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Dr. Robert Ravenscraft House
Accident
Private

1912

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Dr. Robert Ravenscraft House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Engle Mill Road, S side at Rt. 219 S

CITY, TOWN

Accident

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

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

NAME

Dr. Walter Naumann

Telephone #: 826-8376

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 82

CITY, TOWN

Accident, MD 21520

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 327

Folio #: 173

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Dr. Robert Ravenscraft House is located on a wedge of land between Old Engle Mill Road and Cemetery Road, at the north end of the town of Accident. The house is surrounded by fir trees which line the property edges. The site consists of the main house and two small outbuildings.

The house is a two and a half story dwelling with irregular plan and a symmetrical facade. The facade points N. A one-story shed-roofed porch runs across the facade, wraps around the NW corner, and runs halfway across the W elevation. A one-story storm porch occupies the SE corner of the house.

The house is constructed of yellow brick and rests on a rough-cut stone foundation with a stone water table. The exterior of the foundation is covered with grey-painted concrete. The windows are one over one sash with rock-faced stone lintels and sills. On the facade, the first-floor window has a narrow upper sash filled with a leaded, beveled-glass panel, and a large square lower sash. On the W elevation is a triple window with honeycomb traceried upper sashes. The facade door is placed in a one-story projection and exhibits a leaded, beveled-glass fanlight and sidelights.

The house has an irregular, gable roof plan with a box cornice and Philadelphia gutters. The roof is covered with state shingles. On each elevation the box cornice returns across the gable. On the E, S, and W walls the gables are covered with rows of square and sawtooth slate shingles. On the facade (N elevation) a small cross gable over the central bay has two single-paned windows with a wooden sunburst on either side. A single interior brick stove chimney emerges from the roof on the W elevation, another has been capped at the roofline.

A portion of the facade porch, E of the door, has been filled in with weatherboarding to make an extra room. On the N elevation of the room is a large yellow brick fireplace chimney. The remainder of the porch has a shed roof and a box cornice supported by wooden Doric columns. In front of the facade door is a pedimented projection. Its original columns have been replaced by modern wrought iron. The tympanum of the pediment is filled with plaster decorations. The storm porch on the SE corner has Doric columns at the corners and has a frieze of glasses honeycomb tracery above five vertical panels of ten panes each. A metal storm door occupies the E elevation.

The plan of the house includes a central entrance hall with an enclosed single-run staircase with a large room to the W of the hall and another to the E. A small room containing a fireplace opens off the N wall of the E room. A door on the S wall of the W room leads to the kitchen and a large dining area/family room is to the kitchen's E.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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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 ca. 1912

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant historically as the former house of Dr. Robert Ravenscroft, who was Accident's only resident physician from 1912 until 1943, when he sold the house. The house was built for him and it was he who laid out the grounds and planted the trees which screen the house.

Architecturally the house displays the success of Dr. Ravenscroft's practice. The gates at the W side of the property, the size of the house, the elaborate fanlight and sidelights which surround the facade door, the columns in the entrance hall, and other details, indicate that Dr. Ravenscroft was a man of some wealth and was well-informed about the fashionable architectural and decorative styles of his day.

Accident was without a doctor of its own from 1943 until 1980. In that year, Dr. Walter Naumann purchased the Ravenscroft house and set up a practice under the auspices of the Appalachian Regional Commission.

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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

Ann Burns/Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

November 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 Circle Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Dr. Robert Ravenscraft House
Continuation #7 Description

