

# Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M: 15-77

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Name of Property: Griffith Search House

Location: 2525 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville, MD 20868

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The Griffith Search Property was surveyed in 1996 and was recommended as ineligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property is also known as the Seibel House or J. Ingegneri Property. The 1996 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form states the main house was demolished that year and nine outbuildings remained. Panchromatic Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quads (DOQs) from 1998 show an extant complex (Maryland Environmental Resources and Land Information Network [MERLIN]). The farm complex is not apparent in a 2002 aerial photograph (HistoricAerials.com). A 2012 MIHP Addendum Form, including information provided by Elizabeth L. Roman of the ICC Team dated February 7, 2011, prepared on behalf of the Maryland State Highway Administration, confirms that the entire farm complex is no longer extant (MIHP 15-77 Addendum, 2013).

Additional documentation of the property is presented in the following:

*Phase I Archeological Survey of the PB-1 Peach Orchard/Allnut Property, Montgomery County, Maryland* (SHA Archeological Report No. 401) prepared by URS Corporation in 2008.

## Bibliography:

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**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
ADDENDUM**

MIHP Number: M: 15-77

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Information provided by Elizabeth L. Roman, ICC Team, February 7, 2011

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Griffith Search Property

and/or common Joseph Ingegneri Property

**2. Location:**

street & number 2525 Peach Orchard Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Burtonsville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

**3. Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> private
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant

**4. Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joseph Ingegneri et al trust

street & number P.O.Box 98 telephone no.:

city,town Burtonsville state and zip code MD 20866

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 4861

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 273

city,town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date \_\_\_federal \_\_\_state \_\_\_county \_\_\_local

depository for survey records

city,town state

## 7. Description

M: 15-77  
Survey No. ~~M: 28-38~~ (PACS D7.36)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 9

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

Constructed circa 1860, the Griffith Search Property originally included a 2½-story, 3-bay side-gable residence and nine outbuildings located south of Spencerville Road and on the east side of Peach Orchard Road near Burtonsville, Montgomery County. The residence, which was demolished in Spring 1996, was a side-gable residence with characteristics of a local building form, known as the "Spencerville style". The "Spencerville style" is characterized as having a half, third-story, with small double-hung windows located directly beneath the cornice.

The residence had a 1-story, full-width, hipped roof, enclosed porch on the north, or front facade, a 2-story rear ell, a 1-story, shed roof addition which projected from the east elevation of the rear ell, and two brick chimneys. The house was of wood-frame construction with a combination of wood siding, asbestos siding and aluminum siding and the side-gable roof was covered with a combination of asphalt shingles, asphalt sheets, and metal. It had a stone foundation and the windows were double-hung wood sash.

There are nine outbuildings associated with this property, which remain extant. The first outbuilding is a stone storage cellar, with a shed roof covered with metal. Constructed circa 1860, it is located south of the house site.

The second outbuilding is a wood-frame shed with a front-gable metal roof. Constructed circa 1860, it is located southwest of the house site and west of the storage cellar.

The third outbuilding is a modern trailer with a flat roof, which is in use as an office building. The building is located southeast of the house site.

The fourth outbuilding is a frame shed with a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and sheets of asphalt. This building is located south of the house site, east of the storage cellar and west of the office building.

The fifth outbuilding is a wood-frame blacksmith shop with a cross-gable metal roof. It is located southeast of the house site, sheds and storage cellar, and west of the office building.

The sixth outbuilding is a drive-through barn with a metal front-gable roof. It is located southeast of the house site, sheds, blacksmith shop, and storage cellar, and southwest of the office building.

The seventh outbuilding is the remains a wood-frame barn with a metal roof. It has a stone and concrete foundation and the remains of a silo are immediately east of the barn. Both structures are located southeast of the house site, sheds, drive-through barn, blacksmith shop, and storage cellar, and south of the office building.

The eighth outbuilding is a concrete barn with a metal roof and exposed rafters. A silo is located west of the building, and both structures are located southeast of the house site, sheds, drive-through barn, blacksmith shop, and storage cellar, east of the wood-frame barn, and southeast of the office building.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Griffith Search Property

SURVEY NO.: ~~M:28-98~~ (PACS D7.36) *M:15-77*

ADDRESS: 2525 Peach Orchard Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County

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## 7. Description (Continued)

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The ninth outbuilding is a modern trailer, which is located south of the office building, north of the barns and silos, and east of the house site and all other outbuildings.

The property is located south of Spencerville Road on the east side of Peach Orchard Road. There is residential property to the south, west, and north, and unimproved lots to the east.



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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ADDRESS: 2525 Peach Orchard Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County

## 8. Significance (Continued)

remained small and rural in the decades after the Civil War. It had a population of about fifty people, a Baptist church, a blacksmith shop, a schoolhouse, and a store (Dixon-Williams 1994, A-4).

Montgomery County remained predominantly rural as the twentieth century began. The extension of Washington trolley lines encouraged development close to the District line, but population growth fell below national averages and some areas of the county experienced declining population. Road improvements and the increase in the size of the federal government began to reverse that trend after the First World War, but Burtonsville remained a small crossroads. In the 1920s the buildings within the community did not have indoor plumbing, electricity was a luxury, and the only telephone was in the general store (Daniels). The Great Depression caused much hardship among the area's farmers; farm prices fell drastically and the county could not afford to improve roads, utilities, and schools. Burtonsville did not benefit from the increase in federal employment brought by the New Deal.

In the 1980s, continued growth of federal and private sector employment and the new U.S. 29 highway made Burtonsville accessible to new residents and commercial development. Today Burtonsville retains a rural character. Old working farms still remain, but the area is becoming one of the major suburban centers outside of Washington, D.C.

During the early settlement period, Montgomery County had an agriculture-based economy. Directly or indirectly, every resident earned his livelihood from the land and its yield. When Montgomery County was formed in 1776, the native forest had been cleared for orchards of peach, apple, and cherry trees from which farmers distilled brandy and cider. Several farms along Spencerville Road such as Oak Hill and Edgewood II, for example, had large apple and peach orchards respectively. Wheat was also an important crop in Montgomery County (Hiebert and MacMaster 1976:13). Tobacco, however, was the region's principal cash crop, and the economy revolved around its production. Tobacco provided a livelihood for small farmers and indentured servants. It served as legal tender, and generated enough revenue to prompt the development of port towns and roads.

Although tobacco was the heart of an agricultural economy, the area was not entirely devoid of industry. Some iron was mined and worked in the Upper Patuxent region (M-NCPPC 1993:9), and the Snowden Iron Works was one of the successful business endeavors of the Snowden family. Their home, Montpelier mansion, was financed in part with the revenue from their iron works. Although secondary to tobacco, grains were also an important crop in Montgomery County. Grist mills which ground wheat into flour and corn into meal were important facilities, and water powered mills were built on the various tributaries of the Patuxent and Potomac rivers (M-NCPPC 1993:16).

The Griffith Search Property, constructed circa 1860, is a vernacular side-gable cottage, which exhibits characteristics of a local building form, known as the "Spencerville style". The "Spencerville style" is characterized as having a half, third-story, with small double-hung windows located directly beneath the cornice. The development of post-Civil War machinery

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8. Significance (Continued)

capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gable, side-gable, cross-gable and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Front-gable and hipped roof cottages are primarily one to one-and-a-half-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically 2- to 3-bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation. Some cottages feature ornamentation drawn from Craftsman style or Colonial Revival architecture (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1860, the Griffith Search Property is not eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. In addition, the property is not eligible under Criterion C, due to the demolition of the main house and the considerable deterioration of several of the agricultural buildings. Although this property was once an intact example of a vernacular farm complex, the loss of the main house compromises the integrity of the site as an agricultural property. In addition, many of the remaining outbuildings are in poor condition, and are not significant or distinctive examples of a building type. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments Per 12/17/96 ltr

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature] Date: 2/24/99

Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature] Date: 8/27/98

*[Handwritten initials]*

9. Major Bibliographical References M: 15-77  
Survey No. ~~M: 28-38~~ (PACS D7.36)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Beltsville Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Caroline Hall

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date October 1996

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Griffith Search Property

SURVEY NO.: ~~M:28-88~~ (PACS D7.36) M: 15-77

ADDRESS: 2525 Peach Orchard Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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SURVEY NO.: ~~M-28-38~~ (PACS D7.36) *M: 15-77*

ADDRESS: 2525 Peach Orchard Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

10. Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D.1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

1. Agriculture
2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. *M:15-77*

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic *Griffith Search / Seibel House*  
and/or common *Seibel Farm*

**2. Location**

street & number *2525 Spencerville Road*  not for publication  
city, town *Spencerville*  vicinity of congressional district  
state *Maryland* county *Montgomery*

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure <small>(undamaged vaulted site room)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <i>vacant - zone for development</i>

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

name *Joseph Ingegneri and Herbert Hawvermale, Trustees for Burtsville, LTD., Partnership*  
street & number *P.O. Box 98* telephone no.:  
city, town *Burtsville* state and zip code *Maryland, 20866*

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. *Montgomery County Courthouse* liber *4861*  
street & number *50 Courthouse Square* folio *273*  
city, town *Rockville* state *Maryland*

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title *Unknown*  
date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records  
city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. *71: 15-77*

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Contributing Resource Unit: two (2)*  
*See attached.*

# 8. Significance

Survey No. *M: 15-77*

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates *ca: 1850's* Builder/Architect *Same as Spencer Carr House (18/55)*

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D

and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

*See attached.*

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. *M: 13-77**See attached.*

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property *one (1) acre (home site)*  
*with tree protection*Quadrangle name *Beltsville, Md.*Quadrangle scale *1-mile in inch*  
*(FROM MAP DEPARTMENT)*

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

*See attached.*

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title *Joseph E. Cwalacki, President*organization *Peach Orchard Heights Citizens Assoc.* date *11 February, 1996*street & number *13016 Timberlake Drive* telephone *(301) 384-9121*city or town *Silver Spring* state *Md. 20905*

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7.1 DESCRIPTION  
CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: Two

SURVEY NO. M:15-77  
Griffith/Search  
Seibel House, Montg.

An excellent documentation of the Griffith Search/Seibel House, No. 18, (same as the Griffith Search House), was included in the "Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area" by Ron Geraci, Vicki Walker and Linda Bonnary. This survey was sponsored by the Burtonsville Bicentennial Committee, Burtonsville, Maryland, 1976.

