

M: 35-13-1

c. 1893; 1911

Corby Mansion (Newlands, Ishpiming, Mount Corby)
9 Chevy Chase Circle (MD 185)
Chevy Chase

The Corby Mansion is a landmark Tudor Revival residence situated on a 2-acre estate prominently facing Chevy Chase Circle and Connecticut Avenue. The main 2 1/2-story block has a side-gable slate roof. Two or more front-gable pavilions project from both north and south facades which, combined with a variety of dormer styles and treatments give the house a picturesque, asymmetrical character. This effect is augmented by irregular fenestration that employs a wide assortment of window types--including casement, double hung sash, and fixed panels--in a variety of shapes and sizes. The first story and west end of the second story are uncoursed stone, while the remaining majority of the house is half-timbered of smooth stucco and dark stained wood. Wide bargeboards are decorated with curvilinear carving, supported by oversize braces, and topped with copper finials. The main entrance on the north facade is sheltered by a stone porte cochere.

Originally designed by Dessez and Johnson in a more subdued monochrome Tudor Revival, the house was remodeled by Heaton between 1911 and 1914 for William S. Corby. Interior features of the 22-room mansion dating from this period include a large mahogany library, 30-foot high music room with Aeolian pipe organ, and a ballroom. Other structures on the grounds designed by Arthur Heaton include the formal gateway (1915) off Connecticut Avenue, and stone garage (c. 1924, expanded in 1927).

1. Name: Ishpiming (Corby Mansion)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/13 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
F-12

Address: 9 Chevy Chase Circle, Chevy Chase

5. Classification Summary

Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
 Ownership private Title and Date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status occupied
 Accessible no Federal State X County X Local
 Present use private residence

6. Date: 1893-4

7. Original Owner: Chevy Chase Land Company

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This ten bay by three bay, three story house was designed by architect Leon Dessez in 1898 for Senator Newlands. In 1906 the house was completely gutted to accommodate an Aeolian Duo-Art Organ. The first level is uncoursed ashlar blocks and the second and third levels are half timbered construction. The house faces northeast and has a porte-cochere. There is a large formal garden and terrace on the southwest elevation. There are diamond paned, twelve, ten, and six light casement windows as well as nine-over-nine and twelve-over-twelve double-hung windows. The house has both a hipped and gable roof covered by slate shingles.

10. Significance: The Corby Mansion is a landmark in one of the first planned suburbs in the U.S. One of the first houses built by the Chevy Chase Land Company, it was the home (from 1893 - 1898) of Senator Francis G. Newlands, congressman and senator from Nevada, and organizer and first president of the Chevy Chase Club, as well as one of the Chevy Chase Land Company developers.

Ishpiming was designed for Senator Newlands by the architect of Chevy Chase, Leon E. Dessez. In 1909 the Chevy Chase Land Company sold the house to William S. Corby. Corby was one of the heirs to the Corby "Mother's Bread" fortune and found a home to reflect his wealth. He died in 1935, and in 1974 and 1976 when his daughters died, they left the property to the Protestant Episcopal Foundation of D.C. It was sold to the present owners in 1976.

Researcher and date researched: Jeanne Vap - 1/79

Candy Reed
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 2/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: c. 2½ acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ishpiming, or Mount Corby

AND/OR COMMON

Corby Mansion

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

#9 Chevy Chase Circle

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase (Section II)

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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 PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<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

Dr. and Mrs. John Edward Threlfall

Telephone #: 951-0059

STREET & NUMBER

#9 Chevy Chase Circle

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4835

Folio #: 362

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

___ FEDERAL STATE COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This ten bay by three bay, three story house faces northeast. Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has an uncoursed, rough-faced, ashlar block first level and half-timbered exterior walls at the second and third levels.

There is a gabled porte-cochere on the northeast elevation. The northeast (front) door is located behind the porte-cochere. It is a lancet-shaped, double, glass and wooden paneled door. There is a large terrace on the southwest elevation with steps which lead up to a shed roofed, glass-enclosed sunroom. There is a gabled roof with a decorative wooden barge board and supported by two massive stone posts perpendicular to the southwest elevation. This wing is enclosed by diamond-paned casement windows.

