

CAPSULE SUMMARY
5001 Edgemoor Lane (M:35-81)
Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD

The single-family dwelling at 5001 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1926 by the local development firm of L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure in the Edgemoor subdivision of Bethesda. The Edgemoor subdivision, promoted by the arrival of the streetcar and paving of roads, was one of the first residential neighborhoods developed during this period in Bethesda to support the population influx spurred by the Depression and advent of World War II. The dwelling at 5001 Edgemoor Lane stood as a marker to that suburban development, displaying the fashionable architectural trends of the period.

The Colonial Revival style dwelling is prominently located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Edgemoor Lane and Arlington Road, sited south. The hollow tile masonry building is two-and-a-half-stories in height with flanking one-story wood frame porches, one of which is now enclosed. It is set upon a concrete block foundation, which encompasses a full-height basement. The façade is clad with random-coursed stone facing, roughly cut at the corners to appear as quoins, while the remaining elevations are clad with brick facing laid in six-course Flemish bond. Architectural detailing is displayed in the form of skintled bricks and belt courses of parquet bricks that encircle the side and rear elevations. The side gable roof, sheathed with slate tiles, is marked by an imposing exterior end brick chimney on the east elevation. The main block of the building, measuring three bays wide and two bays deep, has a central-passage, single-pile plan. A one-story garage is sited to the northwest of the dwelling, with access from Arlington Road.

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M:35-81

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 5001 Edgemoor Lane not for publication _____
city or town Bethesda vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code 031 zip code 20814

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

_____ private
 X public-local
_____ public-State
_____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
_____ district
_____ site
_____ structure
_____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> 2 </u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u> 2 </u>	_____ Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Block

roof Side Gable: Slate Tiles

walls Masonry: Stone Facing and Six-Course
Flemish Bond Brick Facing over Hollow Tiles

other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

B removed from its original location.

C a birthplace or a grave.

D a cemetery.

E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

F a commemorative property.

G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1926-1948

Significant Dates 1926

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Unknown

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Montgomery County Land Records, Montgomery County Judiciary Building, Rockville, Maryland.

Offutt, William, *Bethesda: A Social History*, Bethesda: The Innovation Game, 1996.

Sween, Jane C., *Montgomery County: Two Centuries of Change*, Woodland Hills, CA: Windsor Publications, Inc., 1984.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property Less than one acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The dwelling at 5001 Edgemoor Lane sits on the south 95 feet of Lot 7 in Block 11 of the Edgemoor subdivision.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

These boundaries are historically associated with the construction of the house in 1926.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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The building at 5001 Edgemoor Lane in Bethesda, Maryland was constructed in 1926 by the local development company of L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure. The Colonial Revival style dwelling is prominently located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Edgemoor Lane and Arlington Road, sited south. The hollow tile masonry building is two-and-a-half-stories in height with flanking one-story wood frame porches, one of which is now enclosed. It is set upon a concrete block foundation, which encompasses a full-height basement. The façade is clad with random-coursed stone facing, roughly cut at the corners to appear as quoins, while the remaining elevations are clad with brick facing laid in six-course Flemish bond. Architectural detailing is displayed in the form of skintled bricks and belt courses of parquet bricks that encircle the side and rear elevations. The side gable roof, sheathed with slate tiles, is marked by an imposing exterior end brick chimney on the east elevation. The main block of the building, measuring three bays wide and two bays deep, has a central-passage, single-pile plan. A one-story garage is sited to the northwest of the dwelling, with access from Arlington Road.

The façade of the single-family dwelling, facing south, is distinguished by the random-coursed stone facing. The rough finish of the stone has been laid to mimic jack-arched lintels over the window openings and quoins at the sides. Three bays wide, the façade features a semi-circular portico of wood frame. The prominent portico is set upon a stone base with four Tuscan columns supporting the modest entablature. The base of the cornice is ornamented with nebule and beading. The flat roof of the portico is edged by a metal railing.

