# ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1.	Name Musgrove/Hobbs House (Frederick O. Gaither House)
2.	Planning Area/Site Number 23/41 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 9
4.	Address 22401 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville
5.	Classification Summary
	Category building Ownership private Public Acquisition NA Status occupied Accessible no Present use private residence Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State X County X Local (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)
6.	Date before 1783 7. Original Owner: Probably
8.	Apparent Condition John Musgrove
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)	Description: This seven bay by one bay, two and a half story house was built in 3 sections: the east one room, two bay section is believed to be the oldest; the west, two room, five bay section was next, and the north addition was built about 1975 by the present owner. This wood frame house has white asbestos siding and four-over-four windows flanked by green louvered wooden shutters. The house has both gable and shed roofs covered now with green corrugated metal.
	Significance: This house and its outbuildings are significant as an example of an early farmstead that remained in one family for 220 years, growing to meet the needs of its owners. The property was part of a land grant to Benjamin Gaither around 1725. His grandson, Benjamin, in 1779, sold "Gaither's Purchase" (100 acres) and "What's Left" (54 acres) to John Musgrove. A very prosperous man, Musgrove owned several tracts of land in the area; he was taxed in 1783 for a frame house (18' x 24') on "Gaither's Purchase", probably the original part of the present house. Soon after John's death in 1785, his son, Nathan, bought out his siblings, also becoming prosperous. His daughter, Rebecca, married Caleb Gartrell, whose sister Jan, married Frederick Gaither in 1800. Frederick and Jan Gaither were the parents of Frederick O. Gaither, later owner of this house, and hence its name on the M-NCPPC Atlas. Another of Nathan's daughters, Sarah Ann Musgrove married Thomas J. Hobbs in 1826, and received Gaither's Purchase on her father's death in 1823. Sarah died in 1832 and Thomas Hobbs remarried in 1834. He and his new wife, Elizabeth Rice, had eight children. Mrs. Elizabeth Hobbs sold the house to Frederick O. Gaither in 1870. By 1878, the house and property entered the Groomes family (son in law of the Hobbs) and remained in that family until after World War II.  Date researched and researcher 8/78-Rex Bowser/David Prestemon Arch. Descrip.
12.	Compiler Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation Approval
	15. Acreage 6.567 acres

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This seven bay by one bay, two and a half story, frame house has grown over the years by additions built by various owners.

Built on fieldstone foundations and facing south, there are three distinct sections. The oldest section of the house is a one room structure. A later, two room, two and a half story addition was built west and slightly to the south of the original house. Finally, during the 1970s a modern two and a half story wing was built to the north.

The south (front) porch extends across the south elevation of the west addition. This porch has a shed roof covered by green raised seam metal covering. Four chamfered posts with curved brackets support the roof. Three wooden steps lead up to the porch. The south door is wooden paneled and is flanked by three light sidelights and is surmounted by a five light transom. On the east elevation of the west section there is a twelve light door which is protected by a shed roofed hood.

The house has four over four double hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. Windows in the north section are two over two double hung. In the east and west gables of the west section there are two four-light windows.

The house has shed and gable roofs covered by green corrugated metal. There are three chimneys; a massive interior fieldstone chimney in the east section; and exterior stove chimney on the west elevation of the west section; an interior stove chimney in the north section.

There are several outbuildings associated with this house.

The south (front) door opens into a central hallway. An open string, double run stairway ascends along the east interior wall. It has a turned newel post and square balusters. To the east of the hall is the dining room and to the west is the living room. At the north end of the hall and at the north end of the dining room two steps lead down into the kitchen and breakfast room (at the west end). At the east end of the kitchen there is a small room now used as a family room. This family room was the original structure erected on this site.

There are random width floors throughout the house. The living room and central hall have very wide floor boards. The walls and ceilings are generally plaster over lath. The family room has vertical and horizontal planked wainscotting and exposed rafters. There are wooden paneled doors and molded door frames. The family room fireplace is constructed of field-stone and there is a simple horizontal wooden shelf which serves as the mantle. There are smaller brick fireplaces in the living and dining rooms with simple mantles and surrounds.

