

**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
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1. Name

historic Hanover Farm House

and/or common

2. Location *E of Beallsville off MD 28*

street & number 19501 Darnestown Road (Maryland Route 28) not for publication

city, town Beallsville *mc* vicinity of congressional district Eighth

state Maryland code 24 county Montgomery code 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input 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 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 Stock Brothers, Inc. c/o Edward L. Stock, Jr.

street & number 19501 Darnestown Road

city, town Beallsville vicinity of state Maryland 20704

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number

city, town Rockville state Maryland 20850

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Historic American Buildings Survey has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1936 federal state county local

depository for survey records Library of Congress

city, town Washington state D.C.

7. Description

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

Hanover farm is situated 17 miles west of Rockville on the north side of Maryland Route 28, .6 miles east of Beallsville, in Montgomery County, Maryland. The dwelling, situated well back from the road, is reached by a curving drive of about one-half mile. The five acre nominated property is a nearly square tract encompassing the principal residence, garage, office and double corn crib/machinery shed, set within a farm of 281 acres. The dwelling is brick, ell-shaped, of classically influenced Federal period design with simple ornamentation. A two story Queen Anne addition joins the original main block to the original kitchen building.

The house consists of three sections: the main block, ~~and~~^a kitchen wing dating from 1801-1804, and a 1½-story modern kitchen wing added in 1954. The house is built of brick with red brown sandstone foundations. The main block is two stories plus attic, three bays wide by one deep. The brick on the front (south) wall is laid in Flemish bond. The roof is patterned metal. A boxed cornice, supported by a 10" curved molding, covers the rafter ends.

A one-story porch with plain round pillars. Stone foundations of this portico remain beneath the later porch.

The doorway located in the center bay has a four-light transom above the four panel door. Flanking the door are vertical panels each containing three lights with wood paneling beneath. The 12-inch reveals are paneled. The surround of the doorway is fluted with plain square tablets at the top corners.

The two side bays each contain a 9 over 6 Guillotine window at the first floor level with original mullions and hand blown glass. At the second floor level there is a 6 over 6 window in each bay. The walls are carried over the openings by jack arches. The windows and doors have stone sills.

The west wall contains an interior chimney, no windows on the first and second floor levels. Two four-pane attic windows flanking the chimney have brick headers forming the flat arches. The brick on this, the back and east walls, is laid up in common bond, one row of headers to three rows of stretchers.

The back (north) wall contains five windows. The two side bays contain 9 over 6 windows on the first floor and 6 over 6 windows on the second floor corresponding to those on the front of the house. In the center bay there is a 6 over 6 window halfway between the first and second floor levels which lights the stairway. Below this window, a little to the right, is a bricked-in doorway.

The old kitchen wing, originally connected to the main block by a breezeway, runs east and west in line with the main block. The front (south) wall is laid up in Flemish bond. According to family members, after the Civil War, the breezeway was enclosed by a 2-story projecting Queen Anne bay window containing three windows on each story, with exterior of German
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8. Significance

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"/> invention		

Specific dates 1801-1804 Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Hanover Farm derives its significance from three major sources: 1) its agricultural association as the residence of five generations of a Maryland family who for over 160 years have made their living farming this land which is one of the earliest tracts platted in Montgomery County; 2) its architecture as an excellent and typical example of Maryland's classical influenced rural architecture of the early nineteenth century and how these buildings were often enlarged and adaptive to changing tasks and life styles of the occupants yet still retaining the basic features; and 3) its local and state political associations as the home of a Revolutionary War soldier, William Hempstone, for whom the house was erected; his son Nathan who served on several local county commissions; and a third generation owner and occupant, Charles Greenburg Griffith, who was married to Caroline Hempstone and served one term as a Montgomery County Commissioner and two terms in the Maryland Legislature, 1905 and 1918.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

For twenty-five years after the first land patent in upper Montgomery County was recorded by Richard Brightwell in 1695, there was no interest accorded this part of Maryland by the settlers in southern Maryland until Daniel Dulaney was granted a patent in 1721 for 1,600 acres.¹ A year later, Dr. Patrick Hepburn, a prosperous Prince George's County resident² and a speculator in land as was Daniel Dulaney, received a patent for 1,500 acres situated on the headwaters of the Dry-Seneca.³ He called his grant, "Hanover," in honor of his English King, George I, who was of the House of Hanover.⁴ Samuel Hepburn inherited his father's land, increasing the size of this tract to 2,216 acres. A 1783 Assessment record describes it as "38 miles from Georgetown, a great part arable, some very good and some indifferent."⁵ It was assessed at one pound per acre.

