

Easement

CARR-570

1918

WESTMINSTER ARMORY
Westminster
Public (Restricted)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Westminster Armory

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Longwell Street

CITY, TOWN Westminster

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th
VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Carroll

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Maryland, Military Department

Contact: Col. Raymond Clift

STREET & NUMBER 231 W. Hoffman Street

Telephone #: 728-3388 x244

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

STATE, zip code Maryland 21204
VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Courthouse

Liber #: 130

Folio #: 404

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Westminster

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Westminster Armory is a two-story structure with full basement located in the heart of downtown Westminster, one block north of Main Street, the town's principal thoroughfare. The building is surrounded by others of mixed commercial, residential and public uses.

The Armory is constructed of rough grey Port Deposit rubble granite. The front facade faces Longwell Street and is oriented to the north. The front is symmetrical and composed of two, two-story tall, three bay wide sections with three-story tall towers which flank a two-story center section which serves as the entrance to the building. Each side section contains three windows at first and second floor levels, original 6/6 sash with stone sills and lintels. The innermost bays flanking the center doorway are indented slightly from the front wall plane. A stone water table delineates the basement level and a band of stone molding crosses the side sections above the second floor windows. The side sections are topped with five crenelles capped with stone, two of equal width over the innermost indented bays and one wide crenelle decorated with three vertical slots flanked by two narrower crenelles over the two outermost bays.

The central bay is flanked by two three-story square towers containing one window per two full sides at basement level and at first and second floors, all corresponding in style and trim to those of the side sections. The stone water table continues across the bases of the towers and the central entrance bay. At third floor level are decorated vertical slots with stone sills and lintels. Tower tops are decorated with an arch motif frieze, surmounted by a heavy parapet composed of two stone capped crenelles on each side of the tower. The spaces between the tower crenelles have been filled with plywood.

At center front, two cement steps flanked by iron railing on the lower half and a short stone wall on the upper half lead to a porch formed by the central entrance block which projects substantially from the towers. Wide double doors are inset two feet behind a stone segmental arch. Surmounting the arch are a set of three narrow 6/6 sash windows with stone sills, lintels and side trim. The side walls of the projecting center section are rounded and suggest towers. These quarter-round side sections of the entrance bay contain rectangular openings corresponding to first floor windows of the towers, allowing air and light into the porch. The windows at second floor level in these side sections correspond to those of the second floor level windows on the rest of the facade.

The arch motif frieze of the tower tops also graces the top of the central entrance bay. The center is crowned with five crenelles, capped with stone. The center crenelle is wider than those which flank it. Affixed to it is a large stone panel inscribed with the seal of the State of Maryland.

The south (Winters Alley) side of the front block has three windows each at basement, first and second floor levels. At basement level, windows are segmentally arched; all others have stone lintels. All windows have 6/6 sash with stone sills. The band of stone molding continues from the front facade around the sides of the central block. The side roofline is finished with a pediment-

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1918

BUILDER/ARCHITECT J. Ben Brown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Westminster Armory, completed in 1918, was the design of J. Ben Brown, a Cambridge, Maryland architect. The Armory was built for Company H, First Maryland Infantry, composed entirely of Carroll County men. The unit, organized in 1899 as the Carroll County Military Company, received recognition as part of the Maryland National Guard in 1901. The unit served a ten day camp during the Baltimore fire of 1904, and saw action at the Mexican border in 1916. In 1918 the Company went to France as the 112th Machine Gun Battalion of the 29th Division. As part of the 29th, the Company shares in the military honors awarded that group at the close of World War II, most notably the distinguished unit citation and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

The Westminster Armory was the scene of gala victory festivities for soldiers returning from World War I, sponsored by the Carroll County Chapter of the Red Cross in July, 1919.

Various community events have taken place at the Armory over the years, including the annual Kiwanis Club antiques show, performances of the Municipal Band and annual community Christmas celebrations.

The new Armory at 300 Hahn Road, Westminster, is nearing completion, and the Maryland National Guard unit plans to vacate the Longwell Street site late in 1980. The future of the old Armory is in doubt. The Young Men's Christian Association which currently uses the gymnasium on a daily basis has expressed an interest in leasing the building, but no firm commitments have yet been made.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Re-use of the Armory building for community meeting space or recreational purposes.