There are a great variety of windows throughout the house. There are diamond-paned, twelve, ten, and six light casement windows as well as nine over nine and twelve-over-twelve double hung windows. There is a three story bay window with a pedimented cross gable roof on the northeast elevation. On the southwest elevation there is a two story carved stone bay window surmounted by a carved stone balcony. The leaded glass windows have five stained glass shields which represent music and the arts. There are two gabled paired six light casement dormer windows on the northeast. There is one shed-roofed dormer with three pairs of diamond-paned casement windows on the northeast elevation. On the southwest elevation there is one shed-roofed dormer with a pair of diamond-paned casement windows. There are two gabled diamond-paned casement dormer windows connected by a shed-roofed dormer with two small pairs of diamond-paned casement windows on the southwest elevation. There is a single gabled dormer window on the northwest elevation.

The house has bothhipped and gable roofs with slate shingles. There are three cross gables with carved wooden decorative bargeboards on the northwest elevation. There are five interior chimneys with red terra cotta diamond designs and decorative spiral pots.

Early in the Corby ownership, Ishpiming was completely gutted to accommodate an Aeolian organ; the southeast wing was constructed around that time to house kitchen and household services.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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<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		
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<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 1893-4 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Leon Dessez

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Corby Mansion is significant as a landmark in the suburb of Chevy Chase, Maryland. Not only was it one of the first houses built by the Chevy Chase Land Company, the organization which in 1890 purchased large tracts of land and subdivided them into one of the first planned suburbs in the United States,¹ but it was also the home (from 1893 to 1898) of Senator Francis G. Newlands. Newlands was a congressman and senator from Nevada, organizer and first president of the Chevy Chase Club, and developer of what has become one of the nation's best known suburbs. Senator Newlands asked Leon E. Dessez to prepare strict building regulations and to approve the plans for the houses in Chevy Chase Village.

Chevy Chase became known for its artesian wells and pure drinking water, wide streets, shade trees, ornamental shrubbery, entertainment at Chevy Chase Lake, its electric railway, its library and school. By the end of the 19th century, about 50 families had moved to the community. In 1893, Dessez also drew the plans for Senator Newlands' own residence on Chevy Chase Circle, which by the following year was listed in the Tax Assessments with an improvement valued at \$17,000.² The property was maintained in the name of the Land Company, but Newlands and his family lived there until 1898.

In 1909 the Chevy Chase Land Company sold the house and Lot #1 to William S. Corby for \$35,000;³ this deed also guaranteed the Land Company continued use of the well on the property and a right of way to that well. William Corby was one of the heirs to the Corby's "Mother's Bread" fortune, and sought a home reflective of his wealth. In 1915 Corby bought the adjacent lot for \$8,437.50.⁴ William died in August of 1935, and left the property to his wife and daughters Justine and Muriel. Each of the daughters left her share of the property to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation of the District of Columbia, Justine in April of 1974,⁵ and Muriel in July 1976.⁶ The Cathedral sold the house and property on April 15, 1976 to the present owners for \$335,900.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 36/60 (Map of Section II, Chevy Chase) (Nov. 22, 1892).
- 2 Records of the Columbia Historical Society, Vol. 66-68; Montgomery County Assessment Records, District #4, 1876-1896, p. 138.
- 3 Land Records, op. cit., 202/376 (February 27, 1909).
- 4 Ibid., 248/484 (April 3, 1915).
- 5 Ibid., 4532/271 (April 1974).
- 6 Ibid., 4809/570 (July 2, 1976).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records
Hopkins Map, 1894.
Records of the Columbia Historical Society
Jarvis, Edith, C., "Old Chevy Chase Village", Montgomery County Story,
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY c. 2 1/2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The southeastern edge of property is adjacent to D.C. The Corby estate is bounded by Irving Street on the north, Connecticut Avenue to the West, Chevy Chase Circle to the South. Lots 1 and 2 in Block 26 of Section II, Chevy Chase, Md.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

