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Mary & Stevenson White Farm ("Squirrel Hill")

9725 Old Annapolis Road

Private

Description:

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Significance:

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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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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The Mary & Stevenson White Farm ("Squirrel Hill") is located at 9725 Old Annapolis Road, just northeast of the intersection of Route 29 and Route 108, in Columbia, in central Howard County, Maryland. The farm complex consists of a frame house, a frame stable, and a frame corn crib. The house sits on a hill with the ground sloping down on all sides, and is set back from the road at the end of a long curving drive with a circle on the north side.

#### House, exterior

The house is a 2 ½-story, five-bay by two-bay structure with a rubble stone foundation, frame with aluminum siding and German siding still exposed under the porches, and a gable roof with slate and a north-south ridge. There are two interior brick chimneys on the ridge, between the end bays and the next bays in. There is a short one-bay by one-bay, two-story ell on the west, at the north end, with the same materials as the main block and a gable roof with an east-west ridge.

The east elevation, on the first story, has a center Dutch door with four panels on the top and two on the bottom. All of the openings have head-cut trim. There are two two-over-four sash to each side, and they extend down to near the porch, and have blinds. There is a one-story, six-bay porch that wraps around the south side. It has square chamfered posts with jig-sawn brackets, a wood deck and aluminum soffit that follows the pitch of the rafters. The porch is set on brick piers and has a metal roof that is almost flat. The second story has five two-over-two sash with blinds. There is a box cornice with returns. The roof has three dormers, the center being larger, with six-over-six sash, wood shingles on

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the cheek walls, gable roofs, and wood box cornices with returns. The end dormers have one-over-one sash and the cornices do not have returns.

The north elevation has three typical two-over-two sash on both the first and second stories. The gable end has a small two-over-two sash in the center, with a vent above. There are wood shingles here, with the center four courses being a saw-tooth pattern.

The south elevation has a three-sided bay in the west bay of the first story. It has a pair of five-light French doors in the center, with a one-light transom, and a two-over-two sash to each side. There is a two-over-two sash in the east bay, and the porch only covers this bay. The second story has two two-over-two sash and the gable end is identical to the north elevation.

On the west elevation, everything south of the ell is covered by a two-story addition that has CMU walls on the first story and an open porch and German siding on the second story. The ell has a porch to the north on the first story and a small enclosed room to the south, with German siding. It has a shed roof with standing seam metal. The north bay of the ell has a door and the room has a two-over-two sash. The second story has a two-over-two sash in the center and infill with a small one-over-one sash that is under the ell south eave. The gable end has wood shingles.

### House, interior

The basement is located under the front half of the house, only, and has a concrete floor and rubble stone walls. There are two brick piers along the west wall to support fireplaces above. The joists are sash-sawn 2 by 10s that run east-west, with cross-bracing.

The first story has a center-passage, double-pile plan. There is 2 1/4-inch oak that runs throughout the first floor and appears to be added. The baseboard throughout the house has an ogee and bevel on the top, and the chair rail appears to be added. The front door architrave is pulvinated in the center, and there are bulls-eye corner blocks. The openings to the north and south walls and the back of the passage have been widened and given segmentally-arched tops, and have no architrave now. The walls and ceiling are plaster on lath. There is a straight run of stairs on the north that ascends to the west, with a plain closed stringer and a lath and plaster wall below. The newel post is large and square, is chamfered at the corners, and has reeds in the center of each face and a roundel above the reeding. The top of the newel is moulded. The balusters are turned, with a knob in the center, and are tapered at either end. The handrail is three-quarter round on top and is moulded on the sides. There is a door to the cellar stairs under the stairway, with four panels with double fields, and cast iron foliate butt hinges. There is a small hallway to the rear of the passage, with connection to the kitchen and a powder room at the back end.

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The southeast room front windows extend down to near the floor, with a pocket in the wall above for the bottom sash. The sash are mortised and tenoned and pinned. There is a fireplace on the west, with a brick mantel that is painted white, and it has blue and white tile in the center of the frieze. There is a quarry tile hearth that is painted black, and a fire brick firebox. To the north of the fireplace is a doorway to the southwest room.

