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500 Greenbridge Rd.

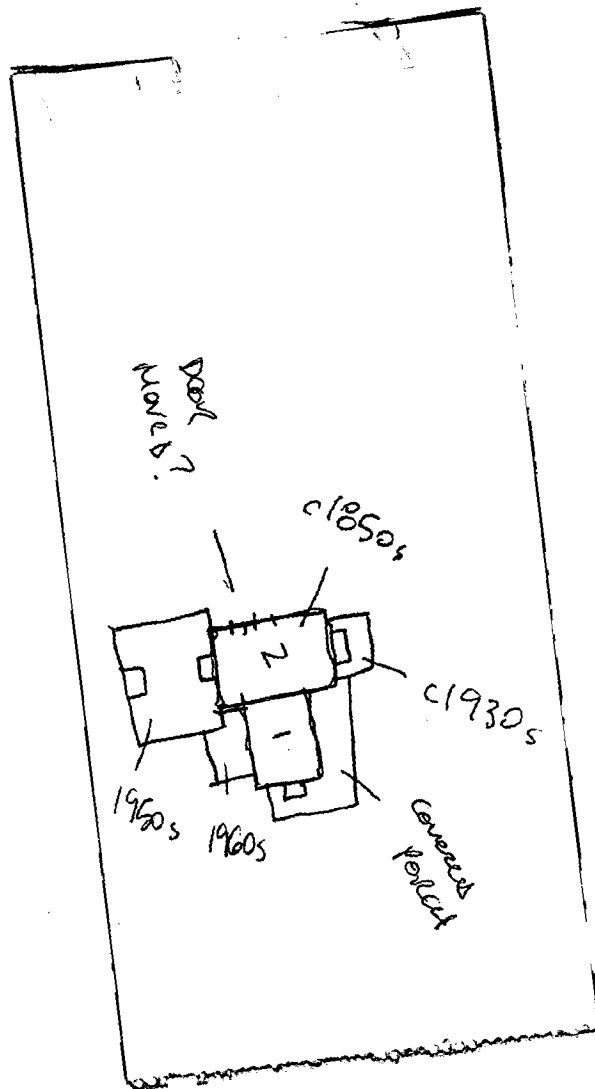
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Richard + Bonnie Kramer

(301) 570-4208

Mr. Ladue

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26 MAR 1760

JOSHUA WARFIELD
TO RICHARD MACKLE-
FISH

"BENS. (WESKETH'S)
CHOICE"
50 ACRES

RICHARD-MACKLEFISH
TO JAMES BROWN
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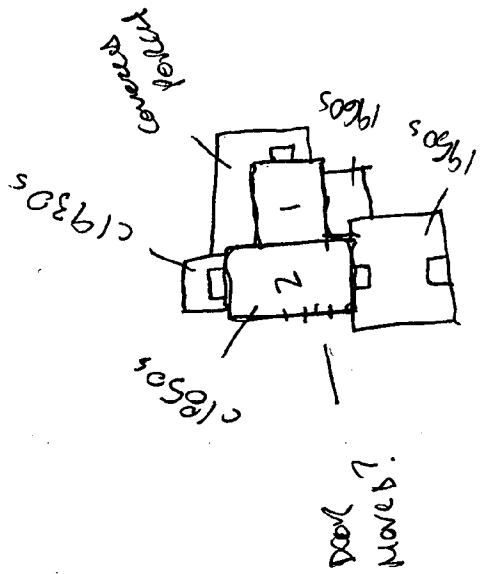
James H. Brown House

500 Greenbridge Road
#23/076

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ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING: 26.64 acres, Parcel 8 on the tax map JU 343.



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M-23-76

JAMES H. BROWN FARM
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

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JAMES H. BROWN FARM,
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION OF LOG OUTBUILDING

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JAMES H. BROWN FARM
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

OCTOBER 26, 1998

MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW OF OUTBUILDINGS; LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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JAMES H. BROWN FARM
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 26, 1998
MARYLAND SHPO
VIEW OF LOG OUTBUILDINGS; LOOKING NW
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JAMES H. BROWN FARM

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

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NORTHEAST OBLIQUE

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James Brown House
M:23-76
Montgomery County, Maryland

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-76

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1. Name of Property

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historic name James H. Brown House

common/other name Bienvenue

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2. Location

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street & number 500 Greenbridge Rd Not for publication

city or town Brookville vicinity 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>7</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u>2</u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>7</u>	<u>3</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: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE Sub: Barn, corncrib
DOMESTIC Single Dwelling
DOMESTIC Secondary/Smokehouse

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE Sub: Barn/storage facility
DOMESTIC Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation stone
roof gable:standing seam metal
walls log and frame: vinyl siding
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 1858-late 19th century

Significant Dates circa 1858
Late 19th C

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 26.64 acres

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

The James H. Brown house occupies Parcel 8 on Montgomery County Tax Map JU 343. This parcel was subdivided in 1998 from the larger Parcel 105.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel is part of a larger parcel which has been associated with the property since the construction of the house on the site in circa 1858.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians
organization M-NCPPC date January 14, 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 Richard and Bonnie Kramer
street & number 500 Greenbridge Road telephone 301 570-4208
city or town Brookeville state MD zip code 20833
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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 7 Page 1

Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

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The property known as the James H. Brown House is located at the end of a long drive on the south side of Greenbridge Road, east of its intersection with New Hampshire Avenue in northeastern Montgomery County. The property occupies a 20-acre parcel¹ of land overlooking Brighton Dam and consists of a complex dwelling whose oldest section, though significantly altered, dates to circa 1858, and a tightly-knit grouping of several domestic and agricultural buildings, including a mid-19th-century log smokehouse. Although the dwelling has been significantly altered over the years, the property, with its attendant buildings, provides a good example of a 19th-century domestic complex.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The primary residence is a complex frame structure consisting of several parts. The oldest section, built circa 1858², is a 1-1/2-story, gable-roofed log structure, now serving as a rear wing to the larger frame house. The main block of the house, probably built during the late 19th century, includes a two-story, two-bay frame central section covered with a gable roof. Two, two-story frame wings with gable roofs were added to either side of the main block. The entire house, built into a hillside, has undergone extensive alterations.

Exterior Description:

The main block:

Built in the late 19th century, the main block of the house faces north and is built into a sloping hillside and divided into three parts: the central section and the east and west wings. Set upon a raised stone foundation, the central section of the main block is a two-story, two-bay, side-passage frame dwelling. It is covered with a gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal, and has walls clad with vinyl siding and new window openings. The first story consists of a side-passage entry and a set of three replacement windows, while the second story has two, single 6/6 replacement

¹ A small parcel of this 20-acre tract was recently subdivided and improved with a single-family residence fronting Greenbridge Road and having the name, Hawk's Flight. The James Brown House is reached via a drive on the south side of Greenbridge Road that goes beyond the contemporary house facing the road.

² The date of construction is based upon the land purchase date and is consistent with the architecture. The dwelling is clearly indicated on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map.

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windows. The side entry, protected by a shed-roof porch, has a wood paneled door with a six-light transom and sidelights. A brick end chimney on the east end of the central section is now enclosed between the central section and the east wing.

The east wing of the house, set slightly below the central section on the decline of the hillside, is a single-bay, two-story frame structure covered with a gable roof, clad with standing seam metal. It is set upon a raised stone foundation and has all new replacement windows with 6/1 "snap-in" muntins. The windows are grouped in pairs on the first story and singly in the second story and in the basement level. The wing abuts the east end wall of the central section and is recessed only inches from the facade of it. The roof of the east wing is slightly lower than that of the central block.

The west wing is similarly a two-bay frame structure, clad with vinyl siding and covered with a gable roof, clad with standing seam metal. It is set above the central section on the hill and projects slightly in front of it. This wing includes single 6/6 windows.

Log Section:

The original section of the house is a 1-1/2-story log structure, now incorporated as the rear wing of the main block. Built circa 1858, this small structure faced east, overlooking the Patuxent River. When the two-story, central section of the main block of the house was constructed perpendicular to it, this original log structure became the rear kitchen wing. Although its original form and massing is discernible, it has been significantly altered and added onto, most notably by a 20th-century, wrap-around, enclosed porch.

