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George Widrick House
Adamstown
Private

C. 1795

The George Widrick House is a two and one-half story gable common bond and flemish bond brick residence which is important to the Adamstown region because of the fine interior woodwork intact throughout the house. The mantelpieces and paneling represent some of the finest woodworking found in this rural area of Frederick County.

The house was built in two parts. The east part, laid in flemish bond on the south side and common bond on the remaining sides, is four bays wide. The west part, laid entirely in common bond is five bays wide with a two story open porch.

Beaded chair railing and baseboards are located throughout the east part of the residence. Paneled wainscoting with oval inserts is located beneath each window in the east room on the first level of the east part of the building. A mantelpiece with a rectangular opening, fluted frieze and colonettes with paneled end blocks and bed molding stands in the northeast corner of the room.

An unusual mantel with rectangular opening, bed moldings, mantel shelf, frieze, paneled end blocks and carved fluted fans located in the frieze is located in the north room on the second level.

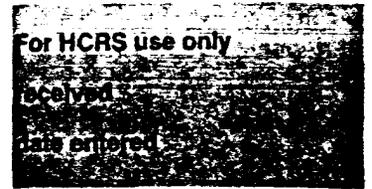
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Upon the death of Adam Ramsburgh in 1795, he left the land to George Widrick, husband of his daughter Catherine Elizabeth. Although there is no mention of it, it seems likely that George Widrick built the house sometime soon after purchasing the property and lived there until his death in 1835.

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**National Register of Historic Places
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1. Name

historic Widrick, George, House

and or common Widrick, George, House

2. Location

street & number Ballenger Creek Pike n/a not for publication

city, town Frederick vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Frederick code 021

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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Peggy Kinsey

street & number P. O. Box 8

city, town Frederick n/a vicinity of state Maryland 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse

street & number North Court Street

city, town Frederick state Maryland 21701

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sites Inventory

has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1978 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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 <u>n/a</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources		Number of previously listed
Contributing	Noncontributing	National Register properties
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	included in this nomination: <u>0</u>
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> structures	Original and Historic functions
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	and uses: residential, agricultural
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total	

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The George Widrick House is a Federal period brick dwelling located south of the city of Frederick in Frederick County, Maryland. The house is constructed of brick and stands 9 bays wide, 2½ stories high on a low fieldstone foundation facing south. The building consists of two contemporaneous sections: the four eastern bays form the main block which has a side-passage, double-pile plan, and the five bays to the west are a service wing, one room deep, recessed behind a two-story porch. The south facade of the main block is laid in Flemish bond; all the other walls are 5-course common bond. Windows are 6/6 sash set in beaded surrounds with wooden shutters. All window and door openings have stone sills and flat brick arches, and a three-course corbeled cornice defines the eaves. Each gable end has a chimney, and an interior chimney rises from the center of the wing. The interior is distinguished by a wealth of late Federal decorative detailing, including mantels, paneling, chair rail, baseboard, and architraves, stair and balustrade, and plaster ceiling medallions; the richness and variety of this detail are outstanding among rural houses of the period in the country. Also on the property is a small brick smokehouse and the stone foundation of a barn.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The George Widrick House is a Federal period brick dwelling located on Ballenger Creek Pike south of Frederick in Frederick County, Maryland. The house is nine bays wide, and incorporates a recessed two-story porch across the western five bays of its principal (south) facade. It stands 2½ stories high above a low fieldstone foundation; the gable roof is clad in standing-seam metal. Internal end chimneys rise from each gable, and an interior stack emerges behind the ridge, between the second and third bays from the west.

The eastern section is two rooms deep, arranged in a side-passage, double pile plan. Its south facade is laid in Flemish bond, with a three-course corbeled cornice. The entrance is located in the westernmost bay of this section, and consists of a (reproduction) six-panel door set in a recessed opening with paneled reveals and surmounted by a transom with tracery. The remaining openings on both stories hold 6/6 windows with pegged sash and beaded surrounds; there are small vents with horizontal, diamond-section bars at basement level. All the door and window openings in the house have stone sills and flat-brick arches.

The five western bays of the south elevation hold a service wing, and are spanned by a recessed, two-story porch; this configuration is found in houses of ca. 1820-1860 in rural areas of central and western Maryland, and appears to be a regional variation of the more common practice of placing the service behind and perpendicular to the main block, forming an L or T plan. The south elevation of this wing is laid in 5-course common bond, and has identical fenestration on both levels: reading from west to east, there is a window, door, window, door, window. Both doors on the first story have traceried transoms like the main entrance; those on the upper level lack transoms. All are original six-panel doors set in paneled reveals. On the upper level, the porch retains its original tapered, chamfered posts, railing and balustrade. All the south windows are fitted with early louvered shutters.

The east gable end is symmetrical, with two 6/6 windows on each level and another smaller 6/6 sash centered in the peak to light the half-story. A broad chimney stack with a two-course corbeled cap straddles the ridge. The first and second story windows have paneled shutters. This elevation (like all of the walls except the south facade of the main block) is laid in 5-course common bond.

The west end is pierced only by a 6/6 window in the gable peak. The internal chimney is offset to the north of the ridge.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The north (rear) elevation is divided into seven bays; its 5-course common bond brickwork is continuous, indicating that both sections of the house were constructed at the same time. A three-course corbeled cornice stretches across this side. The three eastern bays correspond to the main block: the third bay from the east has the rear entrance to the stair hall, with a 6/6 window lighting the landing above it. (The northernmost opening on the first floor has been enclosed.) The second bay from the west holds an entrance to the kitchen; its stone sill clearly shows much more wear than any other entrance to the building. The remaining bays on both levels hold 6/6 windows; the second-story openings are fitted with paneled shutters, while the first-floor shutters are louvered.