The basement level of the façade is pierced by two below-grade openings with three-light awning windows of metal. The first story features a central entry, flanked by single window openings filled with 6/6 sash. The entry has a six-panel wood door surrounded by three-light over one-panel sidelights. Over the entry is a finely detailed fanlight with thin muntins radiating from the sunburst pattern. The second story has three window openings that symmetrically align with the openings below. The central opening has a Queen Anne style multi-light upper sash over a six-light lower sash. Like the first story, the flanking bays are pierced with 6/6 windows. All of the window openings on the façade have concrete sills, operable louvered shutters of wood, and narrow molded casings.

The east elevation is pierced on the first story with a single entry opening, filled with a fifteen-light wood door, and a 6/6 window. The second story has two 6/6 window openings, while the gable end has two narrow casement windows. The first story of the elevation has an open, one-story porch set upon a concrete foundation. The half-hipped roof of slate tiles is supported by Tuscan columns with a wide, unadorned entablature.

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The rear elevation, facing north, is three bays wide with a central entry. Like the façade, the basement level is pierced by three-light windows of metal located slightly below grade. The first story has a 6/6 window with a concrete sill and jack-arched lintel of brick. The central entry is largely obscured by a late 20th century enclosed portico entered from the east. This wood frame addition has a sloping roof and vertical board walls set upon a concrete foundation. The entry door is composed of six-panels, capped by a three-light transom. The westernmost bay of the north elevation is obscured on the first story by a one-story ell, that appears to be contemporary to the main block. Encompassing a pantry and eating area, the ell wraps around the northwest corner. It is constructed of wood frame on a brick foundation. The flat roof is covered with tar paper. The side elevations of the ell are pierced with paired 4/4 windows and a casement window, the latter of which was removed prior to the survey.

The second story of the north elevation has a small 6/6 window with a concrete sill in the easternmost bay. The lintel of the opening is formed by the parquet belt course that encircles the building. Set between the stories, the central window opening is semi-circular arched with a Queen Anne style upper sash and six-light lower sash. It has a concrete sill and brick lintel composed of rowlock headers. The westernmost bay of the second story has a single entry opening with a fifteen-light door leading to the roof of the one-story addition. The roof of the main block is pierced on the north elevation by a large shed roof dormer. Clad in slate tiles, the dormer contains a single opening filled with a 6/6 sash.

The west elevation has a bulkhead basement entry with double entry doors of metal. The first story, visible only at the northernmost bay, has paired 6/6 windows with a continuous concrete sill and soldier-course lintel. To the south, the first elevation is marked by a one-story addition set upon a brick foundation. Mimicking the open porch on the east elevation, the contemporary addition was enclosed with triple and quadruple windows, and weatherboard siding. From the interior of the space, the supporting Tuscan columns are partially visible. The north and south elevation of the enclosed porch are pierced by triple windows, Palladian-like in massing with a 6/6 sash flanked by narrow 2/2 sashes. The west elevation has four openings, each with 6/6 sash.

The second story of the west elevation has two 6/6 sash windows, while the gable end contains only one. Each of the openings is surrounded by narrow molded casings and a concrete sill. The second story openings incorporate the parquet belt course as a lintel. The opening in the gable end has a soldier-course lintel.

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Interior Description

The interior of the single-family dwelling consists of a central-passage plan. The passage, housing the dog-leg stair, extends the depth of the structure, while opening onto the flanking parlors. The partially open stair, set on the east wall, has a circle-end starter step, molded wall stinger, bracketed stair stinger, square landing newels, and voluted rail. The main newel post is round and tapered, featuring a Tuscan-style form. The balusters, three per tread, have a square base and turned shaft.