In 1790, 1796, and 1801, he sold three contiguous parcels of this early patent to two brothers, Christian Townley Hempstone and William Hempstone.⁶ Their father, William Mathias Hempstone, had been one of the earliest settlers of this part of Frederick County which later became Montgomery County.

It was William Hempstone's part of "Resurvey on Hanover" which remained in the same family for five generations, from 1801 to 1964. Each of the owners was distinguished in his time for successful farming endeavors and for service to his community.

9. Major Bibliographical References

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #8.

10. Geographical Data **ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED**

Acreege of nominated property 5 acres **UTM NOT VERIFIED**
Quadrangle name Poolesville Quadrangle Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>18</u>	<u>292470</u>	<u>4339040</u>	B			
	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Ann Kephart, Luise Stevens

organization Historic Medley District, Inc. date February, 1979

street & number Box 232 telephone (301) 972-8635

city or town Poolesville state Maryland 20837

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. Little* 6-6-80

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

Mary Ann Kephart date 8-6-80
Keeper of the National Register

Attest: *Eucema Jane Seve* date 7-30-80
Chief of Registration *Regional Coordinator*

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siding and fishscale shingles. A second story was added above the kitchen and the kitchen made into a dining room. A wooden structure was built to the north of the dining room to house the kitchen. The 6 over 6 windows in the brick second floor addition are surmounted by curved brick arches with recessed wood panels.

The east wall of this wing contains a large stone exterior chimney with brick stack and a doorway with arched opening matching the windows.

The exterior chimney flanked by two four-pane attic windows on the east wall of the main block is visible above the roof of the kitchen wing.

In 1954 the wooden kitchen structure was replaced by a one and a half story brick wing. The roof is pierced by two dormers. This wing contains a kitchen, breakfast room and porch on the first floor and a bedroom, bath and hall above.

On the interior the main block originally contained a large room on each side of a center hall. The center hall had door openings at front and back and a stairway rising in two runs, with a 6 over 6 window at the landing level. Each of the two rooms contained north and south windows and a fireplace. In the 1930s two interior walls were removed and the lower flight of stairs turned to run parallel with the back wall. At this time the back center hall doorway was closed and bricked over. The first floor of the main block is now one large room with the original main entrance in the center of the south wall. On the north side, the stairway rises against the wall, lighted by the landing window, and turns at a right angle to reach the second floor.

At the west end of the living room is the original fireplace with an elaborately carved mantelpiece. The surround of the fireplace is a 2" band with diagonal reeding. On each side slender vertical posts are slightly rounded and reeded. Above each post are rectangles with oval inserts carved in a ray or fan design. The center panel on the front contains fan shaped carving within a rectangle. The panels flanking the center panel of the front are carved in diagonal reeding. Beneath the mantel shelf there is a 2" strip carved in a lattice design.

The floorboards in the large living room are tongue in groove, 6 to 10 inches wide and 1½ inches thick. The trim on the window openings is four-inch beaded board.

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On the second floor of the main block there is a large center hall with a south-facing 6 over 6 window. The hall was flanked by two large bedrooms, each with north and south windows and each with fireplaces and molded chair rail. The west bedroom still contains its original fireplace, mantelpiece and chair rail.

The attic most clearly shows the age of this house. Totally unaltered, it has a single partition of unpainted beaded vertical boards, beaded board and batten doors with iron thumb latches of very early design, handmade rosehead nails and 15" plank flooring.

The old kitchen wing is built at a lower elevation than the main block. There are three steps descending from the main block to this wing on both the first floor and the second floor levels.

