

M: 31-8-1  
John T. Knott House  
9805 Rosensteel Avenue  
Forest Glen  
Private

c. 1891

The John T. Knott House is a Gothic Revival-style cottage with two high-pitched gable-roofed dormer windows, each marked by a finial and plain bargeboard. The windows on the front facade are 2/2 sash, with a small diamond-shaped window in the center of the second story. The front porch, which extends across the facade, had a central pediment with Stick-Style surface detailing. On the southeast elevation is found a projecting bay window with a shed roof.

This Gothic Revival-style cottage has both historical and architectural significance. Constructed by the Forest Glen Investment Company about 1891, the structure was probably built as a summer cottage, judging by its small scale and simple architectural detailing. The house was owned by John T. Knott, one of the incorporators of the Forest Glen Investment Company, until 1920.

INDIVIDUAL SITES

Following are two individual sites to be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
36/2-1	Center H. and Annie E. Lawrence House	2312 Warren Court

This house is both historically and architecturally significant. Built in 1874, this Italian Villa-style house is the earliest, grandest house built in Linden. Situated on a knoll overlooking the railroad tracks, the house was located near the source of a spring which is depicted on the original Linden plat. A long-time Linden resident recorded her memory of the residence in its early days, with its outbuildings, and pastoral setting:

"Across the road was Major Lawrence's land with his tall house topped by a cupola upon the hill. Some people called it, I believe, "Castle Thunder." Standing at the top of the flight of steps, one could look down over the ravine where Major Lawrence had built quite a large pavilion. Near the pavilion was a spring around which Major Lawrence had found old bayonets, tin cups, etc. showing that it had been a camping ground during the Civil War. Beyond the pavilion one could glimpse the big barn, since burned down, where their gigantic horse, Mike, and the black and white cow stayed. One might also catch a glimpse of the Major in his overalls and big farm hat hoeing his corn and singing, 'Wait till the clouds roll by Jennie...'"

The pavilion and barn are no longer extant and a former greenhouse is also gone. Only the brick foundation of a chicken house remains. Extant outbuildings include a brick milkhouse and an early 20th-century frame garage. A facade-wide porch was constructed on the house at the turn of the century, replacing the original one-bay entry porch. This residence is one of the few examples of the Italianate style in the county.

The environmental setting for the resource includes the 20,665-square foot lot (Lot 31) with the main house and two outbuildings.

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The environmental setting for the resource is the lot on which it is located.

#### LOCATIONAL ATLAS RESOURCES

The following two individual resources are recommended to be retained on the Locational Atlas pending further study.

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
36/2-2	Ira Jones House	9304 Warren Street

A spacious Queen Anne-style residence, the property was purchased in 1910 by Ira Jones from Anna Lawrence, who with her husband, Center, owned the adjacent farm (2312 Warren Court). The dwelling is adorned by an ornately bracketed gable roof, two-story bay window and full-width front porch.

<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
36/2-3	Lewis S. and Annie A. Smith House	9401 Monroe Street

The Smith House is a fine example of the early 20th-century American Four Square-style house. Shortly after it was built, the Smiths defaulted on their mortgage and it was advertised for sale in February 1904. It was described as a "beautiful house...just completed, finished in the finest style of the art, slate roof, handsome porches in front and rear...[with] very handsome ten rooms and stone basement." The ad also noted that the house was conveniently located "within two minutes walk of both steam and electric cars and near a fine highway to Washington." The house was purchased by Herman and Ethel Hobbs and remained in their family for more than 60 years.

