

Name/Address: House, 3 Railroad Avenue
Construction Date: ca. 1890-1898
Town/Vicinity: Bare Hills
County: Baltimore County
Access: Private

Summary Description:

The house at 3 Railroad Avenue, Bare Hills, was built in the last quarter, probably the last decade, of the nineteenth century and modified in the mid-twentieth century. Built in the Queen Anne style, the house appears to have been one of the more refined house designs in the immediate vicinity, contrasted with the vernacular houses on Falls Road and Railroad Avenue. It is also one of the latest extant houses built in the neighborhood. Number 3 Railroad Avenue is a two-story, frame gable-front house featuring paired 2/2 hung wood sash windows, cutaway corners at the first floor and a hip-roofed entrance bay on the east side recessed from the plane of the main facade. Porch eaves feature decorative brackets. A multipane transom surmounts the wood, single-leaf, half-glass door. The solid foundation is stuccoed in concrete. The house has been clad in asbestos shingle siding, and the roof is clad in asphalt shingles. An exterior side chimney of concrete block is located on the west elevation. A one-story shed addition spans the rear of the house.

Statement of Significance:

This house dates to the end of the nineteenth century, a time at which Bare Hills was enjoying the benefits of a successful quarry economy. The house has been altered in the twentieth century, compromising its architectural integrity. No significant events or people are known to have been associated with this house. It does not appear to satisfy the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-2876

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House, 3 Railroad Avenue

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3 Railroad Avenue

not for publication

city, town Baltimore

vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category

- district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

- public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

- in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status

- occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

- agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

- museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary Catherine Jenkins

street & number 3 Railroad Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

State and zip code MD 21209-2212

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maryland Department of Real Estate and Taxation

liber 13807

street & number accessed online at <<http://www.DAT.state.md.us>>

folio 317

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track, North Half, Central Light Rail, Baltimore & Baltimore Co., MD

date 1999

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

federal state county local

city, town Crownsville

state MD

7. Description

Survey No. BA-2876

Condition

- excellent
 good
 fair

- deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
 altered

Check one

- original site
 moved date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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General Description

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-	Check and justify below	
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1999	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	

Specific dates: ca. 1890s

Builder/Architect: unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Statement of Significance

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History

The Bare Hills area was named for the barren landscape formed from the outcroppings of iron and chromite laced serpentine beds. Quarrying was a major economic activity in this area, and the Bare Hills chrome mines of Isaac and Jesse Tyson fueled the first chrome processing facility in the United States, the Baltimore Chrome Works. Iron was smelted in local forges, and serpentine was used in local architecture. The Falls Road Turnpike traversed the Bare Hills and provided a means of transport for quarried stone and ore; products from county mills (like those in Rockland, just north on the Falls Turnpike); and travelers. The Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad out of Baltimore served the Bare Hills since the 1830s, at which time the line's terminus was at Relay House, northeast of Bare Hills. The advent of the railroad enabled more efficient shipment of the county's and area's products to processing facilities, market, and port. Traffic continued on the Falls Road even after its decommissioning as a turnpike in the early twentieth century. In 1931, the railroad grade crossing of Falls Road was eliminated, and an overhead bridge was installed, bypassing the houses on the old Falls Road alignment and Railroad Avenue, and leaving them below the new road. The bridge was replaced in 1991. Today, Falls Road remains one of the main roads, second to I-83, leading from Baltimore to central Baltimore County. Modern office parks encroach on the historic houses of the old Falls Road and Railroad Avenue in Bare Hills.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: INTEGRITY & ASSOCIATION
Lacks direct documented association with themes important to Bare Hills area.

