

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:20-36 (PACS 8.4) Construction Date: Circa 1940

Name: Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property

Location: 16101 Shady Grove Road, Gaithersburg vicinity, Montgomery County

Private/Vacant/Unoccupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property is a 1-story, 2-bay cottage located on the southeast side of Shady Grove Road in the Gaithersburg vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1940, the cottage has a commercial addition on the east elevation and is located at the northwest corner of a commercial complex.

Significance:

The Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property is located on part of a 85 hectare (210 acre) farm bought by the Clement family in 1852. In 1933, Mary E. Clement Offutt sold 5.69 hectares (14.072 acres) of the land to A. Edward and Hattie M. Kinzey. In 1935, the Kinzeys sold the same land to Michael C. and Anna Zettis. Michael and Anna Zettis subdivided the land, although the subdivision was never recorded, and sold lots three and four to Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown in 1936. In 1941, the property was bought by William Henry Waters IV and Virginia Hawkins Waters. The Waters held the property until 1978, when it was bought by Sylvester N. Causey. Causey resubdivided the land in 1980, leaving the cottage on a 0.98 hectare (2.43 acre) lot. The property is currently held by the heirs of Sylvester N. Causey.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property (preferred)

and/or common Michael N. Causey Property

2. Location:

street & number 16101 Shady Grove Road ___ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg 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 type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	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	vacant

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

name Michael N. Causey et al.

street & number 23420 Woodfield Rd.

telephone no.:

city,town Gaithersburg

state and zip code MD 20877

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 10770

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 634

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

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<u>Condition</u>		<u>Check one</u>	<u>Check one</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

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

The Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property is a 1-story, 2-bay cottage located on the southeast side of Shady Grove Road in the Gaithersburg vicinity of Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1940, the cottage has a commercial addition on the east elevation and stands at the northwest corner of a commercial complex.

The cottage has a concrete foundation, wood weatherboard walls and an asphalt-shingle roof. The roof over the main house is front-gable, while the roof over the commercial addition is flat. An interior brick chimney is located near the north end of the cottage. An additional chimney stands in the south gable end. The cottage has 6/6 double-hung windows with wide wood surrounds. The 5-panel doors are original.

On the north, or front elevation, the projecting east bay has a single window. The main entry, consisting of a 5-panel door in a plain surround, is located on the west wall of the projecting bay. The west bay has a single window beneath a 1-bay shed front porch. The porch has two plain wood posts and no balustrade. The frame of a neon sign sits on the porch roof. Vents are located in the gable of the main block and the gable of the projecting bay. The commercial addition to the east has a modern door in the east bay. Single and paired 6/6 double-hung windows are located west of the door.

On the east elevation, the main block has a single window in the north bay. The commercial addition covers the center bay of this elevation and has no fenestration. A single window is located in the south bay of the main block.

On the south elevation, the main block has an off-center entry with a 5-panel door in a plain surround. A small window, now covered, is located east of the entry. A brick chimney and a 6/6 double-hung window are located west of the entry. A single window is also located at the west end of the commercial addition.

The west elevation has a small, 6-light fixed-sash window in the center bay with a 6/6 double-hung window on each side. A seam between the center and southern bays of this elevation indicates that the southern end of this cottage may be an addition.

The major alterations to this cottage are the addition of the commercial wing on the east, the possible addition on the south, and the addition of the sign on the porch roof. There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property is located on the eastern corner of Shady Grove Road and Pleasant Road, southwest of the intersection of Shady Grove Road and Frederick Road. The property is located at the northwest corner of a commercial and corporate development area that includes Shady Grove Plaza and Oak Grove Corporate Park. A municipal water tank and related facilities are located southwest of the property.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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8. Significance (Continued)

government agencies into the County, encouraged this suburban expansion (Rockville Historic District Commission 1973). As a result, present-day Gaithersburg has evolved from the original crossroads of Forest Oak into a large Washington suburb of neighborhoods, commercial centers, and technology-oriented businesses.

During the mid-twentieth century, the rest of the Montgomery County's environment was also undergoing change. The number of farms in Montgomery County decreased by nearly fifty percent between 1920 and 1959, while much farming that did continue, shifted to large-scale commercial agricultural production (Farquhar 1962: 47). Other changes in society included a decrease in the number of African-American residents and an increase in middle and upper-income "city workers". The area also experienced an influx of private enterprise in the form of highly technical business and research facilities, which, combined with the expansion of the federal government, resulted in a diversifying and expanding economic base for the counties in the twentieth century (Farquhar 1962: 45).

