

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Magruder Blacksmith Shop
2. Planning Area/Site Number 29/40      3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 20 F-9
4. Address 8300 Seven Locks Road, Bethesda
5. Classification Summary
- Category building
- Ownership private
- Public Acquisition NA
- Status occupied
- Accessible no
- Present use private residence
- Previous Survey Recording M-MCPC Federal    State x County x Local
- (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )
6. Date before 1751      7. Original Owner Ninian Magruder
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good      c. original site
- b. altered
9. Description : This blacksmith shop is an early example of stone construction. Constructed of uncoursed rubblestone, it sits close to River Road facing southwest. It is a two bay by one bay, one and a half story structure. There are six-over-six double hung windows and gable four-light casement windows. The house has a gable roof with wooden shingles.
10. Significance: This simple stone blacksmith shop, over 225 years old, and in the Magruder family for 100 years, played a part in colonial trade and industry. As barrels (hogsheads) of tobacco were rolled along River Road to the port of Georgetown, the smithy served the needs of merchants and travelers as well as local residents.
- The land on which the blacksmith shop stands was originally part of Ninian Magruder's tract "Honesty". It is believed that the blacksmith shop was built by Ninian Magruder before his death in 1751, since the initials "N.M." are carved on the chimney and no subsequent owner had these initials.
- The building was probably originally used both as a smithy and as living quarters. Ninian Magruder willed this 300 acres to his son Samuel Magruder III, whose son Samuel Brewer Magruder built the manor house now known as Stoneyhurst. The manor house and blacksmith shop remained in the Magruder family until 1850. Maria Embrey and her descendents owned the building for almost 80 years from the 1870's to the 1950's and the area became known as Embrey Corners. David and Lorraine Fegan bought the property and renovated the building in 1955.
11. Date researched and researcher 2/79-Mary Charlotte Crook      Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled 2/79      14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage 0.313 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Magruder Blacksmith Shop

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8300 Seven Locks Road

CITY, TOWN Bethesda

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery 20034

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME David A. and Lorraine C. Fegan, in trust for  
David C. and Stephen R. Fegan

Telephone #: 365-2053

STREET & NUMBER 8709 Seven Locks Road

CITY, TOWN Bethesda

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20034

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1446

Folio #: 589

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1976

— FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

**CHECK ONE**

**CHECK ONE**

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This blacksmith shop is an early example of stone construction.

The blacksmith shop, constructed of uncoursed rubblestone, sits close to the side of River Road and faces southwest. It is two bays across and one bay deep, and is one and a half stories high. It has a steeply pitched gable roof covered by wooden shingles. There is a large exterior chimney stack, composed of the same rubblestone as the rest of the house, at the northwest elevation. North of the chimney is a small square wooden addition with a gable roof. This appears to be of recent construction. There are wooden paneled doors on the northeast (rear) and southwest (front) elevations. South of the southwest (front) door the stone work bulges perceptibly.

At the northwest and southeast gable ends there are small four-light casement windows. On the southeast and southwest elevations there are six-over-six light double hung windows. The southeast window has a stone lintel. There are no windows on the northeast (rear) elevation.

The interior was not available for inspection.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:29-40

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/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES before 1750

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Ninian Magruder

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land on which the blacksmith shop stands was originally part of Ninian Magruder's tract "Honesty." On Ninian Magruder's death in 1751 the 300 acre part of the tract on which the blacksmith shop is located was willed to his son,<sup>1</sup> Samuel Magruder III, whose son Samuel Brewer Magruder built the manor house now known as Stoneyhurst in 1767. It is believed that the blacksmith shop was built by Ninian Magruder before his death in 1751 since the initials "N.M." are carved on the chimney and no subsequent owner had these initials.

As early as colonial times River Road was an important artery of transportation. Barrels of tobacco were rolled along River Road on their way to the port of Georgetown. Certainly the smithy responded to the needs of merchants and travelers as well as those of local residents.