The 1-1/2-story log section is set upon a stone foundation and covered with a steeply pitched gable roof. A massive stone and brick end chimney is centered on the south end wall, while a contemporary sunroom addition with large plateglass windows wraps around the east and south walls. A shed-roof wing addition projects off of the west elevation of the log structure. Two 6/6 gable dormers, cut into the boxed cornice, are located off-center of the east and west slopes of the gable roof.³ The massive stone and brick end chimney has been heavily parged at the base and shoulder level. The brick shaft, laid in an all-stretcher bond,

³ These dormers were probably historically located on center, but when the main block was added to the north end of the log structure, it may have been shortened, rendering the dormers off-center.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

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has been rebuilt.

DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS:

A row of several outbuildings aligns the south side of the entry drive leading to the James Brown House.

Garage: south of the house on the other side of the driveway is a long, two-story hollow tile and frame garage with attached equipment/storage sheds. 20th century date of construction.

Smokehouse: Next to the garage is a 19th-century log smokehouse. It is covered with a gable roof and has board and batten side walls over the log structure. The south elevation of the structure is not clad, however, revealing the square log notching and stone chinking. A single door is located on center of the north wall of the smokehouse.

Outbuilding: An unidentified frame structure is located next to the smokehouse. It is similarly covered with a gable roof and has board and batten walls. The north wall has a single door opening on center and single, six-light fixed windows on the east and south walls.

Hay Barn: A frame haybarn with a hay hood is located southwest of the house, towards the head of the entry drive leading back to the dwelling.

Several other buildings, including a stable, and two other barns occupy the site.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 1

Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House
name of property

Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James H. Brown farmhouse was originally constructed circa 1858 by James Brown as a 1-1/2-story log structure. This structure was later added onto, becoming the rear wing of a side-passage frame dwelling. It was further altered by the addition of a wrap-around, enclosed porch that compromises its original massing. The property includes several historic outbuildings, including a log smokehouse from the 19th century. Although the property retains several of its historic outbuildings, the primary residence has been significantly altered and no longer retains the integrity necessary to meet the criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context:

Now a rear wing to the main block of the house, the log section of the James Brown House is believed to have been built by James H. Brown about 1858.¹ At the time of its construction, the James Brown House sat on 131.5 acres of land tracts referred to as "Millseat," "Hisuett's Choice," "Johnson's Choice" and "Brooke's Addition." The farmland was allotted to James Brown by the division of the real estate of his deceased father, also named James Brown, in 1855.² A two-story frame building was later added to the original log structure.

In 1891, James died, leaving a wife, Minerva, and three children: Milton, William and Sarah. The farm went to his son, William.³ When William died in 1929, the farm became the property of his widow, Olive Brown, and their children, Nolan and Nellie.⁴ In July of 1935, Olive conveyed the farm to Samantha Brown Nichols who immediately conveyed it to Walter and Beatrice Wilson.⁵ In 1979 Walter and Beatrice Wilson sold the property to John F. Wilson and his wife, Leona P. Wilson. In the 1990s, the property was subdivided such that a small parcel of the larger, historic

¹The date given is based on the land purchase date and the date that it appears on the tax records with improvements. It also appears on the county maps of 1865 and 1878.

²Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber JGH 4 Folio 516.

³Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber JA 27 Folio 122.

⁴Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 598 Folio 226.

⁵Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 608 Folio 287.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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James H. Brown House
name of property
Brookville, Maryland
county and state

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property facing Greenbridge Road was improved upon with a
contemporary "Victorian" house. The historic James Brown house,
located behind the contemporary house, is currently owned by
Richard and Bonnie Kramer.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House
name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s): Agricultural-Industrial
Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): Domestic

Known Design Source: Unknown

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
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Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House
name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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CHAIN OF TITLE:

October 22, 1855 Being the lot of land allotted to James H. Brown in the partition of the real estate of James Brown deceased, containing 131.5 acres of land.

June 2, 1891 James Hanson Brown dies, leaving his estate to his widow Minerva S. Brown and their 3 children (Milton, William F. and Sarah S.) Milton receives farm of 100 acres and relinquishes any further claim to the property of James Hanson Brown, deceased.

July 23, 1935 William F. Brown died in 1929. His estate is left to Olive Brown, his widow and his son Nolan H. Brown, intermarried with Nellie S. Brown. Liber 598 Folio 226. They gave the this portion of the original James Hanson Estate to Milton's sister Sarah S. Brown Nichols. Liber JA 27 Folio 242.

October 25, 1935 Sarah Samantha Brown Nichols and her husband Albert Nichols sold the property to Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife. These three parcels of land consisted of 131.5 acres, 16 acres, and 13 acres. Liber 608 Folio 287.

September 16, 1979 Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife left property to their family; Mark B. Wilson, Helen G. Wilson, Patricia I. Wilson, Edward C. Wilson, and Shirley H. Wilson. Liber 5402 Folio 616. A) 26.6458 acres part of the same land described in Liber 608 Folio 287. B) Also part of the same land described in Liber 4435 Folio 55.

November 14, 1988 Walter F. Wilson's Family sold the property to John F. Wilson and Leona P. Wilson, wife. Liber 8670 Folio 386.

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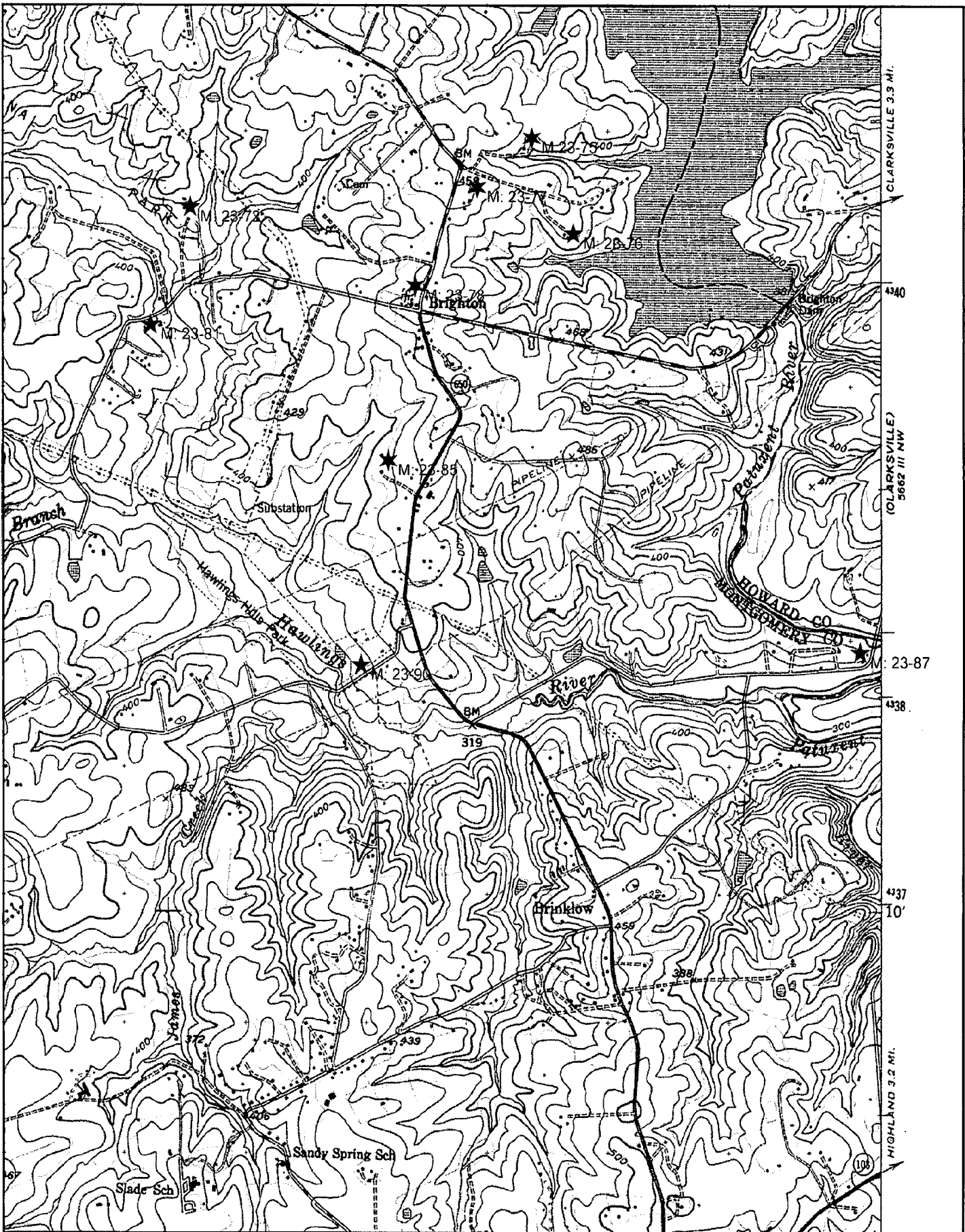
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April 3, 1998

Ronald R. Ladue and S.P. Ladue, wife sold property to Richard Kramer and B.S. Kramer, wife. Lot #8 of Greenbridge Farm as recorded in plat 18853. Same as in Liber 8670 Folio 386. Liber 15700 Folio 532.



