

# Easement

41  
HO-27  
JOSHUA BARNEY  
Savage  
Private

listed NR  
Mid-1700's

The home of Commodore Joshua Barney was built by the Ridgelys of Howard County in the mid-1700's, on a tract of land called Harry's Lott.

Commodore Barney was the hero of two wars and retired to his home in Elkrige after his marriage to Harriet Coale in 1809. Captured three times in the Revolution, he was exchanged once and escaped twice in the War of 1812; he again volunteered and with his forces stood between the British and the nation's Capital at the Battle of Bladensburg. He retired again to Elkrige in 1815 but in 1818 decided to move to Kentucky. En route he became ill and died December 1, 1818. Commodore Joshua Barney was a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati formed in 1783 and one of our nation's foremost naval heroes.

The original structure is a three bay wide, three bay deep, two and a half story brick dwelling with central chimney. Its tent roof featuring an intersecting east gable lying flush with the east wall and round arched dormer windows on the south and west roof elevations, is of particular note. Another notable architectural feature is the decorative brick work found in the first floor splayed brick flat arched lintels, the south wall laid in English garden wall brick bond and the decorative brick course separating the first and second floors of the south facade.

A west bay south entrance is outstanding for a rectangular transom enclosing a fan light flanked by narrow vertically aligned windows inset into the south wall covered with diamond patterned decorative wrought iron grates.

Later hipped roof additions were made in the 1940's on the west and north while serving as a boy's academy.

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Harry's Lott

AND/OR COMMON

Commodore Joshua Barney House (Preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7912 Savage-Guilford Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

CITY, TOWN

Savage

VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Howard

CODE

027

**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 checked="" 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                   | <b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>                   | <b>ACCESSIBLE</b>                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT                 | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED   | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL    | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION               |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> NO                         | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY      | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:                       |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Bob Gillette Skaggs and Wava Gertrude Braum Skaggs

STREET & NUMBER

7912 Savage - Guilford Road

CITY, TOWN

Savage

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

20863

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Howard County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

8360 Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

21043

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

HO-41

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                   | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Commodore Barney House is located approximately 1.1 miles northeast of the village of Savage in Howard County, Maryland, on the west side of the Savage-Guilford Road. The house has three sections: the original two-and-one-half story brick one, probably built before 1811; a two-story frame addition to the south built in 1941; and a 1946, one-story frame addition to the west.

The original part of the Barney House is almost square in plan and has three bays on each facade. The house has a hip roof and a central chimney. On the east and south is a small, arched dormer, each being a replacement for an earlier, flat skylight. Over the central bay on the north is a brick pediment with a lunette window. The entrance with a recessed six panel door is located in the south bay of the east facade. It has paneled reveals, a square transom and is flanked by sidelights separated from the doorway by about one foot of brick. The north facade is laid in common bond.

Windows throughout the house are 6/6.

There was a Victorian one-story porch across the full width of the east facade.

The interior of the Barney House was altered during the 1940's when it was used as a boys' school and about 1960 when it was made into apartments. On the first floor, there is a parlor and a large entrance hall which was originally divided so as to have the stair hall at the rear. The balustrade and other parts have been removed and the stain enclosed. The parlor retains much of its original appearance. On the south wall is a mantel with fluted pilasters. The room is surrounded by a chair rail, and under each window is a large, single panel.

The second floor has bedrooms in the northwest, northeast and southeast corners. The hall ends in a drying closet between the two east rooms. The beginning of the hall is marked by a paneled arch opening supported by tapered pilasters. The chair rail, present throughout the house, is deeper and more elaborate in the bedrooms than in the hall and forms the casing underneath the sills. In the northeast bedroom, the mantel has a reeded architrave.

There is a batten door to the attic which is divided into two bedrooms. Throughout the house are softwood floors. On the lower floors, the boards are 4 to 7 inches wide, but in the attic they are slightly wider.

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY    | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Military)

The older section of the dwelling and the now remaining portion of the original land was directly associated with Commodore Joshua Barney, a native son of Maryland, born on July 6, 1759. For a period of over forty years, beginning with the Revolutionary War through 1815, he performed in a most creditable manner in naval activities.

In February 1811, Commodore Barney purchased the house and 300 acres to prevent creditors of Thomas Coale (then deceased) from claiming the property from Barney's second wife, Harriet Coale, her sister, Anna Maria, and a brother, Alfred.

In May 1812 Commodore Barney sold his property interests in Baltimore and moved to the "Farm at Elk Ridge" with intentions to make it his retirement home.

At an early age Joshua Barney developed an interest and skills in seamanship, along with a maturity that warranted his commission as a Lieutenant in the Continental Navy in June 1776, just prior to his 17th birthday.

Historical records from various national sources, historical writings and official comments give him considerable credit for service to his country from 1775 to 1784. In most cases this service was rendered with success and always with honor.

On November 20, 1783, Joshua Barney, along with many other officers of the Continental Forces, became a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati (State of Maryland) at Annapolis. Barney continued to serve in the Naval Forces until mid-1784.

From 1784 to 1794 he went about the normal pursuits of livelihood of most veterans of the Revolutionary War. Most of these dealt in some manner with the sea.

In 1794, along with a few others, he was tendered an appointment as Captain in the American Navy - an appointment he never accepted for personal reasons. Instead, that same year he sailed with James Monroe, the United States Minister to France.

In France in 1794, at the recommendation of Mr. Monroe, he was commissioned a Captain in the French Naval Forces and later raised to Commodore (Flag Rank) in which grade he served approximately four years. He left the

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Military, continued)

service of France in 1802, returning to the United States.

Between 1802 and 1812 Barney appears to have engaged in generally non-naval pursuits. During this period he suffered the death of his first wife, Anne Bedford Barney, on July 25, 1808.

In 1812 he volunteered his services to his country, but apparently the offer was not accepted. He then requested and received the first commission for "private armed vessels" which he used to the fullest extent against the British. This method of protection for the country, later considered improper by the Congress, was terminated after his first cruise. He again retired to the farm.

With his value and experience sorely needed and with the deteriorating efforts of the Armed Forces seriously endangering the safety of our Capitol, he was asked in July 1814 to form and command a flotilla in defense of Washington. He was commissioned with the equivalent rank of a Captain in the Navy.

His account of the defense of the Capitol on August 24th at the "Battle of Bladensburg" is described in his written report to the Secretary of the Navy on August 29, 1814. He wrote this report while recuperating from a wound received in the battle, from the "Farm at Elk Ridge" (now known as the Commodore Barney House).

In January 1815 Commodore Barney was nearly 56 years old with almost 40 years of naval experience. Yet he can be seen writing to the Acting Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Homans, again offering his services. It appears that only a man of the breed of Joshua Barney knew when to quit - when the job was done and he had no more life to give.

He did perform other minor services after the war of 1812 ended, being chosen for these by the President possibly as a way of honoring him. However, due to failing health, he was forced to retire permanently to his farm.

The wound suffered at Bladensburg, coupled with ill health, finally took his life on December 1, 1818, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while on his way to Kentucky. He is buried in the Alleghenny Cemetery near the city of Pittsburgh.

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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UTM REFERENCES

A 18 341740 4335340  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B           
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C         

D         

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

**FORM PREPARED BY**

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NAME / TITLE

Bob Gillette Skaggs

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Spring 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

7912 Savage-Guilford Road

(301) 725-9282

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Savage,

Maryland 20863

**STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL   

STATE X

LOCAL   

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John N. Pearce*

DATE

12/14/77

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Easement

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Ho-41  
District #6

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
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|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |  |   |  |  |  |
| COMMON:<br>Joshua Barney House  |  |   |  |  |  |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br>Harry's Lott  |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |   |  |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>7912 Savage-Guilford Road   |  |   |  |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Savage   |  |   |  |  |  |
| STATE<br>Maryland   |  |   | COUNTY:<br>Howard                                      |  |  |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |  |   |  |  |  |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |  | OWNERSHIP   |  | STATUS                                       | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Public                       | Public Acquisition:                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied | Yes:   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Site   | <input type="checkbox"/> Structure           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private           | <input type="checkbox"/> In Process                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Object   | <input type="checkbox"/> Both                | <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered             | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> No                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted          |
| 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                   | _____  | _____  |  |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |  |   |  |  |  |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Mr & Mrs. Bob Skaggs   |  |   |  |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>7912 Savage-Guilford Road   |  |   |  |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Savage   |  |   | STATE:<br>Maryland                                     | 20863  |  |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |  |   |  |  |  |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:<br>Hall of Records   |  |   |  |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>Howard County Courthouse  |  |   |  |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Ellicott City  |  |   | STATE:<br>Maryland                                     | 21043  |  |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 42, 10.174  |  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b> Acres more or less (711-689) p. 90   |  |   |  |  |  |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:<br>Howard County Historic Sites Inventory  |  |   |  |  |  |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local |  |   |  |  |  |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:<br>Md. Historical Trust  |  |   |  |  |  |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>21 State Circle   |  |   |  |  |  |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Annapolis  |  |   | STATE:<br>Maryland                                     | 21401  |  |



7. DESCRIPTION

|           |   |   |                               |                                       |   |                                    |
|-----------|---|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| CONDITION | (Check One)                                   |   |                               |                                       |   |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good               | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built by the Ridgelys of Howard County circa 1760, the Joshua Barney House is situated at a sharp turn of the Guilford - Savage Road west of Route 1.

