

Capsule Summary

Survey No.: BA-2892

Name/Address: House, 7809 Bellona Avenue
Construction Date: ca. 1900-1925
Town/Vicinity: Ruxton
County: Baltimore County
Access: Private

Summary Description:

The house at 7809 Bellona Avenue is one of the larger-scale houses in the Ruxton area, though it is based on the popular bungalow form. It is a one-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed, Tudor Revival-influenced bungalow with 6/1 hung wood sashes and quarreled casements. Large gable dormers are set into both the south and north planes of the roof. A hip-roofed porch wraps around the northwest corner of the house. The wood-shingle clad house is set on a rough limestone ashlar foundation with raised joints. The overhanging eave rests on decorative wood brackets. The house features two side chimneys; one engaged and one interior. There is a small frame garage northeast of house that rests on a on concrete foundation.

Statement of Significance:

This house appears to date to the first quarter of the twentieth century, the time at which Ruxton Heights was established and developing as a Baltimore suburb. The architecture of Ruxton Heights, the area east of Bellona Avenue and bracketed by the former Ruxton and Riderwood stations, reflects its period of development. It is a cohesive and homogenous community developed between 1883 - 1950s. This house is not associated with people or events significant in local, state, or national history, and it is a well-preserved but typical example of an architectural type or period, therefore it does not appear individually eligible for listing in the National Register. Though this house does not appear individually eligible for listing in the National Register, the Ruxton Heights area should be more thoroughly surveyed to determine its potential as a National Register Historic District.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-2892

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House, 7809 Bellona Avenue

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7809 Bellona Avenue

not for publication

city, town Ruxton (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 Marshall and Colby Hawks

street & number 7809 Bellona Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

State and zip code MD 21204-3632

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber 6353

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

folio 486

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.

Summary

The house at 7809 Bellona Avenue is one of a handful of early- and mid-twentieth-century houses in the Ruxton community. Tax records place its date of initial construction as 1900, but the house could date anywhere from 1900 to the 1920s. Passenger train service, which served the area between 1883 and 1959, enabled the area's development into one of Baltimore's northern suburbs.

General Description

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8. Significance (Continuation)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D

Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Bromley, G.W. & Company
1898 *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia. Copy on File, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, MD.
- 1915 *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*. G.W. Bromley & Co., Philadelphia. Copy on File, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, MD.
- Gunnarsson, Robert L.
1991 *The Story of the Northern Central Railway*. Greenberg Publishing Company, Sykesville, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 19,200 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 69, Grid 10, Parcel 829, Lot 107.

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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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

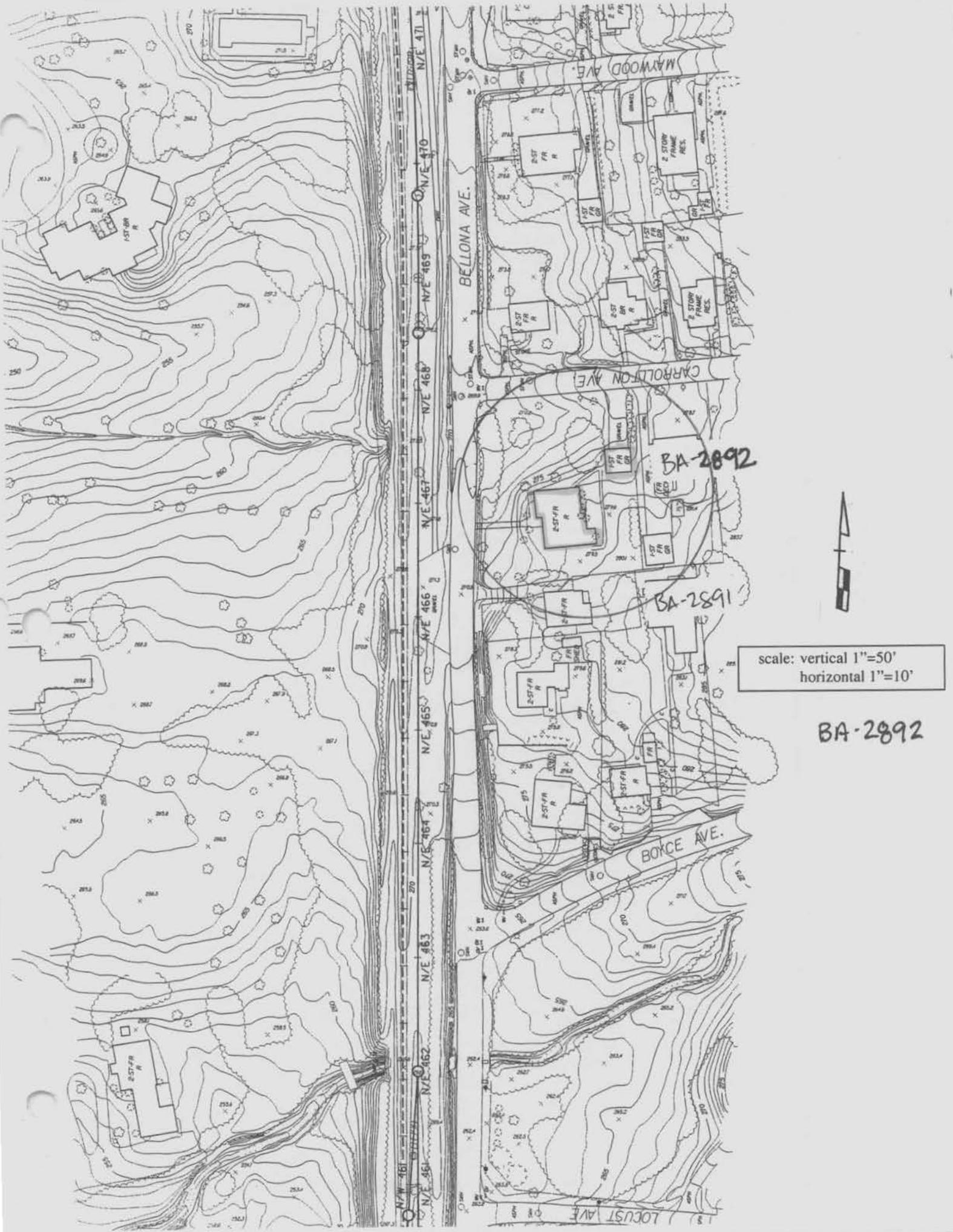
IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