Debra Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 11/1/00
Bluntze Reviewer, NR Program Date 11/3/00

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Hopkins, G.M. 1877. *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*. Philadelphia. Copy on File, Baltimore County Historical Society, Cockeysville, MD.
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- Williams, Robert L. n.d. Personal notes and compiled information on the history of the NCR. Original documents, maps, drawings.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 9,000 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name Cockeysville 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

zone easting northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries correspond to the legal parcel associated with the building. Map 79, Grid 3, Parcel 79

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

**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 Period (prehistoric; historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

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

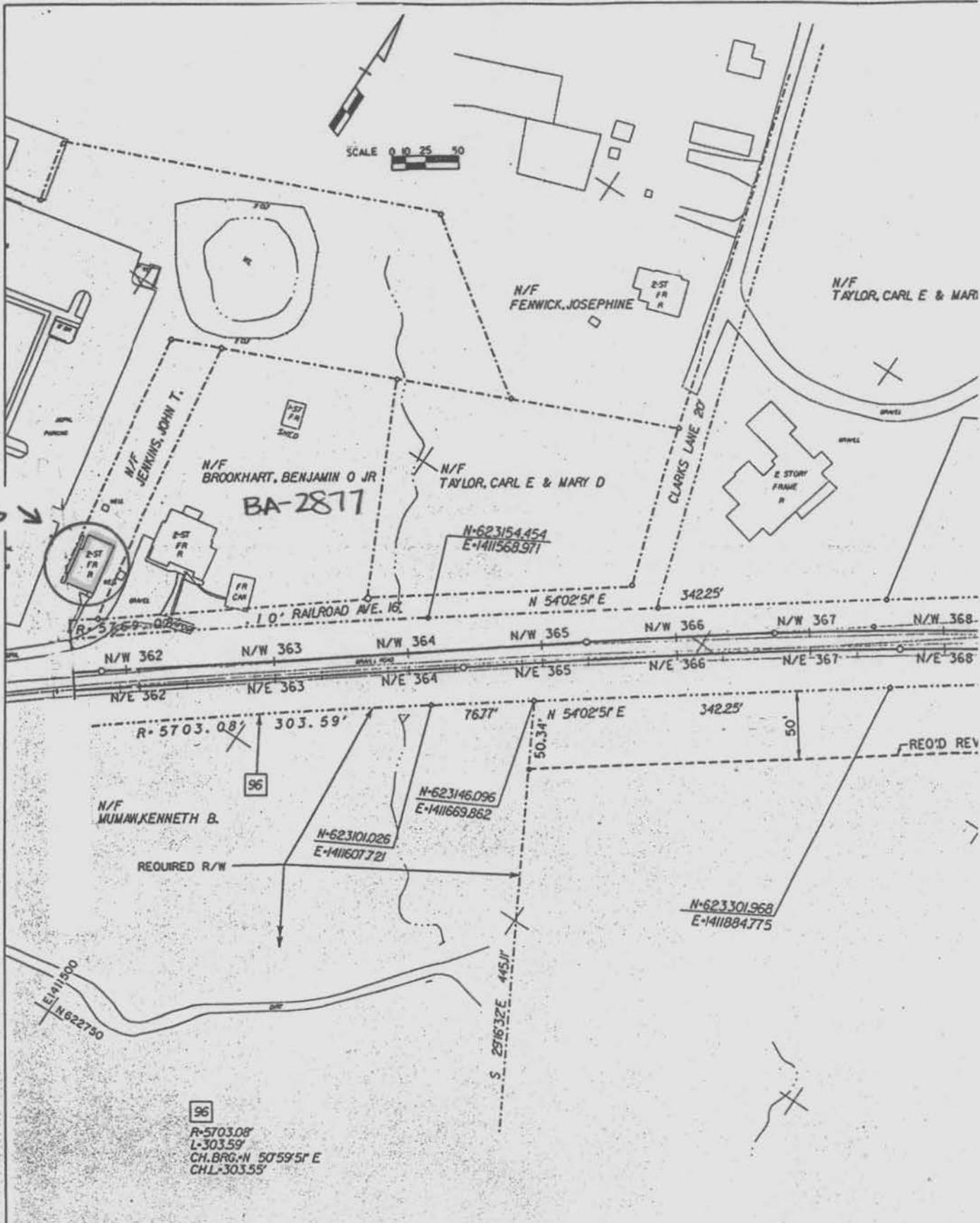
IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Known Design Source: none