This nineteenth century property was originally part of "Snowden's Manor Enlarged" and "Browning's Folly," and was purchased by Griffith Search in 1848. An old deed drawn up by William Farquhar called it Lot #11. The remaining parcel of the original site at 2525 Spencerville Road is a 65.26 acre dairy farm, which has a farmhouse, and other outbuildings, such as a large post and beam barn; smoke house; underground stone-vaulted cold storage room; corncrib; and blacksmith shop. Due to the deteriorating condition of the outbuildings, accelerated by the Blizzard of 1996, only the house and the underground vault are being nominated for historical consideration.

The farmhouse is strikingly similar to the Spencer House (also known as the Spencer/Carr House, Atlas #15/55, 2420 Spencerville Road), with the exception of the enclosed front porch and the lack of shutters. The oldest section of the house faces north, has a center hall plan, with staircase, and a tall two and one-half story symmetrical facade with distinctive three-over-three half windows at the attic level. This is known locally as the "Spencerville" style, and reflects a folk expression of Greek Revival design. (Historic Resources of the Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan, August 1995, page 35.) The chimney on the right side of the house is readily visible. Only the top of the chimney on the left side, which was expanded, is visible. According to the "Burtonsville Survey," the Griffith Search/Seibel house is said to be the second house built in Spencerville, and "the main two and one-half story part is identical in plan to the Spencer house (the first house to be built in Spencerville in the mid 1800's), although this house is built with a sawn wood frame. The front porch, now enclosed, extends the full length of the house. The roof rafters have pegged mortise and tenon joints at the ridge line. There is a two-story rear addition that contains one stair." (A copy of the Spencer House description, with floor plan, is included from the "Burtonsville Survey." Please note that the date mentioned, "the early eighteen hundreds," is different from the later date mentioned by Historic Resources, ca. 1855. I tend to agree with the latter.)

The outside underground stone-vaulted cold storage room should also be included. It lies at the back of the house, reportedly underneath an overhang, with steps leading into the vault. Several other storage vaults have been documented on historic properties, and are reflective of the early rural building traditions of the community, perhaps suggesting a possible link to building techniques used from the original place of ancestry. The Search Family was traced to Radnorshire, Wales, and the Seibel Family were probably of German descent.

7.2 DESCRIPTION CONTINUED  
Griffith Search/Seibel House

SURVEY NO. M: 15-77  
Montgomery County

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Montgomery County)

Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial  
Transition, and Industrial/Urban Dominance

Historic Period Theme: Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Standing Structure, with underground vaulted  
room

Historic Environment: rural, village

Historic Function and Use: Small family farm

Known Design Source: None

This property has significance for listing under Criteria B, association with significant people (from a family perspective), and possibly, Criteria C, architectural quality.

Relating to Criteria B, Griffith Miles (M.) Search (also spelled Serch) was a landowner. He purchased the original property (113 acres "more or less") from John Wade, Jr., Trustee, appointed for a court dispute between George and William Holmes, at public auction on 23 September 1847, for the sum of four hundred and one dollars and fifteen cents, as recorded on 9 June, 1848, and stated on a deed written 9 January, 1850. The property stayed in the Search Family until 26 September, 1905. Griffith M. Search later added to his land acquisitions, including 111-3/4 acres, conveyed by John H. B. Latrob, Trustee, 1 December, 1856, (Liber J. G. H. No. 6, folios 129, Land Records Books of Montgomery County), and 1-29/100 acres, conveyed by the "Farmers Saw and Grist Mill Company," on 23 July 1881, (Liber E.B.O., No. 24, folios 336, Land Records Books of Montgomery County).

Griffith M. Search was the son of Christopher Search, (the son of Charles of England), born Bucks Co., Pa., 1764, died Southampton, Pennsylvania, 1842, and Christopher's second wife, Mrs. Ann (Miles) Banes, widow of William, and daughter of Joseph and Ann. She was born 4 August, 1776, and died 23 December 1865. Her parents, Joseph and Ann were married in 1750. Griffith M. Search was born in Southampton, Bucks Co., Pa., 2 April, 1822 and died in Spencerville, Maryland, 5 June, 1901. He married Mariah Louise Fetter on November 25, 1847, daughter of George and Cornelia (Montanya). She was born in Bucks Co., Pennsylvania on 30 April, 1826, and died in Spencerville, Md., on 2 May, 1862. Tragically, three of their six children also died in 1862.

The Search Family and the Spencer family were related through marriage. Griffith was the half brother of Sarah Talbert (T.) Search, daughter of his father, Christopher, and Christopher's first wife, Amelia Talbert, who was the daughter of James and Hannah (Burleigh), of Upper Makefield, Pennsylvania. Sarah T. Search was born 9/7/1799 (or 7/9/1799), and died in Spencerville, Md., on 12 September, 1865 at 66 years. Sarah married William H. Spencer, born in Pennsylvania on 21 March, 1805. They settled in this area in 1848; he was a farmer; he gave his name to the community when it was established in 1850; he became the postmaster of Spencerville in 1860; he was County Commissioner from 1858-1861; and, he died in Spencerville, Maryland, 22 December, 1892. Both are buried in Union Cemetery in Burtonsville, Maryland. Griffith's nephew, Hiram Spencer, born in 1838, built the Spencer/Oursler House, 15920 Oursler Road, between 1863 and 1870. The M-NCPPC acquired the property (#15/58) in 1970 as part of plans for a park. His great nephew, Hallowell Maus Spencer, born 1 November, 1864, was a photographer, taking pictures between the years 1885 and 1899 (Montgomery County, A Pictorial History by Margaret Marshall Coleman, p. 82).

8.2 SIGNIFICANCE CONTINUED  
(Under Criteria B/C, Search/  
Spencer Relationship)

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Griffith Search/  
Seibel House, Montg.

From the information gathered, it would appear that Griffith Search had a close relationship with his older sister, Sarah Talbert (Search) Spencer (there was a twenty-three year difference in ages). They were from Southampton, Pennsylvania; they settled in the Spencerville area in 1848; their houses were built "identical in plan" during the mid eighteen hundreds (based on Spencer/Carr House data); and, the houses appear to face each other across the road. It is a lasting testimony to strong family ties.

Relating to Criteria C, Griffith Miles Search completed the purchase of this property in 1848, and, it was said that the Griffith Search/Seibel house was the second oldest house built in Spencerville ("Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area", 1976.) The "Spencerville" style has already been mentioned under No. 7, "Description", with its symmetry and distinctive three-over-three half windows at the attic level. It also has pegged mortise and tenon joints at the ridge line, and a unique, underground, stone-vaulted room. The Griffith Search/Seibel house appears to be the frame duplicate of the Spencer (Spencer/Carr) house. That raises the question as to the identity of the actual builder of both houses. Were they built by William Spencer, Griffith Miles Search, or was it a team effort? The two houses are intrically linked.

The architectural integrity of the house could be challenged on the basis that the front porch has been enclosed, the house was expanded with a rear addition, and siding was added when John Truman Seibel purchased the property in 1924. Since it has been reported in the "Old Building Survey of the Burtonsville Area" that this house is identical in plan to the Spencer/Carr House, the original porch was probably identical also, which would have been "shorter than most front porches found in Burtonsville; it being only half as long as the house." The porch could easily be replaced since there are pictures and examples of original porches, as evidenced in the Spencer/Carr House. Also, the siding may have served as protection for this old home, since this house was built with a sawn wood frame. The house has weathered fairly well, considering its age and the years of vacancy following Mr. Seibel's death.

It should be noted that the intent and function of this farmhouse has never been altered. It has always been a private family residence, and was expanded to accommodate the size of the Seibel Family, who operated the property as a multi-function farm, including a dairy farm, peach orchard, tenant farming, and hay baling facility. It is not a "manor", but rather an unpretentious, unadorned, farm house, reflecting the rural building traditions of the hard working class of farmers/land owners during the antebellum period. The house has strong family associations with the early development of the Spencerville community, and later, with the development of the Burtonsville community.

As was mentioned previously, John Truman (referred to as J.T.) Seibel was another owner of this farm, purchased from William E. Ervin and Mary E. Ervin on 2 April, 1924, containing eighty nine and one half acres "more or less", (liber No. 344 folio 442) until the 14 October, 1976. Descendents have a written account that J.T.'s Grandfather was born at sea, en route to America. J.T. Seibel was born in or near Baltimore, Maryland, 2 November, 1885, and died 6 November, 1971. He married Sophia B. Seidlich, from Baltimore County, Md. on 8 March, 1905, who died after the birth of five children. In August, 1918, he married Mary Elizabeth Beall, who was born in Sandy Spring, Maryland, 16 October, 1897. She died 19 September, 1973. Both J.T. and his second wife are buried in Union Cemetery, Burtonsville, Maryland.

Information about the Seibel Family is recorded in the Burtonsville Heritage Book by Elizabeth Lord. They made lasting contributions to the surrounding community of Burtonsville, as revealed through Ms. Lord's book, a few newspaper clippings, and conversations with family members: Mrs. Sandra Wright, granddaughter of J.T. Seibel, and daughter of John Maurice "Buck" Seibel; Bill Seibel, fourth son from Mr. Seibel's first marriage; and, Mrs. Christine Erikson, ex-wife of "Buck" Seibel, third eldest son of J.T. Seibel from his first marriage. The Griffith Search/Seibel house seems to be one of the last visible links attesting to the legacy they left. The contributions of J.T. Seibel are as follows:

- (1) He was a prominent citizen of the Burtonsville community;
- (2) He operated a successful dairy farm off Spencerville Road for years after the farm was purchased;
- (3) Prior to living in Spencerville, in 1908 he operated a successful dairy farm off Greencastle Road;
- (4) He dug the first gravel pit in the area, in the Greencastle Road/ Contee Road vicinity;
- (5) He built the first shopping center in Burtonsville in the late 1940's, a seven store complex which housed Seibel's Supply; it was expanded later;
- (6) He established a thriving peach orchard business on his Spencerville farm; a street, and residential developments include "peach orchard" in their names;
- (7) He was inventive - he made a snow plow out of wooden boards, and devised an electrical pump system hook-up to the cistern to provide water in the house;
- (8) His second wife, Mary Elizabeth Beall was the great granddaughter of Josiah Beall (Genealogy included); Josiah was listed in "The Directory" of The History of Montgomery County, by T.H.S. Boyd, 1879, with four of his relatives, in Burtonsville. The population was reported as fifty then, indicating that the Bealls represented ten percent of the Burtonsville population of established farmers and tradesmen of that period. In 1948, a Ladies Auxiliary was organized. Among the first officers was Mary Elizabeth Seibel, Chaplain.

