

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

Property/District Name: 8474 Leishear Road Survey Number: HO-690

Tax Parcel#: 212

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 8474 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 Bungalow form with diluted Craftsman-style references, 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-Albruder 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
8474 Leishear Road
(HO-690)

Erected circa 1934, the house at 8474 Leishear Road was built as a bungalow and ornamented with detailing inspired by the popular Craftsman style. This vernacular derivation incorporates features of Craftsman trends in its use of overhanging eaves, concrete block, and a full-width porch. The small scale and diluted ornamentation designate this dwelling as modest, working class housing. Since its original construction, the 1-1/2-story, three-bay house was expanded to the south by the erection of a large addition that dates from the 1970s.

The land on which 8474 Leishear Road is situated was originally part of a 110-acre tract of land. In 1933 Joseph D. Harding, owner of the 110-acre property, subdivided a portion of this land into five lots. He sold these lots, located at the northwest corner of Scaggsville Road and Leishear Road, to individual buyers. The lots were improved by the buyers with modest single family dwellings during the 1930s and 1940s. Many of the dwellings were erected as Craftsman-style bungalows. The modest size and the simplicity of these dwellings made them affordable houses that were quickly and easily erected. The unassuming dwelling at 8474 Leishear Road was one such dwelling.

The bungalow was erected sometime after 1934 when Elsie E. Waskey purchased lot 4 of the lots subdivided in 1933 by Harding. The house was retained by the Waskey family until 1955, when they sold it to the Leishear family, for whom Leishear Road is named. The Leishear family has continued to own the house at 8474 Leishear Road since that time.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-690

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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 8474 Leishear Road not for publication _____
city or town Laurel vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Howard code 27 zip code 20723

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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>3</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>3</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: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Craftsman Bungalow

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Stucco
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles
walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding
other Addition: Brick Cladding

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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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1934-present

Significant Dates 1934
ca. 1970

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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Acreage of Property .614 acres

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

The property at 8474 Leishear Road is designated as Parcel 212, Grid 16 as indicated on Map 46.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 8474 Leishear Road has historically been associated with Parcel 212 since the original construction of the building around 1934.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kathryn Ann Gettings, Architectural Historian
organization Traceries date October 27, 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 Floyd Thomas and Mary Catherine Coon
street & number 8474 Leishear Rd. telephone 301/498-7036
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20723
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8474 Leishear Road
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county and state

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The circa 1934 house at 8474 Leishear Road is a one-and-one-half-story Bungalow that has been substantially altered by the construction of a large one-story addition that extends to the south side of the house. The original wood frame dwelling is set on a parged concrete block foundation and is clad in aluminum siding. Although not high-style, the house features elements commonly associated with the then-popular Craftsman style including the roof with wide overhanging eaves and a one-story, three-bay porch that extends across the full width of the facade. The porch has Craftsman-inspired supports, brick piers with tapered posts, and a hipped roof.

At the south side of the bungalow is an overwhelming 1970s addition inspired in design by the ranch house style and clad in stretcher bond brick veneer. The one-story addition is covered with a side gable roof, and a massive exterior chimney laid in stretcher bond rises at the south elevation of the addition.

The house occupies a level lot fronting on the west side of Leishear Road. The property is open with a grassy lawn and scattered small bushes growing around the building. The property consists of approximately .614 acres. The house sits about 30 feet from the road, and a gravel driveway accesses the garage at the rear.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, the east elevation of the dwelling at 8474 Leishear Road, is composed of the original facade of the house and the one-story brick clad addition that extends to the south. The original one-story dwelling is three bays in width. The center bay is marked by a replacement single-leaf, panel-and-light door placed slightly off-center. This main entrance is flanked by replacement 1/1 metal sash windows enframed with metal casings that obscure the original window trim. The upper half story of the bungalow contains a single 1/1 metal sash in the gable end.

The southern portion of the eastern elevation is formed by the one-story side gable addition. This addition holds a second entrance to the house, a single-leaf panel-and-light door. The door is flanked by two pairs of metal sash windows, two 9/9 to the south and two 6/6 to the north. Further north within east elevation of the addition is a metal sliding window.

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The north side of the building is composed solely of the original side elevation of the bungalow, which is pierced by two window openings. The windows at this elevation are replacement 1/1 metal sash windows that appear on the facade.

The west elevation of the house is composed of the original rear elevation of the bungalow, now obscured by an enclosed porch, and the aluminum clad rear wall of the 1970s addition. The enclosed hipped roof porch mimics the three-bay composition of the facade of the bungalow with a central single-leaf panel-and-light door flanked by 1/1 metal sash windows of different sizes. The upper half story is marked at this elevation by a small 1/1 metal sash window. Extending to the south of the original bungalow is the rear elevation of the addition. The west elevation contains five openings. At the north end of the addition is a double-leaf multi-light metal door. At the south end, three openings are grouped together, a single-leaf, panel-and-light metal door is flanked by a small 1/1 metal sash window and a 6/6 metal sash window.

