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Ridgely/Bowman Farm

Howard Co., MD

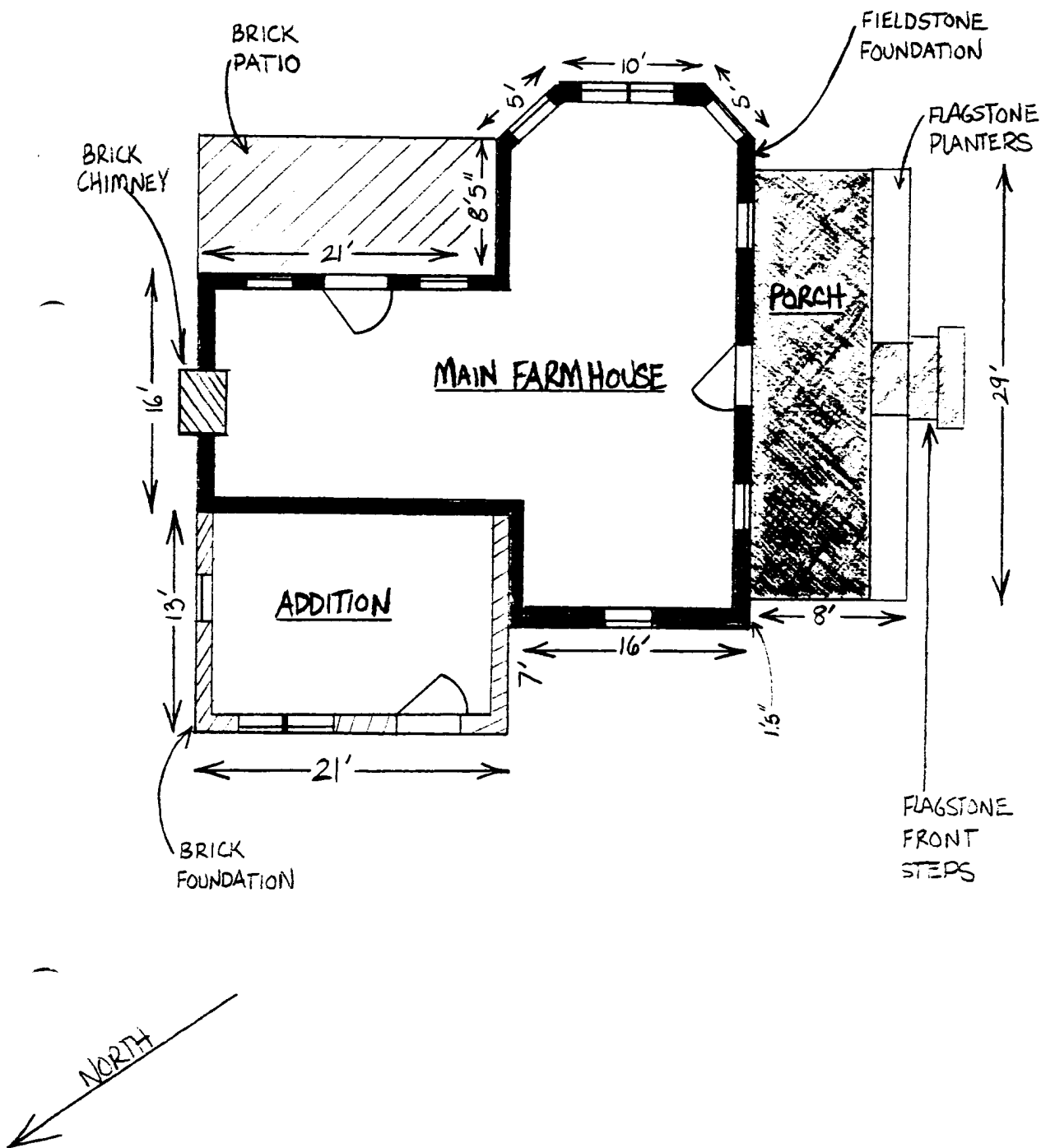
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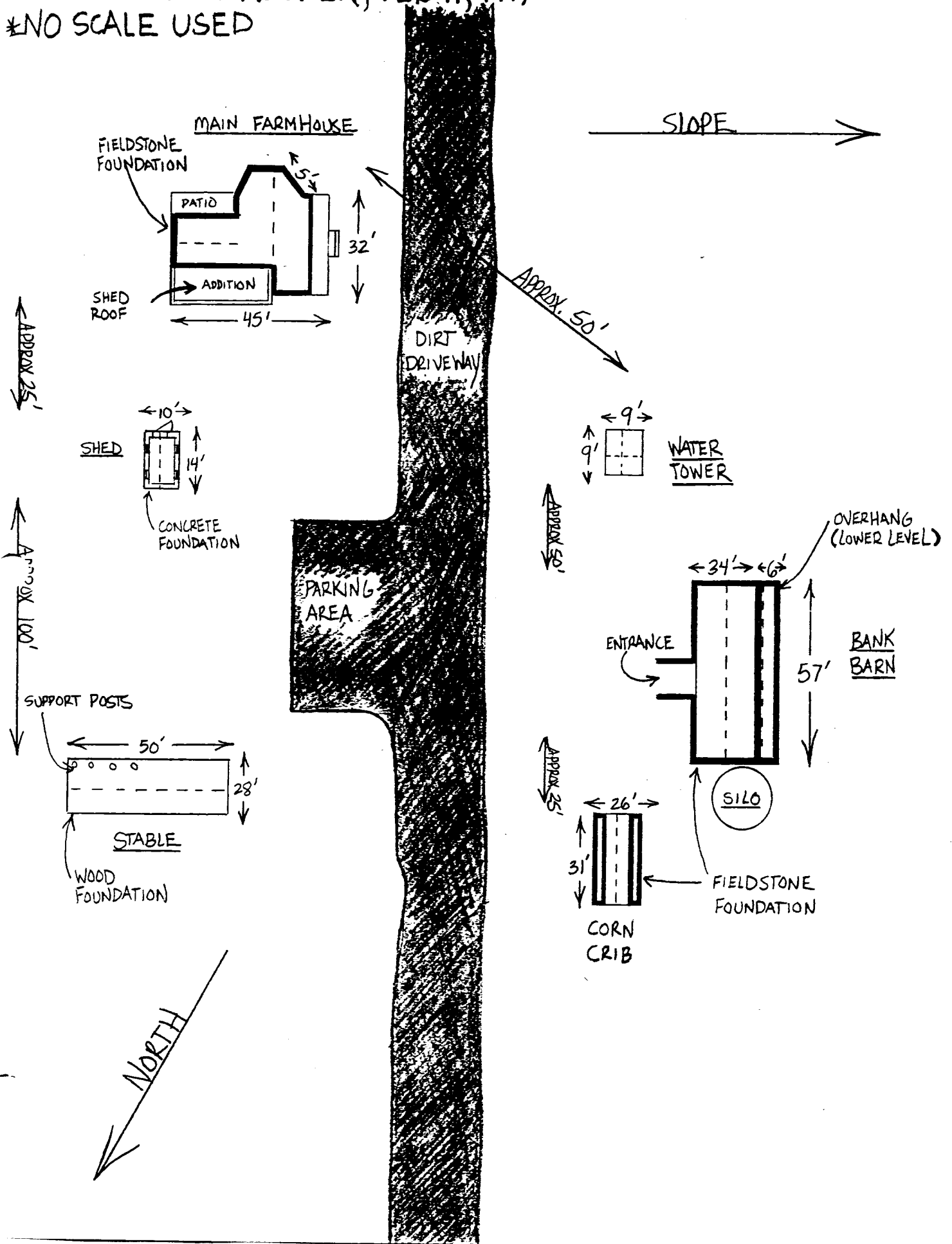
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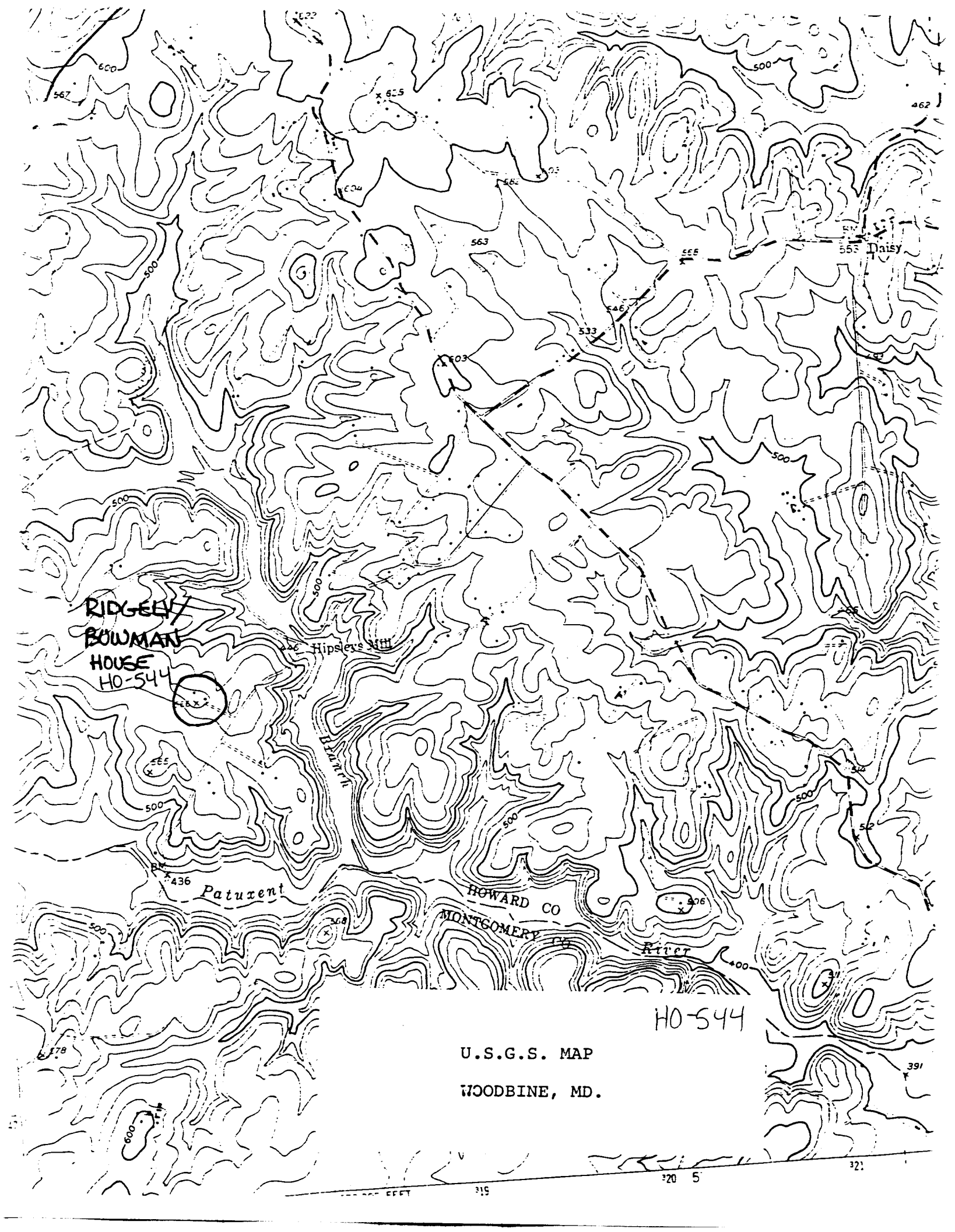
The Ridgely/Bowman farmhouse was originally a log structure built in 1825, however in 1890 Victorian elements were added such as a transom, tripartite bay, and fishscale shingles. In 1963 a two-story lean-to addition was constructed on the northwest facade. The building elements are a combination of materials, such as the original log construction on a stone foundation, the Victorian frame construction on a stone foundation, and the shed roof frame addition on a brick foundation. The farmhouse is in excellent condition, with vegetation kept back from the foundation except for small hedges. The other farm buildings, such as the water tower, bank barn, corn crib, and sheds, are used for storage and are in good condition.