John Maurice "Buck" Seibel, third eldest son from Mr. Seibel's first marriage, was born 11 August 1909. He was fifteen years old when his Dad bought the farm, and remained on the property for the first three years of his marriage to Christine Seville Bryan, who was born 17 November, 1914. The following are contributions of "Buck" Seibel to the Burtonsville community:

- (1) He built a milk-processing plant in 1938-1939, sold milk products, and later sold hamburgers and ice cream at the site which is now known as Seibel's Ice Cream and Dairy Store at 15540 Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland; he also operated a home delivery service of dairy products to five different areas;
- (2) He created his own recipe for home-made ice cream, which became famous. He never advertised, yet people as far away as Virginia heard about his delicious ice cream, and came to Burtonsville to buy it. Home-made ice cream is still sold at Seibel's today;
- (3) He built a furniture store in the 1950's;
- (4) He was a charter member of the Burtonsville Fire Department; co-owner of the land purchased for the Fire Department; went to Lansing, Michigan to bring home the first piece of equipment, a 1947 International high pressure pumper; was the first Fire Chief in 1947;
- (5) He was a charter member of the Lion's Club of Burtonsville, which is very active today.

As evidenced, the Seibel Family made significant contributions to the Burtonsville community, and owned much of the town. You could say that Buck's famous home-made ice cream, and John Truman's development of the first shopping center helped put Burtonsville on the map.

The Griffith Search/Seibel House deserves to be on the Maryland historical register, in an effort to preserve the family's histories. However, it is an uphill battle. Cluster zoning has been approved for this environmental site by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and "No Trespassing" signs have been posted by the developers. The second oldest house in Spencerville appears to be slated for destruction, in the name of progress.

During the week of 1 February, 1984, a special tribute was written in the "Montgomery County Real Estate Report," and stated: "Today, the bell at the Burtonsville Volunteer Fire Department tolled. The sound echoing around the ceremonial arch of fire ladders was marking the death of Burtonsville pioneer "Buck" Seibel. The tolling of that fire bell could just as surely have marked the "death" of pioneer Burtonsville itself." The same could be said of his old family home.

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**BROOKEVILLE**

es from Baltimore, eighteen miles from Washington, and Rockville; pleasantly located in one of the richest sec- nty, and is quite a fashionable resort in the summer for ure seekers.—the restorative qualities of a strong Chaly- the vicinity attracting many persons anxious to try its ands are highly improved and under thorough cultiva- clay; selling from fifteen to one hundred dollars per acre. s are large and increasing; business good. Churches— estant, Methodist Episcopal, and the Protestant Episco- ne Academy, Prof. Samuel H. Coleman, Principal. One Population, 250.

*Watchmaker.*

Howard, Henry N.

*Farmers.*

- Clark, John O.
- Davis, Hon. A. Bowie
- Ellicott, Samuel
- Gaither, Daniel H.
- Gaither, Ephraim
- Gaither, John W.
- Gaither, Thos. D.
- Gardiner, John W.
- Gattrell, Aaron
- Griffith, John
- Hall, E. J.
- Hallowell, James S.
- Higgins, C. A. C.
- Holland, James T.
- Holland, Thos. J.
- Howard, Mrs. Annie N.
- Howard, Brice W.
- Hutton, Joseph W.
- Hutton, Rev. Orlando
- Jones, G.
- Magruder, Bowie
- Owen, Hon. E. W.
- Riggs, Thos. D.
- Riggs, Wm. C.
- Stabler, James
- Strain, Capt. J. W.
- Veitch, Fletcher R.
- Waters, Thos. D.
- Waters, Z. D.

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**BURTONSVILLE,**

Five and one half miles from Laurel. Soil, arable, and principally cleared: land sells from fifteen to sixty dollars per acre. 20 to 30 bushels Wheat, 25 to 50 Corn, and Hay, two tons per acre. Liberty Grove Church, Pastor, Rev. J. Cook. Population, 50.

*Postmaster.*

Burton, R. A.

*Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights.*

- Beall, Joseph
- Burton, R. A.
- Robey, Berry

*Carpenters.*

- Beall, Joseph
- Homer, M. J.
- Mineburg, John
- Vincent, Plummer

*Merchant.*

Small, Bruce

*Miller.*

Bone, Allen

*Physician.*

Waters, Charles

*Farmers.*

- Beall, John
- Beall, Josiah
- Beall, Nathan F.
- Beall, Thos.
- Bone, Allen

- Burton, George D.
- Burton, George H.
- Burton, Isaac
- Carr, A. B.
- Carr, B. D.
- Carr, Caleb
- Crosedale, Howard
- Crosedale, John
- Crusen, Henry S.
- Harding, Samuel H.
- Hopkins, James H.
- Iglehart, James L.
- Iglehart, Nathan
- Marshall, James
- Miller, John
- Rich, Charles
- Rich, William
- Soper, James P.
- Soper, Joseph
- Thomas, Samuel
- Ward, Orem
- Waters, Charles
- Waters, J.
- Waters, T., Sr.
- Waters, T., of S.
- Waters, T. J.

**CABIN JOHN**

Is at the crossing of the Aqueduct over Cabin John Creek. This crosses on a single arch, the longest span in the world. A fashionable resort for pleasure parties from Washington; the fishing for Bass in the Potomac being excellent. Hotel, Store and Post Office.

**CEDAR GROVE,**

Five miles from Germantown. Land variable. Soil—clay, flint and rock; worth from ten to thirty dollars per acre. Wheat, 25 to 30 bushels; Corn, 30 to 40; Tobacco, 1500 pounds, and Hay, one ton per acre. Two Churches—Methodist Episcopal and Baptist. White and Colored Schools in vicinity. Population, 125.

**SELLMAN'S,**

On the Metropolitan Railroad, four miles West of Boyd's, and nine miles East of Point of Rocks, and one mile from Barnesville,—for which this is the Railway Station. *Railroad Agent*, Samuel Darby.

**SENECA,**

On Great Seneca Creek, near its confluence with the Potomac River, on the road from Georgetown to Edwards' Ferry. Public Schools and Churches in the vicinity, Store and Post Office. *Postmaster*, Upton Dorsey.

**SLIGO,**

One mile from Silver Springs, and six miles from Washington. Soil—light and loamy; land principally cleared, and rated at fifty to one hundred dollars per acre. Produces 30 bushels of Wheat, 25 of Corn, and two tons of Hay per acre. Methodist Protestant Church and two Catholic Churches. Two Public Schools. Population, 50.

*Postmaster.*

Dorsey, James L.

*Blacksmiths.*Cunningham, C.  
Gentner, John*Carpenter.*

Long, J. D.

*Miller.*

Bond, J. L.

*Physicians.*Harding, Josiah  
Stone, C. G.*Farmers.*Blair, Hon. Montgomery  
Burch, R. W.  
Clark, O. H. P.  
Dorsey, James L.  
Draine, A. L.  
Fenwick, James  
Lee, S. P.  
Thompson, William  
Wilson, John C.  
Wilson, R. T.**SPENCERVILLE,**

On the road to Sandy Springs, and six miles from Burtonsville. Land productive, and yielding excellent crops of Wheat, Corn and Hay. Land worth from thirty to eighty dollars per acre. Baptist Church and Schools. Population, 100.

*Postmaster.*

— Spencer, W. H.

*Carpenter.*

Barnes, James

*Nurseryman.*

Phair, William H.

*Farmers.*

Chaney, H. S.

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Duvall, Louis H.  
Herding, Joseph  
Miller, W. P.  
Reigle, GeorgeStabler, Asa  
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Stabler, F.**SUNSHINE,**

Ten miles from Gaithersburg. Soil good, and susceptible; can be bought from twenty to forty dollars per acre. bushels of Wheat, 40 of Corn, and two tons of Hay. Methodist, (Mount Carmel,) and Methodist Episcopal, (Unity Church) School. Population, 150.

*Postmaster.*

Brown, William W.

*Blacksmiths.*Davis, Nimrod  
Grady, Frank*Carpenters.*Boswell, Nicholas  
Brown, Franklin  
Cashell, George*Dentist.*

Dwyer, J. D.

*Merchants.*Colliflower & Harvey.  
Gaither, F. D.  
Townsend, C. F.*Machinist.*

Bozzell, J. Q.

*Physician.*

Maynard, J.

*Shoemakers.*Brown, Uriah  
Coomes, R.  
Dwyer, J. W.*Farmers.*Brown, J. E.  
Brown, Josiah  
Brown, Robert  
Curtis, John  
Griffith, Frank  
Groomes, F.  
Hutton, C.  
Kinsey, John  
Lansdale, R.  
Magruder, J.  
Riggs, Eliza  
Townsend, J.  
Watkins, O.**TRIADELPHIA,**

On the Patuxent River, north-east corner of Mechanical. Soil productive. Products—30 bushels of Wheat, 40 of Oats. Land from fifteen to sixty dollars per acre. Churches and Mills. *Postmaster*, Thomas Lansdale.

**WHEATON,**

Half mile from Forest Glen. Location healthy. Soil—clay and rated at forty to eighty dollars per acre. Methodist and Methodist Protestant Churches. Public School.

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Chain of Title for Parcel 850 Tax Map KS 32.

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DEEDS

Deed conveyed on 9 June 1848 to Griffith M. Serch and recorded 9 January, 1850, "Lot no.11 (on a platt of part of said real estate drawn by William H. Farquhar Esq, surveyor for said Montgomery County by which said Lot was sold and which is marked B," Land Record Books of Montgomery County, Rockville, Maryland, STS 4/ 353 et seq.

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, Md., 15 Apr., 1966

22 Gary Wayne, b. 13 Feb., 1946  
23 Nancy Jo, b. 17 Sept., 1949  
24 Ellen Christine, b. 14 June, 1954

21 RICHARD CARLSON, b. 12 Apr., 1944; m. Judi Camby. Ch.:  
211 Phillip Michael, stillborn, 3 Dec., 1971

5 Jan., 1932 (b); m. Burtonsville,  
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- (b) Anne Arundel Co., Md., records

Mrs. Helen (Black) Hawthorne, Mt. Airy, Md.

e, 31 Aug., 1938 (b); m. (1)  
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SEARCH

According to Ely's History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, three brothers, Charles, William, and Lot, came to this country during the 18th century; and settled in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and New York, respectively. Davis, in his History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, tells us that Charles came to Bucks Co., from England, about 1750, and gave names of only two children, Christopher (#1, below), and Lott. The latter, he says, married Sarah Davis, and moved to New York, where he died.

The Annals of Sandy Spring, by W. H. Farquhar, tells us the Search brothers were from Radnorshire, Wales, and settled Radnor, Pa., in 1682.

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Hyatt Duvall (#164) (b), dau.  
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obert E. Lee; m. Ann Peters  
ward Co., Md.

