

# Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Addendum

MIHP Number: M:29-8-3

Property Name: Anson Ball House  
Property Address: 10217 River Road, Potomac, MD

According to a letter dated February 13, 2003 from the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA), this property has been demolished.

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Anson Ball House

2. Planning Area/Site Number

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference

part of 29/8 Potomac Village HD

4. Address

Map 19

Coordinate K-5

10217 River Road, Potomac

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership privatePublic Acquisition NAStatus occupiedAccessible noPresent use CommercialPrevious Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal    State x County x Local     
1976

6. Date 1905

7. Original Owner Cora and John Ball

8. Apparent Condition

a. Fair to Goodc. Original siteb. Altered

9. Description This 2 1/2 story 3 bay by 2 bay building faces south. It is frame covered with white stucco, with a modified gable roof and two decorative gables. Windows are double hung; most have green louvered shutters. A porch extends across 2/3 of the south facade. Bay 3 has a 2 1/2 story bay window with decorative shingled gable. The second story is rectangular, and the first is mitred with decorative trim and pendants. The center entrance is a paneled windowed door with transom. The exterior east chimney is newer; the east stack is closer to the center of the building. The east facade features a decorative gable, 2 doors, and a small porch. The L-shaped house has been made square by a rear addition, which has multipaned grouped windows. There are 4 outbuildings of varying sizes. Inside, there is a center stair with 2 rooms on each side and 1 behind. Details include crown molding, paneled doors, turned balustrades, porcelain doorknobs, and 2 fireplaces.

10. Significance This house is one of a handful of pre-suburbia homes remaining in the old village. It sits on a portion of "Williamsborough Resurveyed", originally purchased in 2 parcels by Thomas Perry during the 1870s. Perry ran the general store in Potomac, and after 1884, the business was continued by his widow Marian and son Edgar. Perry's daughter Cora married John Ball in 1898, and soon after Ball began working as a clerk in the Perry store.

In 1903, Marian Perry Sullivan partitioned off 7 acres and conveyed it to her daughter Cora Ball. On that portion of the parcel fronting on River Road, John and Cora Ball had constructed the present house, sometime around 1905. John died in 1935, and Cora continued to live there until her death in 1963. Their son F. Anson Ball and his wife lived there and inherited the house and one acre. This is a one-owner house, hardly changed since early 1900's.

11. Date researched and researcher

December 1978

Mark Walston

12. Compiler

Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled

December 1978

14. Designation  
Approval   

15. Acreage: 1 Acre

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Anson Ball House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 10217 River Road

CITY, TOWN Potomac CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8th

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 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 F. Anson Ball Telephone #: 365-5278

STREET & NUMBER 6810 Buttermere Lane

CITY, TOWN Bethesda STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Will Records

Liber #: VMB 171  
Folio #: 147

STREET & NUMBER Unibank Building

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Historical Sites Inventory

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This 2½ story 3 bay by 2 bay building faces south. It is frame covered with white stucco, with a modified gable roof and two decorative gables. Windows are double hung; most have green louvered shutters. A porch extends across 2/3 of the south facade. Bay three has a 2½ story bay window with decorative shingled gable. The second story is rectangular, and the first is mitred with decorative trim and pendants. The center entrance is a paneled windowed door with transom. The exterior east chimney is newer; the east stack is closer to the center of the building. The east facade features a decorative gable, 2 doors, and a small porch. The L-shaped house has been made square by a rear addition, which has multipaned grouped windows. There are 4 outbuildings of varying sizes. Inside, there is a center stair with 2 rooms on each side and 1 behind. Details include crown molding, paneled doors, turned balustrades, porcelain doorknobs, and 2 fireplaces.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c.1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ball house, situated in the crossroads community of Potomac, is one of a handful of pre-suburbia homes remaining in the village district. The building sits upon a portion of the tract known as "Williamsborough Resurveyed" originally purchased in two parcels by Thomas Perry during the 1870's.<sup>1</sup> Thomas Perry ran the general store in Potomac, located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Falls and River Road. After Perry's death, in 1884, the business was continued by his son, Edgar, and his widow, Marian Perry, the daughter of Thomas and Marian Perry, Cora Perry, married John Lewis Ball of Tioga County, Pennsylvania, on November 16, 1898, and John Ball, shortly after the wedding, commenced work as a clerk in the Perry store. It is believed that Cora and John Ball lived for a time in the residential section of the store building.

An incident of attempted highway robbery involving John Ball occurred in 1899. As reported by the Sentinel.

