

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Randallstown Police Barracks/Harrisonville School Inventory Number: BA-152

Address: Liberty Road (MD 26) & Deer Park Road Historic district: yes  no

City: Randallstown Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: Baltimore County

USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ Agency: DDOT/FHWA

Agency Prepared By: E. Elinsky

Preparer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Prepared: 1/4/1980

Documentation is presented in: federal file

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes Listed:  yes

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Originally a public school building designed in 1878 by Baltimore architect Frank E. Davis, the Randallstown State Police Barracks is architecturally significant for embodying the characteristics of late Victorian Gothic style in its cruciform plan, its use of polychrome granite ashlar for the exterior and in the variety of additional construction materials used.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

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MHT Comments: Federal DOE

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

W.R. Luce, Keeper NR

Wednesday, January 23, 1980

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

BA-152

HARRISONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SCHOOL 9, DISTRICT 2

1877-79

Randallstown

Public (restricted access)

The present police barrack was adapted from a stone public school built on a lot acquired in 1878. It was an attempt on the part of the Baltimore County School Commissioners to get away from strictly functional buildings. Architect was Frank E. Davis and contractor was John C. Codling, as deduced from the minute books of the commissioners. The building is cruciform, with a gothic arch on the east end which frames the central windows. The school was sold off to a private citizen in 1927 and in 1932, it was purchased by the DMV to use as a police station: at that time, a number of dormers were added to provide sleeping quarters and other changes were made. In 1979, the structure was found to be within the take-lines of a project to widen Liberty Road.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Harrisonville Public School, School 9, District 2

AND/OR COMMON

Randallstown Police Barracks

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

NW corner, Liberty Road and Deer Park Road

CITY, TOWN

Randallstown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

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**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State of Maryland (Motor Vehicles)

Telephone #:

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CITY, TOWN

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\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE zip code  
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE  
John W. McGrain, Historic Preservation Officer

ORGANIZATION  
Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE  
October 1979

STREET & NUMBER  
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TELEPHONE  
494-3495

CITY OR TOWN  
Towson

STATE  
Maryland 21204

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## HARRISONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Cost of books	57.25 (13)

The age was indeed a modern one, for in 1873, the board had reported:

There has been but one change in our booklist during the year-- the substitution of the "New American Readers" for "McGuffeys" series. (14)

Each annual report carried a sample school exam, filled with words to spell: scientific terms and Greek personalities; staggering algebra problems riddled with radical signs and parentheses; and a quiz on "philosophy" including the questions, "What is matter," and "What is the hydrostatic process?" Probably no American school administrator of 1979 could answer such a barrage of stumpers.

In 1916, the school system was reorganized and the commissioners conveyed all their accumulated property to the Board of Education. With the arrival of automobiles and busses, the scattered local schools began to yield to the "consolidated" school, and in 1927, Harrisonville School was closed and the board sold it to a local resident, Eleanor P. Isaac, who served as a straw-party to convey to Eleanor P. Passano. (15) Ms. Passano held the property for five years and in 1932 sold to the State of Maryland, Department of Motor Vehicles. (16) The building became a barrack and local station of the Maryland State Police and still serves that function. Various surveys for changes to Liberty Road have caused concern as to the fate of this building, once the high-priced, monumental school of Baltimore County's capable and ambitious school managers.

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## NOTES:

1. Report of the Board of County School Commissioners of Baltimore County for the Year Ending September 30, 1878 (Towsontown, 1879),
2. B.C. Deeds, JB 108:60
3. Proceedings of the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore County, July 9, 1878.
4. Proceedings of the Board, November 20, December 15, 1879.
5. Proceedings, July 1879.
6. Proceedings, November 20, 1879.
7. Report of the Board...1879 (Towsontown), 1880, p. 6.
8. Report ... 1879, p. 25.
9. Report ... 1877.
10. Report ... 1885 (Towsontown, 1885), p. 5.
11. Report ... 1879, p. 27.
12. Report ... 1881 (Towsontown, 1882), p. 26.
13. Report ... 1879, p. 41.
14. Report ... 1873 (Towsontown, 1873), p. 10.
15. B.C. Deeds, WHM 653:18, 19.
16. B.C. Deeds, CWB JR. 900:89.

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John E. A. Cunningham was paid \$150.99 for "Furnishing Sch. 9, Dist. 2." in July of 1879. (5)

Late in the same year, the board reported:

The application for curtains for School 9 District 2 was referred to the Secretary, Thos. C. Bruff with power to act, and the erection of outbuildings for same School was referred to W. M. Isaac with power to act. (6)

The annual report announced in 1879 that:

School 9, District 2, is near Harrisonville. For a number of years, School was held in a damp basement rented for the purpose. The house, though expensive, is one of the most complete one-room buildings in the State, and will stand as a monument to the untiring energy of its originators. (7)

The same report shows that the contract price was \$3,825.00 and that some \$2,325.00 had been paid before the end of the fiscal year, which ended September 30. (8)

Baltimore County had been authorized to set up a school system by the General Assembly in 1848 and a citizen board founded new schools and took over locally incorporated "academies." Schools were mentioned in reports as struggling along in converted corncribs, private dwellings, and a warehouse basement. Board minutes reveal that some church halls were used as schools under lease arrangements. A standardized set of school designs by Thomas J. Dixon had been adopted in 1860, but apparently fell into disfavor as the board became more affluent. Possibly Dixon's fame in designing two nearby jails cast an unfortunate association over his plain and practical type of school.

