

Prospect Hill Farm
M:23-72
Montgomery County, Maryland

Prospect Hill Farm, located on the northwest side of Brighton Dam Road, northeast of Brookeville and traversed by the Hawlings River in rural Montgomery County, is a sizeable 60-acre remnant of a larger, pre-1783 farm complex. The property includes the farmhouse with its intact, Federal-period interior detailing, two 19th/20th-century barns, and a family cemetery. Historically, the property included a woolen mill, a stone quarry, and slave quarters, none of which survives today.

Prospect Hill farm survives as a significant reminder of Montgomery County's Revolutionary-era heritage. The main house on the property was built by 1783 by James Holland, a Revolutionary War patriot, and used by him and other local patriots as a meeting place to discuss their role in the American Revolution. The house includes one room which served as a chapel for much of the building's history. Prospect Hill Farm meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-72

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Prospect Hill

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 1811 Brighton Dam Rd. Not for publication _____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>3</u>	_____	buildings
<u>1</u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>4</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: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling
Agriculture/Subsistence Barn
Religious Cemetery

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling
Other Storage

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Standing seam metal
walls Weatherboard; asphalt shingles
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

Period of Significance circa 1783

Significant Dates circa 1783

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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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 61 acres

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

Prospect Hill occupies Parcel 115 on Montgomery County Tax Map JU 123.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel is part of a larger parcel of land that has been associated with the Prospect Hill property since the construction of the main dwelling in the mid-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 _____
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 Betty J. Ponds
street & number 1811 Brighton Dam Rd. telephone _____
city or town Brookeville Rd. state MD zip code 20833
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

Set upon a low foundation and covered with a gable roof with end chimneys, the main farmhouse is a two-story, frame structure², with a distinctive double-story porch extending across the south elevation. A two-story kitchen addition, probably added during this century, is located at the southeast corner. The main block of the house was built in two separate phases, including a one-room, two-bay section to the east, which served as a chapel, and a three-bay, side-passage section to the west. It is traditionally held that the oldest section is the chapel, built circa 1760, and that the western section was added by circa 1783; however, an examination of the interior of the building from the attic level reveals the exterior weatherboard siding on the east end of the western section of the house, indicating that this western section preceded the eastern chapel. The interior details (mantel, doors, stair and trim) would indicate a fourth quarter 18th century date of construction. A 1783 tax assessment which lists "two small dwelling houses" on the property indicates that both sections probably stood at that time.

Exterior:

Main block:

The north elevation of the main block of the house is five, irregular bays long, and clad with wood weatherboard. Divided into two parts, this main block consists of the two-bay eastern chapel section and the three-bay western dwelling. These sections are separated from one another by a vertical board hiding the building

¹ According to Roger Brooke Farquhar, this stone quarry was "extensively drawn from in recent years to supply some of the best building stone for many Washington buildings." Roger Brooke Farquhar, *Historic Montgomery County Maryland, Old Homes and History*, 254.

² Farquhar describes the structure has having hand-hewn studding, and "nogged" with bricks.

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seam.

The eastern half consists of the chapel entry--a single, 6-paneled wood door recessed into the frame wall with a triangular-shaped vaulted arch above--and a pair of 6/6 windows. Above the entry, on the second story, there are three, irregularly placed 6/6 windows. The two easternmost windows in this section have smaller openings and thicker muntins than the other windows on the building.

The western section of the house has a 6-paneled, side entry and two single, 6/6 windows on the first story and three, irregularly spaced 6/6 windows on the second story. All of the door and window trim, including the Colonial Revival-style door surround dates from the 1972 renovation.

The east end elevation of the main block has only two small, 2/2 window openings in the attic level of the gable end to either side of the central end chimney. The chimney is parged, obscuring the brick bonding pattern and stone work. The wall is clad with narrow, wood weatherboard.

The south elevation of the main block, with its double-story sleeping porch is the dwelling's most distinctive elevation. The porch is four bays long and is covered by a catslide extension of the main gable roof, supported by square, porch columns. The porch floor joists are uncut logs.

The west end elevation is clad with narrow weatherboard siding and has only two, 6-light windows at the attic level of the gable end, to either side of the inside end chimney.

The kitchen ell:

The kitchen ell, possibly late 19th, but more likely 20th century, extends off of the southeast corner of the house. It is a block-like, two-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure, covered with a low-pitched gable roof³, clad with weatherboard, and distinguished by a massive stone and brick end chimney on center of the east elevation. This ell, was extensively altered during the 1972 renovation period, and has replacement windows and a replacement entry door.

Interior:

The interior of Prospect Hill Farm consists of the three parts:

³ The roof was originally a shed roof, but was raised in 1972 to the low pitched gable.

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chapel; side-passage-plan dwelling; and kitchen addition.

