

**ADDENDUM SHEET**

Benjamin Aiken House

BA-2118

//, 412 ~~22412~~ York Road  
Cockeysville, Baltimore County

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Based on SHA field investigations in 2001, the Benjamin Aiken House was demolished in 1995 or 1996 in order to construct the Amoco Gas Station located at the northwest corner of York Road (MD 45) and Shawan Road. No further information is available about the property.

Anne E. Bruder, Architectural Historian, State Highway Administration  
February 5, 2002

## CAPSULE DESCRIPTION

BA 2118

- # 7 This large, multiple-family dwelling is located in the community of Marble Hill in central Baltimore County, Maryland, on the west side of York Road and approximately 50 yards north of its intersection with Shawan Road. The house is of rectangular central-block design with its long axis running north-south and main facade facing east. It is built into the contours of the land which rise gently to the north and west. Originally built circa 1927-1928, as a three family dwelling, it is now used by several small businesses.
- # 8 This unpretentious two-story plus attic frame house is representative of vernacular architecture. The Marble Hill Workers' House is a good example of a multiple dwelling built to serve the needs of early 20th century workers in a cross-roads community. Although far plainer than its late 19th century neighbors, it blends well into the local street-scape.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Benjamin Aiken House

AND/OR COMMON

Marble Hill-Workers' House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

11408, 11410, 11412 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd Congressional District

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Stephani Cochran c/o Appalachian Outfitters Telephone #: 666-2720

STREET & NUMBER

11400 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville,

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, #21130

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: E.H.K.Jr. 5900

Folio #: 513

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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

This large multiple-family dwelling is located in the community of Marble Hill, in central Baltimore County, Maryland. It is 35 feet from the street on the west side of York Road and approximately 50 yards north of its intersection with Shawan Road.

The house is of rectangular central-block design, with its long axis running north-south and main facade facing east. It is 36'4" wide by 48' long and is built into the contours of the land which rise gently to the north and west. Originally built circa 1927-1928, as a three family dwelling, it is now used by several commercial establishments.

The house which rests on a concrete foundation is frame and finished in gray German siding. It is two stories plus attic and has a gable roof, with exposed rafter ends. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. The overhang on the gable ends is trimmed with plain, narrow barge boards painted white. The soffits are tongue in groove. Three symmetrically placed interior brick chimneys are located on the west slope of the roof and are not visible from the east.

The east facade of the dwelling has a one-story, seven bay porch which extends 45'4", almost the full length of the east facade. This porch has a shed roof, with exposed rafter ends and is covered with standing seam metal. The roof is supported by eight turned wood posts with knobs. The posts are connected by simple wood railings and balusters which are symmetrically placed to allow entrance to the three apartments. The wood porch is supported by eight concrete piers with an open crawl-space beneath. Above the roof of the porch the second floor is four bays wide and includes central-paired windows.

The north and south gable ends have regular fenestration. Four bays on the first and second floors, including central-paired windows, and two windows at attic level. The cellar on the south facade is five bays wide and includes three, three-light windows at ground level separated by two metal bulkheads. On the north, there is one centrally placed three-light window and an off-center bulkhead.

On the west, a six-bay shed roof, covered with asbestos sheathing, runs the full length of the dwelling between the first and second floors. The roof is supported by six wood posts set in a concrete slab. Placement of three doors and three windows on the first floor appears slightly irregular, while the four bays on the second floor, including a central pair of windows, are symmetrical.

All windows, except for the basement, are double-hung sash with wood sills. Although all windows on the east facade are 2/2 light, windows on the remaining facades appear to be replacements. Simple two-panel entrance doors on both the east and west facades are half-glass, those on the east are one-light, those on the west either two or four light. All window and door surrounds are plain wood, four

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Description continued

inches wide, painted white. Four-inch corner boards placed vertically on the four corners of the house, run from first floor to eave level and are painted white. These vertical members, the window and door surrounds, the turned posts, railings and balusters on the east facade and the barge boards on the gable ends are the only decorative elements in this otherwise simple and functional building.

Up the hill, to the west of the house, concrete foundations remain for what once was a large shed-like structure which incorporated three individual privies for the three families living near-by.