The tent roof of this finely proportioned two and a half story brick house lends it a peculiar charm. The central brick chimney and the 1941 additions of a round arched dormer window on the west and south elevations further enhance the profile of the roof outline.

The house is three bays wide and three deep, is two and 1/2 stories on the front and sides and two stories high on the rear, where a basement and school room was added in the 1940's when the house was used as an academy for boys. The ground falls away on the north wall where this hipped roof addition has been made.

The walls are constructed of brick (laid in English garden wall bond) with a decorative header brick course separating the 1st and second stories of the south elevation. The buildings simple appearance is broken by the decorative brick work that includes the use of splayed brick flat-arched lintels on the first floor double-hung windows, south entrance door and vertical side lites, and stretcher brick flat arched lintels on the second floor and basement windows.

Upper and lower windows are vertically aligned within the walls. All windows have double-hung sashes with six-over-six lites. Small basement windows are found in the east & north facades of the original structure. Entrances are located in the 1st bay on both the front facade of the original structure and the west side facade of the west addition or dining room.

The original south front door is surmounted by a rectangular transom with inset fan lite and flanked by two vertically aligned windows inset into the south wall holding four vertical lites covered with diamond patterned decorative wrought iron grates. The old house had a front porch and frame west wing which has been replaced by a two bay-wide, one bay deep, two story, hipped roof, frame addition on the west. Flat sky lites were once located where the present full arched dormer windows are placed. A french door entrance with 10-10 lites flanked by five vertical lites is located on the west facade of this addition. A double hung window with six-over-six lites and shutters lies above. A flag stone patio lies in front of this door with wrought iron railing and stone steps leading down to a path which runs down along the west side of a two story shed roofed frame addition lying on the north wall of the dining room addition and holding the kitchen which is located on a slope.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mid 1700's

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/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Joshua Barney House lies in both its history and its architecture.

Built by the Ridgelys of Howard County, and located on Harry's Lott, the house may well date from the mid seventeen hundreds. Colonel Henry Ridgely in his 1749 will, bequeathed 700 acres of Harry's Lott to his son Charles Greenberry Ridgely, Sr. On August 5, 1789 Charles G. Ridgely, Jr. and Sarah, his mother, sold to Thomas Coale approximately 300 acres of Harry's Lott "containing the dwelling plantation" (NH 4-354, Anne Arundel County) for the sum of 351 pounds.

In the 1797 will of Thomas Coale there is a reference to 22½ acres of Harry's Lott containing the dwelling plantation. From 1789-1811 a Mr. Nathan had been trying to collect money loaned to Mr. Coale. In a court case against Thomas Coale's children, Alfred, Maria and Harriet, (second wife of Joshua Barney whom he married in 1809) the house went up to the highest bidder. Joshua bid for it and made the deal. In chancery papers in the Records of Anne Arundel County, the trustee gives an explanation to the Chancellor of why he sold it to Barney, husband of Harriet.

On February 18, 1811 Joshua Barney sold 300 acres. Families often inherit very little when the property has liens upon it for payment of just debts. Joshua Barney paid \$2250 or \$7½ an acre but evidently borrowed the money from a Nathaniel Williams with whom he had dealings. In 1818, the record gets sketchy. Somewhere there was a transferal of land to the Savage Manufacturing Company through whom it was acquired by Nathaniel Williams on October 27, 1832 (17-297) Ann Arundel County Record's Office with 218 acres.

Nathaniel Williams sold the property to John Cronmiller on May 23, 1843, with approximately 214 acres of Harry's Lott.

Nathaniel Williams was one of several Williams brothers who were involved in the Savage Manufacturing Company in the early 1830's, which owned a great deal of acreage in the area. During the 1840's, the Company ran into difficulties and had to sell property. The Baltimore American ran three successive advertisements of the sale of "the former home of Joshua Barney". Mr. Cronmiller's father left him money to buy a farm in Howard County for his grandchildren. John Cronmiller thus acquired the property for this purpose. (4-234, Record's Office, Howard District of Ann Arundel County).

In 1900 we find litigation involving the Cronmiller heirs and on January 5, 1901 a sale of approximately 76 acres, designated at Lot C on a survey plat, to T.W. Linthicum. (73-165) Howard County Land Office. The survey plan found in the Cronmiller case is of interest as it refers to

(continued)

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |         | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |         |         |         |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 42

10.174 Acres more or less (711-689) p.90

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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| NAME AND TITLE:<br>Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist                |                   |       |
| ORGANIZATION<br>Office of Planning & Zoning, Comprehensive Planning | DATE              |       |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>3450 Court House Drive                        |                   |       |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Ellicott City                                      | STATE<br>Maryland | 21043 |

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

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

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Signature

## Joshua Barney House - Description (Continued)

The stone pathway continues down to the west entrance of the hipped roof two story north wing built in the 1940's which nestles into the slope along the north wall of the original building.

A rectangular west entrance is located in the first bay and is covered by a gabled roof. Two large rectangular second floor double-hung windows with six-over-six lites lie in its west wall with a smaller double-hung window with six-over-six lites lying in the south bay.

Two first floor rectangular windows with six-over-six lites lie south of the west entrance door.

The north facade of the original structure holds three second floor double-hung windows with six-over-six lites. The first and second east bay windows have green shutters while the hipped roof line lies too close to the west bay window to allow shutters.

The north wall of the addition holds two first and second floor double-hung windows. A gabled closed dormer window sits on the east side of the hipped roof north wing.

The east facade of the original structure holds a fan lite inset into an intersecting gable whose east wall lies flush with the eastwall of the house. A full arched stretcher brick lintel, decorates the fan lite. The middle bay windows are no longer open but bricked in. On the second floor a wall starting from the middle of this window now separates the two upstairs bedrooms.

In plan, the building has an entrance hall on the west bay with living room on the east. It is believed by the present owner that the original building plan was a central hall with living room to the right and dining room to the left. The plan was never fully executed. Madison House in Brookville off Route 97 in Montgomery County is an example of what the present house would have looked like when completed.

## Joshua Barney House - Significance (Continued)

Harry's Lott, originally Ridgely's Forest.

On March 29, 1909 Thomas W. and Sarah J. Linthicum sold the property to William E. Carr with 76 acres (87-111) Howard County Land Office.

M. J. Carr and heirs sold 13/15 of approximately 26 acres to Ralph and Mrs. Cahall on June 9, 1941 (171-62) Howard County Record's Office. The first plumbing, heat, electricity and hot running water occurred during the ownership of Mr. & Mrs. Cahall. They called the house Elmwood Manor and used the building as a residence and academy for boys. They are also responsible for the square frame two story high west wing which replaces an older frame addition used for the kitchen, and a frame north wing which pushes out and down the slope of the north wall. Both feature hipped roofs and double-hung windows with six-over-six lites.

We find through the deeds and wills that this home of Commodore Barney was built by the Ridgely's of Howard County in the mid 1700's, on a tract of land called Harry's Lott.

Commodore Barney was the hero of two wars and retired to his home in Elkridge after his marriage to Harriet Coale in 1809. Captured three times in the Revolution, he was exchanged once and escaped twice. In the War of 1812 he again volunteered and with his forces stood between the British and the nation's Capital at the Battle of Bladensburg. He retired again to Elkridge in 1815 after 41 years in the navy but three years later decided to move to Kentucky. Enroute he became ill and died on December 1, 1818.

The original structure, three bays wide, three bays deep, two and a half stories high with central chimney is notable architecturally. Its tent roof features an intersecting east gable lying flush with the east wall and round arched dormer windows on the south and west roof elevations.

Another notable architectural feature is the decorative brick work found in the first floor splayed brick flat arched lintels, the south wall English garden wall brick bond and the decorative brick course separating the first and second floors of the south facade.

A west bay rectangular south entrance and transom enclosing a fan light is flanked by narrow vertically aligned windows inset into the south wall covered with diamond patterned decorative wrought iron grates.