The Manor house and the blacksmith shop remained in the Magruder family until 1850. The subsequent owner, Harvey C. Shepard, split the property, selling the dwelling house and granting the blacksmith shop to his housekeeper, Maria Embrey, "in consideration of natural love and affection...for services rendered me as housekeeper."<sup>2</sup> For the next 78 years the property was held (and often rented) by her descendants and the area became known as Embrey Corners.

The blacksmith shop and 0.313 acres were sold to David and Lorraine Fegan in 1955; the Fegans evicted the tenants and renovated and improved the building.

The building may have had other uses but there is substantial evidence that it was used as a blacksmith shop. An outside fireplace used by the smith in his trade was covered over many years ago. A double flue remains in the chimney. During renovation hand-forged horseshoe nails were found around the grounds, and old fashioned horseshoes were found in the basement. The steeply pitched roof and the large windows would seem to indicate that, in addition to its commercial use, it was used as living quarters.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Will Records of Prince George's County, Md., Liber 28, Folio 83.
2. Land Records of Montgomery Co., Md. EBP 18/120 (1877).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Prince George's County Will Records  
 Research by Catherine Pierce recorded in the files of the Maryland-  
 National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1973.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.313 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

At corner of River and Seven Locks Roads

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Mary Charlotte Crook	Candy Reed Arch. Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE February 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Magruder's Blacksmith Shop					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8300 Seven Locks Rd. and River Rd.					
CITY OR TOWN: Bethesda					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Stephen Fegan					
STREET AND NUMBER: c/o 8709 Seven Locks Rd.					
CITY OR TOWN: Bethesda			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncltered           </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is a small, native-stone structure that sits at the intersection of two of Montgomery County's earliest roads. It faces south on River Rd. and there are two bays on this facade, the original doorway being in the center. There is a massive exterior stone chimney on the west facade of the building. The roof is steeply pitched, so as to provide living space in a loft above the first story. The east wall has a first story window topped by a stone lintel, and there is a small window centered in the gable-end here. The modern entrance is now on the north facade and the south wall was recently buttressed to stabilize it when River Rd. was being widened. (1974-1975.)</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

MRE  
M 29/40



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 12, 1984

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JUN 14 1984

MEMORANDUM

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development  
 John L. Menke, Director, Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director, State Historic Preservation Office  
 Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

P.B.

I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr  
Enclosure

## 28/13 Norwood (p. 15)

- Elegant mid-18th century brick Georgian residence with extensive front and side lawns and matured landscaping plan.
- Associated with the Thomas and Moore families, both influential in the Quaker community of Sandy Spring.
- The site consists of the main house and related outbuildings, including a carriage house/garage and barn, a tree-lined entranceway, and extensively landscaped front and side yards. The resulting park-like setting would be severely compromised by any additional development on the 11-acre parcel. Reduction of the environmental setting is not recommended.

## 29/40 Magruder's Blacksmith Shop (p. 16)

- Circa 1751 -- Believed built by Ninian Magruder and associated for 100 years with the Magruder family, a significant family in the early history of Montgomery County.
- Constructed of uncoursed rubblestone, this smithy, located on a major transportation artery, played an important role in colonial commerce.

## 29/41 Stoneyhurst (p. 16)

- Circa 1767 -- Battered rubblestone, 2½-story structure.
- Built by Samual Brewer Magruder, an important leader in the formation of Montgomery County, and son of Samuel Magruder the 3rd, a patriot of the American Revolution.
- 1906 -- Renovated in the Victorian style by Lily C. Stone, founder of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

M. 29-40



SCALE: 1" = 100'