The southwest room has a fireplace on the east that matches the southeast room, but has green and white tiles in the center. There is a bay window on the south.

The northeast room has a brick mantel on the west that is painted white, and the firebox is closed off. To the north of the mantel is a built-in cupboard with French doors that have five lights each, and pulvinated architrave with corner blocks.

The northwest room is a modern kitchen with 5-inch pine flooring that was added by the current owners.

The second story plan matches the first story. The passage flooring is 2 ½-3 ½-inch pine. The baseboard, architrave, and four-panel doors throughout the second story match the first story, and the stair details match the first story, except for the newel posts. They are square at the bottom, have one or two square blocks at the top, and are turned in between. They are large and heavy. There is an enclosed stair to the attic. The east end of the passage is closed off to create a bathroom, with a window set high on the wall that has one light of pressed glass. There is a small closet on the south wall, near the west corner. The west wall has two doorways. The north door leads to a bathroom with black and white floor tile in a basket weave pattern and black and white wall tile. The sink is on chrome legs, with chrome towel racks. The south door has four lights over two panels, and leads to a porch on the rear.

The southeast chamber has a closet on the west, set to the south, which projects further than the chimney in the center. The bathroom has black and white floor tile in a basket weave pattern and black and white wall tile. The southwest chamber has a window in the center of the west wall, with closets to each side and a segmental arch to the ceiling above the window, between the closets. These appear to be added. The northeast chamber west wall has a door on either side of the chimney stack, with the south door to a closet and the north door leading to the northwest chamber. The northwest chamber has a closet on the south wall, to the east of the door, and the wall is built out to the west of the door, with a segmentally-arched ceiling between them, over the doorway.

The attic is finished with lath-and-plaster walls and ceiling, and has a center passage with one chamber at the north and south ends and a bathroom at the east end. The flooring throughout matches that of the second story. The doors have beaded-edge vertical boards, butts with two knuckles, and plain cast iron

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rim locks. The bathroom has a claw foot tub. The rafters are sash-sawn 2 by 6s that are mitered and butted at the ridge, and are fastened with cut nails. They support solid board sheathing.

### **Shed**

There is a shed located about 30 feet west of the house. It is one story and one bay square, has German siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is a doorway on the east, a six-over-one sash on the north and south, and a shed addition on the west. It has a wood box cornice.

There is a CMU building about 8 feet west of the shed and two new T1-11 buildings about 15 feet west of the CMU building.

### **Stable**

The stable is located about 100 feet northwest of the house. It is a two-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with board-and-batten siding and a gable roof with inverted-v-seam metal and a north-south ridge. There is a new shed added to the east side and an older shed on the west side, with two newer sheds attached to the west of that. The east elevation has a board-and-batten door in the center of the first story and no other openings. The south elevation has a one-story shed-roofed wing on the first story, to the west, and it has a wood shingle roof, board and batten siding, and a vertical-board door on the east. The east bay of the south elevation has a vertical-board Dutch door. The second story has no openings. The north elevation wall has been taken down. The west elevation has a small opening cut into the wall.

The interior has three stalls with an aisle along the west side and another on the south side. The building has been cut down, and then an expansion was recently begun but not completed. The building is constructed with sash-sawn timber and cut nails and has 4 by 6 posts. There is a tack rail on the east. The rafters are 2 by 6s that are mitered and butted at the ridge.

### **Corn Crib**

The corn crib is located about 250 feet north of the barn. It is a one-story, one-bay-square frame building that has been re-sided with wood weather boards. It is set on concrete piers and has a gable roof with an east-west ridge and corrugated metal. There are new board-and-batten double doors on the east and a shed addition on the north. The north wall of the crib has vertical slats with wire nails. It is built with 2 by 4s and is all nailed.