Only a year before building at Harrisonville, the Board boasted in its annual report:

In constructing school houses, the architecture has been greatly improved. They are no longer built of the roughest materials without symmetry or design, and stuck in some remote corner of the school district, but the most desirable and convenient sites are selected, upon which substantial houses, neat in design, ornamental in appearance with all the modern improvements, are erected. Considerable attention has been given to ventilating, heating and lighting. The school rooms are so arranged that the pupils sit at their desks without having a glare of light blinding their eyes. The temperature can be reduced and impure air removed, without opening windows and doors—a method of ventilation fruitful only of colds and doctors' bills. (9)

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Cost of books	57.25 (13)

The age was indeed a modern one, for in 1873, the board had reported

There has been but one change in our book-list during the year—the substitution of the "New American Readers" for "McGuffeys" series. (14)

Each annual report carried a sample school exam, filled with words to spell: scientific terms and Greek personalities; staggering algebra problems riddled with radical signs and parentheses; and a quiz on "philosophy" including the questions, "What is matter," and "What is the hydrostatic process?" Probably no American school administrator of 1979 could answer such a barrage of stumpers.

In 1916, the school system was reorganized and the commissioners conveyed all their accumulated property to the Board of Education. With the arrival of automobiles and busses, the scattered local schools began to yield to the "consolidated" school, and in 1927, Harrisonville School was closed and the board sold it to a local resident, Eleanor P. Isaac, who served as a straw-party to convey to Eleanor P. Passano. (15) Ms. Passano held the property for five years and in 1932 sold to the State of Maryland, Department of Motor Vehicles. (16) The building became a barrack and local station of the Maryland State Police and still serves that function. Various surveys for changes to Liberty Road have caused concern as to the fate of this building, once the high-priced, monumental school of Baltimore County's capable and ambitious school managers.

## NOTES:

1. Report of the Board of County School Commissioners of Baltimore County for the Year Ending September 30, 1878 (Towsontown, 1879), p. 8.
2. B.C. Deeds, JB 108:60.
3. Proceedings of the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore County, July 9, 1878.
4. Proceedings of the Board, November 20, December 15, 1879.
5. Proceedings, July 1879.
6. Proceedings, November 20, 1879.
7. Report of the Board ... 1879 (Towsontown), 1880, p. 6.
8. Report ... 1879, p. 25.
9. Report ... 1877.
10. Report ... 1885 (Towsontown, 1885), p. 5.
11. Report ... 1879, p. 27.
12. Report ... 1881 (Towsontown, 1882), p. 26.
13. Report ... 1879, p. 41.
14. Report ... 1873 (Towsontown, 1873), p. 10.
15. B.C. Deeds, WHM 653:18, 19.
16. B.C. Deeds, CWB JR. 900:89.

<p>1. STATE <b>Maryland</b>          COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b>          TOWN <b>Harrisonville</b> VICINITY <b>Dist. II</b>          STREET NO. <b>Liberty Road and Deer Park Road</b></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER          ORIGINAL USE          PRESENT OWNER          PRESENT USE          WALL CONSTRUCTION          NO. OF STORIES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-152</b></p> <p>2. NAME <b>Harrisonville Public School</b></p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD <b>1878</b>          STYLE          ARCHITECT          BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC</span></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Small stone building, slate roof. Served as a school until 1927; purchased by Eleanor P. Isaac; sold to the State in 1932 to be used as the Randallstown Barracks of the State Police. Alterations were made to the building to accomodate increased personnel.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(second HABS report)          E. Frances Offutt          HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY          March 20, 1968</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>	<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN <b>Harrisonville</b> VICINITY STREET NO. <b>Liberty Rd. &amp; Deer Park Rd.</b> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER <b>school</b> PRESENT USE <b>State of Md.</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>State Police Barracks</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>Stone</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-152</b>	
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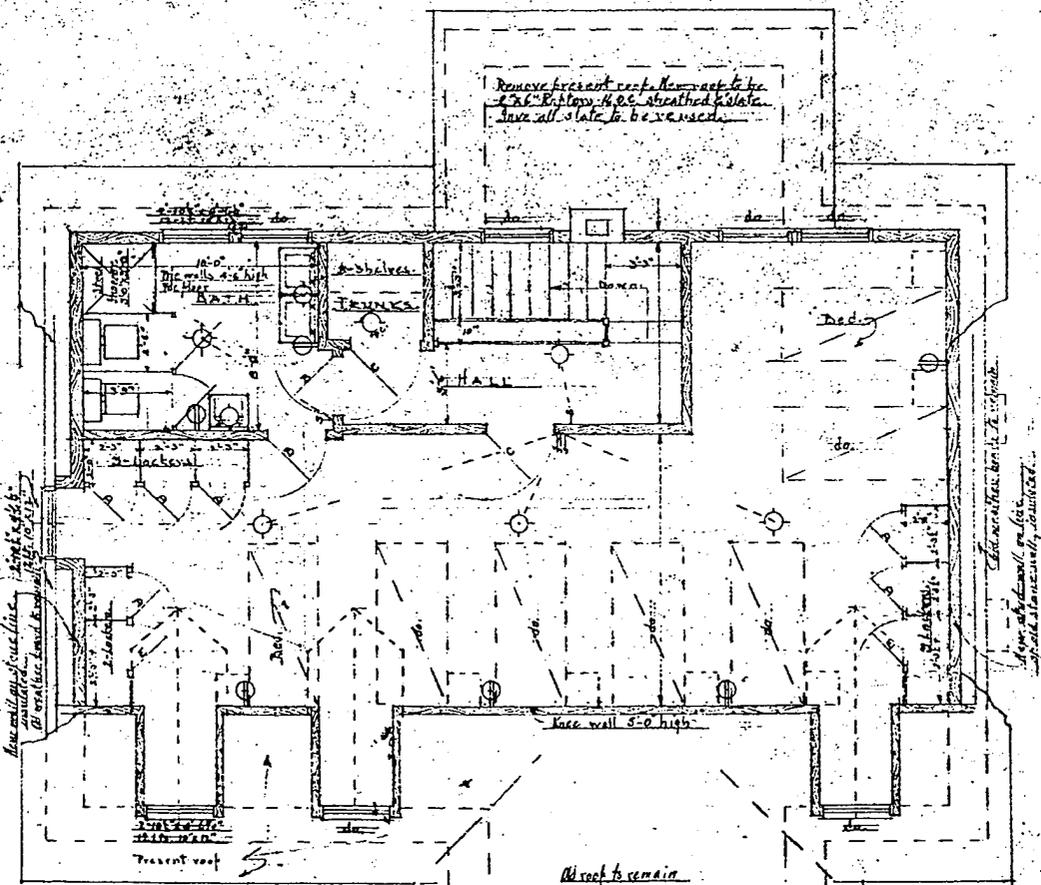
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BA-152 RANDALLSTOWN BARRACKS

Mylar copies (both positives and negatives) of assorted plans, sections, and elevations are on file in Drawer 5, horizontal map files, in Maryland Historical Trust library. Reproductions are filed in sleeve noted as MHT-Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services BPW Policy Survey, 1981.