The interior plan is in simple shotgun style. In the central apartment, the only one available for inspection, entry is through the door on the east facade, directly into the parlor. This door is flanked by a window on each side. Entrance into the middle room is through an open archway on the west wall of the parlor. Hinge marks on both sides of this opening indicate that double doors separated the parlor and dining room at one time. Open one-run stairs with tight winders, leading to the second floor, are located in the south-east corner of this middle room. The wood railing and newel post are stained a dark color, while the square wood balusters are painted white. This room has no windows. The third room, kitchen, on the west is entered through an open doorway, asymmetrically placed on the west wall of the middle room. This doorway also shows evidence that a door once separated the dining room and kitchen. This latter room opens on the concrete slab to the west and is illuminated by a window and half-glass door on the west wall. A four-panel door in the south-east corner of the room conceals a built-in closet under the stairs to the second floor. All windows and doors on the first floor have simple four-inch moulding with bulls-eye corner blocks. Wooden baseboards are plain and six inches wide. All interior walls and trim are painted white.

The second floor is divided into three bedrooms. A narrow landing at the top of the stairs on the south wall, leads to the door of the bedroom on the west side of the house. This room is illuminated by a pair of centrally placed windows on the west wall. A doorway on the north, adjacent to the top of the stairs, leads into the middle bedroom. This room is illuminated only by two transoms at ceiling height, one on the east wall and one on the west. Access to the bedroom on the east is through the middle room. Double windows are centrally placed on the east wall of this room.

There is no indoor plumbing or central-heat in this multiple dwelling.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History Street-scape
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1927-1928 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Benjamin Aiken

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This unpretentious, two story plus attic frame house is representative of vernacular architecture with style secondary to function. The Marble Hill Workers' House is a good example of a multiple dwelling built to serve the needs of early 20th century workers in a cross-roads community. Although far plainer than its 19th century neighbors, it blends well into the local street-scape.

Marble Hill appears to have grown in the late 19th century as a cross-roads community, located as it is at the intersection of York Road Turnpike, now York Road and Western Run Turnpike, now Shawan Road. A toll-gate was located here as early as 1870, (Plate I). It is not known when or where the name Marble Hill originated, however the community is located in an area noted for its rich marble deposits (1).

Local tradition indicates this house had been built in the community of Ashland and subsequently moved from its original site to York Road (2), however no proof of this has been found (3). According to a local informant (4), the dwelling was built circa 1927-1928, replacing an earlier structure on the same site. The earlier building was a large shed, with attached stables used for wagons and horses belonging to both the Aiken Store immediately to the south and the Sherwood Distillery in Cockeyville. The earlier structure was shown in the 1918 Tax List of the 8th District of Baltimore County with measurements of 38' X 42". A narrow road on the north side of the present dwelling, led up the hill to the west towards a warehouse, now demolished, where Sherwood Whiskey was aged.

The ground upon which the present house is built, was owned by the John J. Wight family who were large land owners in the Marble Hill area and for many years associated with the Sherwood Distilling Company (5)

The 1877, G.M. Hopkins' Atlas map of Ashland Furnace, 8th District Baltimore County, Maryland shows only five structures in Marble Hill. Today, only two remain the Gardner/Benson/Hale House, Piper Realty, at the south-west corner of Shawan and York Roads and the Duncan/Pinkner House, Merryjax, on the east side of York Road slightly south of Shawan Road. According to all available data, building in the area began about 1880 (6).

Today the area, now considered a part of greater Cockeyville, is made up of 16 structures, all but one are frame and all but the two previously mentioned, were built circa 1880-1930. Eight of these build-

ings were built in the Queen Anne or Victorian style, several are Dutch Colonial and one Shingle style, many like the workers' house are covered with German siding. However with the encroachment of industry, a major shopping center, road widening and zoning changes, the character of the community has changed. Many of the private residences have been rented to small businesses. The Marble Hill Workers' House is a good example of this adaptive use. Two of the three apartments are now used as antique shops.