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 Date: 7/13/99
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 Caption: JAMES H. BROWN HOUSE (M: 23-76)
 500 Greenbridge Rd.

JAMES H. BROWN HOUSE (M: 23-76)



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20.72 Ac
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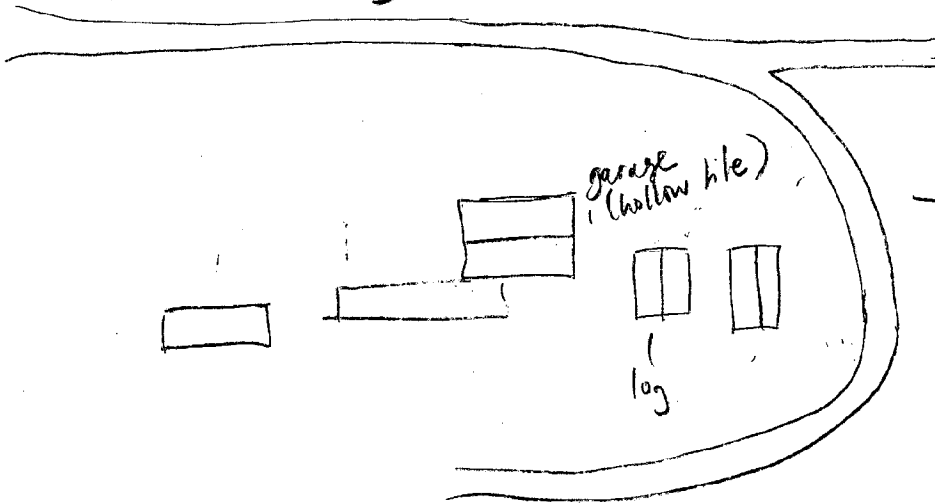
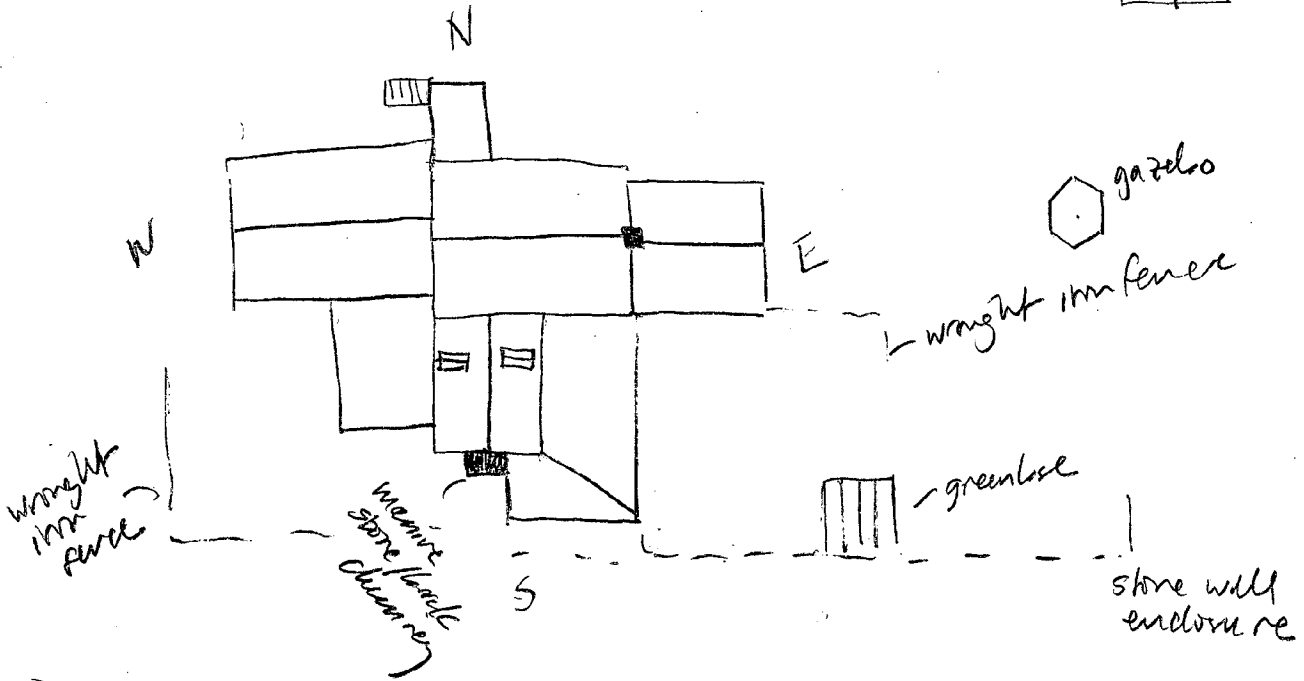
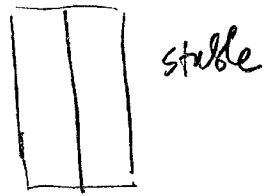
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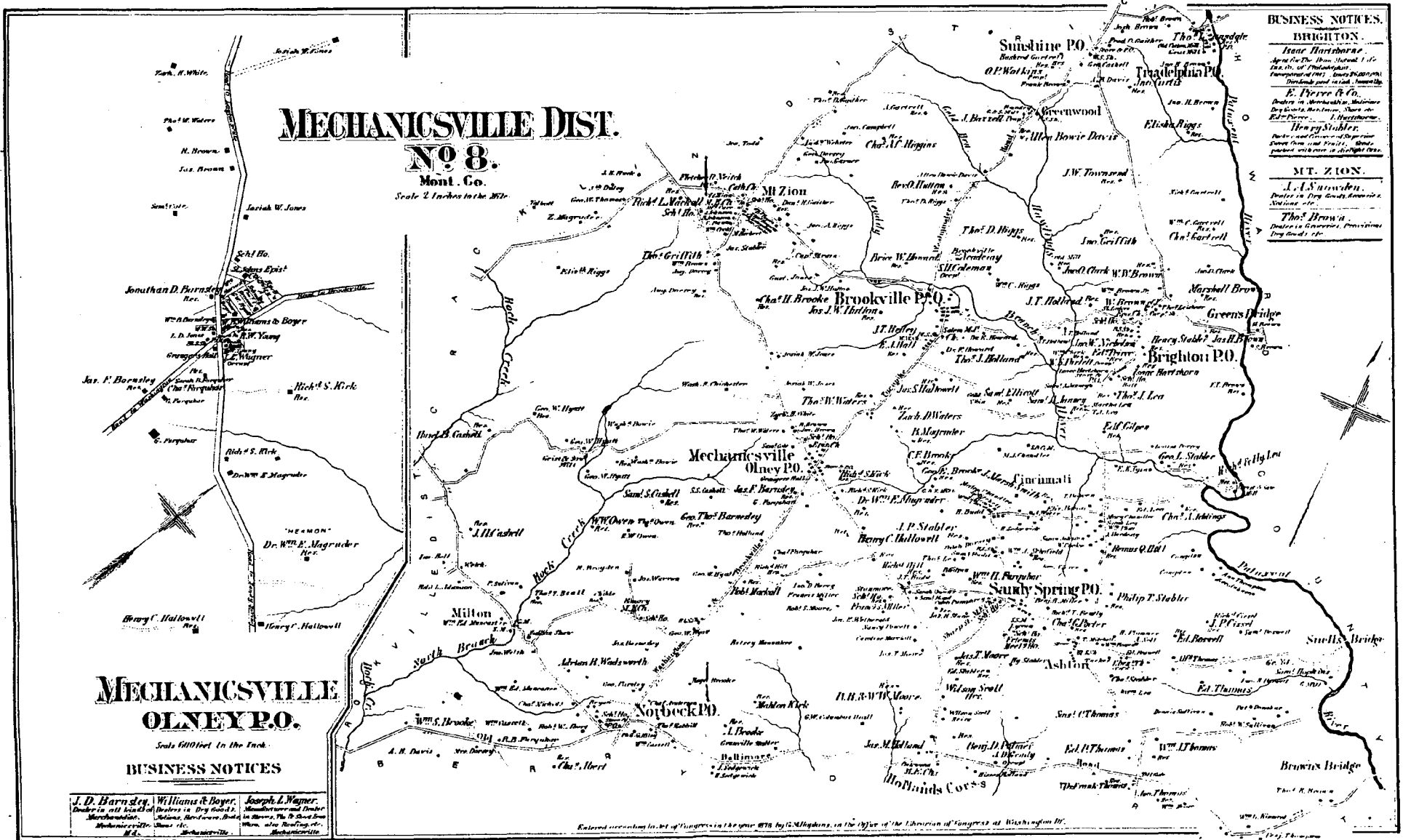