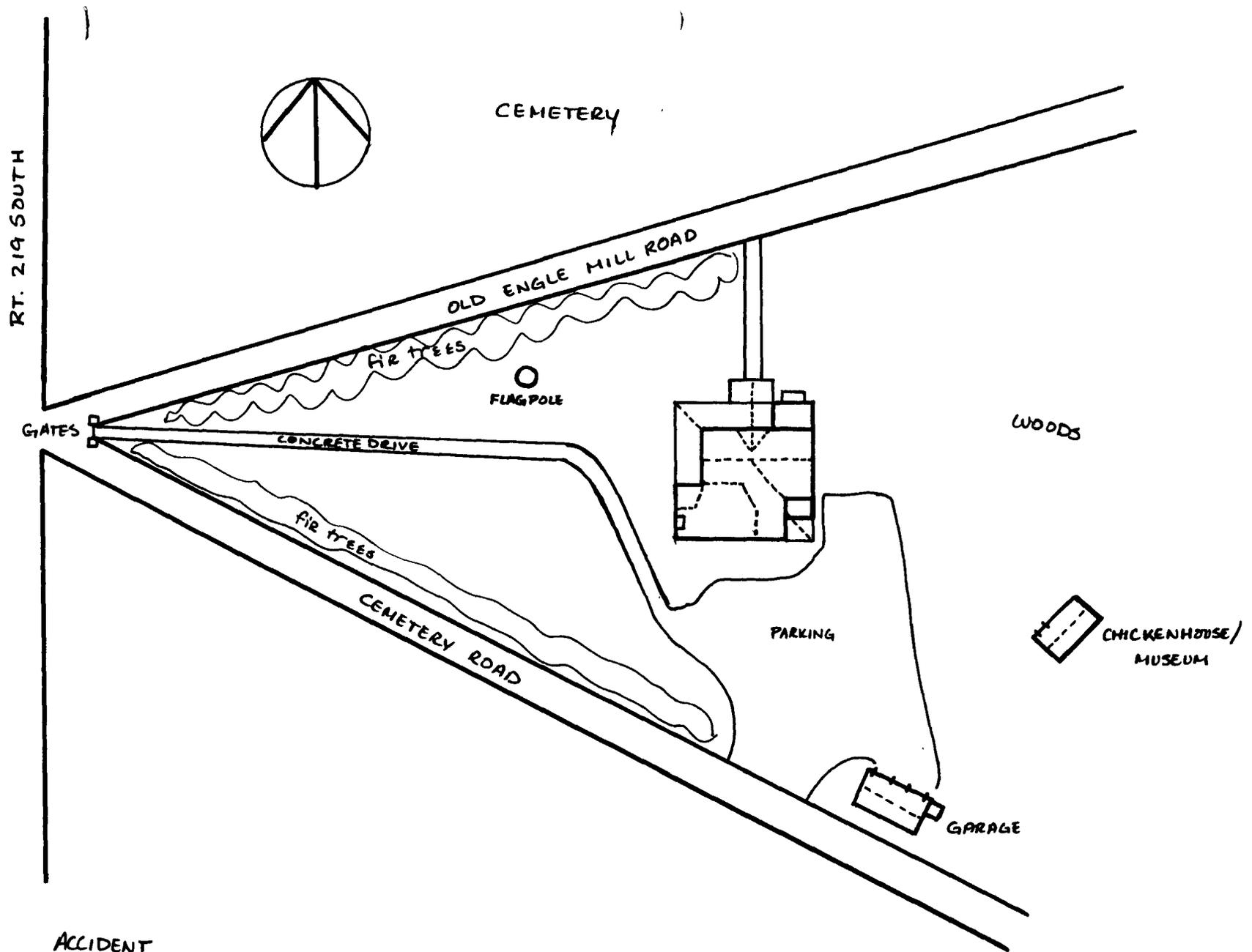
The hall displays large mirrors set into the walls on either side of the facade door. The entrances to the E and W rooms are on either side of the staircase and have handsome wooden Doric columns at either side of the openings. All woodwork including symmetrically moulded window and door surrounds with bull 'seye cornerblocks, has been retained in these two rooms. The kitchen and dining area/family room have been thoroughly modernized with new floors, wall coverings and drop ceilings.

The second floor contains four bedrooms and a bath. All doors have transoms. Some windows and doors have symmetrically moulded surrounds with bull'seye cornerblocks; others have plainer mouldings, several of the doors, including the door leading to the attic, have been painted and grained. The attic is unfinished.

The cellar contains a well, whose water is used for washing cars and the like; the original boiler, now unused; a root cellar, now used for storage, and the remains of the kitchen staircase, which now stops at ceiling level.