The chapel is a one-room space with a large stone fireplace located on center of the east end wall, while the chapel entry is located on the north wall. The chapel door has four raised panels on the interior face, and wood trim with a large interior bead and molded backband. The door has a metal lockbox and brass knob. There is no stair in this room leading to the second floor of the house. However, a small bathroom in the northwest corner (with carpeting) may have originally held a winder stair. The original random-width floorboards provide no other indication of where a stair may have been.

A door opening cut into the west end wall leads into the hall of the side-hall-plan house. The hall extends the width of the house, with an open winder stair located along the east end wall, and exterior doors located on either side wall. The door to the north has six raised panels, while that on the south has four raised panels and a three-light transom. The stair has a square newel, square balusters, and a narrow banister railing, all typical of the late Federal era. A four-paneled door under the stair opens into a closet, while a smaller closet next to it along the east side wall apparently served as a gun closet.

The main parlor is entered from the hall. This room features a molded chair rail on all four walls, a fireplace with a refined, late Federal mantel on center of the west end wall, and two 6/6 windows on the north and south walls. The mantel has 3/4-engaged, fluted columns supporting a plain frieze with dentils. The frieze board and two consoles above the columns in turn support a molded mantel shelf. The hearth and fireplace lining are finished with soapstone. The window and door trim consists of a graduated series of square edged moldings with a large interior bead. The original floors have been replaced with narrow, 4" boards.

The second floor of both the chapel and side-hall house is reached via the hall stair, which continues to the attic level. The second story of the hall-parlor section has similar window and door trim as on the first story, and features a more modest, Federal mantel. This wood mantel has side pilasters with recessed panels, and a plain frieze board.

The attic extends the full length (over chapel and side-hall section of the house) of the house, exposing the roof framing system and the original exterior wall of the east gable end of the original side-passage dwelling. This east end wall is clad with wood weather boarding. The roof, however, which spans both the eastern and western sections of the house, appears to have been constructed in a single campaign. Based upon this evidence, it

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seems that when the chapel addition was constructed, by 1783, a new roof was built across the two sections.

The roof is a common rafter system with hewn members measuring 2-1/2" x 2", set 2' on center. It is pegged at the ridge and features Roman numerals. On the south wall of the house, the framing members extend beyond the principal wall as a catslide to cover the integrated double-story porch. It is probably for this reason (construction of catslide over porch) that the roof was rebuilt.

The cellar of the house is reached by a bulkhead entrance on the south elevation, under the porch. The cellar has been excavated under the chapel and reveals stone foundation walls and log joists. A crawl space is located under the side-hall house.

AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND CEMETERY:

North of the main house are two barns and, beyond the barns, a family cemetery.

Single-crib barn: Located just northwest of the house, is a timber frame, single-crib barn with mortise-and-tenon joints clad with vertical board siding. The barn is divided into a central, drive-in crib and flanking side wings. The central crib is covered with a gable roof, while the side wings are shed-roof extensions off of the gable. The interior is divided into three spaces with a finished room on the second story above the central space.

English Barn: Beyond the crib-barn is a larger English barn located at the end of the drive. It is a large, three-bay, rectangular frame structure covered with a gable roof, and featuring shed side wings. It is timber-framed with mortise-and-tenon joints, clad on the exterior with vertical board siding. The barn features a central runway with double wide, hanging trolley doors and two equally-sized spaces to either side on the interior. Partial lofts are located over the side spaces, with lightweight interior partitions below. The rafters are joined at the ridge by a ridge board.

Cemetery: Northwest of the large barn is the Holland family cemetery. One large obelisk with Holland family names and their death dates inscribed upon its four faces, graces the yard. Unmarked head and foot stones surround the obelisk.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Prospect Hill farm survives as a significant reminder of Montgomery County's Revolutionary-era heritage. The main house on the property was built prior to 1783 by James Holland, a Revolutionary War patriot, and used by him and other local patriots as a meeting place to discuss their role in the American Revolution. The house, whose pre-Revolutionary construction date provides important information on the architectural history of the county, includes one room which served as a chapel for much of the building's history. Prospect Hill Farm meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context:

Prospect Hill farm was historically part of two old land grants, known as "Gittings, Ha! Ha!," and "Bordley's Choice," made in 1724 and 1725, respectively. In the mid-18th century, two brothers, John and James Holland, came from England to this part of Montgomery County, and purchased land in the area. John Holland is credited with constructing Prospect Hill, while James is thought to have bought another tract of land in the area.⁴ Traversing the property is the Hawlings' River. Tradition holds that this river was originally called "Holland's River" since so many of the area settlers were named Holland.