The present dining room was original the kitchen. On the east wall there is a cooking fireplace, built of stone which contains an iron crane. The mantel at this fireplace is original to the house but was removed from another room. A beaded board surrounds the opening, then two bands of cyma moulding. The front is plain. Beneath the mantel shelf there is an inch wide dentil moulding.

The second floor of this wing contains two large bedrooms and a hall. It is reached by a boxed staircase rising in two runs from the dining room.

The cellar under the main block has stone walls, a dirt floor and is entered from the outside by a bulkhead door.

The main block and kitchen wing of this house are original. The house has been enlarged by the addition of the second floor to the kitchen wing and the story and a half ell to the back.

There are three outbuildings within the boundaries of the nominated property. These are located very near the dwelling and contribute to its setting.

1. OFFICE. One story frame structure with tin covered gable roof, clapboard siding containing three small rooms with most of the interior partitions removed. Interior decorative detail is simple. There is a chimney between the first and second rooms. Building erected in the

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late 19th century to serve as servants' quarters. The south end of the office is located 20 feet north of the back steps (north end) of the dwelling and appears to be a continuation of the kitchen ell.

2. GARAGE One story rectangular masonry building with gable roof. Build in the 1940s. Located on the east side of a 30' wide driveway, opposite and parallel to the kitchen ell and the office.
3. DOUBLE CORN CRIB/MACHINERY SHED. Three bay frame building with gable roof and vertical board siding. Two stories high at the center of the gable, one story at the two ends of the gable. First story of the center bay is open, designed to store horse-drawn farm machinery. Second floor (above open bay) contains doors on front and back for loading hay. Two enclosed side bays each have one large door. Built late 19th century. Located 100' northwest of the end of the office and about 150' northwest of the rear of the dwelling.

A long drive way crosses the farm from the secondary highway to enter the nominated property running east-west and turning 90 degrees to run north-south to the dwelling. There is extensive planting around the foundations of all the buildings and bordering the driveway. There are many large shade trees including maples, oaks, locusts, and walnuts, surrounding the house and near the driveway.

The farm buildings on the surrounding acreage--two large barns, two small residences, sheds and animal shelters, built in recent years, the earliest in the early 20th century, the latest in 1942, do not contribute to the historical significance of the principal residence so were not included in the nominated acreage. A large barn built around 1850 is deteriorating and will be removed.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The owner considers five ^{acres}~~acres~~ to be a sufficient amount of land to furnish a suitable setting for the house. It includes the hilltop on which the house and nearest outbuildings are situated, surrounding large trees, landscape planting around driveway and buildings, and several acres of lawn. The surrounding farmland, 276 acres, is planted in nursery stock. The owner is seeking a suitable agricultural conservation

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plan in which to participate to insure the continued agricultural use of the acreage surrounding the nominated five acres.

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William Hempstone served in the Maryland militia during the Revolutionary War.

He built the brick residence on "Resurvey on Hanover" in the early 19th century. This surmise is based on the construction methods and on an early tax assessment. The use of Flemish bond pattern in the walls of both the main block and the kitchen wing, the mortise and tenon, pegged construction, the width of plank flooring and the size of hand hewn timbers indicate very early construction techniques. An 1804 tax assessment of two farms owned by William Hempstone gives a much higher value per acre on one than the other, even though the lands are contiguous and of the same quality. The difference would indicate the presence of buildings on the "Hanover" farm.

In 1804, beside his two farms comprising 524 acres, William Hempstone owned seven slaves and substantial personal property.⁹ The 1810 census shows that he owned 23 slaves.¹⁰ When he died without a will in 1828, his property was divided by court order among his eight children.¹¹

Nathan Hempstone, the oldest son, became owner of the part of the property ". . . being the mansion farm. . . ." Nathan remained a bachelor. When he died and his property was divided by court order in 1852, he had acquired even more land and property than his father.¹²

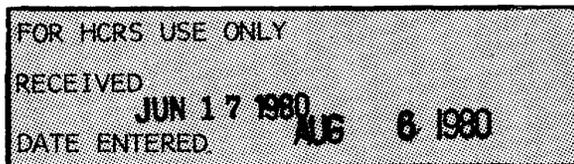
Nathan's younger brother, Armistead Hempstone, inherited "the residence,"¹³ where he had lived his whole life. He was also a successful farmer, owner of slaves, substantial personal property and land. In 1869 he deeded one-half acre of land to the School Board for a school site.¹⁴ He served as District #12 school trustee in 1881, 1882.¹⁵