The Clarence O. and Helen V. Wire Property is an example of a mid-twentieth century vernacular cottage. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery 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 1 to 1½-stories tall, 3-bays wide and several rooms deep. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually 2 to 2½-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).

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National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1940, the Clarence O. and Helen V. Crown Property is not eligible for 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. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a common type of which better examples exist within the project area. This property has little architectural detail or other distinguishing features. Also, the commercial addition has compromised the integrity of the property. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>2/24/96</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>3/1/99</u>

[Signature]

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:20-36 (PACS 8.4)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Gaithersburg, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000
Rockville

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

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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

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telephone (410) 296-1635

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

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):

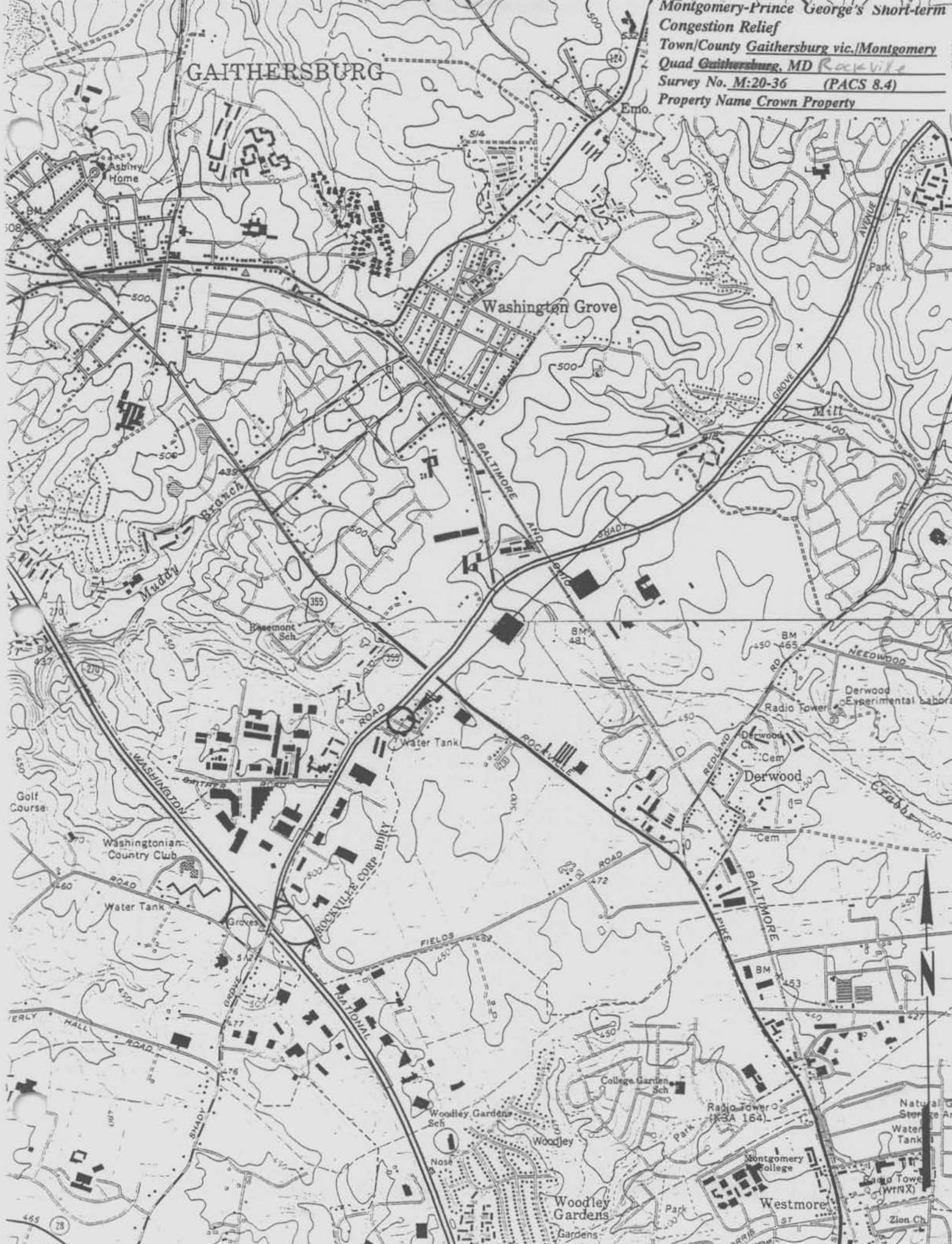
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

