

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

Property/District Name: 8450 Old Columbia Road Survey Number: HO-699

Tax Parcel#: 141

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 8450 Old Columbia 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 Craftsman-style Bungalow, it is neither unusual nor distinguished. It has sustained some alterations including the replacement of its windows and the enclosure of its porch, and 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

Concun - [Signature] Date 7/10/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

[Signature] Date 3/31/99  
Reviewer, NR Program

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
8450 Old Columbia Road  
(HO-699)

The circa 1925 dwelling at 8450 Old Columbia Road is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, dwelling designed as a Craftsman-style Bungalow. Set on a solid parged foundation, the wood frame walls of the dwelling are clad in aluminum siding. An asphalt shingle roof with wide overhanging eaves and roof dormers covers the house. An interior, end, brick chimney, laid in stretcher bond, rises above the roof. The one-story, three-bay porch, located under the main roof at the facade, has been enclosed, but the original brick piers remain evident.

The house was most likely constructed by the Miles family. William H. and Mary C. Miles bought ten acres of land in October of 1914. The lot where the dwelling is currently located was a part of this larger tract. The original ten acres was divided among various members of the family. The property that 8450 Old Columbia Road resides on was acquired by Maynard L. and Betty Joan Miles in the 1960s. They retained ownership until March of 1965, when the property was sold to William C. and Margaret M. Mearns. Fifteen years later, in 1980, the Mearns sold the dwelling to Kenneth F. Novak, the current owner.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-699

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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 8450 Old Columbia Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Laurel vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD  
county Howard code 027 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>2</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>2</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: Concrete/Stone, Parged  
roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingles  
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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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Period of Significance ca. 1925-present  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates ca. 1925  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 0.896 acres

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

The property at 8450 Old Columbia Road is designated as Parcel 141, Map 46, Grid 9.

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

The property at 8450 Old Columbia Road has historically been associated with Parcel 141 since its construction circa 1925.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kristyna G. Olsen, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date October 31, 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 Kenneth F. Novak  
street & number 8449 Old Columbia Road telephone 301/725-3511  
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20723  
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county and state

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The circa 1925 dwelling at 8450 Old Columbia Road is a one-and-one-half-story, three-bay, dwelling designed as a Craftsman-style Bungalow. Set on a solid parged foundation, the wood frame walls of the dwelling are clad in aluminum siding. An asphalt shingle roof with wide overhanging eaves and roof dormers covers the house. An interior, end, brick chimney, laid in stretcher bond, rises above the roof. The one-story, three-bay porch, located under the main roof at the facade, has been enclosed, but the original brick piers remain evident.

The house at 8450 Old Columbia Road is located at the southwest corner of Old Columbia Road and Murphy Road. The dwelling sits on a rise twenty-five feet to the northwest of Old Columbia Road. Mature trees are scattered around the property and create a boundary between the house and Murphy Road. Evergreens line the paved driveway which passes the house to the southwest.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The southeast elevation, the facade of the house, is three bays wide. A one story, three-bay, enclosed porch covers the entire first story of the facade. Although the wood columns supporting the porch roof have been clad in aluminum, the original brick piers, emphasized by latticework at the ground level, remain evident. Beyond the porch, the original facade is visible. The main entrance to the building, located in the center bay, is marked with a single-leaf, multi-light door. To either side of the door is a pair of 3/1 windows. All openings at the first story are encased with wood casings with ovolo backbanding. The upper half-story is expressed by a gable roof dormer that holds a pair of 3/1 windows.

The southwest elevation is pierced at the basement level with one one-light fixed window and one single fixed window, both with metal sills. A wood frame vestibule, with a front gable roof, is located at the west side of this elevation. A single leaf, wood paneled door with four-lights is located in the southwest wall of the vestibule. The first story of the house is pierced by two pairs of 6/1 windows. The upper half-story is pierced by a pair of 6/1. All original wood surrounds have been encased in aluminum.

The entrance to the northwest elevation is marked by a centrally-placed, single-leaf, panel-and-light door with a wood surround. The first story is pierced with four window openings, two to either side of the door. Three of the openings hold 6/6 windows and the

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third holds a 6/1 window. The upper half-story is articulated through a shed roof dormer that holds a pair of 6/1 windows. All wood surrounds at the window openings have been encased in aluminum.