Remove present roof. New roof to be  
 2" x 6" Plywood 4" x 6" sheathed w/ slate.  
 Save all slate to be re-used.



- D - New Doors 2'-6" x 7'-0" x 1 3/4" 5 X Pan. 2 Reg.
- C - Old - 2'-0" x 7'-0" x 1 3/4" 2 Reg.
- D - New - 2'-0" x 7'-0" x 1 3/4" 6 Reg.
- E - 2'-0" x 6'-6" x 1 3/4" 2 Reg.

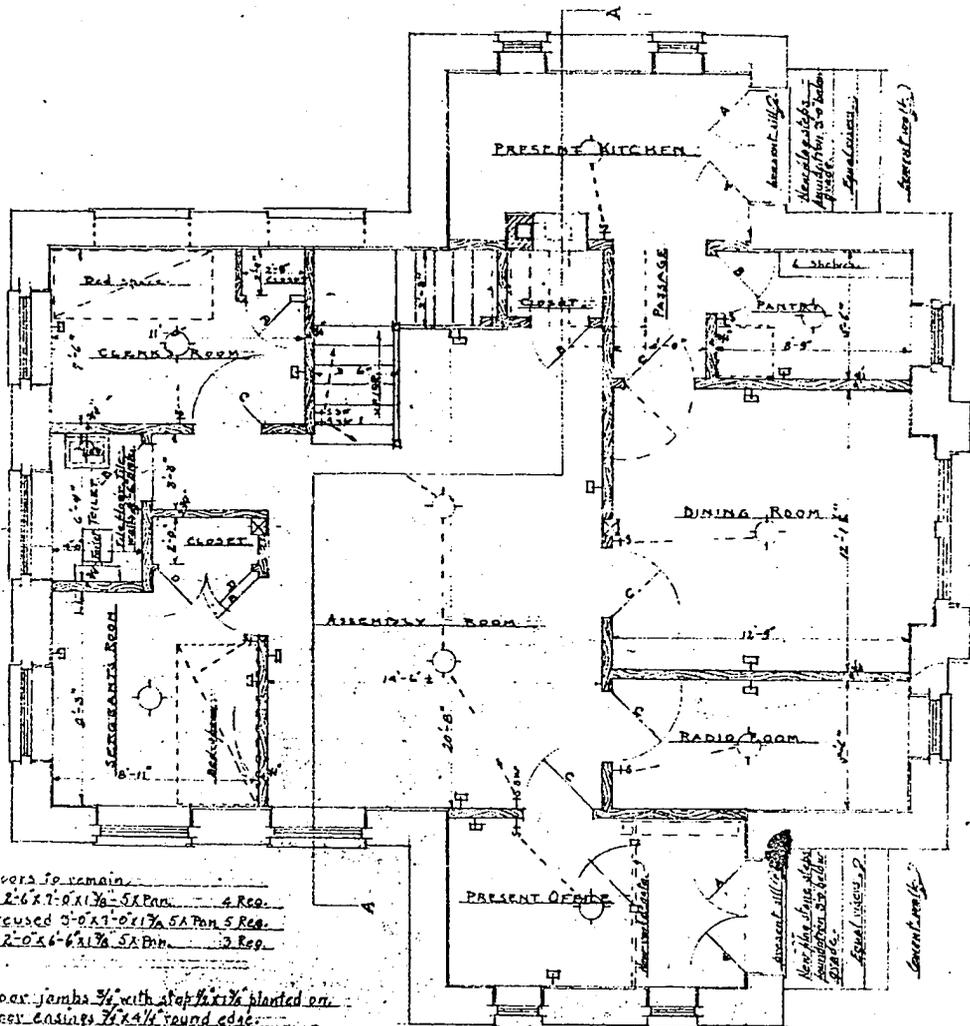
Timber casing etc. same as 1st floor.  
 Window frames & sash. N.B.W. of sizes noted.  
 All walls & ceilings, K wall board.

Randallstown Barracks  
 Maryland State Police  
 Reduction from original on file  
 at Md Dept of General Services

SECOND FLOOR PLAN      ALTERATIONS  
SUB STATION 6 RANDALLSTOWN  
MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPT  
 Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"      Date

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- A—Old doors to remain
- B—New 2'-6" x 7'-0" x 1 3/8" SA Pan. 4 Reg.
- C—Old reused 3'-0" x 7'-0" x 1 3/8" SA Pan. 5 Reg.
- D—Old 2'-0" x 6'-6" x 1 3/8" SA Pan. 2 Reg.

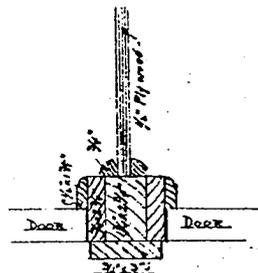
All new door jambs 3/4" with stop 1/2" x 1 1/2" planted on.  
 All new door casings 3/4" x 1 1/2" round edge.  
 Windows to remain with plaster jamb and sash.  
 New partitions to be of 2"x4" dressed studs with  
 1/2" wall board, ceiling to be of wall board.  
 Floor to remain sanded off & refinished.