The interior of the main block is laid out on a side-passage, double-pile plan, with the stair hall running the full depth of the building on the west, and two rooms opening off the hall to the east. This layout is repeated on the second story. The wing contains a dining room and kitchen on the first floor; an enclosed winder stair in the kitchen gives access to servants' quarters on the second floor, while a more formal bedroom is above the dining room. The eastern half of the attic is finished as a modern bedroom; the remainder of this space is used for storage.

The interior of the Widrick House is distinguished by an outstanding collection of exceptionally fine decorative detailing combining Federal and Classical forms which remains almost completely intact. Doors throughout the house have six flat fielded panels; most retain original hardware. Chair rail, baseboard, and architrave trim survives in every room, and each of the principal rooms on both floors has a fine mantel and fielded paneling below the windows.

The entrance hall and southeast parlor are the most elaborately detailed. The open-string stair has a slender turned newel and rectangular balusters (two per tread) supporting the handrail; the step ends are decorated with scroll work and the area below the carriage is paneled. Doors opening off the hall are framed with symmetrical molding with bull's eye corner blocks. A plaster medallion is centered in the hallway ceiling.

The southeast parlor features a mantel with fluted columns and a pulvinated frieze; a shallow closet with paneled door is next to the fireplace. There is a large panel below each window, consisting of a raised oval upon a fielded rectangle, set in a beaded surround.

The fireplace in the northeast room has been enclosed and the mantel removed.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

The dining room mantel is similar, except the columns are not fluted and the frieze is decorated with a recessed flat panel. An original cupboard fills the space to the right of the fireplace. Panels below the windows are fielded rectangles. Architraves have beaded fascia and ogee/astragal backbands.

The kitchen, at the west end of the wing, is simply finished. Window and door surrounds are narrow, double half-round molding. A large cooking fireplace occupies the west wall. An enclosed winder stair ascends in the northeast corner; there is a cabinet with a paneled door under the stair.

On the second floor, the southeast chamber mantel has slender paired columns supporting endblocks decorated with a fielded oval panel; a similar elongated oval panel appears in the frieze. Paneling beneath the windows repeats that of the room below, with a raised oval atop a fielded rectangle in a beaded surround. The symmetrical architrave trim incorporates a series of stepped fillets.

The northeast chamber has the most unusual mantel in the house, featuring a pair of carved fans in the frieze. Endblocks and pilasters have recessed panel decoration. The architraves and chair rail in this room are composed of beaded broken-field fascia with ogee/astragal backbands.

In the middle chamber (in the wing, above the dining room) the paneling beneath the windows consists of fielded rectangles with quarter-round concave corners; the frieze and endblocks of the mantel repeat this design. A similar panel instead of a transom, occurs above the door leading onto the porch. Architrave trim is identical to that in the southeast parlor.

The servant's room above the kitchen is simply finished, with a very plain mantel.

The house has undergone little alteration since its construction. A small room at the south end of the hall on the second floor has been fitted out as a modern bathroom. The easternmost bay of the north wall was in a state of collapse when the present owner acquired the property; in reconstructing this portion of the wall, one window opening was enclosed. The main entrance door is a reproduction, modeled after the five other original exterior doors which survive. The porch posts on the lower level are replacements. The exterior shows evidence of sandblasting and repointing.

About 50 yards east of the house are a small brick smokehouse and stone barn foundation; these structures are believed to be contemporaneous with the dwelling and contribute to the significance of the resource.

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
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Specific dates c. 2nd qtr. 19th Cent **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: A, C
 Applicable Exceptions: none
 Significance Evaluated: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The George Widrick House is significant for its architecture. Its form, essentially a side-passage, double-pile dwelling with a two-room service wing extending from the side and spanned by a two-story recessed porch, represents a building type whose geographical distribution in Maryland is limited to the Pennsylvania-influenced central and western regions of the state, and whose occurrence is generally associated with the second quarter of the 19th century. The Widrick House is an especially well preserved example of this building type, and derives additional distinction from its extensive interior decorative detailing, nearly all of which survives intact. The richness, variety, and fine workmanship of its interior woodwork which combines Federal and Classical forms are outstanding among rural houses of the period in Frederick County.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT:

The following information was prepared in 1978 by Cheryl Widell, then Sites Analyst for the Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation.

The land upon which the house stands was originally patented and issued to Adam Ramsburgh March 2, 1765 and was named "Wolf Pitt" and "Last Shift."¹

Upon the death of Adam Ramsburgh in 1795, he left the land to George Widrick, husband of his daughter Catherine Elizabeth, upon the payment of two hundred pounds to both his son, John and other daughter, Maria Catherine Getzendanner.²

Apparently George Widrick built the house sometime after purchasing the property and lived there until his death in 1835. The house does not appear on the 1808 Varlé map of Frederick County.

Widrick died intestate, and the property reverted to all of his heirs, John Widrick and wife, Elizabeth Staley, Christian Widrick, Jacob Wachter and wife, Philip Wachter and wife, John Stull and wife, John and Jacob Wachter and Jacob Widrick, the eldest. As the oldest child, Jacob Widrick was first offered the opportunity to purchase the property, which he did for \$5,550. on August 7, 1835.³

Jacob Widrick owned the property until his death when the land was given to his only child, Elizabeth Mealey.⁴ Upon her death the land was passed on to her many children, finally leaving it in the hands of Laura and Rosanna Mealey by 1867 when it was sold to John Wilcoxer for \$15,720.⁵ The property has been sold many times since that time.