The foundation wall of the northeast elevation is pierced by one single fixed window with a metal surround and an opening that has been bricked in. The first story is pierced with a pair of 6/1 windows, a single 6/1 window and a single 6/6 window. The upper half-story is marked by a pair of 6/1 windows and a single smaller 6/1 window. All original wood surrounds are cased in aluminum.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

A 1960s one-story concrete block garage sits to the northwest of the main house. Covered by a shed roof clad in standing seam sheet metal, the garage has four open bays divided by wood posts and the upper portion of the construction is composed of wood vertical board siding.

A 1940s one-story, front gable roof garage is located to the northwest of the main house. The wood frame garage has a solid concrete, parged foundation with board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof.

To the north of the main house sits a one story, 1950s wood frame shed with a solid concrete foundation. The shed has board and batten siding and a corrugated metal roof.

To the north of the main house sits a 1970s wood frame, one-story guest house with a solid concrete foundation. The foundation consists of parged concrete block and the dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles. Two-light fixed metal windows pierce the main facade of the building and the shallow gable roof is clad in metal.

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Erected circa 1925, the house at 8450 Old Columbia Road is a typical example of the modest Craftsman-Bungalow style which was common in rural areas in the 1920s and 1930s. This style was prevalent throughout Scaggsville, and indeed across America, as it provided homeowners with affordable housing that was easy to construct and maintain.

The house was most likely constructed by the Miles family. William H. and Mary C. Miles bought ten acres of land in October of 1914. The lot where the dwelling is currently located was a part of this larger tract. The original ten acres was divided among various members of the family. The property that 8450 Old Columbia Road resides on was acquired by Maynard L. and Betty Joan Miles in the 1960s. They retained ownership until March of 1965, when the property was sold to William C. and Margaret M. Mearns. Fifteen years later, in 1980, the Mearns sold the dwelling to Kenneth F. Novak, the current owner.

Despite the alterations made to the building, the house at 8450 Old Columbia Road is characteristic of modest, residential architecture in Scaggsville during the early part of the twentieth century.

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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:**

October 27, 1914: George W. and Louise E. Renn to William H. and  
Mary C. Miles  
10 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WWLC 98 Folio 102

Deed A:

August 21, 1933: William H. and Mary C. Miles to Irving and  
Romaine C. Miles  
1 acre  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 146 Folio 117

Deed B:

February 11, 1952: Harry C. Miles, Lloyd F. and Ruth G. Miles,  
Myrtle I. Brown, Mary Helen and Philip M.  
Brown, and Ethel V. Park to Irving L. Miles  
William Miles deceased February 7, 1951,  
property went to Mary C. Miles  
Mary C. Miles deceased July 28, 1951  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 230 Folio 393

Deed C:

February 11, 1952: Harry C. Miles, Lloyd F. and Ruth G. Miles,  
Myrtle I. Brown, Mary Helen and Philip M.  
Brown, and Ethel V. Park to Irving L. Miles  
William Miles deceased February 7, 1951,  
property went to Mary C. Miles  
Mary C. Miles deceased July 28, 1951  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 230 Folio 393

June 11, 1957: Irving L. and Romaine C. Miles to Grover C.,  
Jr. and Frances Miles Harmon  
1.06 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber RHH 299 Folio 502

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July 15, 1958: Grover C., Jr. and Frances Miles Harmon and  
the Citizens National Bank of Laurel to Irving  
L. and Romaine C. Miles  
Parcel 1: .56 acres  
Parcel 2: 2,847 square feet  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 317 Folio 115

Deed D2:

August 21, 1933: William H. and Mary C. Miles to Irving L. and  
Romaine C. Miles  
1 acre  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber BM Jr. 146 Folio 117

Deed D:

June 1, 1962: Romaine C. Miles to Maynard L. and Betty Joan  
Miles  
Two parcels  
Parcel 1: 1 acre  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WHH 384 Folio 329

Deed E:

June 1, 1962: Romaine C. Miles to Maynard L. and Betty Joan  
Miles  
Two parcels  
Parcel 1: 1 acre  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber WHH 384 Folio 329