Referring to Figure III attached, it is believed that the original sections I and II with the central enclosed fireplace were constructed by John Musgrove (18th century). It is further believed that John's son Nathan added Sections III and IV around 1800. The present owner added Section V in 1978.

See Figure II, which is a rough diagram of the first floor. The second floor covers all but Part I.

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Attachment Sheet A Musgrove/Hobbs House

## <u>Outbuildings</u>

Behind the main house are several buildings in fair to poor condition. They include three barns, a smoke house, a chicken coop, a wood shed, a corn crib, and a spring house. The ice house foundation area has been located, but it no longer stands.

As typical of a farm, a large garden area is set off to the left rear of the main house, and the grazing fields are located on the opposite side of the house.

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SPECIFIC DATES

Before 1783

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Probably John Musgrove

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is significant as an example of a small, early farm-house which grew to meet the needs of its owners.

The property "Gaither's Purchase" probably entered the Gaither family around 1725, when Benjamin Gaither was granted a large tract of land in this region known as "Benjamin's Lott." Gaither's Purchase was no doubt acquired soon after this original grant, and was probably a tract adjacent to Benjamin's Lott. Records show that Gaither's Purchase became the property of Benjamin Gaither, grandson of Benjamin, son of Edward, through Edward's will (4/26/1777). Benjamin in 1779 sold this tract of 100 acres, and the adjoining 54 acres of "What's Left", (also from his father's will), to John Musgrove. "What's Left" is a tract shown on the map just south of laither's Purchase. The price recorded was an incredible 3,080 pounds of tobacco. This sale into the Musgrove family was dated 10/29/1779, recorded 2/25/1780. Musgrove also purchased 38 acres from Betsey Davis Welsh, seamstress, for 100 pounds of tobacco.

A review of the tax records for 1783 at the Montgomery County Historical Society indicates that John Musgrove was the owner of several tracts of land in the region surrounding Gaither's Purchase. Of these tracts, only Gaither's Purchase, and "Bear Garden Forest Enlarged" have recorded improvements. On Gaither's Purchase he was taxed for a frame house (18'x24'), a barn, a log cabin, and another log structure. Incidentally, the rooms in the present home, identified as Section I on Figure III are together about 18'x24'. These two rooms have in their

center a large old stone fireplace.

On "Bear Garden Forest Enlarged" he had "1 log dwelling house 16 feet square, 1 log tobacco house 20 feet square, 100 acres cleared, 8 acres marsh..."

John Musgrove died in 1785, a very prosperous man; his will was probated August 8, 1785. His lands were divided among his wife and children. His aggressive and also prosperous son, Nathan, gradually bought out his siblings. Between 1797 and 1799, Nathan acquired most of his father's lands, including "Gaither's Purchase" and "What's Left", (100 acres and 54 acres).

Nathan's daughter, Rebecca, married Caleb Gartrell, whose sister, Jan Gartrell, married Frederick Gaither (January 17, 1800). Frederick and Jan Gaither were the parents of Frederick O. Gaither, later owner of the house. Another of Nathan's daughters, Sarah Ann Musgrove, married Thomas J. Hobbs January 24, 1826).

(Continued on Attachment Sheet B)

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Attachment Sheet B Musgrove/Hobbs House

Nathan Musgrove died intestate in 1823, and his property was split among his surviving widow and seven children. His personal estate was valued at nearly \$5,000, and included 18 slaves.7 The Hobbs couple received "Gaither's Purchase" and "What's Left", and through various arrangements they traded pieces of land with neighbors to complete their ownership of squared lots. A farm house is identified on Gaither's Purchase at this time.

Sarah Ann Musgrove Hobbs died in 1832, leaving two children (Mary Ann and Nathan). In 1834, Thomas J. Hobbs married Elizabeth M.M.J. Rice. He had eight more children by Elizabeth, all minors at the time of his death, at his home on July 1, 1855.8 He left no will, and his property was not reassigned until 1858 when the suit of Franklin Groomes et al vs. Elizabeth M.J. Hobbs et al was settled in the courts. The Lot #1, with the dwelling house, and Lot #4 were then sold by the court appointed trustees to Mrs. Hobbs for \$18.40.9 This consisted of 62 (plus) acres of "Gaither's Purchase" and "What's Left", with a large barn and apple and peach orchards. The location of the house on Lot #1 shown in the title records is the same location of the house today.