The current owners restored the property upon their purchase.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary description: Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat.

Boundary Justification: The nominated property, approximately 8 acres, comprises the resource within its immediate setting. The surrounding area is predominantly open agricultural land, much of which is under development as a local recreation area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes, Item 8, Continuation Sheet No. 4

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property approximately 8 acres

Quadrangle name Frederick, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

A	<u>18</u>	<u>288900</u>	<u>4361980</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<u>18</u>	<u>288980</u>	<u>4361740</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<u>18</u>	<u>288640</u>	<u>4361920</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

D	<u>18</u>	<u>288620</u>	<u>4362040</u>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

E			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

F			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

G			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

H			
	Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 5

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

state	n/a	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Peter E. Kurtze, Assistant National Register Administrator

organization Maryland Historical Trust date March 1985

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. White* date 8-12-85

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCRS use only
 I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
 date

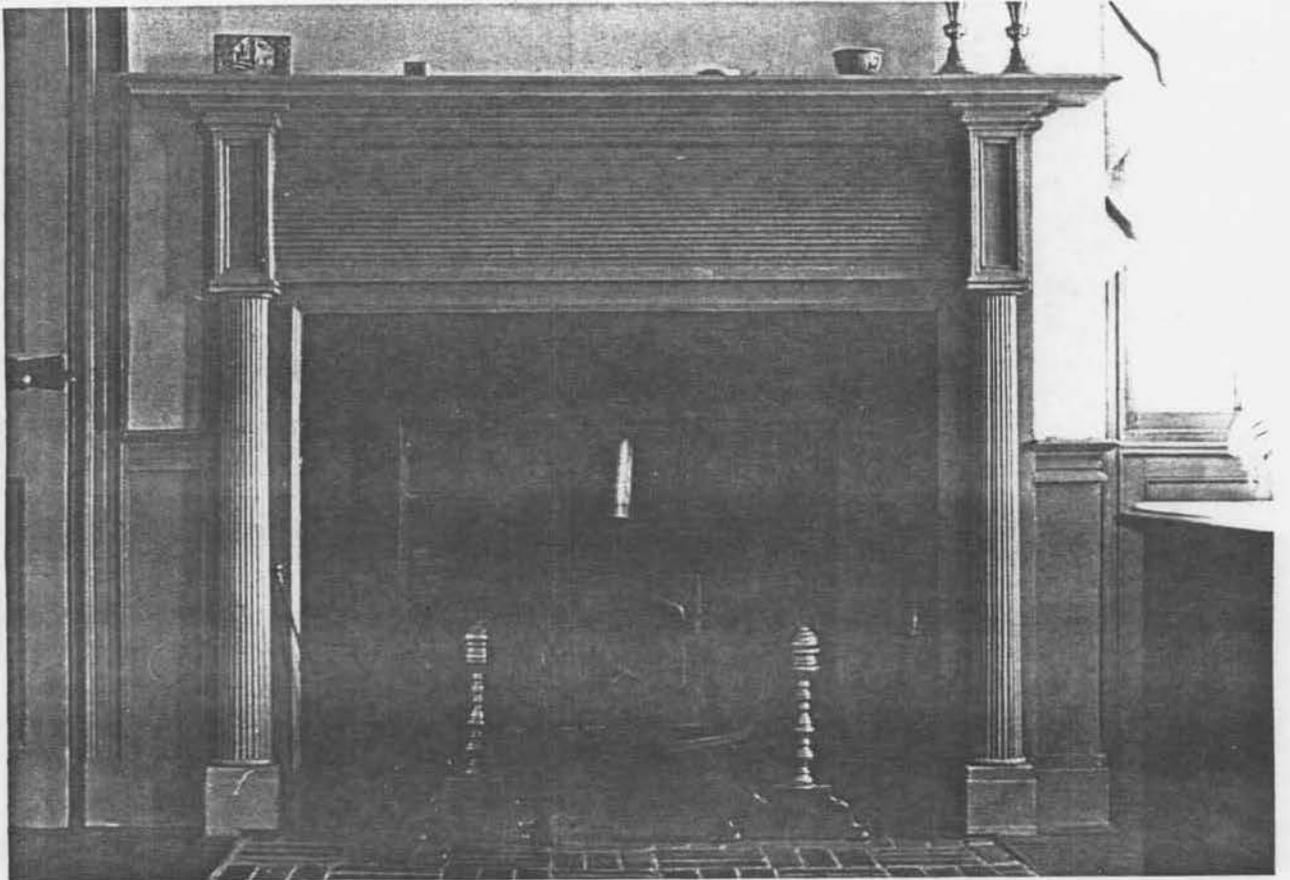
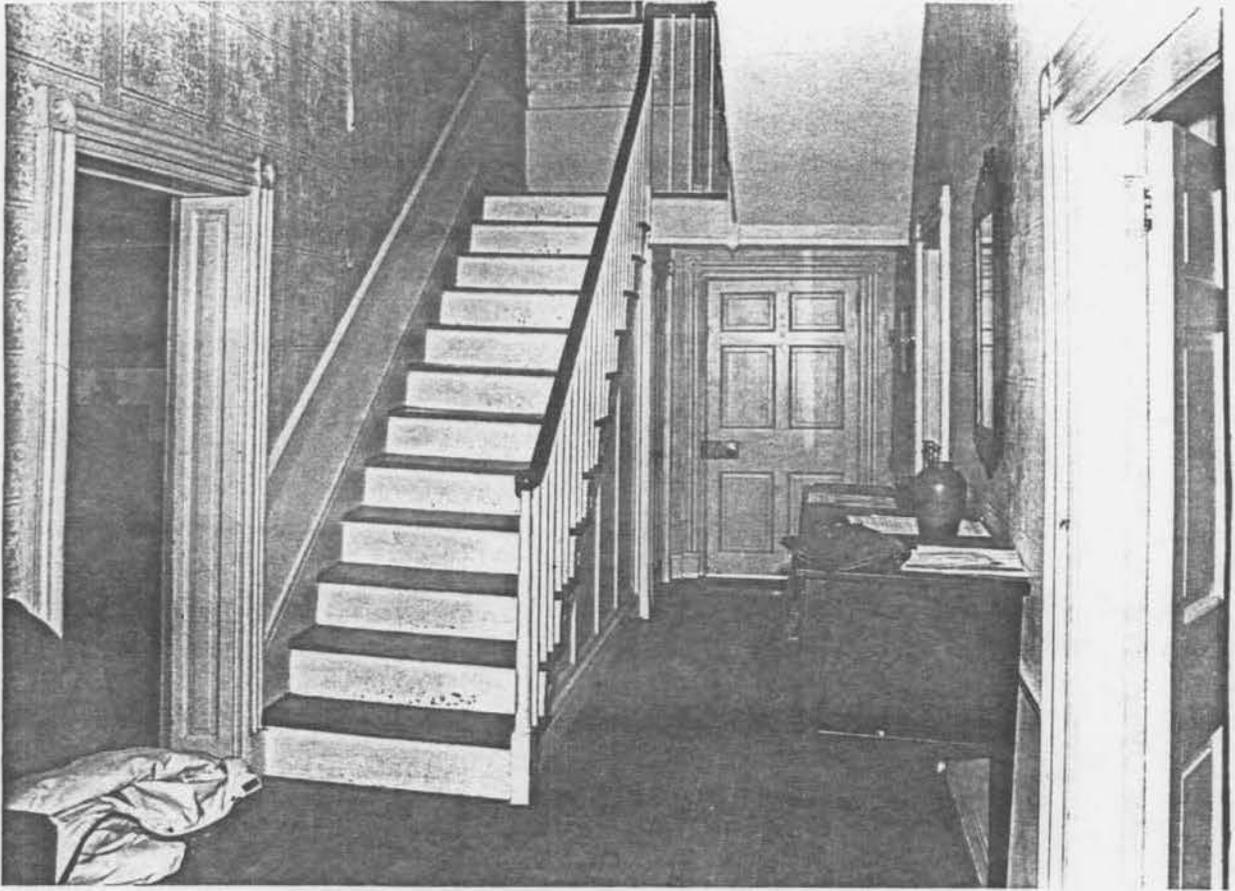
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: date