The 1783 Tax Assessment assessed John Holland for 110 acres with two small dwelling houses, and a framed tobacco house. The assessment also notes that Holland had "35 acres cleared, two acres bottom which may be made meadow, sapling land and---soil." The two houses noted in the assessment are either the eastern and western sections of the house, or one of these sections and another structure no longer standing.

According to local history, one room in Prospect Hill farm was a chapel that, during the Revolutionary War, served as a meeting place where John Holland, patriot, and other rebellious colonists, gathered to plan their part in the Revolutionary War.⁵

The property remained in the Holland family for almost two

⁴ Farquhar, 253.

⁵ John Farell, "History Still Haunts Holland's old Home," *The Sentinel*, January 28, 1976.

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centuries and is thought to have served as a hospital during the Civil War. It appears on both the 1865 Martenet and Bond Map and the 1879 G.M. Hopkins Map, as "J.T. Holland, residence." The Holland name is associated with several other properties in the vicinity of Prospect Hill, along Brighton Dam Road, as indicated on both of these historic maps.

In 1955 the property passed out of Holland family hands. In 1972, Prospect Hill farm was purchased by Archie Shipe who renovated the house, adding plumbing, heating, a foundation underpinning, and new windows and doors. In the restoration process, the owner found American coins from the early 1800s; an old silver spoon with the Holland family crest; and a store of antique medicine bottles.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s): Rural Agrarian
Intensification

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Agriculture; Architecture,
Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S): Single Dwelling; Barn

Category: Standing Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): Domestic; Subsistence/Agricultural

Known Design Source:

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Prospect Hill				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Brighton Dam Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brookeville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Archie Shipe, Jr.				
STREET AND NUMBER: Brighton Dam Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brookeville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring		STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story frame building with end chimneys, and a recessed entrance on the north side. On the south side, the facade is five irregular bays. The house is plastered over the brick walls.

In the west section is a hall and parlor. The parlor has a mantle with fluted pilasters and a dentil course below the moulded shelf. There is a chair rail consisting of board with wide bead supporting a roll moulding. The plain stairs rise from the north end of the hall with three winders leading to a straight run; the hall has doors on each end without transoms or side-lights.

The end section is one large room and part of an enclosed porch. The kitchen wing, of brick covered with clapboard, extends from this section.

Across the south wall is a two story porch. The floor joists of the porch are log. The basement is in two sections with a stone wall between carrying a sill. On the exterior, the two sections can be seen as a seam in the foundation. The foundation wall was also extended for the porch, indicating it as a later addition. The front sill is spliced where the additions meet; both are hand-hewn. The foundation for the kitchen wing is stone with a wooden sill.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Farquhar claims that the older (east) wing was built between 1750 and 1760, with the west wing somewhat later. John Holland purchased the land from tracts "Gittings Ha! Ha!" and "Bordley's Choice." The house was used as a meeting place for patriots during the Revolutionary War and as a chapel for worship.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland (1962), pp. 253-4.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "	°	' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/22/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



NO. 85 E-3 A. JOHN POOLE 1793 LOGS

As one enters the wide front hall, there is a parlor on the right with fireplace and living room on the left, also with a fireplace. On the second floor is a bedroom over each of the first floor rooms, and in the rear wing over the present kitchen are two rooms.

The dead body of Col. Edward D. Baker in command of the Union forces, who was killed in the Battle of Balls Bluff in October, 1861, was carried through the front hall of this house and laid out in a rear room. (See Annington.) Funeral services for Col. Edward Baker were held in the White House at the request of President Lincoln, his good friend. It is of interest to note that there is a heroic statue of Colonel Baker in Statuary Hall, at the Capitol—a gift from his native state.

Mrs. Frances Williams, who was very generous to the author with her information about this and other houses in Poolesville, died recently, and this handsome home in 1962 is owned by Julian Freeman.

The first house in the village, shown herein, is of logs covered with siding, has four rooms on the first floor and three on the second, and is on a lot of about one acre. The large stone fireplace and stone bake oven are still features as shown in the photograph taken in 1950.

Prospect Hill

ON an elevated spot overlooking the picturesque Hawlings River, meandering through green meadows in the valley below, stands a historic, yet modest homestead shown in the photograph below. Facing south, it once was a secret meeting place of patriots, before open rebellion was climaxed by armed conflict in April, 1775. It was also a chapel for worship in those thrilling days.

Two brothers, John and James Holland, came from England about the middle of the eighteenth century, and tradition credits John with building the original house at Prospect Hill, about 1750 or 1760. There is a record that James bought a tract of land in that area in 1768. The house is constructed of hand-hewn studding, "nogged" or chinked with bricks.