This suit of 1858 was evidently a "friendly" suit, aimed at getting the title matter expedited through the courts. Franklin Groomes was Mrs. Hobbs' son-in-law, married to Mary Ann, daughter of Thomas J. and Sarah Ann (Musgrove) Hobbs. (Also, Mary Ann Groomes was, through marriage, a distant cousin of Fredrick O. Gaither.)

Mrs. Hobbs sold this house and property, Lots #1 and #4, to Fredrick O. Gaither on March 15, 1870. "Rolling Acres", his parents' home, was nearby, just north of Unity.

By 1878, the house and property entered the Groomes family where it remained until after the second World War. The current, elderly Mrs. Hobbs was married on the front porch. Her maiden name is Groomes.

The present owner is not related to these early family owners. She and her husband purchased the property in 1976.

## FOOTNOTES:

- 1. Scharf, J. Thomas, <u>History of Western Maryland</u>, (Louis H. Everts, Philadelphia, Penn., 1882), p. 220.
- 2. Ibid., p. 270.
- 3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., A446.
- 4. Ibid., B/324 (made December 15, 1784, recorded January 8, 1785).

(Continued on Attachment Sheet C)

Musgrove/Hobbs House

## FOOTNOTES: (Continued)

- 5. Montgomery Tax Records, 1783, Historical Society.
- 6. Land Records, G450; G514; H152; H153; H535.
- 7. Ibid., Deed of Partition, BS2/67.
- 8. Montgomery County Sentinel, August 31, 1856.
- 9. Montgomery County Judgment Records, JGH2/457; Land Records, Op. Cit., JGH8/146.
- 10. Land Records, EBP7/184.

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Land Assessment, and Judgment Records of Montgomery County.

Family Genealogies: Gaither, Hobbs, Musgrove, Groomes (Montgomery County Historical Society).

Scharf, J. Thomas, <u>History of Western Maryland</u>, (Louis H. Everts, Philadelphis, Penn., 1882).

Maps: Hopkins Atlas (1879); Martinet and Bond (1865).

Montgomery County <u>Sentinel</u>.

Bowman, Tressie Nash, Montgomery County, Md. Marriage Licenses Issued 1796-1850 (1966).

U.S. Census Records.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet C

### CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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#### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Figure I Attached

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING: STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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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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Maryland Historical Trust

The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(301) 267-1438

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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The house is a two story, frame structure built about 1900. A 1-1/2 story, frame wing extends to the east. It has a large internal stone chimney. Flanking the chimney in the gable are 4/4 double hung sash windows. The clapboards are old and of random widths. There is a shedroofed wing at the east end of the older section.

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### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated August 15, 1989

### ACTION TAKEN

This amendment recommends 18 historic resources throughout Montgomery County for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. It also recommends that 4 other resources be found not to warrant historic designation and that they be removed from the Locational Atlas and from further protection under the Ordinance.

 $18\ \mathrm{historic}$  resources recommended for historic designation and protection:

M :	10-52	Charles Browning Farm
M:	10-57	Zeigler Log House
М:	12-11	Frederick Hayes House
M:	12-36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
M:	14-51	Woodburn/Blunt House
М:	16-1	Trundle Farm
M :	16-12	Warren M.E. Church and Martinsburg Negro School
M:	16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M:	23-41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M:	23-47	Pleasant View
M:	23-84/1	Ellicott Mine
<b>M</b> :	25-8	Mt. Prospect
M:	25-10/1	Travilah Town Hall
M :	29/9	Dr. Willett House
M:	29-19	Joseph Magruder House (Offutt House)
M:	33-1	Drumeldra
M :	34-10	Conley House/Green Ridge
M :	36-3	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate

4 resources to be removed from Locational Atlas.