1 CHRISTOPHER, son of Charles of England, was b. Bucks Co., Pa., 1764 (f); d. Southampton, Pa., 1842; m. (1) Amelia Talbert, dau. of James and Hannah (Burleigh), of Upper Makefield, Pa.; (2) Mrs. Ann (Miles) Banes, widow of William, and dau. of Joseph and Ann. She was b. 4 Aug., 1776; d. 23 Dec., 1865. Her parents, Joseph and Ann were m. in 1750. Ch.:

(First marriage)

- 11 William
- 12 James T.
- 13 Samuel, m. Catherine Puff
- 14 John

\*15 Sarah Talbert, b. 7/9/1799 (d) or 9/7/1799 (e); d. 12 Sept., 1865 (b), at 66 yrs.; m. William H. Spencer (#12264), who was b. 1805; d. 1892. Ch. listed under Spencer.

(Second marriage)

- 16 Miles, b. 5 July, 1807; d. y.
- 17 George W., b. 20 Mch., 1809; d. Newton; m. Martha Owens
- 18 Jacob Miles, b. 2 Dec., 1810; d. 11 Oct., 1893; m. 1837, Nancy Marple Corsum
- 19 Margaret M., b. 22 Sept., 1811; m. Elias Lefferts
- 1.10 Anthony T., b. 16 Aug., 1814; m. Eliza

1848; m. 1 Oct., 1868, Richard  
b. Montgomery Co., Md., 15  
Ch. listed under Burton.

d Mary Elizabeth, "Mollie,"  
29 Jun., 1915; d. Beltsville,  
Md., b., 1942, Julia Parker  
W. Va., 16 Sept., 1920 (a). Ch.:

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by Elizabeth Lord

- \*1.11 Christopher, b. 3 Feb., 1816
- 1.12 Ann Miles, b. 22 Mch., 1818; m. Casper G. Fetter
- \*1.13 Griffith Miles, b. 2 Apr., 1822

- 1.11 CHRISTOPHER, b. probably Southhampton, Bucks Co., Pa., 3 Feb., 1816; m. Margaret \_\_\_\_\_, who was b. Pa., ca. 1822 (a). The 1860 Census (a) establishes with the listing of the children's birth places that the approximate time the family moved from Pennsylvania to Maryland, was ca. 1853/4. They settled in Spencerville. Ch.:
- 1.111 Cornelia, b. Pa., ca. 1841; "19" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.112 George, b. Pa., ca. 1843; "17" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.113 Newton, b. Pa., ca. 1846; "14" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.114 Casper, b. Pa., ca. 1849; "11" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.115 Margaret, b. Pa., ca. 1952; "8" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.116 William, b. Md., ca. 1855; "5" in 1860 (a)
  - 1.117 Catherine, b. Md., ca. 1859; "9/12" in 1860 (a)

- 1.13 GRIFFITH MILES, b. Southhampton, Bucks Co., Pa., 2 Apr., 1822; d. Spencerville, Md., 5 June, 1901; m. 25 Nov., 1847, Mariah Louise Fetter, dau. of George and Cornelia (Montanya). She was b. Bucks Co., Pa., 30 Apr., 1826; d. Spencerville, Md., 2 May, 1862. Ch., as listed in the 1860 Census for Sandy Spring, Md., all b. Spencerville, Md.:
- 1131 Amy Cledra, b. 1 Apr., 1851; d. 2 May, 1862
  - 1132 Ida S., b. ca. 1853; "7" in 1860 (a); d. 25 June, 1942; unm.
  - 1133 Margaret Louisa, b. 6 Aug., 1854; d. 16 July, 1862
  - 1134 Mary Miles, b. 11 May, 1857; d. 7 Aug., 1862
  - \*1135 Cornelia Ann, b. 7 Feb., 1858 (b); d. 24 Jan., 1936 (b); m. 9 Feb., 1885, John Henry Parsley (#1373) (c), who was b. Brookville, Md., 28 Nov., 1851 (b); d. 14 Dec., 1927 (b). Ch. listed under Parsley.
  - 1136 Alice R., b. ca. 1860; "1/12" in June, 1860 (a); d. of diphtheria, 22 Mch., 1902

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- (a) 1860 Census, Sandy Spring, Montgomery Co., Md.
- (b) Gravestone, Union Cem., Burtonsville
- (c) Montgomery Co., Md., records
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- (e) Genealogical Sketch of the Descendants of Samuel Spencer of Pennsylvania, by Howard M. Jenkins, 1904.
- (f) History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by Ely

Annals of Miles Ancestry, by Charles H. Banes, 1895

## SEIBEL

The earliest member of this family who came to my attention, is, unfortunately, nameless; but descendants showed a written account

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John, m. Gusta. CH  
\*Lewis H.  
Rose, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Long  
Gertrude, m. \_\_\_\_\_  
Matilda, m. \_\_\_\_\_ R

- 1 LEWIS H., b. 3 June, 18  
who was b. Del., 16 Au  
lawn, Md. Ch.:
- \*11 Bertha Miriam, b. 2  
1896, George Tilghm  
1872. Ch. listed u
- 12 Carrie E., b. 31 Ju  
Carver, from Winche
- 13 Lewis N., b. 11 Apr
- 14 Katherine Lillian,  
liam Snyder, from F  
Ch.:
- 141 Dorothy
- 142 Wilbur
- 143 Robert
- 144 Carroll
- \*15 John Truman, b. Bal
- 16 Mamie Edith, b. 7 F

- 15 JOHN TRUMAN, b. in or  
Winchester, Va., 6 Nov  
B. Seidlich (c), from  
of 5 ch.; and (2) Aug.  
was b. Sandy Spring, M  
Sept., 1973. Both J.  
Cem., Burtonsville. M  
operated a dairy farm.  
and was prominent in t  
(First marriage)
- \*151 Charles Truman, b.
- 152 Louis Frederick, b.
- \*153 John Maurice, b. 1
- \*154 Vera Viola, b. Bel  
1939; m. 9 Apr., 19  
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gomery; and (3) 20  
widow of Gorman Edw
- \*155 William Newton, b.  
(Second marriage)
- \*156 Warren Beall, "Wir
- \*157 Thomas Alton, b. 3

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; d. 25 June, 1942; unkm.  
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g., 1862  
. 24 Jan., 1936 (b); m.  
3) (c), who was b.  
14 Dec., 1927 (b). Ch.

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came my attention,  
s showed a written account

stating that the gr.father of the late John Truman Seibel (#15), had  
been born at sea, en route to America. This is a distinction not  
given to many. Apparently, the family remained in or near Baltimore,  
Md., until the early 1900's, when John Truman came to live in Burtons-  
ville. I will omit that child born at sea from the numbering system,  
but his children were as follows:

- Louise, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Macken
- John, m. Gusta. Ch.: Mamie, m. Wm. Finch; Gertie
- \*Lewis H.
- Rose, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Long; res. So. Md.
- Gertrude, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Brandenburg
- Matilda, m. \_\_\_\_\_ Ritter

- 1 LEWIS H., b. 3 June, 1848 (c); m. Sarah Elizabeth Meekins (#15)  
who was b. Del., 16 Aug., 1854 (c); d. 24 Dec., 1943; bur. Wood-  
lawn, Md. Ch.:
- \*11 Bertha Miriam, b. 2 Apr., 1874 (c); d. 7 Apr., 1948; m. 8 Jan.,  
1896, George Tilghman Sellers (#113) (c), who was b. 24 Aug.,  
1872. Ch. listed under Sellers.
- 12 Carrie E., b. 31 July, 1877 (c); m. 4 July, 1901, Charles  
Carver, from Winchester, Va. (c). No issue.
- 13 Lewis N., b. 11 Apr., 1879 (c); d. 18 Apr., 1879 (c)
- 14 Katherine Lillian, b. 4 Aug., 1880 (c); m. 3 Apr., 1901, Wil-  
liam Snyder, from Ruslyn (?), Md. (c); res. Randallstown, Md.  
Ch.:
- 141 Dorothy
- 142 Wilbur
- 143 Robert
- 144 Carroll
- \*15 John Truman, b. Baltimore area, Md., 2 Nov., 1885 (c)
- 16 Mamie Edith, b. 7 Feb., 1887 (c); d. 16 June, 1887 (c)
- 15 JOHN TRUMAN, b. in or near Baltimore, Md., 2 Nov., 1885 (c); d.  
Winchester, Va., 6 Nov., 1971 (d); m. (1) 8 Mch., 1905, Sophia  
B. Seidlich (c), from Baltimore Co., Md., who d. after the birth  
of 5 ch.; and (2) Aug., 1918, Mary Elizabeth Beall (#1121), who  
was b. Sandy Spring, Md., 16 Oct., 1897; d. Berryville, Va., 19  
Sept., 1973. Both J. Truman and his second wife are bur. Union  
Cem., Burtonsville. Mr. Seibel came to Burtonsville in 1908, and  
operated a dairy farm. He built the town's first shopping center,  
and was prominent in the community. Ch.:
- (First marriage)
- \*151 Charles Truman, b. 18 May, 1906
- 152 Louis Frederick, b. 12 Sept., 1907; d. 31 Mch., 1920
- \*153 John Maurice, b. 11 Aug., 1909
- \*154 Vera Viola, b. Beltsville, Md., 19 Jan., 1912 (a); d. 9 May,,  
1939; m. 9 Apr., 1932, Harry Francis Wright (#113), who was b.  
Fairland, Md., 1905. He m. (2) 12 Oct., 1944, Betty A. Mont-  
gomery; and (3) 20 Dec., 1969, Marguerite (Grimes) Edwards,  
widow of Gorman Edwards (#31). Ch. listed under Wright.
- \*155 William Newton, b. 30 Oct., 1914 (a)  
(Second marriage)
- \*156 Warren Beall, "Wink," b. 4 May, 1922 (b)
- \*157 Thomas Alton, b. 31 May, 1924