There is a cluster of trees about 400 feet down the hill north of the barn that is the old home site. There is a well, but no foundations were located in the growth. Also on the property is a log house that was dismantled in western Maryland and re-erected here, along with modern additions.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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**Specific dates** N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

**Construction dates** c. 1891

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.)

The land upon which the Mary & Stevenson White Farm (aka “Squirrel Hill”) sits was the 100-acre farm of Robert Kent Iglehart and was sold to a trustee for the benefit of Mary E. White (nee Thomas) in 1872. Mary had lived with the family of Henry Hazelhurst, who was probably an uncle, until her marriage to Stevenson White c. 1871. The couple apparently settled into farming on the Iglehart property, and Stevenson is listed as a farmer in the 1880 census. He was a great-grandson of Charles Ridgely of “Hampton” and the son of Charles Ridgely White, a local farmer. He was also involved in some kind of business, being listed as a clerk in 1870 and was in partnership with John R. Clark, under the name of S. White & Co., until 1878, when the Columbia firm was dissolved. The Whites were apparently living elsewhere in January 1891, because a tenant was in the house when it caught fire and was completely destroyed. Presumably the Whites rebuilt that summer, though no records have been found to confirm this.<sup>1</sup>

The house they built has a traditional center-passage, double pile plan, with the stairway in the passage. Only the location of the chimneys, on interior walls between the front and rear rooms rather than on the gable ends, differs from the common vernacular, and this arrangement was not unknown in Howard County. There is a wrap-around porch and a three-sided bay on one of the rooms, both of which were common features of farmhouses in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, nationally as well as in Howard County. The mantels have all been replaced in the twentieth century, but the stairway with heavy square newel post and closed stringer, the architrave with pulvinated center, the floor-to-ceiling windows that open out to the porch, and the scroll porch brackets are all very common in the late nineteenth century. The stable probably also dates to this period, while the corn crib dates to the twentieth century. The age of the original house and the earliest occupancy of the property are not known, but the old house site survives undisturbed and is potentially a very good archaeological site.

<sup>1</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 2, Howard County, Maryland, 1860, 1870, 1880. Emily Lantz, “Maryland Heraldry: The Ridgely Family, Colonists to Maryland in 1659, Distinguished in Civil and Military Affairs.” *Baltimore Sun*, 15 March 1908, p. 17. *Baltimore Sun*, 26 July 1878, p. 2, col. 6. *Baltimore Sun*, 8 January 1891, Supplement, p. 2, col. 7.

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The property is slated to be developed, but the two houses on the farm are to be retained. The outbuildings will be demolished and the old house site will be built on.

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<sup>2</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 2, Howard County, Maryland, 1900.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 20 A  
Acreage of historical setting 100 A  
Quadrangle name Savage                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 30, parcel 86, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 2012
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