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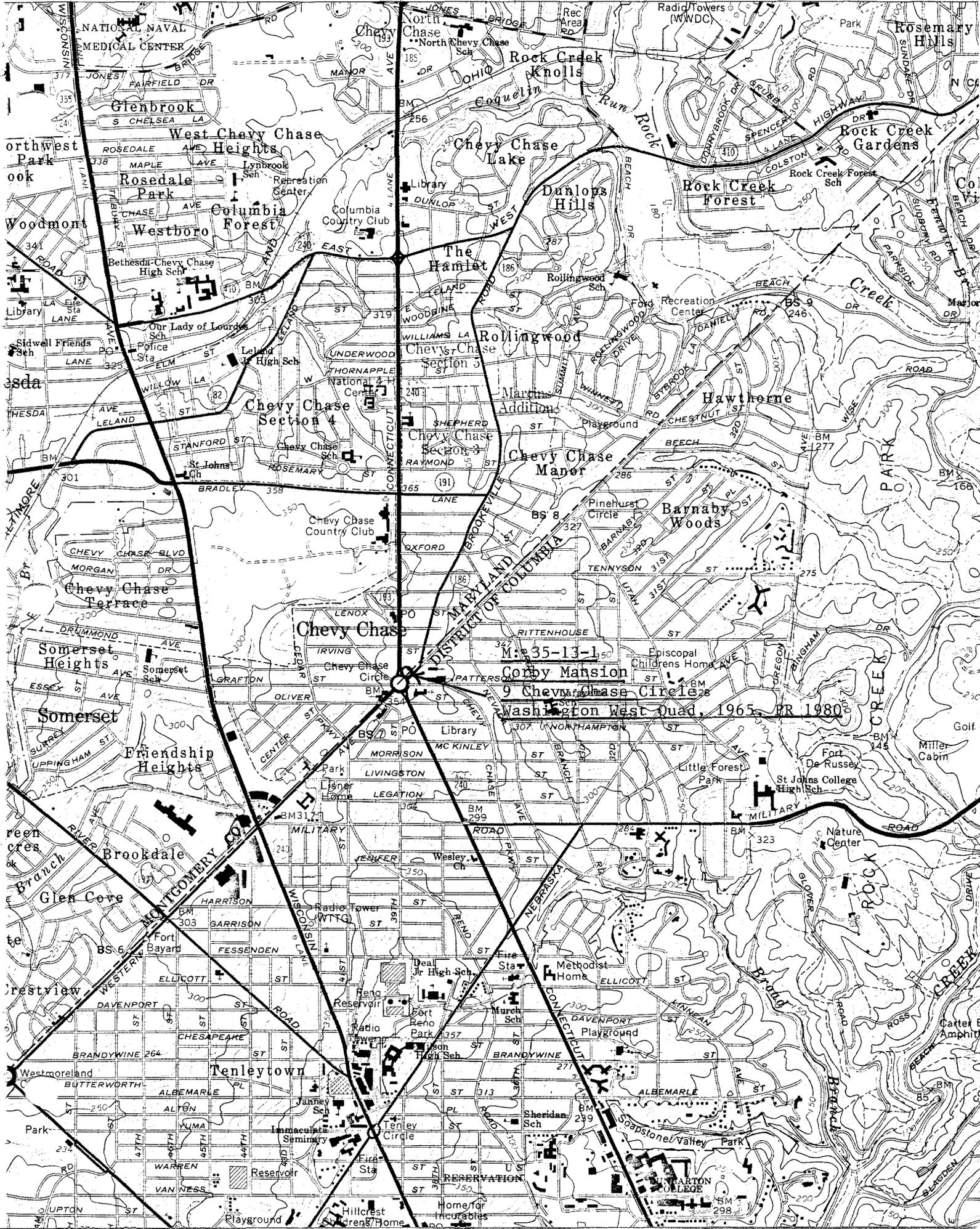
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CITY OR TOWN Dickerson	STATE Maryland

