579

**Condition**

- excellent
- good
- fair

- deteriorated
- ruins
- unexposed

**Check one**

- unaltered
- altered

**Check one**

- original site
- moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

# 8. Significance

Survey No. BA-1679

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

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA-157A

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

B 

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 Zone Easting Northing

C 

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D 

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E 

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F 

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H 

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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

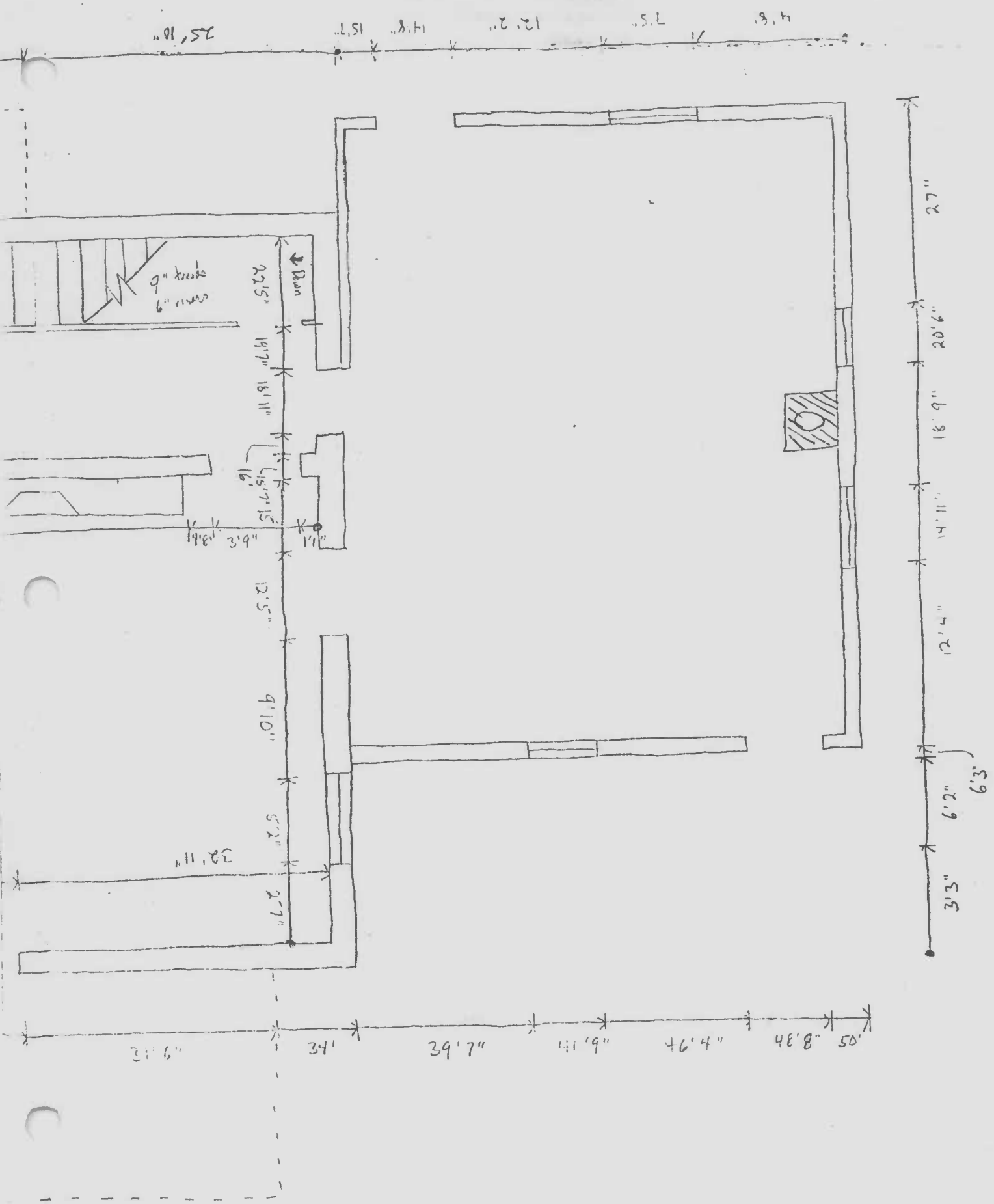
### 1. Form Prepared By

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organization	Department of Natural Resources	date November 1983
street & number	Towers State Office Bldg	telephone 264-3771
city or town	Annapolis	state MD

