

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
6147 Ebenezer Road  
BA-2831

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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street & number 6147 Ebenezer Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  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>1</u>		<u>1</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>1</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)  
vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)  
foundation Solid: Parged  
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles  
walls Wood Frame: Asbestos 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  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1890-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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Acreeage of Property 6.61 acres

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

The property at 6147 Ebenezer Road is designated as Parcel 66, as indicated on Map 83, Grid 8.

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

The property at 6147 Ebenezer Road has historically been associated with Parcel 66 since the original construction of the building in 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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organization Traceries date August 1, 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 G. Sterling Myers and Barbara E. Myers  
street & number 6151 Ebenezer Road telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220  
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Set on an open lot near the intersection of Ebenezer Road and Bird River Road, the 1890 house at 6147 Ebenezer Road faces southeast, addressing Bird River Road. The large, level site is relatively open with a few mature trees planted near the house. A vernacular I-house, the dwelling is three bays in width and 2-1/2 stories in height. A small shed roof extension is located at the rear of the building and extends across half of the northwest elevation. The concrete foundation of the house has been parged, and the frame walls have been clad in asbestos shingles. A one-story, screened porch with wood post supports extends the full width of the facade. The asphalt shingle, side gable roof has boxed cornice returns.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The facade, the southeast elevation of the house, is three bays in width. A one-story, three-bay, screened porch with wood post supports extends across the facade, obscuring the first story. Behind the porch, a single-leaf, panel and light, wood door with a transom is located off center. The outer bays are marked with two 2/2 windows. At the second story, the outer bays are also marked with 2/2 windows. All window frames have been clad in aluminum.

The southwest elevation reveals a one-story, shed roof, wood frame extension. The gable end wall of the house and the one-story extension are both pierced at the first story with a 2/2 window. Between the windows is a single-leaf, panel-and-light door with a transom. The second story is marked in the gable end with a single 2/2 window. The upper half-story is articulated with a four-light, fixed window in the gable end, which is emphasized through the use of a boxed cornice. Again, all window frames have been clad in aluminum.

The northwest elevation of the dwelling is pierced only by two replacement 1/1 aluminum windows, one at the center of the shed roof extension, and one at the second story of the main body of the house. As on the other elevations, all window frames have been clad in aluminum.

The northeast elevation of the dwelling is pierced by windows in the gable end wall; a single 2/2 window is located at the center of this wall at both the first and second stories. The upper half story is marked with a six-light, fixed window in the gable end, which is emphasized with a box cornice.

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**OUTBUILDINGS:**

A garage is located to the west of the house. This 1-1/2-story, concrete block, two-car garage was constructed in the late 1940s or early 1950s. The gable ends are clad in asbestos shingles, and an asphalt shingle, front gable roof covers the building. Two overhead, rolling, wood garage doors are located at the southeast elevation. A single-leaf, paneled, wood door is located on the northeast elevation, and 1/1 windows are located in the side walls.

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The 1890 house, constructed for John J. Winkler, 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 5821 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. The modestly adorned building is typical of dwellings constructed in rural communities across the country in the last decade of the 19th century. The I-house form, being three bays wide and one bay deep with a central passage plan, is commonly associated with rural houses. Lacking applied detailing, this vernacular dwelling comprises elegant proportions of the building and openings, a boxed cornice, and the use of the I-house form.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 6147 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 X

Comments:  
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Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 11/12/97

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 3/17/00

[Signature]