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- 158 Mary Ruth, b. 20 Apr., 1928 (b); m. 10 Nov., 1951, Charles Jones; res. Berryville, Va. Ch.:  
 1581 Michael, b. 15 July, 1954  
 1582 David, b. 18 Dec., 1956  
 1583 John, b. 9 Dec., 1960
- 151 CHARLES TRUMAN, b. 18 May, 1906; m. (1) Janette Dodson; (2) Agnes Jeanette Bryan (#1132), who was b. 20 Sept., 1912. Ch.:  
 (First marriage)  
 \*1511 Charles Truman, b. Bethesda, Md., 8 Feb., 1928 (b)  
 \*1512 Lewis, b. D.C., 28 Mch., 1937  
 (Second marriage)  
 1513 Patricia, b. 18 Sept., 1944  
 1514 Joan(ne?), b. 4 Oct., 1948  
 1515 Philip, b. 7 Jan., 1950  
 1516 Becky, b. 9 Mch., 1952
- 153 JOHN MAURICE, b. 11 Aug., 1909; m. (1) 28 June, 1935, Christine Seville Bryan (#1151), who was b. 17 Nov., 1914; div. 1966; and (2) Ethel \_\_\_\_\_; res. Naples, Florida. Ch.:  
 (First marriage)  
 \*1531 Sandra Seville, b. 10 Aug., 1940; m. 8 May, 1959, Kenneth Russell Wright (#1151). Ch. listed under Wright.  
 1532 June Maureen, b. 22 May, 1947; m. 18 June, 1965, Larry Minnick. Ch.:  
 15321 Larry Robert, Jr., b. 21 June, 1966  
 15322 Russell Lee, b. 21 June, 1969  
 15323 Randall Lynn, b. 9 Nov., 1971
- 155 WILLIAM NEWTON, b. 30 Oct., 1914 (a); m. Virginia Medley, from Va.; res. Laurel, Md. Ch.:  
 \*1551 William Lonnie  
 1552 Elizabeth Ann, b. 1945; d. 15 May, 1969, bur. Union Cem., Burtonsville; m. William D. Rinker. Ch.:  
 15521 Stephen Michael, b. 25 Nov., 1962  
 15522 Donald Scott, b. 6 Dec., 1965
- 156 WARREN BEALL, "WINK," b. 4 May, 1922 (b); m. 6 Apr., 1947, Evangeline May Baker, dau. of Thomas and Mildred, from Spencerville, Md. Ch.:  
 1561 Karen Louise, b. Olney, Md., 29 Jan., 1950  
 1562 Judith Kay, b. Olney, Md., 26 Jan., 1953 (or 1952: b)  
 1563 Warren Beall, Jr., b. Olney, Md., 18 Dec., 1956 (b)  
 1564 Connie Ruth, b. Winchester, Va., 18 Apr., 1960 (b)  
 1565 Mary, b. 10 Aug., 1962
- 157 THOMAS ALTON, b. 31 May, 1924; m. Jane Smith; res. Berryville, Va. Ch.:  
 \*1571 Thomas Alton, Jr., b. 9 Aug., 1947. See Addenda.  
 1572 Diana, b. 21 Aug., 1950  
 1573 John, b. 26 Oct., 1951  
 1574 Claudia, b. 12 Nov., 1952
- 1511 CHARLES TRUMAN, b. Bethesda, Md., 8 Feb., 1928 (b); m. 1949, Jane M. Leishear. Ch.:

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- 15111 Lynn, b. 1950  
 15112 Charlene, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 15113 John, b. 1961
- 1512 LEWIS, b. D.C., 2  
 15121 Melanie, b. 1
- 1551 WILLIAM LONNIE, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Peake (b), whose mo  
 15511 David, b. 1 M  
 15512 Susanne, b. 6
- (a) St. Paul's Luther  
 (b) Liberty Grove Uni  
 (c) Seibel Family Bib  
 (d) News Leader obit.
- Mrs. Harry Becraf  
 Mrs. Charles Snyder  
 Mrs. Lula Thomas,
- 1 WILLIAM ALEXANDER, I  
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 and 2 daus., Hattie  
 Cem., Baltimore, Md  
 \*11 William Alexander  
 12 John, d. y.  
 13 Hattie  
 14 Hester
- 11 WILLIAM ALEXANDER,  
 Ch.:  
 111 William Alexan  
 from California  
 112 Robert, b. 24 J  
 \*113 George Tilghman  
 114 Elizabeth, b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 115 Mary Louise, "  
 116 Charles Howard  
 117 Samuel Lewis, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Elizabeth Harris  
 118 Alice Matilda,  
 O. Phillips

m. 10 Nov., 1951, Charles

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1512 LEWIS, b. D.C., 28 Mch., 1937 (b); m. \_\_\_\_ Ch.:  
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Sept., 1912. Ch.:

, 8 Feb., 1928 (b)

1551 WILLIAM LONNIE, b. 30 Oct., 1914 (a); m. 1959, Ruth Pauline  
Peake (b), whose mo. was a Gates. Ch.:  
15511 David, b. 1 May, 1960  
15512 Susanne, b. 6 Aug., 1962

## SOURCES

(1) 28 June, 1935, Christine  
Nov. 1944; div. 1966; and  
Ch.:

- (a) St. Paul's Lutheran Ch. records, Fulton, Md.  
(b) Liberty Grove United Methodist Ch. records, Burtonsville  
(c) Seibel Family Bible, Sophia S. Seibel  
(d) News Leader obit., Laurel, Md.

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n. 18 June, 1965, Larry

Mrs. Harry Becraft, Laurel, Md.  
Mrs. Charles Snyder, Burtonsville  
Mrs. Lula Thomas, Burtonsville

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); m. Virginia Medley, from

## SELLERS

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r. Ch.:

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1 WILLIAM ALEXANDER, I, according to family tradition, "came to America on a sailboat, when William A., II, was 12. It took 6 weeks, due to bad weather." The family making the trip, we're told, also included William's wife; William, II; a son John, who d. y.; and 2 daus., Hattie, and Hester. They are bur. in Greenmount Cem., Baltimore, Md. To enumerate the known ch.:

2 (b); m. 6 Apr., 1947,  
and Mildred, from Spencerville,

Jan., 1950

an., 1953 (or 1952: b)  
, 18 Dec., 1956 (b)  
, 18 Apr., 1960 (b)

- \*11 William Alexander, II  
12 John, d. y.  
13 Hattie  
14 Hester
- 11 WILLIAM ALEXANDER, II, m. Mary Jane Coates; res. Hebbville, Md.  
Ch.:  
111 William Alexander, III, b. 13 Apr., 1868; m. Florence Vonwerter, from California  
112 Robert, b. 24 June, 1870; d. 13 Oct., 1874  
\*113 George Tilghman, b. 24 Aug., 1872  
114 Elizabeth, b. 30 Dec., 1874; m. William Piel  
115 Mary Louise, "Lulu," b. 12 Sept., 1877; d. 18 May, 1946; unm.  
116 Charles Howard, b. 18 July, 1878; d. 29 July, 1881  
117 Samuel Lewis, b. 24 Feb., 1883; d. 4 Mch., 1946; m. Grace Elizabeth Harris, who survived him.  
118 Alice Matilda, b. 10 Sept., 1885; d. 18 May, 1954; m. William O. Phillips

ane Smith; res. Berryville,

947. See Addenda.

8 Feb., 1928 (b); m. 1949,

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By Elizabeth Lead

John Truman's second wife, Mary Elizabeth Beall, was born on 16 October, 1897 in Sandy Spring, Md. She died on 19 September, 1973 in Berryville, Virginia. She married John Truman Seibel in August, 1918 (p. 32, The Burtonsville Heritage Book by Elizabeth Lord). Mary Elizabeth Beall was the daughter of John Thomas Jr., born 29 September, 1872, died 28 August 1959, and Julia Ann Roby, born 10 August 1880, died 25 March 1953 (p. 32); the granddaughter of John Thomas, born 19 April, 1842, died 13 December, 1911, and Maria Elizabeth Weider, born 29 September, 1842, died 25 August, 1927 (p. 30); and, the great granddaughter of Josiah Beall, born 4 November, 1817, died 16 December, 1895, and Nancy (Hopkins?), died 26 September, 1873 (p. 29).

The Bealls were thought to have come from Scotland. Josiah Beall was one of the earliest Bealls found in the area, and was listed as a "farmer" in the "Directory of Montgomery County" describing Burtonsville, Md. (The History of Montgomery County, Maryland, From Its Earliest Settlement in 1650 to 1879, by T.H.S. Boyd, p. 123, originally published Clarksburg, 1879, reprint published by Clearfield Company, Baltimore, Maryland, 1989.)

## 10.1 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA, THE GRIFFITH SEARCH/SIEBEL HOUSE

The farm itself encompasses 65.26 acres, at present. It faces North on Spencerville Road, is bordered by Peach Orchard Road and Thompson Road, and is adjacent to the Allnut property. The Griffith Search/Seibel House has a majestic presence, situated on a knoll, with trees in front of the house. I believe the house, and the protective wooded area surrounding the house and the underground stone vaulted room, should be preserved. I took a minimalist view regarding the acreage, (one acre), due to the cluster zoning which was recently approved for this property, technically known as Peach Orchard Estates. This property is within the Cloverly vicinity, and the Beltsville Quadrangle.

I have enclosed a map clearly depicting the boundaries. The boundaries correspond to those to which the owners hold title.

2525 Penwith Road Land Records ST3 4/353 Survey

Wade Jun was appointed a trustee to sell the real estate in the proceeds in said cause mentioned, a part of which purchased by said Griffith Mr Serch is hereinafter particularly described and conveyed. And when the said John Wade Jun. trustee as aforesaid, in pursuance of said decree, did on the twenty third day of September eighteen hundred and forty seven, sell and dispose of, at Public auction, to said Griffith Mr Serch the property hereinafter described and conveyed for the sum Four hundred and one dollars and fifteen cents. And when as the purchase money for the said property and premises having been fully paid the said John Wade Jun. doth agree to execute these presents in pursuance of the power vested in him by said decree. Now this Indenture witnesseth that the said John Wade Jun. trustee as aforesaid, for and consideration of the premises and also of five dollars current money to him in hand paid by the said Griffith Mr Serch at or before the seal and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold aliened and conveyed, and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell aliened and conveyed, and confirm [into the said Griffith Mr Serch all that Lot or tract or part of a Lot or tract of Land situate in Montgomery County in said State of Maryland being Lot No 11 (on a plat of part of said real estate drawn by William W. Hargreaves Esq. surveyor for said Montgomery County by which said Lot was sold and which is marked, B. and filed among the proceedings in said cause) contained within the following metes and bounds, courses and distances to wit: Beginning for the same at a stone now placed on the northern edge of the Laurel Road and marked, B. and running thence with the first line of Lot No 10 on said plat, south five degrees one hundred and ninety two perches to a stone on the dividing line between Holmes and Perry then with said line south eighty four and a quarter degrees west eighty perches and a half a perch to a rock stone the beginning of Perry's one hundred & thirty eight (138) acre lot, thence north five degrees east two hundred and fifty five perches to a stone on the Laurel road thence down and with said road south seventy seven degrees and three quarters of a degree, east thirteen and two thirds (13 2/3) perches, south forty three and a quarter (43 1/4) degrees east fourteen perches, south five two degrees and three quarters of a degree east forty six perches south seven and a quarter (7 1/4) degrees east twenty one perches to the beginning containing one hundred and thirteen acres more or less, together with all the improvements ways waters, rights privileges advantages and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining subject nevertheless to the terms and conditions of sale. To have and to hold the said herein described premises with the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Griffith Mr Serch his heirs and assigns to his and their use and behoof, paid, cleared and discharged from all claim whatever of the parties complainant and defendant in the cause aforesaid both in law and equity. In testimony whereof the said John Wade Jun. has hereunto set his hand and seal on the day and year first above written