Chief of Registration date

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The George Widrick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN

Adamstown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

M 76 P 447

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ms. Marjorie Kinsey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route #4, Box 455

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

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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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Widrick House is a two and one-half story gable roofed brick structure which faces southeast from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike. The private residence is nine bays wide and one room deep. The building is divided into two sections.

The east part is four bays wide and is laid in flemish bond on the south side and common bond on the remaining sides.

The main entrance, a replaced six panel door with decorative transom, recessed paneled entrance and stone and step is located in the first bay of the east section of the building.

Located in the remaining bays are double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters and flat brick arches. An S shaped bracing rod is located in the east gable. Unfortunately, all of the brick has been sandblasted.

The west part, laid entirely in common bond, is five bays wide with a two story open porch. Alternating in each bay are 6/6 windows with louvered shutters and flat arches and six panel doors with segmented transoms and flat arches.

The entire building is built on a low random fieldstone foundation. A replaced standing seam tin roof covers the structure and is connected by a three stepped brick cornice. A large original brick chimney straddles the east gable; two smaller chimneys are located in the west section of the building.

Of particular merit is the fine woodworking which is located throughout the house. Beaded chair railing and baseboards are located throughout the east part of the residence. Paneled wainscoting with oval inserts is located beneath each window in the east room on the first level of the east part of the building.

A mantelpiece with a rectangular opening, fluted frieze and colonettes with paneled end blocks and bed molding stands in the northeast corner of the room.

Similar finewoodwork is also located on the second floor. An unusual mantel with rectangular opening bed moldings, mantel shelf, frieze, paneled end blocks and carved fluted fans located in the frieze is located in the north room on the second level.

A small brick outbuilding is located fifty yards east of the main residence as is the stone foundations of a frame barn which is no longer standing.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

