

CAPSULE SUMMARY

5908 Ebenezer Road

BA-2830

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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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street & number 5908 Ebenezer Road not for publication _____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>2</u>		<u>0</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>2</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

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

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Rockfaced Concrete Block

roof Hipped: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles

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

Period of Significance 1927-present

Significant Dates 1927

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 1.5 Acres

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

The property at 5908 Ebenezer Road is designated as Parcel 394 according to Map 83, Grid 2.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 5908 Ebenezer Road has been historically associated with Parcel 394 since the original construction of the house in 1927.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Traceries date August 12, 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 Sharon R. and Jay C. Lancaster
street & number 5908 Ebenezer Road telephone _____
city or town White Marsh state MD zip code 21162

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EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, the south elevation of the dwelling at 5908 Ebenezer Road, is two bays wide. A one-story, three-bay porch with brick pier supports and a hipped roof extends the full width of the facade. In the western bay of the first story is a single-leaf, panel-and-light door, and in the eastern bay is a pair of Craftsman-style 3/1 windows. The second story is marked with two pairs of 3/1 windows, one pair in each bay. The dormer expresses the upper half-story of the dwelling and is filled with two 1-light awning windows.

The east elevation is marked at the basement with two 2-light casement windows with concrete sills. The first story is punctuated with two Craftsman-style 3/1 windows. The second story is articulated with two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows. An exterior brick chimney rises at this elevation.

The north elevation is two stories in height with a one-story, frame, hipped roof extension. The eastern portion of the one-story extension forms a porch with wood posts. At the rear of the porch a single-leaf, panel-and-light door leads into the house. The western portion of the one-story extension is clad in asbestos shingles and pierced with a Craftsman-style 3/1 window. The second story is articulated at this elevation with two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows.

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The west elevation of the dwelling is punctuated at the basement with two 2-light, casement windows. A two-panel, three-light door is located at the center of the elevation between the basement and first stories. The door is flanked by two windows, to the north an aluminum window box and to the south a 3/1 window. The second story is marked with two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows of different sizes.

OUTBUILDINGS:

At the rear of the house is a one-story, wood frame barn that dates from the 1980s. The barn is set on a concrete pad. The walls are clad in texture 1-11, a grooved plywood sheeting, and the gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A pair of plywood doors allows access on the south face of the barn.

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The house at 5908 Ebenezer Road was constructed in 1927, when the popularity of the Craftsman style was at its height. It was commonly used in developing subdivisions across the nation in the 1920s. Much of the development of White Marsh coincided with this period as large agricultural farmlands were being subdivided into smaller lots along the established main roads. Thus, the use of the Craftsman style for the detailing of Bungalows and traditional American Four-square building types spread throughout rural Baltimore County. At 5908 Ebenezer Road, a traditional Four-square house type allowed for the easy application of many characteristics commonly identified with the Craftsman style. Details associated with the style employed in the design of this dwelling include grouped 3/1 windows, a full-width porch, and wide overhanging eaves.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 5908 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 a Foursquare detailed in the Craftsman style, 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><i>[Signature]</i></u>	Date: <u>4/12/97</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u><i>[Signature]</i></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:

- November 19, 1923: George B. and Mary R. Sterling to William Howard and Frances R. Milling
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5682 Folio 26
- April 1, 1942: Frances R. Milling, widow to Edward Harvey
Land Records of Baltimore County
16 acres, 2 roods, 24 perches + 1.76
Liber CHK 1238 Folio 53
- April 1, 1942: Edward Harvey to Frances R. Milling, widow
16 acres, 2 roods, 24 perches + 1.76 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber CHK 1238 Folio 55
- June 27, 1950: Frances R. Milling to Baltimore County Realty Corporation
16 acres, 2 roods, 24 perches + 1.76 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 1848 Folio 529
- June 27, 1950: Baltimore County Realty Corporation to Frances R. Milling, widow
2 parcels: 16 acres, 2 roods, 24 perches + 1.76 acres
- Devised to Doris M. Akehurst by Frances R. Milling
Will Records of Baltimore County
Liber EJDeM 70 Folio 381
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber TBS 1848 Folio 531
- January 17, 1963: Doris M. and Carville G. Akehurst to Carville M. and Nancy B. Akehurst
1.5 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber RRG 4103 Folio 447

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- October 23, 1969: Carville M. and Nancy B. Akehurst to Charles
Richard and Carolyn J. Rasmussen
1.5 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber OTG 5045 Folio 713
- April 29, 1971: Charles Richard Rasmussen to Gerald E. and Mary
V. Hall
1.5 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber OTG 5182 Folio 880
- September 29, 1976: Gerald E. and Mary V. Hall to Sharon R. and Jay
C. Lancaster
1.5 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 5682 Folio 26

SKETCH MAP

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5908 Ebenezer Rd.
White Marsh, MD Baltimore County