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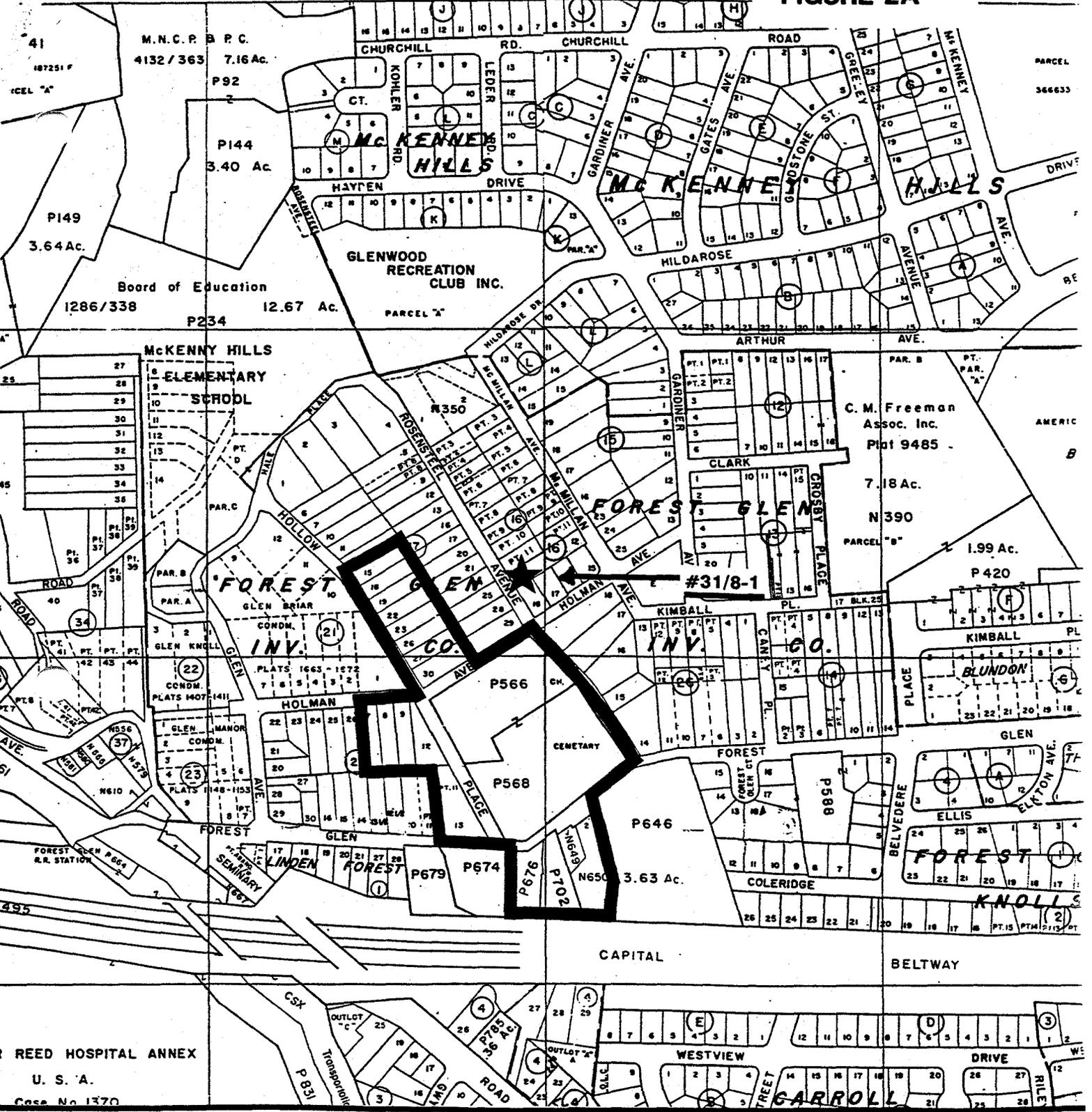