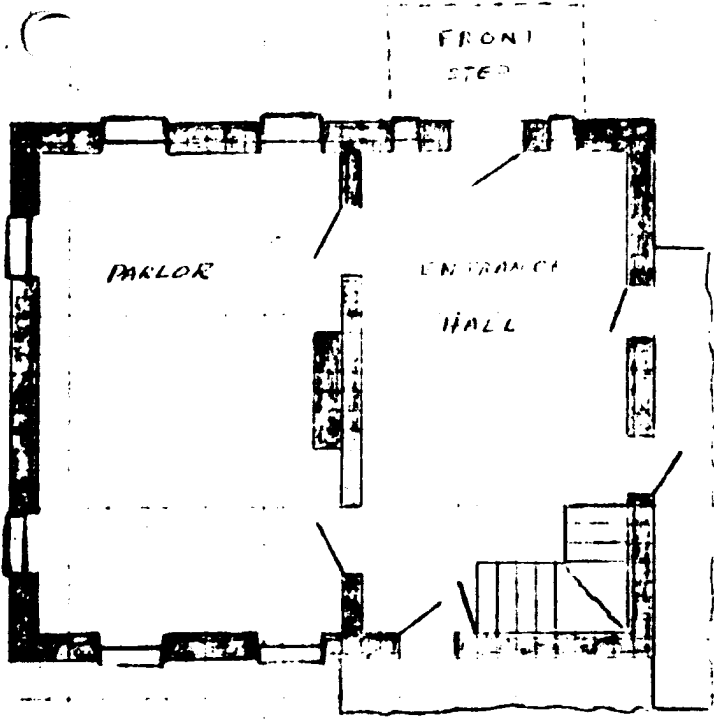
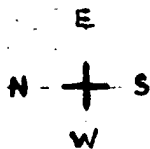
The interior has interesting woodwork and floors of random width 2-4" to 6" wide. A spiral stairway was taken out during the late fifties or early sixties when it became a rental unit with one room apartments.

On February 14, 1975, Bob G. and Wava Skaggs acquired the house along with approximately 10.174 acres more or less. (711-689-Howard County Land Office) from Mrs. Cahall, and are in the process of restoring it.

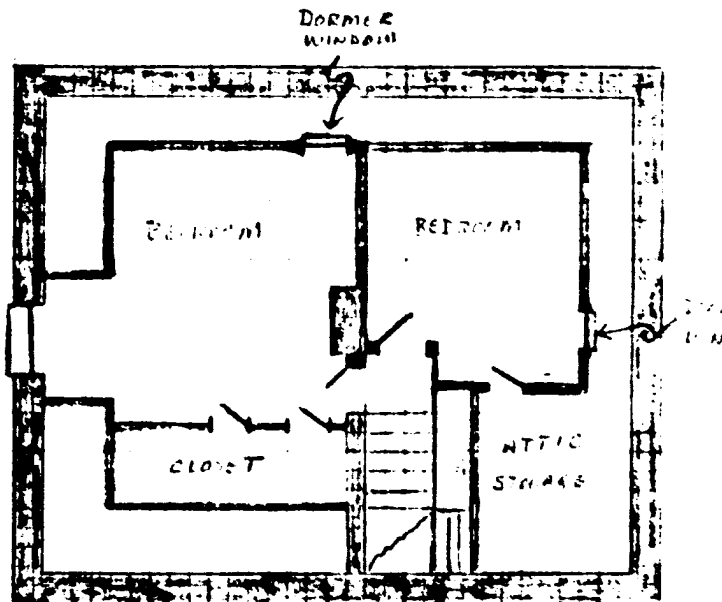
Associated with a national naval hero of the calibre of Commodore Barney and presenting the unique architectural features outlined, this house is of national as well as state-local interest.

Its proximity to I-95 and the new Murray Hill Park along the Little Patuxent north of the house, has already taken or is in the process of taking acreage. Neither of these projects have affected the integrity of the site.

This has been most fortunate. The house, however, should be protected against any future encroachment and placed on the national register of historic places.

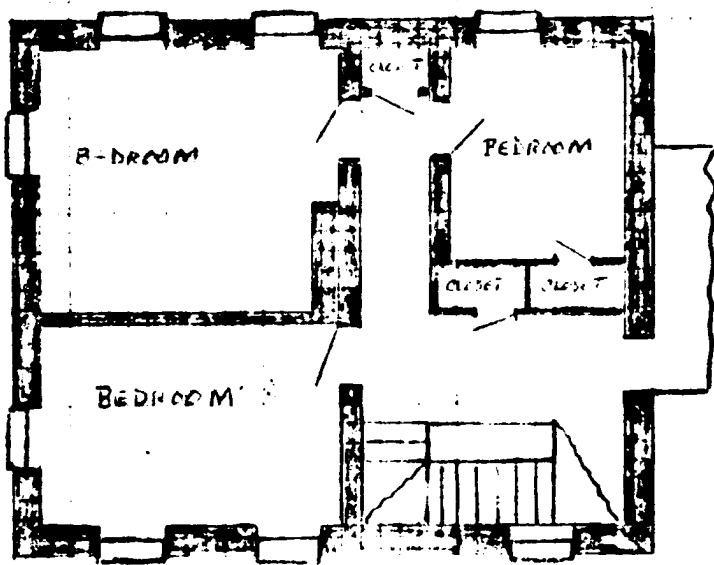


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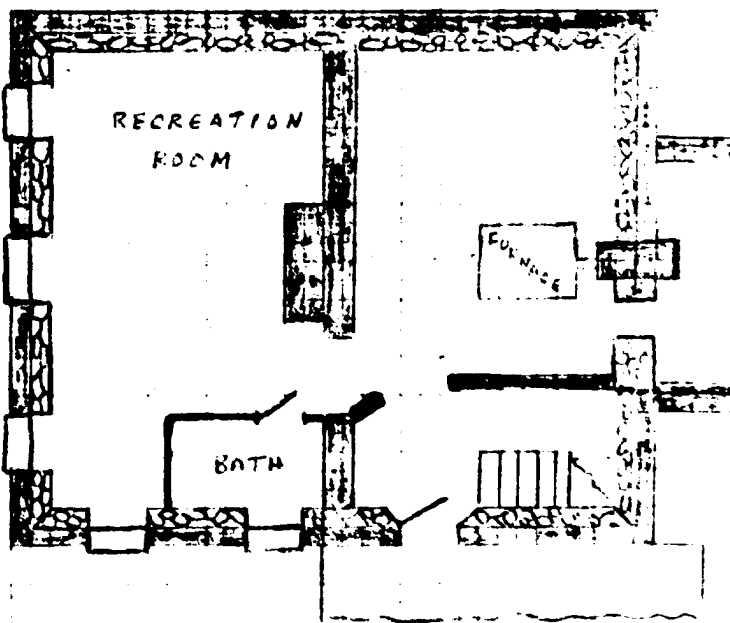


