

CAPSULE SUMMARY
6509 Ebenezer Road
BA-2836

The house at 6509 Ebenezer Road was constructed for George and Josephine Porter in 1899. Once an expansive parcel of land, 6509 Ebenezer Road was historically owned by George W. and Mary E. Garrelson. In 1894, the property was sold to George and Josephine Porter, who erected the Gothic Revival style dwelling. By 1905, George A. Porter conveyed a portion of the present lot, which consists today of 6505 and 6509 Ebenezer Road, to Edward H. and Ida V. Roberts. Designated as Bosley's Expectation in the deed of conveyance, the parcel remained in the Roberts family until it was subdivided in 1918. The property at 6509 Ebenezer Road was sold to John H. and Mollie Messenger, who ironically purchased 6505 Ebenezer Road in 1931, again joining the lots under a single ownership.

The dwelling is set on a large lot that slopes up at the rear. Sited approximately 25 feet south of Ebenezer Road, the vernacular house is surrounded by open land that stretches to the east. A dense wood occupies the rear of the lot, and a chain link fence divides it from the property to the west. This dwelling is L-shaped in plan with a solid, random rubble stone foundation, aluminum-clad walls, and an asphalt shingle gable roof. The facade, a three-bay, two-story elevation is typical of rural I-house construction. The center bay is emphasized by the door at the first story and by a cross gable above the second.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. BA-2836

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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street & number 6509 Ebenezer Road not for publication _____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>3</u>		<u>5</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>3</u>		<u>5</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

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: Stone, Random Rubble

roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Wood Frame: Aluminum 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

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 1.16 Acres

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

The property at 6509 Ebenezer Road is designated as Parcel 541 as indicated on Map 83, Grid 16.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 6509 Ebenezer Road has historically been associated with Parcel 541 since the original construction of the building in 1899.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Traceries date August 13, 1997
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city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner

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name Robert and Dolores Mitchell
street & number 6509 Ebenezer Road telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220

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The dwelling at 6509 Ebenezer Road is set on a large lot that slopes up at the rear. Constructed in 1899, the house is sited approximately 25 feet south of Ebenezer Road. The dwelling is surrounded by open land that stretches to the east. A dense wood occupies the rear of the lot, and a chain link fence divides it from the property to the west. This vernacular dwelling is L-shaped in plan with a solid, random rubble stone foundation, aluminum-clad walls, and an asphalt shingle gable roof. The center bay is emphasized by the door at the first story and by a cross gable above the second. A full-width porch extends across the facade, and a one-story, three-bay porch is located at the east side of the ell. Not only has the original wood siding been obscured with aluminum siding, but windows and doors have been replaced throughout.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, the north elevation of 6509 Ebenezer Road, is three bays wide and two stories tall. The center bay is marked at the first story with a single-leaf, flush door. The door is flanked by two 1/1 metal windows. Each of the three bays is marked in the upper story with a 1/1 metal window. Above the center window is a cross gable. A one-story, three-bay porch with turned posts and a shed roof extends across the entire first story of the house.

The west elevation is three bays wide. The basement is marked with a 1-light, fixed window. The first and second stories are articulated with a 1/1 metal window in each bay.

At the south elevation a straight-flight stair leads down to a single-leaf, flush, metal door at the basement. The first story is articulated only in the gable end wall with a 1/1 metal window. The second story is also marked with a 1/1 metal window in the main body of the house.

The east elevation is three bays wide. The first story is marked in the gable end wall with a 1/1 metal window and, in the east elevation of the ell, with a single-leaf, panel-and-light door and a 1/1 metal window. Each bay of the second story is punctuated with a 1/1 metal window. A one-story, three-bay porch with turned posts and a shed roof is located at the east elevation of the ell.

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OUTBUILDINGS:

To the south of the house is a 1980s prefabricated, wood frame, one-car garage. The garage is clad in texture 1-11, a grooved plywood, and covered with a front gable roof of asphalt shingles. A rolling, overhead metal door is located in the east elevation, and louvered windows are located in the side walls.

To the southeast of the house is a small summer house which dates from the 1940s. The half-height, wood frame walls have been clad with vinyl siding. Screens have been inserted between these walls and the asphalt shingle gable roof. A metal, screened door is located on the north elevation.

To the north of the summer house is a large two-story, board and batten, wood frame barn. The barn, covered with a corrugated metal gable roof, has several additions. To the north is a one-story frame addition with a shed roof. To the west is a poured concrete slab covered with a metal awning supported by metal poles.

Directly west of the barn is a small 1970s prefabricated metal shed with a slight gable roof. Further west is a guesthouse, constructed in the 1960s. The guesthouse is set on a poured concrete foundation. The wood frame walls have been covered with vinyl siding, and an asphalt shingle gable roof covers the building. West of the guesthouse is a machine shed, which dates from the 1950s. The wood frame shed is covered with a corrugated metal shed roof.

To the east of the barn is a 1950s vinyl-clad privy with an asphalt shingle shed roof and a flush, metal door.