The south elevation is largely composed of the aluminum-clad south wall of the addition, which obscures most of the south wall of the bungalow. Within the exposed portion of the south wall of the bungalow, one original opening, now filled with a replacement 1/1 metal sash window, remains exposed. The end wall of the addition, devoid of openings, is dominated by the brick exterior end chimney.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Several outbuildings dot the property surrounding the dwelling at 8474 Leishear Road. These include a 1-story, concrete block garage dating from the 1970s which stands just northwest of the original dwelling. This substantial garage/storage building consists of unfinished concrete block walls capped by a side gable, asphalt shingled roof. A metal, rolling overhead door and a single, flush metal door make up the two bays of the east elevation. A single window opening containing a 1/1 metal sash window pierces the north wall of the building. The gable ends are covered with vinyl siding.

Two storage sheds occupy the southwest corner of the property. One consists of a small, pre-fabricated shed constructed of metal sheets and covered by a shallow gable roof. The adjacent shed consists of a one-story, wood frame structure clad with pre-fabricated vertical board siding and sheltered by a low-pitch front

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gable roof covered in asphalt shingles. The east wall of this shed contains a single, vertical board door and a 1/1 metal sash window. Another 1/1 metal sash window pierces the north wall of the shed. Both sheds sit on a poured concrete pad that extends beyond the confines of the buildings' footprints.

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The house at 8474 Leishear Road was originally part of an expansive piece of property owned by Jeremiah Hegeman until 1900. At the turn of the century, Joseph D. Harding purchased 110 acres from Hegeman, and in 1933 Harding subdivided a portion of this land into five lots. He sold these lots, located at the northwest corner of Scaggsville Road and Leishear Road, to individual buyers. The lots were improved by the buyers with modest single family dwellings during the 1930s and 1940s, many of which were erected as Craftsman-style bungalows. The modest size and the simplicity of these dwellings made them affordable houses that were easily erected and maintained. The unassuming dwelling at 8474 Leishear Road was one such dwelling. The house was erected sometime after 1934 when Elsie E. Waskey purchased lot 4 of a parcel of land subdivided by the previous owner Joseph D. Harding.

The Waskey family remained in this house until 1955, when Elsie and Melvin Waskey sold the house to the Leishear family, for whom Leishear Road is named. The Leishear family has continued to occupy this house since that time.

The house at 8474 Leishear Road presents an example of the Bungalow style as commonly constructed in rural areas during the 1920s through the 1950s. Despite the addition to the south, the original structure retains its compact, economical form, hipped-roof, full-width front porch, and wide eaves, all derived from the Craftsman style.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

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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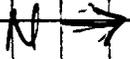
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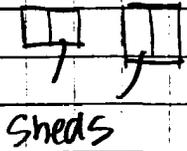
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June 25, 1955	Elsie E. and Melvin Waskey to Louise and Reginald Leishear Land Records of Howard County Liber RHM 269 Folio 277
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

