

AL-V-B-098  
Gover Mission Style House  
National Highway, LaVale  
Ca. 1930's

The Gover House is located on the National Road, La Vale. The house was built basically in Spanish - Mission Style which is normally associated with California, thus making the house unique in this area. The building is two story, three bay wide, rectangular frame structure. Wall construction is stucco with a hip roof covered with tiles. Unique features are the high wooden sculptured brackets, located below the eaves, that go around the house and the open air carport with flat roof supported by columns with Greek Doric Capitals.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gover Mission Style

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

National Highway

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth  
COUNTY

STATE

Maryland

Allegany

**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 type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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

C.H. Gover

Telephone #: 724-4686

STREET & NUMBER

274 National Highway

CITY, TOWN

La Vale

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 250

Folio #: 258

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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

The Gover Mission Style House is located on the National Highway near La Vale, Allegany County

The building basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, rectangular frame structure. Wall construction is stucco. Wall features are plain. A one story, rear, brick addition with flat roof abuts the main building on the south side; with a brick chimney located outside end. The building is supported by a low, poured concrete foundation with a beveled water table. The roof of the building is original. It being a hip roof covered with tiles. Eaves of the roof exhibit wide soffit and large wooden brackets that go around the building. Windows in the building are nailed, with one-over-one and three-over-one lights. Window trim features stone lugsills. The main building's chimney is replaced; brick with corbeled cap; and interior located. The main entrance is on the northwest facade with original hardware. The building has a front portico, pedimented, whose roof is covered with tile and supported by stucco columns. A special feature of the building is an open air carport with flat roof, supported by columns with Greek Doric Capitals located on the west side of the building.

The building is structurally sound and retains most of its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 Ca. 1930's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gover Mission Style House is located on the National Road, La Vale. (The National Road was the first federal funded internal public improvement project in the U.S.)

Several things are unusual about this house. First, it was built during the 30's, the depression years, a time when not much building was going on in this area. Second, the main architectural style used in the building was Mission Style, normally associated with California, making this house quite unique in this area. The Gover House features stucco wall construction, hip roof covered with tiles and other things that make it consistent with mission-style architecture. Outstanding features include a front portico; pedimented, large wooden brackets that go around the house and an open air carport supported by columns with Greek Doric Capitals.

1. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McCalin Printing Co., 1976)
2. Norval White, The Architecture Book (New York : Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., 1976) p. 200

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Stegmaier Jr., Harry. Allegany County-A History. Parsons, W.Va.: McClain  
Printing, Co., 1976  
White, Norval. The Architecture Book. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.,

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 75'x185'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/17/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Gover Mission Style House  
AL-V-B-098

Allegany County Deed: Liber 250, Folio 258  
Grantee: Nancy Hammond Bean Date: May 2, 1953  
Grantor: Marian Hammond McVicker et vir Consideration: \$10,000.00  
Notes: Part of a tract called "Promised Land" (Johnathon Dox 1806)

Allegany County Will: Liber X, Folio 70  
Grantee: Marian Hammond McVicker et vir Date: Dec. 2, 1950  
Grantor: Daisy A. Hammond (mother) (widow)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 121, Folio 594  
Grantee: Daisy A. Hannond et vir Date: April 13, 1917  
Grantor: Richard J. Beggs et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 108, Folio 28  
Grantee: Richard J. Beggs et ux Date: May 6, 1911  
Grantor: Real Estate and Building Co. of Cumberland, MD.

Allegany County Deed: Liber 70, Folio 279  
Grantee: Real Estate and Building Co. of Cumberland, MD. Date: May 27, 1891  
Grantor: Henry J. Glick et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 69, Folio 146  
Grantee: Henry J. Glick et ux Date: Oct. 28, 1890  
Grantor: Henry Wiegand et ux Consideration: \$600.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 64, Folio 284  
Grantee: Henry Wiegand Date: July 29, 1887  
Grantor: Laura V. McKaig Watts et vir Consideration: \$1,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 53, Folio 167  
Grantee: Laura V. McKaig Watts et vir Date: July 5, 1879  
Grantor: Elizabeth A. McNamee et vir

Allegany County Deed: Liber 51, Folio 366  
Grantee: Elizabeth A. McNamee and Laura V. McKaig Watts Date: Dec. 22, 1877  
Grantor: Emily and Anna Eckles (wife and daughter of Sammuels Eckles) (deceased)

Allegany County Deed: Liber 9, Folio 491  
Grantee: Sammuels Eckles Date: June 8, 1853  
Grantor: Mount Savage Iron Company

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-098

DATE: 6/17/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

250/258  
75' x 185'

NAME OF PROPERTY: Gover Mission Style House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: National Highway

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northwest

NAME OF OWNER: C.H. Gover 724-4686

ADDRESS: 274 National Highway

La Vale, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) 8( ) 9( ) 10( ) 11( ) 12( ) 13(X) 14( ) 15( ) 16( ) 17( ) 18( ) 19( ) 20( )

