

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

5822 Ebenezer Road

BA-2828

The property on which 5822 Ebenezer Road was constructed was historically associated with the Vincent family, for whom Vincent Farm Road is named. Beginning in late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century, the Vincent family began to purchase vast acres of largely unimproved agricultural land in the White Marsh area. Based on deed references recorded in the 1930s and 1940s, the family intended to subdivide the land and construct speculative housing. Improved in 1899 by the construction of a vernacular dwelling, the property at 5822 Ebenezer Road was conveyed by the Royal Realty Company on August 16, 1938 to Charles A. Gambrill.

The house at 5822 Ebenezer Road is set approximately 25 feet north of Ebenezer Road. A gravel drive is located at the east end of the property, and mature trees dot the lawn. The vernacular dwelling was originally L-shaped in plan. Set on a solid parged foundation, the frame house has been clad in vinyl siding, obscuring the original weatherboard. The gable roof has been covered with asphalt shingles. The facade of the house is symmetrical, with an entrance and a small cross gable marking the center bay. An enclosed, one-story porch with a hipped roof extends across the full width of the facade. A frame, one-story addition with a shed roof has been erected within the "L", resulting in a rectangular footprint.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. BA-2828

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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street & number 5822 Ebenezer Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town White Marsh vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21162

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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>1</u>		<u>3</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>		<u>3</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

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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)  
vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Solid: Parged  
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingle  
walls Frame: Vinyl Siding  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 1899-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1899  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 1.10 acres

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

The property located at 5822 Ebenezer Road is designated as Parcel 672 as indicated on Map 83, Grid 1.

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

The building has been historically associated with Parcel 672 since its construction in 1899.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Andrea Bakewell Lowery, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date August 11, 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 John B. Richardson  
street & number 5822 Ebenezer Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town White Marsh state MD zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
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county and state

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Erected in 1899, the house at 5822 Ebenezer Road is set approximately 25 feet north of Ebenezer Road. A gravel drive is located at the east end of the property, and mature trees dot the lawn. The vernacular dwelling was originally L-shaped in plan. Set on a solid parged foundation, the frame house has been clad in vinyl siding, obscuring the original weatherboard. The gable roof has been covered with asphalt shingles. The facade of the house is symmetrical, with an entrance and a small cross gable marking the center bay. An enclosed, one-story porch with a hipped roof extends across the full width of the facade. A frame, one-story addition with a shed roof has been erected within the "L", resulting in a rectangular footprint.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The facade, the south elevation of the house at 5822 Ebenezer Road, is five bays wide and two and one-half stories in height. Two new brick steps rise to the central doorway of the enclosed one-story porch. The full-width porch has been entirely enclosed with vinyl siding and 1/1 aluminum windows. Only the location of the doorway remains the same at the first story, as the entire first story wall has been covered with wood paneling and new windows introduced. These openings are filled with four 1/1 aluminum windows, two to either side of the doorway. The central doorway is now filled with a single-leaf, panel-and-light door. The second story is marked with five replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. In the cross gable dormer, the upper half-story is marked with a single 4/4 window.

The two-story original L-shaped building and the one-story addition are combined in the east elevation. The two-story gable end rises at the south end of the east elevation, and the one-story addition leads back to the second story of the ell at the north end. A portico at the center of the one-story addition marks the single-leaf, panel-and-light door at this elevation. Within the addition, to either side of the door is a window: to the north is a 2-light, awning window and to the south is a 3-light, awning window. To the south of the addition, within the original portion of the building is a single non-original 1/1 aluminum window. At the second story are two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. The upper half-story is marked in the gable end with a 4/4 window.

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The north or rear elevation again combines both the original L-shaped building and the one-story addition. The two-story gable end rises at the west end of this elevation, and the one-story, shed roof addition leads back to the second story at the east end.

A metal and glass sliding door and a 1/1 window are located within the one-story addition. In the original portion of the building, a pair of a non-original, 1-light, aluminum, casement windows has been inserted. Three replacement 1/1 aluminum windows mark the second story of the rear elevation, two at the gable end, and one above the shed roof addition.

The west elevation of the building is pierced at both the first and second stories with two replacement, 1/1 aluminum windows. The upper half-story is marked in the gable end with a single 4/4 window. An exterior end, rockfaced, concrete block chimney rises north of the ridgeline.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

A three-car garage dating from the 1980s is located at the northeast corner of the house. Set on a concrete foundation, this frame building is covered with corrugated metal siding. A side gable roof of corrugated metal covers the building, with an overhang supported by wood posts to the south. A rolling, overhead door provides access to each of the three bays. A panel-and-light door and a 6-light window are located on the west elevation.