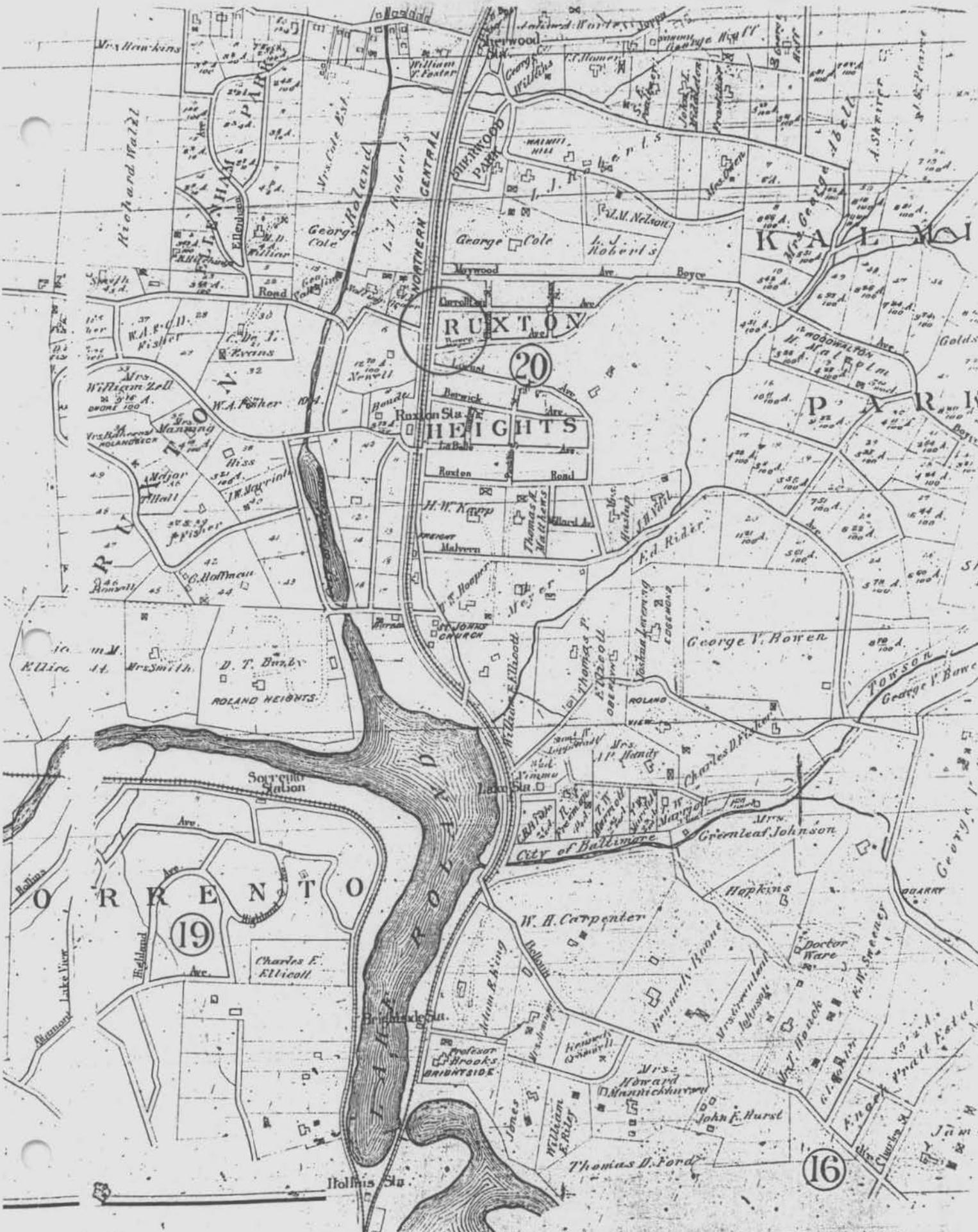
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC: single dwelling

