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Charles and Annie Wright House
7196 Washington Boulevard
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles & Annie Wright House

other

2. Location

street and number 7196 Washington Boulevard not for publication

city, town Elkridge vicinity

county Howard

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

name Howard County Dept. of Recreation and Parks

street and number 3430 Court House Drive telephone 410-313-4709

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 12205 folio 390

city, town Ellicott City tax map 37 tax parcel 342 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	4 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	4 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Charles and Annie Wright House is located at 7196 Washington Boulevard, but is set far back from the road, with a long narrow drive in on the east and north. The house is just east of Route 100, faces south, and sits on a flat, wooded site. In addition to the house, there are four post-WWII modern outbuildings that are partially collapsed.

House, exterior

The house is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay structure with a two-story, one-bay by one-bay ell. Both halves of the house have a rubble stone foundation and are of frame with aluminum siding that is installed over top of shingles, painted white, that are in turn laid over top of weather boards that are painted gray. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles, and has an east-west ridge on the main block and a north-south ridge on the ell. On the south elevation the first story has an enclosed porch that is all modern. Behind this porch is a new six-over-six sash to the west, a center entrance that is missing its door and has a small one-light transom, and a boarded-up window to the east. The second story has three windows that retain the remains of six-over-six double hung sash with ovolo muntins, 8-inch by 10-inch lights, and the sash are mortised and tenoned and pinned at the corners. There is a box cornice that is covered with aluminum. There is a small interior brick chimney on both the east and west gable ends, and the top of the chimney has two belt courses.

On the east elevation the main block has no openings. The ell has an enclosed modern porch on the first story that wraps around on the north and west. The second story of the ell contains the remains of a

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single six-over-six double hung sash. There is an interior brick chimney on the north gable end that matches those on the main block.

On the north elevation the rear porch, at the north end, has nine-light wood sash above a CMU wall that is covered with aluminum siding. The main block second story has the remains of a six-over-six sash in the east and west bays. The second story and gable end of the ell have no openings.

The west side of the porch has white wood shingles beneath the aluminum siding and has bead-board soffit above two layers of ceiling tiles. This portion of the porch has a tongue-and-grooved wood deck. The ell porch covers a window opening to the north and a doorway to the south on the first story. The second story has two six-over-six double hung sash. The west elevation of the main block has concrete cellar bulkhead cheek walls, and there are no other openings on the first or second stories.

House, interior

The house has a hall-parlor plan with one room in the ell. The front door opens into the east room, which has carpeting, paneling over plaster on circular-sawn lath that is fastened by wire nails, and architrave that has an ogee backband with the ogee rounded on the outer edge, and with no bead on the inner edge. There is a straight run of stairs on the west that ascends to the north. It has an open stringer with sawn brackets that have a wave profile. The stair has a square newel post and two horizontal rails. It is open beneath the stairway. There is a wide chimney on the east elevation that is covered with paneling, and a door on the north that leads to the ell; it has three lights over three lying panels, and has a one-light transom. There is a modern doorway and door on the west elevation, set to the north. The ceiling is plaster on lath, and the joists above are sash-sawn and are 2 inches by 8½ inches. The studs are 2 by 4s with saw marks that are at an angle and have a slight curve to them, and are probably circular-sawn. The west room has carpeting, paneling, ceiling tiles, and architrave that match the east room. There is a chimney on the west elevation that is wide and is covered with paneling. The north or ell room has a modern circa 1950s kitchen with linoleum, paneling, and ceiling tiles. A door has been added on the east elevation, and it has plain mitered trim. The west door has clamshell moulding, and the door has one large light and is hung on butt hinges with ball finials. The west window has head-cut trim.

The second story floor plan matches the first story, but has a center passage. The passage has two horizontal rails around the stairway, with 2 by 4 newel posts. There is typical architrave for the main block, and a drop ceiling.

The east chamber has 3-inch wide painted flooring that runs east-west. There is paneling over plaster laid on circular-sawn lath that is fastened with cut nails. The architrave matches the main block first story rooms. The door to this chamber has four panels with sunken fields, and ogee panel moulds. It is

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hung on cast iron foliate butt hinges that have finials in the shape of a pawn chess piece. It has a plain cast iron rim lock with mineral knobs. There are built-ins on the east elevation. The west wall has a long down brace from the south to the north wall, and this down brace is a sash-sawn 2 by 4. The studs are toe-nailed to the brace with cut nails and the studs are also 2 by 4s, but they are set with their wide face outward. One of the studs is circular-sawn, while the rest match the first story. One of the studs has the number "3632" painted on it in black paint. The joists for the attic run north-south, are circular-sawn, and are 2 inches by 5½ inches.

