

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

Property/District Name: Ashton Bungalow Survey Number: HA-1979

Project: SHA--US 1: MD 152 to MD 147 Agency: Harford County 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 Ashton Bungalow property, located ~~at~~ south of Bel Air, near the intersection of US 1 Business, the Bel Air Bypass and MD 147 (Harford Road), and including the main residence and its associated domestic buildings, is not located in an historic district, nor is it eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built ca. 1930, shortly after then-owners, St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton purchased the property in 1929 and is the only surviving one of a group of three bungalows, which lined this side of Harford Road. It is a 1-1/2-story structure raised upon a rusticated concrete block foundation and features a broad, overhanging gable roof with a central gable dormer. The house features the primary characteristics of a bungalow, including integrated front porch with exposed rafter ends and squat, tapered porch columns t upon rusticated concrete piers. The walls are stuccoed and the windows feature their original 6/1 sash.

Although the Ashton Bungalow contains the character-defining features of a bungalow and stands as a representative example, the bungalow was a prominent residential building form from the period and is well represented in the area. Given the prominence of the dwelling type and the condition of the Ashton bungalow (missing porch columns, unoriginal porch railing), it no longer retains the integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Kimberly Prothro Williams June 5, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Peter G. Fenty 6/9/97
Reviewer, NR program 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: _____

**HARFORD COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1979

BUILDING NAME: Ashton Bungalow

LOCATION: 1700 MD 147 (Harford Road) Benson, Maryland

BUILDING DATE: ca. 1930

DESCRIPTION:The Ashton Bungalow is a poorly maintained, typical residential building type of the 1930's. Built near the intersection of US 1 Business with MD 147 just south of Bel Air, the county seat of Harford County, it has been increasingly hemmed in by heavy commercial construction on all sides, especially mammoth car dealerships. The dwelling is a simple frame structure on a concrete block foundation, exhibiting the typical bungalow features of deep, gently sloping roof, dormers, and integral porch.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Ashton Bungalow is an undistinguished example of the architectural form which was the dominant style of the middle and working class people in the early decades of the twentieth century. Well represented and widespread in Maryland, there are innumerable examples which are better examples and more illustrative of the more imaginative embodiments of the standard features: low, horizontal lines, integral porch, broad gables, craftsman-style detailing, etc.

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HARFORD COUNTY
BENSON, MARYLAND**

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

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GEOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION: Piedmont

CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIOD (s): Modern - 1930 to Present

PREHISTORIC/HISTORIC PERIOD THEME (s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE

CATEGORY: Building

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: Suburban

HISTORIC FUNCTION (s) AND USE (s): Domestic/Residential/Dwelling

KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common ASHTON BUNGALOW

2. Location

street & number 1700 HARFORD ROAD N/A not for publicationcity, town BENSON vicinity of congressional district

state MARYLAND county HARFORD

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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name STEPHEN AND SUSAN QUICK

street & number 2719 PULASKI HIGHWAY telephone no.:

city, town EDGEWOOD state and zip code MARYLAND 21040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 1067

street & number folio 344

city, town BEL AIR state MARYLAND

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

Check one

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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. HA 1979

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	1930	Builder/Architect	UNKNOWN
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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 & 8.2

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

HA 1979

ORAL INTERVIEW, MRS. WILLARD ARCHER
LAND RECORDS, HARFORD COUNTY

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name BEL AIR

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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11. Form Prepared By

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**CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1
DESCRIPTION**

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Archer Bungalow is a poorly maintained, typical residential building of the 1930's. A simple frame structure on a concrete block foundation, it exhibits the typical bungalow features of a deep, gently sloping roof, dormers and integral porch. The only other structure on the site, a concrete block garage off the northwest corner, contributes to the significance of the historic site.

DESCRIPTION

The Ashton Bungalow is located south of Bel Air near the intersection of US 1 Business, the Bel Air Bypass and MD 147 (Harford Road). It is oriented to the south and faces the latter road, centrally placed on the approximately 1 acre parcel and adjacent to a liquor store and the 84 Lumber Company to the west. According to a long time resident, it was originally part of a row of three identical bungalows, but is currently the only one that survives in an area heavily commercialized as the result of the recent construction of car dealerships, gas stations, fast food restaurants, etc.

