

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

10411 Bird River Road

BA-2816

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 10411 Bird River Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Baltimore vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD

county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21220

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing		
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_

No

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Craftsman/Bungalow

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Rockfaced Concrete Block

roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Wood Shingles

other \_\_\_\_\_

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance 1932-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Significant Dates 1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baltimore County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 21,700 Square Feet

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 10411 Bird River Road is designated as Parcel 379 according to Map 82, Grid 7.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 10411 Bird River Road has been historically associated with Parcel 379 since its construction in 1932.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Traceries date August 14, 1997  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Pear W. and William R. Porter  
street & number 10411 Bird River Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220

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The house at 10411 Bird River Road, a typical Craftsman-style bungalow, is set on a deep open lot that slopes slightly to the rear. A small stream runs east-west through the lot, and a dense wood marks the southern boundary of the lot. Rectangular in plan, the dwelling is set on a rockfaced concrete block foundation with rusticated concrete block quoining at the corners. The wood frame walls are clad in wood shingles, and the building is covered with a side gable roof that is pierced at the front and rear by large gable roof dormers. A one-story, three-bay porch with knee walls and square post supports extends the full width of the facade beneath the overhanging roof. An interior rockfaced concrete block chimney rises above the rear slope of the roof.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The north elevation, the facade of the building, is two bays wide. The first story is marked by a single-leaf, multi-light door in the eastern bay and a pair of 3/1 windows in the western bay. A gable roof dormer with a pair of 3/1 windows pierces the roof at this elevation. A deep, full-width porch with shingled knee walls and wood posts is located under the roof. All window surrounds at the first and upper half story have been clad in aluminum.

The rockfaced concrete block foundation is pierced at the west elevation by two 3-light hopper windows with wood sills. The first story, two bays wide, is marked with a box bay with a pair of 3/1 windows in the south bay and by a single 3/1 window in the north bay. The upper half-story is marked with a pair of 3/1 windows. All window surrounds at the first and upper half story have been clad in aluminum.

The south elevation is also two bays wide. At the western half of the first story is a screened porch and at the eastern half of the first story is a 3/1 window. The upper half-story is marked with a gable roof dormer with a pair of 3/1 windows. All window surrounds at the first and upper half story have been clad in aluminum.

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The rockfaced concrete block foundation is pierced at the east elevation with a single window opening, now boarded up. A single-leaf, panel-and-light door with a shed-roof hood is located at this elevation between the basement and the first story. The first story is marked with a pair of 3/1 windows, a single 3/1 window, and a fixed 1-light window. The upper half story is articulated with two 3/1 windows. All window surrounds at the first and upper half story have been clad in aluminum.

OUTBUILDINGS:

To the southeast of the house is a one-story, wood frame, two-car garage that dates from the 1930s. The garage is set on a poured concrete foundation. Now clad in asphalt shingles, the garage is covered with a gable roof.

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The property was transferred through the Bevans family until 1929, when it was conveyed to William R. Porter. Due to an incorrect statement of boundaries, a Confirmatory Deed was issued in 1941. Porter erected the modest dwelling at 10411 Bird River Road in 1932. Porter retained ownership until 1989, selling the property to Dorthea Cora Elste and Gregory Charles Elste.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 10411 Bird River Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of a Craftsman-style bungalow, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Not Recommended <u>  X  </u>
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Review, OPS: <u>  P. Kuntz  </u>	Date: <u>  11/19/97  </u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>  P. Kuntz  </u>	Date: <u>  3/17/00  </u>

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community  
Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

- March 17, 1828: Thomas C. Collins, et al. to William Kinghorn  
William devised property to his daughter, Mary  
E. Bevans, who died September 28, 1921 having  
previously devised a part of the property to  
George A. Bevans, et al.  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WG 193 Folio 480  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JLR 1 Folio 254
- November 14, 1924: George A. Bevans, et al. to William C. Moore  
11.15 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 606 Folio 252
- November 24, 1924: George A. Bevans, et al. to William C. Moore  
121.67 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 606 Folio 248
- November 24, 1924: William C. Moore to Clarence J. Bevans  
18.59 acres, a part of land from previous 2  
deeds  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 606 Folio 254
- September 3, 1929: Clarence J. and Gladys W. Bevans to William R.  
Porter  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber LMCLM 832 Folio 302
- August 20, 1941: Clarence J. Bevans to Pearl W. and William R.  
Porter (Confirmatory Deed)  
Corrects legal description of previous deed  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CHK 1185 Folio 67

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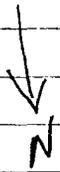
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- December 5, 1944: Pearl W. and William R. Porter to William A. Sullivan  
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Liber RJS 1365 Folio 441
- December 5, 1944: William A. Sullivan to Pearl W. and William R. Porter  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
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- June 21, 1989: Pearl W. and William R. Porter to Dorothea Cora and Gregory Charles Elste  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 8205 Folio 12