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shaped parapet with stone trim.

The rear one-story over basement drill hall has a tiled, shallow barrel vault roof. The hall is six bays long, separated by buttresses with stone-trimmed setbacks corresponding to the water table and two points centered on the drill hall windows, and capped with stone directly under the roofline. Each bay contains two sets of windows at first and basement levels, all 6/6 sash with stone sills. The north and south sides of the building are identical except for the addition of a basement level entry in the first bay of the north side of the drill hall.

The rear facade contains a two-story tall storage building with garage doors at street level, four windows on the first floor level, and two windows on the second floor level, all 6/6 sash with stone sills and lintels. A fenced motor compound and another one-story garage addition occupy the remainder of the rear lot.

Item 10: Verbal Boundary Description

Beginning for the outlines to include the same at a stone heretofore planted at the intersection of the north-east margin of Winter's Alley with the south-east margin of Longwell Street, it being a stone heretofore planted at the end of the third line of Lot No. 84 of Longwell's Addition to Westminster...and running thence with and bounding on the south-east margin of said Longwell Street on the fourth line of said Lot No. 84 as now surveyed to include the second line of a lot described in a deed from Marshall E. Campbell and wife to John D. Whitmore, dated June 15th, 1914, also to include the fourth line in a deed from said Marshall E. Campbell and wife to Paul Q. Whitmore dated May 16th, 1914, and also to include the fourth line in a deed from the said Marshall E. Campbell to Frank B. Dillard, dated May 16th, 1914, hereby reducing the said three parcels of land to one survey, formerly laid out for Lots No. 6, 7, and 8, with variation allowed, North fifty-nine and one-quarter degrees, East, one hundred and fifty-five and five-sixth feet; thence running with and bounding on the first line of said Dillard Deed, variation allowed, South, twenty-six and three-quarter degrees east, one hundred and eighty-seven feet to the beginning of the second line of said deed; thence running with and bounding on said second line to include the same, together with the second and fourth lines of the said Paul Q. Whitmore and John D. Whitmore deeds, respectively, with variation allowed, south, fifty-six and one-quarter degrees west, one hundred and thirty-six feet to intersect the eastern edge or margin of Winter's Alley; thence running with and bounding on the eastern edge or margin of Winter's Alley and on the first line in the aforesaid John D. Whitmore deed, variation allowed, north, thirty-three degrees west, one hundred and ninety-two and one-half feet to the beginning, containing twenty-seven thousand five hundred and eighty-seven square feet of land, more or less...

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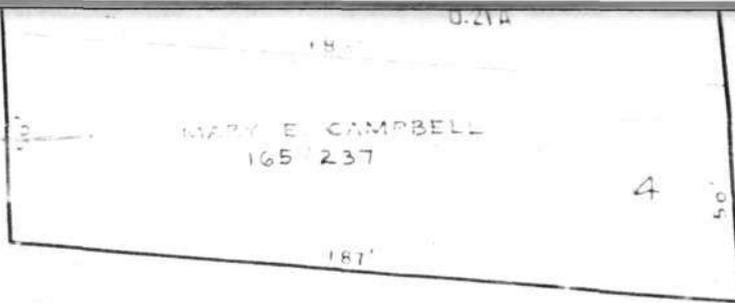
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Carroll County
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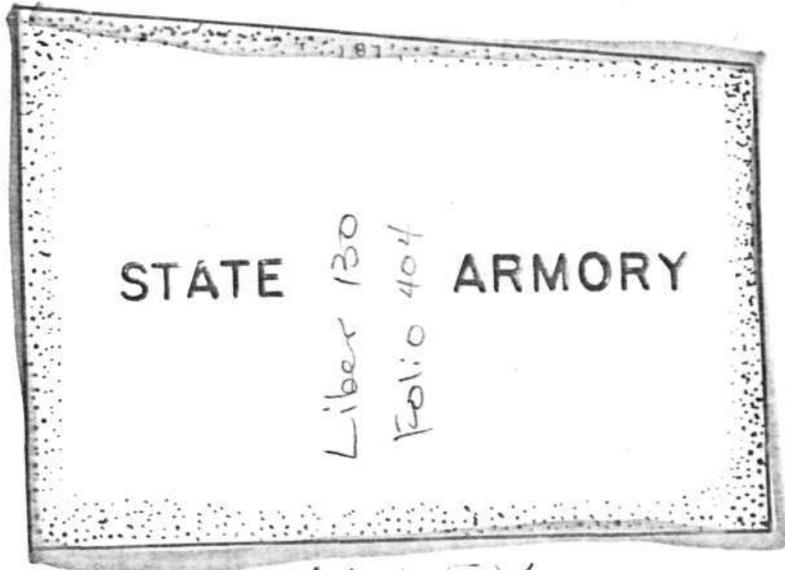
From Frank B. Dillard and John D. Whitmore, both unmarried,
and Paul Q. Whitmore and Leah Norah Whitmore, his wife, all
of Westminster, Carroll County, to the State of Maryland.