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ORIGINAL SECTION



SECOND FLOOR



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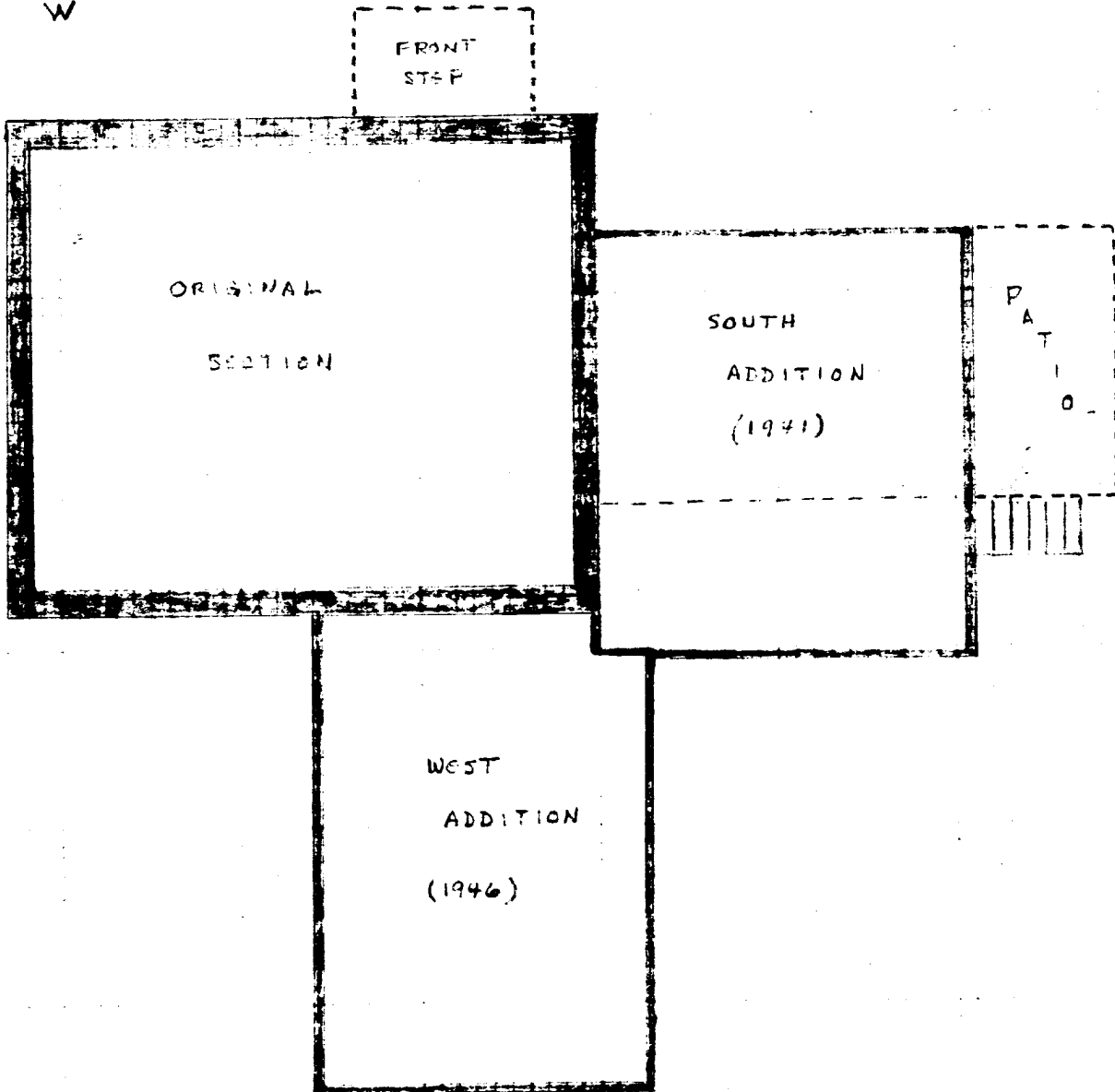
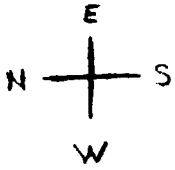
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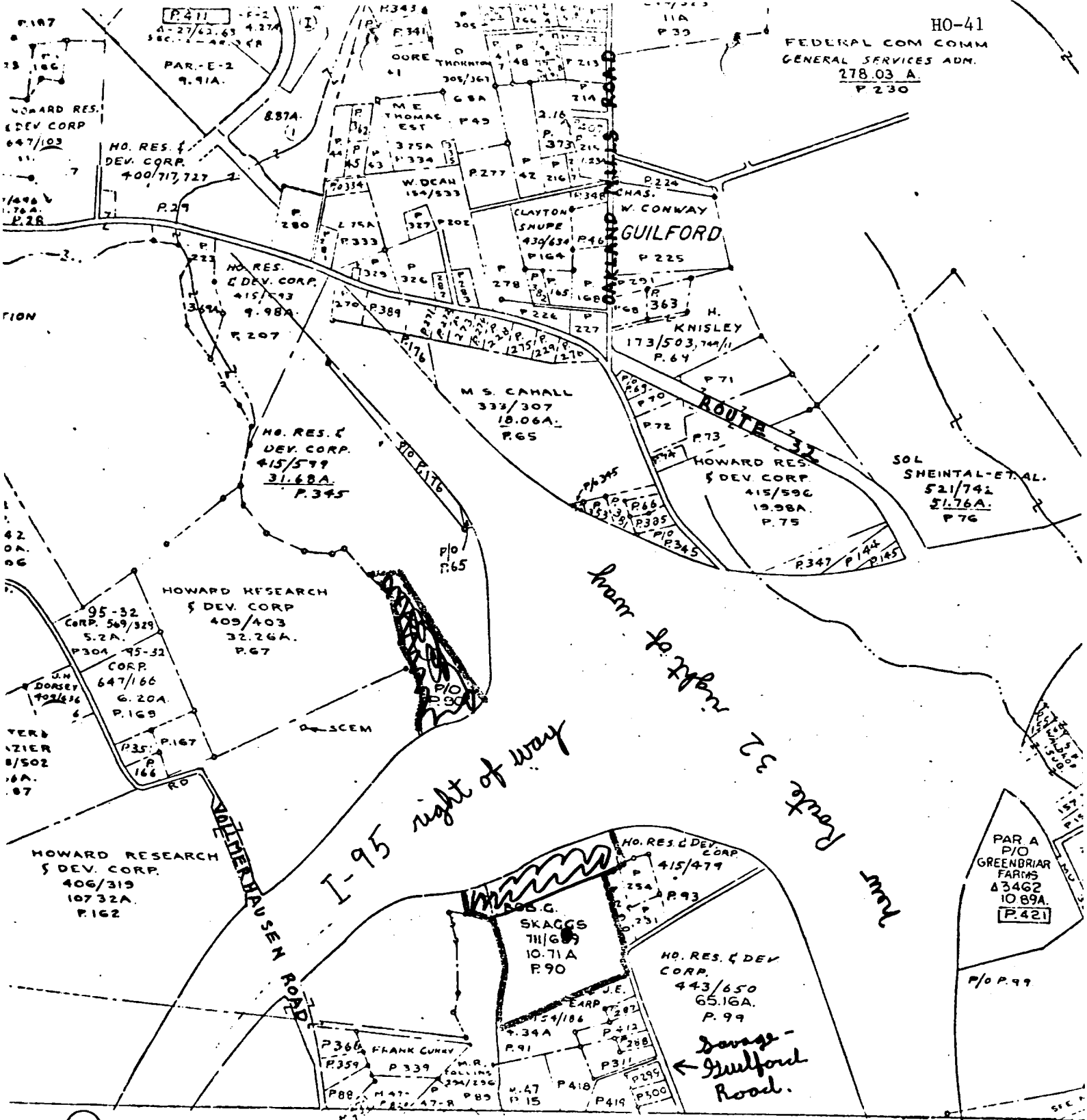
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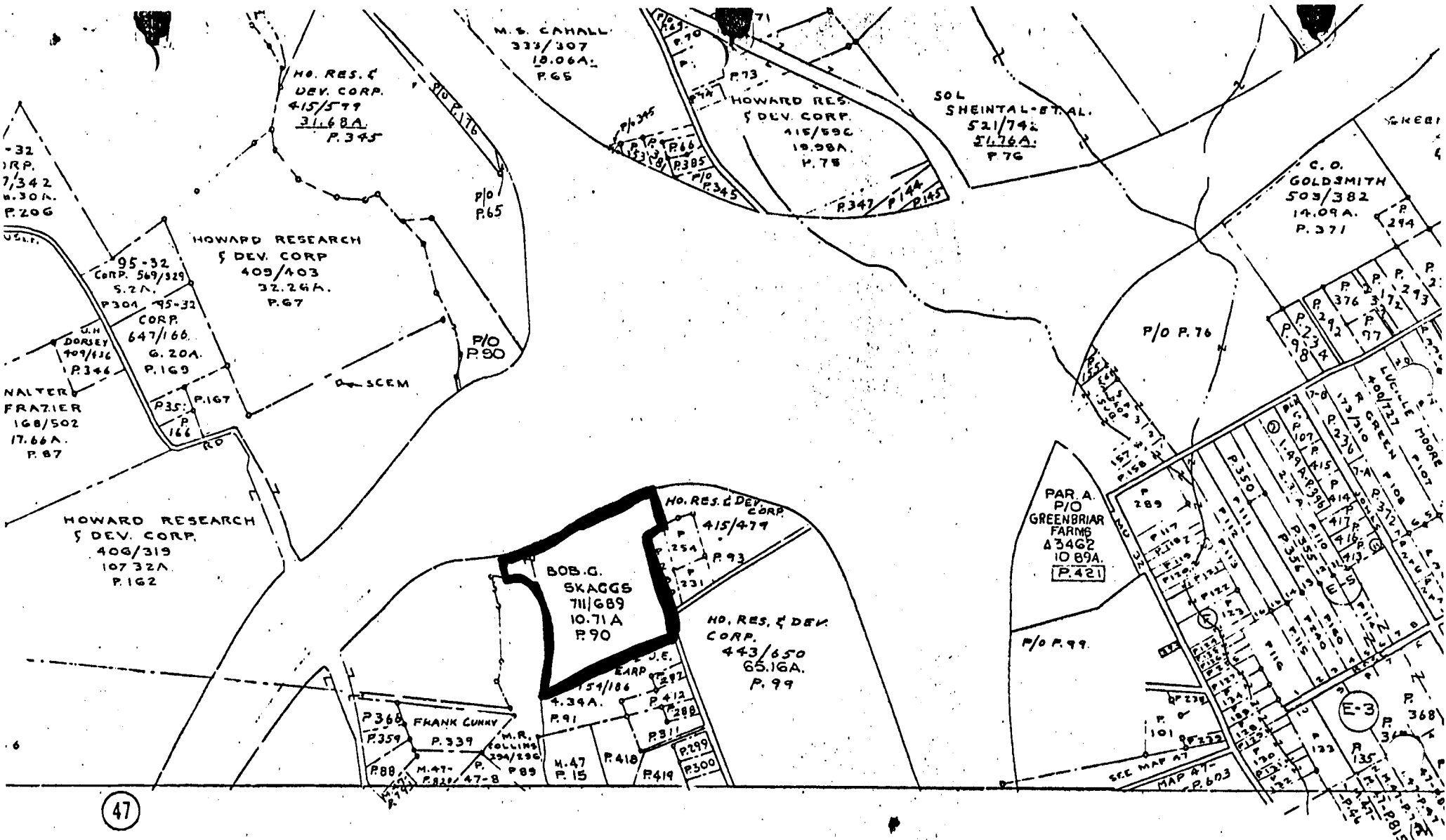
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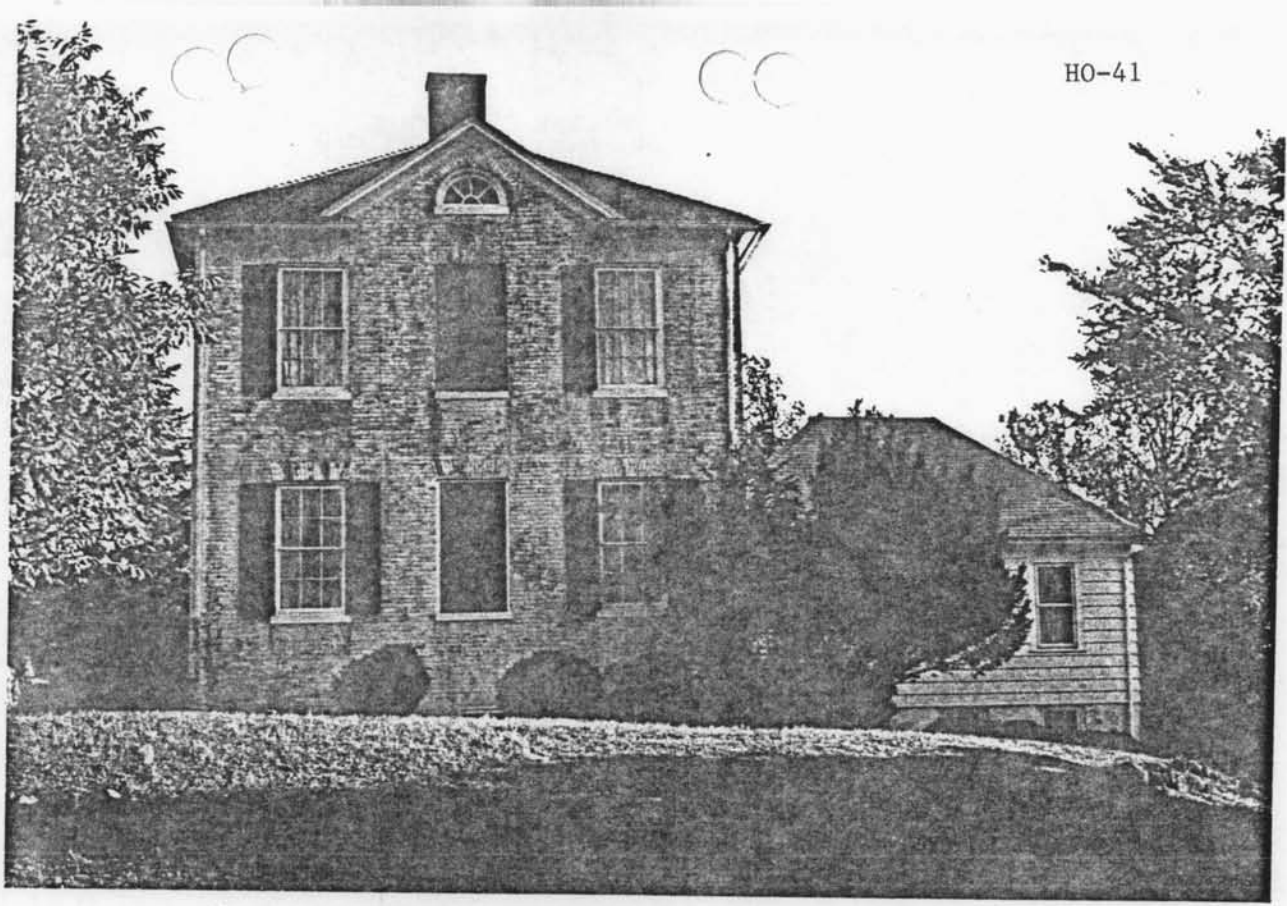
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Commodore Joshua Barney House  
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Entrance hall,  
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north wall  
entrance hall