The west chamber has linoleum, plaster walls, and ceiling tiles. The door is missing but the window and door architrave matches the rest of the main block. The west elevation has plywood built-ins. The north, or ell, chamber has linoleum, paneling, masonite on the ceiling, and has had a bathroom added in the northwest corner. The door to this chamber is missing. There is no access to the attic. The rafters are 2 by 4s that are mitered at the ridge and support wide board lath.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1894-1904

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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left the farm to his widow and four children. Annie Wright was born in Maryland to immigrants from Saxony. There was a strong contingent of German immigrants along the Washington Boulevard corridor in the mid-nineteenth century, and her parents were probably part of this population movement. In 1920 her son, Edward, was running the farm, while daughter Bertha was a school teacher and Mabel was an office clerk at a dry goods firm. Annie Wright purchased her three daughters interests in the farm in the 1920s and probably lived on the farm with her son, Edward, who predeceased her. In 1930 she was living there with her youngest daughter, Leona, who at 23 was apparently also widowed, with a child under the age of two, and was raising chickens on the farm. Annie Wright finally sold the farm in 1946. The history of the property illustrates what some women had to do to survive when widowed and orphaned. In this case, the death of an only son, who would have helped to provide for the family, must have been extremely hard.¹

The construction of the house is generally consistent with the period 1894-1904, though the window sash must date to an earlier period and were likely re-used. The hall-parlor plan was rare by this time, with most farm houses employing a lobby entrance or a center passage plan, both of which would have provided more privacy and a little more refinement. There are other features of the house, such as the horizontal rails of the stairway, which are unusual in their simplicity and seem to indicate that the family was doing their best to scrape by. The house was abandoned and was scheduled to be demolished in late 2010.

¹ U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 1, Howard County, Maryland, 1910, 1920, 1930.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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● See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.305 A
Acreage of historical setting 27 A
Quadrangle name Savage

