

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. HO-571

Magi No. 1405715504

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marlow House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side Hall Shop Road not for publication

city, town Highland vicinity 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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Marlow House is located on the south side of Hall Shop Road approximately one-half mile west of Scaggsville Road (Maryland Route 216), one-half mile east of Clarksville Road (Maryland Route 108) and one mile south of the community of Highland.

The house is sited on high ground along the south side of Hall Shop Road and is oriented on an east-west axis. A complex of late 19th and 20th century farm buildings is located to the south of the house. Most of these buildings are in very poor condition.

The Marlow House is a two story, three bay log house with a single large exterior brick chimney centered on the west end of the pitched gable roof. A smaller 1½ story frame wing projects from the west gable wall, partially concealing the gable chimney.

The south facade of the house appears to serve as the principal facade. The six-panel entrance door with three-light transom is located in the east bay, with two 6/6 windows to the west on the first story and three 6/6 windows ranged across the second story. The house rests on a stone foundation and is covered with horizontal weatherboards and a later covering of shingle siding. The eaves are enclosed with a plain box cornice; the roof is covered with standing seam metal. A one story open porch with plain posts and a standing seam metal roof extends across this facade of the main house.

A small window offset to right of center in the upper gable is the only opening in the east gable wall. The stone foundation and wood shingle siding match the south facade; the rakeboards are plain.

On the north facade, there is a six-panel door with three-light transom in the east bay and one 6/6 window in the west bay of the first story; single 6/6 windows are located in the east and west bay of the second story.

The majority of the west gable wall is concealed by the 1½ story wing. A small window to the left of the common bond chimney in the upper gable is the only opening.

The wing is a true story-and-a-half structure with a pitched gable roof. A shed lean-to stretches across the south facade. There is a door in the left or west bay of the south

8. Significance

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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

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.

Marlow House is a two story example of a side passage, single parlor plan house with a true story-and-a-half kitchen wing. The main house appears to be of log construction. Significant interior details include a Greek Revival mantel and ovolo window architrave trim in the parlor, an open-string stair with grained beaded vertical board paneling in the passage, and evidence of an early cooking crane in the kitchen fireplace.

The overall form and plan of the house suggest a house of the second or early third quarter of the 19th century. The fully mature machine nails, machine sawn lathing and Greek Revival mantel are typical of the period 1840-60, while the stair details are most typical of the late Greek Revival period and are rarely found earlier than circa 1850. This architectural evidence is reinforced by an entry in the Howard County Tax Assessment for 1852, which assessed James Marlow (-1893) an additional \$150.00 for "a new house". It should be noted that the ovolo backband trim found in the parlor of the main house is more typical of a Federal period house and may be evidence that some earlier fabric has been incorporated into the house.

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION (cont'd)

facade of the lean-to and a 6/6 window in the east bay. A door in the east wall of the lean-to opens onto the porch of the main house.

Single 6/6 windows are centered on the first and second story of the west gable wall of the wing and a 6/6 window pierces this end of the lean-to.

A door in the center bay of the first story is the only opening in the north facade of the wing. The wing also rests on a stone foundation and is covered with wood shingle siding and a standing seam metal roof.

The interior of the main house consists of a side stair passage to east and a single large parlor to the west. The stair rises from the south end of the passage against the west gable wall. It is an open-string stair with square newels and balusters and a plain rail. The area below the carriage is enclosed with beaded vertical boards with ochre graining. A beaded batten door opens into a small closet under the stairs. A four-panel door opens from the passage into the parlor. The fireplace is centered on the west gable wall of the parlor. The mantel is a board surround with a molded backband framing the fireplace opening and a complex shelf with Greek Revival molding above a plain frieze. The window and door openings in the parlor are trimmed with beaded architraves with an ovolo backband more typical of the 18th or very early 19th century.

The side passage plan is repeated on the second floor but the passage is somewhat wider than on the first floor. The second story chamber is heated by a stove rather than a fireplace. The trim is plain throughout the second floor. A small door in the west gable wall of the chamber opens into the loft of the wing.

The interior of the west wing consists of a single room on each floor and one narrow room in the south lean-to. A large fireplace on the east wall of the first floor room retains the iron pintles for a fireplace cooking crane. A small built-in cupboard is located in the alcove to the left of the chimney. An enclosed winder stair is located in the northwest corner of the wing. The first floor ceiling joists remain exposed.

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name Howard County Dept. of Recreation & Parks

street & number 3430 Courthouse Dr. telephone no.: 301 992 2480

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Md. 21043

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*SOUTH FACADE
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2 BAYS*

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*SOUTH FACADE -
CURRENT PRINCIPAL FACADE -
NORTH WAS ORIGINAL
PRINCIPAL FACADE
1. SYMMETRICAL PLANTING
OF ORNAMENTAL TREES
2. SHOWS OFF STAIRS
BETTER
3. SOUTH YARD CONTAINS
SERVICE ELEMENTS,
IE PUMP
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SHOULD THE WEATHERBOARD BEHIND THE CHIMNEY BE NOTED?

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Perhaps, it would help if we noted somewhere that the large block and the ~~old~~ west wing appear to be two separate constructions i.e. different floor levels and separate foundations.