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Brighton
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nearby

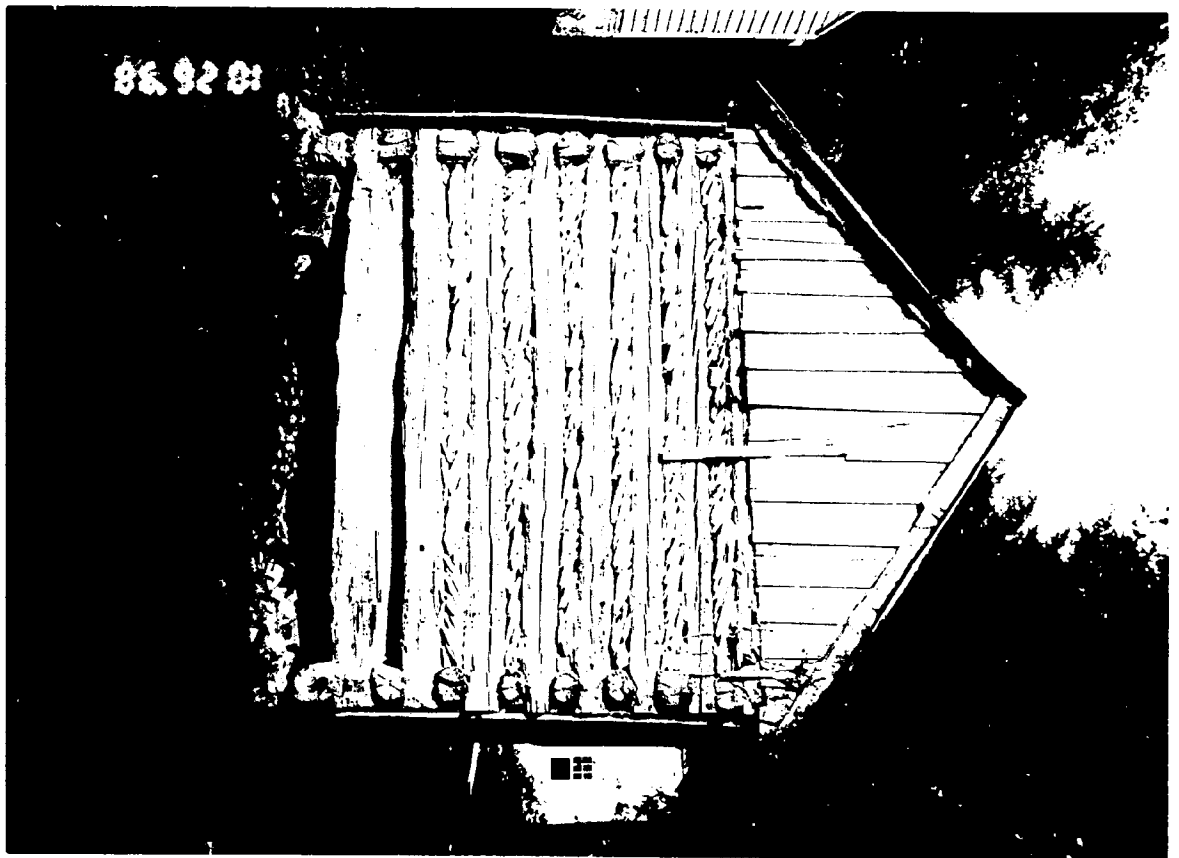


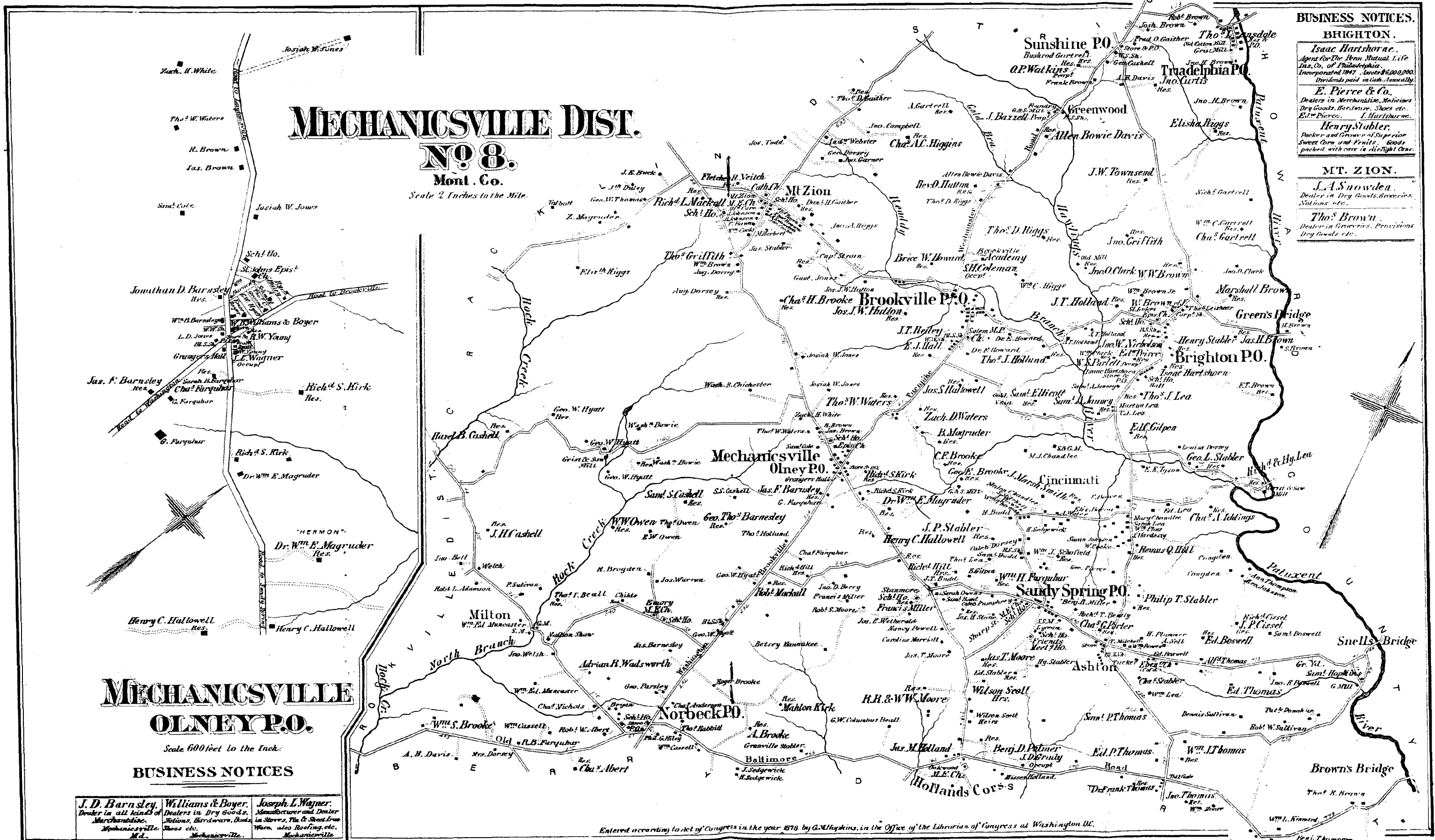


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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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 Agent for The Penn Mutual Life Ins. Co. of Philadelphia. Incorporated 1847. Assets \$4,000,000. Dividends paid in cash annually.