The first floor consists of three connected spaces: full-depth living room to the east and dining room with kitchen to the west. The second floor has four bedrooms and two baths. The interior, throughout the first and second floors, has narrow wood floorboards, eight-inch baseboards with ovolo caps, base blocks, square-edged casings, and pedimented wood lintels. On the first floor only, the ceiling is finished with cavetto crown molding. The walls of the central passage, as well as those of the landing and living room, are ornamented with wood molding to appear as paneled surfaces. The mantel, located in the living room, has paired, engaged Tuscan pilasters with fluted shafts. The entablature of the mantel has dentil molding and a rectangular center block.

The attic, an unfinished space, has exposed rafters with circular saw marks and a connecting ridge board. The hollow tile construction is clearly visible in the attic. The basement, also an unfinished space, has a poured concrete floor, concrete block walls, and exposed joists. Metal I-beams have been sporadically placed throughout the basement to provide additional support to the flooring above.

GARAGE

To the northwest is a one-story garage architecturally mimicking the main dwelling. Like the dwelling, the garage is constructed of hollow tile with brick facing and skintled bricks. It has a side gable roof sheathed with slate tiles and a concrete floor. The north elevation is pierced by a 6/6 window with a soldier-coursed lintel, while the south elevation has a single entry with a four-light over three-panel door. The east elevation has a sliding wood door composed of vertical boards with cross framing.

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The single-family dwelling at 5001 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1926 by the local development firm of L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure in the Edgemoor subdivision of Bethesda. The two-and-a-half-story dwelling was stylistically Colonial Revival with the traditional Tuscan columns, fanlight, wrought-iron balcony, and portico. The structure was one of numerous dwellings erected during the 1920s-1930s in the Washington, DC area to support the population influx spurred by the Depression and advent of World War II. The Edgemoor subdivision, promoted by the arrival of the streetcar and paving of roads, was one of the first residential neighborhoods developed during this period in Bethesda. The dwelling at 5001 Edgemoor Lane stood as a marker to that suburban development, displaying the fashionable architectural trends of the early 20th century.

Site History

The property on which 5001 Edgemoor Lane stood was historically a part of a larger tract of land owned at the turn of the 20th century by Oscar K. Seddicum. The land was originally part of two tracts of land, *Friendship* and *Prichett's Purchase*, nestled between the Rockville and Georgetown Turnpike and Old Georgetown and Rockville Road. In 1910, Seddicum sold the entire tract to the National City Real Estate Corporation for the sum of \$123,190. The property was then subdivided by the real estate company to create the suburban development of Edgewood, one of the first residential neighborhoods in Bethesda forged by local development companies.

During this period, when development of suburban communities was increasing, the subdivision of Edgewood was renamed Edgemoor following confusion at the post office regarding the name. The National City Real Estate Corporation, the original development company of the neighborhood, was also renamed, becoming the Edgemoor Land Company. The real estate firm, presided over by company president Walter R. Tuckerman, was the major developer of the newly created subdivision, although other development companies, such as the Security Land Company and Maddux, Marshall and Company, also played a role in the establishment of Edgemoor.

The subdivision originally encompassed approximately 250 lots and four large undivided plots of land. Tuckerman's original advertising brochure for Edgemoor stated:

Those of refined taste, demanding a better social atmosphere than surrounds the usual suburb; a more picturesque environment for an all-year-round home out of the city, without the expense

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and responsibility of a large estate; will find these qualities happily realized and united in *Edgewood*.¹

The advertisement also guaranteed that each home would be equipped with water, sewage, gas and electric, paved roads, and sidewalks. Many of these earlier houses in the subdivision were essentially small mansions, which were constructed on large lots. However, economic stresses later led to the building of smaller houses, many of which were built in the brick Colonial Revival style. Construction throughout the community, including the selection of architectural styles and building forms, was directed by the development companies.

