

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**7502 Arlington Road (M: 35-82)**  
**Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD**

The single-family dwelling at 7502 Arlington Road was constructed in 1933 by a local developer, Alfred T. Newbold, in the Edgemoor subdivision of Bethesda. Stylistically Colonial Revival, the two-and-a-half-story building is one of two similarly designed dwellings fronting Arlington Road. The Edgemoor subdivision, promoted by the arrival of the streetcar and paving of roads, was one of the first residential neighborhoods in Bethesda to support the population influx spurred by the Depression and advent of World War II. The dwelling at 7502 Arlington Road stands as a marker to that suburban development, displaying the fashionable architectural trends of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Constructed of hollow tiles on a concrete block foundation, the facade is clad with stone facing on the first story, while the remaining elevations have six-course American bond brick facing. The upper stories are composed of wood frame, clad with weatherboard siding. The side gable roof, augmented by a projecting front gable in the entry bay of the facade, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The southeast corner of the building is marked by a wrapping one-story wood frame porch. An exterior end chimney with a single shoulder and corbelled cap marks the easternmost bay of the south elevation. A wood frame garage stands to the northwest of the dwelling.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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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street & number 7502 Arlington Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  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

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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

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concrete Block

roof Side Gable: Asphalt Shingles

walls Masonry: Hollow Tile with Stone  
and Six-Course American Bond Brick Facing;  
Wood Framing: Weatherboard Siding

other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 1933-1948  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1933  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.)

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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 property at 7502 Arlington Road is part of Lot 7 in Block 11 of the Edgemoor subdivision.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

These are the historic boundaries associated with the dwelling when it was constructed in 1933.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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city or town Rockville state Maryland zip code 20850

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The two-and-a-half-story building at 7502 Arlington Road was constructed in 1933. The single-family dwelling illustrates the then-fashionable architectural trends of the Colonial Revival style. Constructed of hollow tiles on a concrete block foundation, the facade is clad with stone facing on the first story, while the remaining elevations have six-course American bond brick facing. The upper stories are composed of wood frame, clad with weatherboard siding. The side gable roof, augmented by a projecting front gable in the entry bay of the facade, is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The southeast corner of the building is marked by a wrapping one-story wood frame porch. An exterior end chimney with a single shoulder and corbelled cap marks the easternmost bay of the south elevation. A wood frame garage stands to the northwest of the dwelling.

The facade of the building, fronting east of Arlington Road, roughly measures three bays in width. The overall form of the rectangular structure is enlarged by a projecting entry bay, found within the northernmost bay of the facade. This projection has a front gable pediment with returns and a round opening with louvered vents in the gable end. At the first story, the stone cladding projects to the north, creating a sloping wall that terminates at the edge of the driveway. The main entry to the dwelling is accessible by concrete steps with metal rails, leading through the semi-circular arched opening in the facade. This opening, accentuated by a rough cut stone lintel, provides access to the recessed entry door of wood and glass. The second story of the projecting entry bay is pierced by a single 6/6 sash with square-edged casings, wood sill, and louvered shutters.

The first and second stories of the facade, in the southern and central bays, have single window openings with 6/6 sash and louvered shutters. The openings on the first story have narrow beaded casings, while the second story openings have wider square-edged casings with narrow backbanding. The boxed cornice is shallow, returning along the gable ends to become fascia boards.

The north elevation is two bays deep with brick facing on the first story and weatherboard on the upper stories. Both the first and second stories are pierced by two single window openings, each filled with 6/6 sash. Like those found on the facade, the first story openings are trimmed with narrow beaded casings and topped by soldier-course lintels. The openings in the upper stories have square-edged surrounds with backbanding and wood sills. The gable end has a single 6/6 window with similar trim.

The west elevation, fronting the rear of the lot, is two bays wide with an asymmetrical alignment of window and entry openings. The basement level is pierced by two metal three-light awning windows with brick sills. The first story, slightly raised above the full basement, has a

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single entry opening in the northernmost bay and a paired window opening in the southernmost bay. The entry is accessible by wood steps, connecting to a pedimented portico with square posts. Covered by a wood and screen outer door, the main door is composed of four-lights and three panels. The paired openings have 6/6 sash with rowlock sills, soldier-course lintels, and a molded mullion. The second story of the west elevation is marked by three window openings, each filled with 6/6 sash. The casings consist of square-edged molding with narrow backbanding and wood sills.