Consideration: \$2,000.

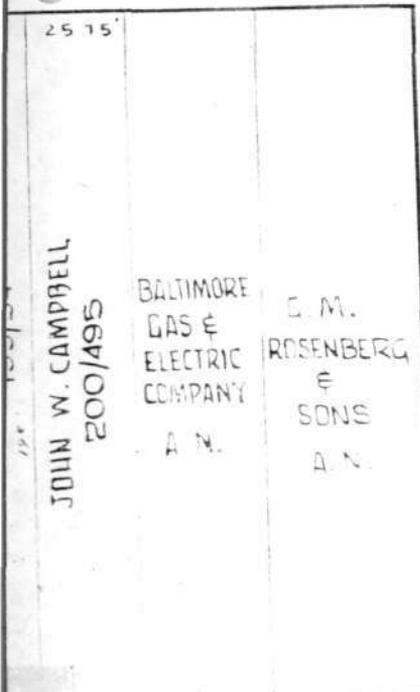
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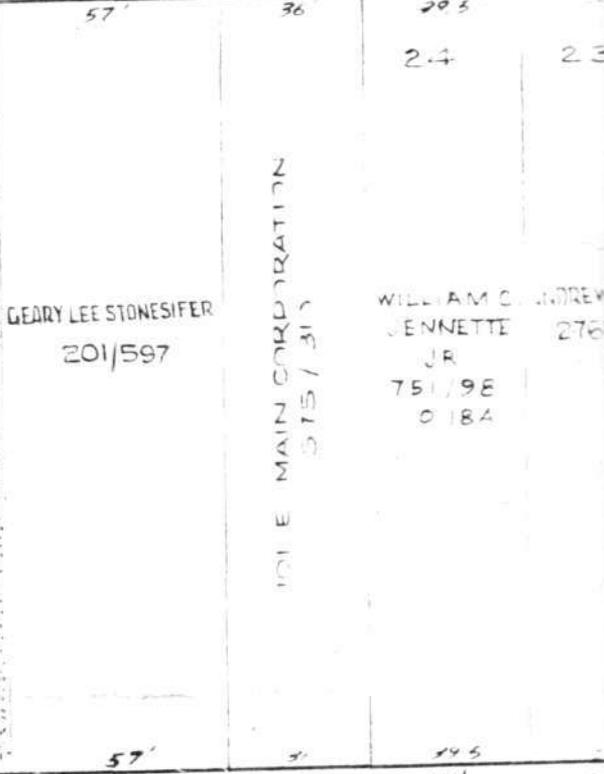
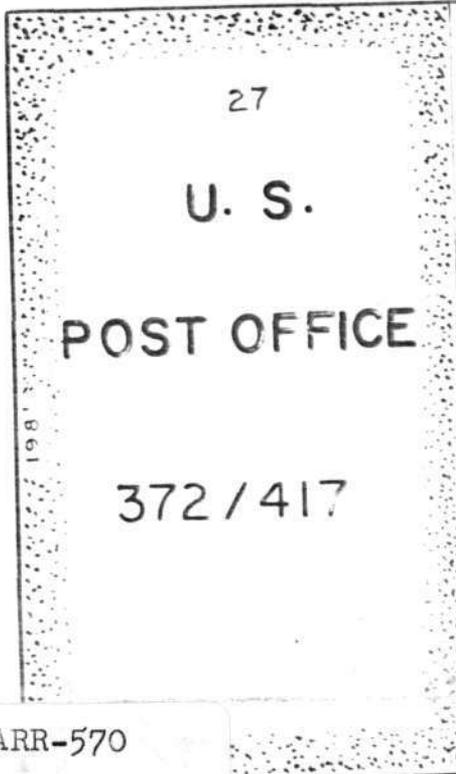
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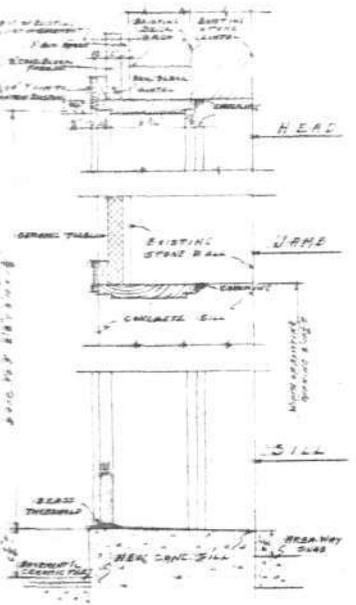