Building History

On March 17, 1922, Lot seven of Block eleven in the subdivision was purchased by Eleanor Rupert Brazelton. However, in February 1924, Eleanor and James Brazelton defaulted on their mortgage and the unimproved lot was sold at public auction to local developers, L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure. Dudley and Moncure improved the property by having a two-and-a-half-story single dwelling erected at the corner of Edgemoor Lane and Arlington Road. Following the fashionable trends of architecture for the period, the development company chose the Colonial Revival style, with its finely detailed portico, fanlight, and Tuscan columns. Upon completion of the building at 5001 Edgemoor Lane by 1927, the developers sold Lot seven to Lindsay Amiss Howard for \$3750. Howard immediately conveyed the now-improved property back to previous owner, Eleanor Rupert Brazelton, the following week.

In 1931, Brazelton subdivided Lot seven and sold the south 95 feet of the lot, including the dwelling, to Arthur and Eva Leck, while retaining ownership of the unimproved northern portion of the property. The Lecks defaulted on their mortgage in 1934, forcing the property to be sold at public auction. It was purchased by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation for \$13,500, which utilized the dwelling as rental property. In 1941, the building was purchased by Thomas Pearce and his wife, Viola. After her husband's death, Viola Pearce married Eldon Gray, and together the couple continued to occupy the Colonial Revival style dwelling until 1986. The Montgomery County Board of Education, with an elementary school located on the adjacent Block 2, came into possession of the property in 1986, utilizing the building at 5001 Edgemoor Lane as rental property until 1998. The dwelling is currently in the process of being razed to allow for the establishment of baseball fields for the nearby school.

¹ William Offutt, *Bethesda: A Social History* (Bethesda, MD: The Innovation Game, 1996), p. 301.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930
Modern Period, 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

June 9, 1910 Oscar K. Seddicum to National City Real Estate Corporation
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Liber 214 Folio 57

March 17, 1922 National City Real Estate Corporation to Eleanor Rupert Brazelton
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 312 Folio 468

February 18, 1924 Eleanor Rupert Brazelton and James T. Brazelton to L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 349 Folio 32

April 30, 1927 L.H. Dudley and Robinson Moncure, Trustees to Lindsay Amiss Howard
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 424 Folio 276

May 7, 1927 Lindsay Amiss Howard and Cora M. Howard to Eleanor Rupert Brazelton
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 424 Folio 277

September 18, 1931 Eleanor Rupert Brazelton and James T. Brazelton to Arthur J. Leck and Eva C. Leck
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 524 Folio 434

January 23, 1934 Arthur J. Leck and Eva C. Leck to Home Owner's Loan Corporation
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 565 Folio 192

June 6, 1938 Home Owner's Loan Corporation to Stedman Prescott, Assignee
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 700 Folio 363