December 9, 1964: Romaine C. Miles to Maynard L. and Betty Joan  
Miles  
.896 acres  
Confirmatory deed  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 432 Folio 274

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December 11, 1964: Equity case: John L. Clark (Trustee) to  
Maynard L. and Betty Joan Miles  
.896 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 432 Folio 271

Deeds A, B, C, D, and E:

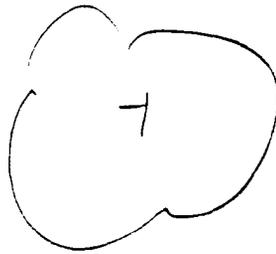
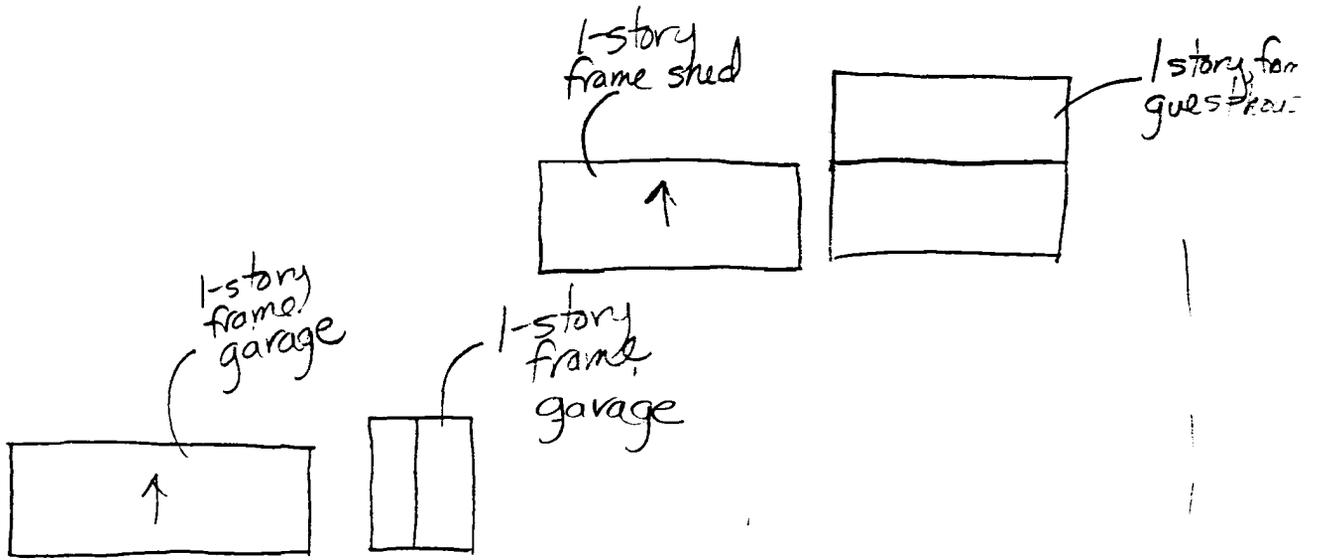
March 2, 1965: Maynard L. and Betty Joan Miles to William C.  
and Margaret M. Mearns  
.896 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 432 Folio 279

April 30, 1980: William C. and Margaret M. Mearns to Kenneth  
F. Novak  
.896 acres  
Land Records of Howard County  
Liber 999 Folio 640

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

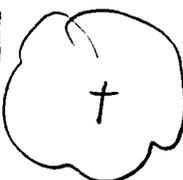
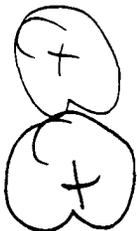
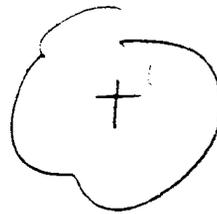
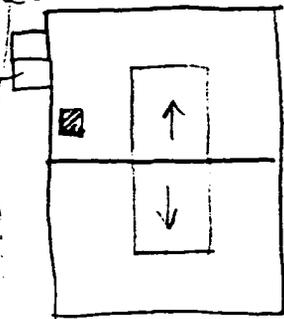
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Laurel, Howard County, MD