1. The name Marble Hill first appeared in the 1877 Hopkins' Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.
2. Oral interview with Mr Emory Benson, born 1889, conducted by Alice Martin, 11 August 1975. Mr Benson had lived across York Road from the site since the early 1890's.
3. The 1923 Tax List, 8th District, Baltimore County shows Martin W. Hyland owned the stable and shed valued at \$500. In 1925 this structure was transferred to Benjamin Aiken, along with other property, for the same amount. In 1928 Benjamin Aiken was taxed in part for a lot of ground, 52' X 150' on the west side of York Road, "50 yards to Western Run Pike", a dwelling worth \$4,000 and a garage worth \$150.
4. Oral interview with Mary Seitz Dunne, born 1906, conducted on 25 March 1981. Mrs. Dunne lived two doors north of the present dwelling from her birth until her marriage in 1927, when she moved next door to the structure. She remembered when Mr Aiken, who owned the store at the corner of Shawan and York Roads, tore down the shed/stables and built the house on the site. This was done shortly after her marriage in 1927 and this date is consistent with the tax records. Mrs Dunne also stated that a worker from Ashland had lived in her house, # 11416 York Road, before 1900. This may explain the discrepancy in Mr Benson's statement.
5. Baltimore Maryland the Monumental City, 1783-1894, 121st Anniversary of the Baltimore American, Illustrated Edition 1894, American's Job Print Office 1894.
6. Baltimore County Land Records at the Baltimore County Courts Building Towson, Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .86 acres

Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References zone 18 Easting-358/020  
Northing-4372/960

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION** Beginning for the second parcel of land at point of intersection of center of York Turnpike Rd. with the center of Western Run Turnpike, (now known as Tufton Ave. and running thence along center of said Turnpike Road, North three degrees east 217'6"; thence north 87 degrees west 169'6"; thence south three degrees west 225' to center of said Western Run Turnpike Road; and thence along center of said Western Run Tpk. Rd. 169'6" to place of beginning. Containing 86/100 acres. House is located on northern portion of this parcel.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marion S. Anderson (student)

ORGANIZATION

Goucher College

DATE

May 4, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

200 Brightdale Road

TELEPHONE

252-1576

CITY OR TOWN

Timonium

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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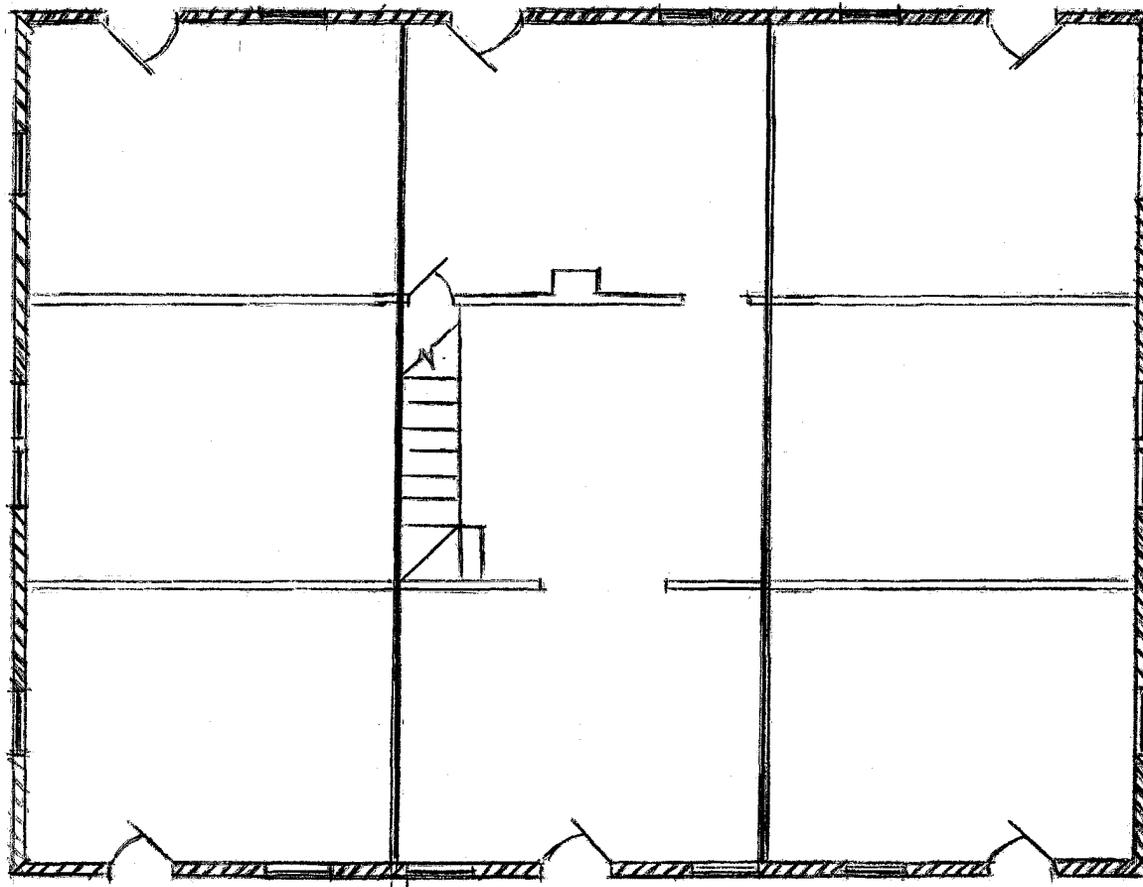
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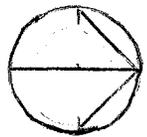
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MARION ANDERSON