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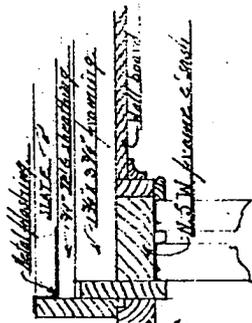
FIRST FLOOR PLAN ALTERATIONS

SUB STATION 6 RANDALLSTOWN  
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPT.  
 Scale 1/4" = 1'-0" Date 2-10

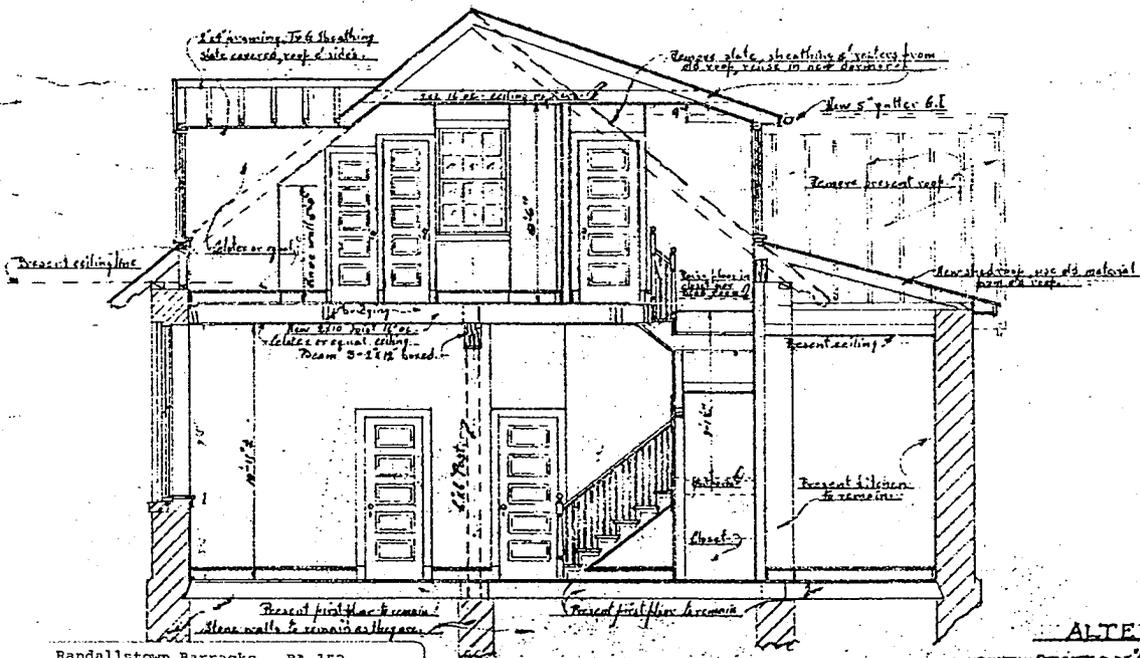
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2 DETAIL OF LOCKERS