James Marlow. page 370 of the tax records
referred

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~~1851~~

to assessment

Transfer Book I 1840-1858

page 205. \$810.00. 135 AC. of land

NOTE: former property of P. Palmer
(Pennel Palmer) \$6.00/AC.

PAGE 219. \$150.00. a new house (1852 [?])
60.00 10 acres of land

BAKER'S
STATE TAX ASSESSMENT
OFFICE

Transfer Book 2

page 412 Assessment Ledger

to assessment 774.00

(NO PAGE REFERENCE)

\$ 135.00 transferred and released for 1857

LAND RECORDS

PENNEL PALMER ETAL TRANSFERRED
145 AC. + of LAND IN "PATERNAL GIFT"
TO JAMES MARLOW
L. 13 F. 139. FEB 18, 1853

SEE ATTACHED

IN OR ON FEB. 21, 1893, THE COURT ORDERED
JAMES P. AND Wm. H. MARLOW TO DISPOSE OF THE
PERSONAL PROPERTY OF JAMES MARLOW.

INFORMATION IS IN REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE

BOTH THE ACCT of SALES AND THE INVENTORY
LIBER 5 folio 131 LIBER 28 folio 207
of PERSONAL PROPERTY ARE LISTED

VALUE of 1988.50 IS LISTED.

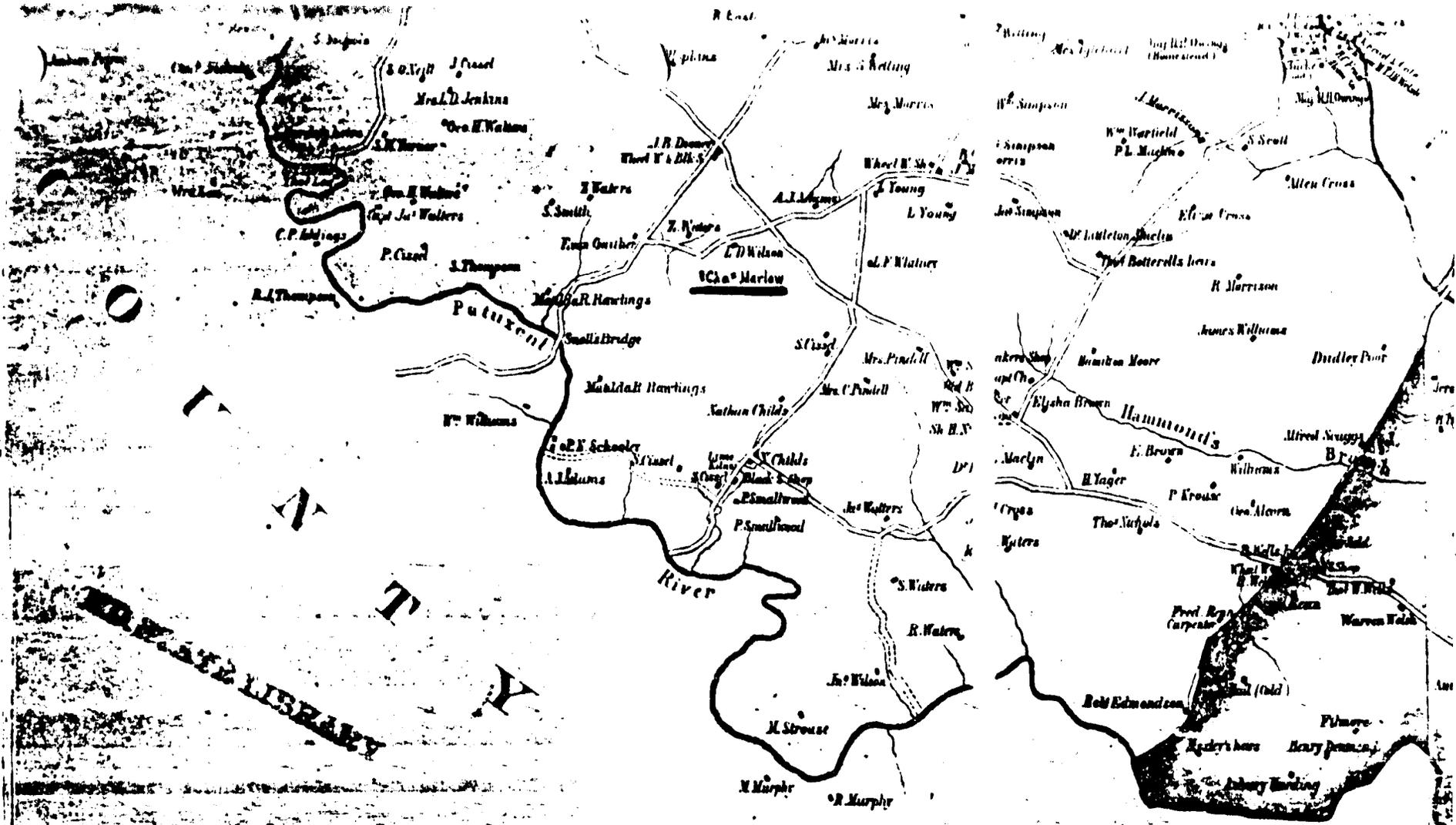
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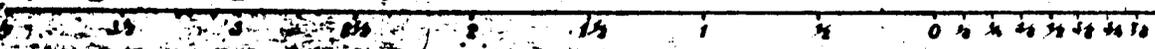
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BEING MARRIED to
M. I. CISSEL AGED 21 yro.
by BEN. T. BALL