RIDGELY/BOWMAN FARM HO-544  
 HOWARD CO., MD; WOODBINE  
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 1/32 SCALE, GROSS MEASUREMENTS  
 (OTHER FEATURES ONLY APPROXIMATED)



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RIDGELEY  
BOWMAN  
HOUSE  
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U.S.G.S. MAP  
WOODBINE, MD.



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RIDGE / S. W. A. 1951

POWELL (C. W. A.)

MAZON

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RIDGE / BENTON 2221

BRIDGE (2nd fl)

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BRIDGE (2nd fl)

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BRIDGE





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W. AND C. D. D.

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AND 2/2 O. NORTH C. D. D.

S. E. E. W. J. N.

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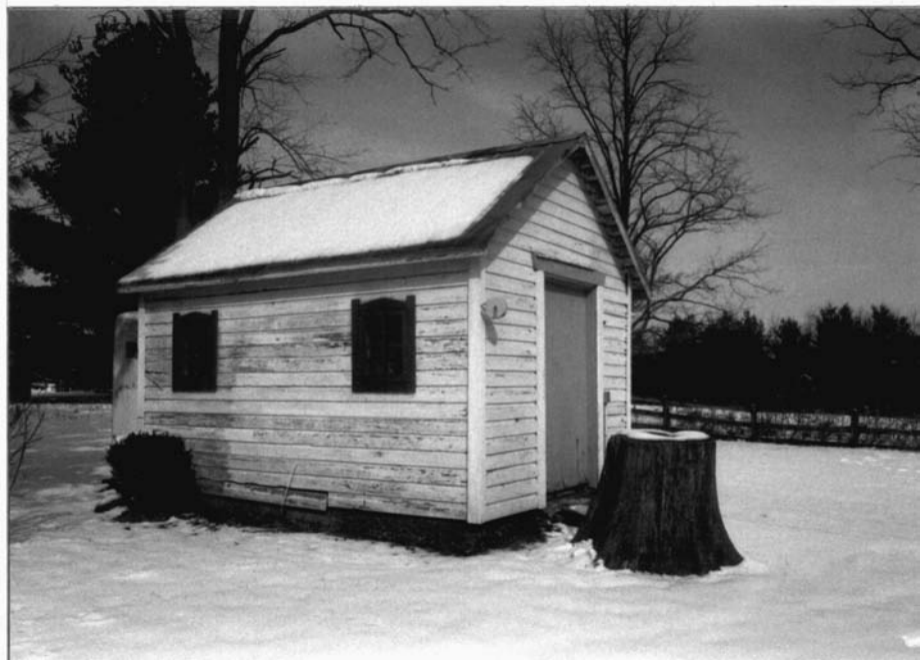
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RIDGELY / BARN

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST MAGI # 1405443304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Ridgeley/Bowman Farm

AND/OR COMMON ABB Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Hipsley Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Woodbine VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Maryland Department of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Tawes State Office Building

CITY, TOWN Annapolis VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: 598  
Folio #: 358

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Howard County Court House

STREET & NUMBER CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

The Ridgely/Bowman house is a circa 1825 two-story, German-sided-over-log structure with a circa 1890 taller two-story clapboard wing constructed perpendicularly to the older section. The overall plan is a T-shaped one.

The log section is three bays wide and one bay deep with its principle facade facing southeast. The first story of this facade is distinguished by a central doorway flanked by louvered, shuttered windows with 6/6 sash. Two identical windows define the window openings of the second story. An internal, corbel capped brick chimney is found in the northeast gable end. Cornerboards, a boxed cornice and a standing seam tin roof further articulate this wing.

Photographs taken prior to the building's 1963 rehabilitation indicate that a porch once spanned this facade. The window sash was 2/2. More than likely these features were later improvements to the log structure.

A similar porch ran across the rear northwest facade. This facade is now obscured by the 1963 two-story-lean-to addition. This wing is of clapboard construction. A first-storey entrance is located in the southern bay. Smaller 6/6 sashed windows define the northern bay as well as the two similar openings of the second story.

Originally the interior was partitioned into two rooms, the kitchen and the living quarters. A winder stairs located led to a loft sleeping area. The log section is now a single room both up and down.