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GENERAL

CASTLE  
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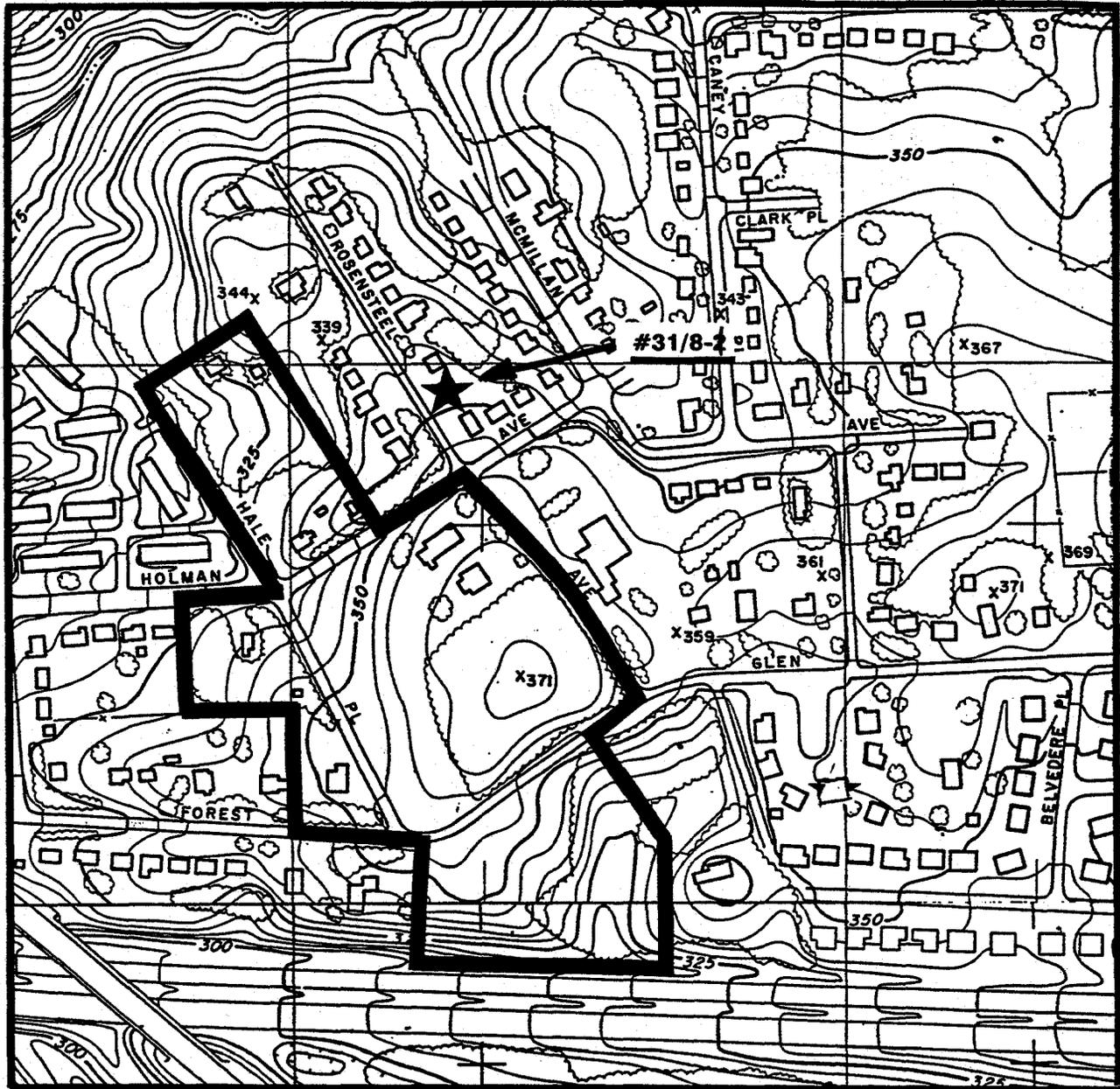
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DISTRICT BOUNDARIES — 

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES — ★ (M: 31-8-1) John T. Knott House, 9805 Rosensteel Ave. NORTH



**FIGURE 2B**



**#31/8 - FOREST GLEN HISTORIC DISTRICT**

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES - 

INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES - 



**NORTH**

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Kensington Quadrangle