8/14/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

663-8300

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

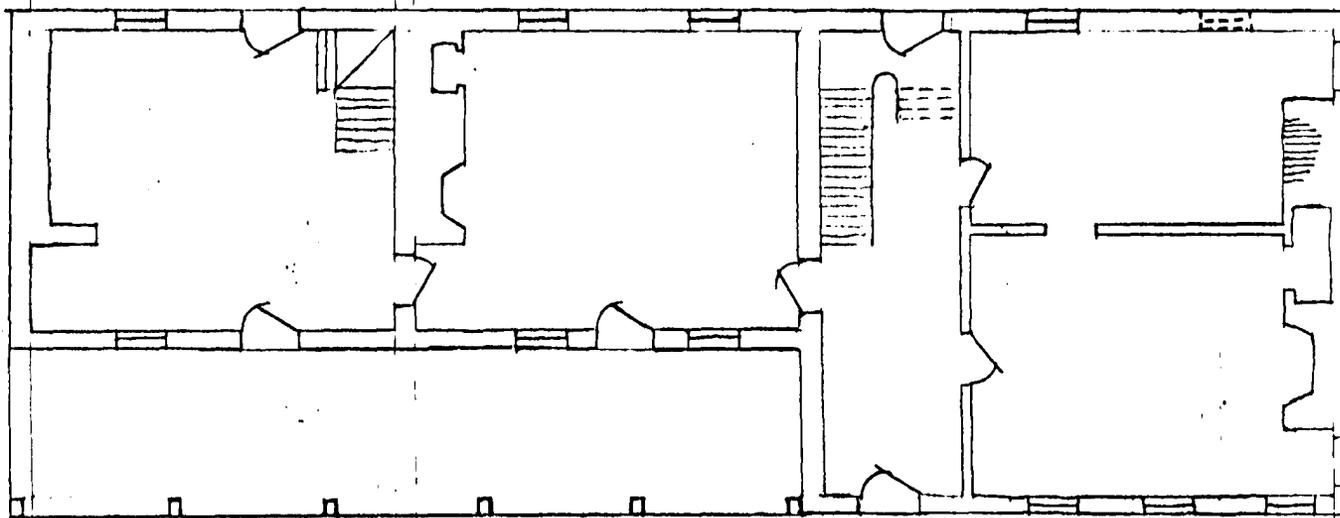
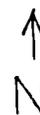
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WIDRICK HOUSE
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

SKETCH PLAN - NOT TO SCALE



SCALE: 1" = 200'
(IMPROVEMENTS NOT