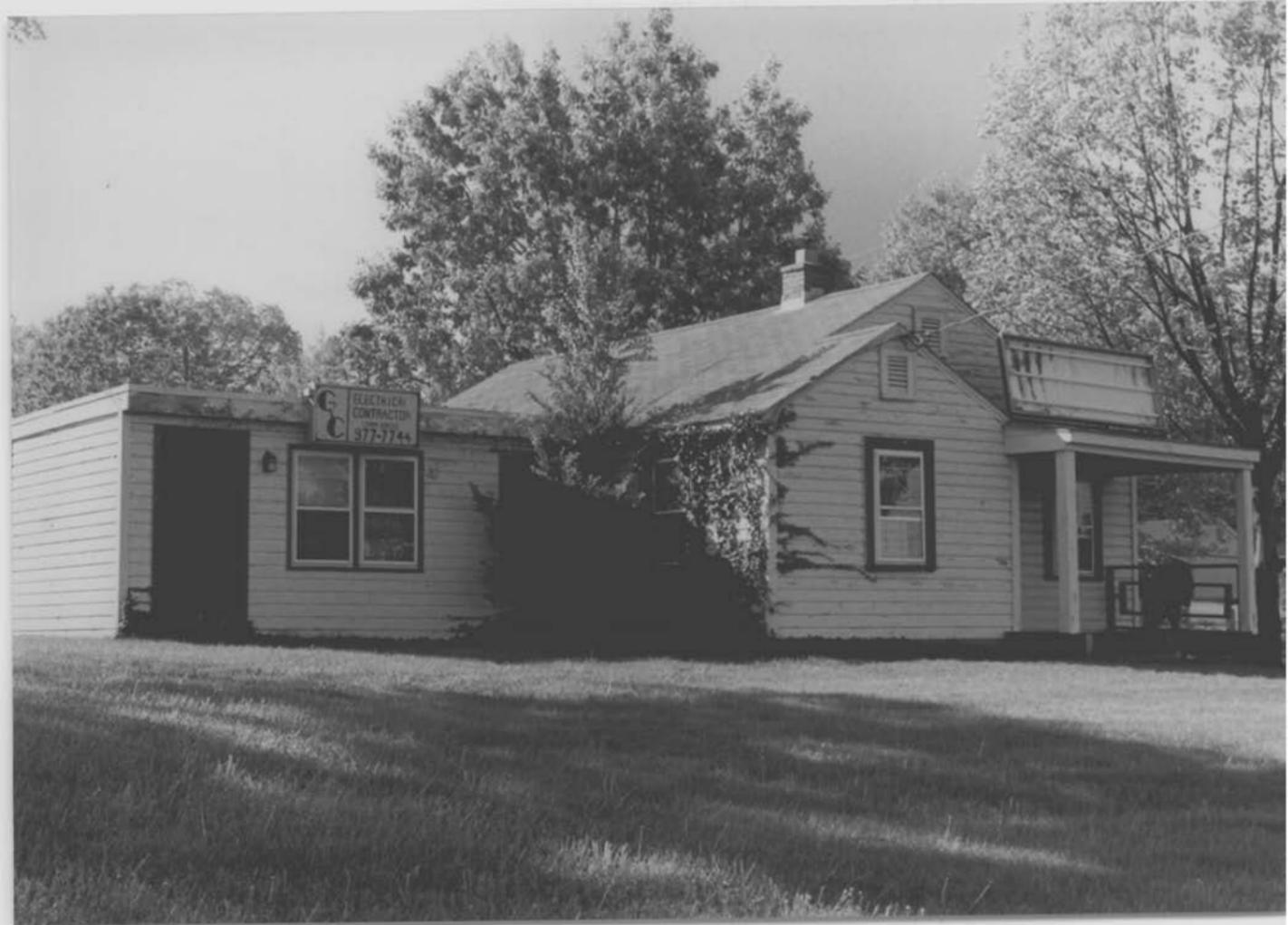
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Town/County Gaithersburg vic./Montgomery
Quad Gaithersburg, MD *Rockville*
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Property Name *Crown Property*





