

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Beckley House Survey Number: F:3-147

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Beckley House, located approximately 3-1/2 miles north of Frederick on the west side of a by-passed section of US 15, between Harmony Grove and Hansonville, is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Beckley House, named after the owner who purchased the property in the 1950s, is a two-story, three-bay dwelling built in the first decades of this century. It is three bays wide with a central entry and a two-story rear ell. A central projecting gable and a two-story polygonal window bay give character to the otherwise boxlike massing of the house. The house is representative of the vernacular domestic building forms of the period and lacks the architectural integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C. Further, it is located on a commercial strip of US Route 15 and has lost its integrity of setting.

The property is not known to have associations with persons or events significant to our past and thus does not qualify for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Leader, SHA, MHT Form and DOE (1996).

Kimberly Prothro Williams  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

October 2, 1996  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Rita Suffness  
Reviewer, NR program

10/2/96  
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

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:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- 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. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Developmental Period (s):**  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):** Architecture

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s) and Use (s):**  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

**Maryland Historical Trust** MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form** HISTORIC PROPERTIES

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Beckley House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 7611A Willow Road N/A not for publication

city, town Frederick \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 2

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Michael Beckley

street & number 7611A Willow Road telephone no.: 301 662 2126

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber 1186

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 979

city, town Frederick state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title N/A

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No. F 3 147

**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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1, 7.2

# 8. Significance

Survey No. F 3 147

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<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** ca. 1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Land Records; Frederick County

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of <sup>inventoried</sup> nominated property less than 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Frederick

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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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**Continuation Sheet 7.1  
Description**

**This small, poorly maintained, frame structure, named for its current owner, Michael Beckley, is located approximately 3 1/2 miles north of Frederick on the west side of bypassed section of US 15, formerly the Emmitsburg turnpike. It was likely one of only a few structures located immediately adjacent to US 15 in the vicinity of its crossing of Tuscorora Creek at the time of its construction late in the first quarter of the twentieth century. It was hemmed in on the north and south sides when the Beckley's constructed their commercial enterprises on the small, narrow strip of frontage property they purchased in 1953. Immediately to the north is Beckley's Country Store and Gift Shop, currently primarily a liquor store, and to the south is Beckley's Motel, with a gas station incorporated into the group of buildings. A few modest ranch and rambler style dwellings have been constructed south of the motel.**

**The modest, two and one-half story high dwelling, oriented to the east, is clad with asbestos shingles and constructed on a concrete block and stone foundation. The east or principle facade is three bays wide on the second level and four bays wide on the first, as it features paired entrances in the center. A cross gable with a round arch window is centered over the entrances and interrupts the gable roof which parallels the flank of this main section. The roof is sheathed with pressed metal. A one-story high, full width hip-roof porch supported by lathe turned posts and crude brackets shelters the first floor entries. The gable end on the north is the location of one window at the first level, two windows at the second, and paired small rectangular windows at the attic level. The rear or west window at the second level is a replacement of the original sash as it is a nine-light fixed sash as opposed to the two-over-two double hung sash which characterizes the largely regular fenestration of the structure.**

**The south gable end is the location of a semi-octagonal, two-story high projecting bay. The junctures of the angled planes are highlighted with dark vertical wood strips. Additional trim, such as cornerboards, soffits, cornices and porch railings, are also emphasized by contrasting paint color.**

**The ell-wing, with a gable roof perpendicular to the main section, projects westward, offset to the north to continue the line of the north gable-end wall of**

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**Continuation Sheet 7.2  
Description**

the principle block. One of the two bays on the north side is the location of a secondary entrance sheltered by a shed-roofed one-story porch. The rear or west elevation is the location of a single window at all three levels with the smaller opening in the gable end offset to the south. A two-bay wide, two-story high, inset porch is located in the south elevation of the ell. The windows in the rear bay of this wing are not vertically aligned. Chimneys are located inside the end walls at each of the three gabled ends and interrupt the gable peaks. Bulkhead entrances to the lower level are situated in the south facade of the ell and in the south bay of the west elevation of the main block.

The dwelling has some architectural interest in that its design is composed of two elements which represent two building influences, in that a simple regional, frame structure exhibits a minor Queen Anne style influence in its semi-octagonal bay. The first is that of the basic structure, partaking of a very common regional design: a two-story structure with a symmetrical three-to five- bay front facade. The type is further characterized by side gable chimneys, a gable roof, a rear wing containing the kitchen and a two-story porch in the inner corner of the wing. This type was built in a variety of materials for over one hundred years, well into the early decades of the twentieth century. Appended to this basic design on the south side is a semi-octagonal bay, which, although exceedingly plain, is vaguely associated with the Queen Anne style.