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HOUSE

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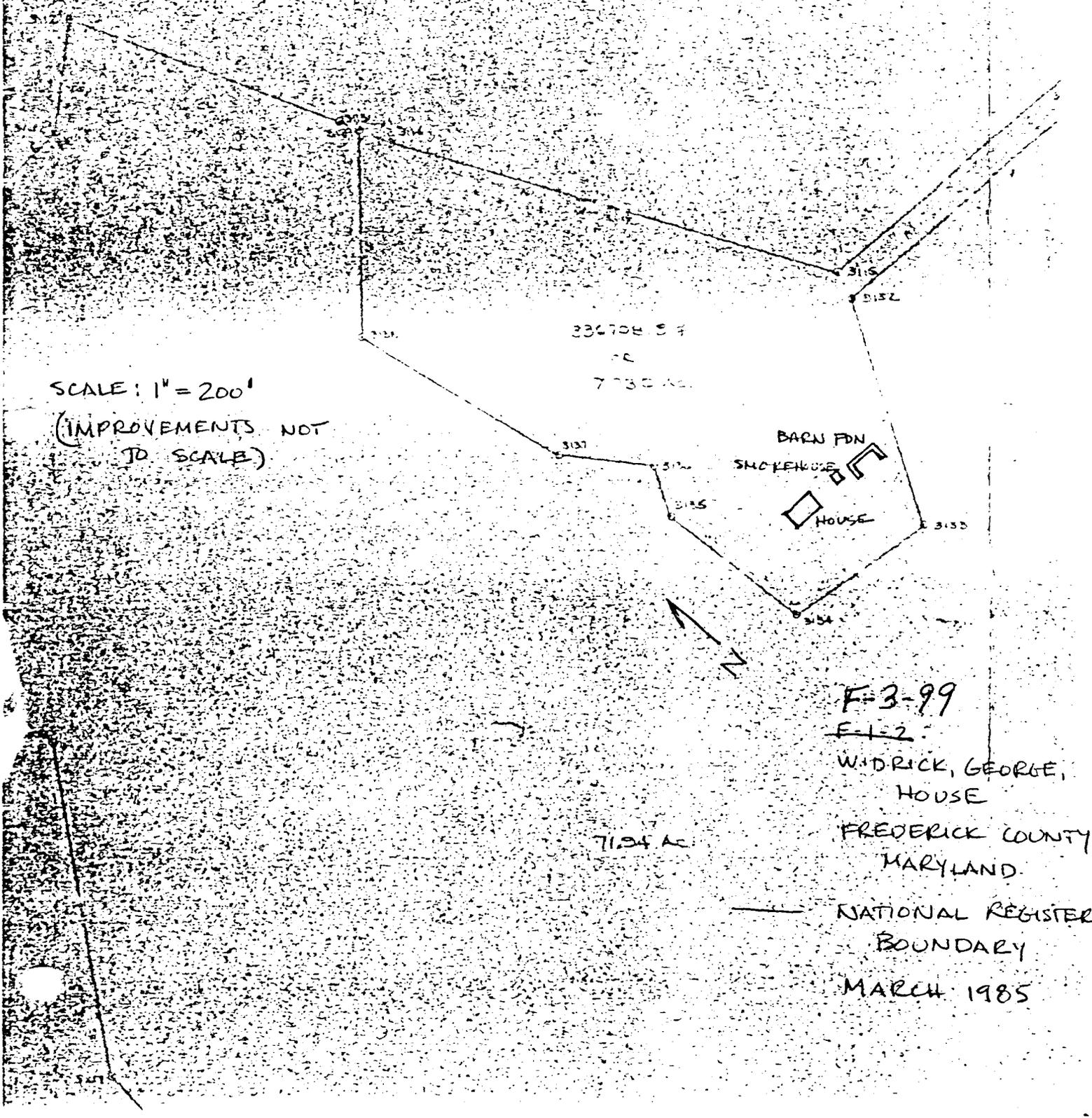
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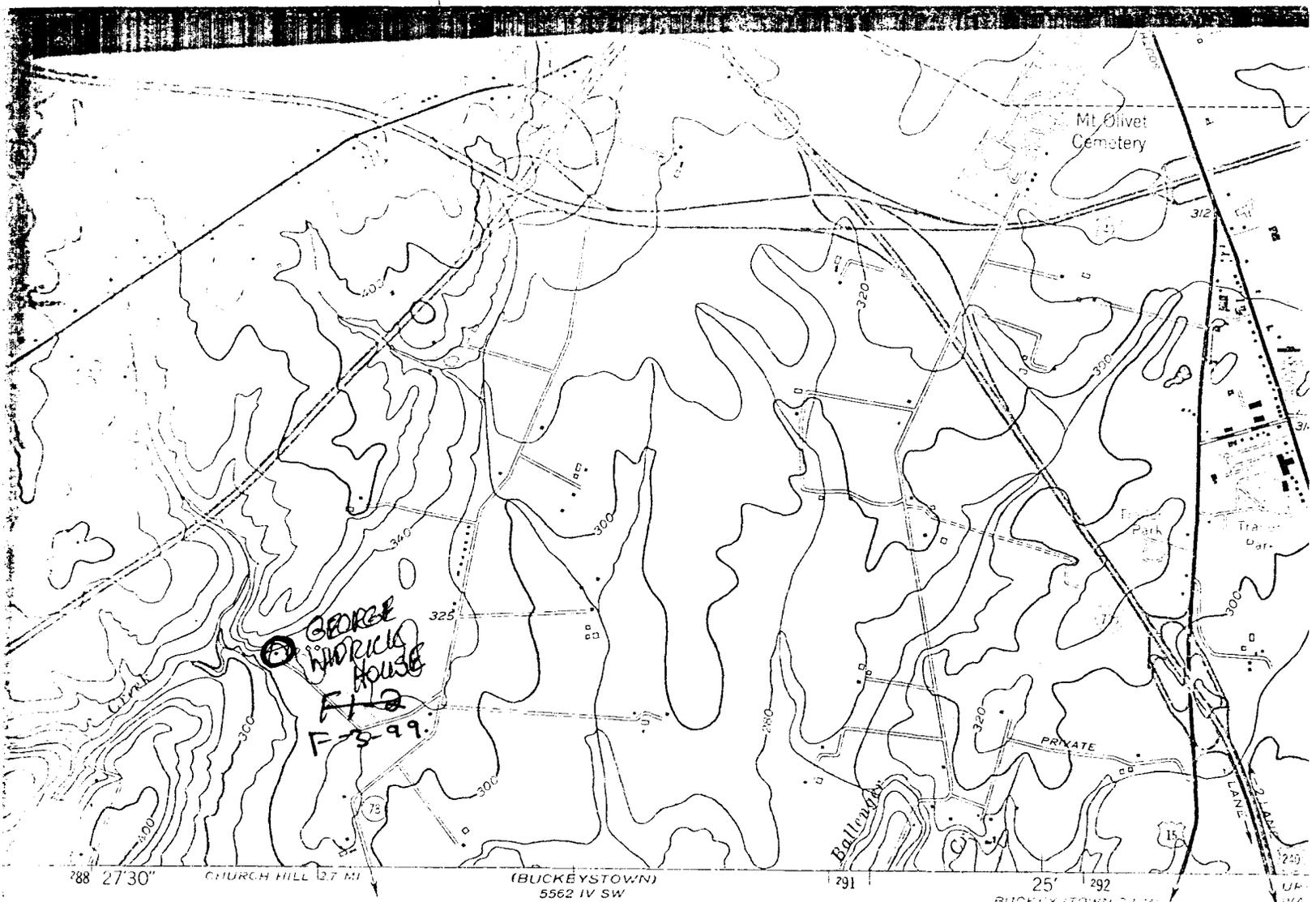
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788 27'30" CHURCH HILL 3.7 MI (BUCKEYSTOWN) 5562 IV SW 291 25' 292 BUCKEYSTOWN 3.1 MI 789 27'30" 789 27'30" UP WA