Two contemporary greenhouses constructed as arched metal frames and covered with a synthetic fabric are located to the north of the house.

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The dwelling at 5822 Ebenezer Road provides a vernacular example of rural I-house architecture. The traditional I-house retained its popularity during the latter part of the 19th century, being stylistically detailed by applied ornament associated with fashionable trends. The cross gable, open pediment at the central bay of the side gable I-house form was one of the most fashionable trends in the county, often requiring property owners to add the component to extant side gable roofs. First appearing in the 1870s, the pediment was typically pierced by a single double-hung window opening. The I-house form was also often enlarged by the construction of one- to two-story ells that gave the building a T- or L-shaped plan. Another popular variation to the form was the enlargement of the front parlor by a two-story canted or square bay.

Typically five bays wide and two bays deep, the I-house building form has a central-passage plan. The use of the passage as a summer hall had changed with the introduction of numerous asymmetrically placed window openings and the wrap-around porch. Thus, the hall was reduced in width and served as a connecting hyphen that usually accommodated the main stair. The I-house form continued into the early part of the 20th century, gaining popularity in suburban and rural communities in the 1920s and 1930s with Craftsman-style detailing rather than Late Victorian.

The dwelling at 5822 Ebenezer Road provides a good illustration of a vernacular I-house as practiced throughout Baltimore County, and across America, at the turn of the 20th century. Lacking in decorative details, the form of the building -- a 2-1/2-story, L-shaped house with the center bay of a symmetrical facade emphasized by a central entry and a cross gable -- reflects the I-House form so typical of rural America in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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The property on which 5822 Ebenezer Road was constructed is historically associated with the Vincent family, for whom Vincent Farm Road is named. Beginning in late 19th century to the turn of the 20th century, the Vincent family began to purchase vast acres of largely unimproved agricultural land in the White Marsh area. Based on deed references recorded in the 1930s and 1940s, the family intended to subdivide the land and construct speculative housing. With the construction of the Martin Company facilities in the late 1920s, the housing requirements necessary to support the influx of workers at the company spurred subdivision and development of agricultural land throughout the area. Yet, the Vincent family was unable to completely fulfill their speculative plans, going bankrupt in the 1930s.

Able to pool their resources, the Vincent family had the Royal Realty Corporation purchase 51.38 acres of the property associated with the bankruptcy (case no. 7643, filed December 26, 1933) for a price of \$5.00. The courts agreed to the sale to the Royal Realty Corporation, which transferred the property to Richard and John Vincent immediately. The Realty Company was able to purchase all of the 227 acres of land originally held by the Vincent family, yet the company did not convey all of it back the Vincents.

Improved in 1899 by the construction of a vernacular dwelling, the property at 5822 Ebenezer Road was conveyed by the Royal Realty Company on August 16, 1938 to Charles A. Gambrill. Eventually, the property did return to the ownership of John S. Vincent, who conveyed five acres of it to Thomas C. Gray in 1943. Gray owned and occupied the main dwelling house with his family until 1987, when it was conveyed to its present owner John B. Richardson.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 5822 Ebenezer 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 vernacular rural architecture, 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>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>4/19/97</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</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:**

Deed A: 114-3/4 acres

- May 21, 1902: Equity Case: Julia A. Strong versus Winchester Bond, et al  
Elmer J. Cook appointed Trustee to sell property  
114-3/4 acres
- August 9, 1902: Elmer J. Cook, et al, Trustee to Richard and Annie Vincent  
114-3/4 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber NBM 263 Folio 235

Deed B: 61-8/10 acres

- May 3, 1816: James Christopher devised to Thomas Christopher
- February 9, 1912: Charles Pielut and Forrest Bramble, administrators for Thomas Christopher to James L. and Anna C. Smick  
61-8/10 acres  
Will Records of Baltimore County  
Liber OPM 4 Folio 168  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 390 Folio 369
- June 24, 1920: James L. and Anna C. Smick to Richard and Annie Vincent  
61-8/10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 282

Deeds A and B: 176.55

- December 19, 1928: John S. and Mary Vincent and Richard A. and Ella Vincent to Nathan C. Robertson  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 282

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December 19, 1928: Nathan C. Robertson to Richard A. and Ella Vincent  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 284

December 19, 1928: Nathan C. Robertson to John S. and Mary R. Vincent  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 287