MARLOW HOUSE LIBRARY

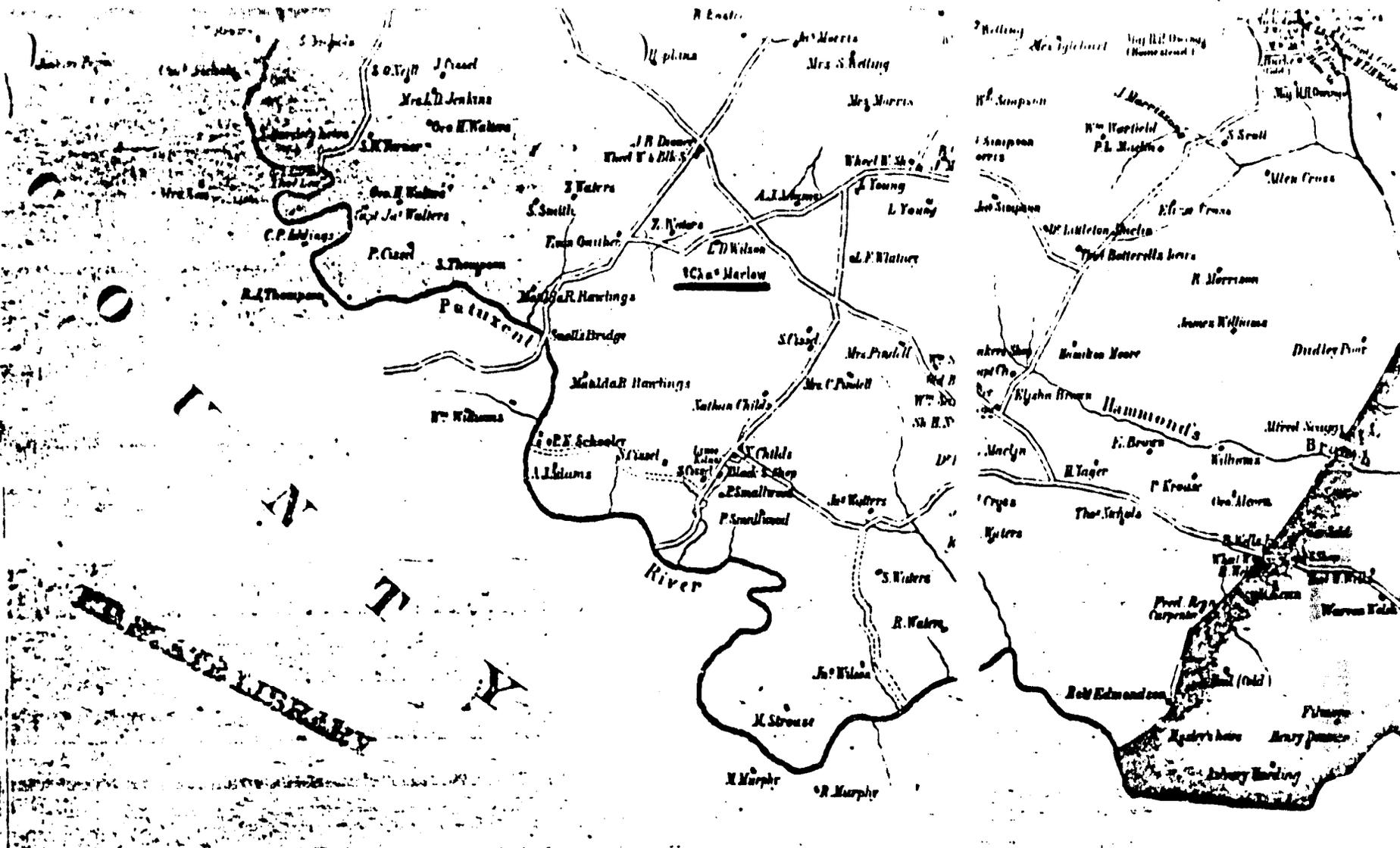
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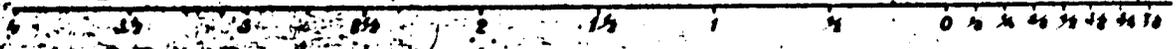
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HO-571 Marlow House
 Highland vicinity
 1860 Martenet Map



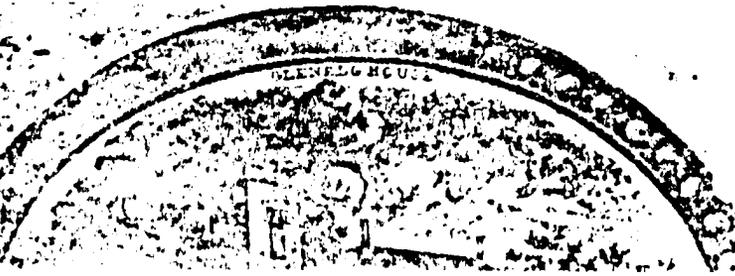


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HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
1860 Martenet Map



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39 15'