Southeast of the house is a small gable-roofed two-car garage, formerly a carriage house. The garage was formerly covered with white german siding, and had small square windows with honeycomb tracery on the SW elevation and two side-hinged garage doors on the NE elevation. The garage has been covered with vinyl siding, the doors replaced with metal top-rolling doors, and new sliding windows have been installed. The garage retains its slate roof and a small privy attached to its SE elevation. The interior is finished in narrow vertical, beaded-board panelling. Northeast of the garage is a garble-roofed chicken house which has been remodeled into a small museum. It is covered with german siding and is currently unused.

The grounds on the site have been carefully planned to provide maximum privacy in a settled area. W of the house at the point of the wedge are wrought iron gates hung from brick pillars. The gates open on to a concrete drive which runs toward and then around the S side of the house. A flagstaff stands on the lawn on the W side of the house, N of the drive. The fir trees which screen the house from the road have been planted in a double line for added privacy, and a small stand of trees divides the property from its neighbor on the E.

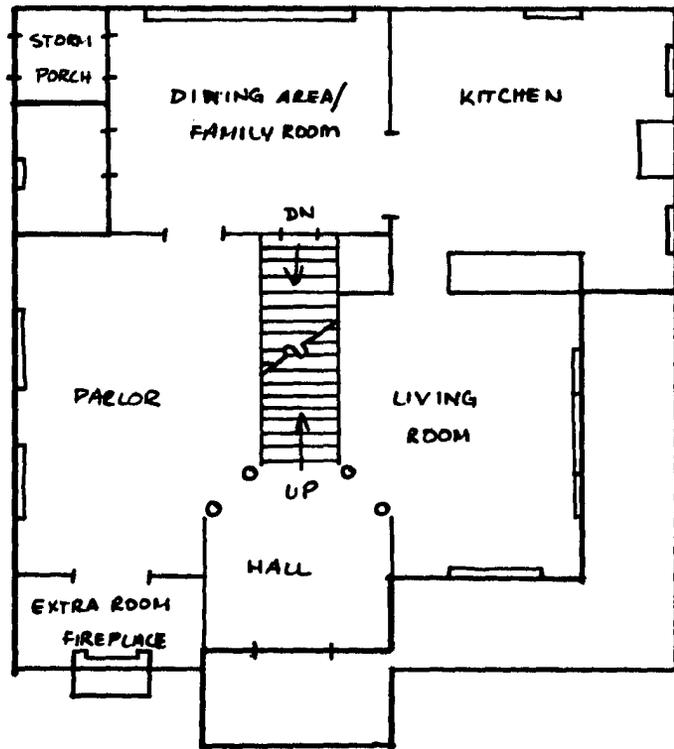


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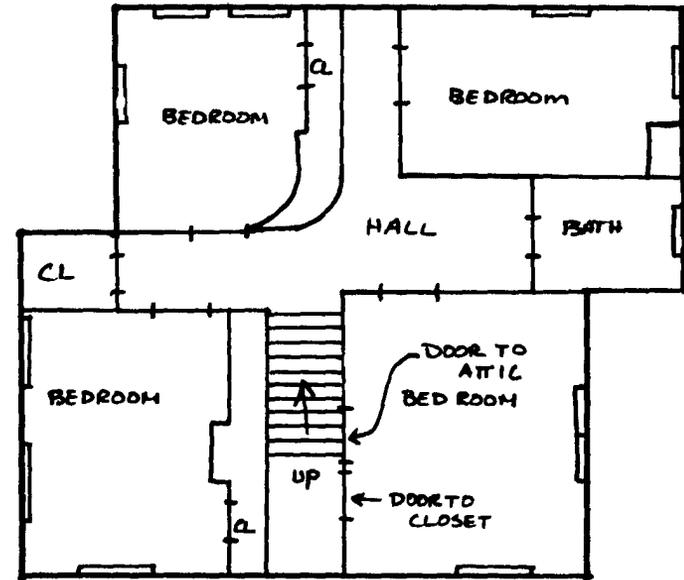
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 SKETCH SITE PLAN
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DR. ROBERT RAVENSCRAFT HOUSE
 OLD ENGLE MILL ROAD,
 ACCIDENT, GARRETT CO., MARYLAND

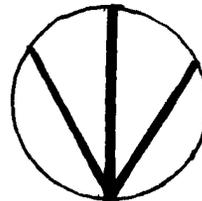
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 PLAN DATE 12-16-81