His will directed the disposition of his property and the residence farm was bought by his daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Charles Greenbury Griffith, in 1895.¹⁶ A third large family was reared in this house. Charles Greenbury Griffith was a prosperous farmer and miller.¹⁷ He served as County Commissioner in 1903 and was elected to the Maryland Legislature in 1905 and in 1919.¹⁸

His daughter, Harriet Griffith Bastable, bought the farm from the other heirs of her father's estate. Her nephew, Charles Davis, great-great-grandson of William Hempstone, successfully operated a large dairy farm for Mrs. Bastable and later bought the farm. When he retired from

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farming, Charles Davis sold "Hanover Farm" (Resurvey on Hanover") to the present owners, Stock Brothers, Inc.

The house continues to be in a rural setting and the fields and meadows are now planted with nursery stock. Mr. and Mrs. Stock, who occupy the residence, have made some improvements, restored some of the original features, and maintain it in excellent condition.

The property is referred to in deeds as Hanover and Resurvey of Hanover. During the period from 1932 to 1963, it was called "Charline Manor."

¹Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. 1, p. 651.

²Inventory, Prince George's County 1728-29, Vol. 13, folio 325/429, Goods and Chattel of Dr. Patrick Hepburn, deceased.

³Land patent 1722, Plat #5, folio 295, Dr. Patrick Hepburn, Maryland Hall of Records.

⁴Encyclopedia Britannica 1910, Vol. 11, p. 737, 11th edition.

⁵Montgomery County Tax List 1783, "Hanover Resurveyed" 2,216 acres, value 2,216 pounds, Samuel Hepburn.

⁶Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, D. 452; G 298; K 221.

⁷Montgomery County Judgement Records L. _____ F. _____.

⁸a. Braumbaugh, Maryland Records, Vol. II, p. 353.

b. Laws Made & Passed by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland 1819, Resolution 66.

c. Gravestone, William Hempstone, Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville, Maryland.

⁹Montgomery County Tax List 1804, p. 26, 78.

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¹⁰Census of 1810, National Archives and REcords Service, G.S.A.
Census date 1790-1890.

¹¹Montgomery County Judgment Records, BS2/308.

¹²Montgomery County Judgment Records, Liber JGH1, folio 103-

¹³Ibid. Folio 116.

¹⁴Montgomery County Land Records, Deed, Liber EBP6, folio 91.

¹⁵Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. I, p. 739.

¹⁶Montgomery County Land Records, JA46/229-34.

¹⁷The Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Maryland
and District of Columbia, National Publishing Co., Baltimore, Maryland,
1879.

¹⁸McMaster, "A Grateful Remembrance," Published by Montgomery
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

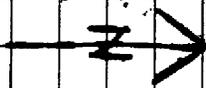
The boundary of the nominated 5 acres of Hanover Farm is shown by a red line on the accompanying USGS map entitled "Poolesville Quadrangle", sketch map entitled "Hanover Farm", and contour map by a red and blue line. It is located 17 miles northwest of Rockville, Maryland, .6 mile south-east of Beallsville, Maryland, and approximately 2000' north of Maryland Route 28, a secondary highway. The nominated 5 acres is bounded by a line beginning at a point 175 feet west of the southwest corner of the principal residence then north 300 feet to a point, then east 433 feet to a point, then south 500 feet to a point, then west 433 feet to a point, then north 200 feet to the beginning. See accompanying sketch map.