There are two contributing resources on the property: the large one and one-half story bungalow, constructed in ca. 1930, and a concrete block garage, likely constructed around the same time as the house. This stuccoed concrete block, very poorly maintained dwelling, exhibits a general bungalow form with its broad gable roof (with an integral porch), paralleling the south (principle) elevation of the nearly square structure. The building is supported by a rusticated concrete block foundation, with ashlar-faced block interspersed among the rusticated ones. It is built into a slight rise on the rear (north) thus the entire facade (south) is above grade with a portion of the basement exposed under the porch (although almost half of this section is replacement block). A lattice screen remains in the west portion between the porch steps and corner support. The porch is reached by nine steps.

Two canted concrete porch posts on either end of the porch surmount large square plinths also constructed of rusticated concrete block. The entry is centered between two one-over-one lights, sheltered by the full width one story porch. Directly above the door in the forward plane of the gable roof is a large gable roof dormer with exposed rafter ends. The forward plane of this dormer is the location of three six-over-six windows.

The east elevation is nearly bilaterally symmetrical around a centrally located entrance at the basement level, with a small, nearly centered window at the first level between two larger six-over-six light sash windows. On either side of the door at the basement level are two sets of three window ensembles. These windows have concrete sills, with the upper architrave integral with the wooden drip mould.

The basement entrance is sheltered by a gable-roofed wooden hood. At the roof level are two six-over-six sash windows. All of the principle windows on this east side have wooden shutters and wooden surrounds. The rear of the basement level is the location of raised concrete planter troughs built into the wall.

The rear is divided into three unequal bays, with two small windows on the west of the centrally placed door, and one large window on the east. The entrance is the location of a jalousied screen/storm door, protected by a shed roofed porch.

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**CONTINUATION SHEET 7.2
DESCRIPTION**

The west elevation is the location of a large exterior brick chimney offset to the south, which rises in two sections. Two rowlock courses demarkate the sections. A centrally placed, shallow, rectangular, shed roofed bay projects from the center directly below the gable end and two six-over-six light sash windows and directly above two three-light windows at the basement level. Another window, at the first floor level, is located to the north of the projection and above a three-light basement window.

The garage is a pyramidally roofed concrete block structure which has a treatment similar to the basement of the dwelling: rusticated block for the wall planes contrasting with a smooth faced block, to resemble ashlar stone, located around the garage door and the east and west facing windows, and at the corners. The roofing material utilized on both the house and garage is composition shingle.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1**

SGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Ashton Bungalow, in its poor condition in a largely heavily commercialized area south of Bel Air, Maryland, has little historical association with the past, and minimal architectural merit, as it is not a noteworthy example of its type. It was built by St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton shortly after they acquired the property from Anna N. W. Hayes in 1929.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ashton Bungalow has been analyzed under applicable National Criterion A (association with a significant event); Criterion B (association with a significant person); and Criterion C (the work of a master or architectural merit). It has no known significance association with an historical event, an historical person, and is an undistinguished example of the bungalow style, which exhibited many variations, thus it would not meet the requirements of Criterion C. With no information potential, it would not meet the requirements of Criterion D.

A dilapidated structure, leased to tenants for many years and subject to bouts of vandilization, is located in an area of intensifying commercial development, characterized by mammoth car dealerships, lumber companies, etc. It conveys little association with the past. It was constructed for St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton shortly after their purchase of the land from Anna N.W. Hayes in 1929. The original lot of 1 3/8 acres has been reduced to the current .89 acres because of numerous sales transactions. The current owners are the fourth since the building was constructed.

The Ashton house was designed as a variant on the popular bungalow style. The bungalow became the dominant style of middle and working class housing in the period between 1900 and 1920. It was a style spread primarily by plans sold in popular catalogues, rather than by architects. Bungalows are typically one-and-a-half story structures, with low, horizontal lines and an integral porch on the front of the house. They are also characterized by a series of broad gables that form contiguous and receding planes. Gables often are bracketed and have wide projecting eaves. Roofs are gently pitched and often have either gable or shallow shed dormers. Windows are either sash or casement with many lights or single panes of glass. Bungalows are also notable for their earth-tone stains and use of natural materials such as stones, shingling, or stucco. The bungalow form frequently features Craftsman-style detailing, such as exposed rafter tails, wood brackets under eave overhangs, three-over-one double-hung sash windows, and wide wood frames around doors, and windows. There are numerous variations to the bungalow style such as the Colonial, Swiss, and Spanish. Bungalows were enormously popular in the early years of the twentieth century because they were inexpensive to design and build. Their emergence coincided with the rise in the number of working and middle class Americans who could afford to purchase a house.