December 29, 1934: Richard A. Vincent and John S. Vincent to The Royal Realty Corporation  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CWB, Jr. 949 Folio 89

Deed C: 51-38/100

January 10, 1871: Geoffery Jones to Annie E. Vincent  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber EHA 69 Folio 79

May 15, 1907: Annie E. Vincent and Richard Vincent, Jr. to R. Vincent, Jr. and Sons Company  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 322 Folio 161

December 19, 1928: R. Vincent, Jr. and Sons Company to John S. and Richard A. Vincent  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WHM 661 Folio 289

August 1, 1938: Harry E. Perkhurst, Trustee for Vincent Bankruptcy Case No. 7643, to the Royal Realty Corporation  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CWB, Jr. 1041 Folio 125

Deeds A/B and C: 227-93/100 acres

August 16, 1938: The Royal Realty Corporation to Charles A. Gambrill  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CWB, Jr. 1041 Folio 126

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July 3, 1941: Charles A. and Grace D. Gambrill to John S. Vincent  
5-9/10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber CHK 1173 Folio 480

March 29, 1943: John S. Vincent, widower to Thomas C. and Ida V. Gray  
5-9/10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber RJS 1280 Folio 425

July 25, 1978: Thomas C. Gray to Thomas C. and Evelyn M. Gray  
5-9/10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber EHK, Jr. 5913 Folio 859

November 24, 1987: Thomas C. and Evelyn M. Gray to John B. Richardson  
3.60 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 7735 Folio 296

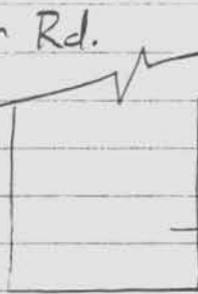
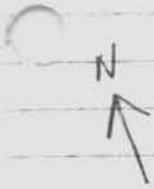
May 27, 1988: John B. Richardson to Lord Calvert Land Grants, Inc.  
3.60 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 7869 Folio 490

May 24, 1988: Lord Calvert Land Grants, Inc. to John B. Richardson  
1.10 acres  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 7869 Folio 492

SKETCH MAP

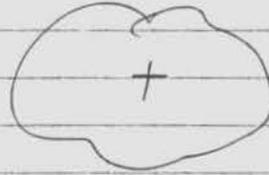
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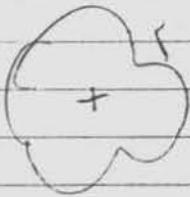
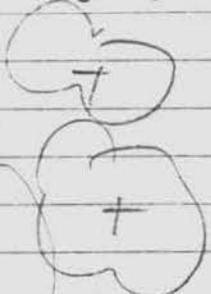
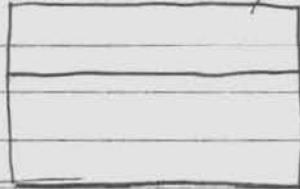


metal-frame  
plastic-covered  
greenhouse

open  
field

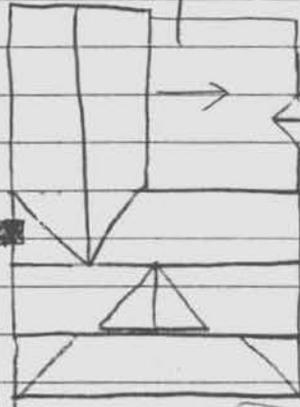
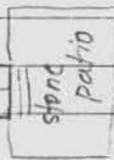


1-story,  
3-bay  
frame  
garage

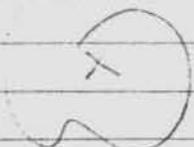
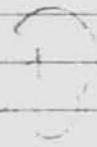
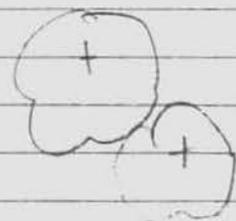
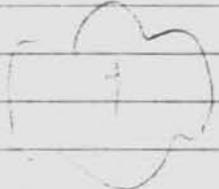


1-story  
frame  
addn.

gravel  
parking  
area



Richardson's Chicken Farm



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GARAGE - SW CORNER

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GREENHOUSES - LOOKING NE FROM MAIN DWELLING

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## NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

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two-story frame "I houses" along Bird River and Ebenezer Roads. Later, employees of the Martin Company in Middle River created a mid-century housing boom that spawned more densely populated subdivisions comprised of modest pre-fabricated or frame cottages, modified bungalows, and ranch houses. These houses were erected from the thirties through the fifties. Today, a select few earlier farmhouses and some cottages related to the area's turn of the century popularity as recreational area remain alongside the more prolific mid-century development.