The older part of the house on the right of the front door has every appearance of being of pre-Revolutionary construction, although the main, left portion, is believed to have been built not much later. To the right of the front door is a hall, which leads into the main room of the first floor behind the bay window shown in the

photograph. It was in this room, which had a huge fireplace in early days, that the "rebellious" citizens met to discuss ways and means of redressing grievances. In this room, too, religious services were held. The small pulpit in one side of the room was replaced recently, rather ironically, by a gun and trophy room.

It is asserted by some that the Hawlings was originally named "Holland's River," because so many settlers of that name lived along its meadows. This recalls an anecdote. About the year 1876, an old Dutch cattle dealer from West Virginia or Ohio, when driving a herd of cattle into the area, kept asking about "Holland's River," a stream about which he had apparently heard so much. It was glorified in his imagination. He expected to see something at least equal to the Potomac. When he finally saw the so-called "river"—no larger than Rock Creek,—he exclaimed in disgust: "Shucks! Dam that river, and I can carry it away in a bucket and a bag!" The pretty stream drains a valley about ten miles long in the eastern part of the County between the Patuxent River and Rock Creek.



NO. 88 D-9 JOHN HOLLAND CA. 1750-'60
LOGS, BRICK NOGGED

The Hawlings River valley is notable for its fertile meadows where grasses produce bountifully and pasturage is good, even during droughts. Before 1860 many of the farmers in the central and upper sections of the county depended upon the valley farmers for extra pasture and hay before the improvement in their soils by use of Guano.

There was a woolen mill on this property in early days and a large stone quarry which has been extensively drawn from in recent years to supply some of the best building stone for many Washington buildings.

Prospect Hill farm, which contains 130 acres, was part of two old land grants, known as "Gittings, Ha! Ha!" (made to Richard Simmons in 1724) and "Bordleys Choice" (to Thomas Bord-

ley in 1725) before John Holland purchased his acreage. Following John came his son, Charles G. Holland, born after 1800, who married Nancy Griffith. Charles G. Holland died in 1858, and the place with a large acreage was purchased by his son, James Thomas Holland, who is shown as the owner on a map dated 1865. He was born in 1833.

In 1866 James Thomas Holland married Alice Linthicum and bought the place about this time. He died in 1911. A daughter of this marriage was Annie Holland, born about 1871, who in 1896 married Samuel Owings and inherited Prospect Hill. Annie (Holland) Owings passed on in 1939, and the old home was left to her daughter, Alice (Owings) Wood, who was the wife of Guy Holland Wood. Guy H. Wood died in 1959, and this old home was sold to Mr. Warren K. Cooley, who owns an adjoining farm. The nice old house is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Caleb T. East, tenants, who are farming the place of about 130 acres. Mrs. East was most kind to the author—praised my first Volume on Old Homes—saying she had read most of the stories. Mr. East has had a serious accident on the farm, but is recovering.

In spite of its existence for probably two centuries, the old house is in excellent condition. Back of the main or "chapel" room, already referred to, was an old kitchen with slave quarters attached to the house and long since removed.

Quaint Acres

THE pleasing old country home shown below, located one hundred yards west of the Colesville-Ashton highway, on route 29, has been admired for several generations.

Located on part of an original land patent known as Easy Purchase (granted in April, 1716), which contained 900 acres, it comprised most of the land between the Northwest Branch of the Anacostia River and the West Paint Branch, and extended from Colesville to White Oak, a distance of over one mile. The Shaw family came into the area in 1830 when Rezin Shaw acquired a plantation of 557 acres.

On August 9, 1830, Rezin Shaw purchased 288½ acres from Robert P. Dunlop, trustee for

David Peter, deceased. To this he added another parcel of sixty-nine acres, another of sixty-one acres and another of 130 acres, the cost of the whole plantation being \$1,114.46, an average price of two dollars per acre. (One parcel of twenty acres of the same land sold a decade ago, for one thousand dollars per acre.) Rezin Shaw was one of a family of twelve children, and after he died in April, 1849, his widow and three daughters and three sons signed in April, 1851, the deed conveying the southern part of the tract to his son Elbert.

David Peter was a son of Robert Peter, the eminent and prosperous mayor of Georgetown. In a deed of partition recorded June 20, 1812,

Note: Alice Owings Wood is the daughter of Annie Holland Owings.

November 3, 1955

Guy H. and Alice O. Wood to Elbert and Martha E. Welsh. 1 acre of land. (Deed Book 2133 Folio 207)

Note: This acre comes from the 19 acres of "What's left Corrected" portion of the Brooke Grove land tract from her brother who received it from the will of their father, Charles Holland on April 3, 1858.