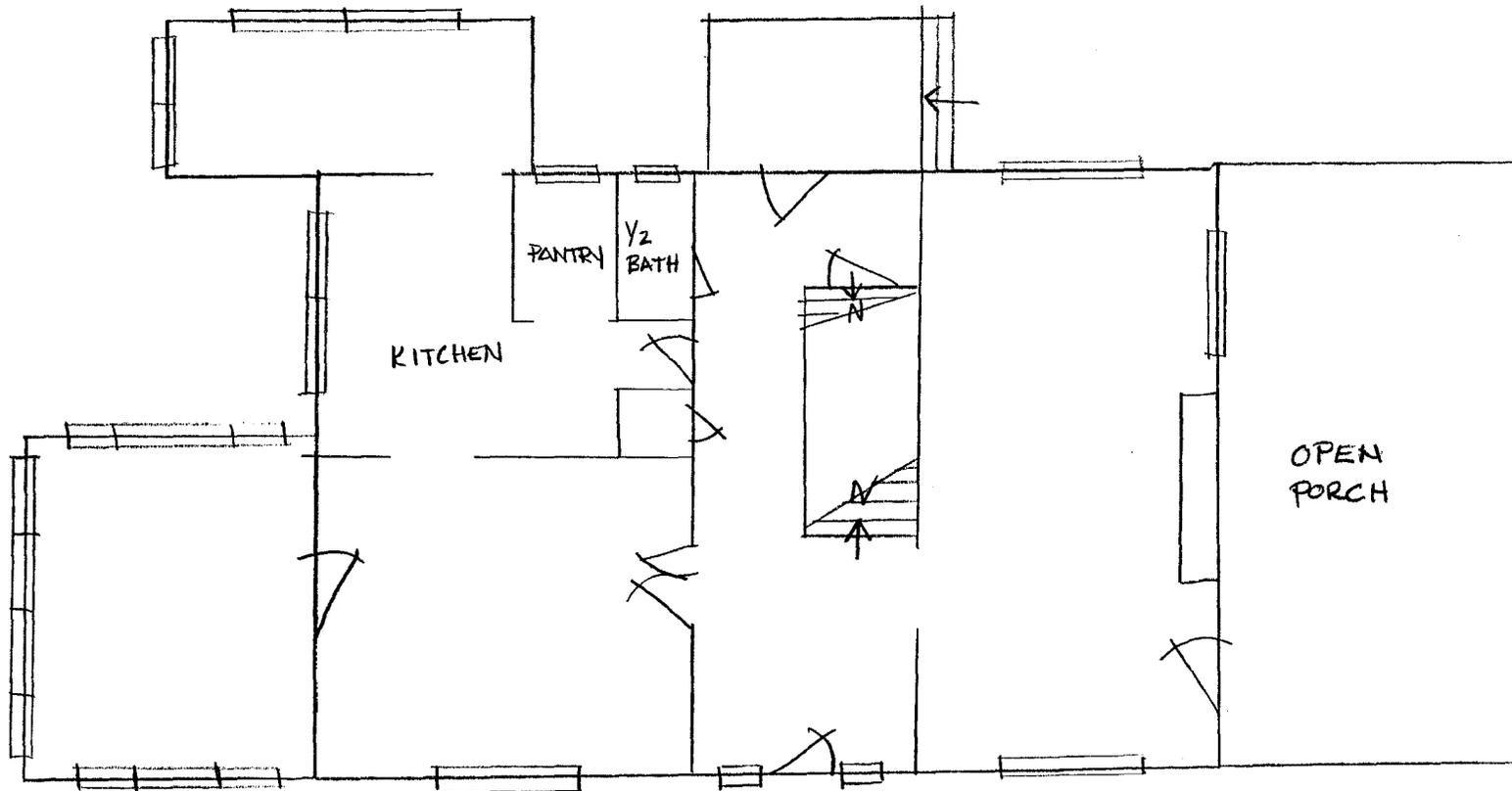
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April 11, 1941	Home Owners' Loan Corporation to Thomas C. Pearce and Viola S. Pearce Montgomery County Land Records Liber 825 Folio 139
November 18, 1964	Viola P. Gray (formerly Viola S. Pearce) and Eldon Gray (Thomas Pearce having died June 30, 1952) to Ruth Riggs Montgomery County Land Records Liber 3341 Folio 122
November 18, 1964	Ruth Riggs to Viola P. Gray and Eldon R. Gray Montgomery County Land Records Liber 3341 Folio 124
May 30, 1986	Eldon R. Gray and Viola P. Gray, each by George A. Thomas, their Attorney-in-Fact, to Montgomery County Board of Education Montgomery County Land Records Liber 7142 Folio 751