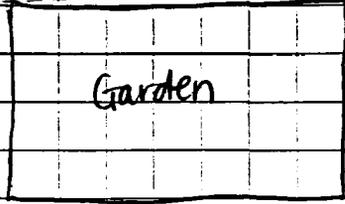
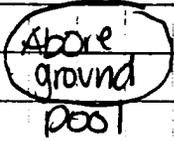
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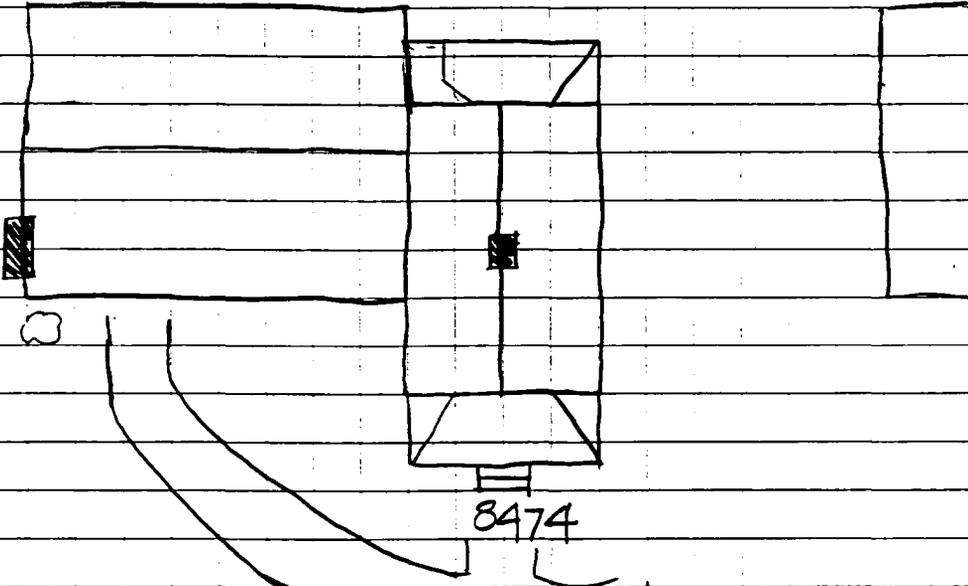
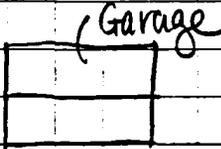
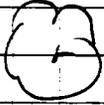
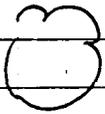
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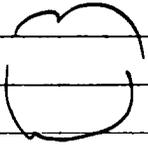
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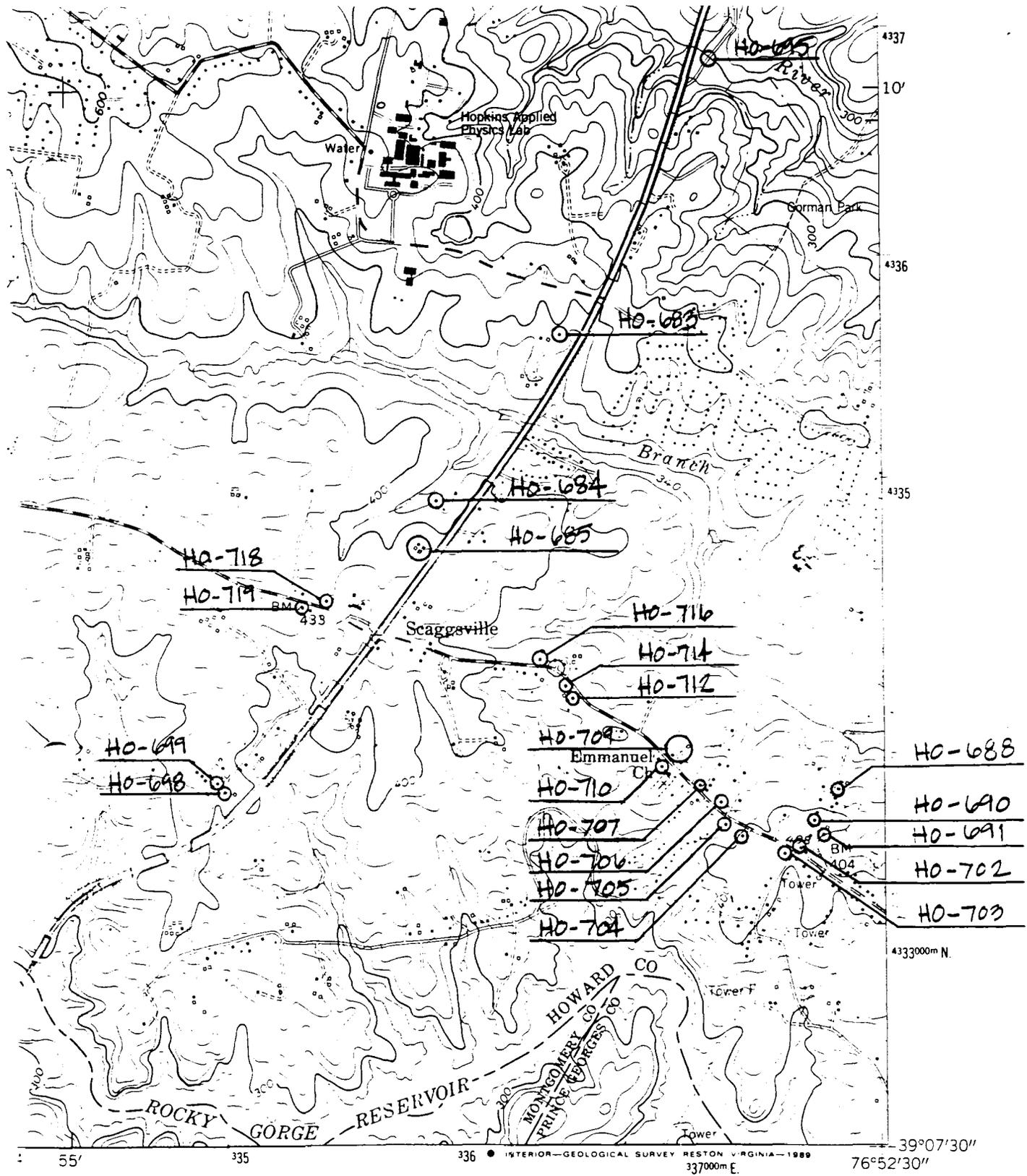
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LEISHEAR RD.

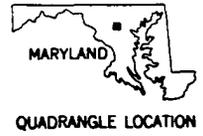


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt

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Traceries

September 1997

Maryland SHPO

House, East Elevation

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Maryland SHPO

House, North Elevation

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House, West Elevation

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Maryland SHPO

House, West Elevation

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Maryland SHPO

House, SE corner

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House, looking NW

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Garage, Northeast corner
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Sheds + Above Ground Pool, Looking West

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