Known Design Source: none



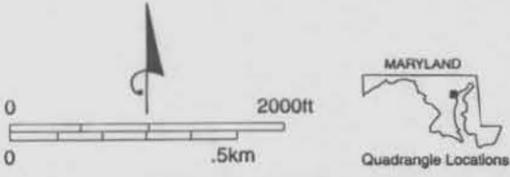
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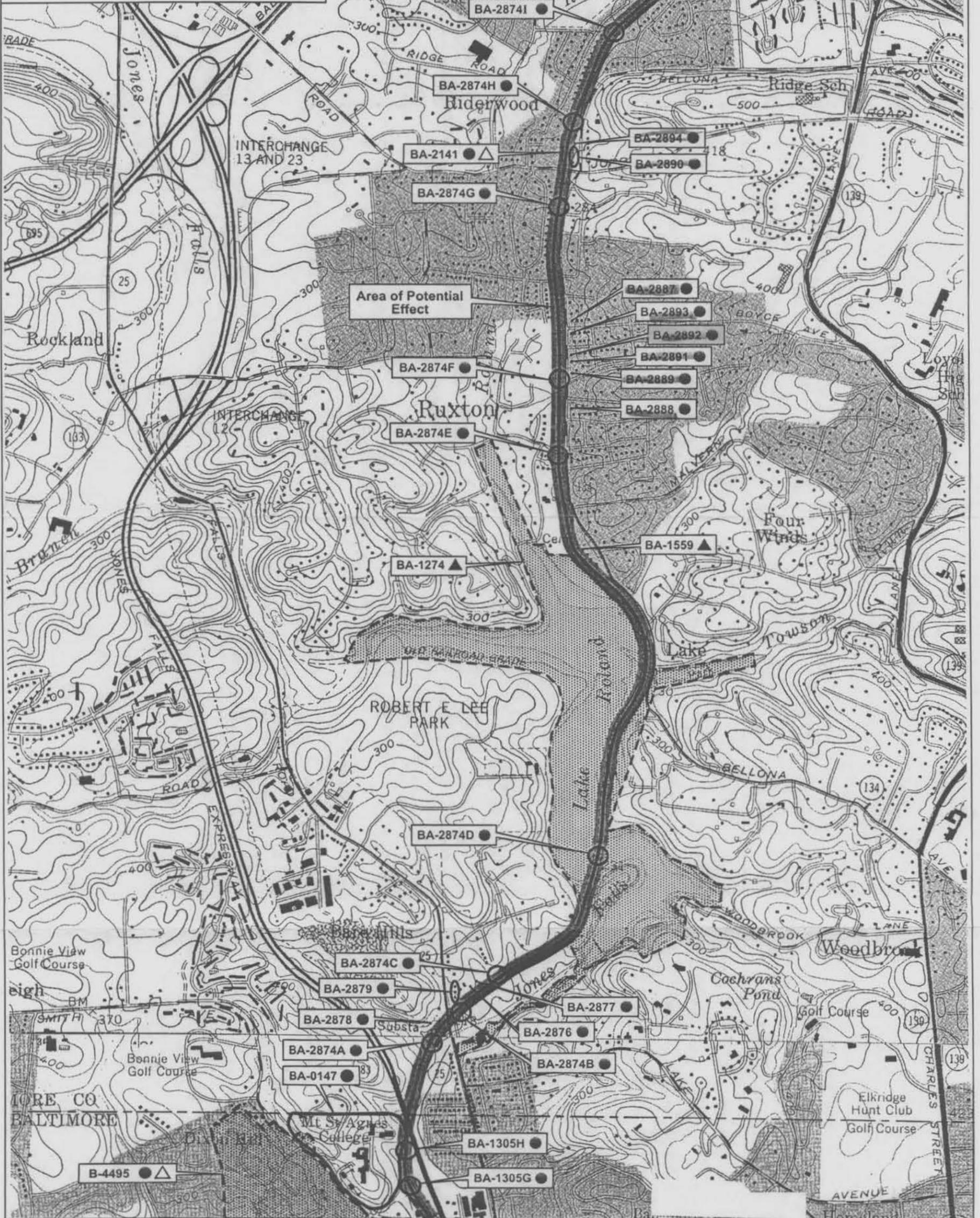


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- ▲ Resource previously listed on National Register
- △ Resource determined potentially eligible for National Register
- Resource previously surveyed
- Resource surveyed by JMA



Portion of the USGS Cockeysville, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1986) showing the location of BA-2892, House, 7809 Bellona Ave., Baltimore, MD.



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HOUSE, 7809 Bellona Avenue

Baltimore County, MD

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FACADE (W) and S ELEVATIONS, VIEW TO THE NORTH EAST



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3/4 view of N and facade (w) elevations. View to SE.



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3/4 view of s and e elevations. view to NW



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Garage located NE of main house. view to E/SE

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