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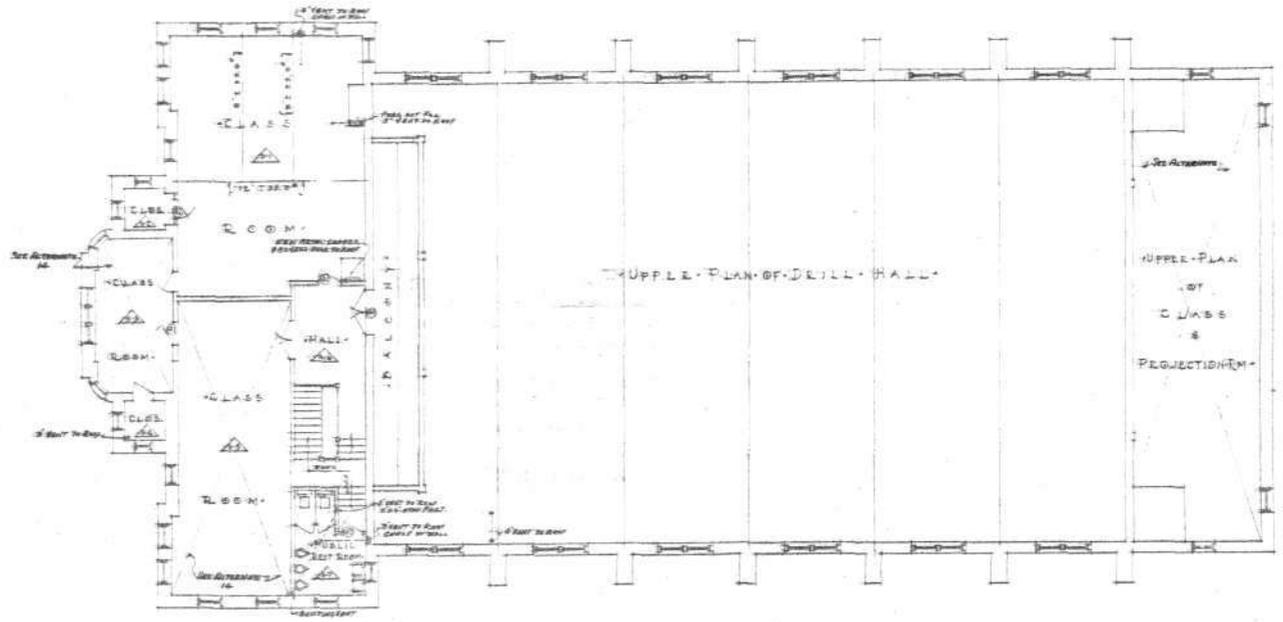
Westminster Armory
Md. Dept. of Assessments & Taxation
Westminster Map No. 13
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Revised 1 Aug 1979