June 8, 1956

Guy H. and Alice O. Wood to Caleb Products Co. (Part #2, 125 acres and Part #3, 5.43 acres). (Deed Book 2219 Folio 17)

September 10, 1962

Caleb Products Co. to Betty Jane Buckland. Part #2, 125 acres and Part #3, 5.43 acres. (Deed Book 3007 Folio 557)

March 26, 1974

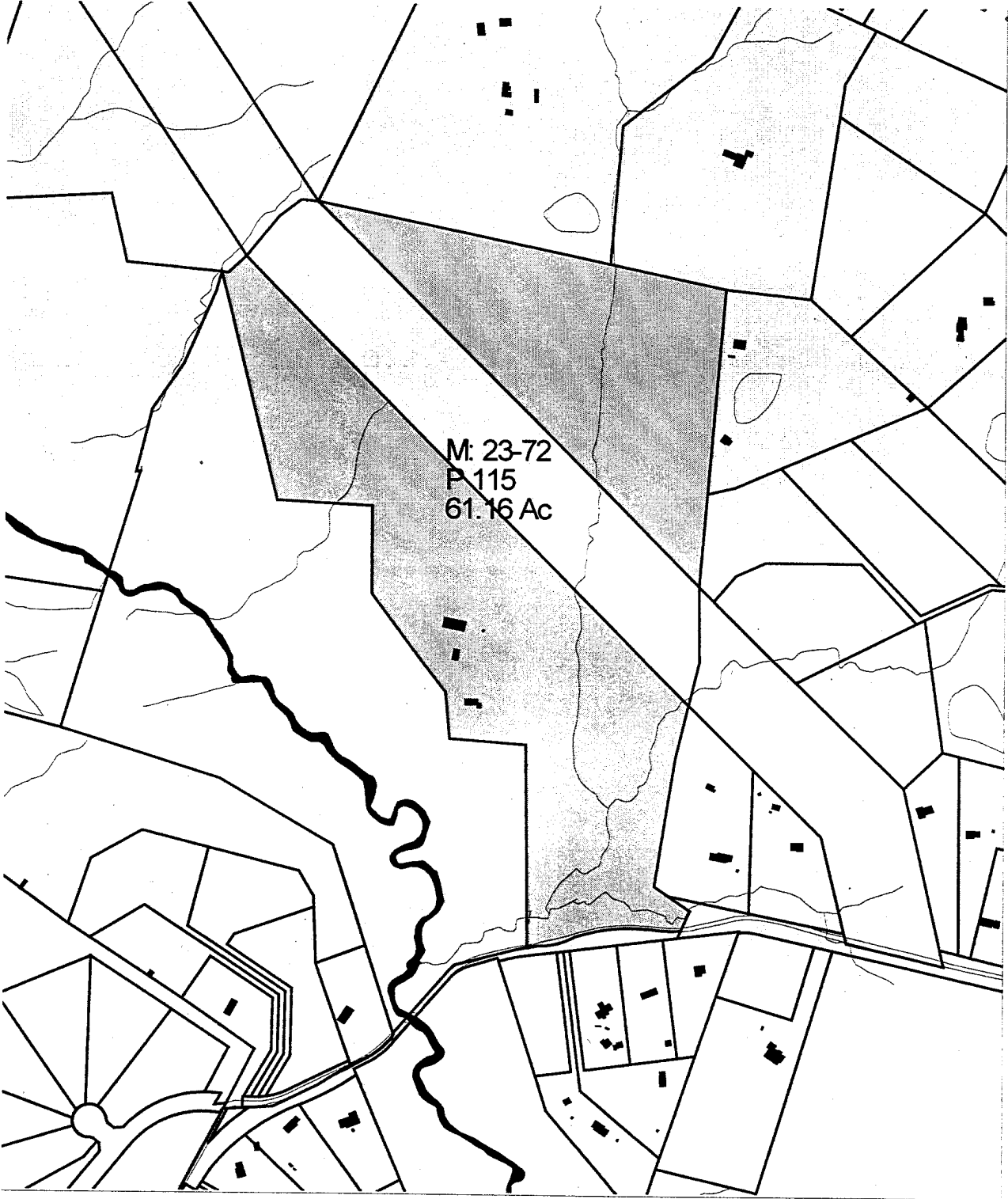
Betty Jane Buckland to Archie K. and Julie A. Shipe. 61.16 acres. (Deed Book 4506 Folio 604)

"That tract containing 61.16 acres including old dwelling and outbuildings."