Commodore Joshua Barney House  
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South Wall  
parlor

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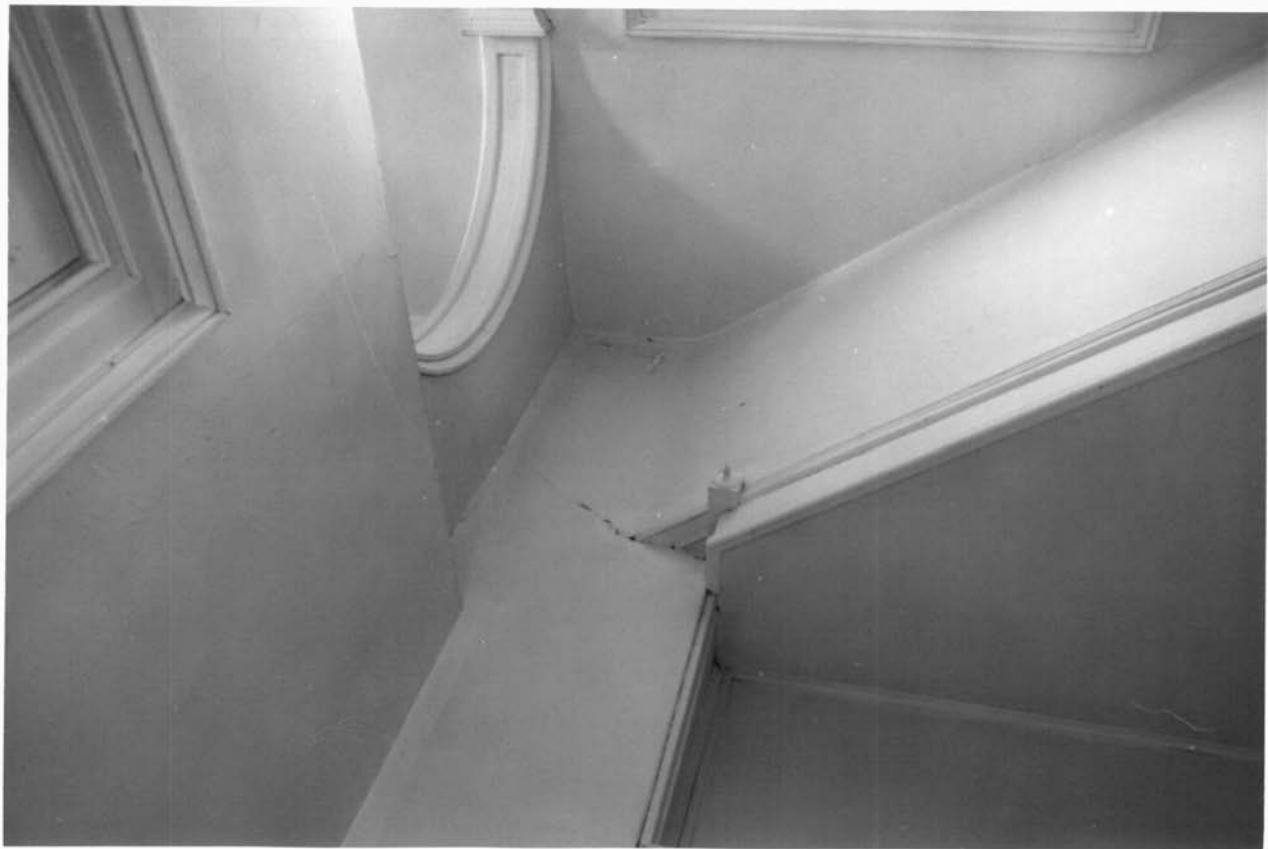