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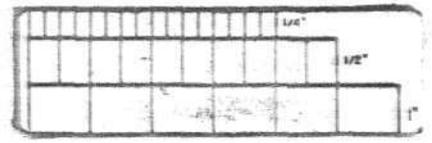


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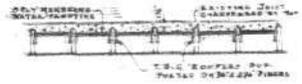
DETAILS OF EXTERIOR DOOR FRAME
TO TOILET & SHOWER ROOM IN BASEMENT



REVISIED SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE 1/4" = 1'-0"



REVISIED
SECOND
FLOOR
PLAN



SECTION THRU TOILET
ROOM FLOOR
SCALE 1/2" = 1'-0"

NOTE
LABEL CONSTRUCTION SAME FOR
ALL TOILET ROOMS WITH WOOD
FLOOR CONSTRUCTION.

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APPROVED
William S. Green
The Adjutant General of Md.

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
APPROVED *March 7, 1917*



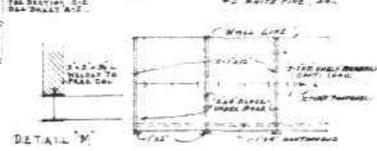
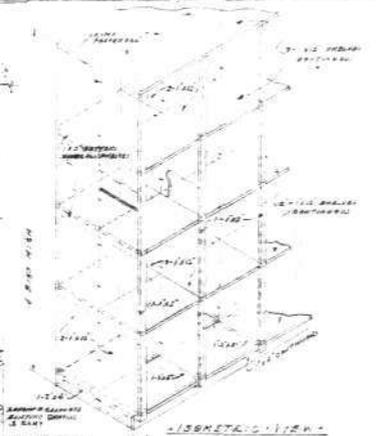
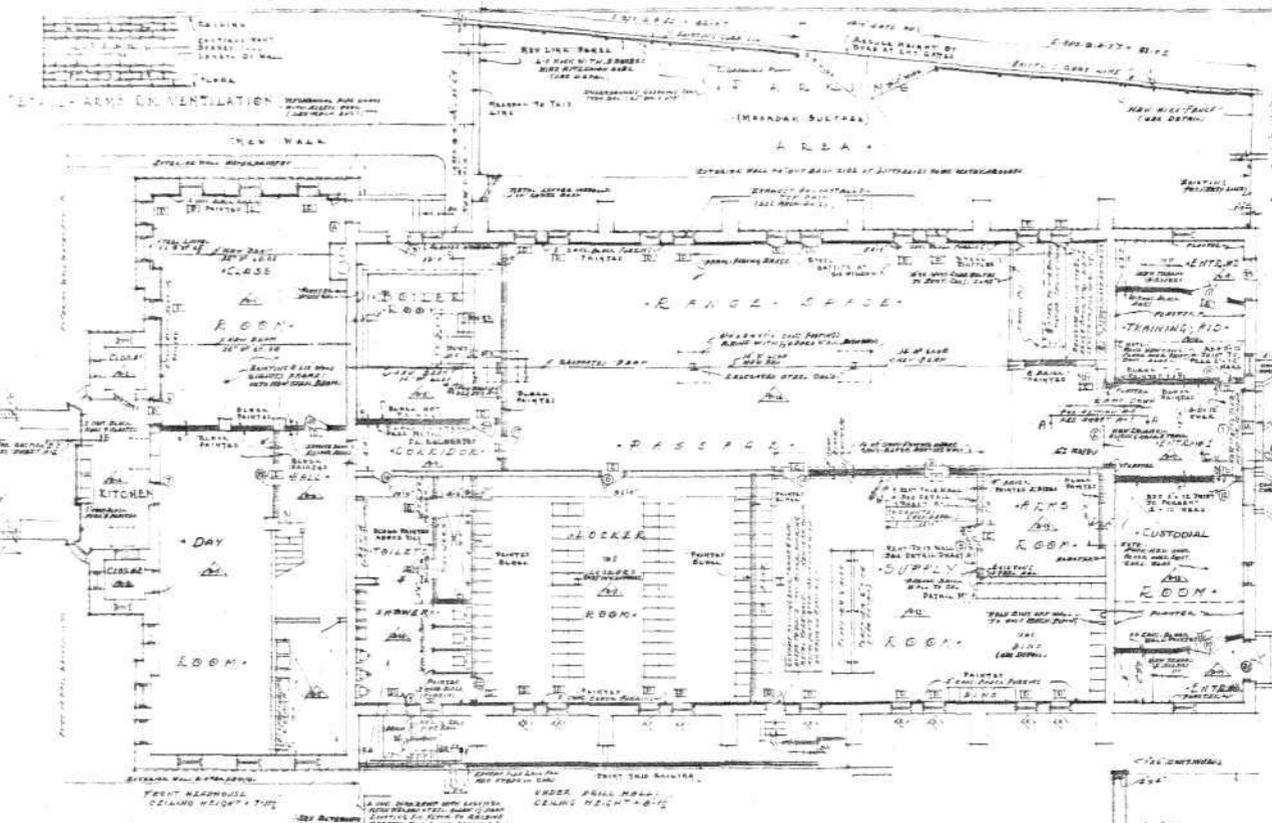
JAMES BOBEY & ASSOCIATES
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
16 PLEASANT ST. BALTIMORE 2, MD.