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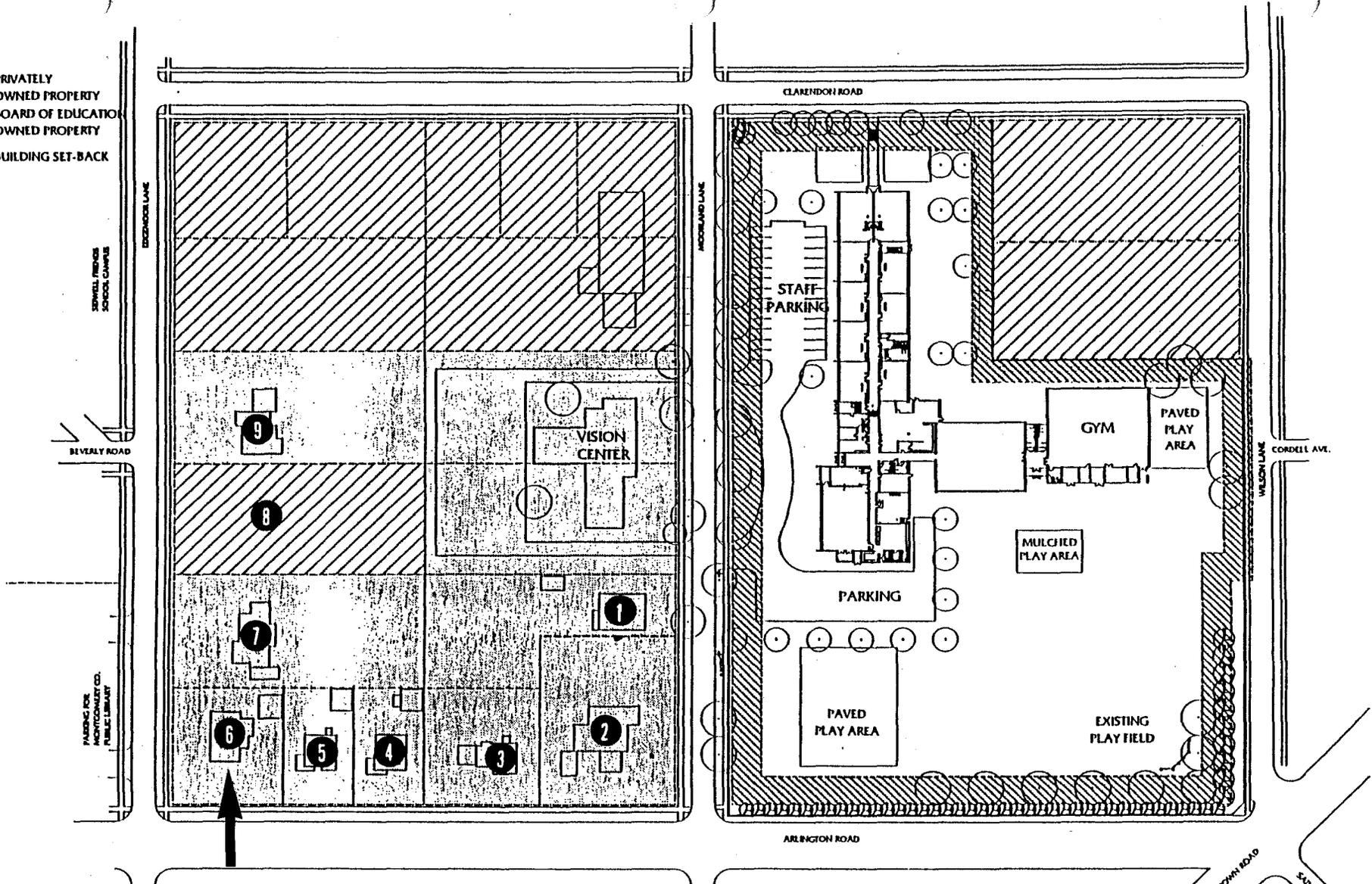
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EXHIBIT "C"