3 DETAIL OF DORMER FRAMING

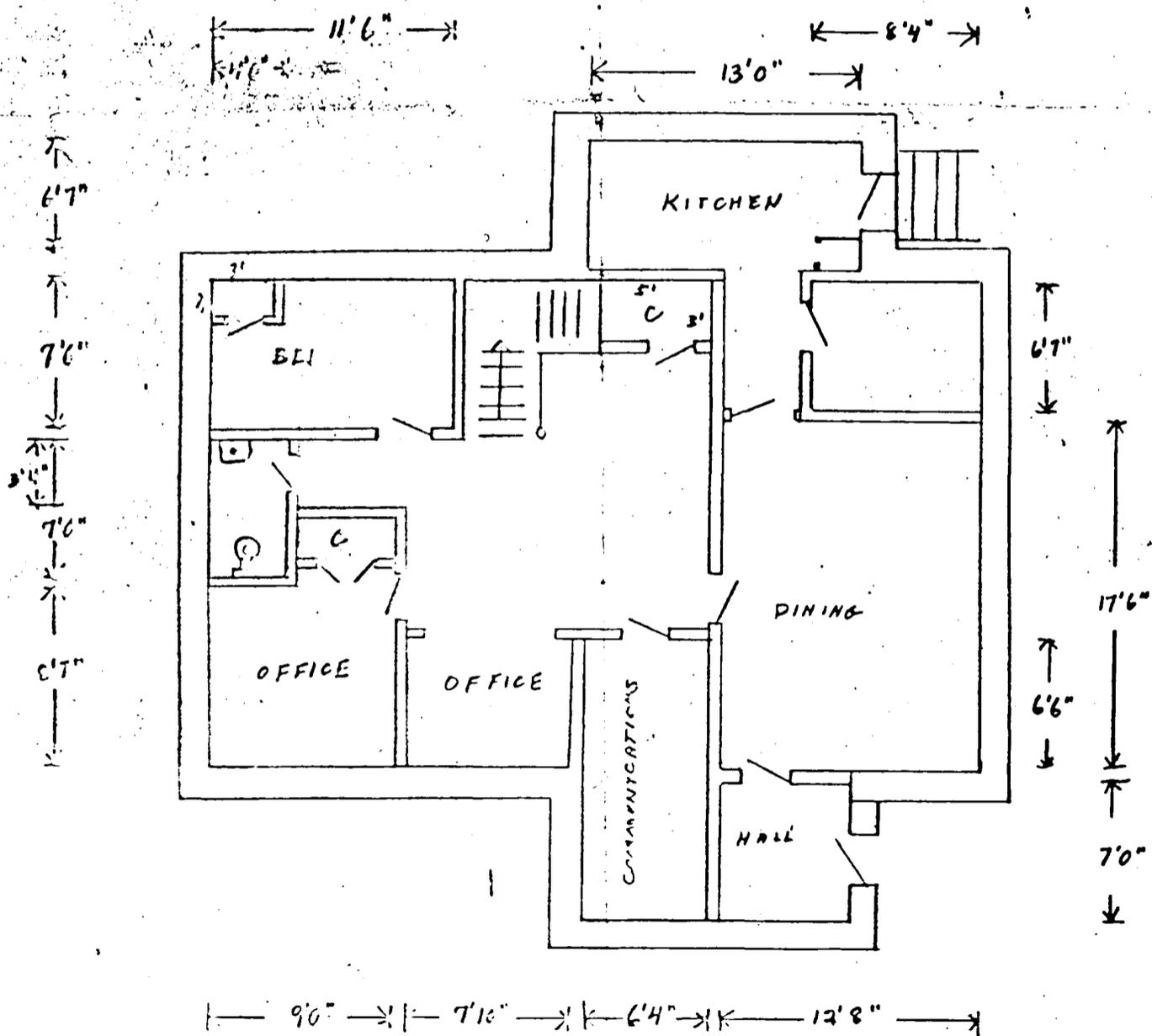
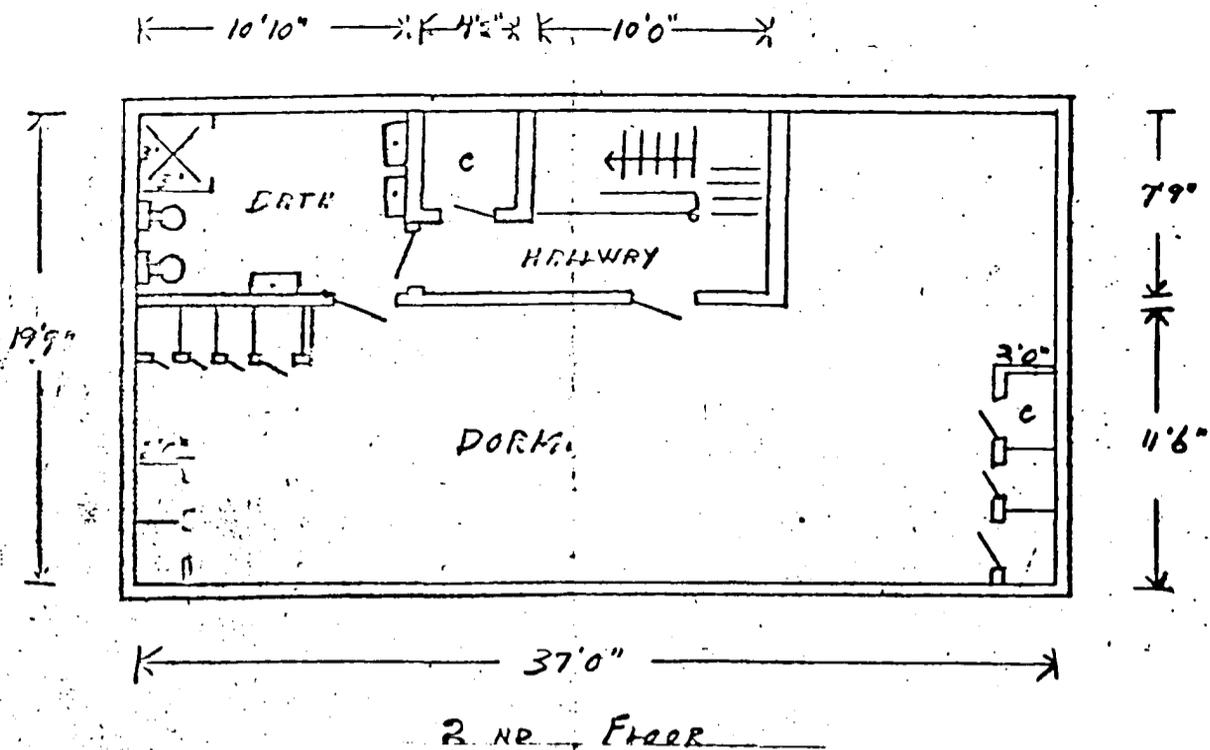


SECTION A-A

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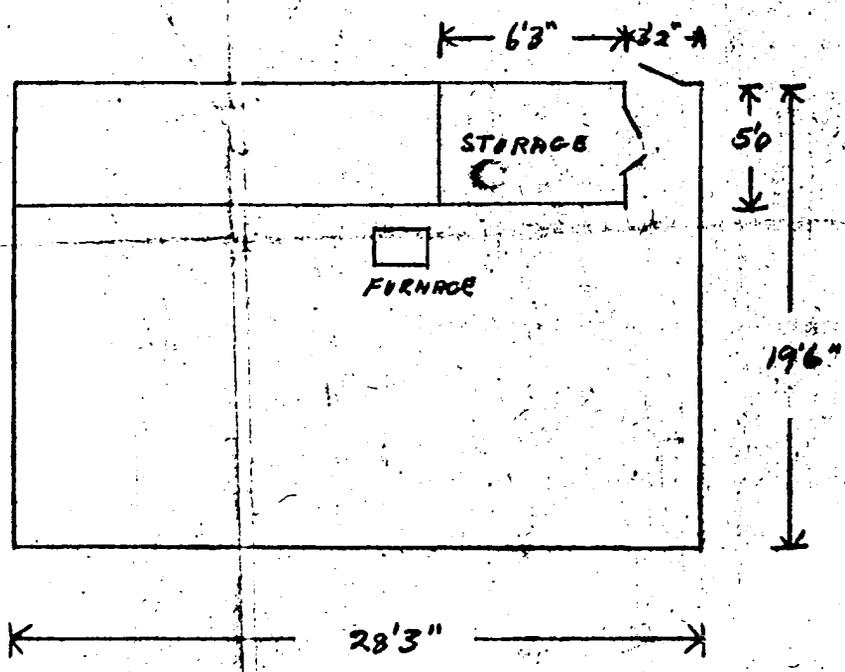
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ALTERATIONS  
SUB-STATION G RANDALLSTOWN  
MARYLAND STATE POLICE DEPT.  
 Scale 1/8" = 1'-0" 6.2.52 Date