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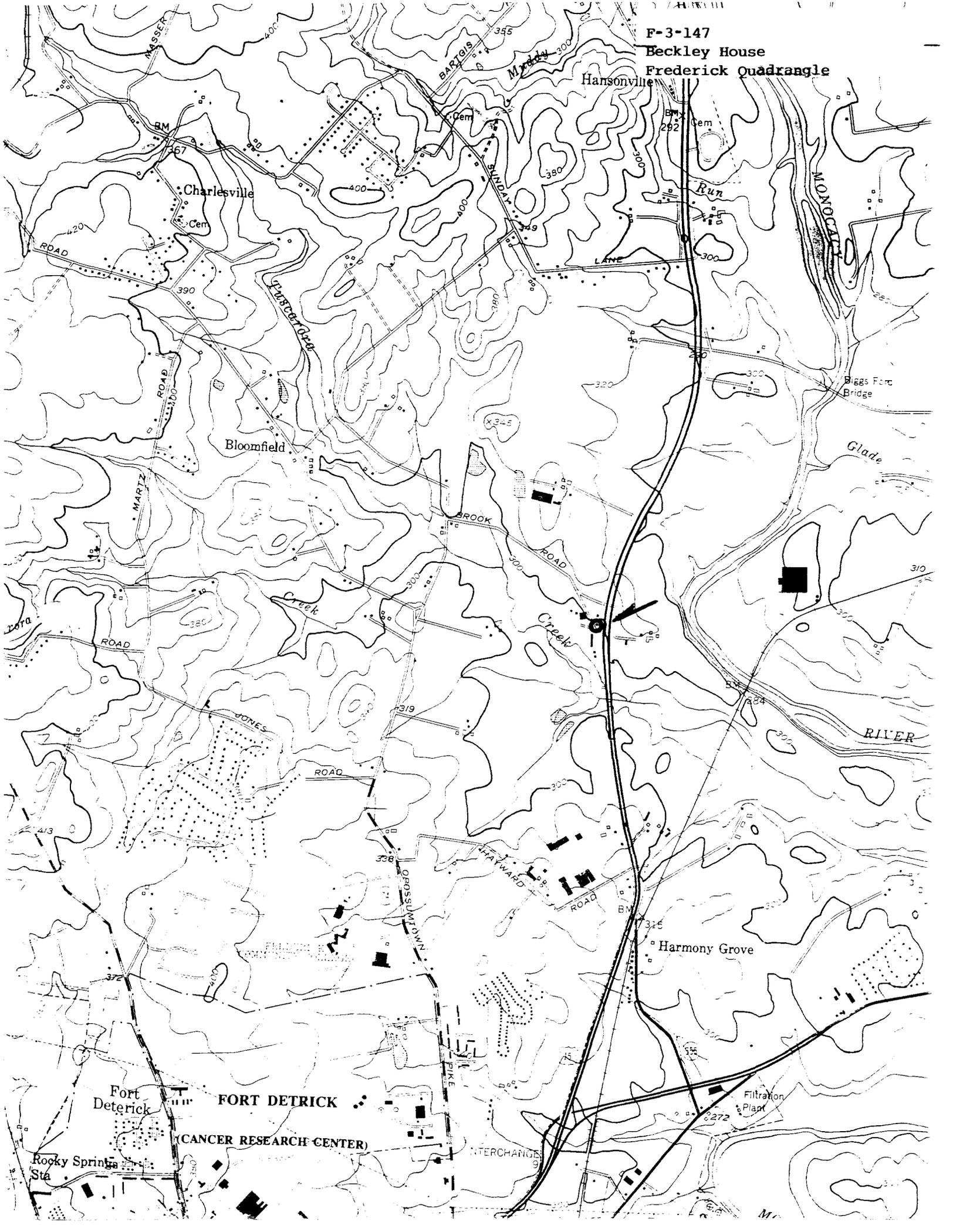
**Continuation Sheet 8.1  
Statement of Significance**

**This modest, poorly maintained frame structure is located within a 1950's commercial strip on the west side of US 15 north of Frederick. Likely constructed late in the first quarter of the twentieth century, it has no known clear association with any particular landowners prior to its purchase by the Beckley's in ca. 1950. Richard Beckley pieced together a few acres of frontage along US 15 from tiny outparcels purchased from Zoe Witter and John Crum to accumulate the property which is currently the location of a roadside service area composed of store, gas station and motel complex.**

**Located in an area of strip development along an abandoned stretch of US 15, this site fails to convey a strong association with the past. Its architectural style is not noteworthy, and in its dilapidated state, it does not have sufficient integrity to be considered for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The site has not been identified with any important persons or events in the locality or Frederick County through the recollections of landowners in the vicinity, local historians, or through research in land and archival records.**

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Beckley House  
Frederick Quadrangle





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Dwelling, S E Corner

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N.W. Corner

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