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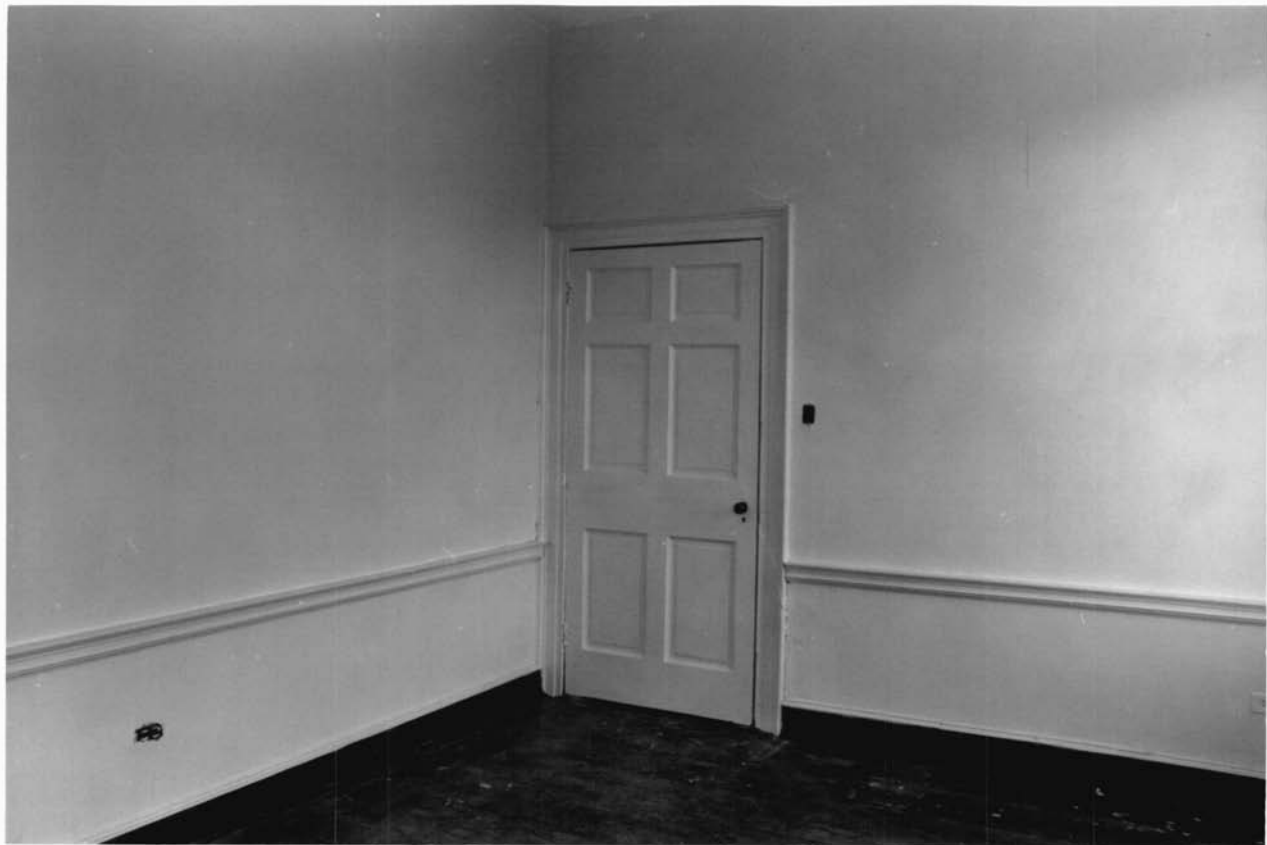
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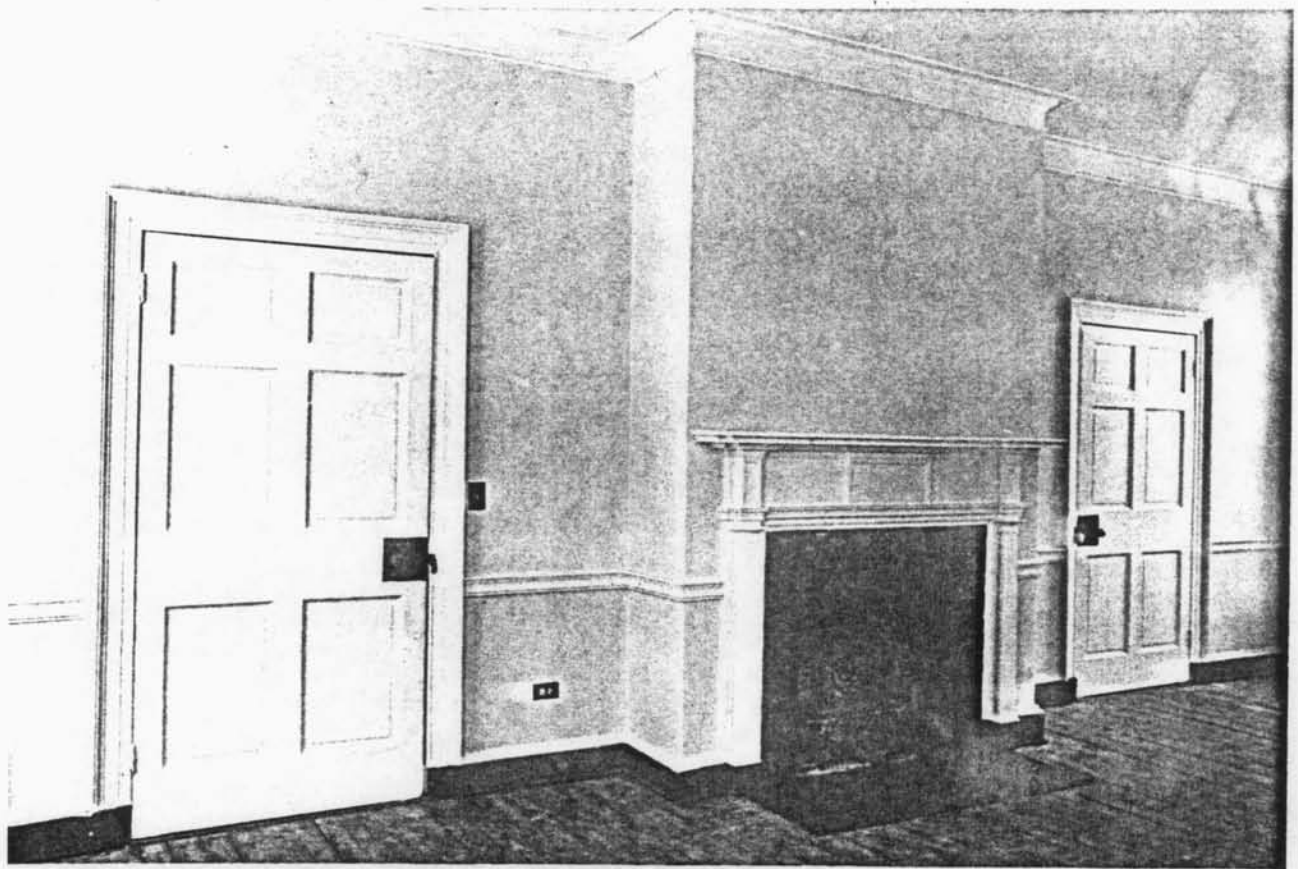
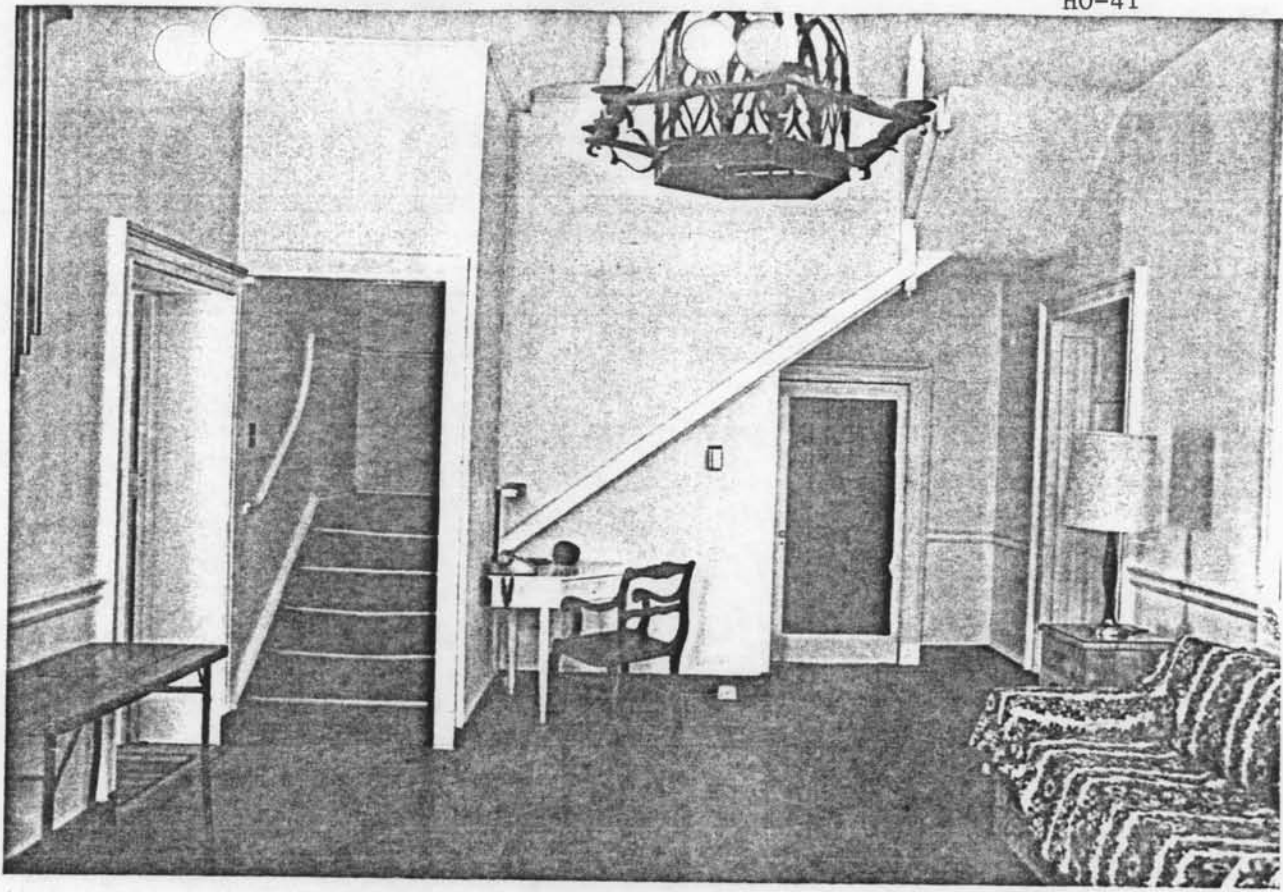