Hanover Farm

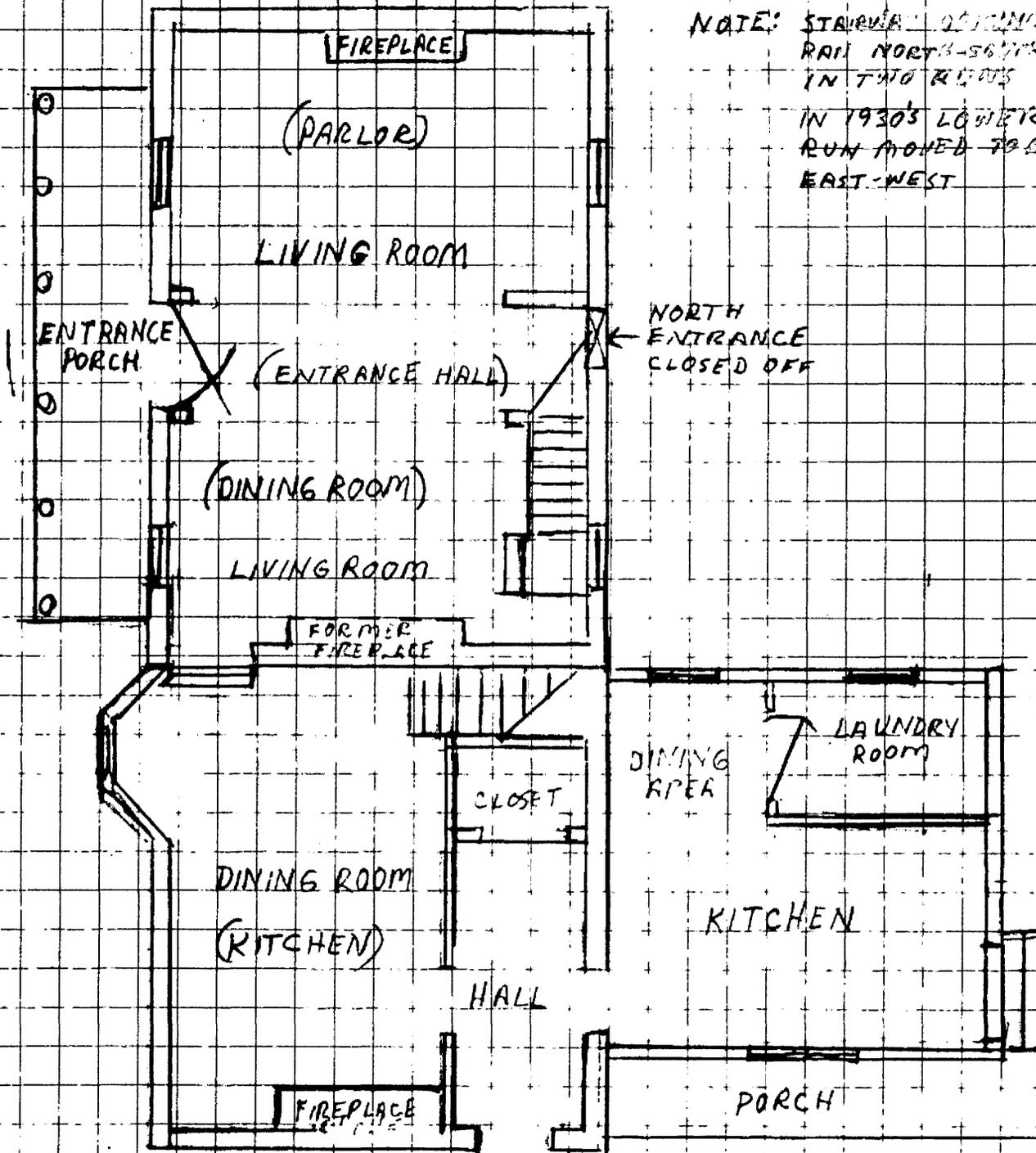
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Beallsville, Md. 20704

Sketch of first floor plan



NOTE: STAIRWAY OCCUPYING
RAIL NORTH-SOUTH
IN TWO REAR
IN 1930'S LOWER
RUN MOVED TO RUN
EAST-WEST



SCALE 1/4" = 2'