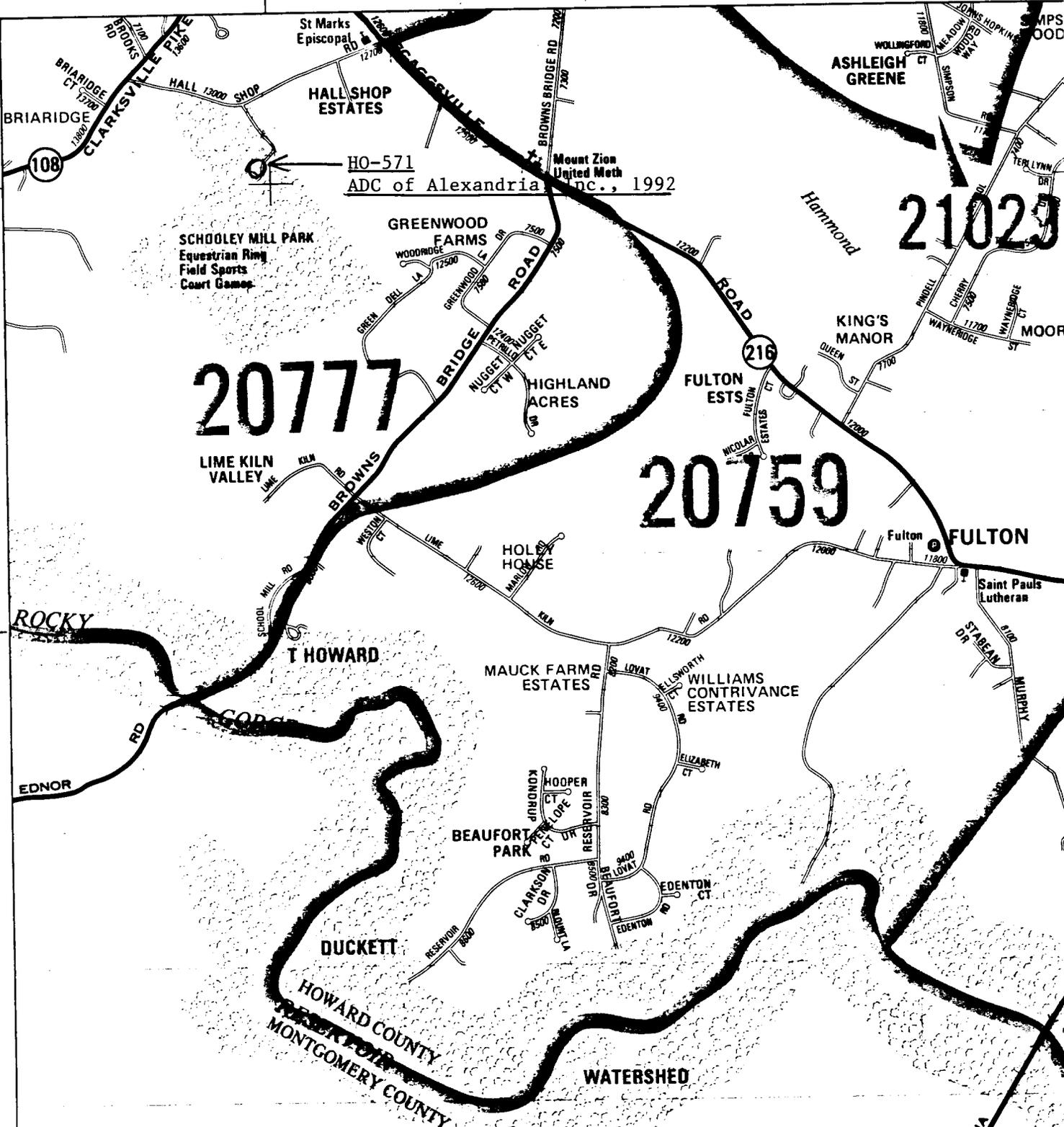
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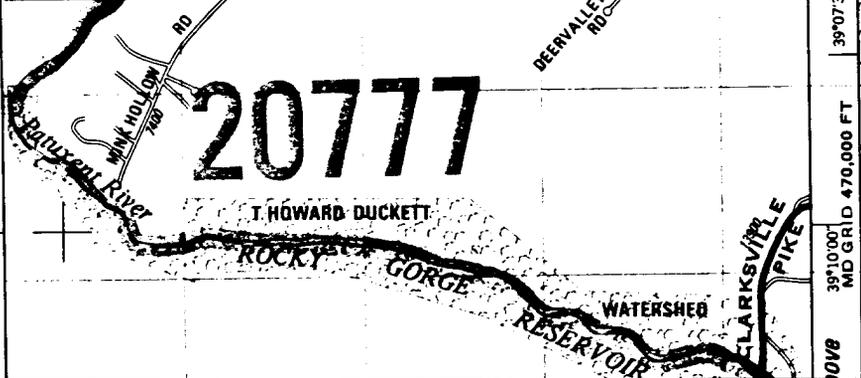