ADDITIONS: Rear brick addition

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- (X) OTHER: Coverings Stucco

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Pour concrete

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other(X) 3/1  
pegged( ) nailed(X) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northwest  
HARDWARE: original(X) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Brackets  
original( ) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; Tile original(X) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(X) Tile

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled(X) original( ) replaced(X)  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior(X)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1930's  
CONDITION: Good

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOUBLE WINDING
- ( ) OTHER

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) paneled: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled; board and batten, flush  
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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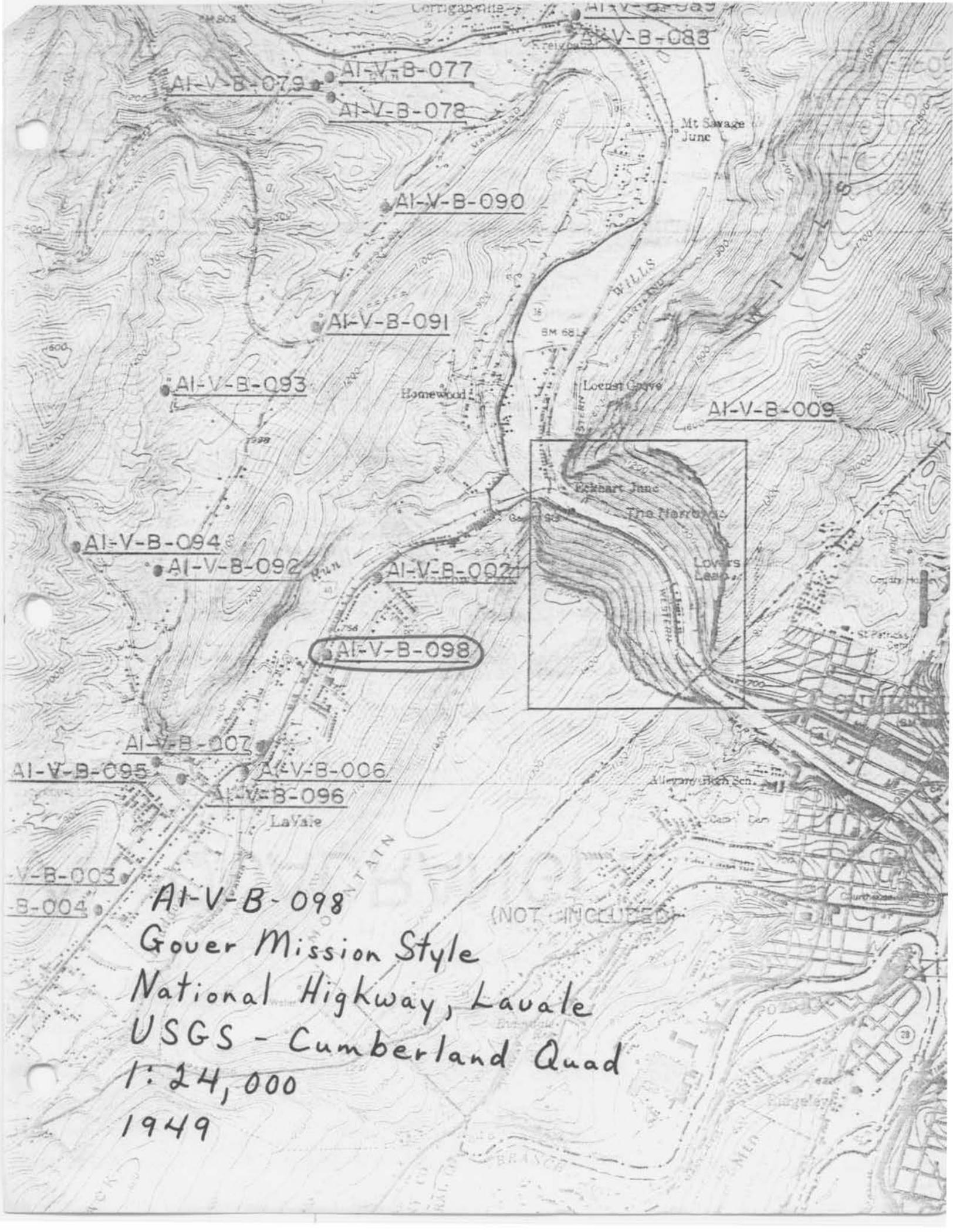
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Gover Mission Style  
National Highway, LaVale  
USGS - Cumberland Quad  
1:24,000  
1949

(NOT INCLUDED)



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GOVER MISSION STYLE HOUSE

NATIONAL HIGHWAY, Lavale

JOHN E. NELSON

6/17/77

Southeast



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GOVER MISSION STYLE HOUSE

NATIONAL HIGHWAY, LavaLe

JOHN E. NELSON

6/17/77

East



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GOVER MISSION STYLE HOUSE

NATIONAL HIGHWAY, LAVALE

JOHN E. NELSON

6/17/77

NORTH