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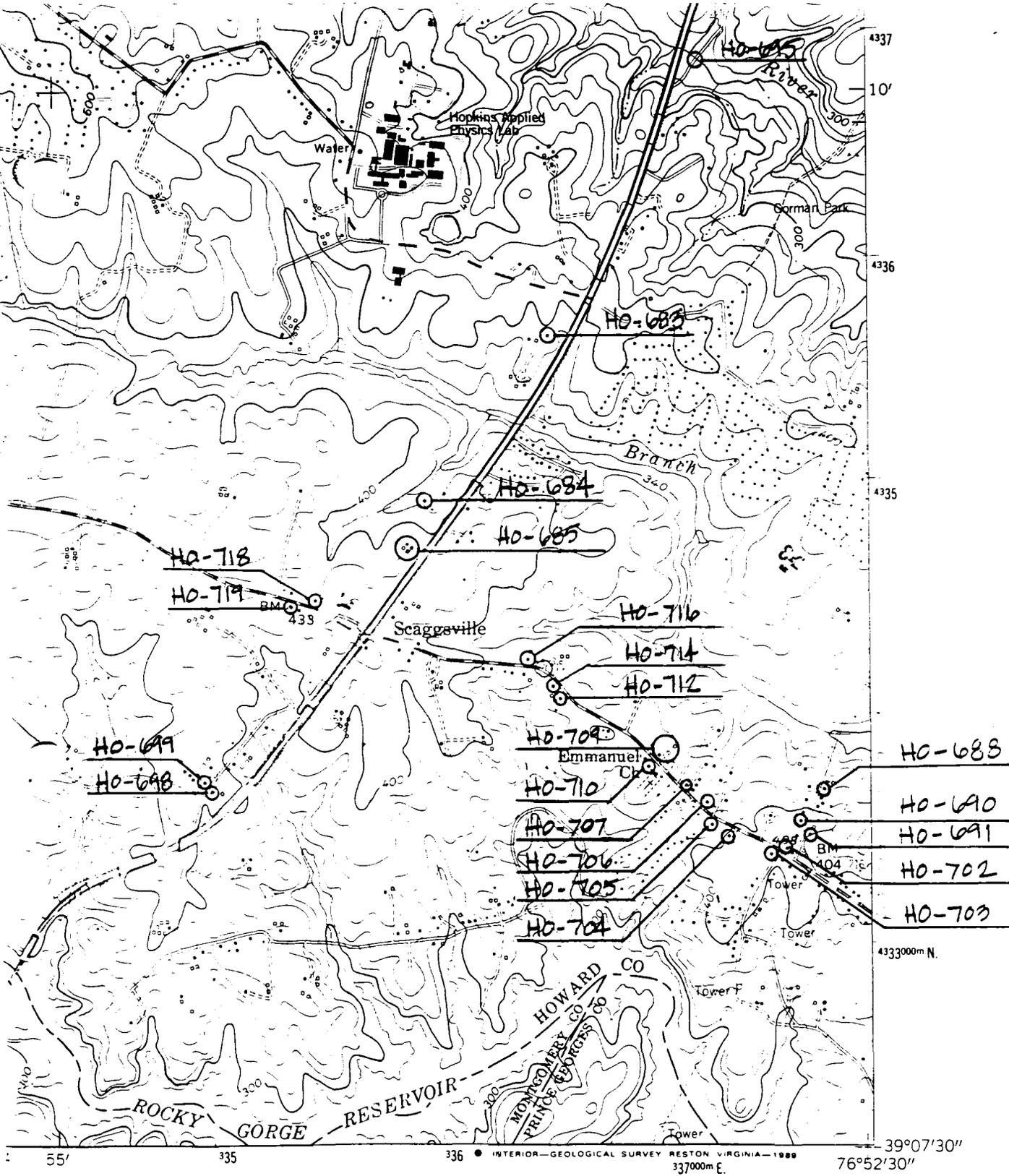


wood fence

frame vestibule addn.



Old Columbia Rd.