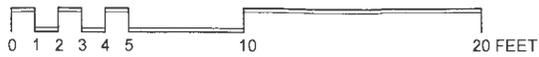
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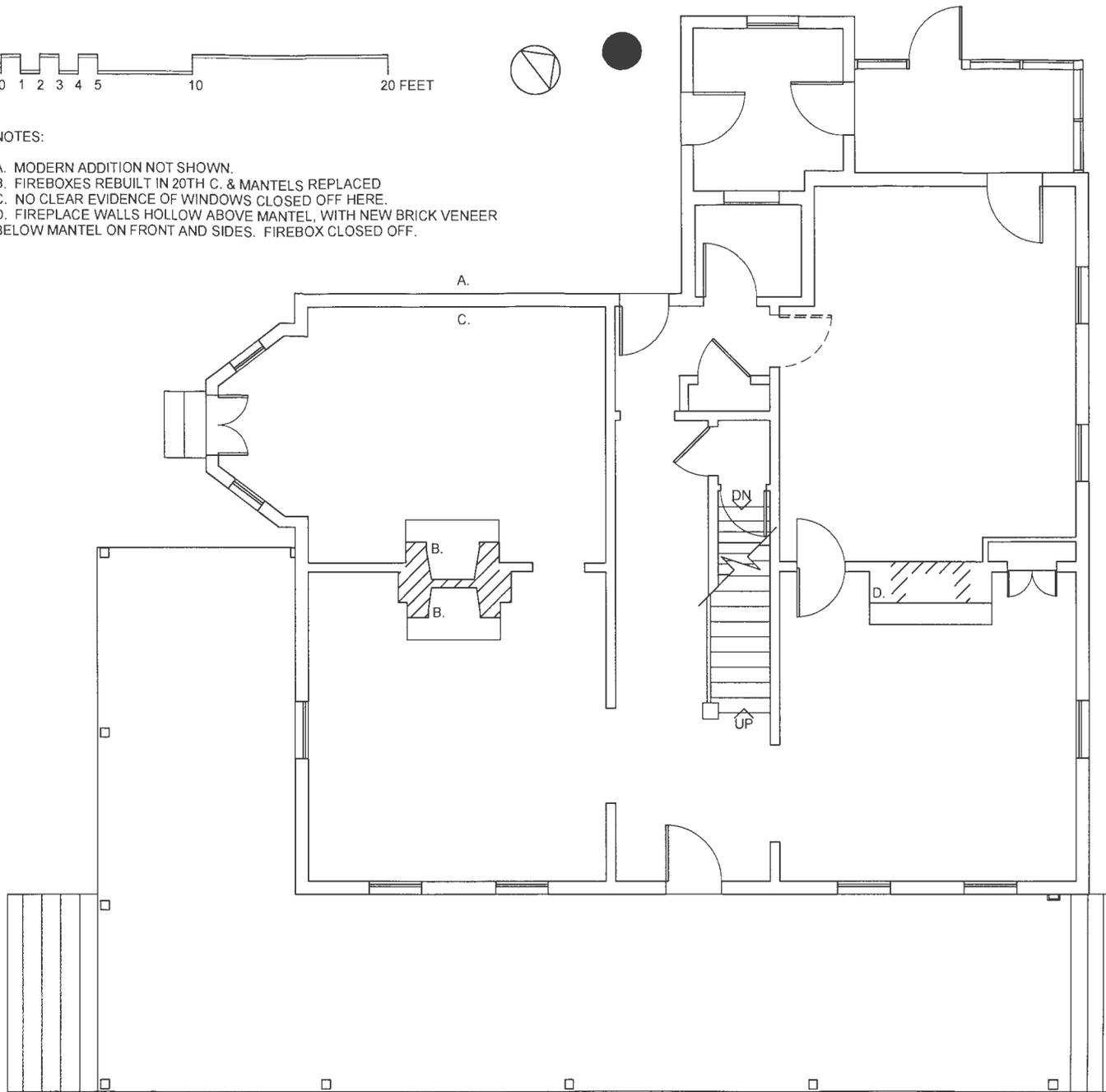
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**CHAIN OF TITLE**