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SCALE  $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1'0''$



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MARBLE HILL WORKERS' HOUSE  
COCKEYSVILLE, MARYLAND

MAY 1, 1981

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: BA 2118
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing 18 358/020 4372/960
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: COCKEYSVILLE
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: BENJAMIN AIKEN HOUSE
PRESENT USE: COMMERCIAL
ORIGINAL USE: 3 FAMILY DWELLING
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: BENJAMIN AIKEN
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (X) Poor: ( )
THEME:
STYLE: FUNCTIONAL/VERNACLAR
DATE BUILT: CIRCA 1927-1928

COUNTY: BALTIMORE
TOWN:
LOCATION: WEST SIDE OF YORK RD 2nd Dwelling North of Shawan Rd. 11408/10/12 YORK RD.
COMMON NAME: MARRIE HILL WORKERS HOUSE
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: COMMERCIAL
OWNER: STEPHANI COCHRAN % App. Outfitters
ADDRESS: 11400 YORK RD COCKEYSVILLE, MD #21130
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted (X)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block (X)
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon (X)
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block (X)
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty (X) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) GERMAN TOWN (X)  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (2) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (3) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2 + attic

Number of Bays: 3 + 2 bulk heads basement 211st fl. Entrance Location: EAST FACADE

Approximate Dimensions: 36'4" x 48' 16 2nd fl.  
4 Attic

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat ( ) Zoning (X) Roads (X) Development (X) Deterioration ( ) Alteration ( ) Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive ( ) Negative ( ) Mixed (X) Other:
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## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1st Floor east facade 7 bays, N+S facades 4 bays (includ) central double bay, west facade 6 bays  
 2nd floor 4 bays includ central double bay, east facade, north + south facades 4 bays including central double bay, west facade 4 bays includ - central double bay -  
 attic level - north + south facades - two bays -  
 cellar - north facade 1 bay + bulkhead - asymmetrical, south facade - 3 bays 2 bulkheads  
 gable roof, metal, 3 interior brick chimneys - west slope, exp rafter ends -  
 7 bay porch - shed roof - east Tongue in groove soffit

## RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

None

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Streetscape

Adaptive use

Example of multiple housing

REFERENCES: 1876, 1896, 1918, 1923, 1928 Tax Lists, Deeds, Oral History Mary Dunne 4/81

## MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
 Moderately Built Up (X) Densely Built Up (X)  
 Residential (X) Commercial (X)  
 Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )  
 Roadside Strip Development (X)  
 Other:

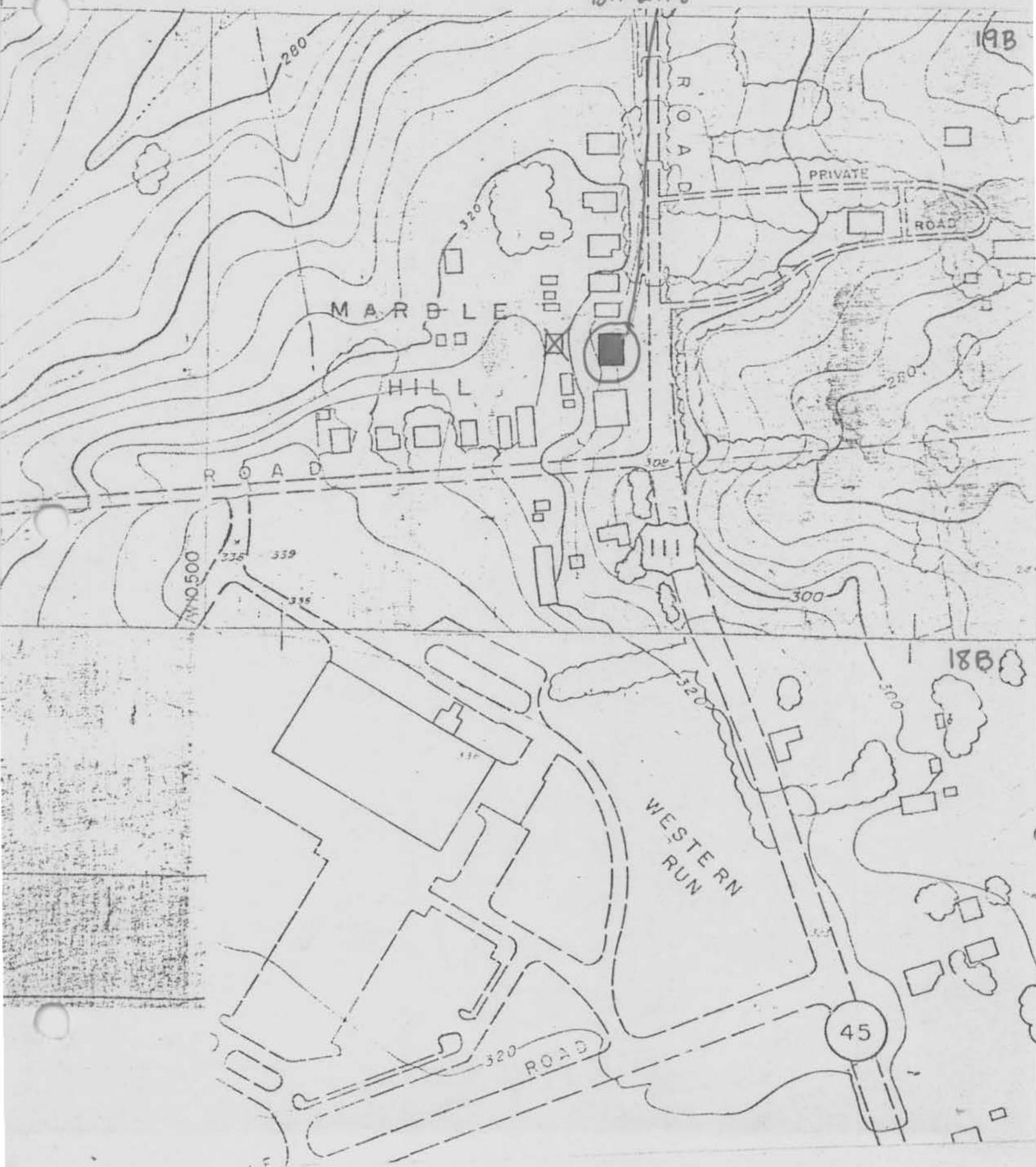
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ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

1:200 Photogrammetric Map  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, METRO AREA  
REVISED 2-20-1980 Maps 188, 19B

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COCKEYSVILLE QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND—BALTIMORE CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
NW/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE

5663 11 SE  
(PHOENIX)

SW (ORD)      HEREFORD 7.4 MI      40'      357      HEREFORD 6.5 MI      900 000 FEET      359      360 76°37'30"      39°30'  
BRIDGEVILLE 3.1 MI      PHILOPOLIS 2.3 MI



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600 000  
FEET  
WARREN 0.5 MI.  
4373  
4372  
4370

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Western Run Tollgate House  
at southwest corner of Shawan & York Roads

STILL STANDING 1955

PLATE I - FROM "THE LIMESTONE VALLEY" PAGE 48  
GREATER TIMONIUM AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL COMM, 1976



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Marble Hill Workers' House

~~SOUTH - WEST~~

~~North - East~~ Facade

Marion Anderson

April 1981



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Marble Hill Workers' House

~~NORTH~~

~~South-East~~ Facade

Marion Anderson

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Marble Hill Workers' House

Front (East) Facade

Marion Anderson

April 1981



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Marble Hill Workers' House  
(North)-West Facade

Marion Anderson

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