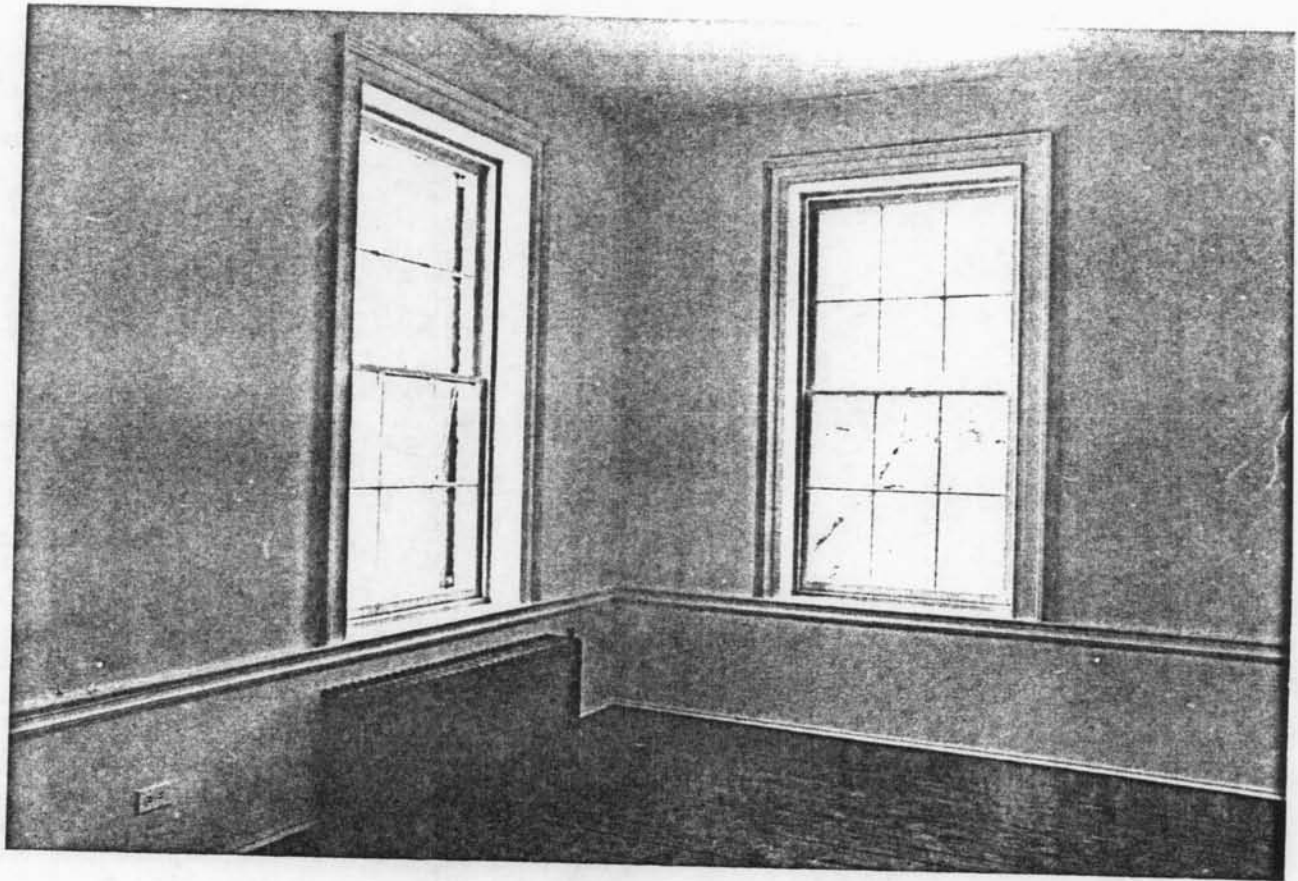
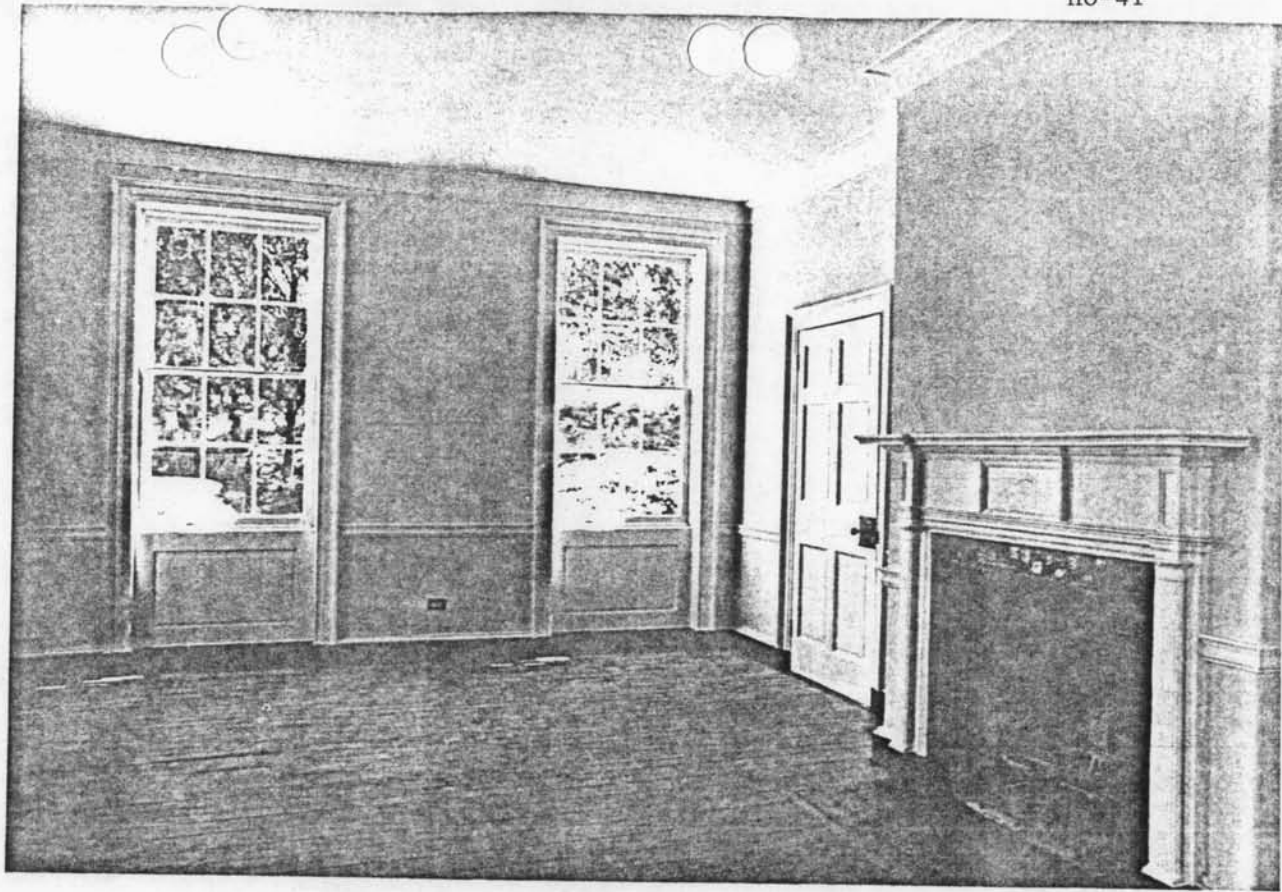
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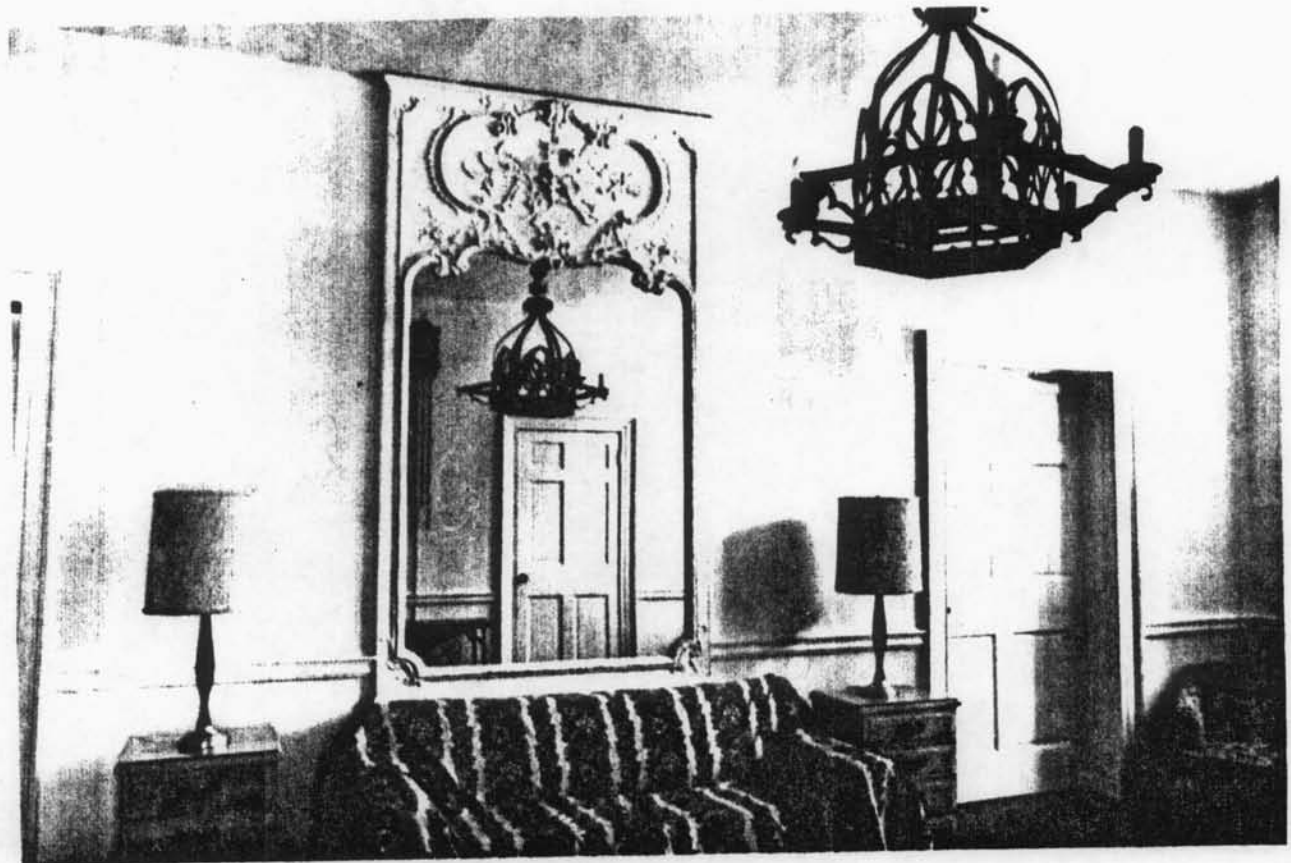