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1ST FLOOR



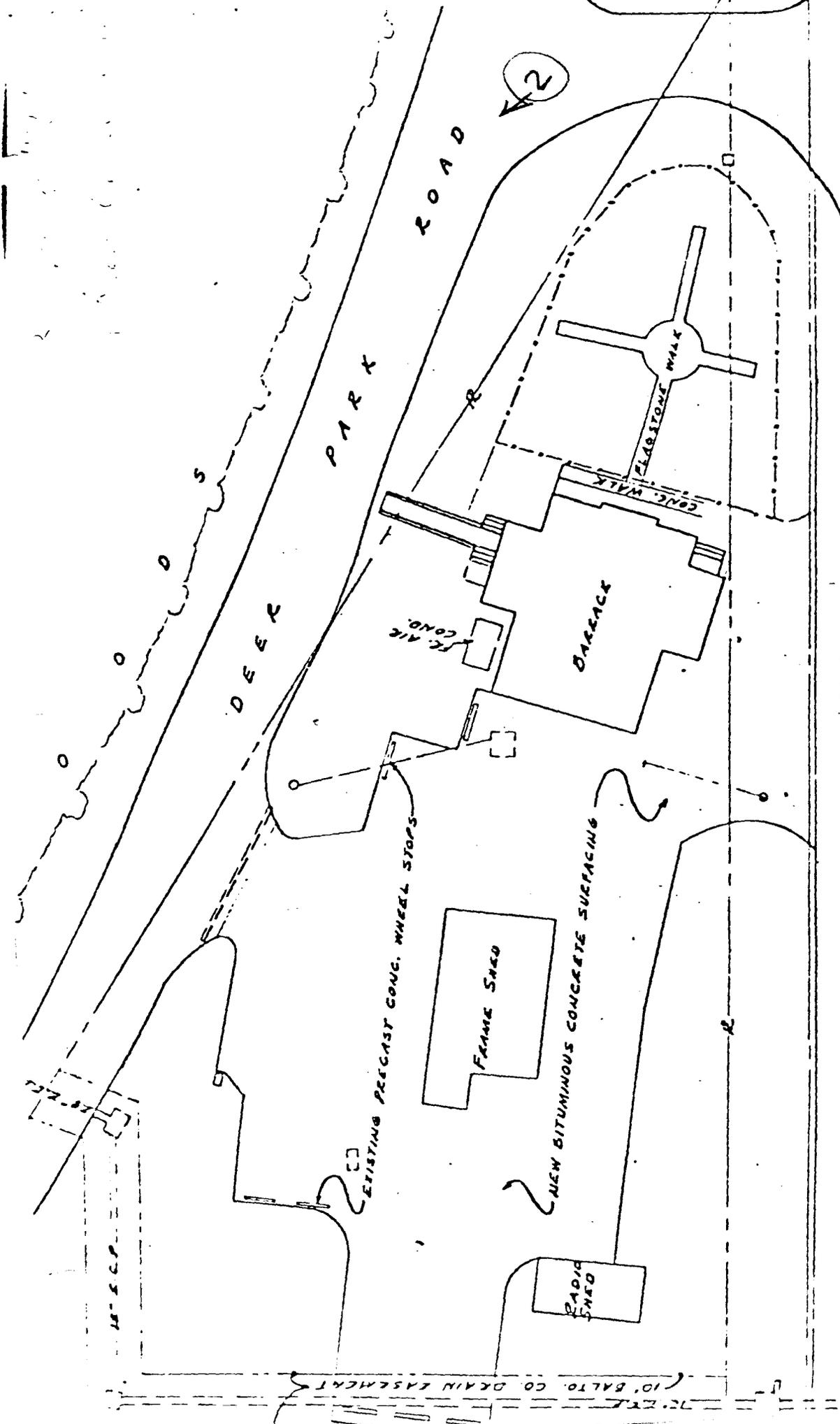
BASEMENT

SCALE 1/8" = 1'

BARRACK "G", MARYLAND STATE POLICE

RANDALLSTOWN, MARYLAND, 3-26-55 mmp/panaha

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DEER PARK ROAD

2

LABORATORY WALK

CONC. WALK

BARRACK

FE. AIR COND.