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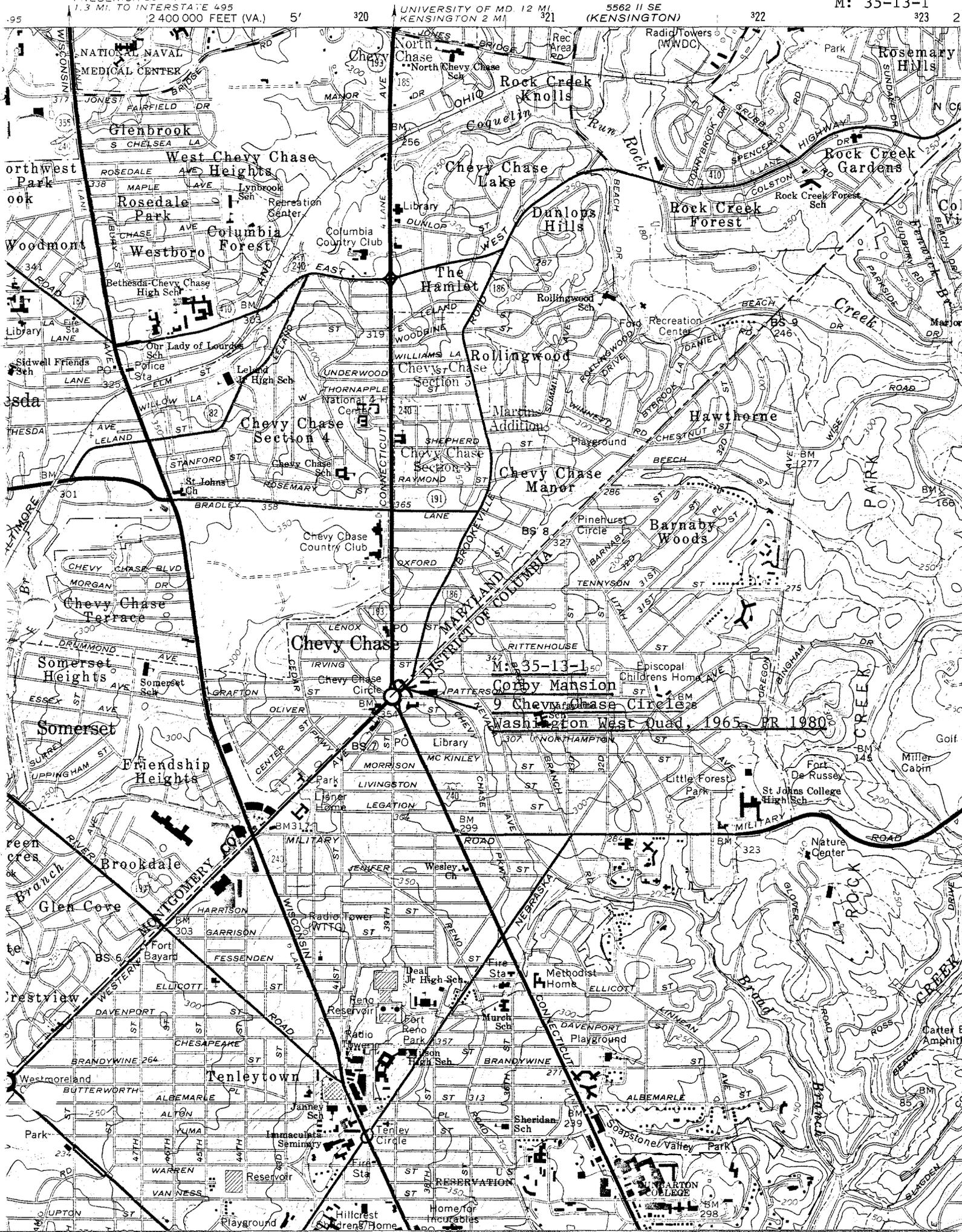
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