The Victorian wing is also three bays wide and one bay deep. Its principle facade faces southwest. This facade is distinguished by a central doorway flanked by windows with 6/6 sash. The doorway has a simple three light transom; the windows have louvered shutters. Three identical windows define the second storey openings. An open porch with simple 4x4 timber supports spans the first story. A corbel capped brick chimney is centrally located in this section. The roof is of standing seam tin.

Pre-renovation photographs show that this wing originally had double interior brick chimneys, 2/2 sashed windows and the porch supports were columnar, resting on high brick piers. The 2/2 sashed windows and double chimneys probably were original to the wing. The porch however could have been a later addition.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ridgely/Bowman House well illustrates the history of vernacular building techniques in Howard County in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The oldest section of the farmhouse is a modest two storey log structure which, like most log buildings in the county has been "improved" by the addition of clapboards. This method of construction continued into the twentieth century examples such as the George Willson Log House and Walter Belt Log House also within Patuxent State Park attest to this fact.

In the second half of the nineteenth century these log structures easily accommodated various additions. The taller two-storey clapboard wing of the Ridgely/Bowman House characterized a need for more space as well as an indication that its builder was aware of and could afford current stylistic trends in building. The Bowman wing with its tripartite bay on the south east facade displaying a pedimented bable with fishscale shingles is a good example of rural victorian architecture.

Although it is unclear who actually built the log section of the house according to a 1840's equity case between heirs of Philemon S. Ridgely and Henry Welling two structures, a house and a tenement existed on the property. The heirs of Ridgely claimed that their father sold the land to Henry Welling for the uses, intents, and purposes "in trust for the legitimate children of said Philemon S. Ridgely as the said Henry Welling may think proper for the use of them and their heirs." They further contended that Welling received the land, held possession of it and "regularly took rents and profits and enjoyed the entire use there of...and[refused] to give up the possession there of...also said Welling [had] totally mismanaged the said premise..."

The defendant, Henry Welling answered the charge claiming that Philemon Ridgely was in debt and that was the reason that this parcel was put into trust so that his debtors would be satisfied. Welling claimed that Ridgely and his family remained on the premise until the fall of 1825 and during that time Ridgely applied the rents and profits to the support of his family. Dennis Ridgely [presumably his son] was permitted to occupy the nearby small tenement and cultivate the small lot surrounding it. Con-

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
Bridget Deale, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

August 1979

TELEPHONE

269-2438

STATE

Maryland

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## Page 2 Description Ridgely/Bowman House

The southeast facade is a tripartite bay with 6/6 sashed windows in each of the three openings of both stories. Louvered-shutters flank all six windows. The attic level is pedimented with two small windows centrally located. Fishscale shingles further accentuate this area. Early photographs show a similar window arrangement except that the window sash is 1/1 rather than 6/6.

The northwest facade yields a much less decorated design. Windows with 6/6 sash are centrally located on both stories. A smaller 6/6 window is found at the attic level. A box cornice with heavy cornice returns further distinguishes this facade. A bulkhead is located in the northern bay.

The interior of this section holds a very symmetrical arrangement as suggested by its exterior articulation. A center hall flanked by double parlors defined the first story. A central stairway leads to the two upstairs bedrooms, directly above the parlors. Access between the log and frame wings is located on the first storey. Various outbuildings surround the farmhouse including a one-story clapboard smokehouse which was converted in 1963 to a small guest house.

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cluding his defense Welling said that it was Ridgely and his heirs who mismanaged and ignored the land.

Welling died before the court issued its decision that the heirs of Welling were to sell the property to the heirs of Ridgely. (See Equity Records B166-142)

In any case this equity dispute indicates that two structures were on the property in 1825. The Ridgely heirs sold the 23 3/4 acre parcel to James Parker who four years later in 1856 sold the same land to George Ellicott. The Martenet and Bond 1862 Map of Montgomery County lists George Ellicott as the owner of a farm in this general area. Undoubtedly Ellicott rented this farm to a local farmer for he and his wife Agnes were involved in the milling industry near Ellicott City at this time.