John Ball, clerk in Edgar Perry's store at Potomac, this county, was attacked by two negroes in the road near Hunting Hill, on Wednesday night of last week (December 6, 1899). While one man held the horse he was driving, a second one appeared at the side of the wagon and demanded his money. Ball refused the demand and started to drive off. Then the negro at the side of the wagon drew a revolver and fired at him. Ball returned the fire and he believes he shot the man that had hold of the horse. After emptying his revolver he drove hurriedly away. His assailants are still at large.<sup>2</sup>

On April 29, 1903, Marian Perry Sullivan (who remarried in 1895) partitioned off seven acres of "Williamsborough Resurveyed" and conveyed the same to her daughter, Cora Ball.<sup>3</sup> It is on that portion of the parcel fronting on River Road that John and Cora Ball had constructed the present house, sometime around the year 1905. The couple, for some 30 years, occupied the house and, after the death of John Ball in 1935, Cora Ball continued to live in the house along with her son, F. Anson Ball and his wife. Anson Ball constructed and operated a service station and garage in Potomac, located on Falls Road (the present Dunham's Garage). Cora Ball died on September 29, 1963, and by her will bequeathed the house and surrounding one acre, more or less, to her son, F. Anson Ball.<sup>4</sup>

FOOTNOTES on Attachment Sheet A

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Attachment Sheet A

FOOTNOTES:

1. Deed EBP 15/185, EBP 20/312, Montgomery County Land Records.
2. Montgomery County Sentinel, December 15, 1899.
3. Deed TD 26/239, Montgomery County Land Records.
4. Will VMB 171.147, Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land Records.  
Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records.  
Montgomery County Sentinel, December 15, 1899.  
Perry, Gue, Descendants of Erasmus Perry, (author, 1970).

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Mark Walston	Eileen McGuckian	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE	11/78
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.

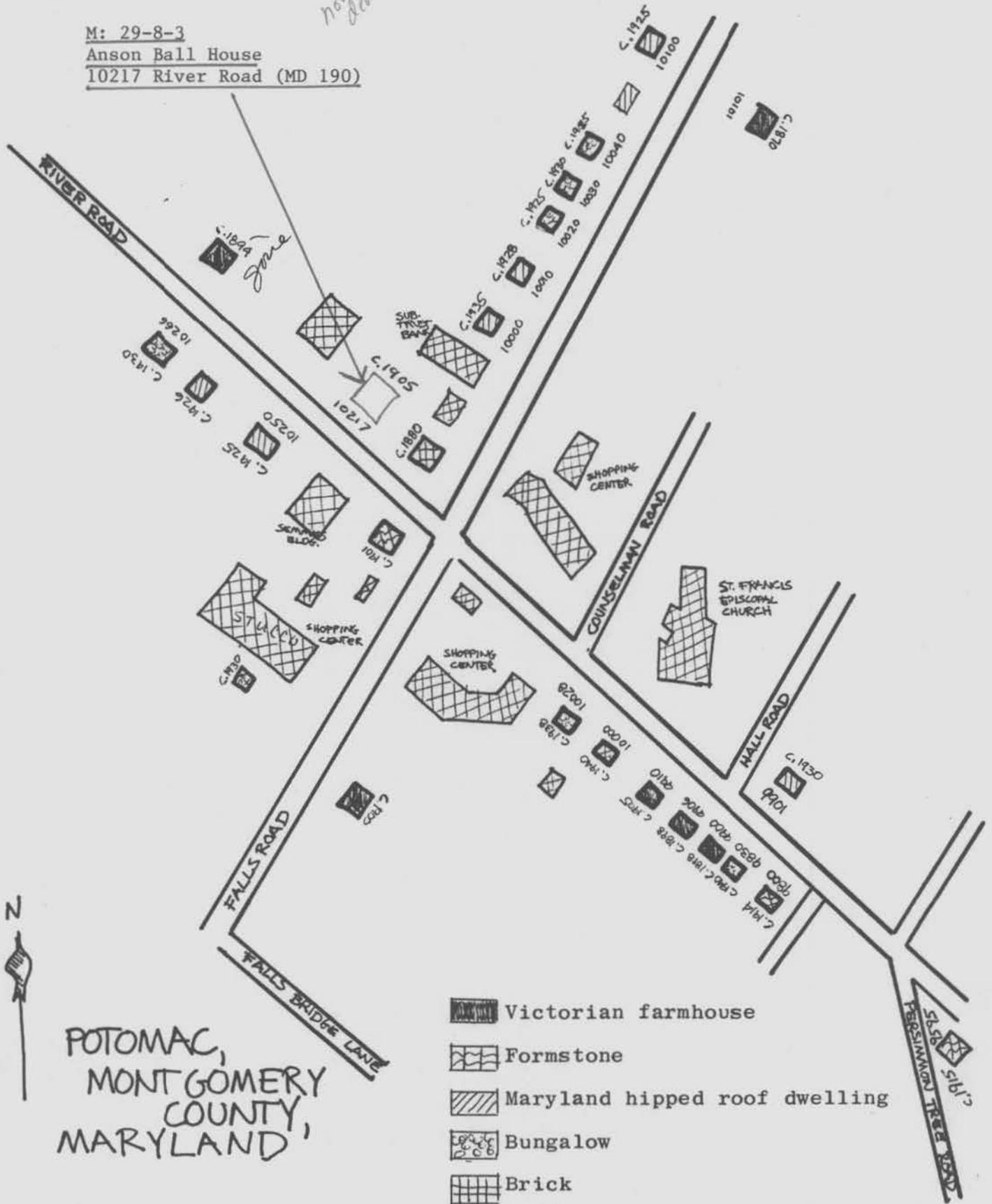
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 87-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
Box 87, Stronghold  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
(301) 926-4510