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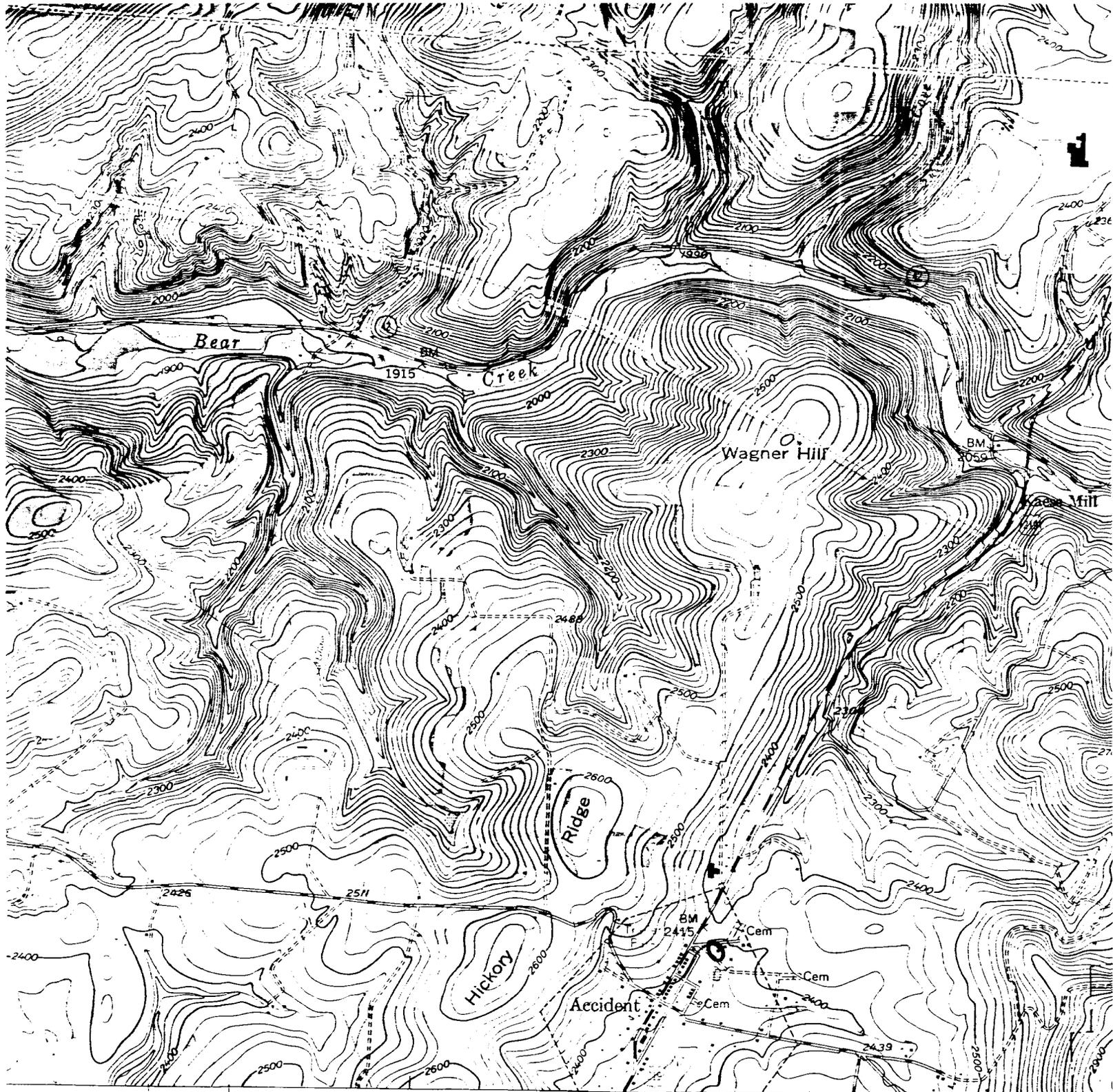
SECOND FLOOR



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 SKETCH PLANS
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DR. ROBERT RAVENSCRAFT HOUSE
 OLD ENGLE HILL RD.,
 ACCIDENT, GARRETT CO., MARYLAND

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Dr. R. Ravenscraft House

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Facade - N elev.



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N & W elevs.



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E elev.