CHARLES F. DOWELS
ARCHITECT
231 E. PATRICK ST. FREDERICK, MD.

RENOVATION OF WESTMINSTER ARMORY
WESTMINSTER - MARYLAND
STATE OF MARYLAND - MILITARY DEPT.
GEN. MILTON A. BECKGED - THE ADJ. GENERAL

DWG. NO.
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DATE
1917



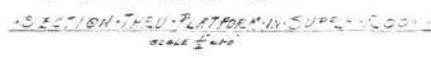
NOMINAL CLEAR DIMENSIONS OF BINS:
 HEIGHT 1'-6"
 WIDTH 1'-6" MIN. (VARIABLE)
 DEPTH 2'-0"

DETAILS OF BINS

NOTE:
 *NOTHING IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS SHALL BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT PARTS SHALL BE A PART OF OR PERFORM WITH, UNLESS IT IS SPECIFICALLY STATED TO BE SO. PARTS SHALL BE OF THE BEST MATERIALS AND THESE PARTS WILL BE ENERGIZED.

REVISION SCHEDULE

1	REVISED BASEMENT PLAN
2	REVISIONS TO MECHANICAL SYSTEMS
3	REVISIONS TO ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
4	REVISIONS TO STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS
5	REVISIONS TO FINISHES
6	REVISIONS TO SCHEDULE
7	REVISIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS
8	REVISIONS TO NOTES
9	REVISIONS TO DIMENSIONS
10	REVISIONS TO MATERIALS
11	REVISIONS TO METHODS
12	REVISIONS TO QUALITY CONTROL
13	REVISIONS TO SAFETY
14	REVISIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL
15	REVISIONS TO ACCESSIBILITY
16	REVISIONS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY
17	REVISIONS TO SUSTAINABILITY
18	REVISIONS TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION
19	REVISIONS TO ARCHITECTURAL QUALITY
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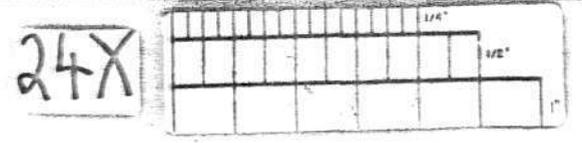
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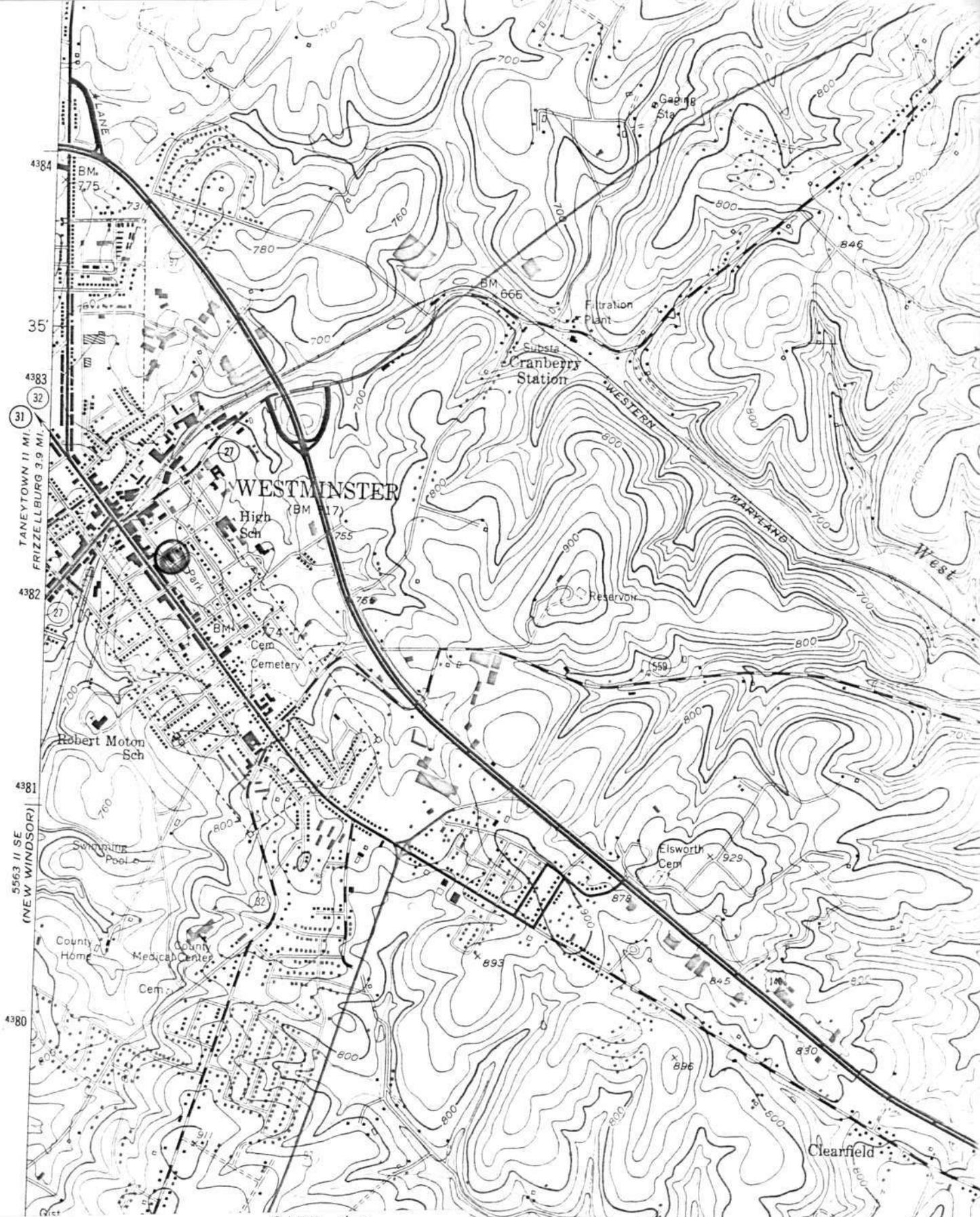
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Westminister Armory
USGS 7.5 minute map
Westminister Quadrangle
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Westminster Armory (Longwell Municipal Center)
11 Longwell Avenue, Westminster
Jennifer K. Cosham, 12 April 2006



West elevation



Southwest elevation



Westminster Armory
Carroll County, Maryland
photo: Susanne Moore
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West elevation
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Westminster Armory CARR-570

Carroll County, Maryland'

photo: Susanne Moore

July 1980

neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md

Southwest corner

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Westminster Armory
Carroll County, Maryland
photo: Susanne Moore
July 1980
neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md
Northeast corner
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CARR-570
Westminster Armory
Susanne Moore
SW Corner 2/3 July, 1980
neg @ MHTT



Westminster Armory CARR-570
Carroll County, Maryland
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July 1980
neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md
Southwest corner
2/3



Westminster Armory
Carroll County, Maryland

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photo: Susanne Moore

July 1980

neg loc: Md Hist Trust, Annapolis, Md

West elevation
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Westminster Armory
Carroll County, Maryland
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CAN 570
Longwell Ave.

Westminster Armory
Northwest Elevation

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in Area "J"



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Westminster Armory

Dance Hall

Looking toward entrance door

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