-  PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY
-  BOARD OF EDUCATION OWNED PROPERTY
-  BUILDING SET-BACK



EXISTING SITE PLAN

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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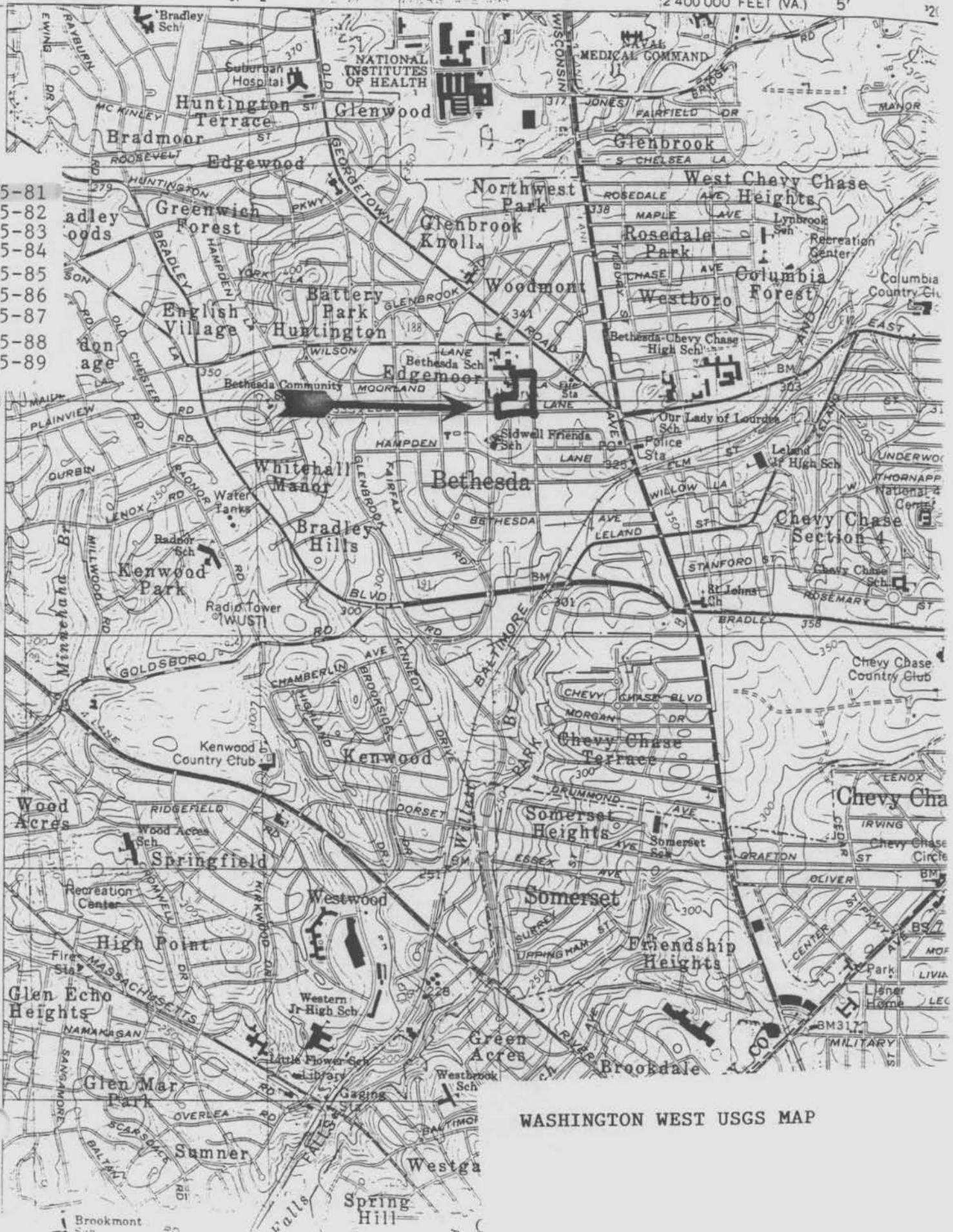
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WASHINGTON WEST USGS MAP