E. Pierce & Co.
 Dealers in Merchandise, Medicines, Dry Goods, Hardware, Shoes, etc.

Henry Stabler.
 Packer and Grower of Superior Sweet Corn and Fruits. Goods packed with care in the Night Case.

MT. ZION.
J.A. Snowden.
 Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Notions, etc.

Tho. Brown.
 Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Dry Goods, etc.

J.D. Barnsley. Dealer in all kinds of Merchandise, Mechanicsville, Md.

Williams & Boyer. Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Books, Mechanicsville.

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HOPKIN'S MAP, 1879.

ANNAPOLIS INTENSIVE SURVEY - EXTERIOR FORM

ADDRESS: *Hawk's Flight 500 Greenbridge Rd*

Architectural Style:

Date of Construction:

*currently undergoing
some work*

Type of Resource:

Number of Stories:

Component	#	Type/Form	Material	Treatment
Foundation		<i>solid / round</i>	<i>stone</i>	
Struc. System		<i>frame</i>	<i>vinyl / metal siding</i>	
Chimney	<i>2</i>	<i>brick / stone</i>		
Roof		<i>gable</i>	<i>SS-M</i>	
Porch		<i>shed</i>		
Cornice		<i>boxed</i>		

Windows:

Elevation/story	#	Type/lights	Surrounds/sills
<i>Front / 1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>6/6 repl. - openings new too</i>	
<i>1/2</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6/6</i>	
<i>side addition (hist)</i>			
<i>1/1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>6/1 R</i>	
<i>1/2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6/6</i>	
<i>1/2 basement</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6/6</i>	

Doors:

Location	#	Type/material	Surrounds/lintel
<i>side entry</i>		<i>wood paneled w/ 6</i>	<i>light transoms & side lights</i>

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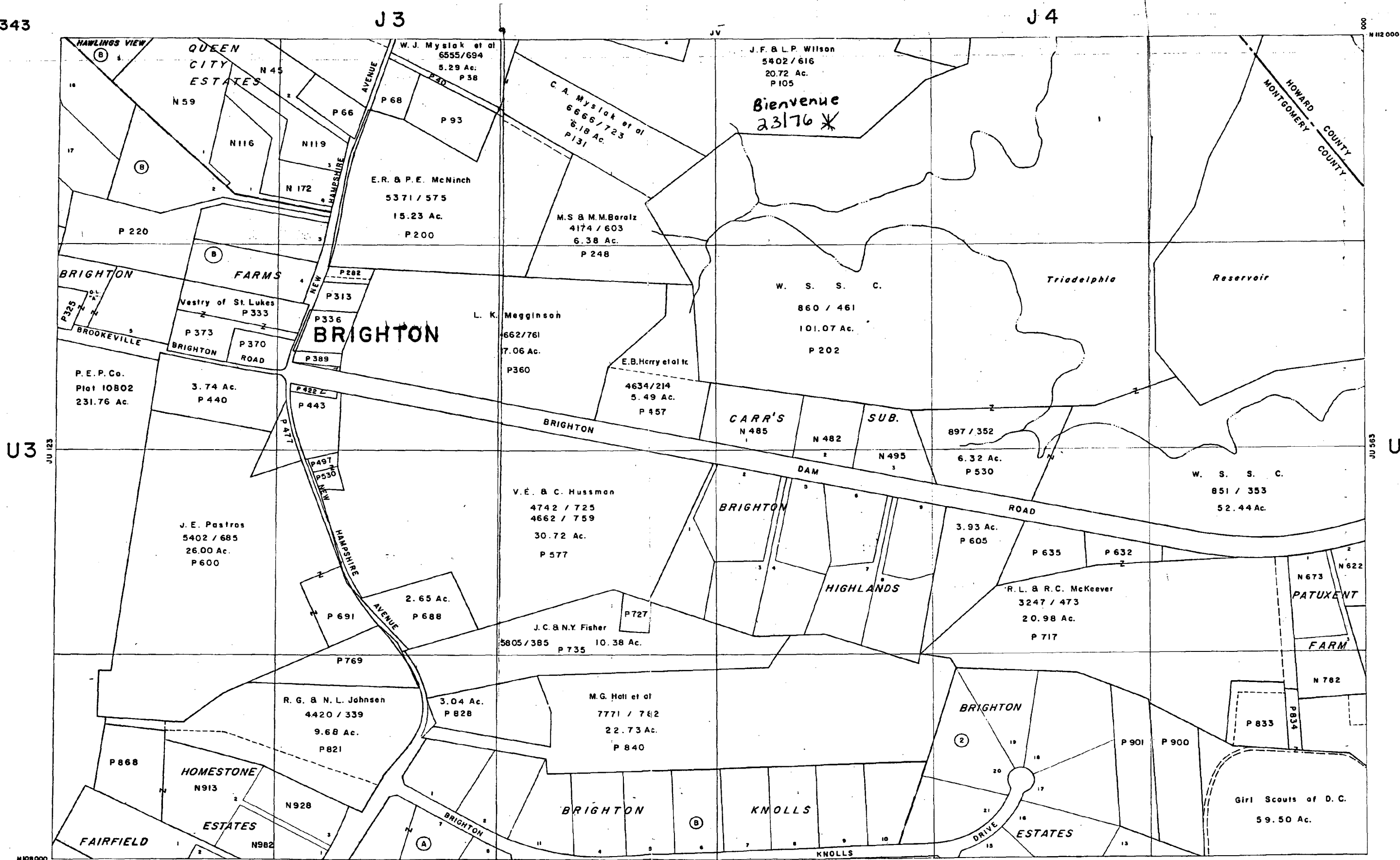
James Brown House 23-76

on Green Bridge Road

now owned by Ron Ladue (1995)