SKETCH OF FIRST FLOOR PLAN

ORIGINAL ROOMS
INDICATED IN PARENTHESES

HANOVER FARM

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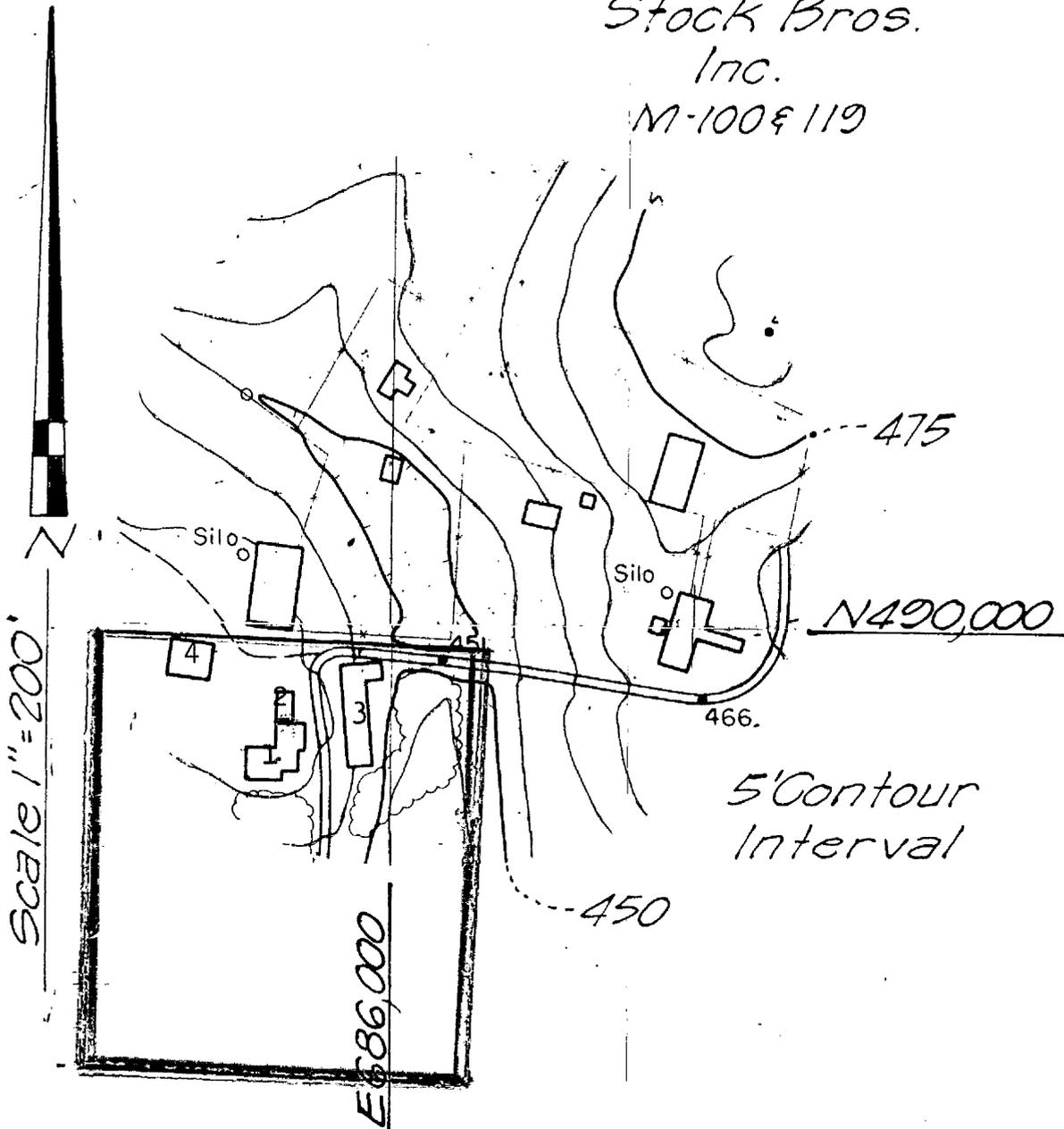
HANOVER FARM, MONTGOMERY CO., MARYLAND
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BEALLSVILLE, MD. 20704

CONTOUR MAP, SCALE 1/200 SHOWING LOCATION OF FIVE ACRE
NOMINATED TRACT

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Inc.

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- Boundary of five acre tract
1. Residence
 2. Office
 3. Garage
 4. Corn Crib

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Contour map showing location
of nominated acreage. Build-
shown outside of nominated
acreage are described in las
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