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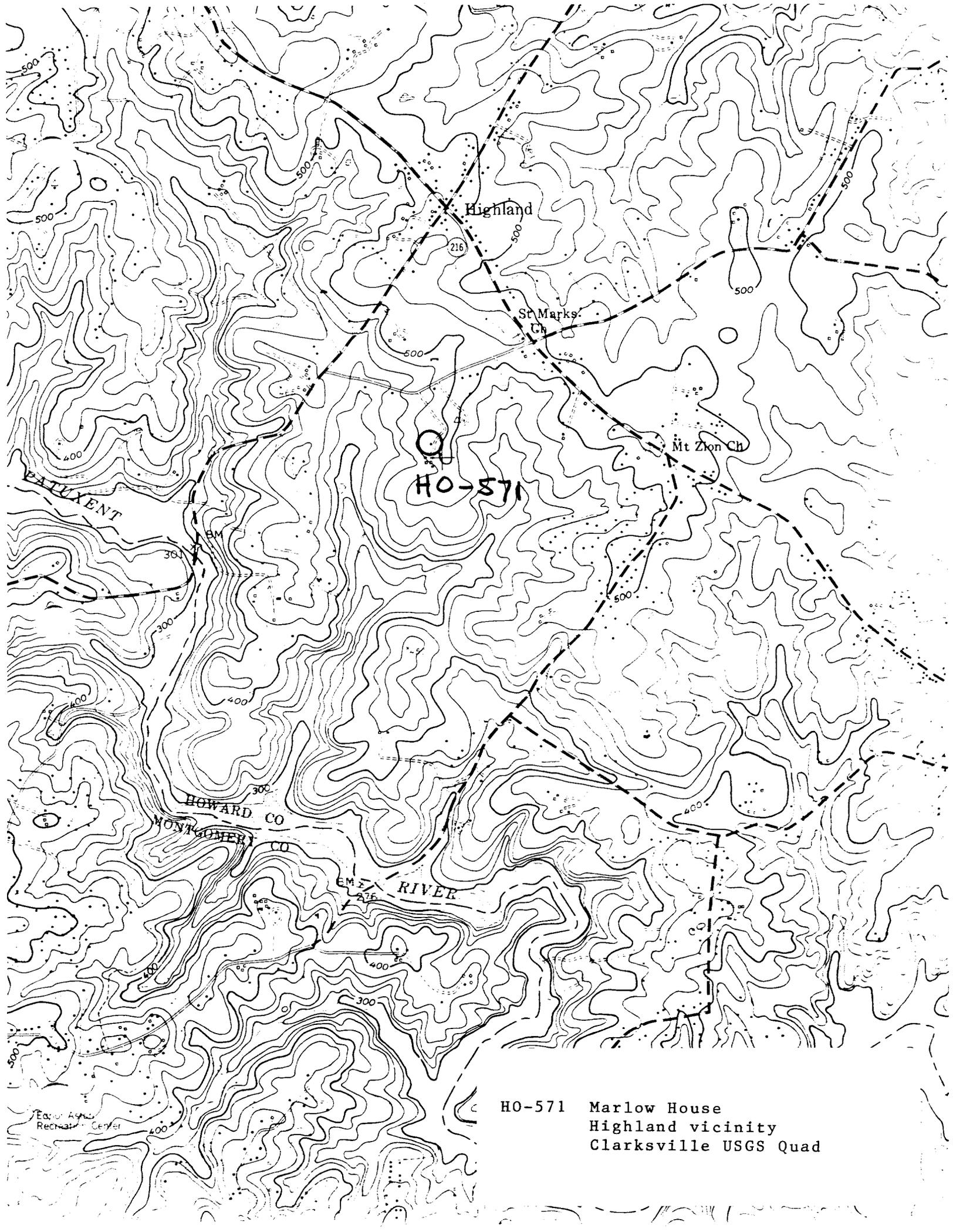
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To New Hampshire Ave