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★ Log Buildings

- 1. Isaac Burton House
- 2. Frank Murphy House
- 3. Snowden Manor House
- 4. Michael Murphy House
- 5. Thomas Poole House
- 6. Manlove Homer House
- 7. Joseph Igleheart House
- 8. Connell House
- 9. John Waters House
- 10. John T. Beall House
- 11. Caleb Carr House
- 12. Franklin Wootten House
- 13. Josiah Beall House

■ Brick Buildings

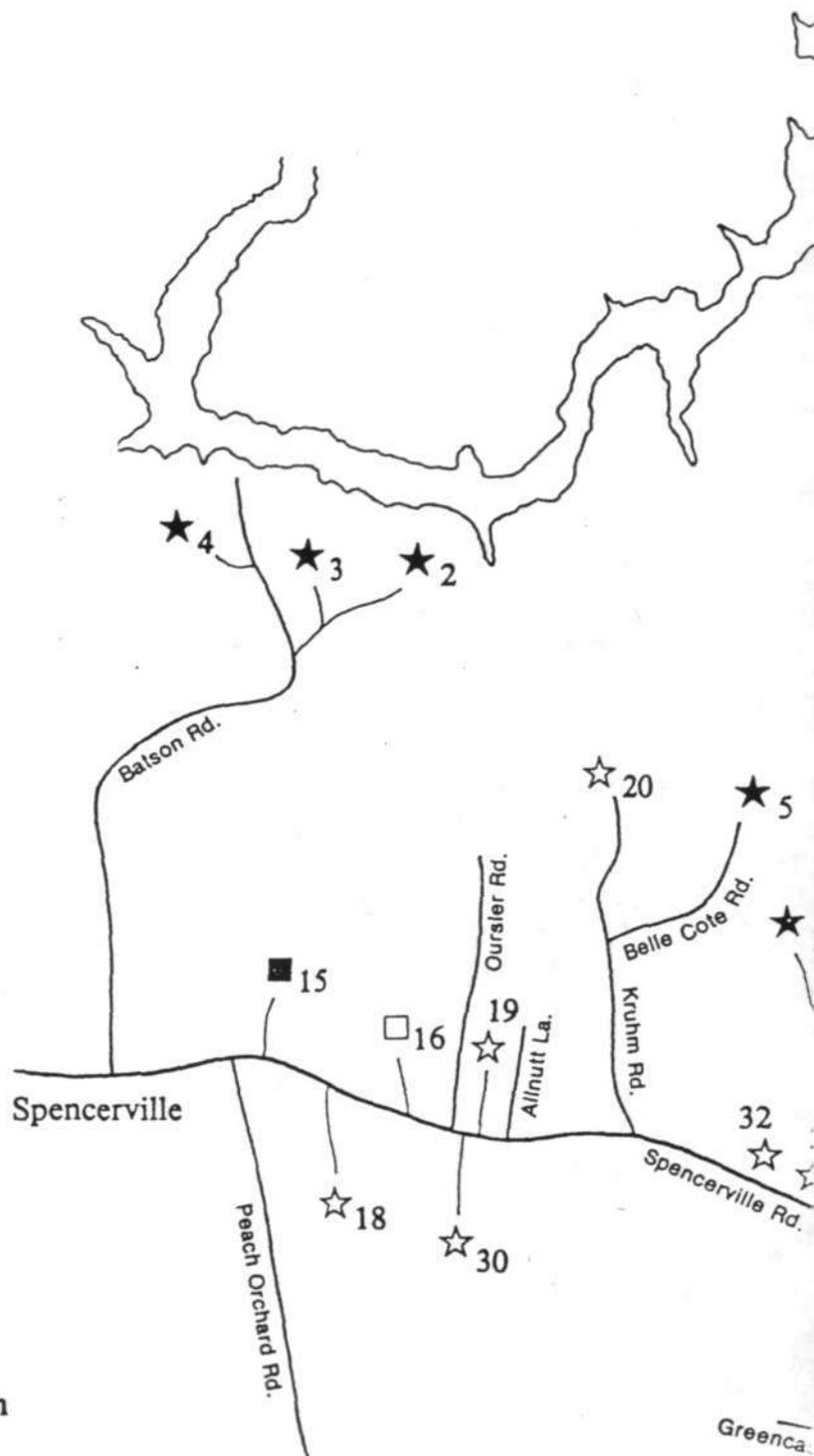
- 14. Benjamin D. Carr House
- 15. William H. Spencer House

□ Stone Buildings

- 16. R. G. Duvall House
- 17. John Mayenburg House

☆ Sawn-Frame Buildings

- 18. Griffith Search House
- 19. George Bennett House
- 20. Lewis H. Duvall House
- 21. William Rich House
- 22. Merson House
- 23. Turner House
- 24. Carroll House
- 25. Old Liberty Grove Methodist Church
- 26. Columbia Primitive Baptist Church
- 27. Old School House
- 28. Henry Krusen House
- 29. Soper House
- 30. W. Plumerwaters House
- 31. James Athey House
- 32. Spencerville Circuit Parsonage



### 15. William H. Spencer House

William Spencer came from Pennsylvania in 1848 and settled in this area giving his name to the community when it was established in 1850. He became the first postmaster of Spencerville in 1860.

The house in which he lived is a two and one-half story brick house built in the early 1800's, the first house to be built in Spencerville. The oldest portion faces south and has a central stair flanked by one room on either side. There is no stair hall, access to the slightly later rear addition is through the room to the left. Each end wall contains an interior fireplace and chimney. A basement exists under this part. The front porch is shorter than most front porches found in Burtonsville; it being only half as long as the house. The wood-cut brackets on each post provide an interesting detail. Most houses surveyed having porches are decorated with these wood-cut brackets, but the design varies with each house. The rear addition containing the kitchen is only two stories high. There are two box stairs each containing winder steps, at each end of this addition providing access to the second floor. A box spiral stair in the main house connects the second and third floors. The house has been entirely covered with horizontal weatherboards. This house has been changed very little providing a good example of early rural architecture.



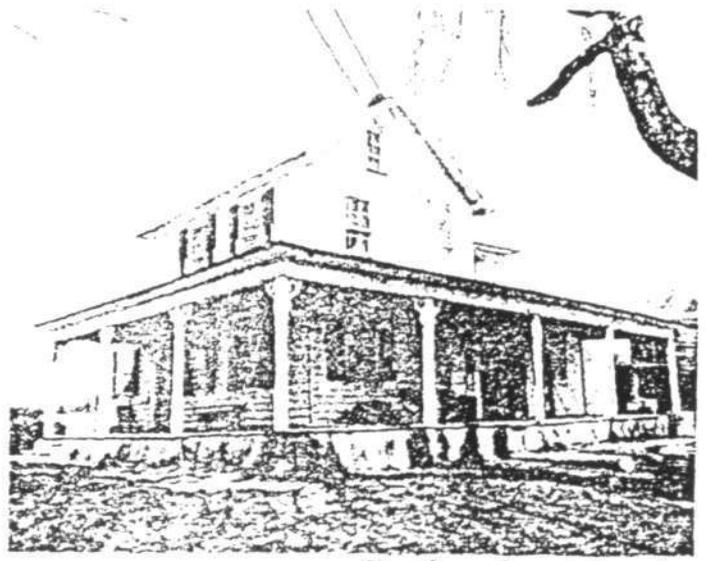
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South facade



### 16. R. G. Duvall House

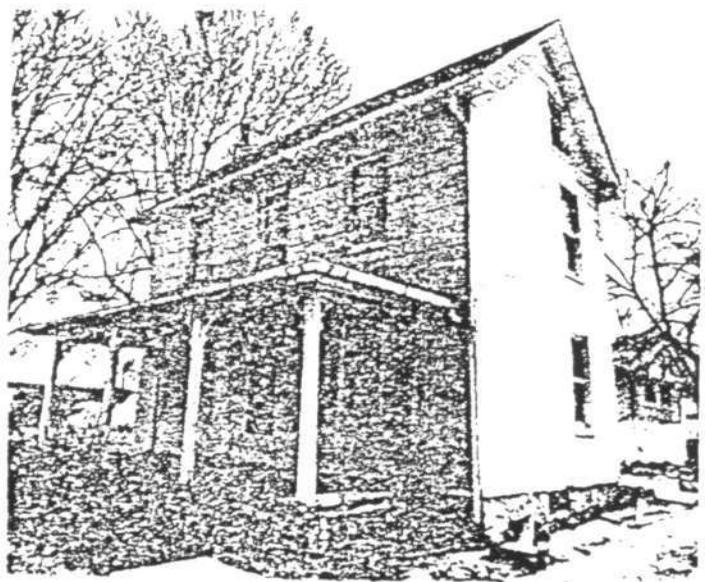
Said to be constructed of stone, this two-story house has an ell-shaped plan. There are two interior chimneys one to the right side of the main house that faces south and the other at the end of the rear wing. The six over six pane windows are larger than those in most other Burtonsville houses. The four front windows have an applied wood lintel over each window which were probably added when the horizontal weatherboards were placed on the house. The large porch was a later addition.



*South and east facades*

### 17. John Mayenburg House

This two-story house is constructed of stone at least partially up the walls; the stone foundation walls visible. The plan is ell-shaped with two interior chimneys, one to the left of the front portion and the other at the end of the rear wing. The one over one pane windows are of later Victorian design. An interesting small gable window has three small panes over one large square pane. The front porch with wood-cut brackets runs the length of the house.