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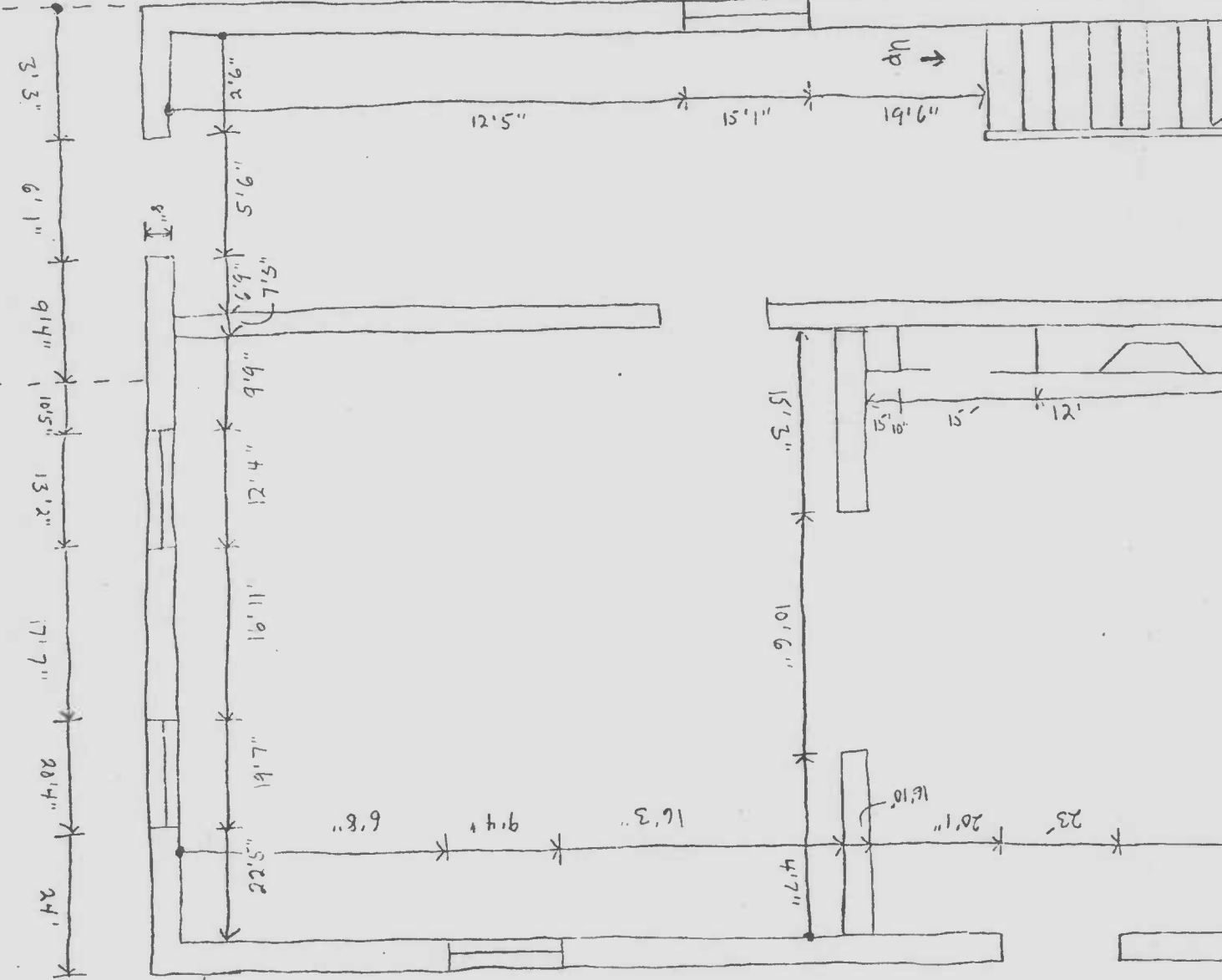
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49' 10" 36' 10" 33' 9" 30'

cellor  
entrance



BA-1579

# ELICOTT CITY QUADRANGLE



COLIANNE BARNES (I39, I40)

COLIANNE HOUSE RUINS

SMITH (I35)

GRIGGS (I36)

WOODSTOCK (I27)  
HOUSE &  
LAUNDRY Little Flower Sch

WARFIELD FARM (I17, I2B)

HOLY GHOST CHURCH  
RUINS (I33)

REC CENTER (I34)

RUDISILL (I14)





GRIGGS HOUSE BA-1579

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FROM WEST

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MARCH 1979



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GRIGGS HOUSE      BA-1579  
PATAPSCO-136  
FROM SOUTH

JDH

MARCH 1979



BRIGGS HOUSE BA-1579

PATAPSCO 130

FROM S.W.

JDA

JUNE 1978