Bearing no known association to significant historic events or persons, the structure is not eligible under Criteria A or B. It does not distinctively embody characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, and is therefore not eligible under Criteria C. Archeological investigations were not performed as part of the study, and so eligibility under Criteria D cannot be assessed.

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN  
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

**I. Geographic Region**

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

**II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:**

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present
- Unknown Prehistoric
- Unknown Historic

**IV. Historic Period Themes:**

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

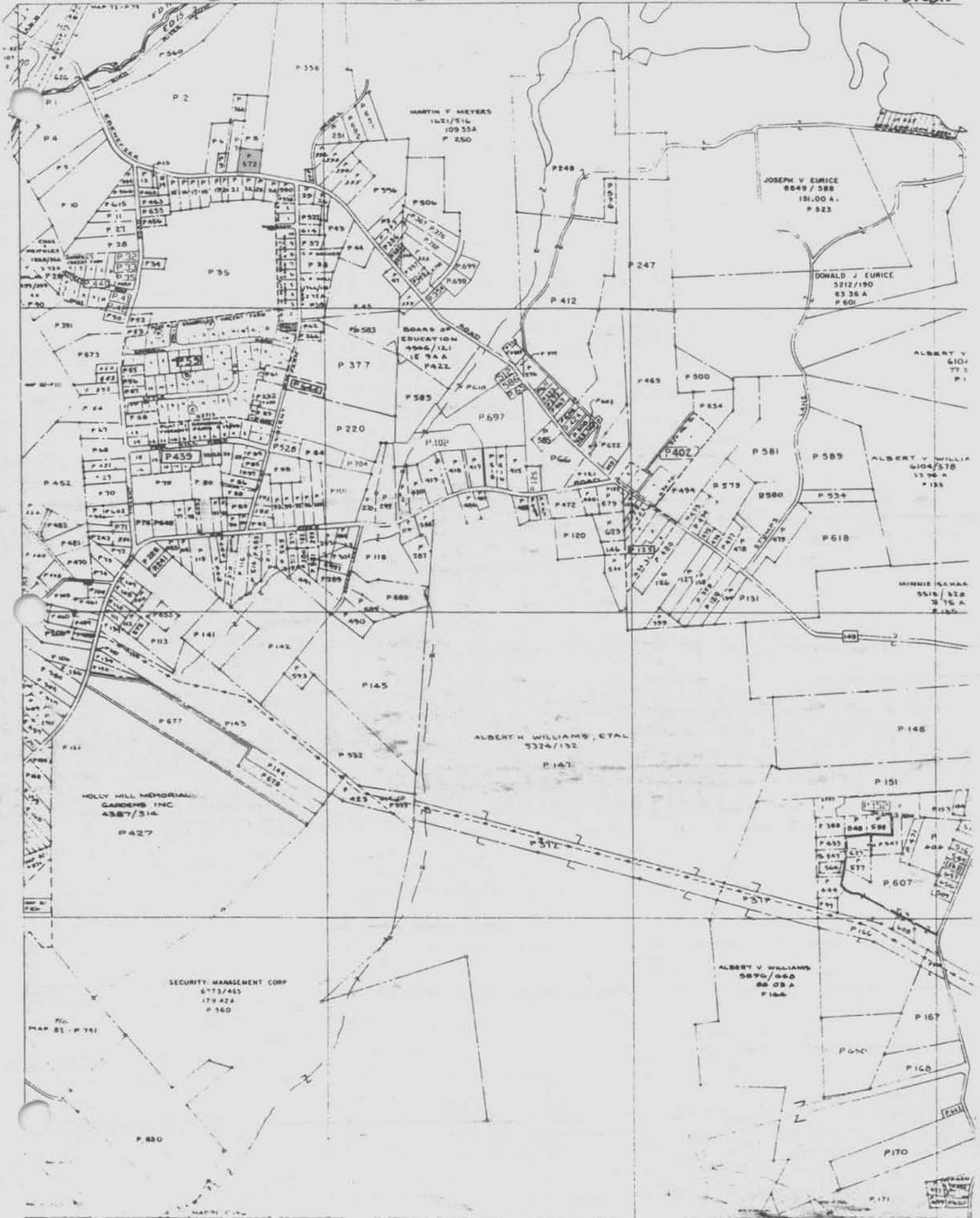
**V. Resource Type:**

Category: Building

Historic environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residential

Known Design Source: None





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