part of it is a log house built 19th century

Mike Dwyer



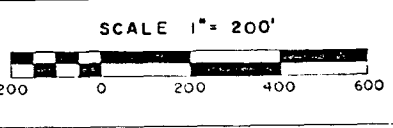
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LEGEND
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 ===== CORPORATE BOUNDARY
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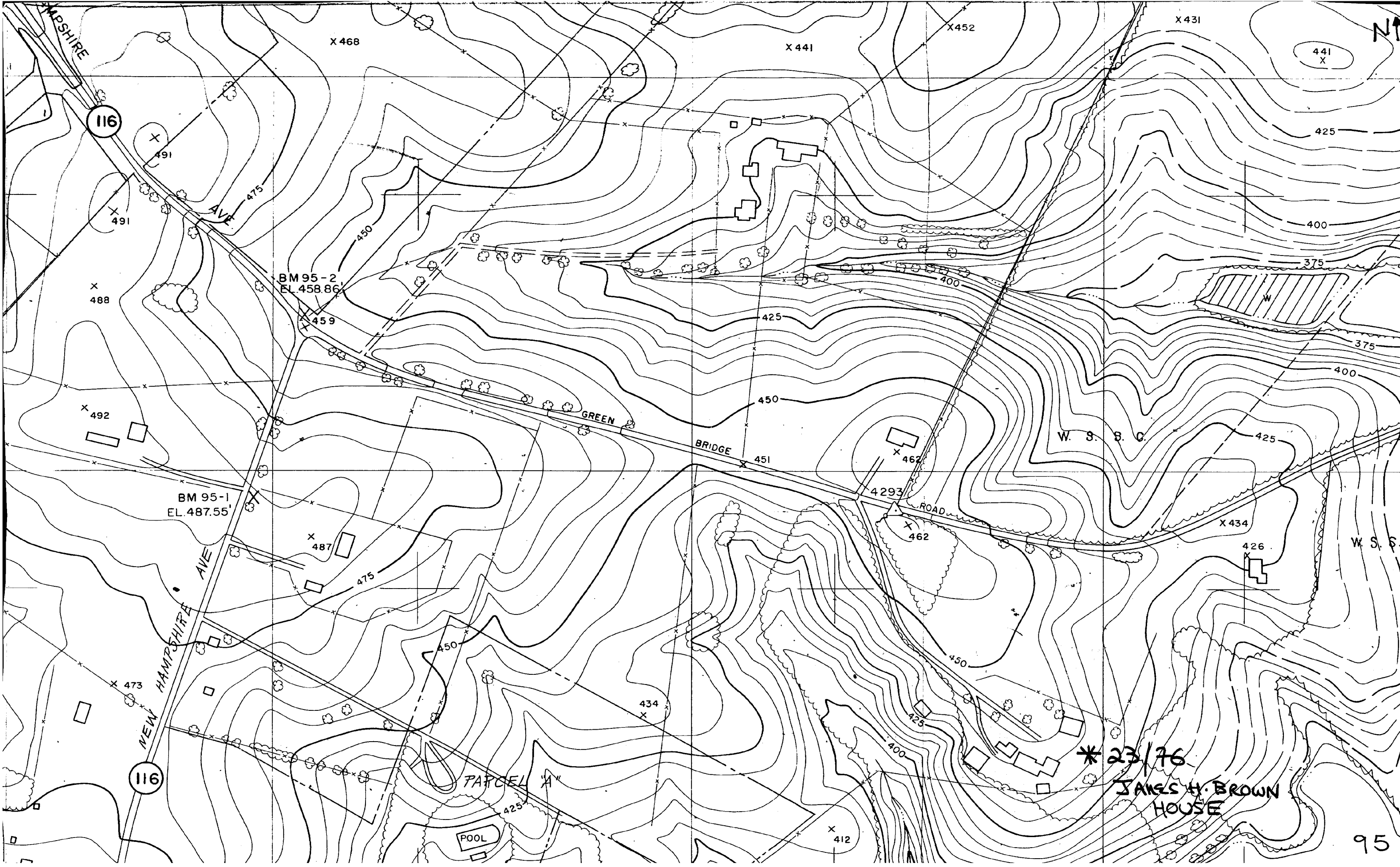
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 Location: BRIGHTON



* 23/76
JAMES H. BROWN
HOUSE

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House
name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

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CHAIN OF TITLE:

October 22, 1855 Being the lot of land allotted to James H. Brown in the partition of the real estate of James Brown deceased, containing 131.5 acres of land.

June 2, 1891 James Hanson Brown dies, leaving his estate to his widow Minerva S. Brown and their 3 children (Milton, William F. and Sarah S.) Milton receives farm of 100 acres and relinquishes any further claim to the property of James Hanson Brown, deceased.

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July 23, 1935 William F. Brown died in 1929. His estate is left to Olive Brown, his widow and his son Nolan H. Brown, intermarried with Nellie S. Brown. Liber 598 Folio 226. They gave the this portion of the original James Hanson Estate to Milton's sister Sarah S. Brown Nichols. Liber JA 27 Folio 242.

*Wm of J? Jan 20 1895 - Mar 20, 1913
C.
E 30531*

October 25, 1935 Sarah Samantha Brown Nichols and her husband Albert Nichols sold the property to Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife. These three parcels of land consisted of 131.5 acres, 16 acres, and 13 acres. Liber 608 Folio 287.

September, 16, 1979 Walter F. Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, wife left property to their family; Mark B. Wilson, Helen G. Wilson, Patricia I. Wilson, Edward C. Wilson, and Shirley H. Wilson. Liber 5402 Folio 616. A) 26.6458 acres part of the same land described in Liber 608 Folio 287. B) Also part of the same land described in Liber 4435 Folio 55.

November 14, 1988 Walter F. Wilson's Family sold the property to John F. Wilson and Leona P. Wilson, wife. Liber 8670 Folio 386.

MISSING DEED

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-76

James H. Brown House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

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April 3, 1998

Ronald R. Ladue and S.P. Ladue, wife sold property to Richard Kramer and B.S. Kramer, wife. Lot #8 of Greenbridge Farm as recorded in plat 18853. Same as in Liber 8670 Folio 386. Liber 15700 Folio 532.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Bienvenue				
AND/OR HISTORIC: James H. Brown				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 500 Green Bridge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<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	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"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: W. F. Wilson				
STREET AND NUMBER: 500 Green Bridge Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Brighton			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: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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)
	<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	
<p>The house is a 2 story building with an older 1-1/2 story log section. On the south end is a large stone fireplace with a brick stack. The facade has two bays and had a porch across the first floor of the facade. There are newer wings on either end.</p> <p>The interior had an entrance hall with staircase at the back, rising toward the front. There is a room to the east of the hall with a closed-in fireplace. Behind this is the new kitchen with the stone chimney.</p> <p>There is a smokehouse, a cellar and the foundation for a well-house (now with a greenhouse sitting on it) on the site.</p> <p>The house has been extensively altered by the outbuildings are still in a reasonably preserved state.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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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: 5/10/73

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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James H. Brown House

and/or common Bienvenue

2. Location

street & number 500 Green Bridge Road not for publication

city, town Brookeville vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input 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 type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John F. & L.P. Wilson

street & number 500 Green Bridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Brookeville state and zip code Maryland, 20729

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 5402

street & number folio 616

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. _____

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. _____

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1858 **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.

The James H. Brown farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The early one and a half story log section of the house is believed to have been built by James H. Brown about 1858.¹ The house then sat on 131.5 acres of land tracts referred to as "Mill-seat," "Hisuett's Choice," "Johnson's Choice" and "Brooke's Addition." The farmland was allotted to James by the division of the real estate of his deceased father, also named James Brown, in 1855.² A two story frame building was later added to the original log structure.

In 1891, James died intestate leaving a wife, Minerva, and three children; Milton, William and Sarah. The farm went to his son, William.³ When William died intestate in 1929, the farm became the property of his widow, Olive Brown, and their children, Nolan and Nellie.⁴ In July of 1935, Olive conveyed the farm to Samantha Brown Nichols who immediately conveyed it to Walter and Beatrice Wilson.⁵ The farm has been in the Wilson Family ever since. It is presently resided in by Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson.⁶

¹The date given is based on the land purchase date and the date that it appears on the tax records with improvements. It also appears on the county maps of 1865 and 1878.

²Deed JGH 4/516, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Deed JA 27/122, " "

⁴Deed 598/226, " "

⁵Deed 608/287, " "

⁶Deed 5402/616, " "

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. _____

Montgomery County Land Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 26.64 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Commission