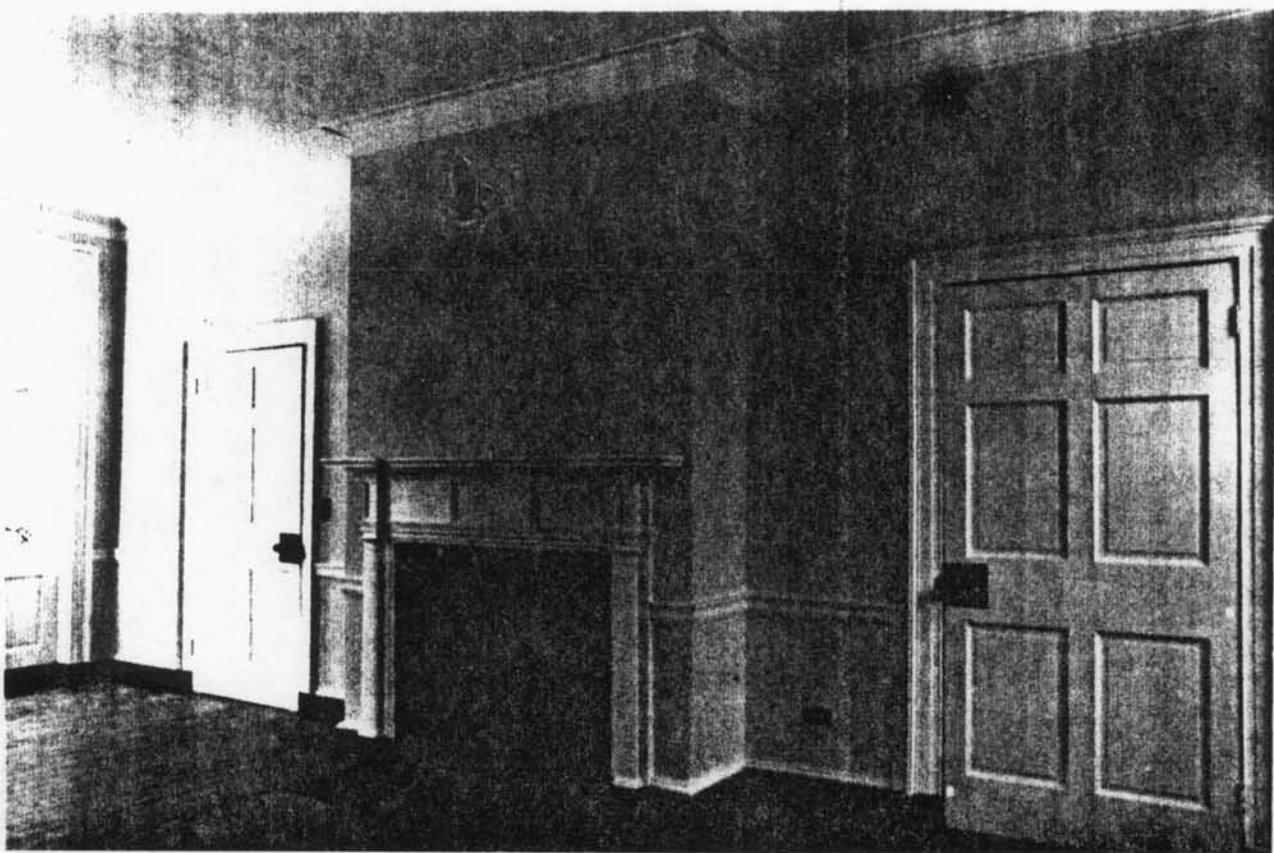
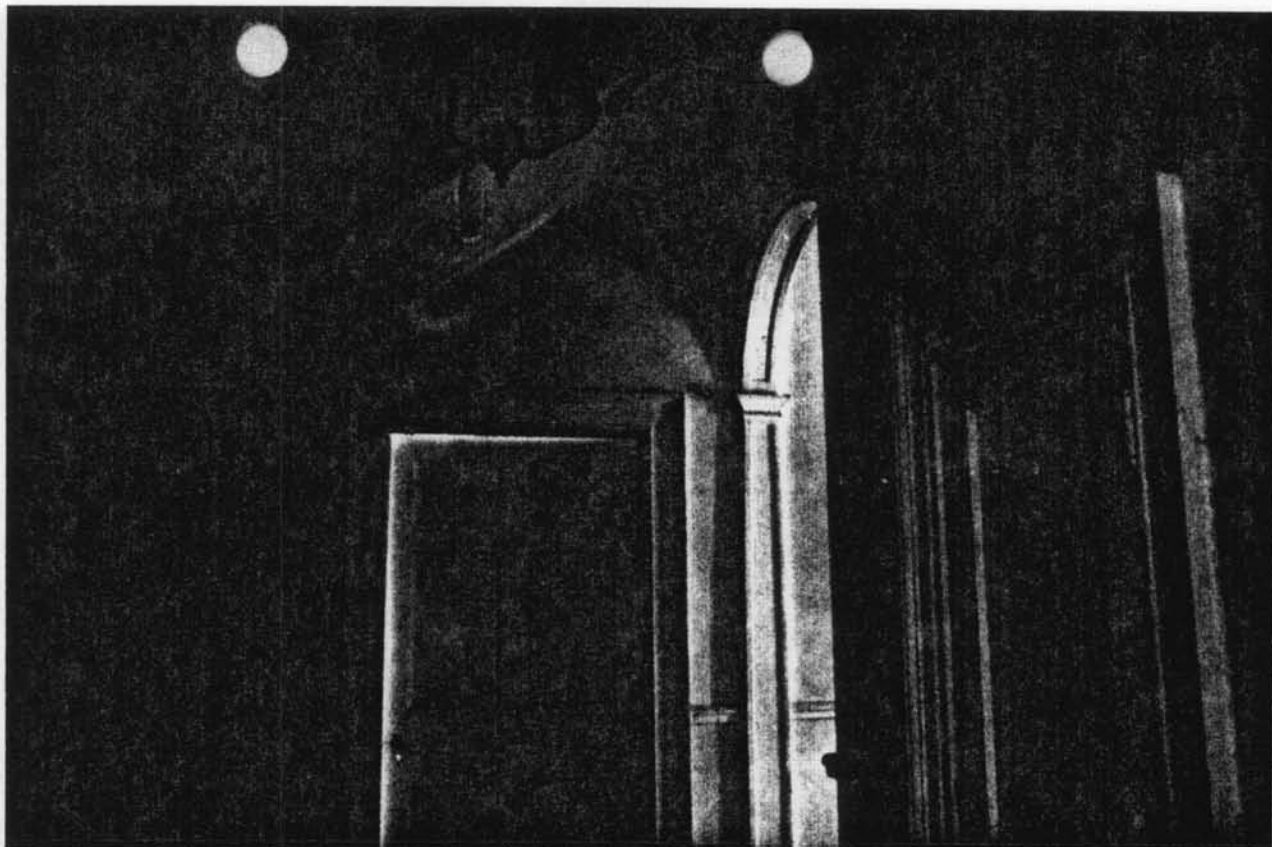
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