SCALE 1:24000

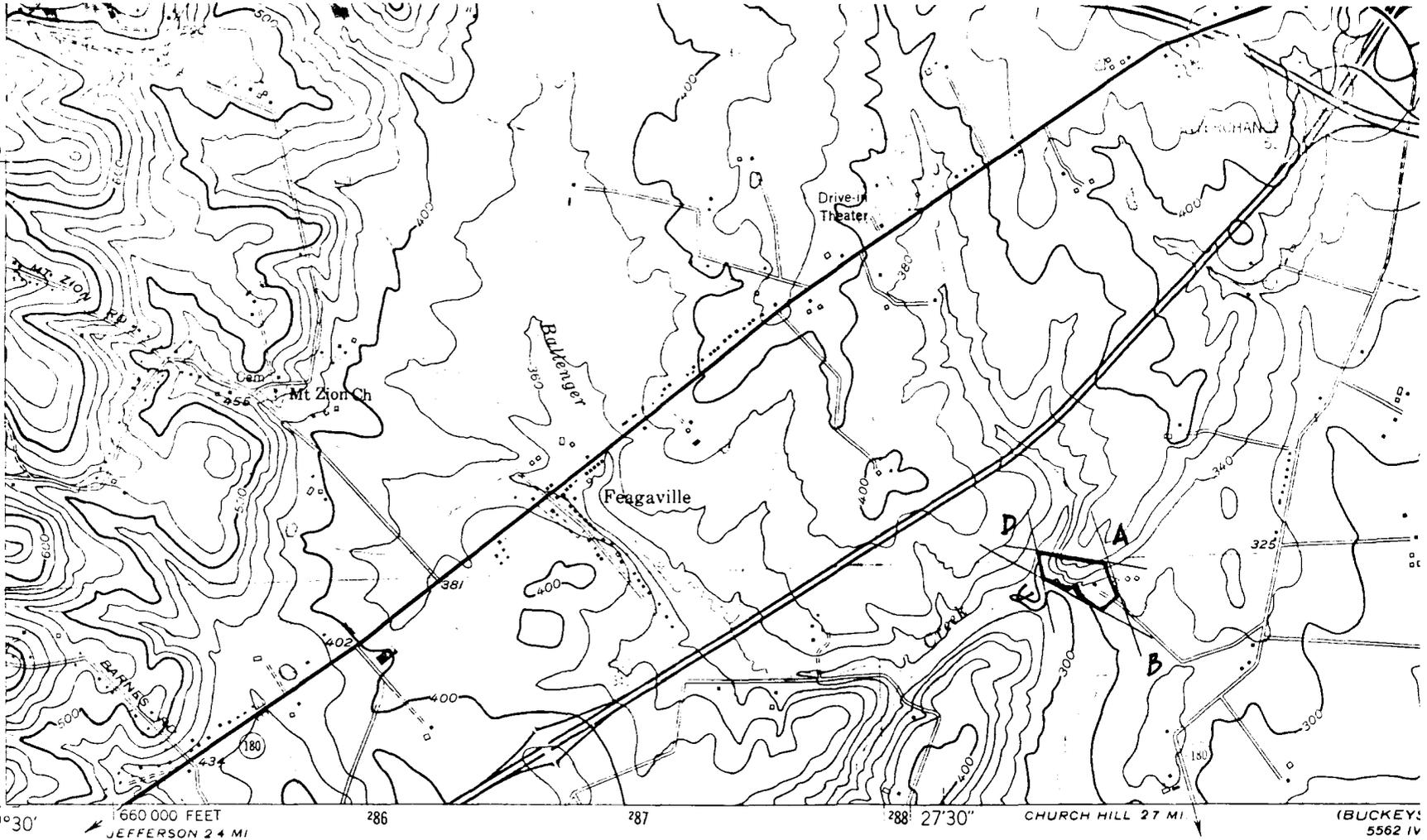


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 MARYLAND
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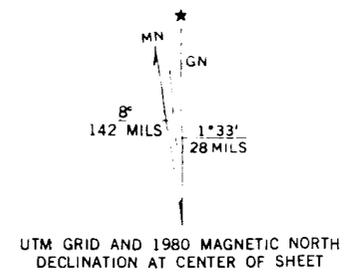
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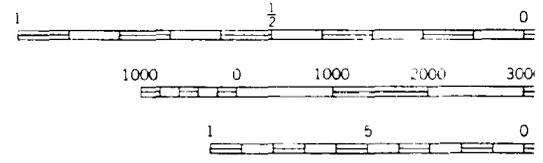
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Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown



CONTOUR INTERVAL
 NATIONAL GEODETIC VELOCITY

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GEORGE WIDRICK HOUSE
W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

OUTBUILDING

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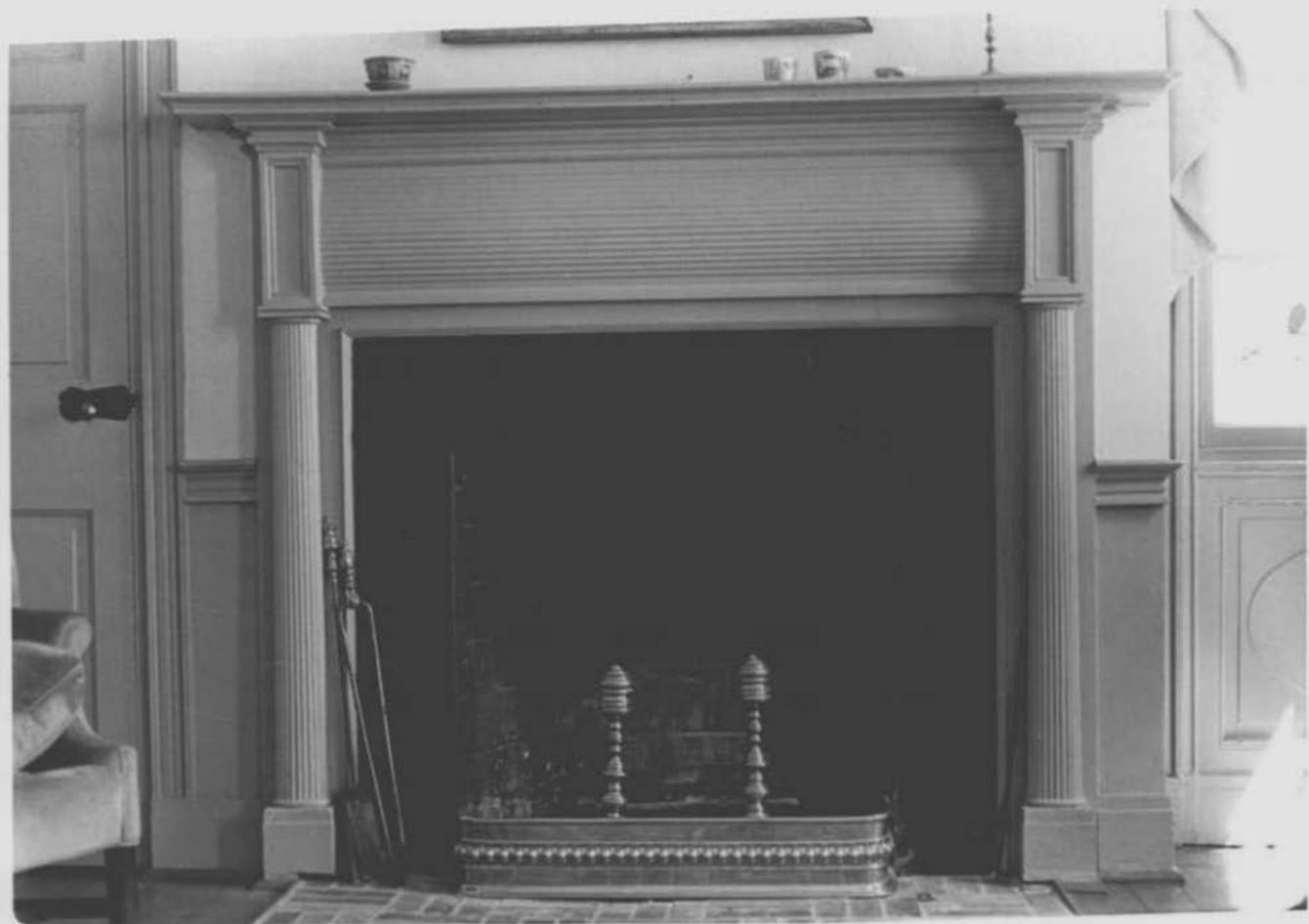


