

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

Property/District Name: 8321 Leishear Road Survey Number: HO-687

Tax Parcel#: 163

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-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 house at 8321 Leishear Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Gothic Revival style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form

and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Tracerics, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Conner Alfender \_\_\_\_\_ 2/10/98 \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

B. Kuntz \_\_\_\_\_ 3/31/99 \_\_\_\_\_  
Reviewer, NR Program Date

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
8321 Leishear Road  
(HO-687)

Vernacular Gothic Revival in design, the circa late nineteenth century L-shaped, two-and-one-half story, three-bay, gable roof house at 8321 Leishear Road has a symmetrical facade with a central front gable wall dormer. A two story ell which projects to the rear. A one-story, three-bay, half-hipped roof porch with tapered columns extends across much of the facade, and a one story, one-bay, half-hipped roof porch of wood post construction stands in the corner created by the main block of the house and the rear ell. The house sits on a solid stone rubble foundation and has two interior brick chimneys with corbel caps. The wood frame dwelling, which was originally clad in beaded wood weatherboard, has been reclad in aluminum siding. Much of the interior siding is gone and many of the windows and sashes are missing. The house is in poor condition and much of the interior has been demolished.

The property on which 8321 Leishear Road is currently sited was amassed by Luther W. High who combined several parcels of land in the 1940s. High sold his accumulated property to Monroe H. and Catherine B. Davis in October of 1944. The property was bought by the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers in 1957, and the once-domestic residence was zoned for industrial. Since that time, it has been associated with the surrounding farmland and not used as a dwelling. Vacant for many years, the building is in disrepair and has been threatened with demolition.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-687

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1. Name of Property

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historic name \_\_\_\_\_  
common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Location

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street & number 8321 Leishear Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Laurel vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Howard code 027 zip code 20794

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>		<u>0</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>		<u>0</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No X

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Gothic Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Random Rubble Stone

roof Side Gable: Standing Seam Sheet Metal

walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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8321 Leishear Road  
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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
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Period of Significance ca. 1885-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1885-1890  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County, Ellicott City, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreeage of Property 19.73 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 8321 Leishear Road is designated as Parcel 163, as indicated on Map 46, Grid 6.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 8321 Leishear Road has historically been associated with Parcel 163 since the building's construction in circa 1880.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kristyna G. Olsen, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date November 5, 1997  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner  
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name MD and VA Milk Producers Association  
street & number 1985 Isaac Newton Square telephone 410-742-6800  
city or town Reston state VA zip code 22090  
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county and state

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The dwelling is set on a hill overlooking Leishear Road. The site slopes down to the north, west, and south. The lot is open and sits adjacent to a substation and a dairy. Mature trees and a few shrubs are scattered over the property. A gravel drive extending from Glen Hannah Drive runs parallel to the west side of the house.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The facade of the house, the west elevation, is three bays wide. Symmetrical in design, the center bay is emphasized by the main entrance and by a front gable wall dormer. At the first story, the centered main entrance is marked by a single-leaf door opening with a square-edged wood surround that is now missing its door. Flanking the entrance at the first story are two window openings from which the windows are missing. Each bay at the second story is marked by a 1/1 windows with a metal surround. The upper half-story is pierced by one triangular-shaped, fixed one-light metal window with a metal surround. A one-story, three-bay, half-hipped roof porch, with tapered wood columns extends across the full width of the house.

The north elevation is formed by the gable end wall of the house and the side elevation of the ell. At this elevation, the first story is pierced by two window openings without windows, one in the gable end wall and one in the ell. The second story is pierced by three 1/1 windows with metal surrounds, and the half story above is pierced by one triangular shaped, fixed, one-light metal window with a metal surround.

The east elevation, the interior of the "L" has been partially

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covered with plywood, and a one-story porch has been erected in the corner of the "L." The first story is pierced only at the gable end wall of the ell by one window opening which is missing its sash. The second story is pierced by two 1/1 windows with metal surrounds, one in the rear elevation of the main block of the house and one in the gable end wall of the ell.