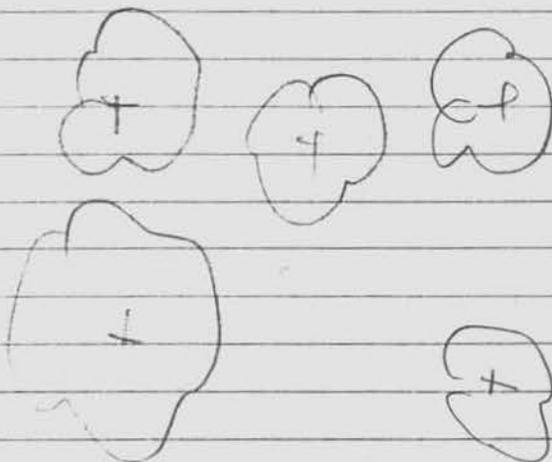


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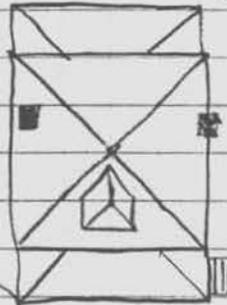
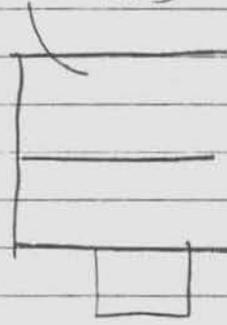


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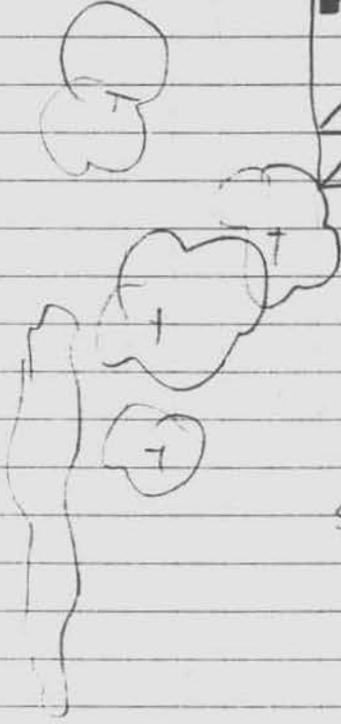
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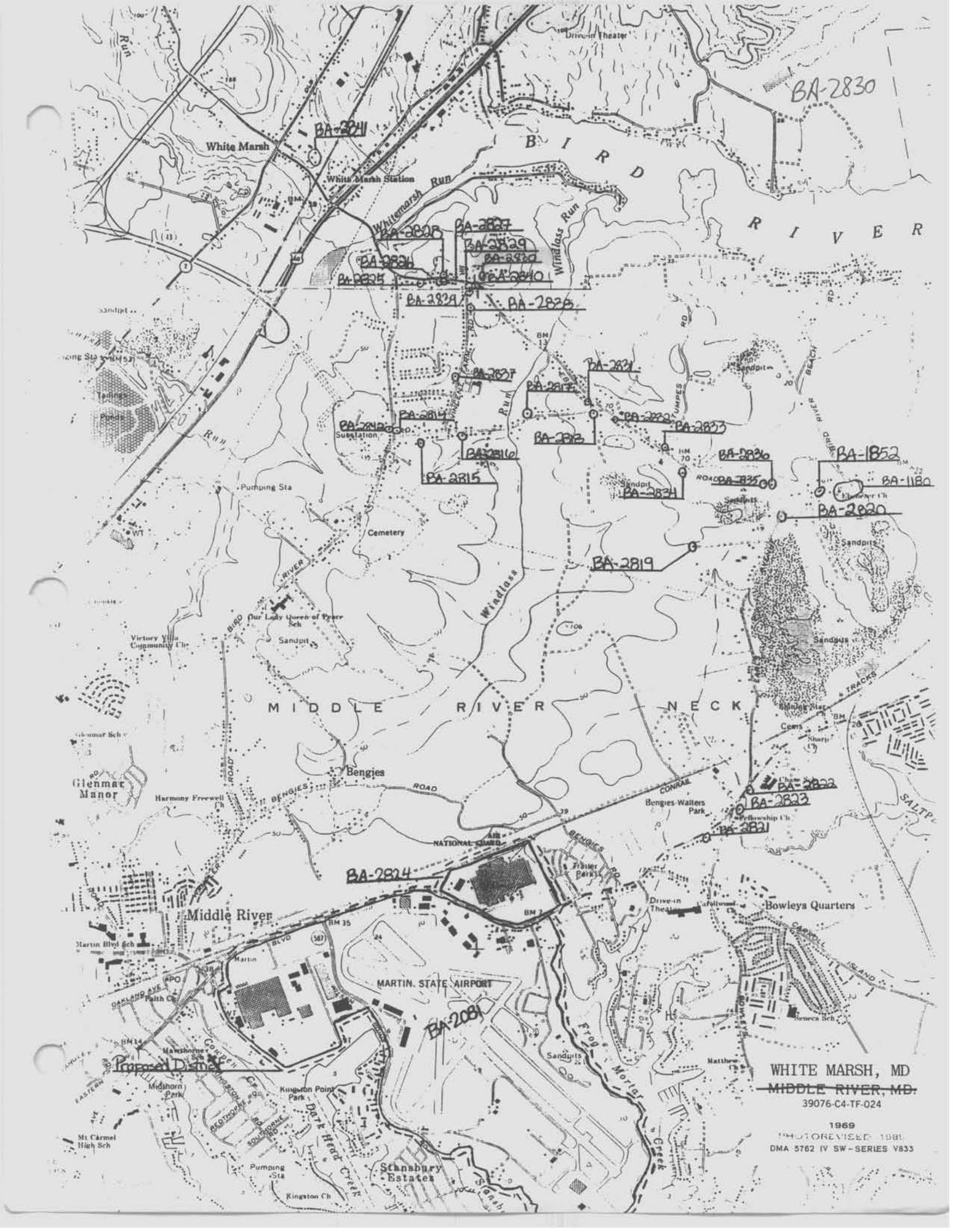
neighboring house



↓ slopes down to road



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