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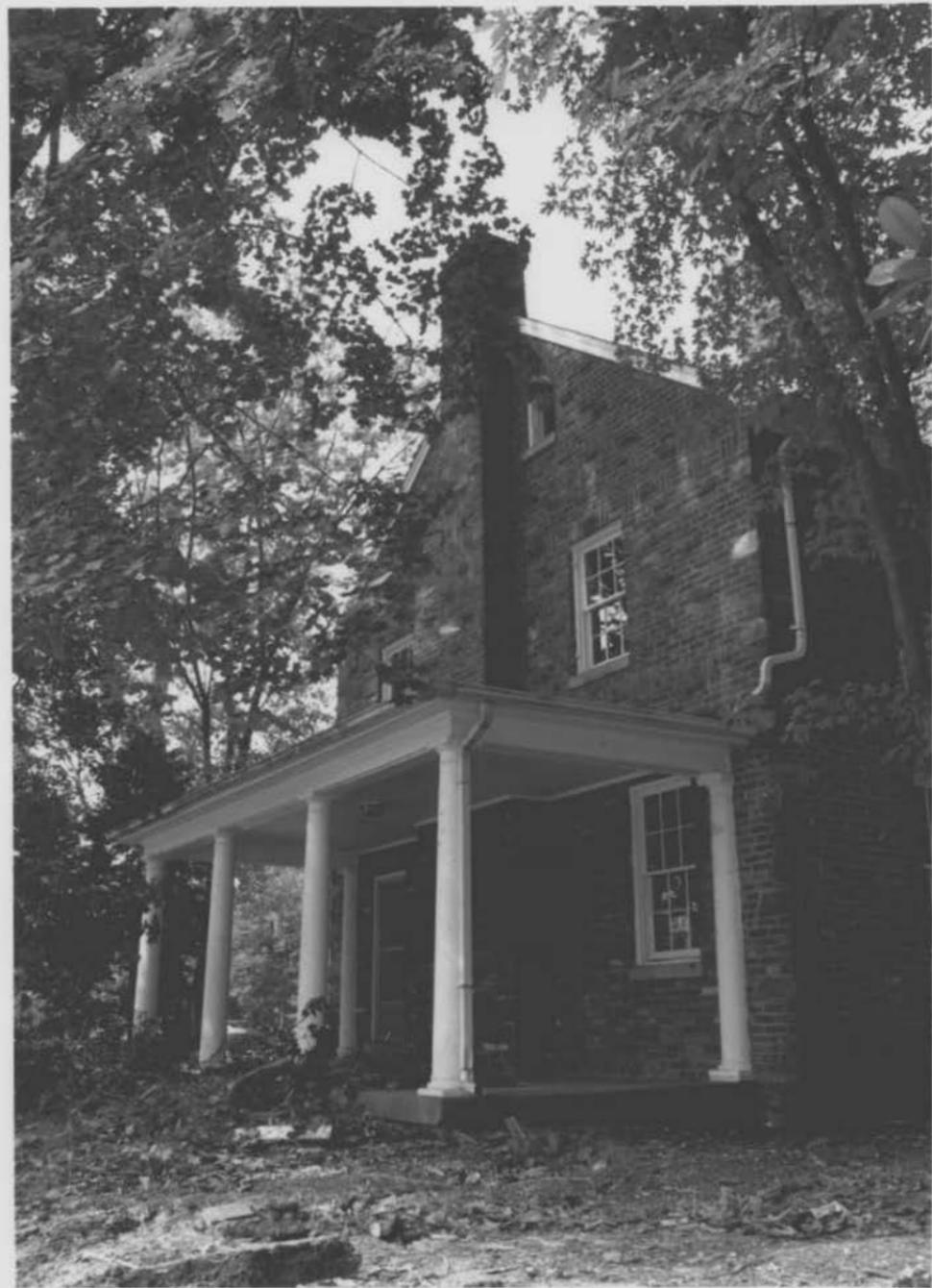
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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NE

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EAST ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH

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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH

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1ST FLOOR ENTRY HALL LOOKING SOUTH

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STAIR LANDING, LOOKING NORTH

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GARAGE, LOOKING WEST

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