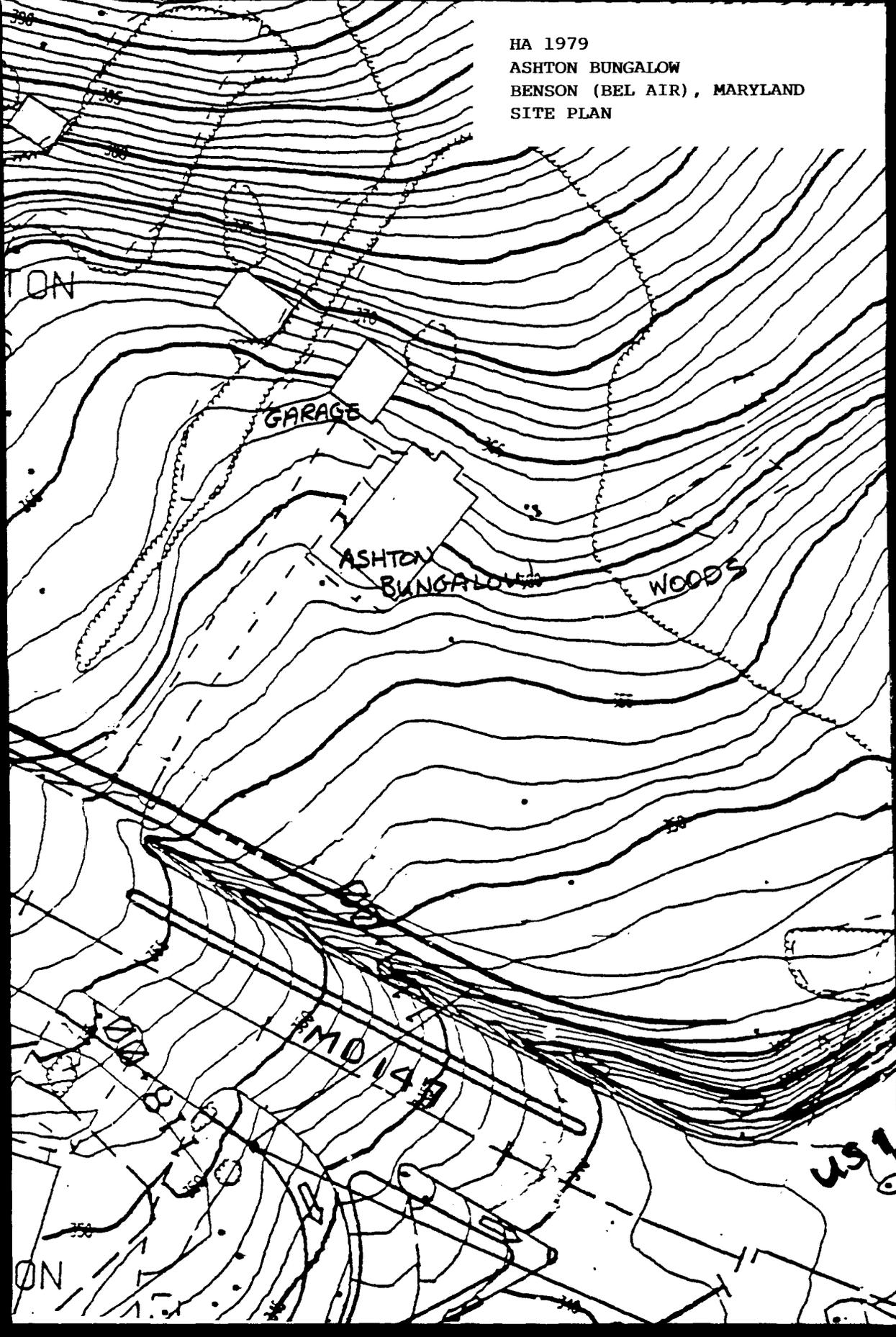
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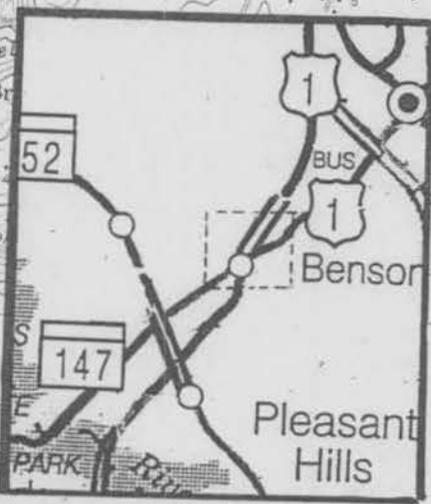
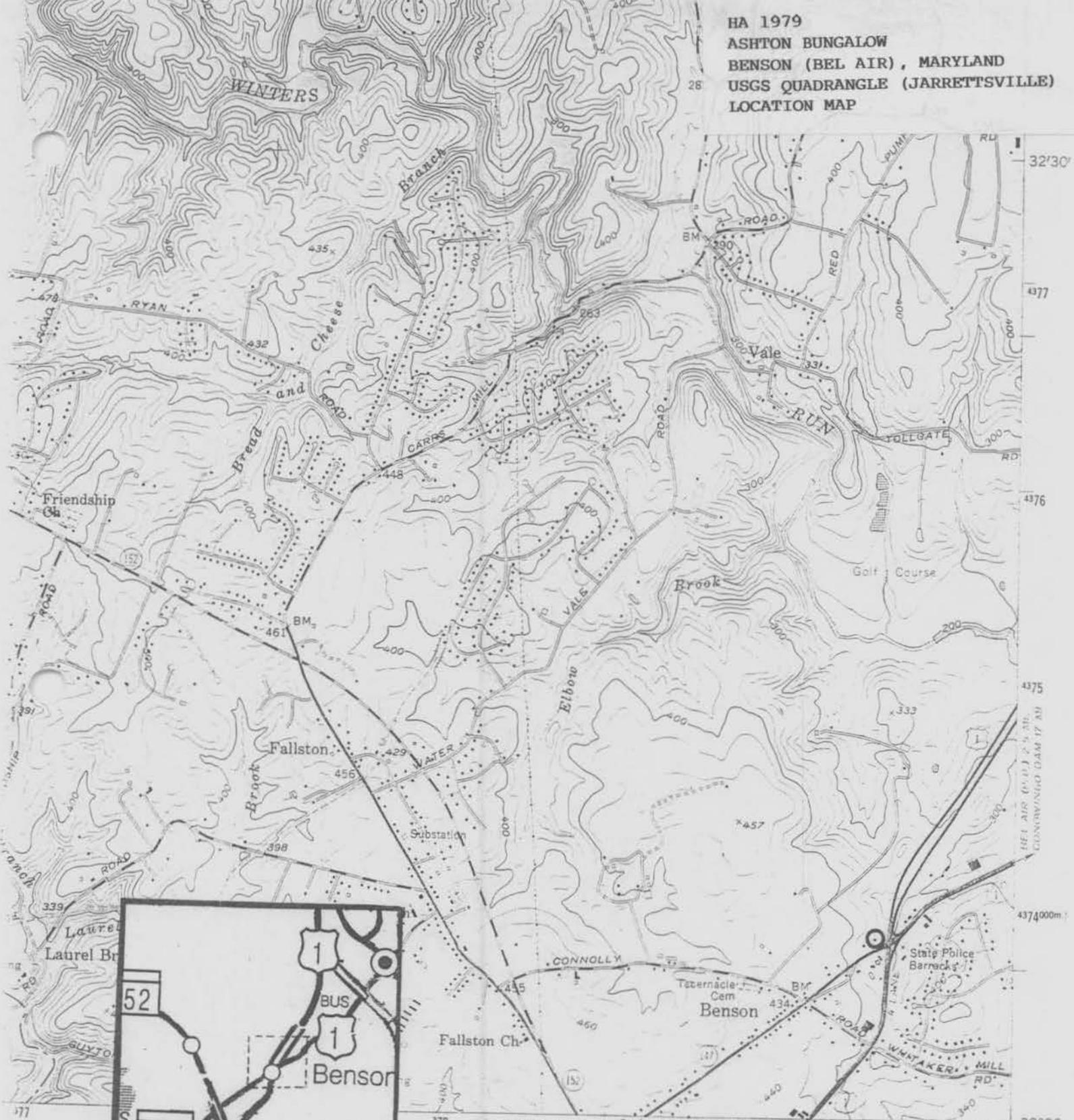
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Elizabeth Ashton	to	Albert Anderson 1 3/8 acre	GCB265/175 3/17/41
Anna N.W. Hayes	to	St. Clair Ashton	DGW213/66 7/3/29

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BENSON (BEL AIR), MARYLAND
SITE PLAN



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 BENSON (BEL AIR), MARYLAND
 USGS QUADRANGLE (JARRETTSVILLE)
 LOCATION MAP



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt
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