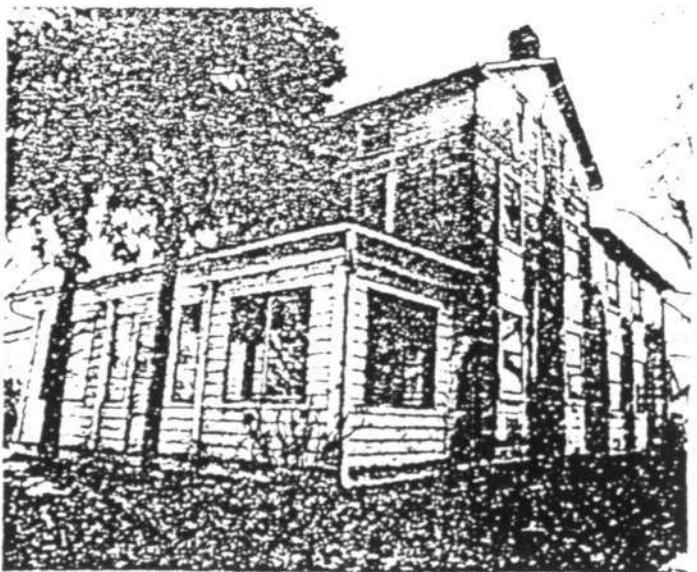


*South and west facade*

*Griffith Search/Sibel House  
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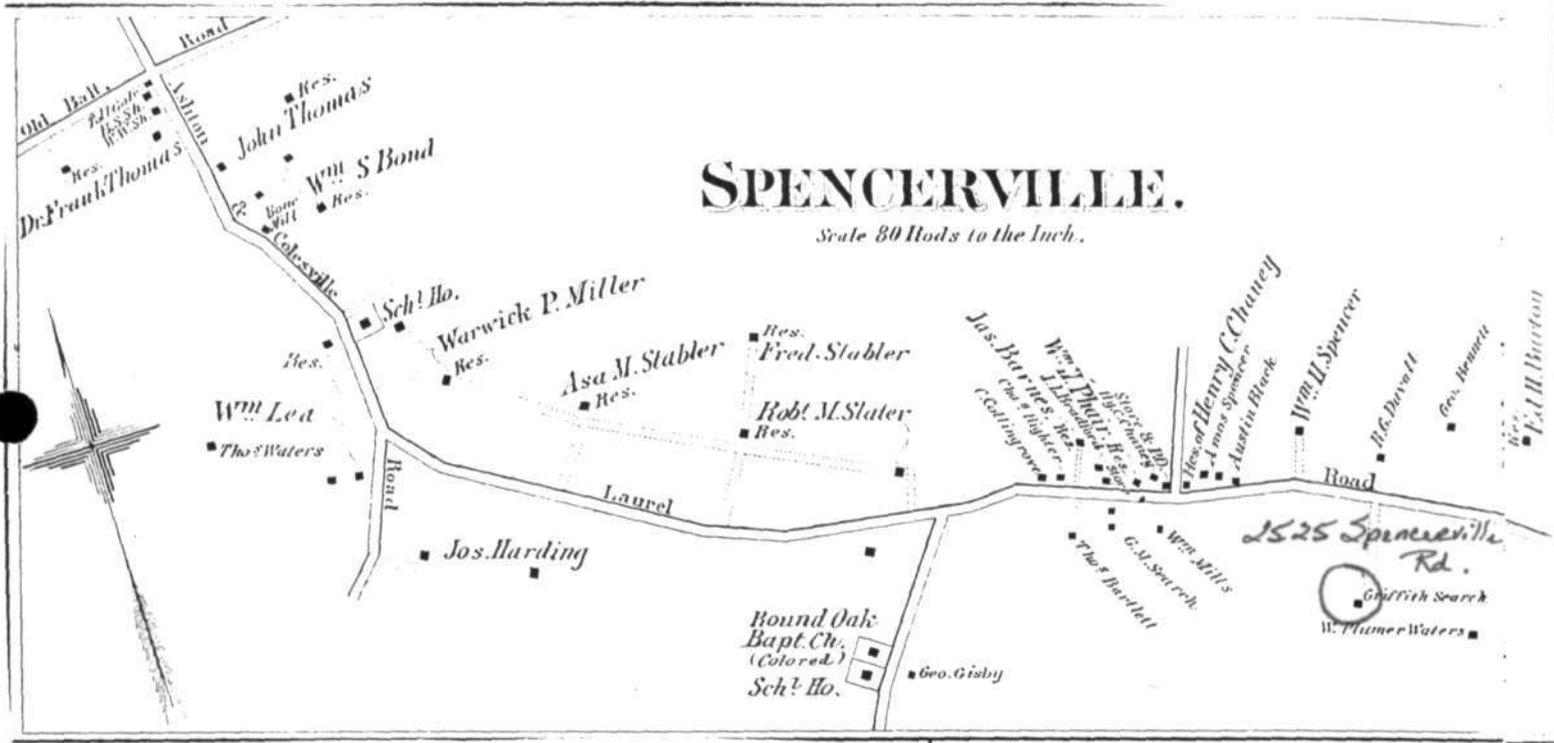
### 18. Griffith Search House

This property was originally part of "Snowden's Manor Enlarged" and "Browning's Folly," and was purchased by Griffith Search in 1848. Said to be the second house built in Spencerville, the main two and one-half story part is identical in plan to the Spencer house, although this house is built with a sawn wood frame. The front porch, now enclosed, extends the full length of the house. The roof rafters have pegged mortise and tenon joints at the ridge line. There is a two-story rear addition that contains one stair. Standing outbuildings include a large post and beam barn, smoke house; underground stone-vaulted cold storage room; corner crib; and blacksmith shop.



*North and west facade*





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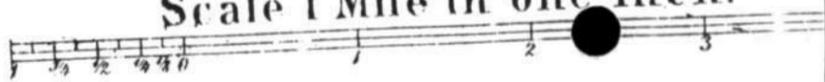
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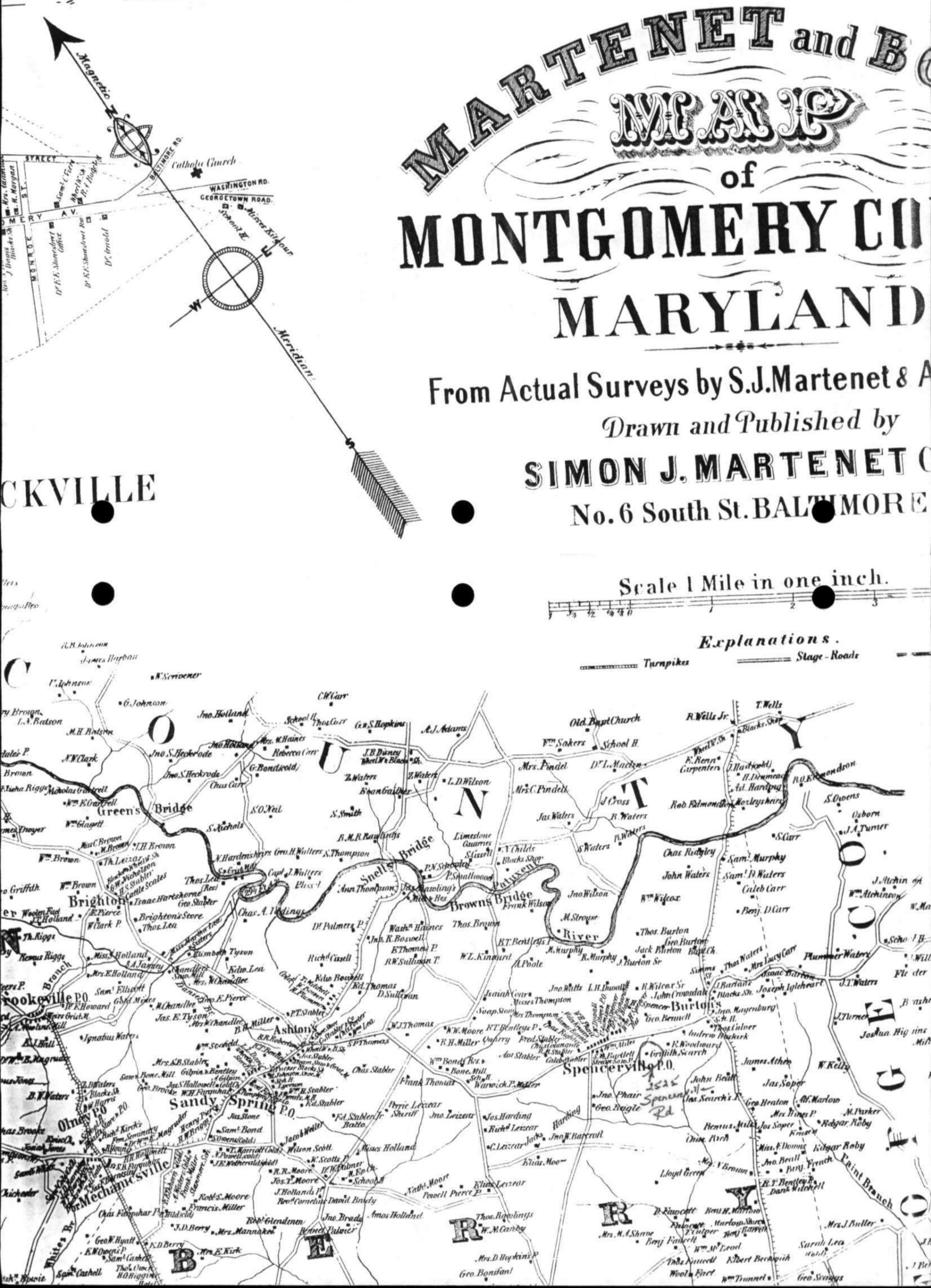
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### Explanations.