The south elevation also is formed by the interior of the "L," and displays the gable end wall of the main body of the house and the side elevation of the rear ell. A one-story porch is located in the corner created by the intersection of the main body of the house and the ell. The gable end wall of the house holds a three-sided projecting bay, with a window opening at both the first and second stories in each of the facets of the bay. The windows at the first story are no longer intact, but replacement 1/1 sash metal windows with metal casings remain in the three openings at the second story of the projecting bay. Above the bay in the gable end is a triangular one-light metal window. Within the ell, two unfilled openings are located at the first story, a doorway and a window opening. At the second story of the ell are two sash windows of different sizes, both filled with a 1/1 metal sash window with a metal surround.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

No outbuildings are associated with the property at 8321 Leishear Road.

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Erected circa 1885, the dwelling at 8321 Leishear Road is an example of the Gothic Revival style. This style, which gained popularity because of its picturesque compatibility with the natural landscape, was used frequently in the construction of farmhouses and dwellings throughout rural communities across America at the turn of the twentieth century. Gothic Revival only in form, the house at 8321 Leishear Road provides an illustration of the vernacular adaptation of the style. Its lack of ornamentation is typical of the modest Gothic Revival-style farmhouses whose common features include its two-and-one-half-story, L-shaped or T-shaped form, its side gable roof, and the decorative windows in the prominent front gable.

The property on which 8321 Leishear Road is currently sited was amassed by Luther W. High who combined several parcels of land in the 1940s. High sold his accumulated property to Monroe H. and Catherine B. Davis in October of 1944.

The house no longer serves as a dwelling. The once domestic residence was zoned for industrial use after the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association bought the land in 1957. Since that time, it has been associated with the surrounding farmland. The building, which has been vacant for many years, is in disrepair and has been threatened with demolition.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and Community  
Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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**Chain of Title:**

Deed A:

May 15, 1858 William A. Disney and Rachel Wolf, executors  
of Jacob Wolf's estate, to Seth Warfield  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWW 19 Folio 158

December 11, 1884 Seth and Lydia A. Warfield to John T. Warfield  
Sold for \$3000  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber LJW 49 Folio 171

October 25, 1897 John T. and Rachel Warfield to David Wagner,  
Sr.  
188 acres, including horses and personal  
property, sold for \$2500  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber JHO 67 Folio 619

September 17, 1921 Joseph Wagner, unmarried, to William D. and  
Carrie Hobbs  
No notation as to how the property passed  
from David to Joseph Wagner  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 113 Folio 545

December 18, 1922 William D. and Carrie Hobbs to Joseph Wagner  
188 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 116 Folio 417

January 21, 1925 Joseph Wagner, unmarried, to Amos E. and Lois  
C. Souder  
188 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber HBN 122 Folio 154

September 8, 1937 Amos E. and Lois Souder to John H. and Laura  
M. Holst  
Land conveyed except 11.636 acres sold to the  
Susquehanna Transmission Co. by the Souders  
(August 30, 1932, Liber BMJr. 144, Folio 168)  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 158 Folio 82

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March 23, 1940      John H. and Laura M. Holst to Luther W. Hugh  
111.364 acres sold  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber BMJr. 166                      Folio 309

Deed B:  
May 15, 1858      William A. Disney and Rachel Wolf, executors  
of Jacob Wolf's estate, to Seth Warfield  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWW 19                      Folio 158

December 11, 1884      Seth Warfield to John T. Warfield  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber LJW 49                      Folio 171

May 1, 1895      John T. and Rachel V. Warfield to Washington  
E. Harding  
Sold for \$832  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 65                      Folio 248

February 25, 1907      Washington E. and Mary E. Harding to Basil W.  
Harding  
Sold 52 acres for \$950  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWLC 83                      Folio 373

March 12, 1924      Basil W. and Annie Harding to Mary E.T. Sanner  
Part of previous property, approximately 42  
acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 119                      Folio 551

March 12, 1924      Mary E.T. Sanner, unmarried, to Basil W. and  
Annie Harding

April 24, 1942      Basil W. and Annie Harding and Snowden Athey  
(holder of a mortgage dated October 7, 1938,  
Liber 161, Folio 476) to Luther W. Hugh  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 174                      Folio 300