date 10/82

street & number

telephone

city or town Rockville

state Maryland

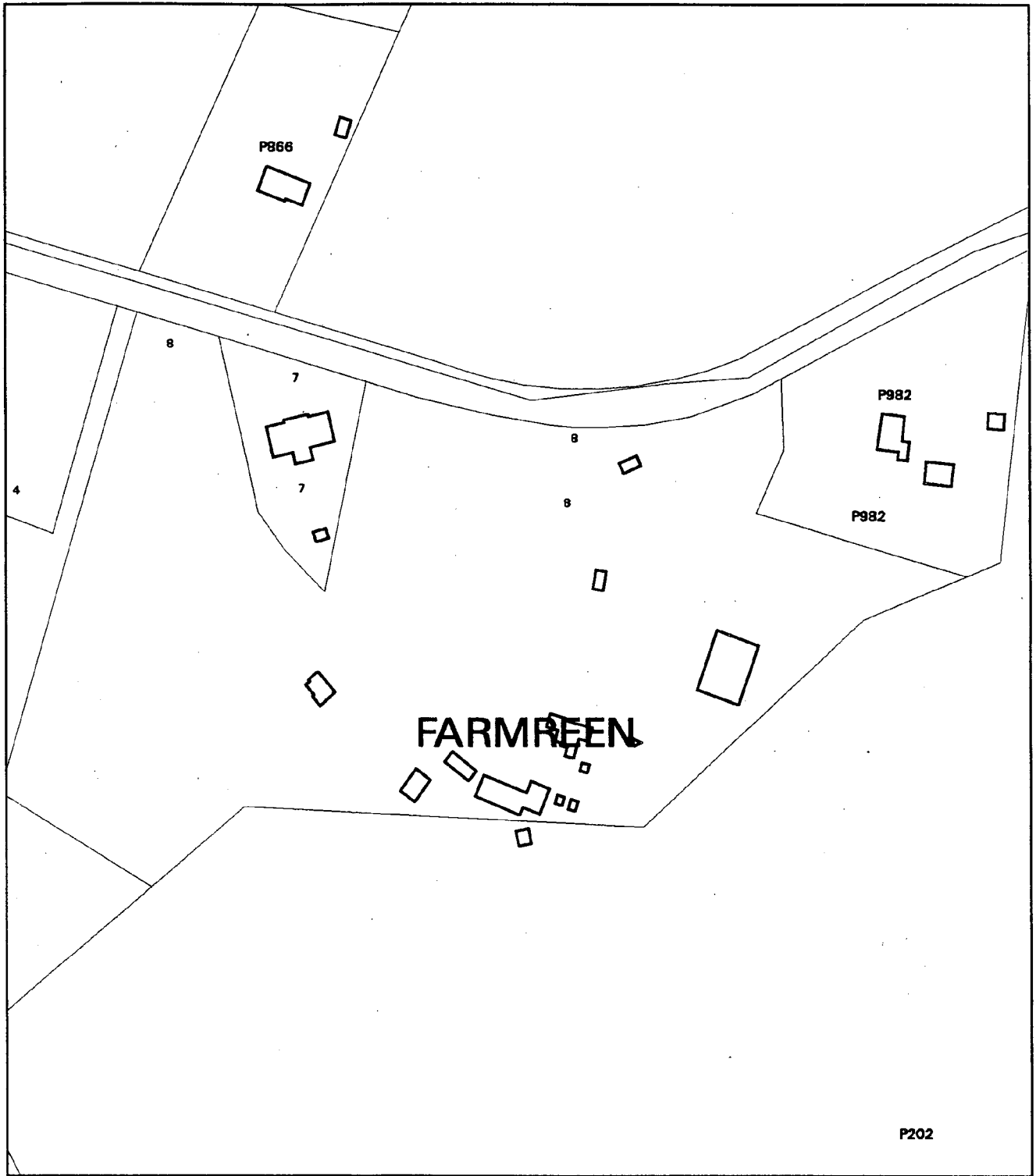
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VICINITY MAP FOR

JAMES BROWN HOUSE (M:23-76)



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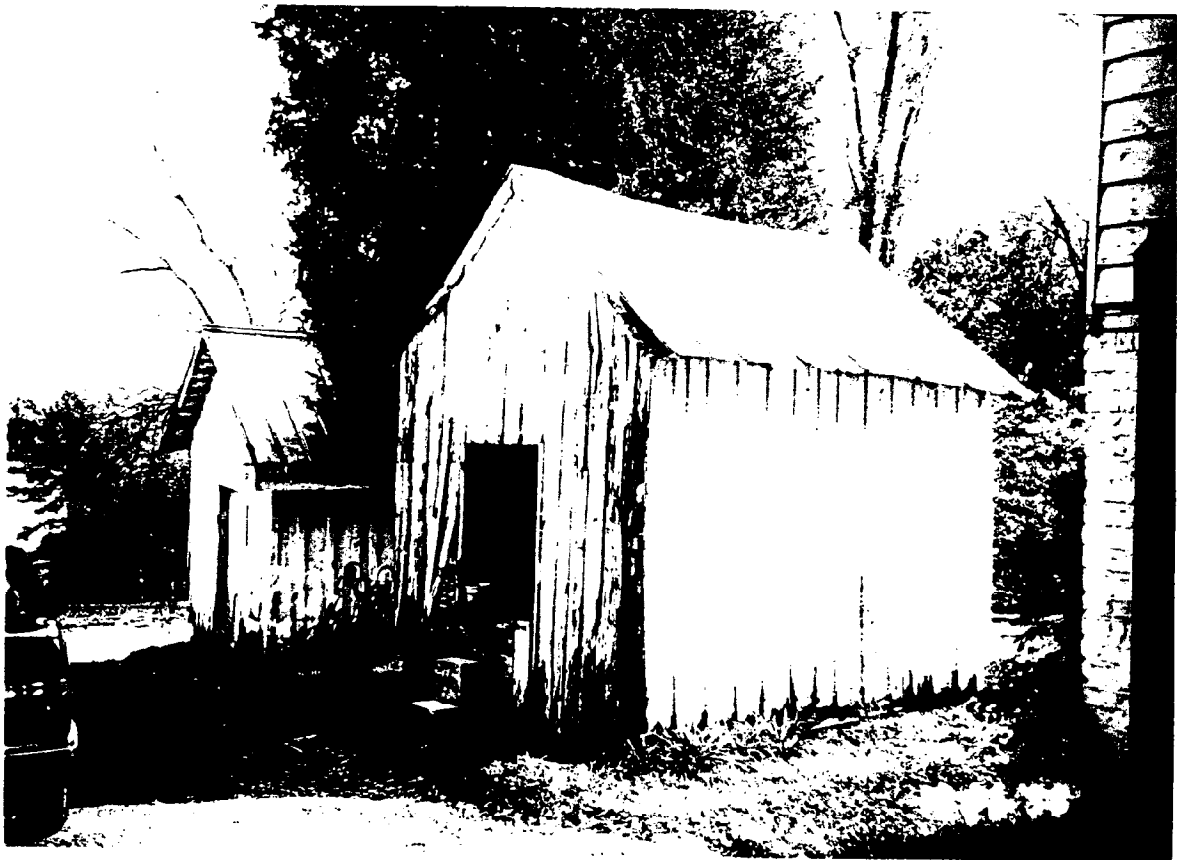
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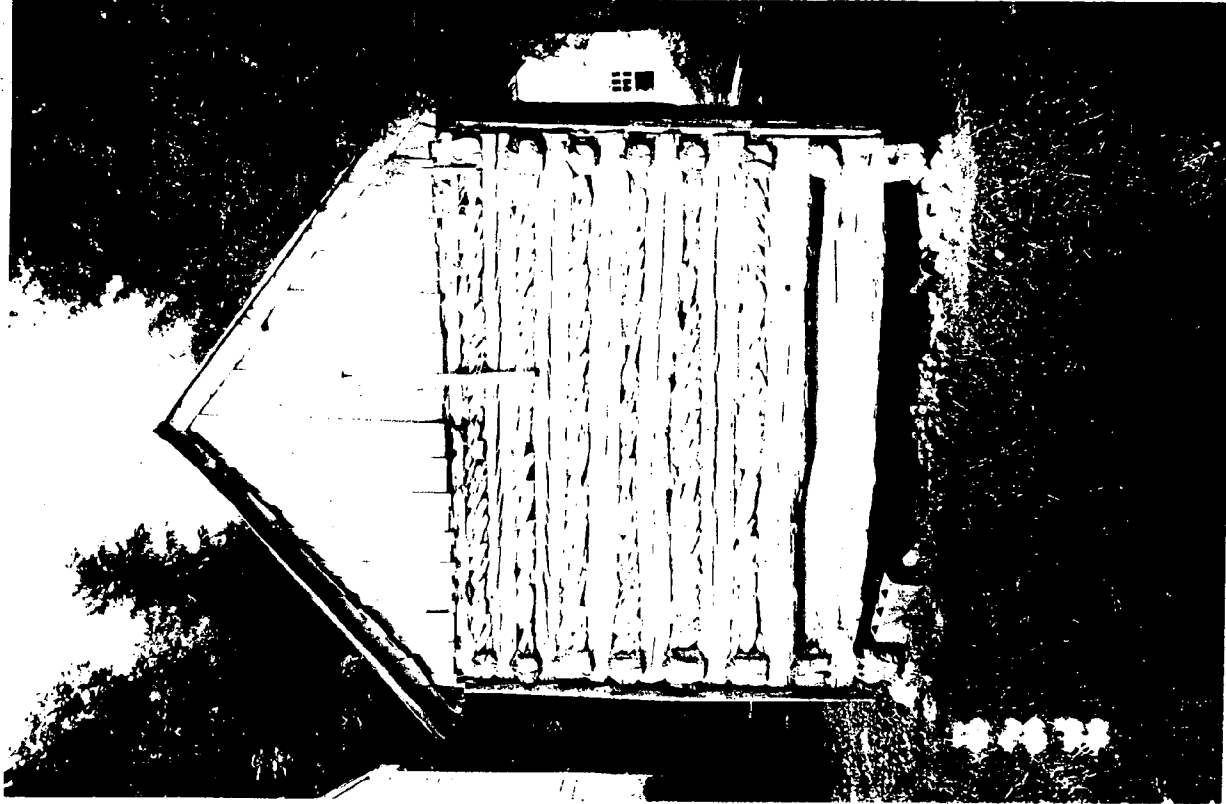