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Anson Ball House  
10217 River Road (MD 190)

*now demolished*

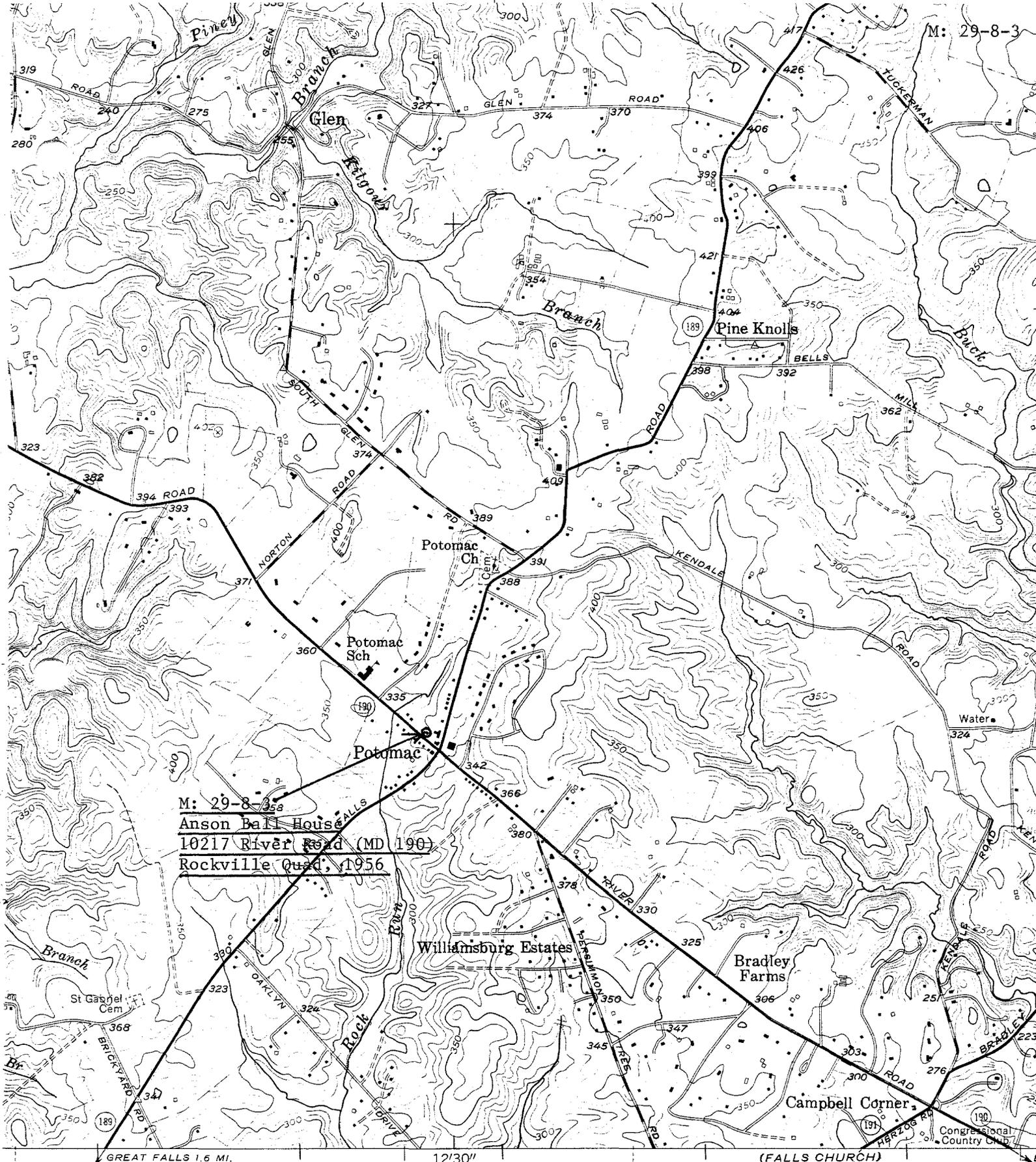


POTOMAC,  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTY,  
MARYLAND

-  Victorian farmhouse
-  Formstone
-  Maryland hipped roof dwelling
-  Bungalow
-  Brick

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Anson Ball House  
10217 River Road (MD 190)  
Rockville Quad, 1956

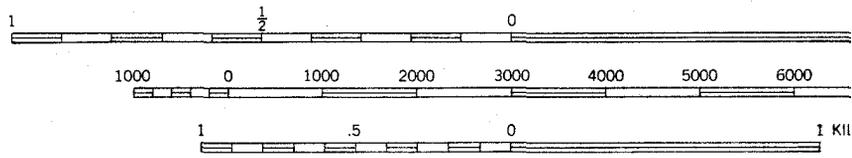


Geological Survey

trigonometric methods  
1956

datum  
state system,

grid ticks,



CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

GREAT FALLS 1.6 MI.

12'30"

(FALLS CHURCH)  
CABIN JOHN 3.2 MI

SCALE 1:24000