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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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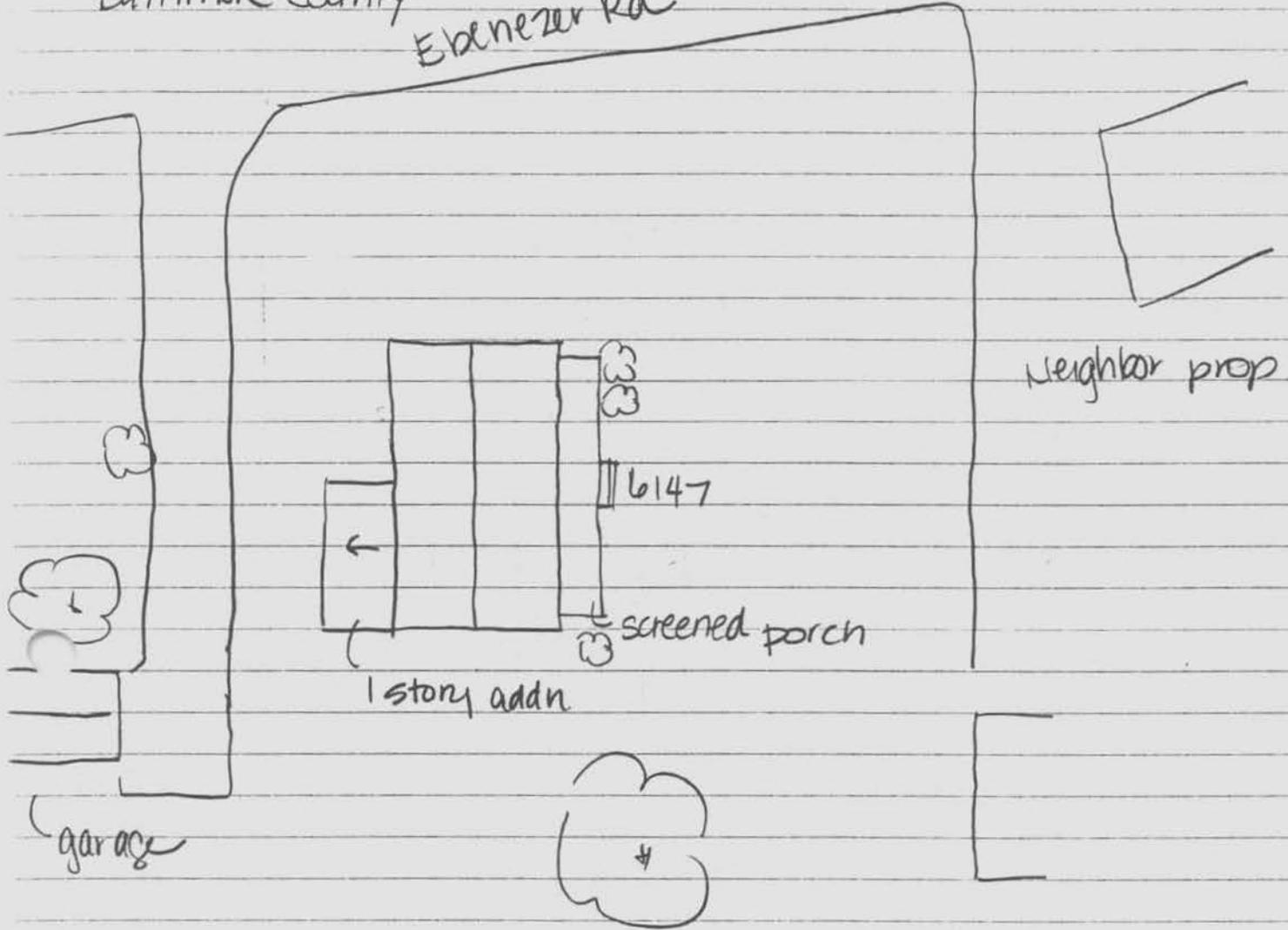
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**Chain of Title:**

- December 5, 1887: Agnes Eurice, widow to John J. Winkler  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber JWS 167 Folio 107
- December 7, 1920: John L. Winkler, et al. to George S. and Mamie  
B. Myer  
Mamie B. Myer (also known as Mary I. Myers)  
died August 28, 1956 and devised property to  
her son, G. Sterling Myer  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber WPC 535 Folio 12
- September 18, 1957: G. Sterling and Barbara E. Myers to P. Louis  
Rohe, Jr.  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 3239 Folio 467
- September 18, 1957: P. Louis Rohe, Jr. and Lolola M. Rohe to G.  
Sterling Myers and Barbara E. Myers  
Land Records of Baltimore County  
Liber 3239 Folio 469