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
U. S. Route		State Route	



CLARKSVILLE, MD.  
 NW/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE  
 39076-B8-TF-024

1957  
 PHOTOREVISED 1979  
 DMA 5662 III NW-SERIES V833

To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
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 26 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

(LAUREL)  
 5662 III SE



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October 1997

Maryland SHPO

House, SE Elevation

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H050, SW Elevation

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House, NE Elevation

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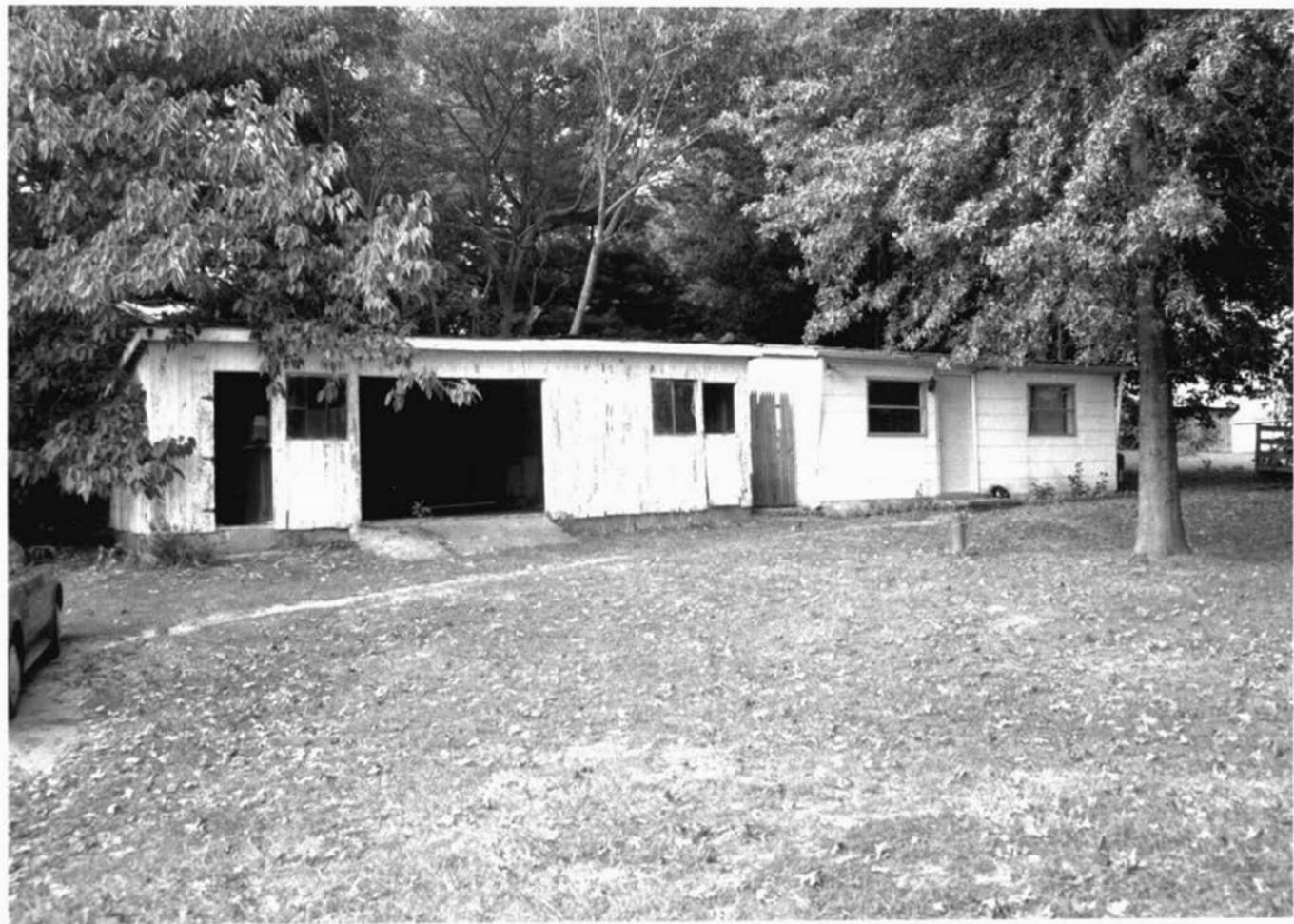
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Garages, Looking NW

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Maryland SHPO

Shed - Guest house. Looking N

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