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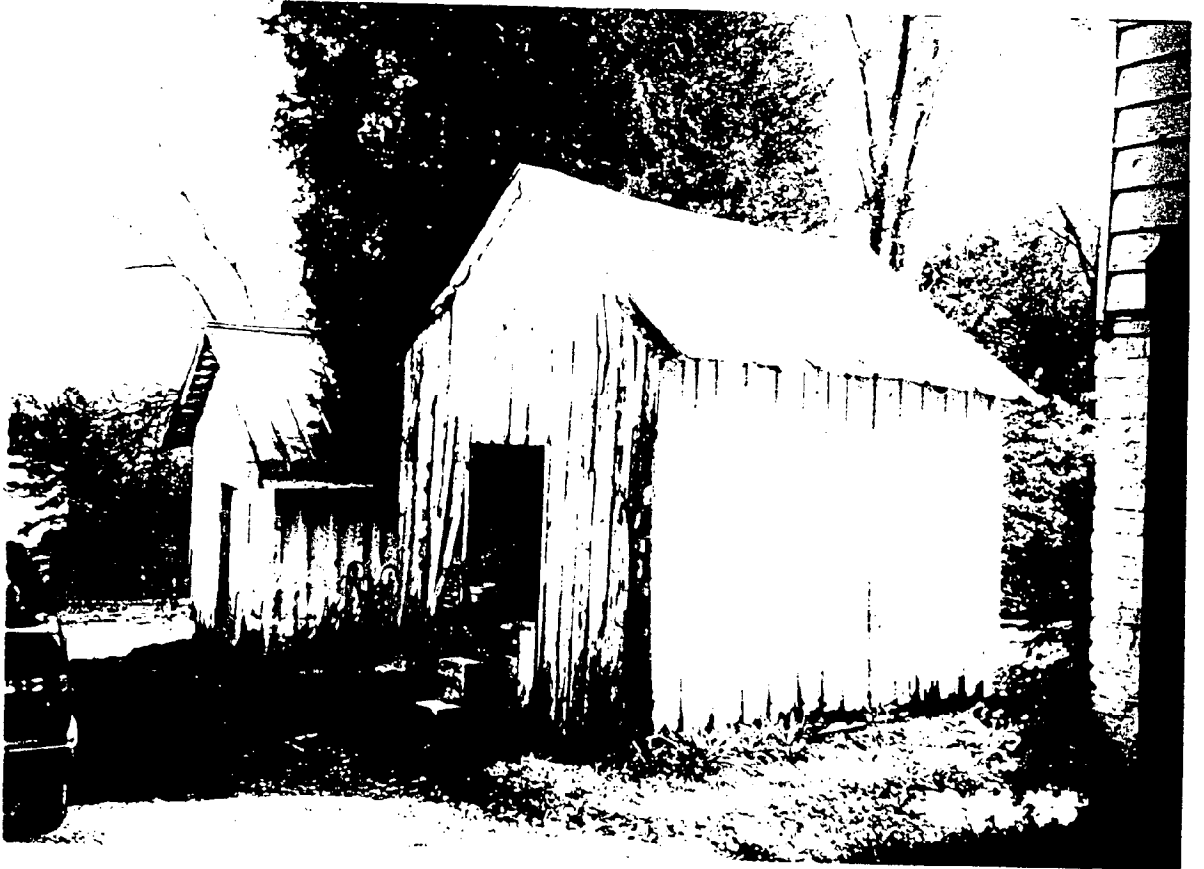
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LOCATIONAL ATLAS HISTORICAL SURVEY OF 400 RESOURCES
 SURVEY FORM
 ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES, SUMMER 1989

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

OUTBUILDINGS:

HISTORIC NAME: James H. Brown House

YES NO

COMMON NAME: Bienvenue

ADDRESS: 500 Green Bridge Road

SITE NUMBER: 23/76 ATLAS MAP: 10 ATLAS COORDINATES: B-12 TAX MAP: JU 343

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A	UNKNOWN
INTEGRITY*				XX		
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE			XX			
ASSOCIATIVE HISTORY		X				

Resource is: demolished could not locate
 threatened, explain: _____

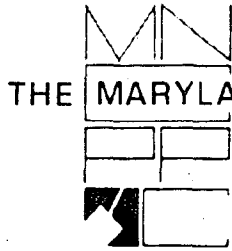
ASSIGNED CATEGORY: I II III **IV** V VI
 (See reverse side for explanation.)

NOTES: The owner's name is J.F. Wilson. The most significant feature of this resource is its outstanding view. The environmental setting is spectacular. The house, itself, however, has been very altered and is clad in vinyl. There are several old log outbuildings, now covered in board and batten, arranged neatly down the hillside towards the river. Also on the property are a frame/concrete block barn, two one-story cinder block outbuildings, and a carriage house.

*Integrity is defined as the maintenance of original features and/or lack of substantial alteration to the resource.

Category Explanation:

- I. Outstanding resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category I either maintain the highest level of integrity or are invaluable as ruinous evidence of former significant structures. Should be evaluated immediately for Master Plan designation.
- II. Very good resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category II maintain their basic integrity. Should be evaluated promptly for Master Plan designation.
- III. Good resource architecturally and/or historically. Some resources in Category III have a diminished level of integrity. Should be evaluated for Master Plan designation, but with lower priority.
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- V. Resource which is either demolished or which could not be located based on information given on survey form. Remove demolished structures from Locational Atlas and, if after further study the resources not located to date cannot be located, remove from Locational Atlas.
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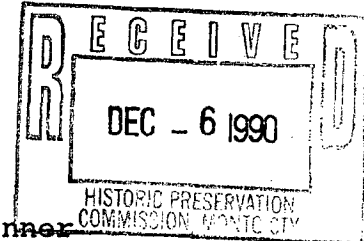
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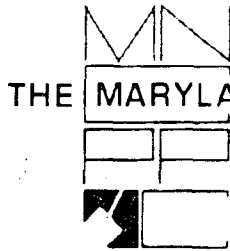
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We have reviewed the following subdivision plans and found them not to involve any identified historic resources:

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- #1-90167 BelPre Property
- #1-90212 Ednor Highlands (Across Tucker Lane from Master Plan Site #15/41, Clifton. No impact.)
- #1-90213 Riser Property
- #1-90214 Granby Woods
- #1-90215 Hillmead, Bradley Hills
- #1-90216 Brown Property - 4C
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- #1-90218 Travilah Station
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cc: Laura McGrath, Historic Preservation Commission
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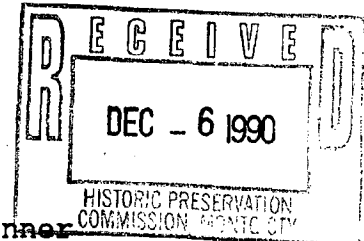
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NAME #23-76 JAMES H. BROWN HOUSE (BLENDED)
LOCATION GREEN'S BRIDGE RD, BRIGHTON DAM, MD.
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James Brown - born 1761
married Ann Foster
died Aug 22, 1823

by contract "The Cedars" Breckinridge c. 1820

or

James Brown
died 22, 1803

married Elizabeth
died Jan 18, 1781