M: 25-19 Semmes Farm M: 37-1 Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek
M: 37-2 Presidents' Tree M: 28-34 Mt. Pleasant II

# FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 25, 1989

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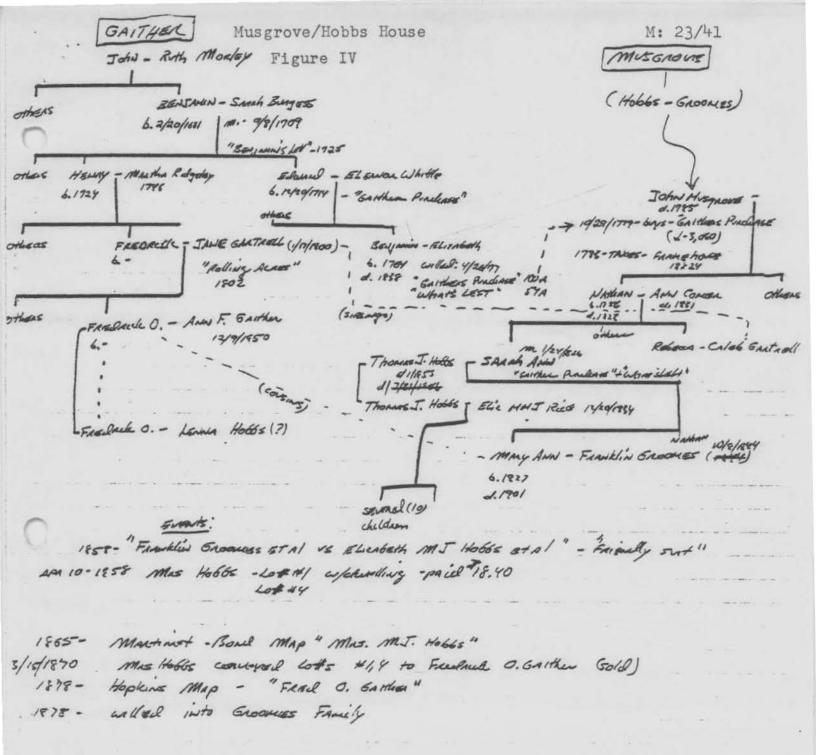
This document contains the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations on the designation of twenty-two (22) historic resources throughout Montgomery County. Twenty-one resources are recommended for historic designation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. One resource is not recommended for designation.

### SITES RECOMMENDED

М	: 10/52	Charles Browning Farm
М	: 10/57	Zeigler Log House
	: 12/11	Frederick Hayes House
M	1: 12/36	Oak Ridge/Eleven Brothers
М	1: 14/51	Woodburn/Blunt House
M	1: 16/1	Trundle Farm
М	1: 16/12	Warren E.M. Church and associated bldgs.
М	1: 16/26	Nathan Dickerson Poole House/River View
M	1: 23/41	Musgrove/Hobbs/Gaither House
M	1: 23/47	Pleasant View
M	1: 23/84-1	Ellicott Mine
M	1: 25/8	Mount Prospect
M	1: 25/10-1	Travilah Town Hall
M	1: 28/34	Mount Pleasant II/Esther Scott House
M	1: 29/9	Dr. Willett House
M	1: 29/19	Joseph Magruder House
M	4: 33/l	Drumeldra
N	4: 34/10	Conley House
N	4: 36/03	Rock Creek Stables/Old Callahan Estate
N	4: 37/01	Waterworks Site/Sligo Creek -
N	M: 37/02	The President's Tree