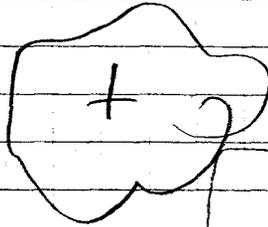
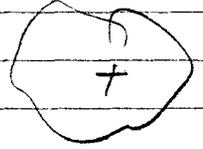
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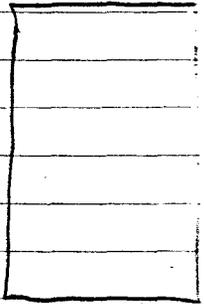
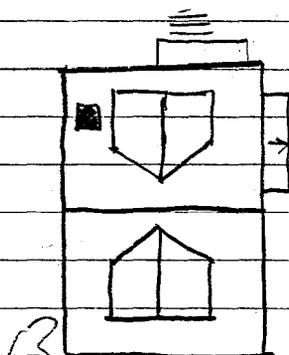
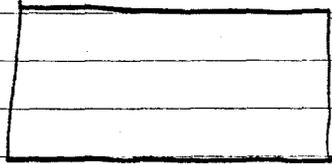
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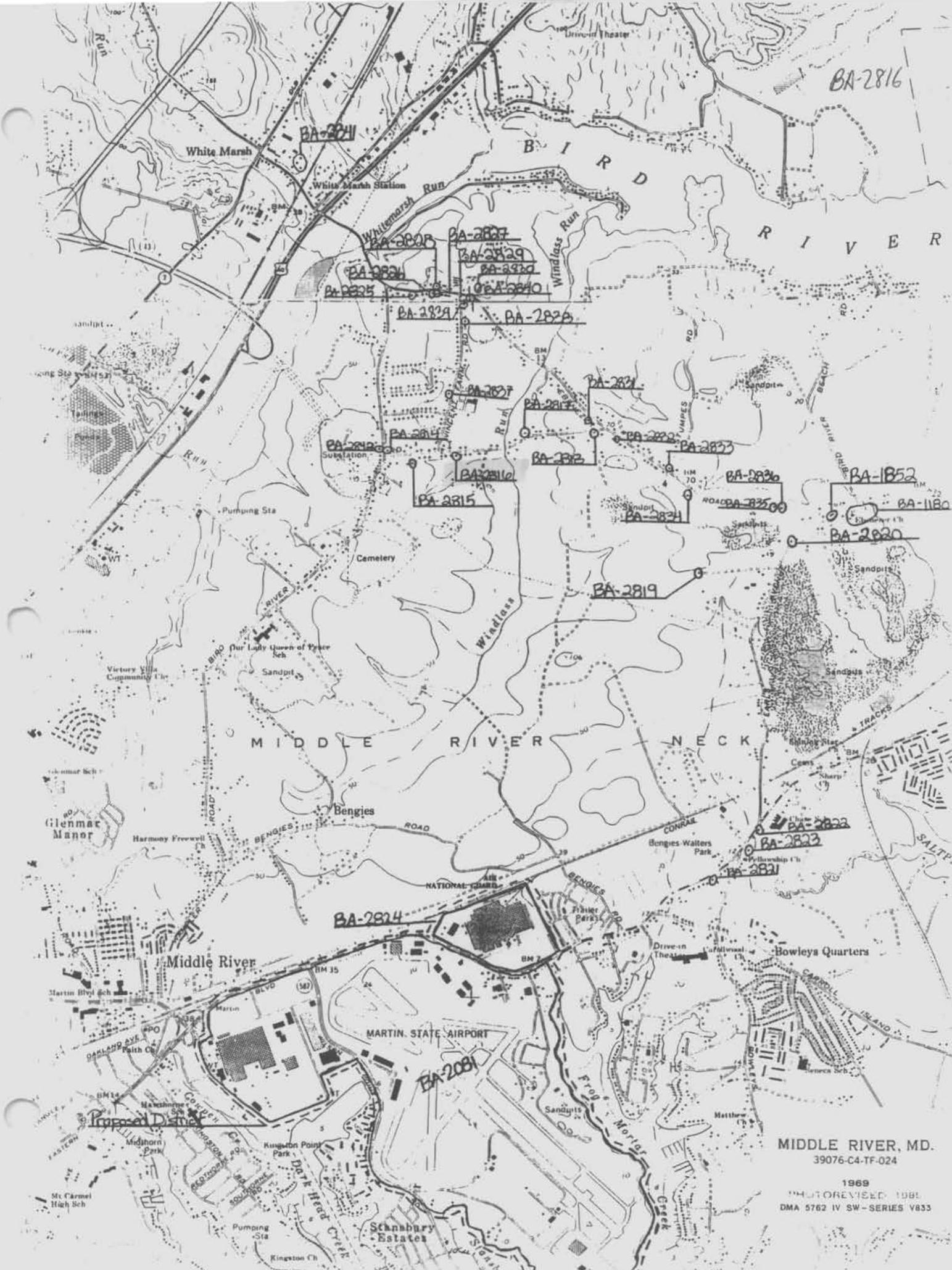
stream



1-ton  
frame  
garage



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MIDDLE RIVER, MD.  
39076-C4-TF-024

1969  
PHOTOREPRODUCED 1981  
DMA 5762 IV SW-SERIES V833



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10411 BIRD RIVER RD.

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TRACERIES

JULY 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION

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TRACERIES

JULY 1997

MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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