Ellicott sold the farm to a Dennis Collins for \$250.00. Both Collins and his wife are buried nearby in a 20'x15' garden. This tiny parcel of land is exempted from most of the subsequent deeds.

After a series of short term owners the Bowman family acquired the 23 3/4 acre farm as well as a series of continous parcels of land which totaled 188 in 1912. It remained in the Bowman family in the 1940's.

The final owner of the farm prior to state aquisition in 1972 was Paula McDonald ABB. From 1963-1972 ABB completely renovated the structure which had fallen into considerable disrepair.

The house is now occupied by Patuxent State Park personnel.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Ridgely/Bowman House should be returned to private ownership with the appropriate measures taken to insure that proper restrictions are attached to the deed.

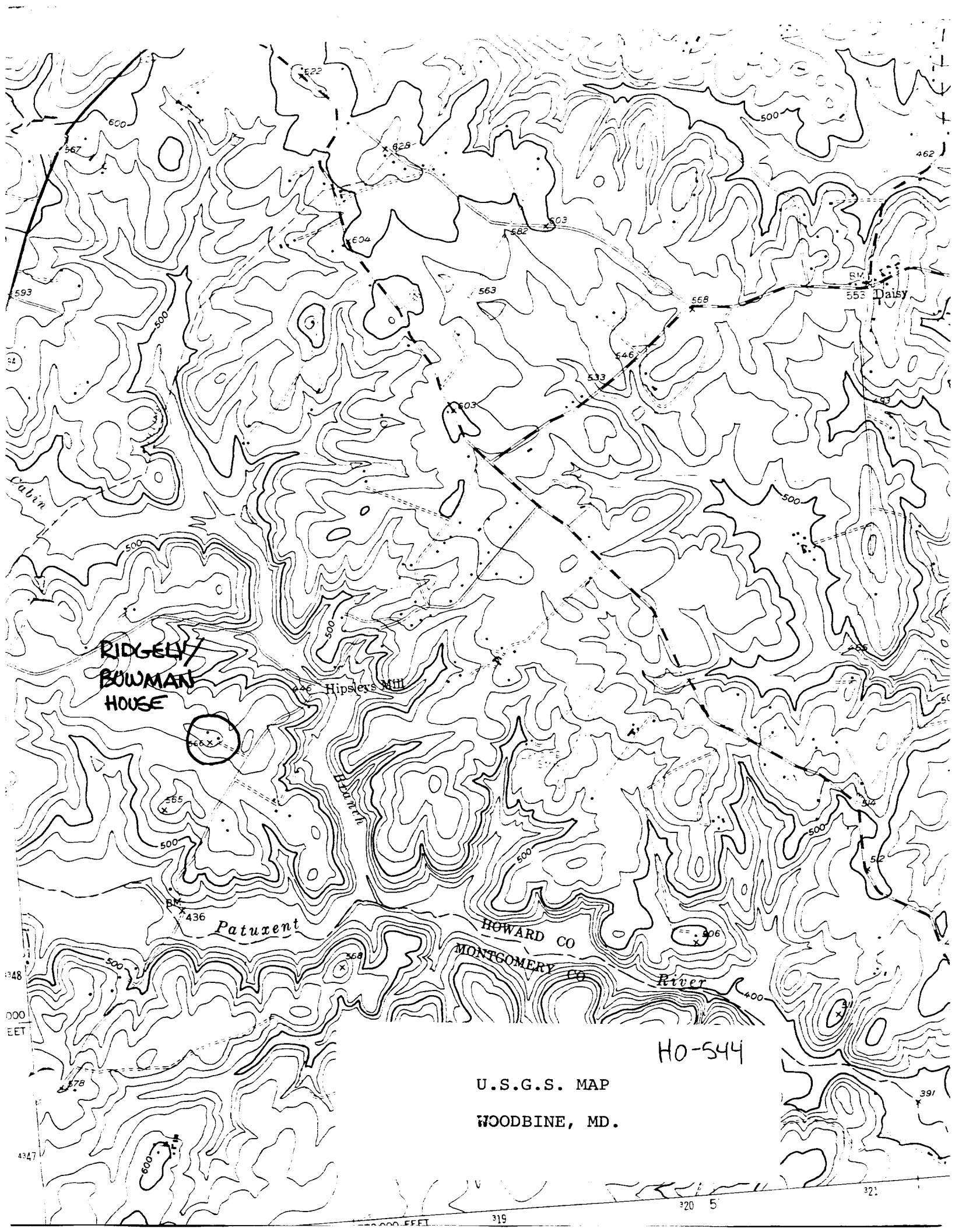
## Ridgely/Bowman House

## Title Search

<u>Land Record</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Description</u>
598/358 6/26/1972	ABB, Paula McDonald	State of Maryland Dept of Natural Resources	10 acres ±
409/271 11/1/1963	Willson, George S. Sidney Ann	Abb, Paula McDonald	10 acres ±
402/409 7/1/1963	Sager, Elizabeth E. Theron P.	Willson, George S. Sidney Ann	188.7525 acres Saving 2 acres
200/541 10/9/1947	Geller, Tessie	Sager, Elizabeth	188.7525 acres Consisting of 4 parcels of land 1) a 99 1/8 acre parcel saving the graveyard 20'x15' referred to in Deed 51/176 dated 5/23/1885 2) 1 1/2 acre parcel 3) a 61 acre parcel 4) a 26.69 acre parcel
172/444 12/2/1941	Bowman, R. Washington Virginia Weber, Gertrude M.	Chase, Harriett M. Pinkston, Eva C.	Parcel 1 of 99 1/8 acres "Farm on which Martha A. Bowman lately resided and on which said Gertrude M. Weber now resides." consisting of 2 parcels 1) A. a 9 7/8 acre parcel R. a 75 3/8 acre parcel 2) a 23 3/4 acre parcel
172/442	Clark, James, Trustee	Bowman, R. Washington Weber, Gertrude	Parcel 2 of 23 3/4 acres See equity case #3801 dated 9/30/1941. E.R. 56/165, Heirs of Maurice E. and Martha A. Bowman, R. Washington Bowman and Gertrude Bowman Weber bought the property for \$600.00.