77°00'00" MD GRID 800,000 FT 76°57'30" Joins Map 13





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Highland

St Marks Ch

Mt Zion Ch

EMZ RIVER

HOWARD CO

MONTGOMERY CO

Edgar Allan
Recreation Center

HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Clarksville USGS Quad



HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
South Facade

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
South View



HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
View from South

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
South Elevation



H0-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
North facade

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
North Elevation



MARKLOW HOUSE

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NORTH FACADE

Ed Skull

1982



H0-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
View from Northeast

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE

Note: Trees left to right

1. Tupelo
 2. Sugar maple
 3. Sugar maple
- } not native



HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
East Gable

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
East Elevation



H0-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
West gable of wing

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
West Elevation



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Marlow House
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North Door

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE

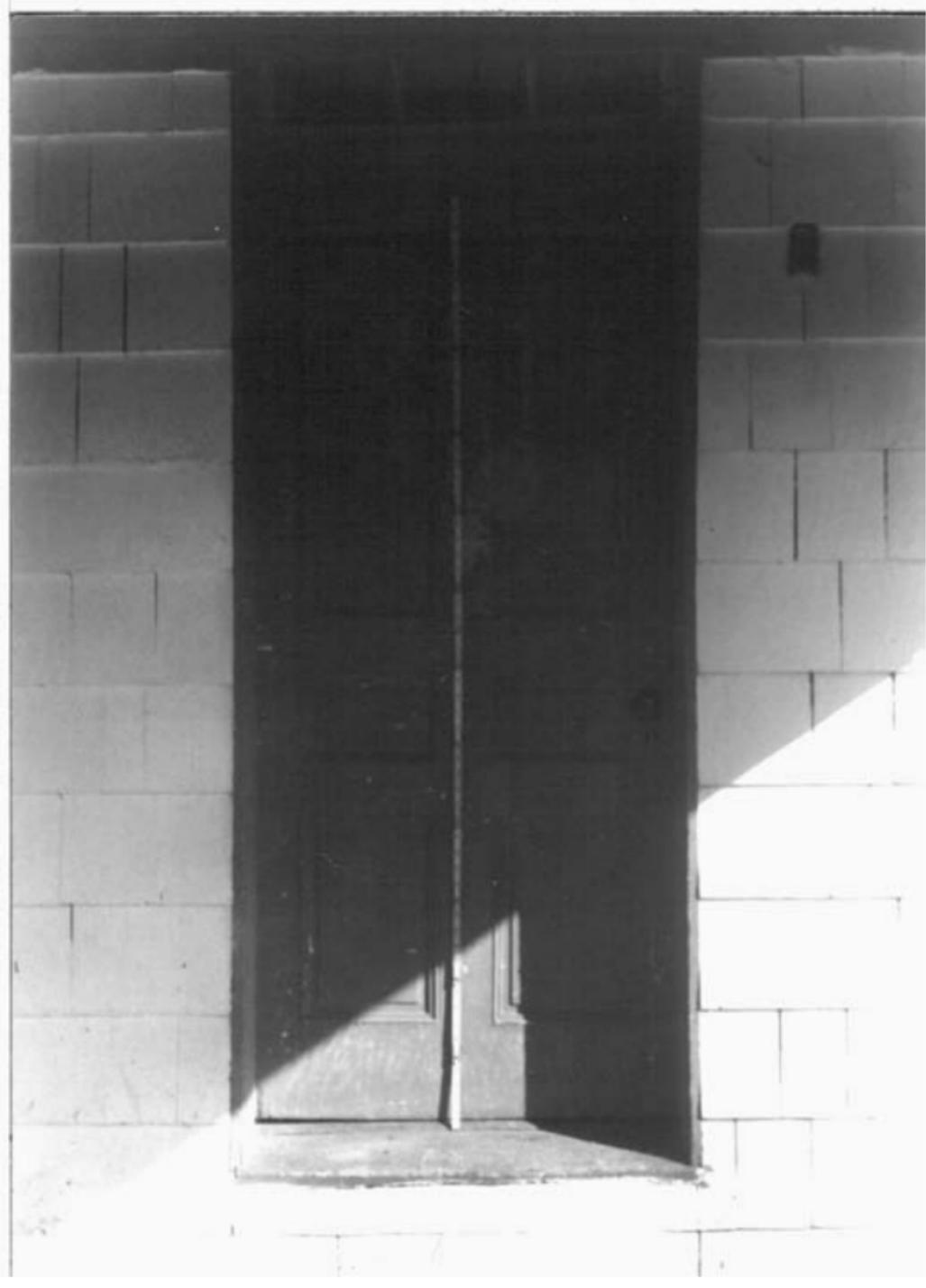
North Elevation

Door - 4 Window - 9



HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
Ruins of Barn

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
Ruined Barn 20th C.
House Beyond