GEORGE WIDRICK HOUSE
W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

Interior Detail

(Mantel, 2ND Level, EAST Room)

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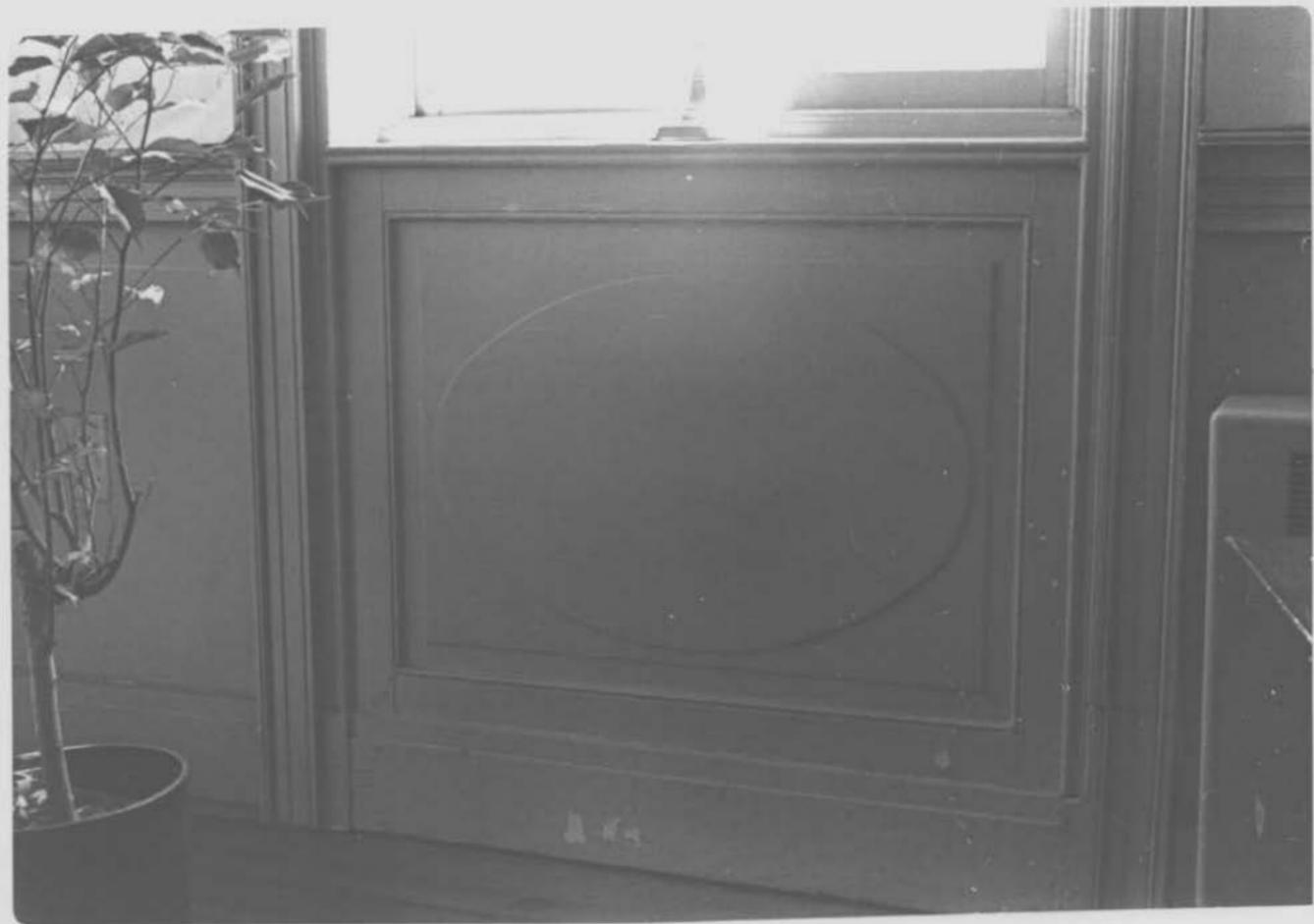


GEORGE WIDRICK HOUSE
W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE
Interior Detail (Mantel, 1ST level)
EAST ROOM

CEW 5/78

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W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

Interior Detail (WAINSCOTING, 1ST Level)

EAST ROOM

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CEW 5/78



GEORGE WIDRICK HOUSE

W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

EXTERIOR DOOR DETAIL

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