Deed C:  
Deed C1:  
Unable to trace deed back further

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May 2, 1888 Ruth S. and Lebbus Griffith, John T. and Rachel V. Warfield, Randolph R. and Evalyn Warfield, John T. Warfield (as attorney for Cornelia Warfield, widow), John T. and Mary Warfield, Seth W. and Chloe Boddie Warfield, Amos W. and Mary M. Warfield, and Amy C. Warfield to Isabella D. Magruder  
Number 1 in the real estate of Seth W. Warfield (deceased) by heirs of 'Warfield Range', part of 'Warfield's Lot', and part of 'Pela Terry.' The land was sold to Isabella D. Magruder who was to make an annual payment of \$20 to Lydia Warfield, widow of Seth Warfield, for the remainder of Lydia Warfield's life.  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 53 Folio 275

July 29, 1890 Isabella D. and Zachariah L. Magruder, and Lydia A. Warfield to Arthur P. Gorman  
Sold 100.25 acres for \$1100  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 56 Folio 408

Deed C2:

Deed C2a:

March 17, 1845 John Warfield to Thomas C. Worthington  
153 acres and 9 square perches  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 5 Folio 472

Deed C2b:

March 31, 1862 Benjamin Dorsey and William Warfield, executors, to Thomas C. Worthington  
80.5 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWW 22 Folio 54

Deed C2c:

Unable to trace deed back further  
September 1, 1888 Isabella D. Magruder and husband to Thomas C. Worthington  
2.75 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber LJW 53 Folio 494





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December 1, 1955	Melvin J. Berman and Arthur V. Robinson, co-partners trading as Olney Acres Dairy Products and Helene E. Berman, wife of Melvin J. Berman, and A. Marguerite Robinson, wife of Arthur V. Robinson to Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association Land Records of Howard County Liber RHM 275 Folio 346
July 19, 1957	Melvin J. Berman and Arthur V. Robinson, co-partners trading as Olney Acres Dairy Products and Helene E. Berman, wife of Melvin J. Berman, and A. Marguerite Robinson, wife of Arthur V. Robinson to Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers Association Corrects incorrect deed description in previous deed conveying "those three pieces or parcels of ground situate and lying on the east side of Leishear Road in the sixth district of Howard County." Land Records of Howard County Liber RHM 302 Folio 287

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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Substation 8321 Leishear Rd:  
Laurel, Howard County, MD