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
John Tenney Mason, Jr. Frances Wellford Mason, atty / MD	John Tenney Mason, Jr. Family LLC / MD	23 August 2006	MDR 10729-329	Deed – fee simple	\$0	1) 28.4 A - 8.422 A 2) 26.382 A	Power of attorney 1994
John Tenney Mason, Jr & wf Frances W. Mason / MD	John Tenney Mason, Jr & wf Frances W. Mason / MD	10 March 1988	CMP 1801-400	Deed – fee simple	\$0	1) 28.4 A - 8.422 A 2) 26.382 A	
Frank W. Peach, Jr & wf Patricia G. / ?	John Tenney Mason, Jr & wf Frances W. Mason / ?	17 July 1950	MWB 218-332	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	28.4 A	(1)
Robert W. Seliger & wf Beatrice V. / ?	Frank W. Peach, Jr & wf Patricia G. / ?	16 January 1950	MWB 214-476	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	28.4 A	(1)
Allen Thomas & wf Josephine S. / AA	Robert W. Seliger & wf Beatrice V. / Balto. City	18 September 1940	BM Jr. 168-252	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	28.4 A	2 deeds, A & B (1)
Anna T. Owings, trustee	Allen Thomas	12 August 1937	BM Jr. 158-37				L/F is wrong (A)
Dorsey M. Williams / ?	Allen Thomas & wf Josephine S. / ?	25 March 1924	HBN 120-71	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	28.4 A	Part of 1 <sup>st</sup> of 2 tracts in 119- 280 (B)