February 15, 1977

Archie K. and Julie A. Shipe to Betty J. Ponds (Present Owner). 18.602 acres. (Deed Book 4908 Folio 347)

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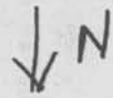
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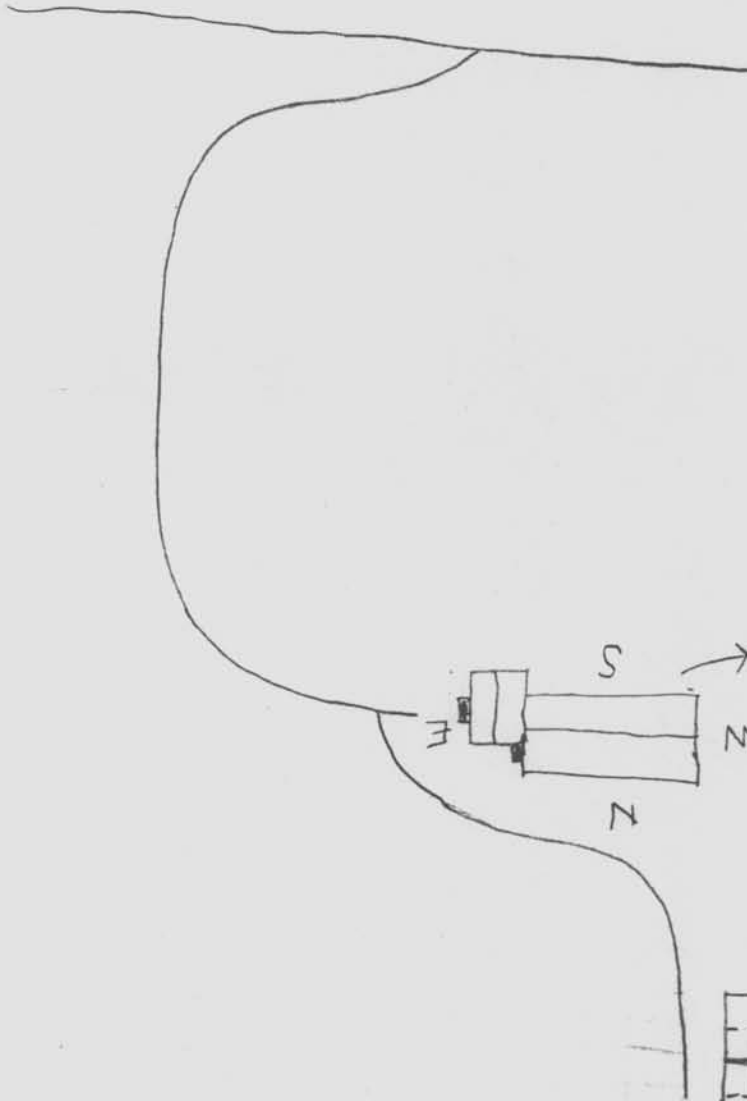
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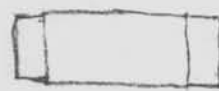




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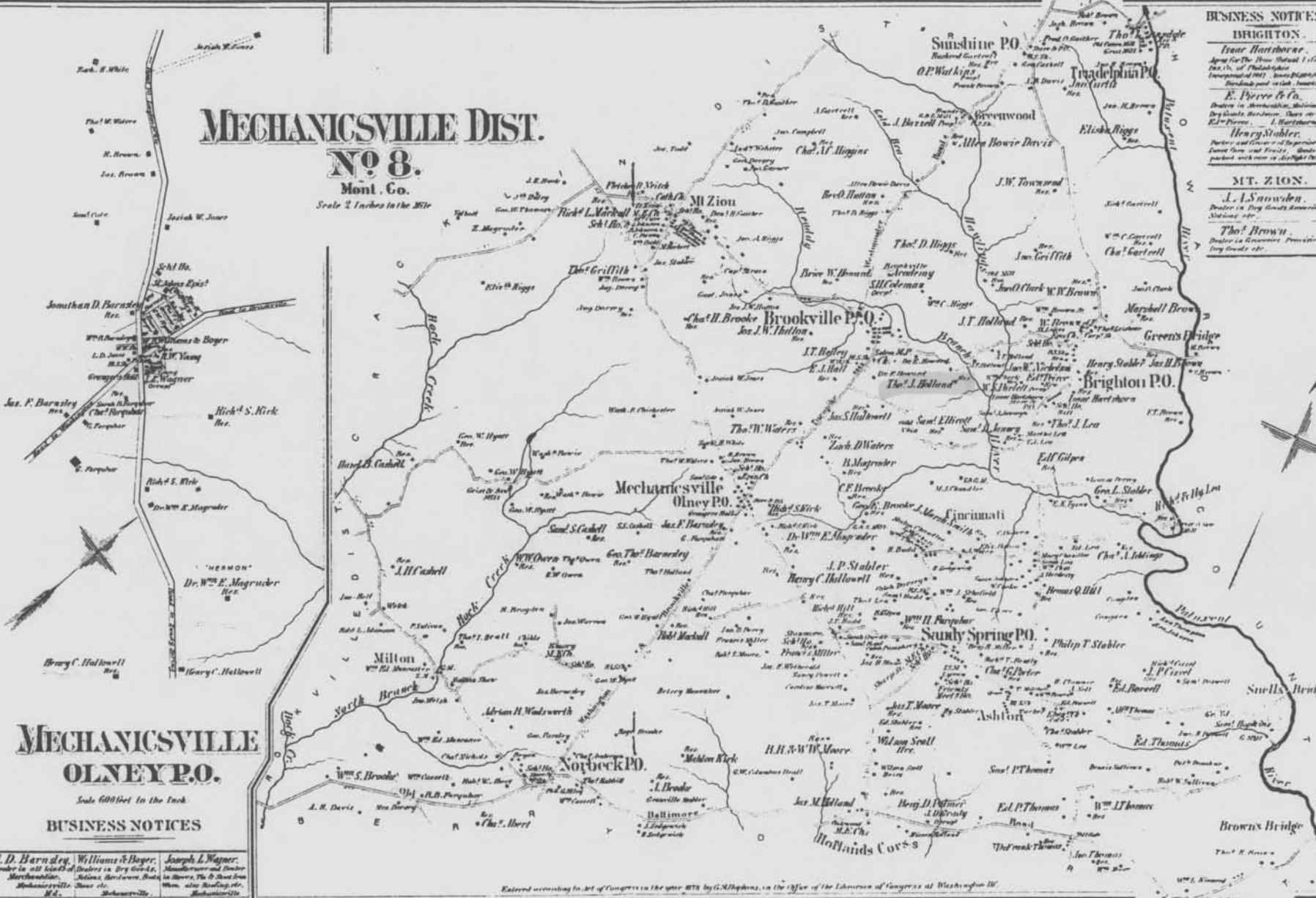
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No. 8.