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SUBSTATION

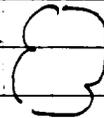
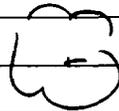
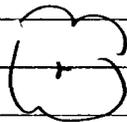
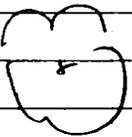
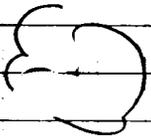
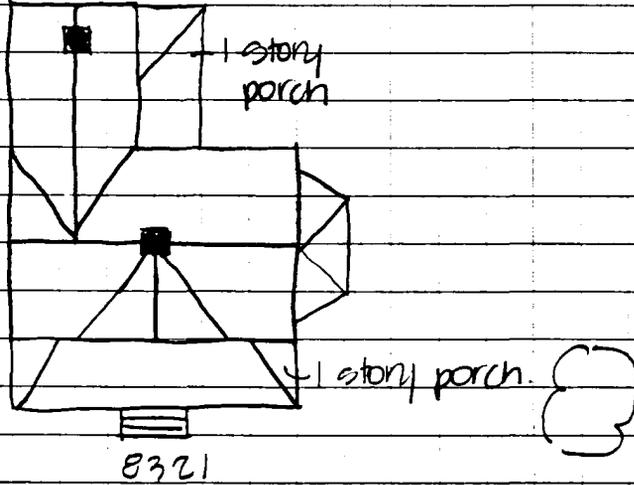
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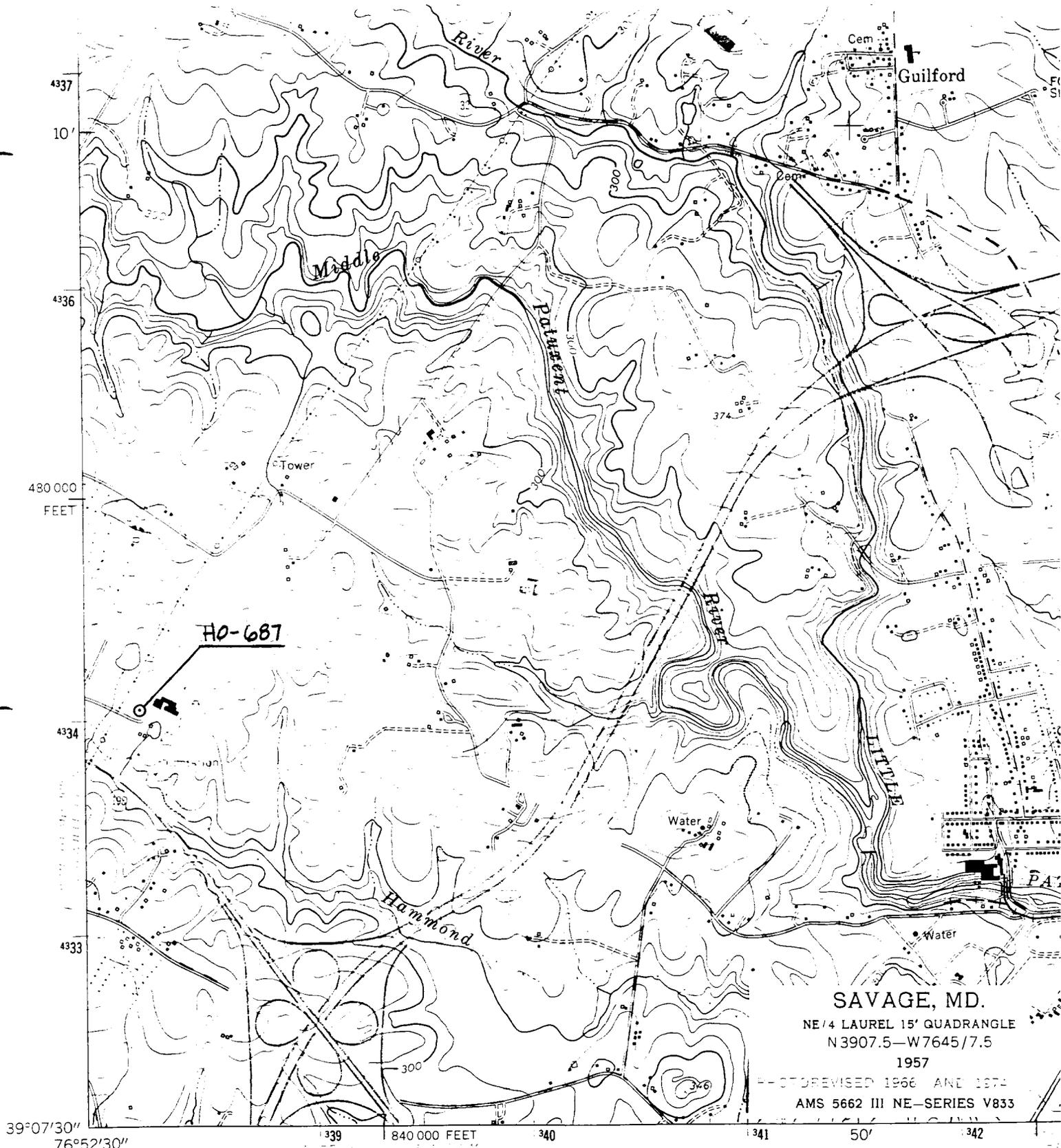
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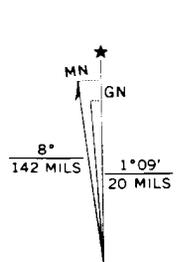
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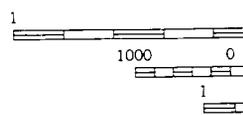
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