

Name/Address: House, 4 Railroad Avenue
Construction Date: ca. 1865
Town/Vicinity: Bare Hills
County: Baltimore County
Access: Private

Summary Description:

The ca. 1865 frame house at 4 Railroad Avenue is one of a small grouping of historic houses that survive along the railroad tracks in the Bare Hills area. It was historically located near two primary transportation corridors: the Falls Road Turnpike and the Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad, later known as the Northern Central Railway and the Pennsylvania Railroad. Number 4 Railroad Avenue is a two-and-one-half story, three-bay-wide, side-gable, frame house on solid rubblestone foundation. A central gable intersects the front plane of the roof and features a lancet window. Major alterations have obscured the early four-room plan of this house which, according to the owners, dates to ca. 1865. The house has been sided in asbestos shingles and has a series of additions to the front, sides and rear. Windows are 3/1 wood sashes and 1/1 metal sashes in the facade, and 6/6 hung wood sashes in other elevation. The foundation has been stuccoed with cement. A shed-roofed frame shed is located northeast of the house. A picnic shelter with a gable roof is located east of the house.

Statement of Significance:

This house dates to ca. 1865, at which time Bare Hills was enjoying the benefits of a successful quarrying economy. The house has been drastically altered in the twentieth century, destroying the architectural integrity of this mid-nineteenth century house. 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-2877

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House, 4 Railroad Avenue

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4 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not for publication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 Benjamin and Rebecca Brookhart

street & number 4 Railroad Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

State and zip code MD 21209-2213

5. Location of Legal Description

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

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

folio 546

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

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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

Number 4 Railroad Avenue, Bare Hills, is a two-and-one-half story, three-bay-wide, side-gable, frame house on solid rubblestone foundation. A central gable intersects the front plane of the roof and features a lancet window. Major alterations have obscured the early four-room plan of this house which, according to the owners, dates to ca. 1865. The house has been sided in asbestos shingles and has a series of additions to the front, sides and rear. Windows are 3/1 wood sashes and 1/1 metal sashes in the facade, and 6/6 hung wood sashes in other elevation. The foundation has been stuccoed with cement. A shed-roofed frame shed is located northeast of the house. A picnic shelter with a gable roof is located east of the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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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: 1 acre

Quadrangle name Cockeysville 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries correspond to the legal parcel associated with the building. Map 79, Grid 3, Parcel 44.

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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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

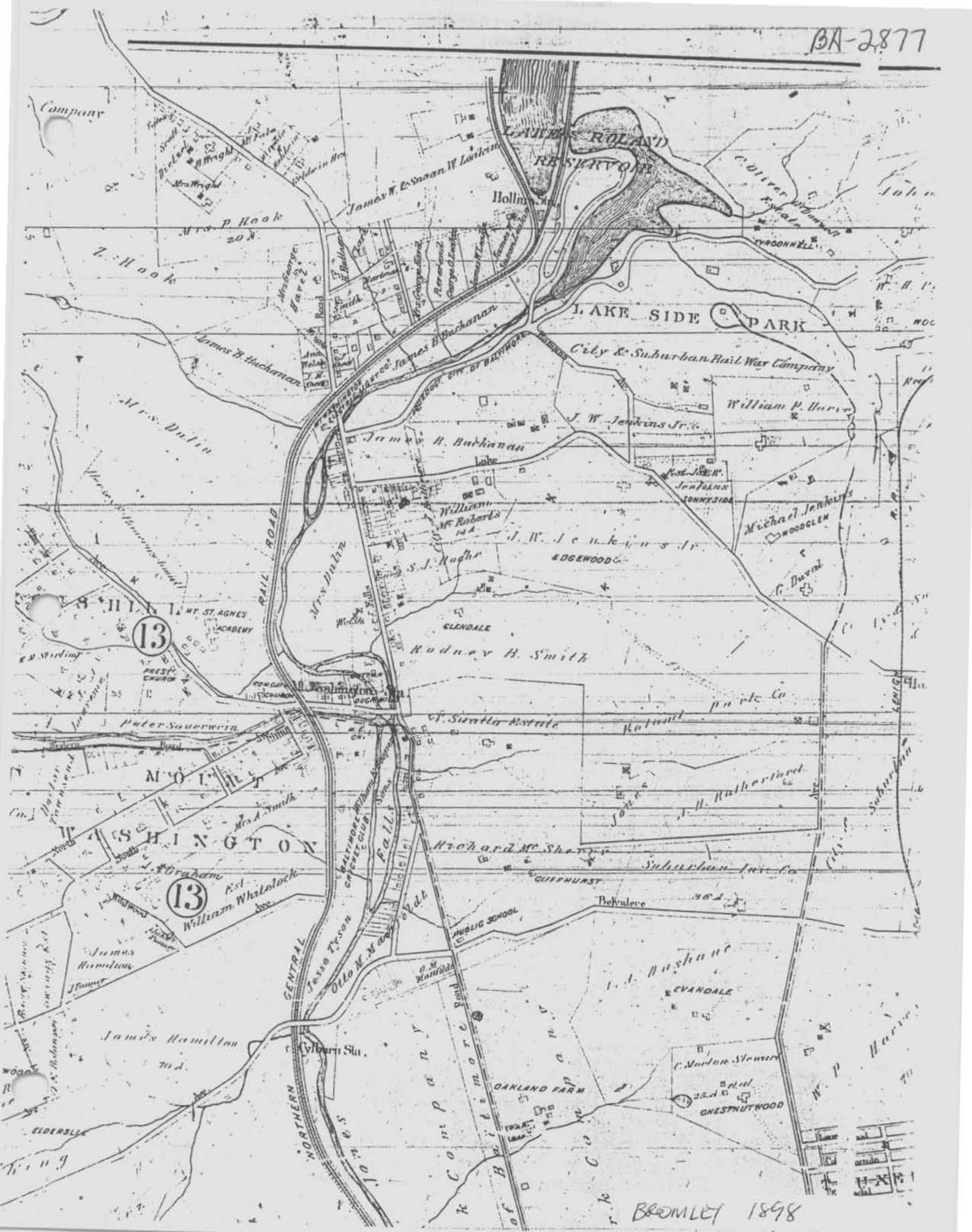
IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