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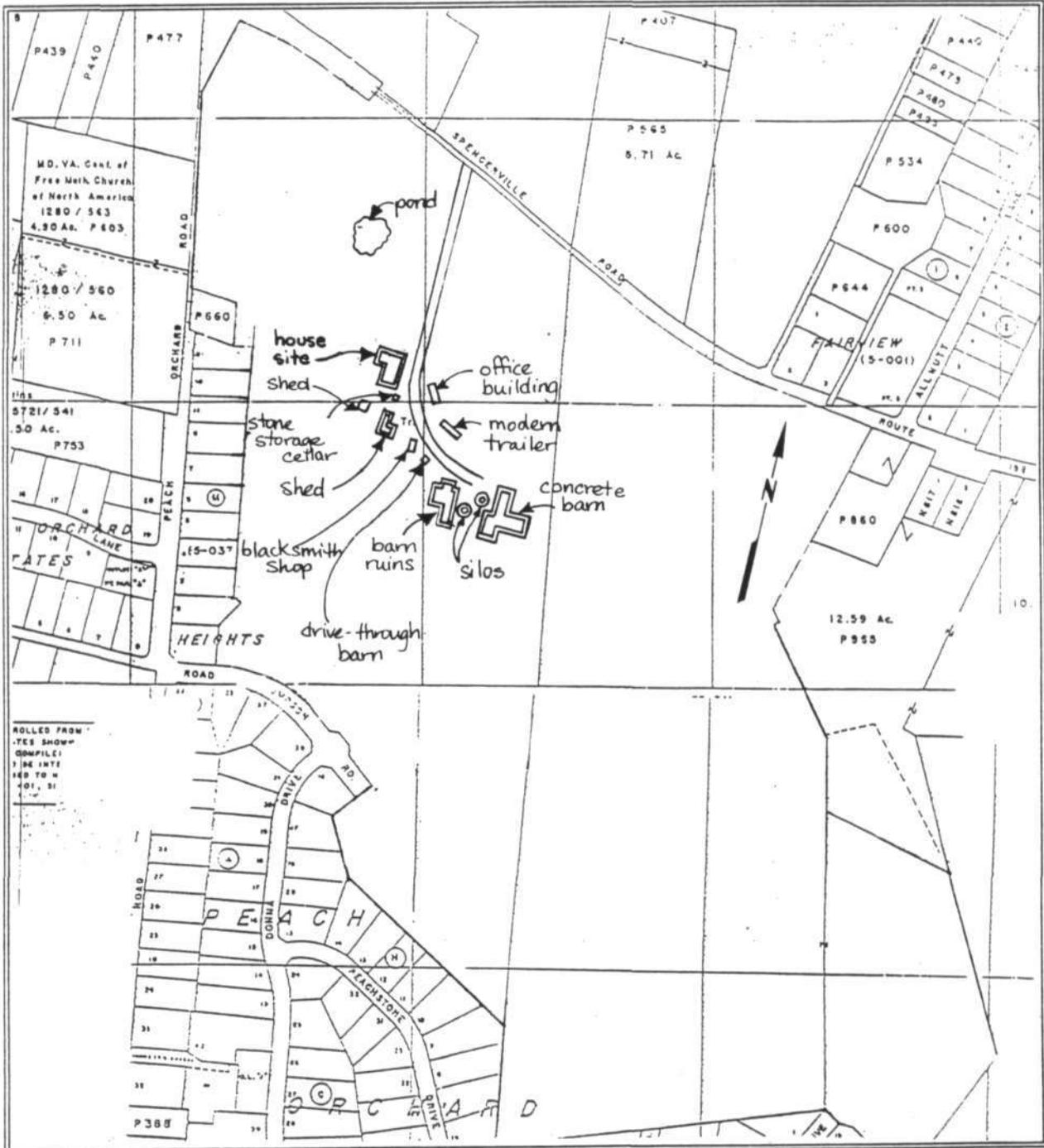
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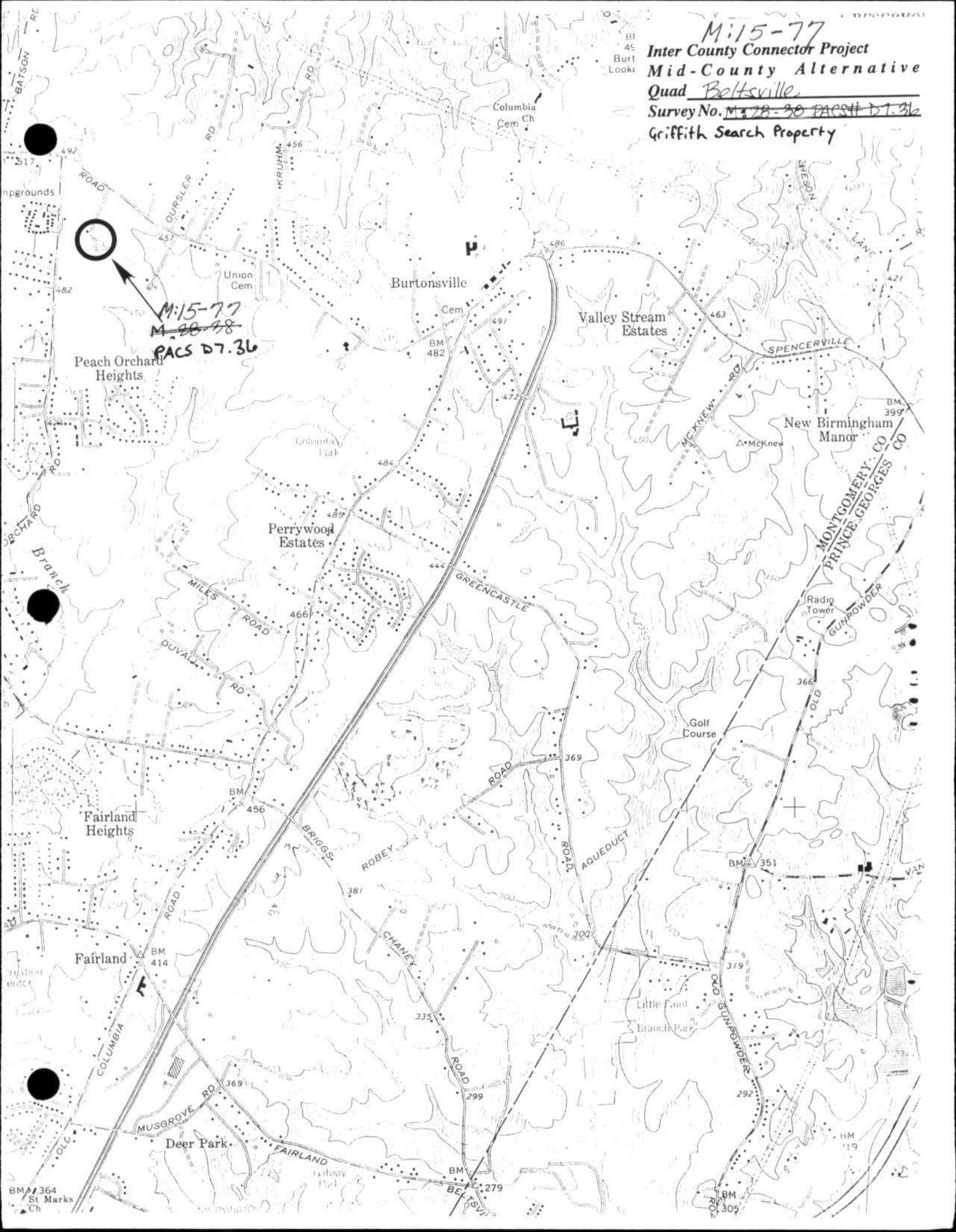
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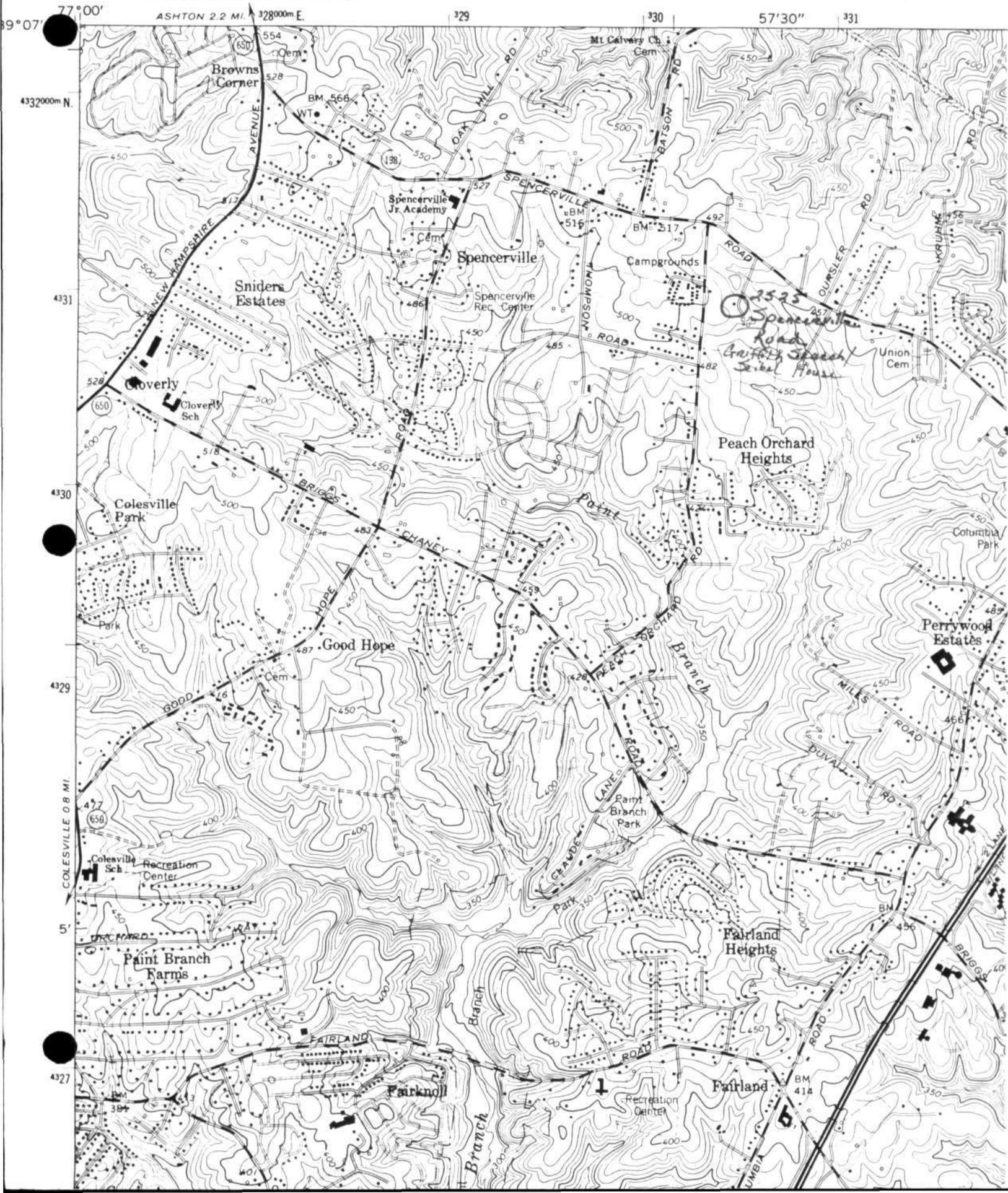
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7 2525 Spencerville Road, main (North) facade

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7 2525 Spencerville Road, main (North) and West  
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7 2525 Spencerville Road, rear (South) facade

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7 2525 Spencerville Road, East facade

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7 2525 Spencerville Road, fieldstone, vaulted  
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7 2525 Spencerville Road, modern office

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7 2525 Spencerville Road, blacksmith shop

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7 2525 Spencerville Road, drive-through barn

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6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD 21284

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