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 37, parcel 342, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	July 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Howard	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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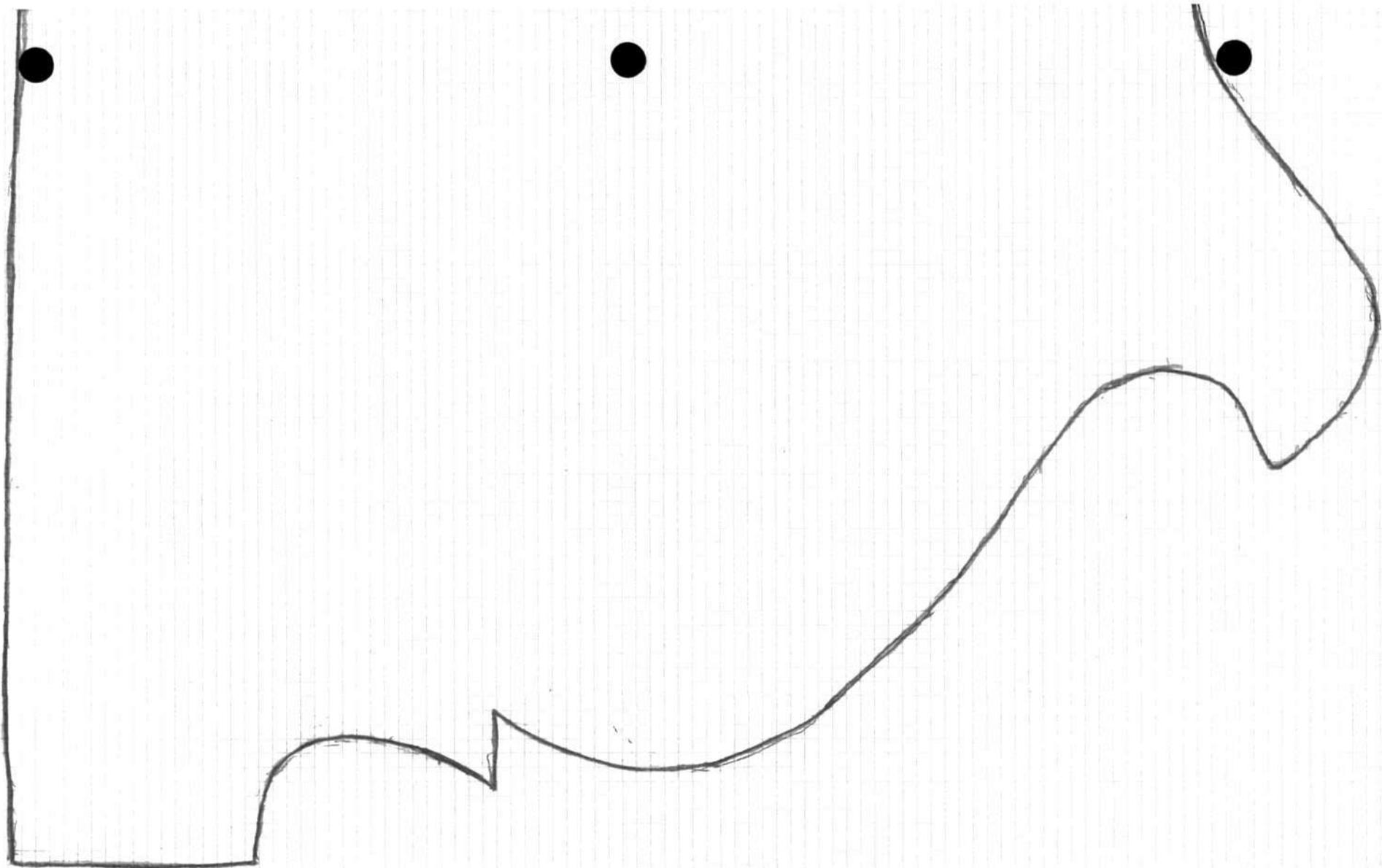
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Karin A. Rau, guardian of Emma H. Nickel / ?	Howard County, MD	23 November 2009	MDR 12205-390	Deed - fee simple	\$365,000	1.305 A.	H.A.N. d. 24 November 2001
Pedro A. & Katherine W. delValle (H/W) / Howard	Herbert A. & Emma H. Nickel (H/W) / ?	22 August 1957	RHM 303-199	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	5 A.	
Rosalie Annie Wright, widow	Pedro A. & Katherine W. delValle (H/W)	14 March 1946	BM Jr. 188-559	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	25 A. ±	2 parcels (1) Edward Wright dec'd
Leona Margaret Wright, unmarried / Howard	Rosalie Annie Wright (mother)	20 July 1928	HSK 134-204	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	27 A ±	1/4 int. (1)
Mabel Rosalie Johnson & husb. Berthe Virginia Johnson & husb.	Rosalie Annie Wright (mother)	22 November 1927	HBN 132-272	Deed			1/2 int. (1)
Charles W. Wright	Rosalie Annie Wright Mabel Rosalie Johnson Berthe Virginia Johnson Leona Margaret Wright Edward Wright	27 January 1916	<u>Wills</u> RD of W 5 - 338	Bequest			Life estate to R.A.W. (1)
Daniel M. Murray, trustee /?	Charles W. Wright / ?	9 November 1905	WWLC 81-138	Deed - ?	\$1,000	?	Howard Co. Equity, decree 6 September 1905 Virginia A. Wright v. Charles W. Wright (1)
William T. Wright & wf. Virginia A. / Balto. City	Charles W. & Annie R. Wright (H/W) / Howard	21 July 1902	JHO 76-4	Deed - fee simple	\$---	2 4/5 A.	(2)
Everhart Hartke & wf. Annie C. / Howard	William T. Wright / ?	16 April 1894	JHO 61-573	Deed - fee simple	\$810	27 A ±	Lot 2 in earlier deeds (1) & (2)
Martha A. Tubman / Balto. Co.	Everhart Hartke	21 April 1883	LJW 46-216	Deed - fee simple	\$25	27 A ±	father's land divided this went to Willie Tubman but never made a deed before Sheriff's sale Theodore Tubman, father

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E. Alexander Talbott, Sheriff of Howard Co.	Everhart Hartke	22 December 1882	LJW 45-543	Deed ?	\$300	Lot 1-23 A. Lot 2-27 A.	Everhart Hartke v. Sam'l Tubman et al 3 July 1882 Howard Co. Circuit Court