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The house at 6509 Ebenezer Road, constructed for George and Josephine Porter in 1899, 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 6509 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 two-story, L-shaped house with a symmetrical facade and center bay emphasized through the use of a cross gable -- reflects the I-House form so typical of rural America in the early 20th century.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 6509 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>11/2/97</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

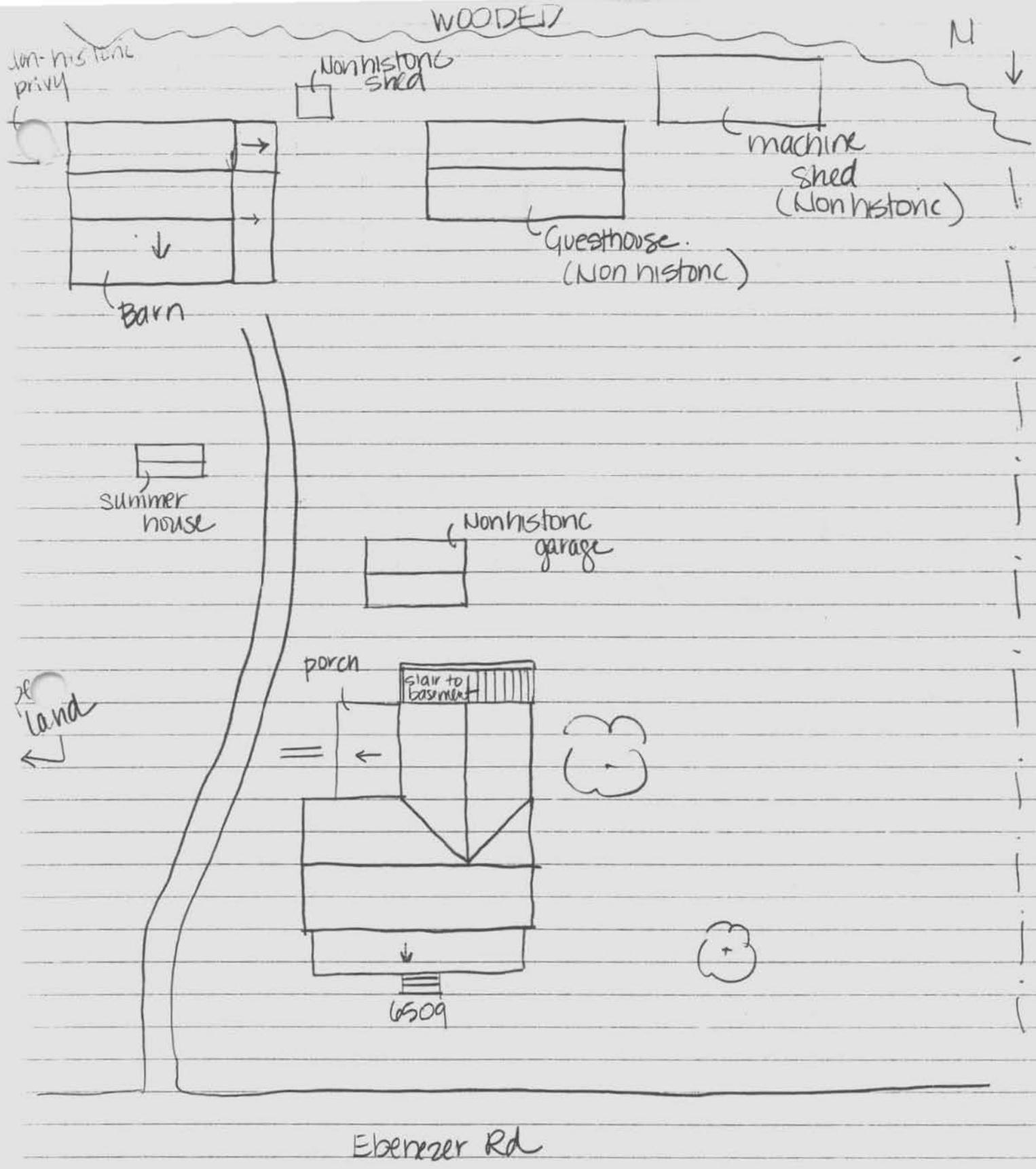
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Chain of Title:

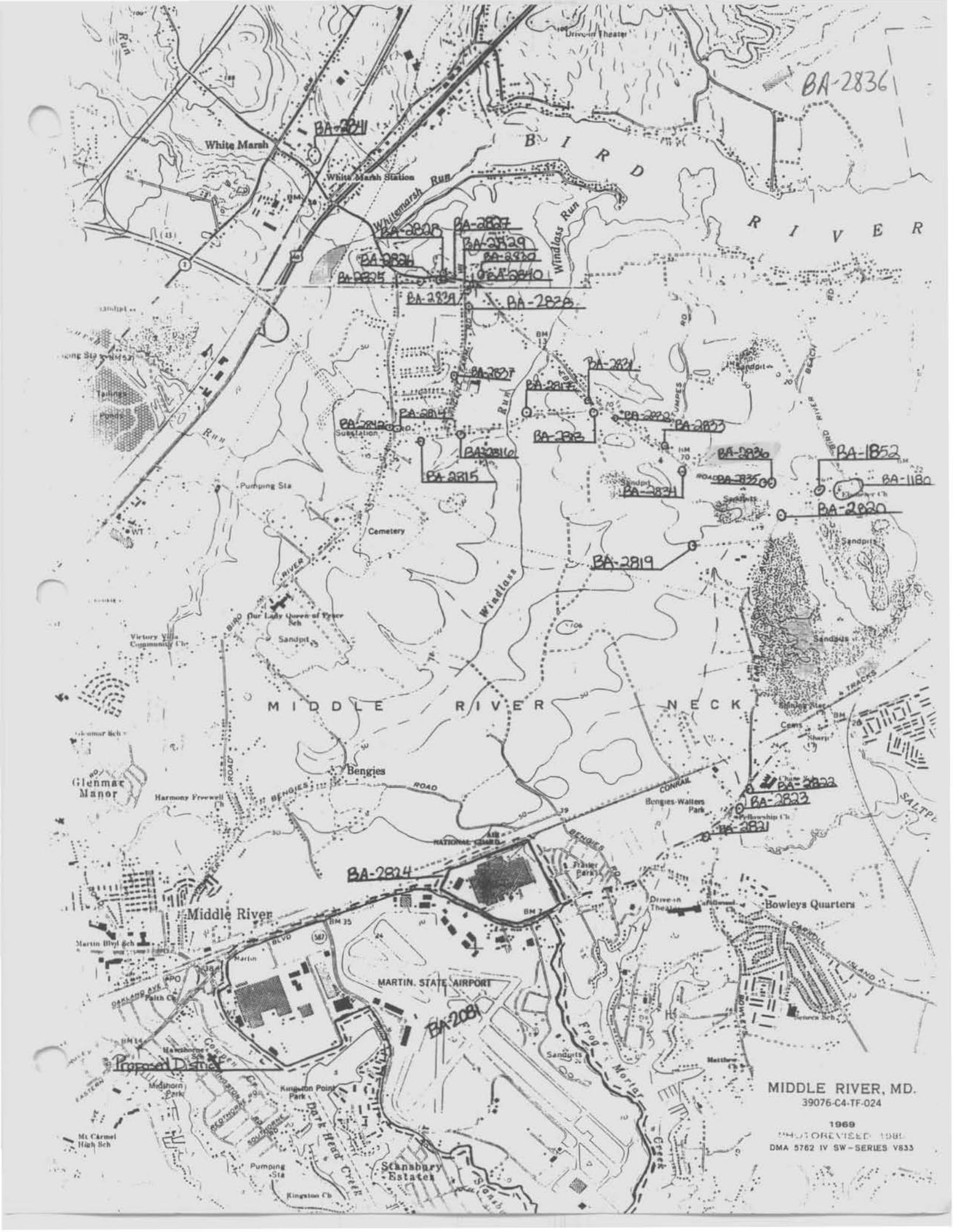
- September 1, 1894: George W. and Mary E. Garrelson to George and Josephine Porter
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 282 Folio 1
- January 9, 1905: George A. and Josephine Porter to Edward H. Roberts
Property known as "Bosley's Expectation"
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 282 Folio 334
- August 1, 1916: Robert H. Bussey, Augustus A. Piper, and Henry P. Pierlert to Henry H. Roberts
Confirmatory Deed
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 465 Folio 545
- March 6, 1918: Henry H. and Elizabeth M. Roberts to John H. and Mollie Messenger
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 494 Folio 189
- September 10, 1959: John H. Messenger, II and Henry F. Messenger, executors for the estate of John H. Messenger (died 5/22/1958) to Helen Messenger Harrington
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WJR 3592 Folio 293
Will Records of Baltimore County
Liber JPC 55 Folio 470
- February 10, 1968: Helen G. Harrington, widow to Robert and Dolores Mitchell
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 4874 Folio 54



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SKETCHMAP

6509 Ebenezer Road
 Baltimore, MD Baltimore County



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White Marsh

BA-2821

BIRD RIVER

White Marsh Station

White Marsh Run

BA-2807

Windlass Run

BA-2808

BA-2809

BA-2810

BA-2805

BA-2824

BA-2825

BA-2807

BA-2821

Substation

BA-2816

BA-2815

BA-2813

BA-2822

BA-2823

BA-2826

BA-1852

BA-1180

BA-2820

BA-2819

MIDDLE RIVER NECK

BA-2824

BA-2823

BA-2821

Middle River

MARTIN STATE AIRPORT

BA-2828

Bowleys Quarters

Proposed District

MIDDLE RIVER, MD.
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GARAGE & HOUSE - LOOKING NORTH

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PRIVY, BARN, SUMMER HOUSE - LOOKING SOUTH
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BARN & SUMMER HOUSE - LOOKING NORTHEAST

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GUESTHOUSE & MACHINE SHED - LOOKING SOUTH

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AUGUST 1997

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SHED & GUESTHOUSE - LOOKING WEST

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