

Name/Address: House, 8008 Bellona Avenue
Construction Date: ca. 1900
Town/Vicinity: Ruxton/Riderwood
County: Baltimore County
Access: Private

Summary Description:

The house at 8008 Bellona Avenue, is a two-story, three-bay-wide, single-pile, frame single-family dwelling on a solid rubblestone foundation with a two-story gable ell to the rear of the main block. It has an asphalt shingled roof and interior brick chimney. Windows are hung 6/6 wood sashes. The house is sided in wood shingles. The entrance was probably originally located on the east elevation, but has been reconfigured to the south gable end. A low-pitched, gable-roofed, one-story frame addition extends south from the south gable end of the house. The addition has a large brick exterior end chimney. To the west of the house is a frame shed within the fenced yard. This house appears to date to ca. 1900; however, it has been remodeled in the mid- to late-twentieth century. The remodeling has altered the historic character of the house.

Statement of Significance:

The house at 8008 Bellona Avenue is a typical turn-of-the-century vernacular dwelling that has been remodeled in the mid- and late-twentieth century. The altered house is not architecturally distinctive, nor does it retain architectural integrity as a representative of its period of initial construction. It is not known to have been associated with people or events significant to local, state, or national history. The house does not appear to meet the criteria requirements 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-2894

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House, 8008 Bellona Avenue

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8008 Bellona Avenue

not for publication

city, town Riderwood (Towson)

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 Carol Minetree

street & number 8008 Bellona Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

State and zip code MD 21204-1901

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber 10851

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.

Summary

The house at 8008 Bellona Avenue is one of a handful of turn-of-the-century domestic buildings associated with the Sherwood, later Riderwood, community. It is a two-story frame vernacular dwelling with mid- to late-twentieth-century alterations. The Northern Central Railway (NCR) served the community during the second half of the nineteenth century. The Sherwood station was located south of Joppa Road, but since 1903, the Riderwood Station is located directly across the tracks from this house. The railroad enabled the suburban development of this area that was formerly agricultural in character. The houses along Bellona Avenue in Riderwood and farther south in Ruxton are typical examples of turn-of-the-century and early twentieth-century suburban architecture and development patterns.

General Description

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property: 18,656 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 4, Parcel 69.

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

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

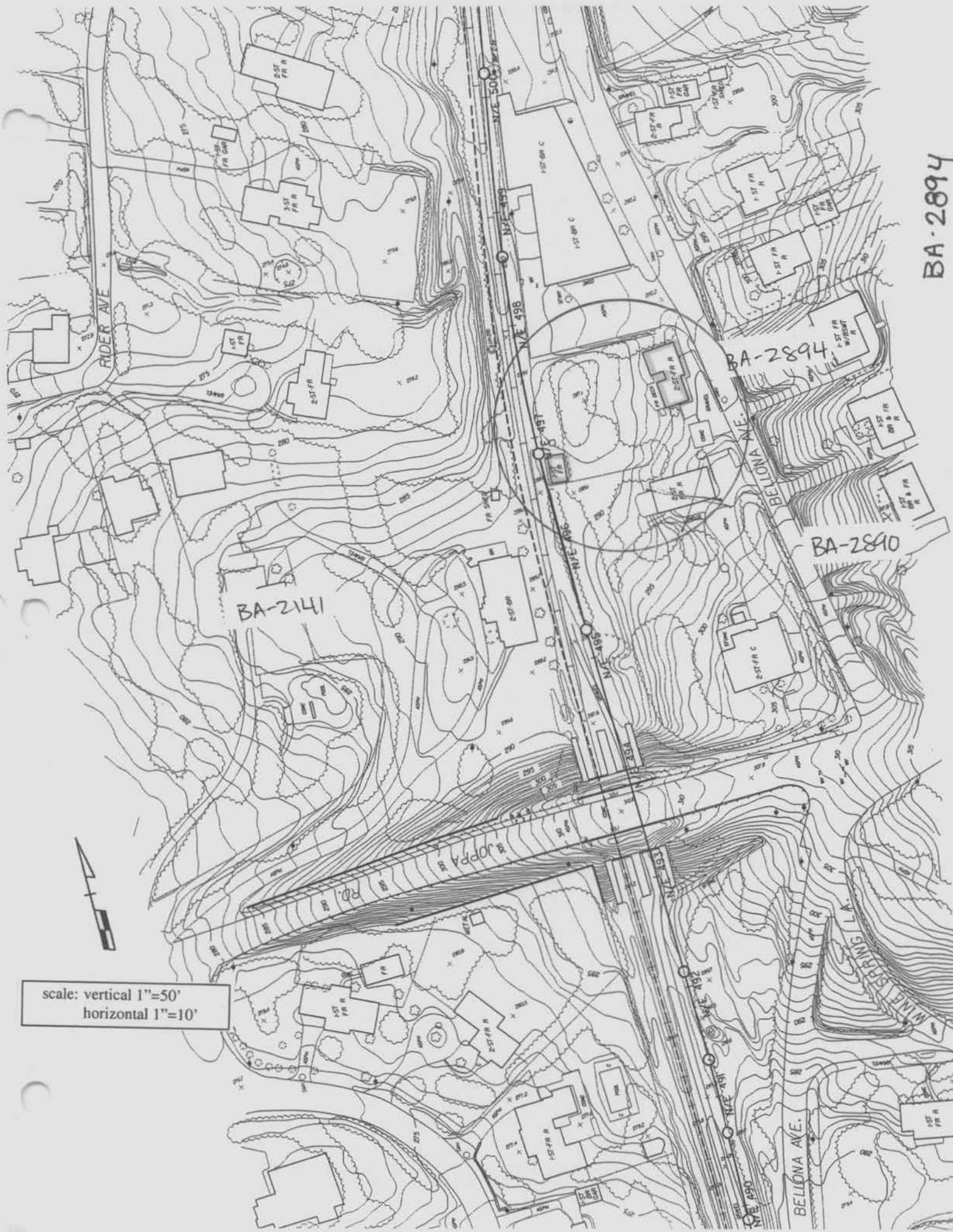
IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