## NOT RECOMMENDED

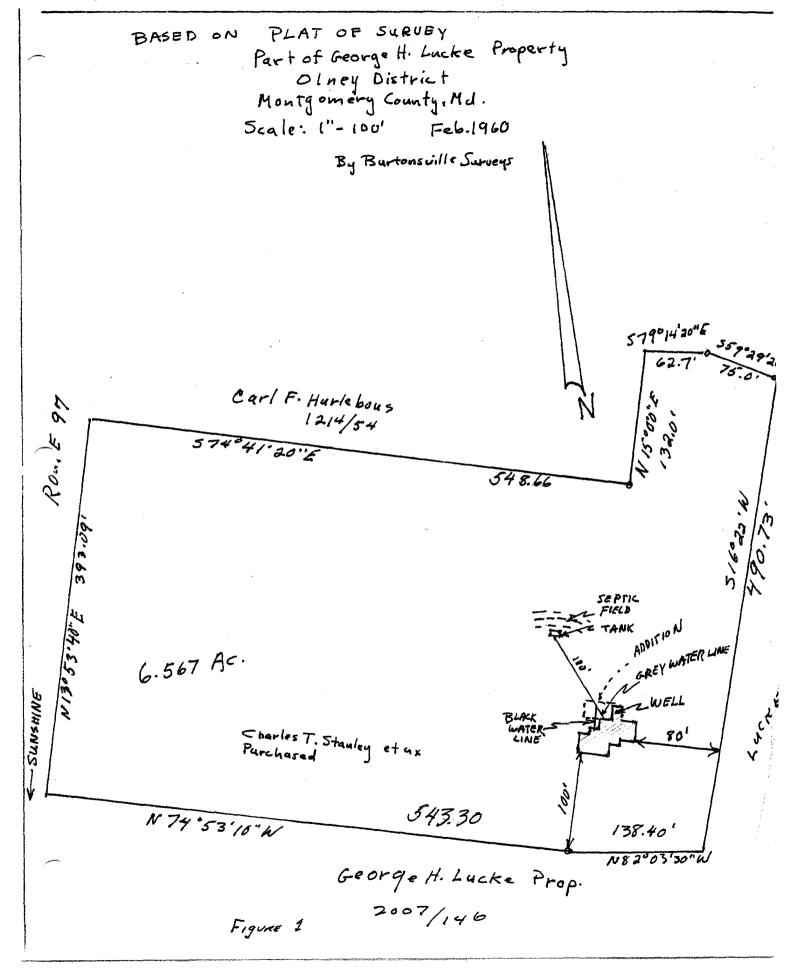
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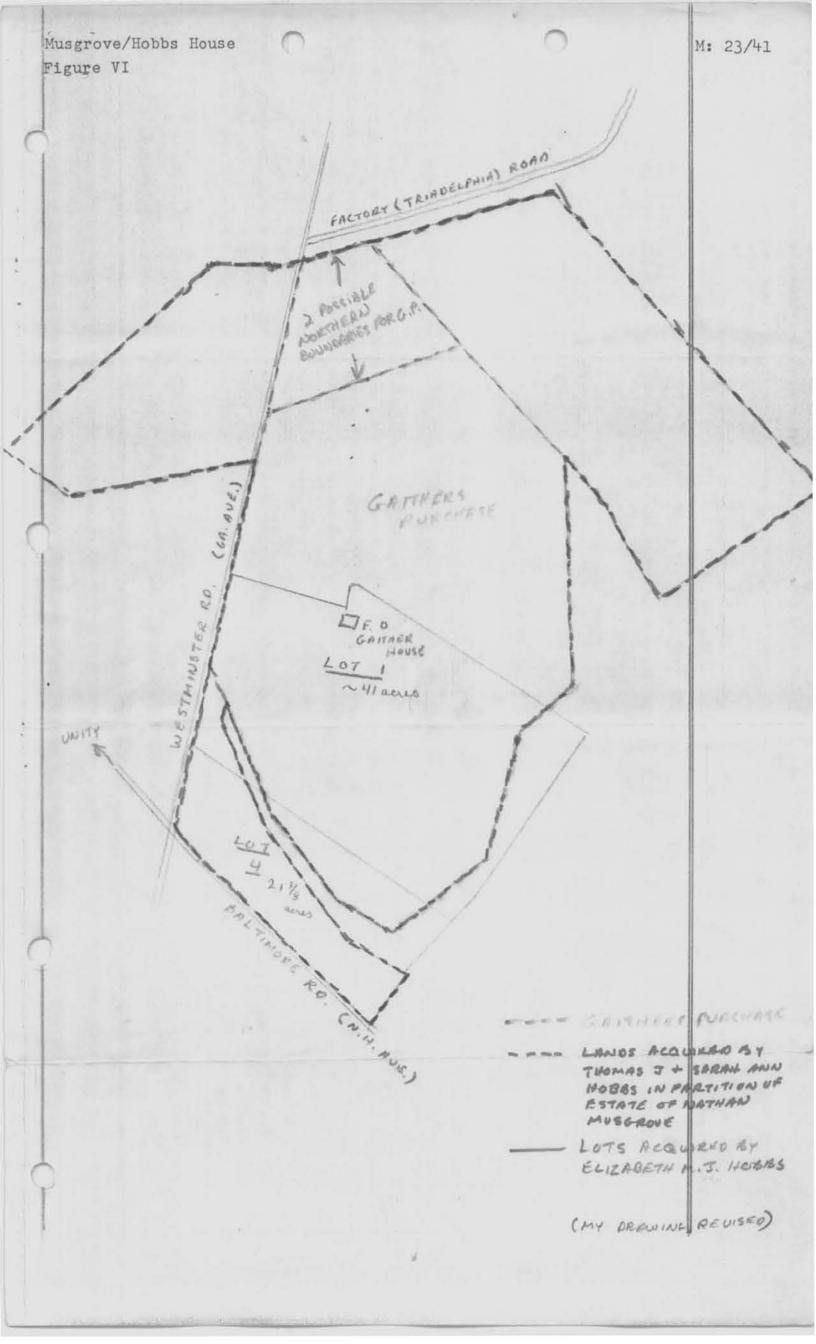
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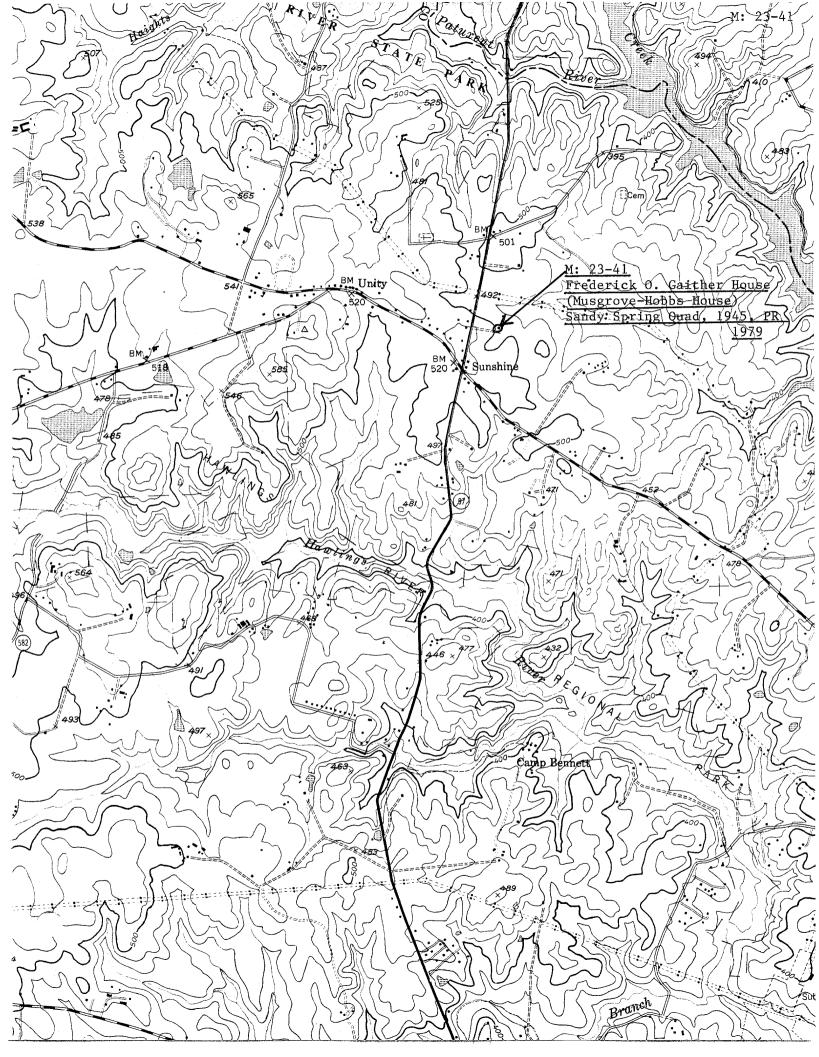
The FREDRICK O. GAITHER HOUSE August 1978

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ENCTORY ROAD (SURDELANIA) M: 23/41 Musgrove/Hobbs House Figure V LUT 3 100 HOUSE 4 PINORE - parts exchanged by aaaa 1 a.B. Davis + Thos 96ffs down assigned as Rot # 1 share of 124 wife Zort #2 residue lots 3, 4 x 5 (100 acces detached) rolus 1 20/au from Judgment Becords 30 4 42 5 20







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