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- 2 Clarence + Helen - 3rd Property
- 3 Montgomery Co, Md
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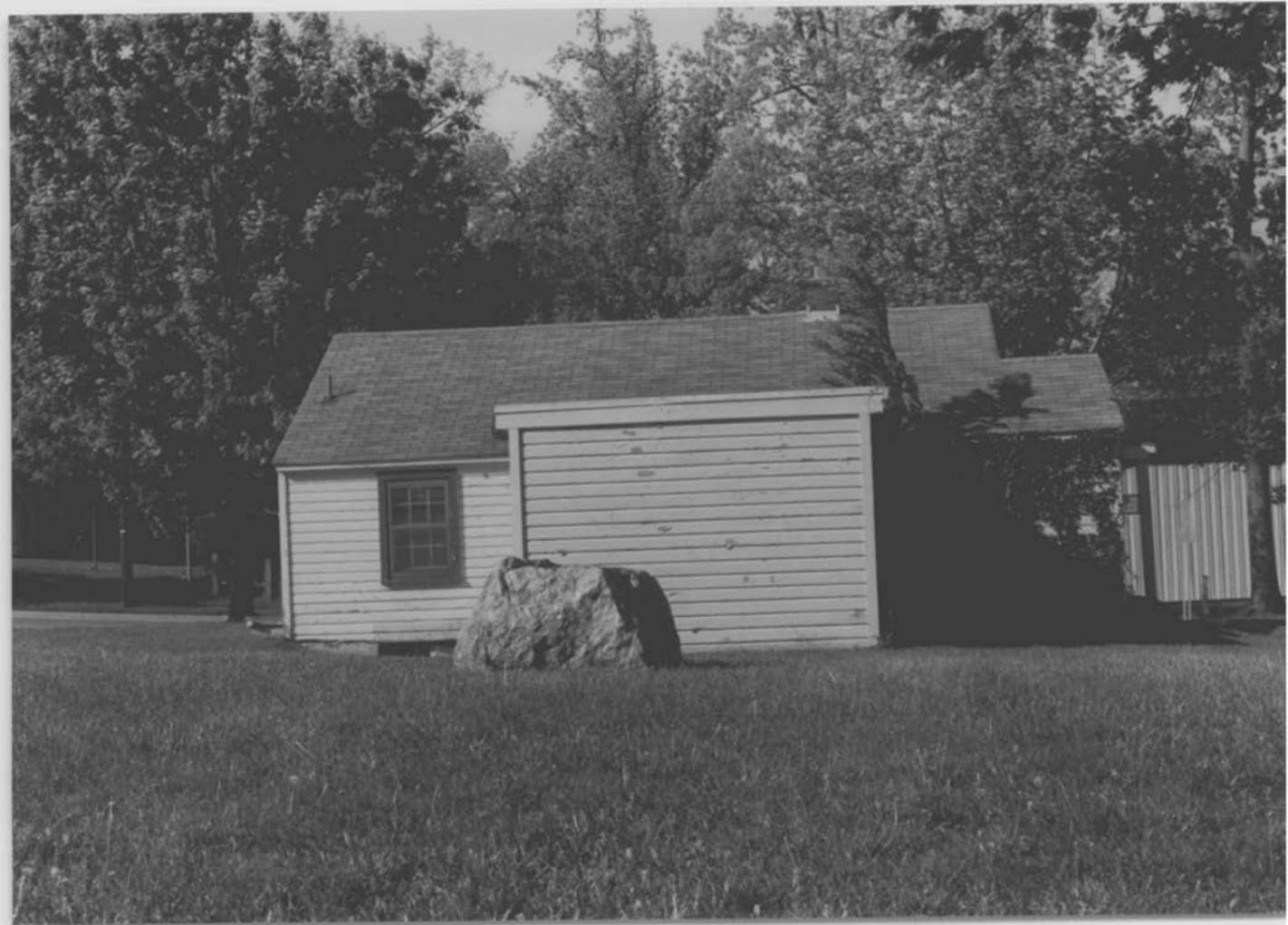
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7 NE corner

8 2 of 8

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2 Clara + Helen - Crown Property

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6 Md. SHPO

7 E elev.

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2 Clarence + Helen Crown Property

3 Montgomery Co Md

4 Julia Davis

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6 Md SHPO

7 SE corner

7 4 of 8.



1 M: 20-36

2 Clarence Heller - Crown Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md

4 Julia Danson

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- 1 M. 20-36
- 2 Clarence + Helen - Crown Property
- 3 Montgomery Co Md.
- 4 Jules Davis
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md 8110
- 7 SW corner
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1 M: 20-36

2 Clarence + Helen Crown Property

3 Montgomery Co. Md.

4 Julie Dawie

5 5/98

6 Md 8 HRS

7 W elev ✓

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