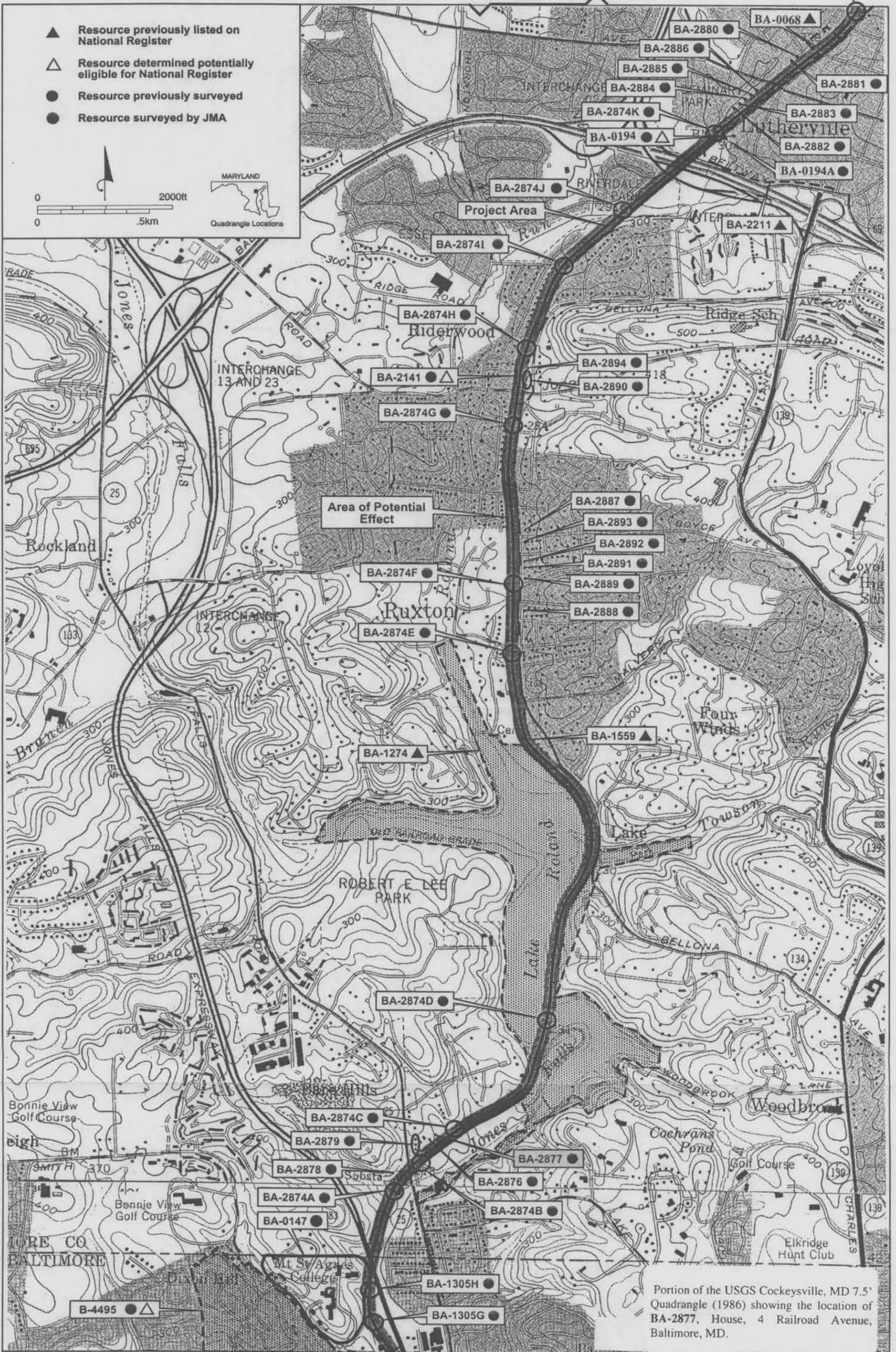
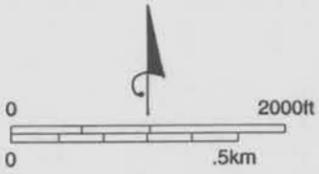
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Known Design Source: none



BROMLEY 1898

- ▲ 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-2877, House, 4 Railroad Avenue, Baltimore, MD.

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HOUSE, 4 RAILROAD AVE, BARE HILLS
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3/4 VIEW TO SW



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HOUSE, 4 RAILROAD AVE, BARE HILLS

BALTIMORE CO., MD

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SHED NE OF MAIN HOUSE . VIEW TO NORTH



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HOUSE, 4 RAILROAD AVE., DARE HILLS

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PICNIC SHELTER EAST OF HOUSE VIEW TO SOUTH