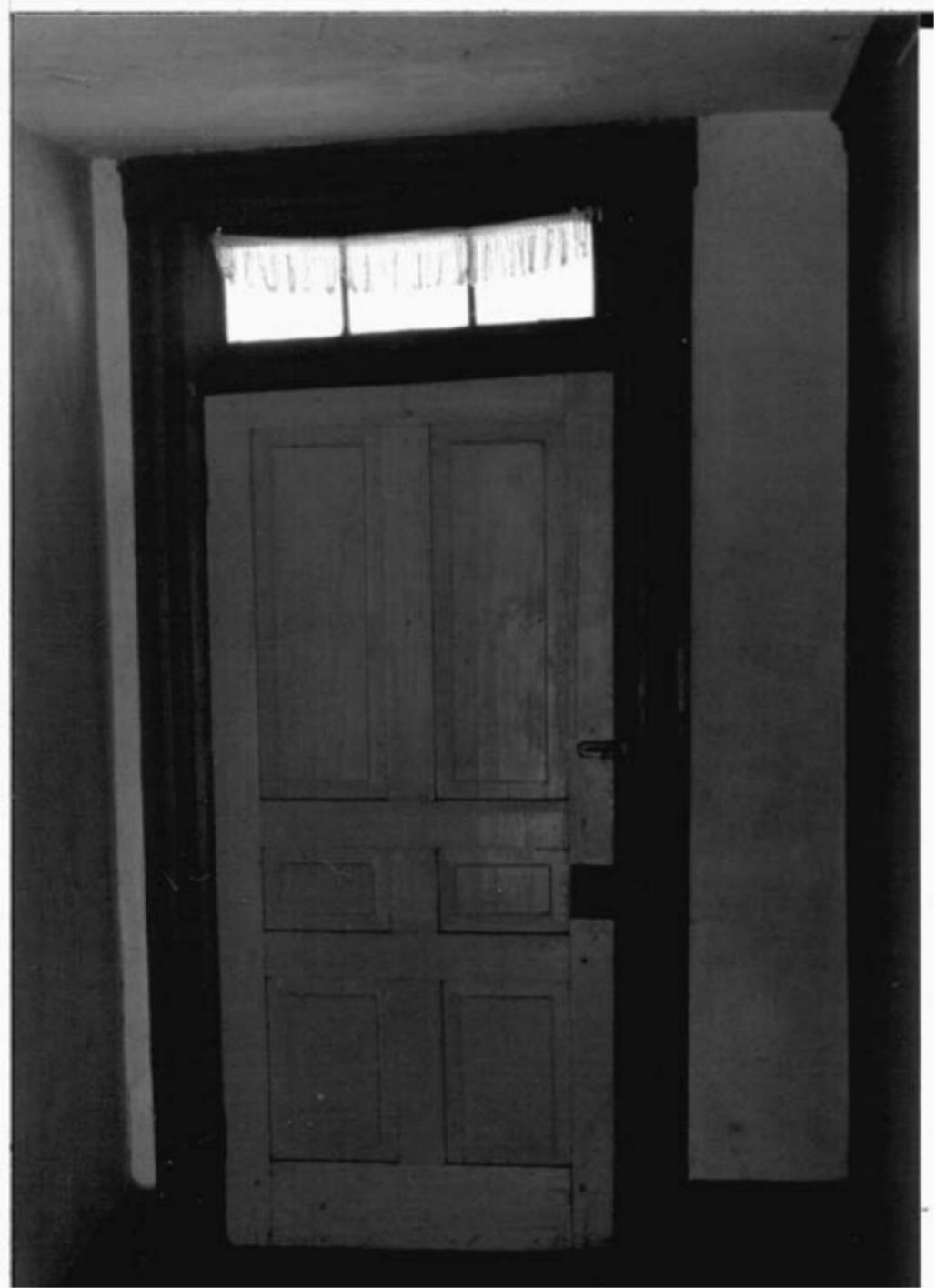


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Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
South Door

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE

South Facade Door 2



MARLOW HOUSE

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MAIN HOUSE.

FIRST FLOOR - SIDE HALL

NORTH WALL

Ed Skull

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HO-571 Marlow House
Highland vicinity
Ed Shull 1981
Parlor Mantel