George G. Carey, substitute trustee & Mary Elizabeth White John McKim White & Elizabeth Thomas White / ?	Dorsey M. Williams / ?	13 December 1923	HBN 119-280	Deed – fee simple	\$8,000	w) 100 A x) 18-3-27 ARP = 118 -3 -27 ARP	GHW trustee until death in 1889; then John McKim until death in 1905; then Stevenson White until death in 1923; now GGC. see GR 507-402 Farm where MEW has lived for many years.
Robert Kent Iglehart / Howard	George Hawkins Williams, trustee of Mary E. White	12 September 1872	WWW 32-98	Deed – fee	\$4,000	100 A	[no prev. ref.] (W)
Mary Elizabeth White & hus. Stevenson	George Hawkins Williams, trustee	3 April 1871	Balto. City GR 507-402				



NOTES:

- A. MODERN ADDITION NOT SHOWN.
- B. FIREBOXES REBUILT IN 20TH C. & MANTELS REPLACED
- C. NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF WINDOWS CLOSED OFF HERE.
- D. FIREPLACE WALLS HOLLOW ABOVE MANTEL, WITH NEW BRICK VENEER BELOW MANTEL ON FRONT AND SIDES. FIREBOX CLOSED OFF.



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FIRST FLOOR PLAN -- MEASURED AND DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- APRIL 2012



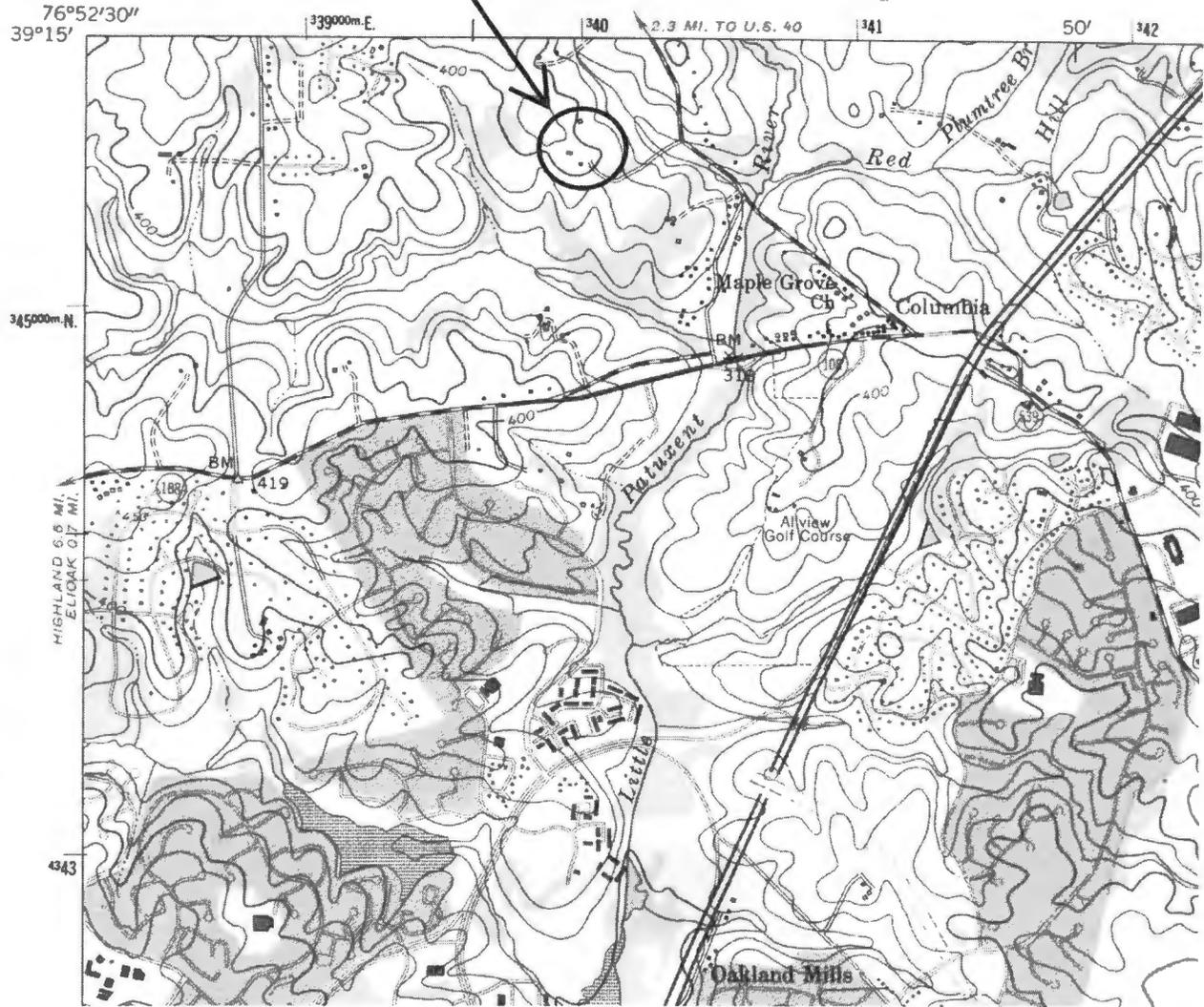
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Site Plan