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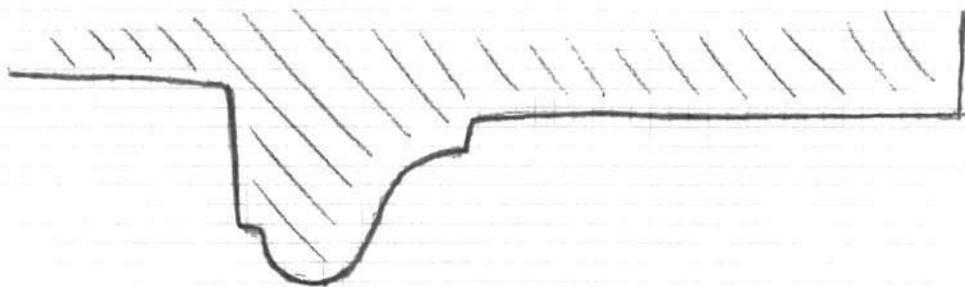
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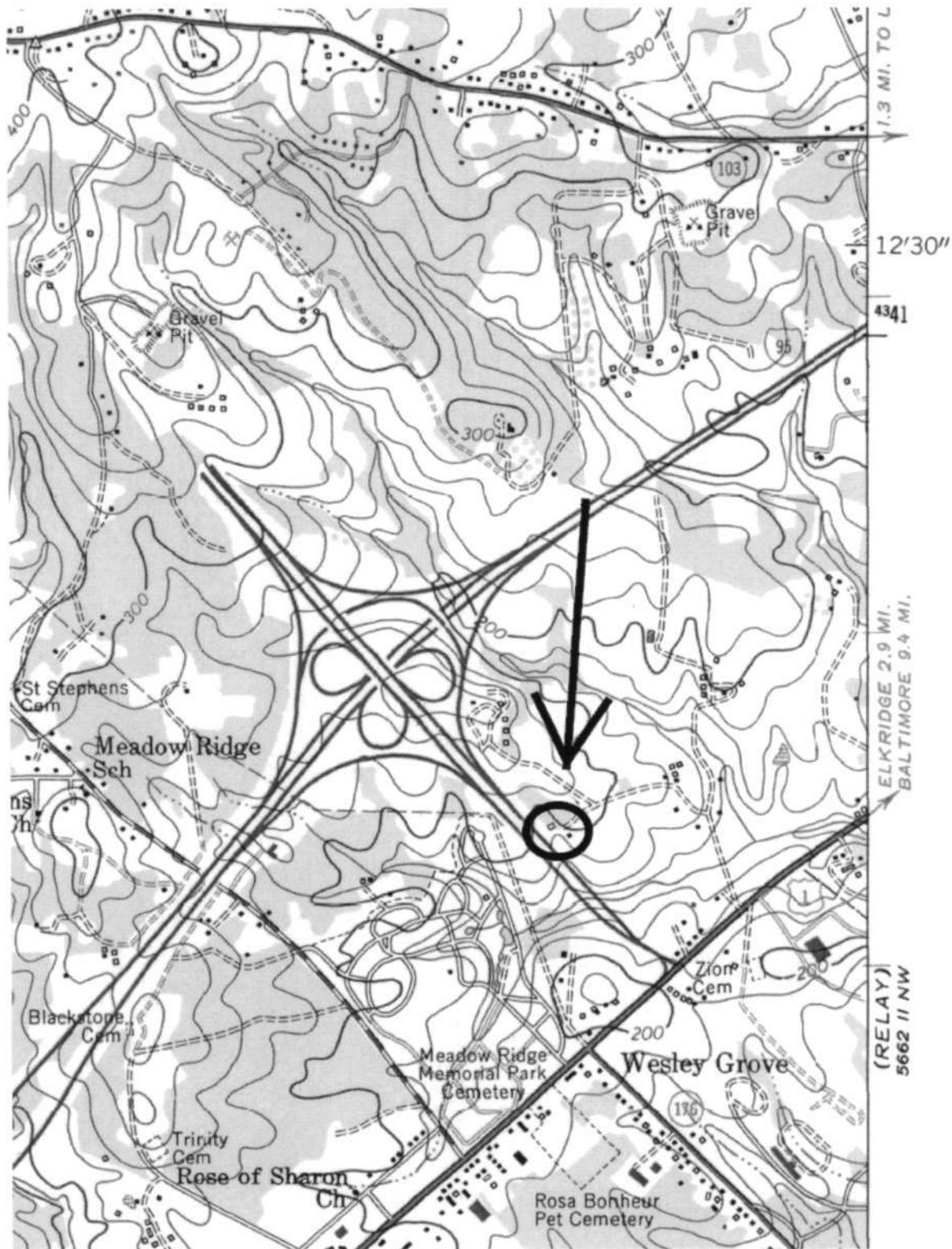
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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, south & east elevations

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House, west & south elevations

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House, east & north elevations

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House, interior, stairway

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House, interior, second story E. chamber,
W. wall (stair wall) brace



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