JAMES MARLOW HOUSE
Mantle in Large
Section



TOP

OCHK GRAINING

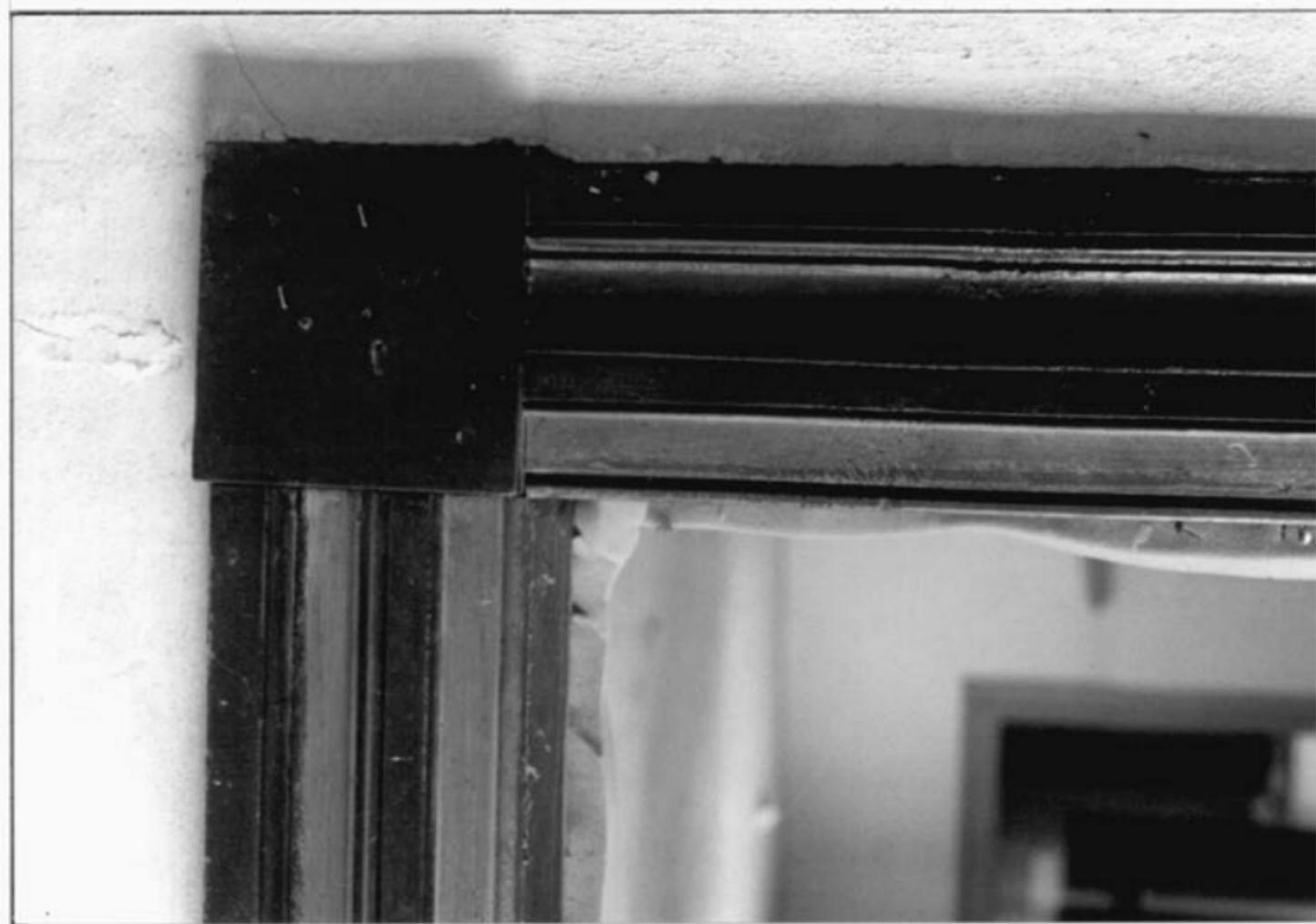
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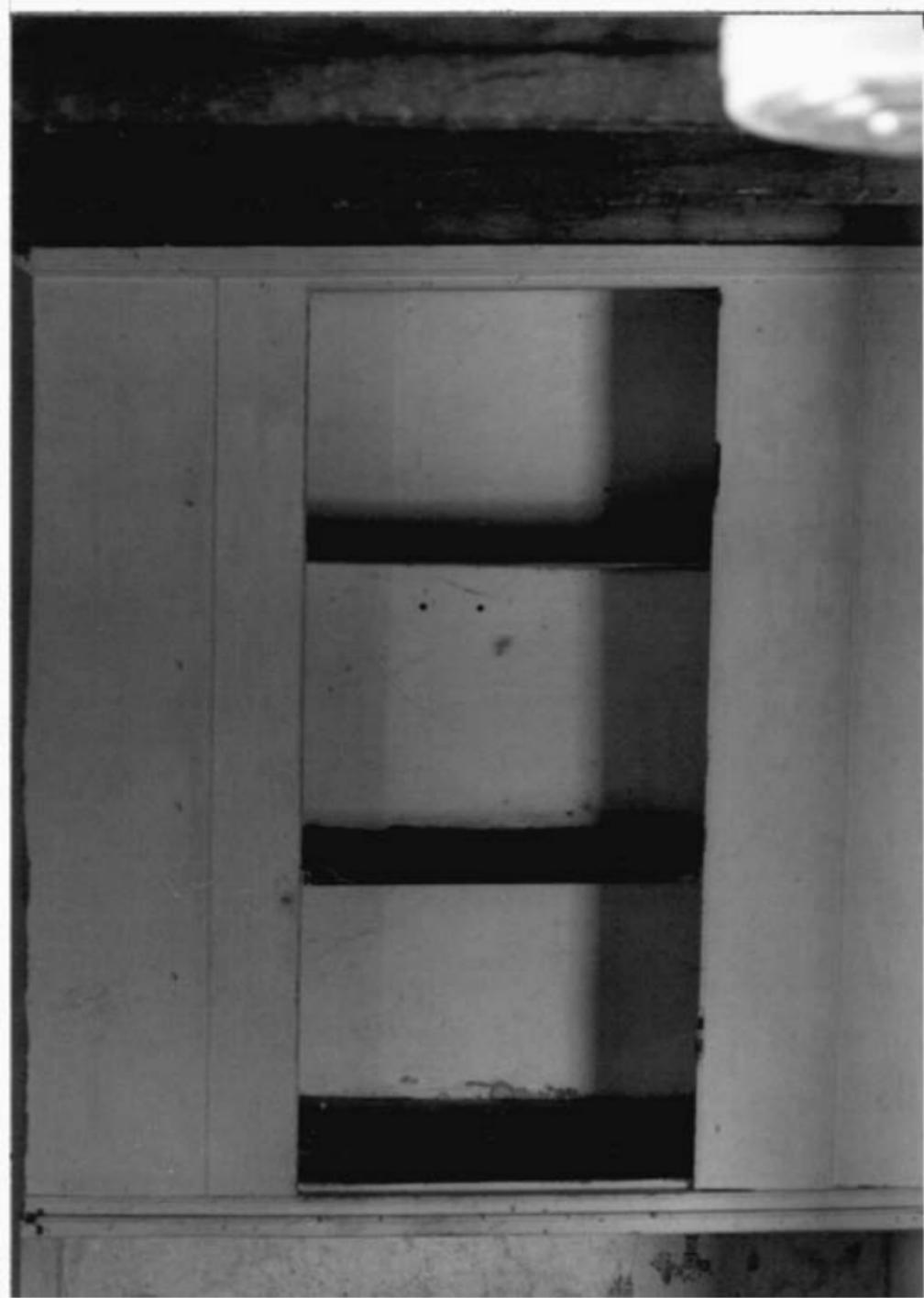
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SIDE HALL - WEST WALL -

WOODWORK DETAIL

Ed Skell

1982



TOP

MARULLO HOUSE

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BUILT-IN CLIPBOARD -

WEST WING

Ed Skull

1982



MARLOW HOUSE

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INTERIOR of 1¹/₂ STORY

WEST WING.

Ed Skull

1982