BURNING

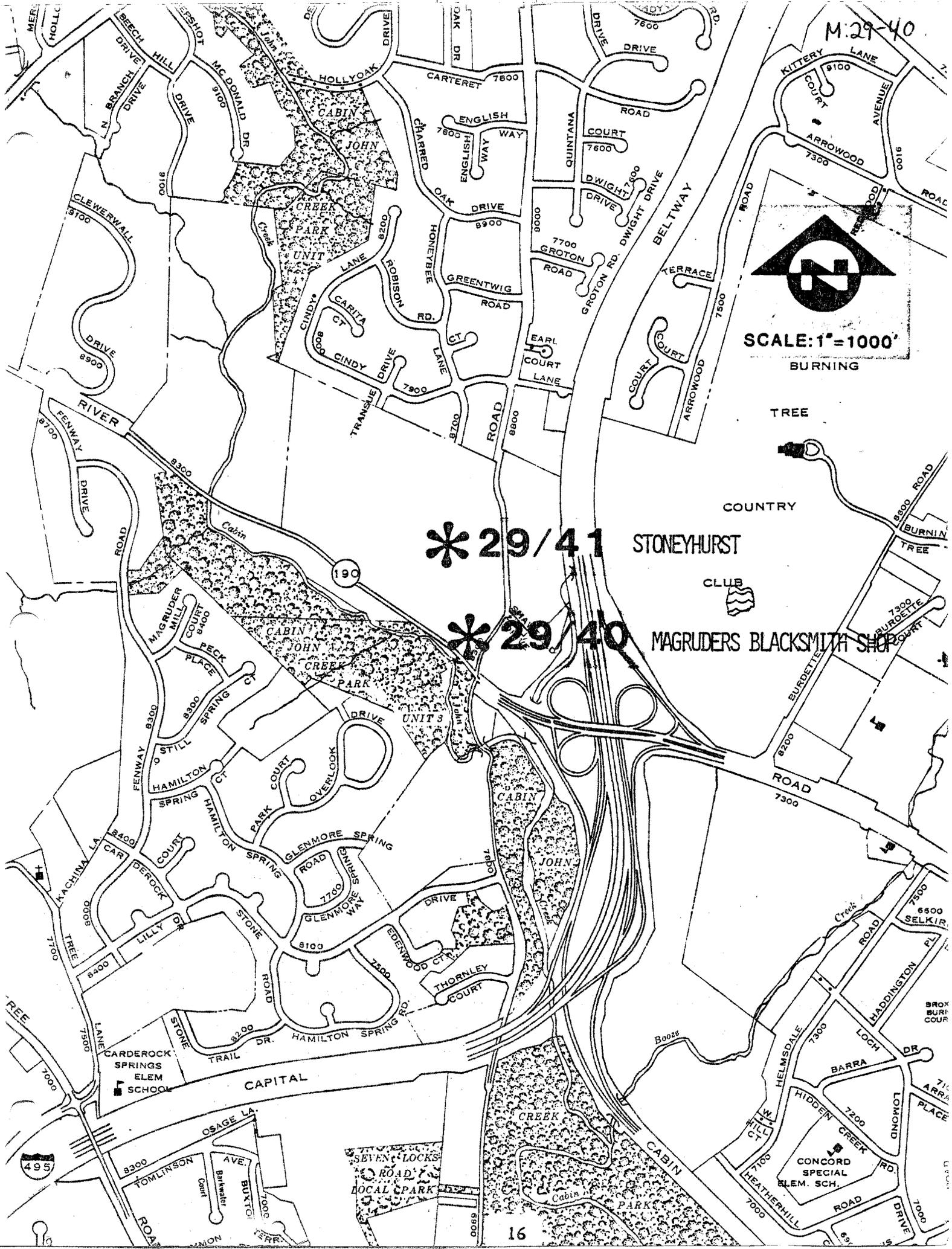
TREE

COUNTRY

\* 29/41 STONEYHURST



\* 29/40 MAGRUDERS BLACKSMITH SHOP



# FALLS CHURCH QUADRANGLE

VIRGINIA—MARYLAND

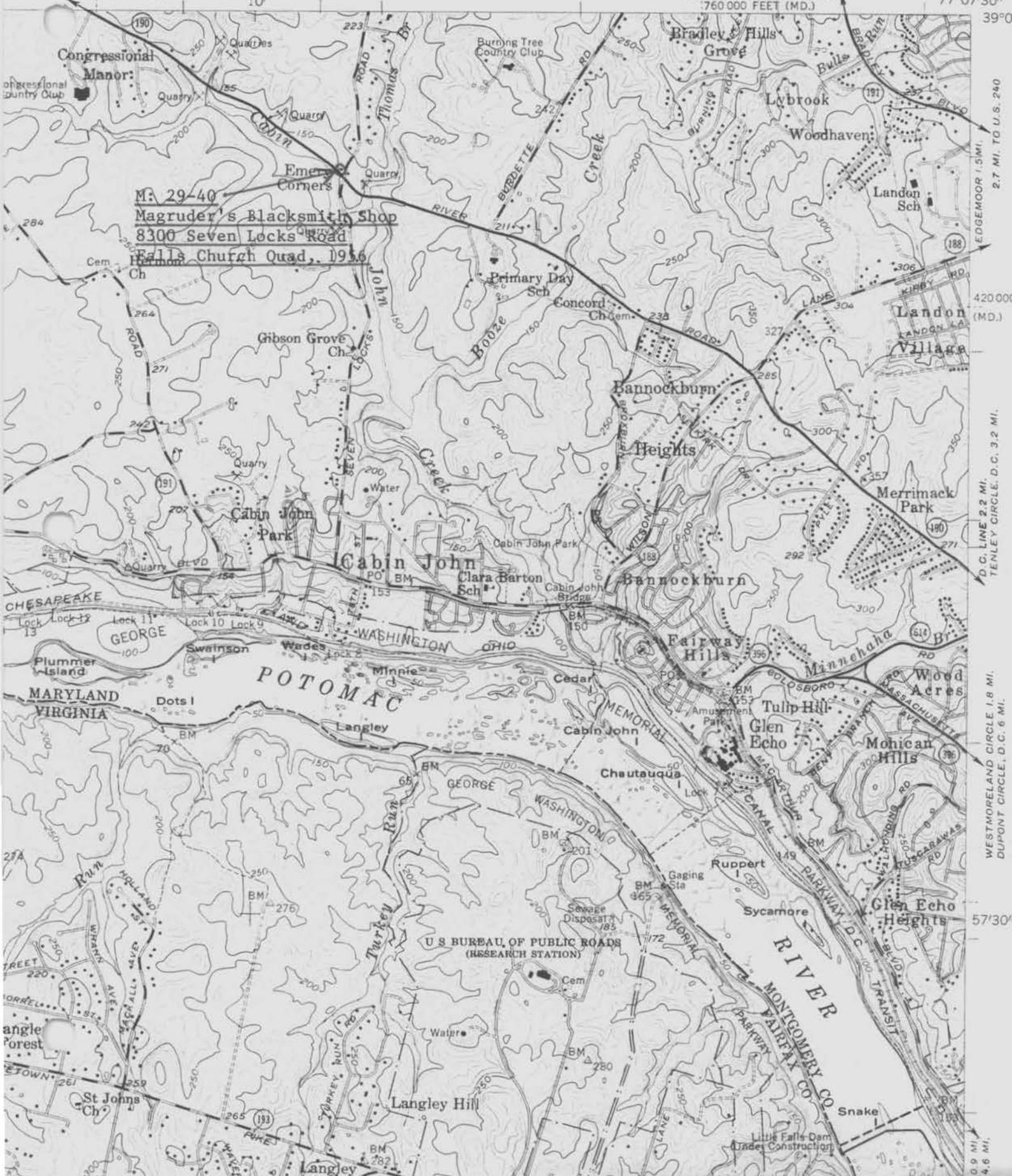
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

LELANDS CORNER 1.6 MI.  
760 000 FEET (MD.)

77°07'30"

39°00'

SENECA 11 MI.  
POTOMAC 2.2 MI.



M: 29-40  
 Magruder's Blacksmith Shop  
 8300 Seven Locks Road  
 Falls Church Quad., 1956

EDGEMOOR 1.5 MI.  
2.7 MI. TO U.S. 240

420 000  
(MD.)

D.C. LINE 2.2 MI.  
TENLEY CIRCLE, D.C. 3.2 MI.

WESTMORELAND CIRCLE 1.8 MI.  
DUPONT CIRCLE, D.C. 6 MI.

57'30"

0.9 MI.  
4.6 MI.



#29-40

NAME MAQRUDER'S BLACKSMITH SHOP

LOCATION RIVER RD. + 7 LOCKS RD.

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 4/23/75

M. DWYER