EXISTING PRECAST CONC. WHEEL STOPS

FRAME SHED

NEW BITUMINOUS CONCRETE SURFACING

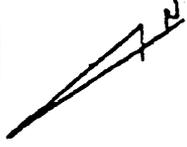
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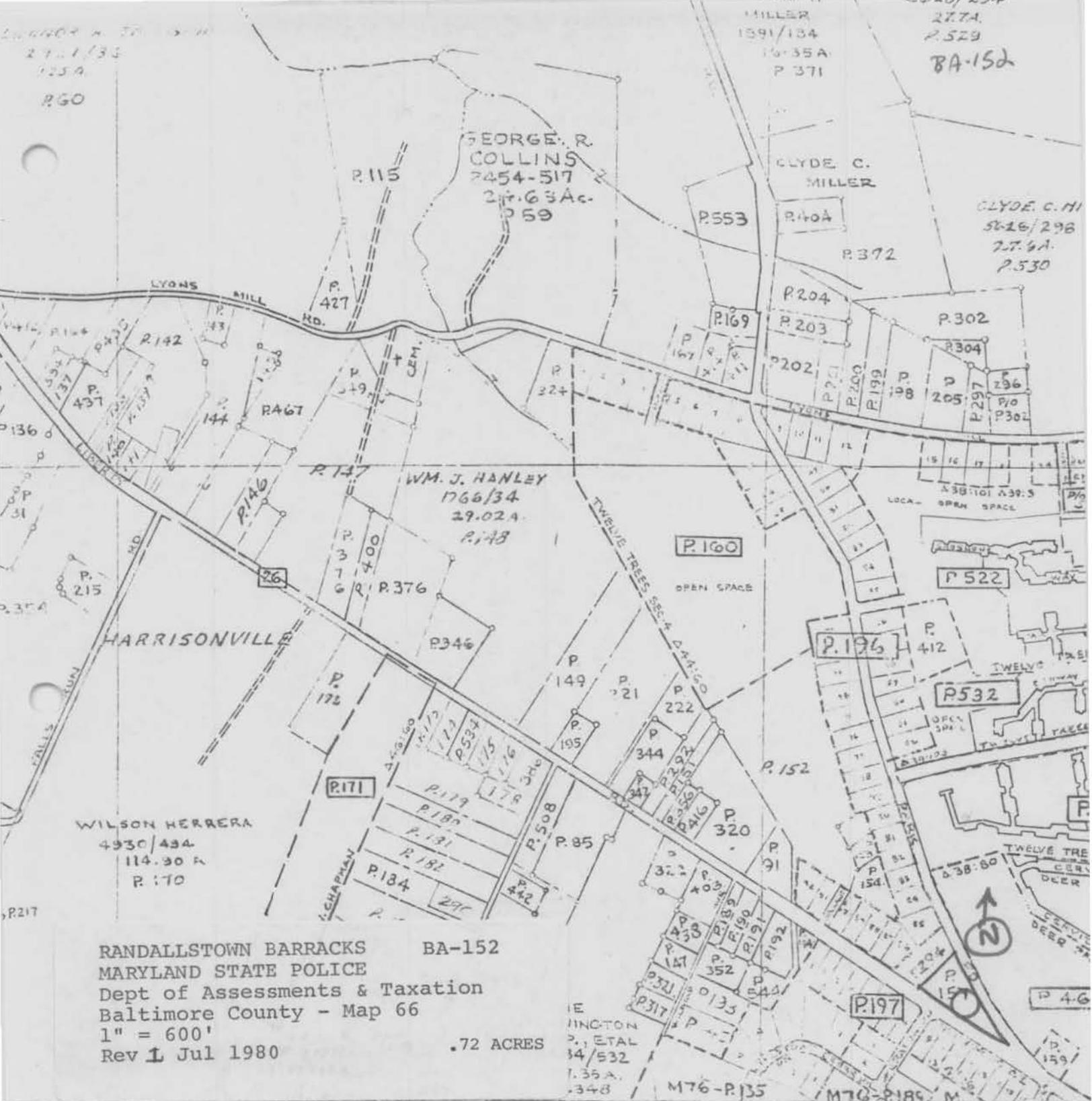
LIBERTY ROAD