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Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



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Scale 600 Feet to the Inch

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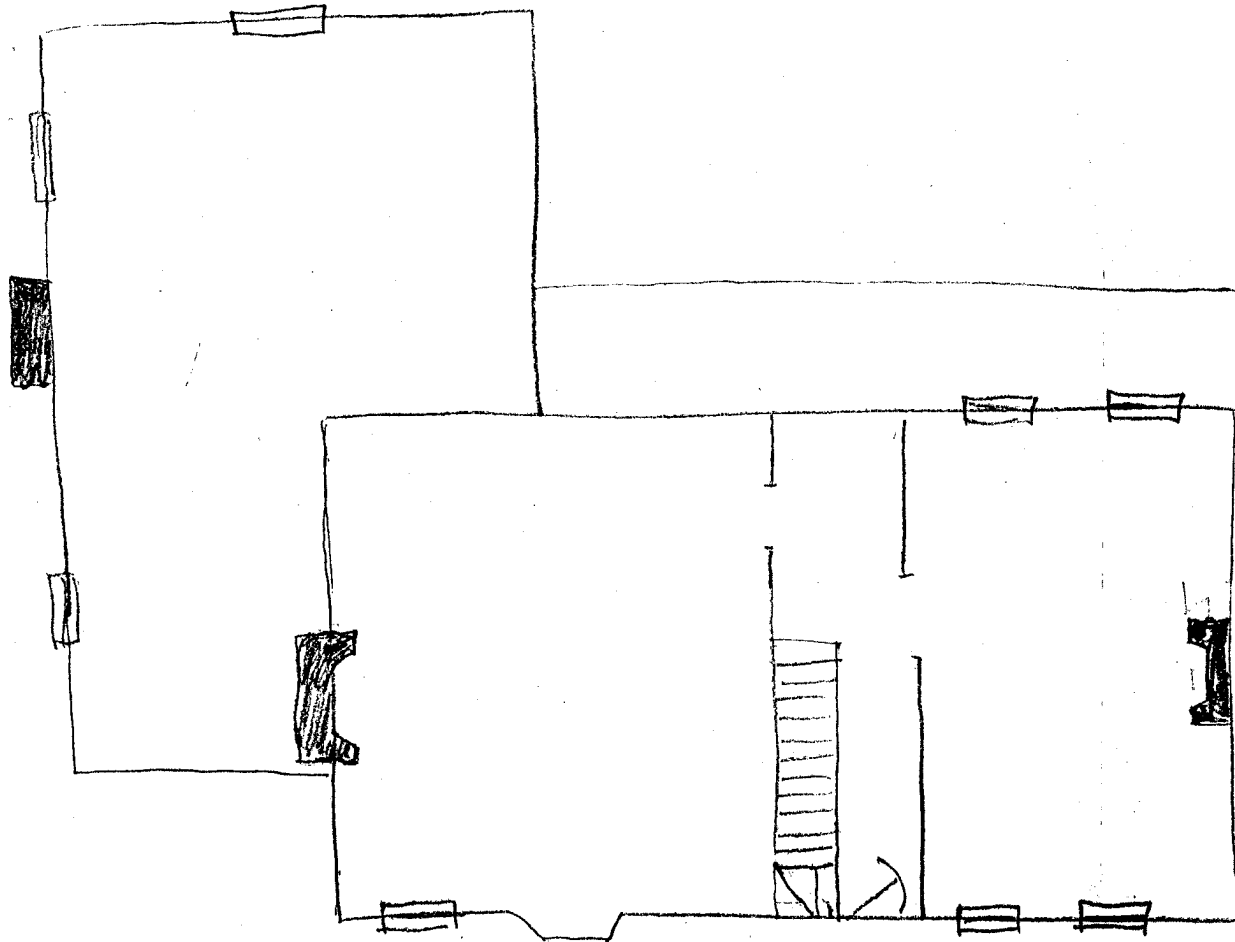
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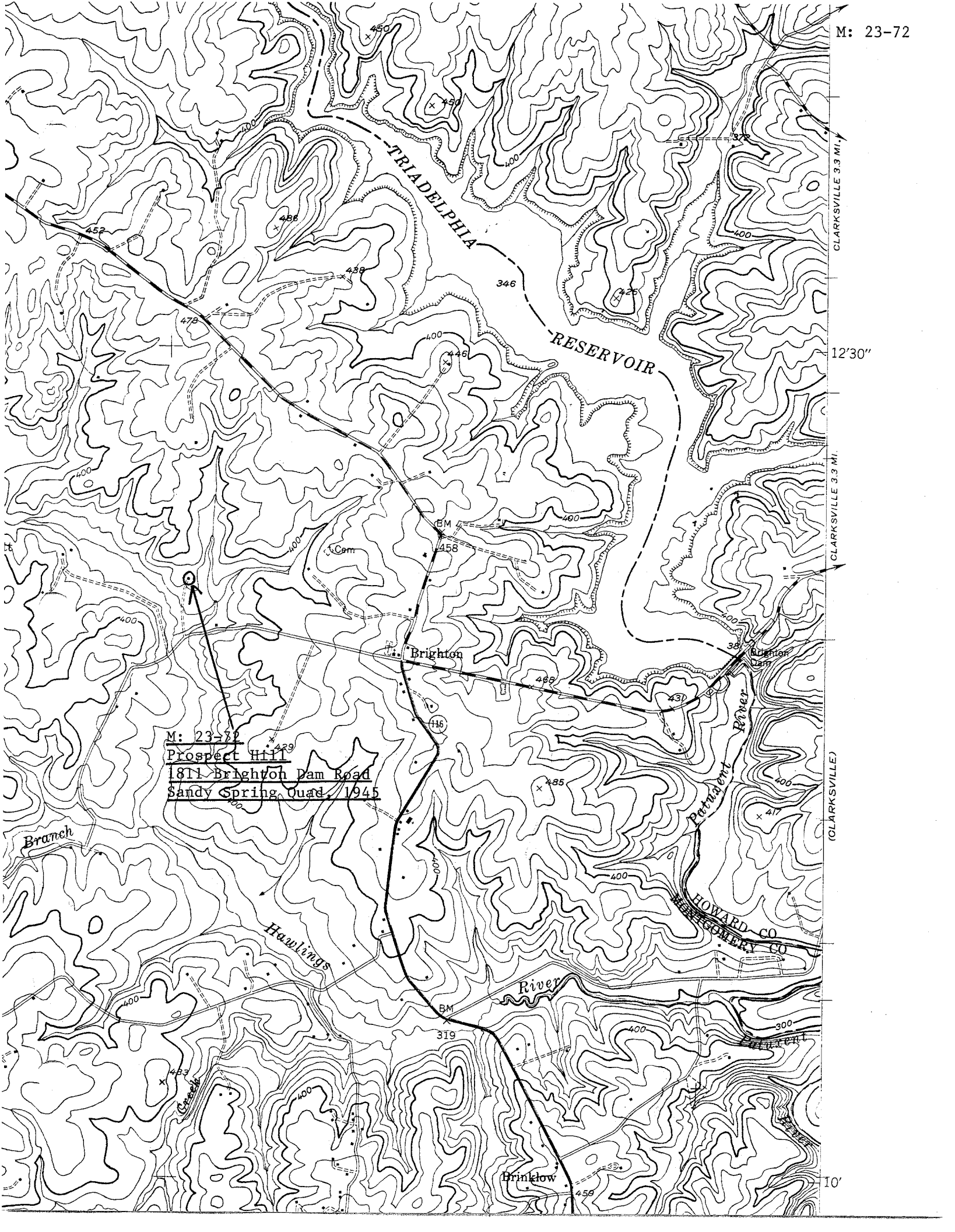
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