Average Scale: 1 inch = 65.2 feet

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Savage quad

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

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House, south elevation

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House, north elevation

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House, newel post

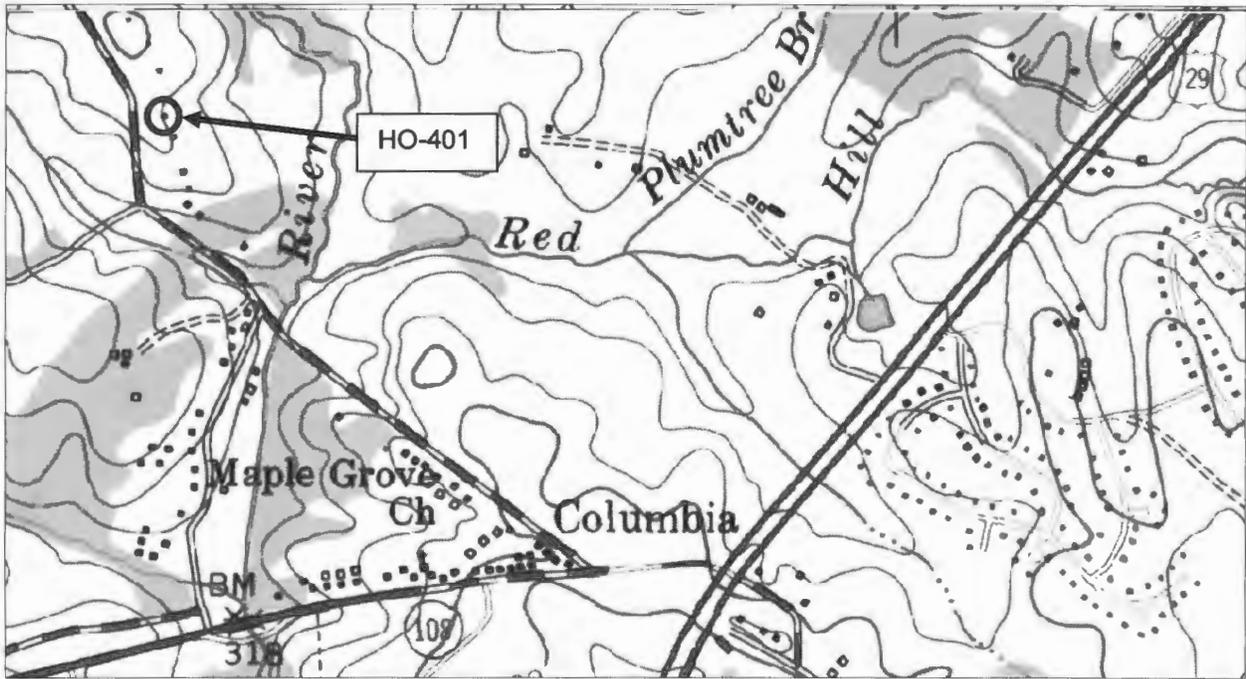
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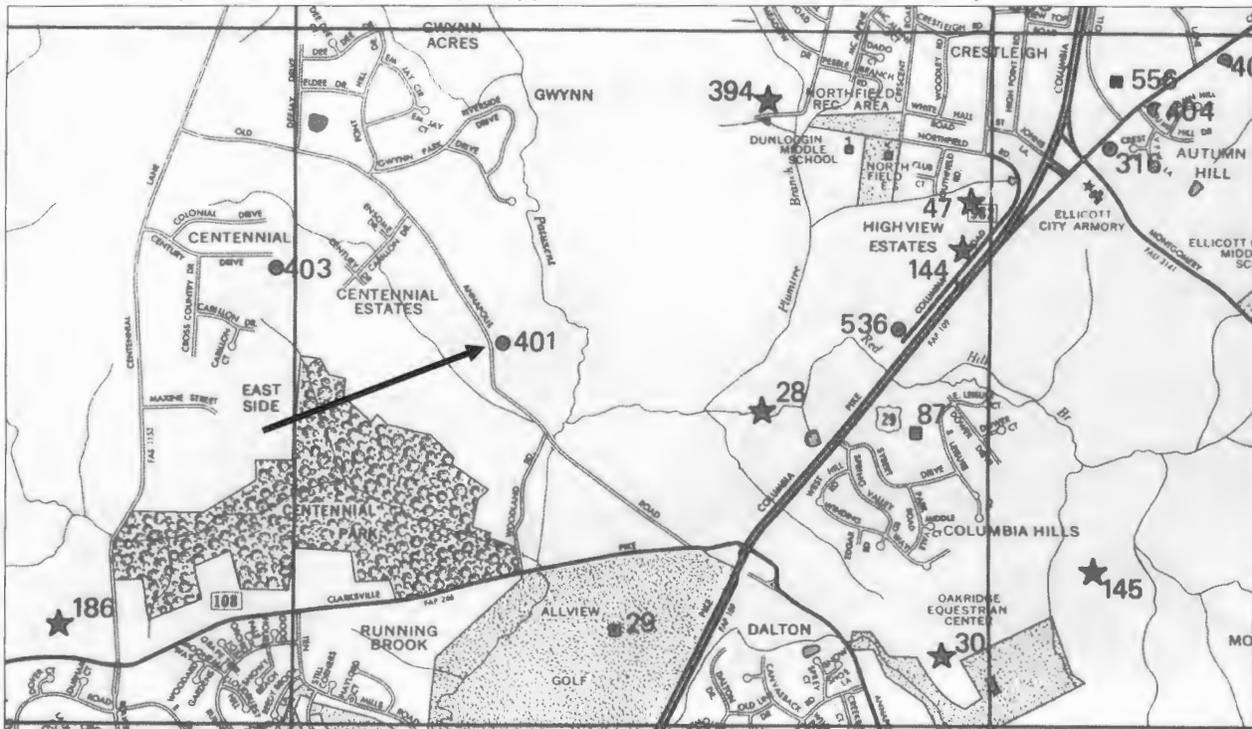
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Corn Crib, east elevation

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Squirrel Hill, site (Mason House)  
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Savage Quad

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Corn Crib, east elevation

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