SKETCH MAP

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6147 Ebenezer Rd.  
Baltimore MD  
Baltimore County



neighbor prop

6147

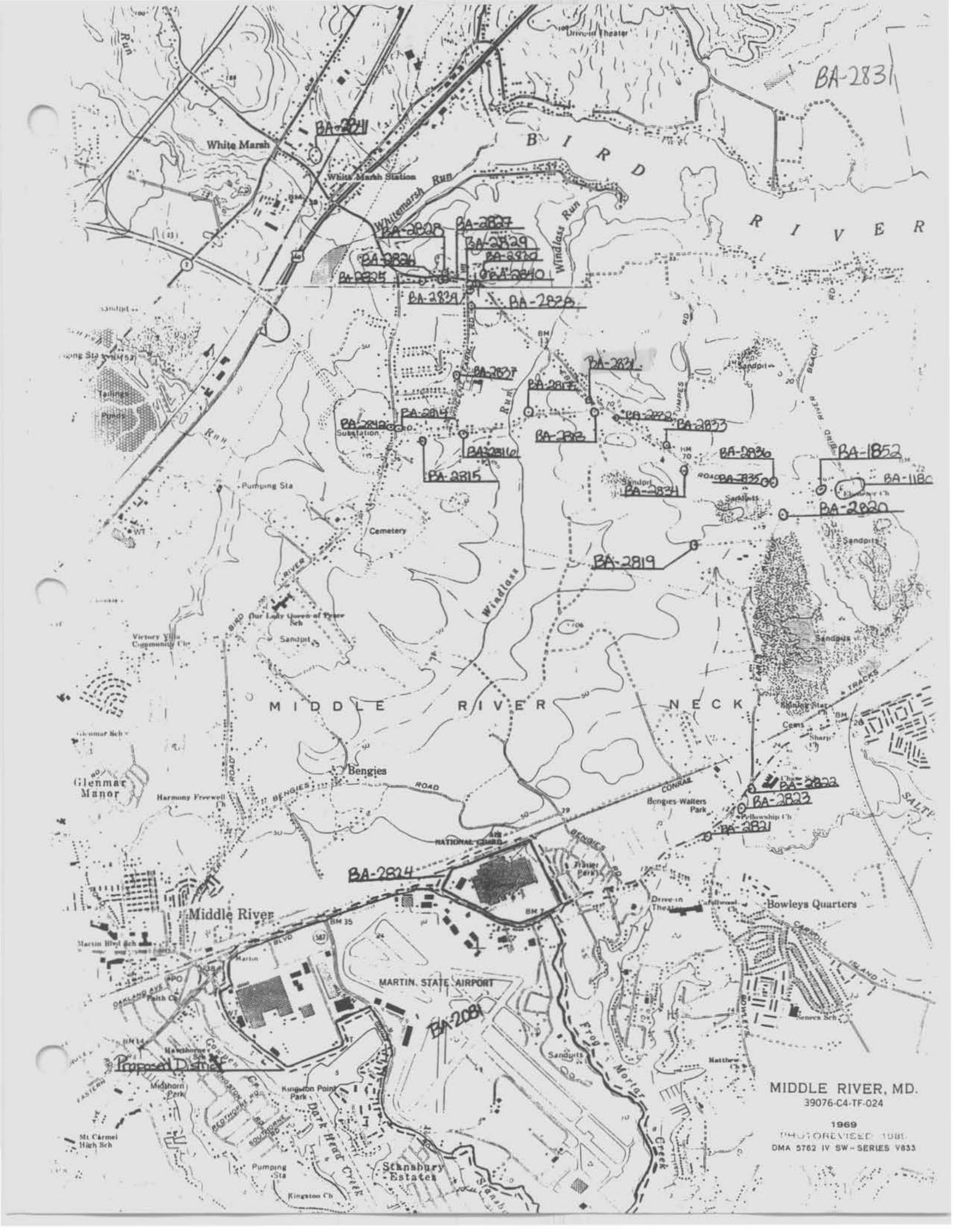
screened porch

1 story addn

garage

well

Bird River Rd.



MIDDLE RIVER, MD.  
 39076-C4-TF-024  
 1969  
 PHOTOREVISED 1981  
 DMA 5762 IV SW-SERIES V833



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SW ELEVATION

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WHITE MARSH, MD

TRACERIES

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MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE - SE CORNER

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