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Randolph Barracks

10' BALTO. CO. DRAIN EASEMENT



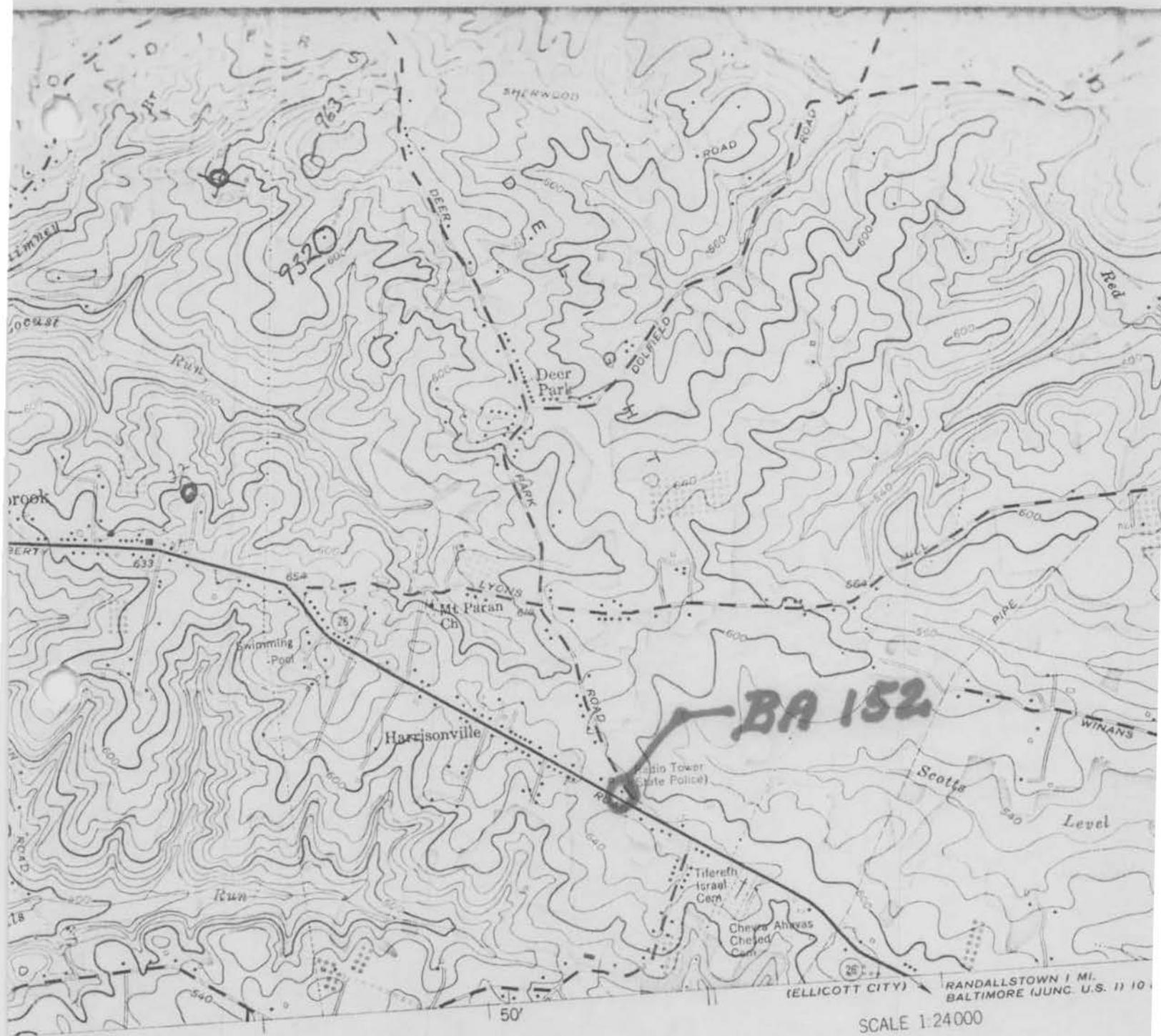


RANDALLSTOWN BARRACKS BA-152  
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE  
 Dept of Assessments & Taxation  
 Baltimore County - Map 66  
 1" = 600'  
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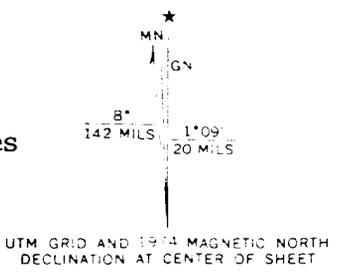
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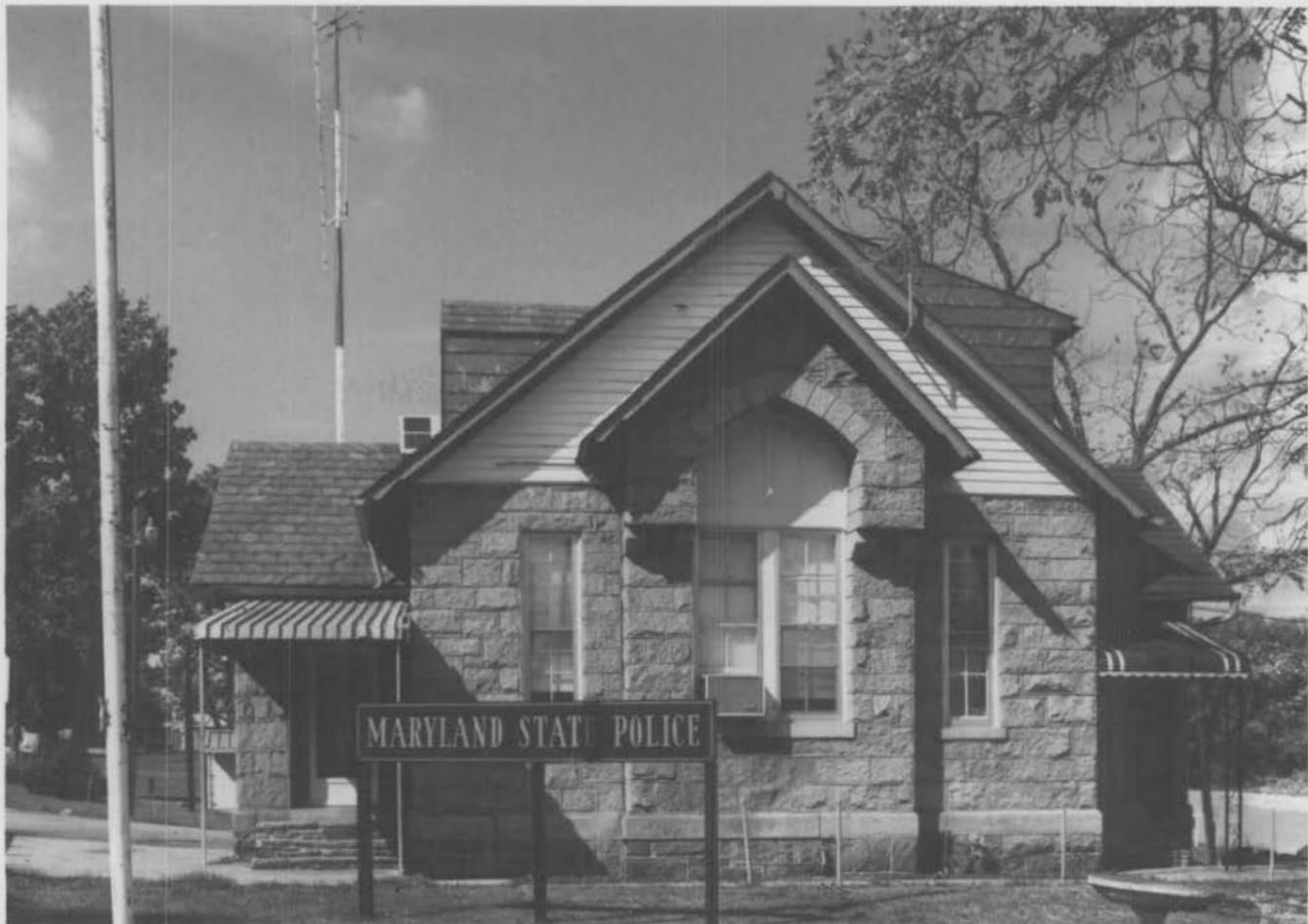


RANDALLSTOWN BARRACKS  
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE  
 USGS 7.5 minute map  
 Reisterstown Quadrangle  
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Randallstown Barracks BA-152  
Maryland State Police  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
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Front (south) facade



Randallstown Barracks                      BA-152  
Maryland State Police  
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View southward (stable in foreground)



HARRISONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BA 152  
Liberty & Deer Park Roads, Randalls-  
town, Baltimore County, Maryland  
John McGrain  
Neg. at MHT  
Main facade from east  
Photograph 1 of 4



HARRISONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BA 152  
Liberty & Deer Park Roads, Randalls-  
town, Baltimore County, Maryland  
John McGrain  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main facade (east) and south facade  
from SE  
Photograph 2 of 2



HARRISONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BA 152

Liberty & Deer Park Roads, Randalls-  
town, Baltimore County, Maryland

John McGrain

Neg. located at MHT

South (Liberty Road) facade from south  
Photograph 3 of 4



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Liberty & Deer Park Roads, Randalls-  
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North (Deer Park Road) facade from N.  
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