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

Known Design Source: none



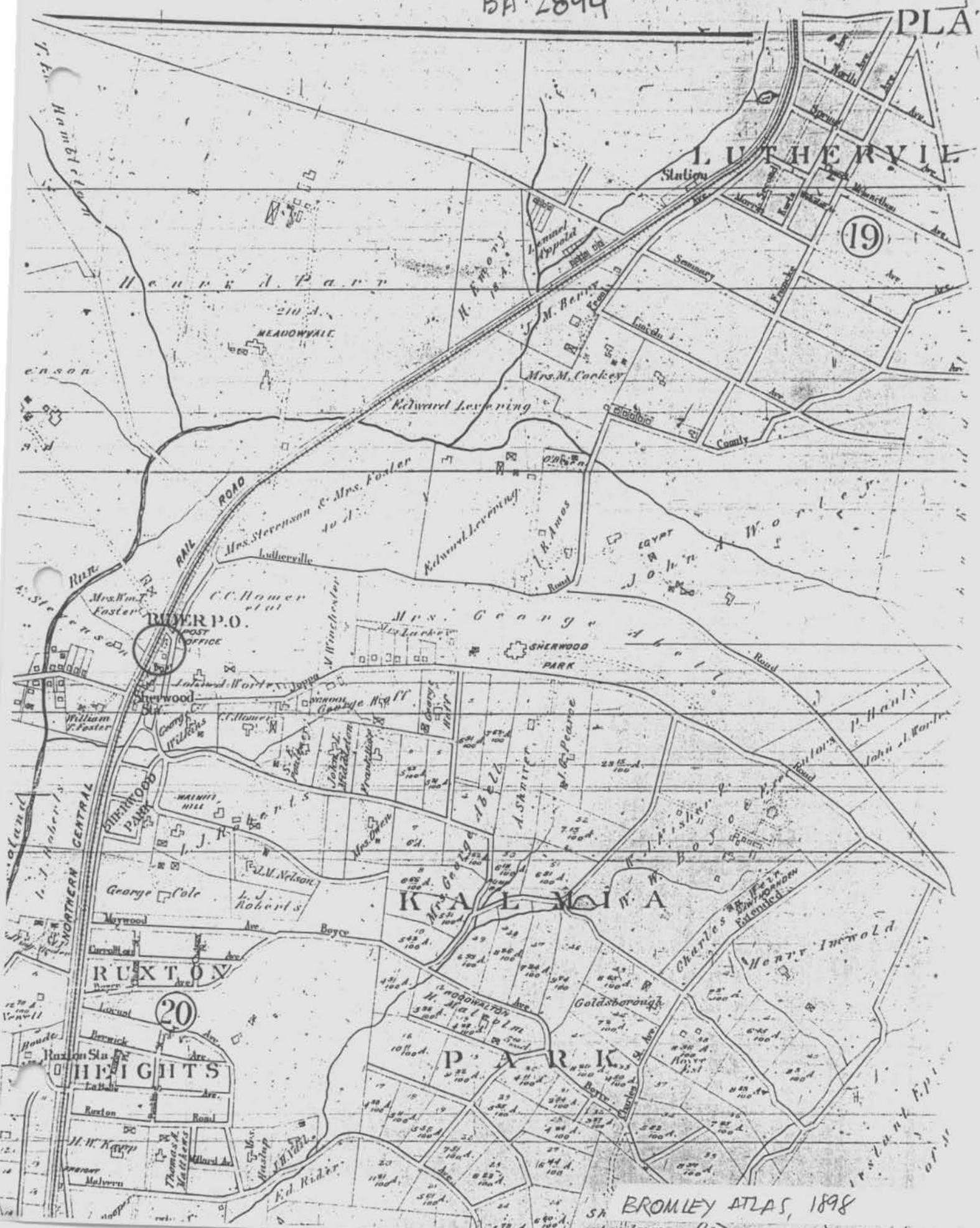
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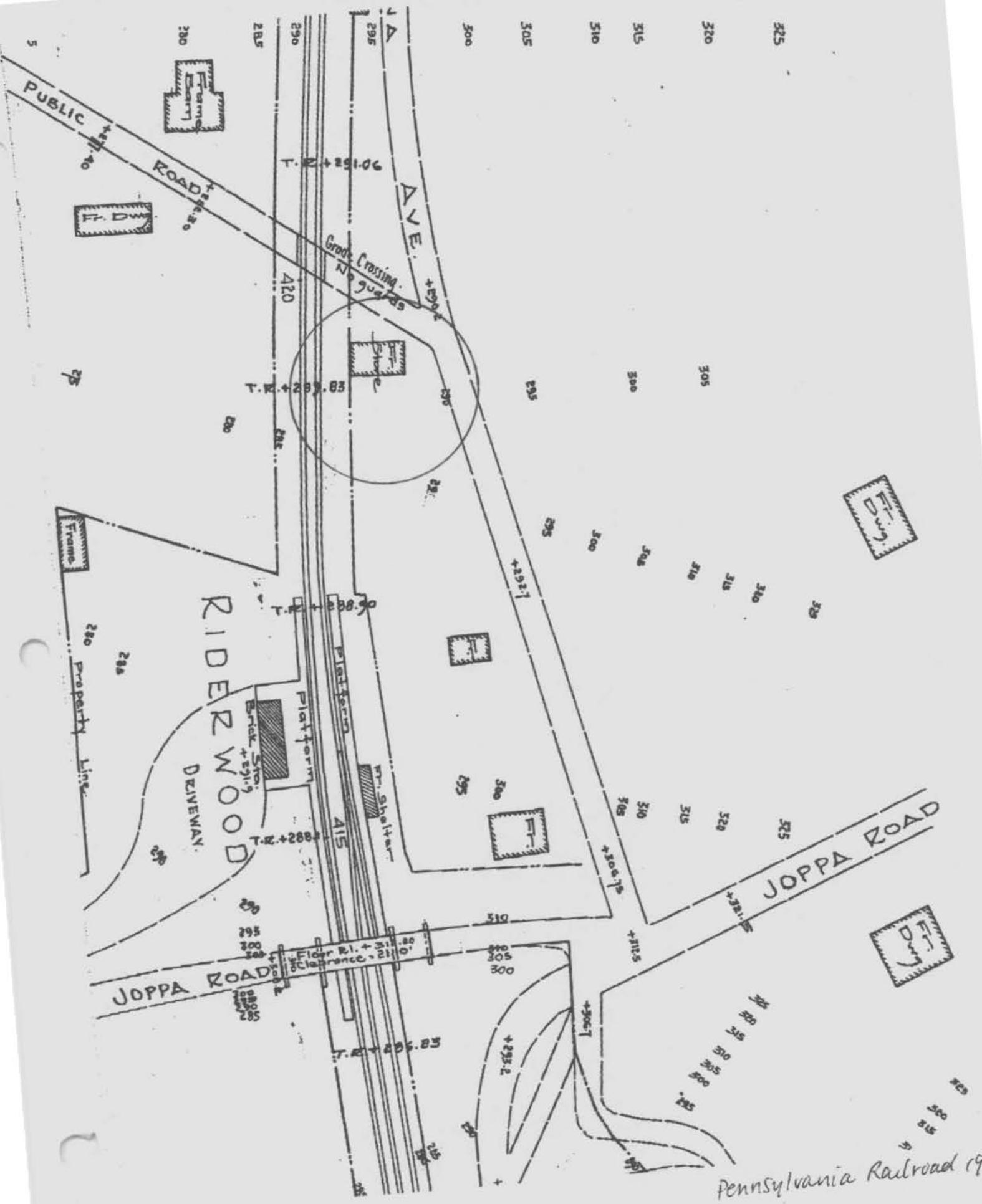
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House, 8008 Bellona Ave
Baltimore Co, MD

K. Culhane

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MD SHPO

3/4 view of facade (E) elevation view to southwest.



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3/4 view . Looking northwest



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K. CULWAVE

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MD SHRO

REAR (W) ELEVATION, OVER FENCE + THROUGH TREES.
VIEW TO EAST FROM RR TRACKS



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House, 8008 Bellona Ave.

Baltimore Co., MD

K. CULIANE

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MD SITPO

SMALL FRAME OUTBUILDING SW OF MAIN HOUSE.

VIEW TO SE