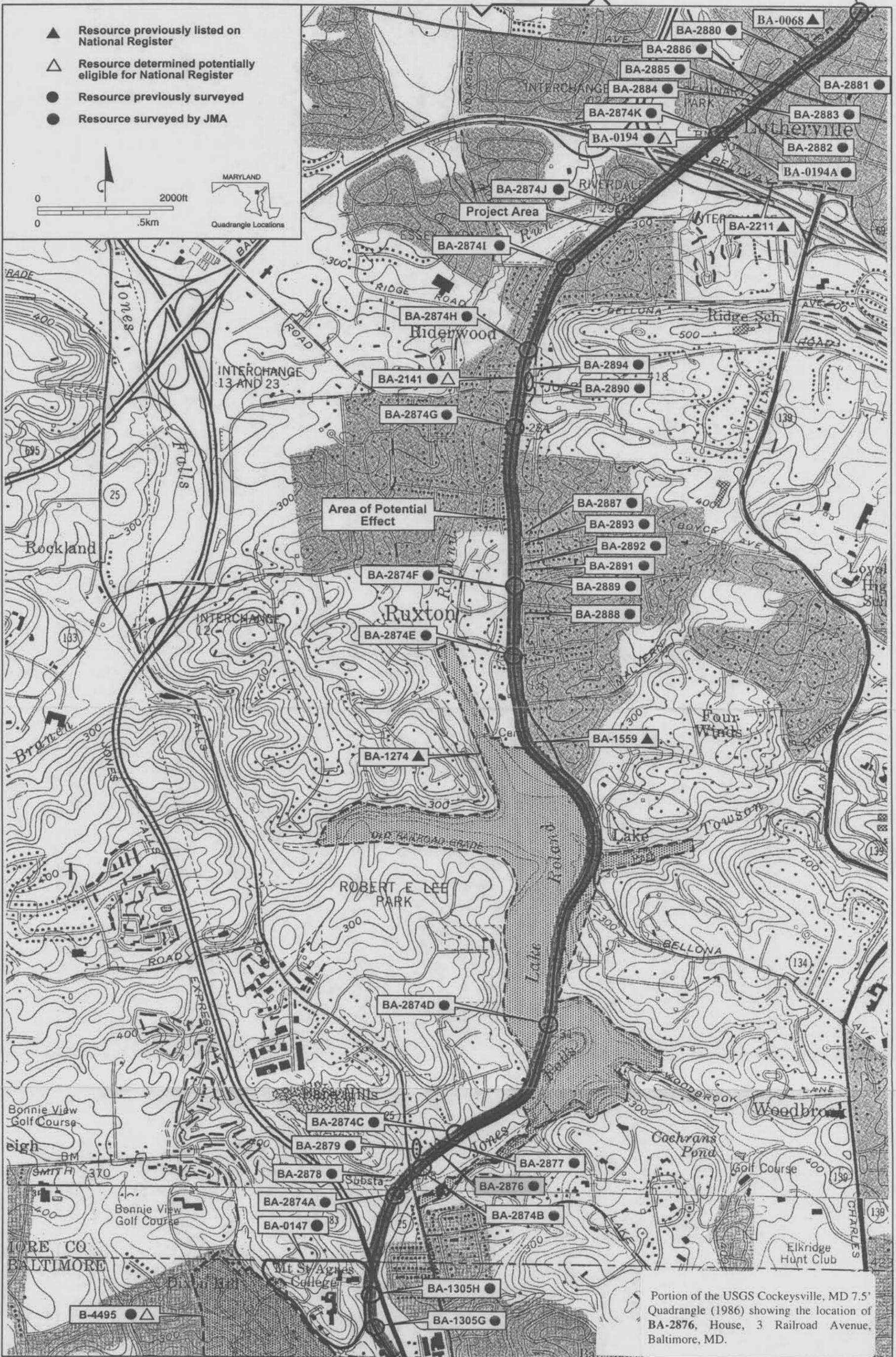
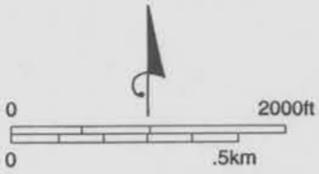
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REQ'D REV

- ▲ Resource previously listed on National Register
- △ Resource determined potentially eligible for National Register
- Resource previously surveyed
- Resource surveyed by JMA



Portion of the USGS Cockeysville, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1986) showing the location of BA-2876, House, 3 Railroad Avenue, Baltimore, MD.

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FACADE (E) ELEVATION, 3/4 VIEW. VIEW TO NW.



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REAR (N) ELEVATION. VIEW TO SOUTH.