92/445 3/6/1912	Clark, Louis T., Attorney	Bowman, Maurice E. Martha	See equity case #3801, Clark is appointed to sell property of Otho Tucker and divided the interest among his 10 children.
51/176 5/23/1885	Warfield, Edwin, Executor	Tucker, Otho	See wills TBH 2/318 dated 4/17/1877; Warfield is appointed to sell the 23 3/4 acre parcel for \$400.00 of Dennis Collins "saving and excepting a lot 20'x15' in the garden on said land where are buried the remains of Dennis Collins and wife."

<u>Land Record</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Description</u>
24/332 10/8/1860	Ellicott, George Agnes B.	Collins, Dennis	For \$250.00 the 23 3/4 acre parcel called the Resurvey on the disappointment is sold.
18/19 11/17/1856	Parker, James	Ellicott, George	For \$200.00 all that part of a tract or parcel called the resurvey on the disappointment containing 23 3/4 acres <sup>+</sup> is sold.
13/10 11/9/1852	Ridgely, Dennis R. Elizabeth	Parker, James	For \$450.00 the tract of 23 3/4 acres is sold.
Equity Record B 166-142 2/6/1844	Ridgely, Dennis    vs Mils Cynthia Samuel  Stone, Lucy Nelson, Francis	Welling, Sarah William Henry et al	A tract of land containing 241 (part of Resurvey of the Disappointment, part of Defiance, part of Silence) was sold by Philemon A. Ridgely to Henry Welling "in trust for the legitimate children of said Philemon Ridgely. The tract, after the death of Henry Welling, was turned over to the heirs of Philemon Ridgely. The property was bequeathed to Philemon Ridgely by his father, William, who received it from his father, William.





RIDGELY  
BOWMAN  
HOUSE

Hipslers Mill

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WOODBINE, MD.

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Ridgely/Bowman House  
west side of Hipsley Mill Road  
Woodbine, MD  
Patuxent River State Park  
SW Elevation

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Ridgely/Bowman House  
west side of Hipsley Mill Road  
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