Similarly, the south elevation has one basement opening with a three-light metal awning window. The first story has two 6/6 window openings, differing in size. Each has rowlock sills, soldier-course lintels, and narrow beaded casings. To the east of the exterior end chimney is a single entry opening, providing interior access from the open porch. The entry holds a ten-light door with beaded casings. The second story has three window openings that differ in size, although each has a 6/6 sash. The gable end also has a 6/6 sash. Each of the openings in the upper stories has square-edged surrounds with backbanding, wood sills, and hardware for now-missing shutters.

The south elevation is further ornamented by the imposing exterior end brick chimney, laid in six-course American bond. Connected on center of the chimney shaft is the open porch, wrapping around the southwest elevation to encompass the window opening in the southernmost bay on the façade. The porch, set upon a brick foundation with basement openings, is composed of Tuscan posts that support the half-hipped roof of asphalt shingles.

Interior Description

The interior of the building has an open passage, two room deep plan. The main entry leads into the full-width living room, which includes the straight-flight stair on the north wall. The stair has a circle-end starter step, bracketed stringer, molded wall stringer, and tapered round newel post with easement. The balusters, three per tread, are round and tapered.

Throughout the first floor of the dwelling, the floors are narrow wood boards edged with eight-inch high baseboards with cavetto caps. The openings all have molded casings with ogee backbanding. The entries are further ornamented with baseblocks, while the windows have wide aprons under the sills. Traffic throughout the first floor, between the entry vestibule, living room, and dining room, is provided through segmentally arched openings that have no doors. The dining room is

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ornamented with a narrow, molded chair rail. The mantel, located on the south wall of the living room, is composed of Tuscan pilasters intersecting with the molded entablature. The face of the chimney breast is clad with brick and the hearth is composed of ceramic tiles.

The kitchen, located in the northwest corner of the first floor, has modern appliances, vinyl flooring, and replacement cabinets. The basement, accessible from under the main stair in the kitchen, is unfinished, with a poured concrete floor, concrete block walls, and exposed joists.

The second floor contains four bedrooms and two baths. The architectural ornament, Colonial Revival in style, is similar to that found on the first floor with cavetto baseboards, ogee-molded backbanding, and narrow wood floor boards. The attic, a finished space running the width of the building, is accessible from the enclosed winder stair located in the central hall of the second floor.

Garage

To the northwest of the main dwelling is a one-story garage of wood frame. The structure is clad with weatherboard siding, covered by a front gable roof of asphalt singles, and set upon a poured concrete foundation. The roll-up garage door with recessed panels of metal is found on the east elevation.

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Site History

The property on which 7502 Arlington Road now stands was historically a part of a larger tract of land owned at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 contained 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*.<sup>1</sup>

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, including the selection of architectural styles and building forms, was directed by these development companies.

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 (5001 Edgemoor Lane, M: 35-81). 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 company 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.

Building History

In 1931, Brazelton subdivided Lot seven and sold the south 95 feet of the lot and dwelling to Arthur and Eva Leck, while retaining ownership of the unimproved northern portion of the lot. Brazelton then sold the northern portion of the lot in 1932 to Harry K. Boss, H. Glenn Phelps, and Ben T. Webster. In turn, this plot of land was once again subdivided and sold as two separate plots of land, Parcels A and B, to Alfred T. Newbold in December 1932. On each of the parcels, Newbold had identical dwellings constructed, 7502 Arlington Road is situated on Parcel B, while 7504 Arlington Road is on Parcel A. Following the trends of architecture for the period, the houses were constructed in the Colonial Revival style. William and Helen Swanger purchased the 5520 square foot property at 7502 Arlington Road upon completion of the dwelling in 1933.

<sup>1</sup> William Offutt, *Bethesda: A Social History* (Bethesda: The Innovation Game, 1996), 301.

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After her first husband's death, Helen Swanger married Charles Schutz and continued to live in the Colonial Revival style dwelling at 7502 Arlington Road until 1978. The Montgomery County Board of Education, with an elementary school located on the adjacent Block 2, came into possession of the property at that time, utilizing the building 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.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

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  
Montgomery County Land Records  
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

14 January 1932 Eleanor Rupert Brazelton to Harry K. Boss, H. Glenn Phelps, and Ben T. Webster  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 532 Folio 261

December 13, 1932: Harry K. Boss, H. Glenn Phelps, and Ben T. Webster to Alfred T. Newbold  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 548 Folio 25

October 2, 1933: Alfred T. Newbold and Glee D. Newbold to William H. Swanger and Helen H. Swanger  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 562 Folio 35

October 17, 1944: Helen H. Schutz (formerly Helen H. Swanger) and Charles A. Schutz to Clarence C. Keiser  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 950 Folio 279

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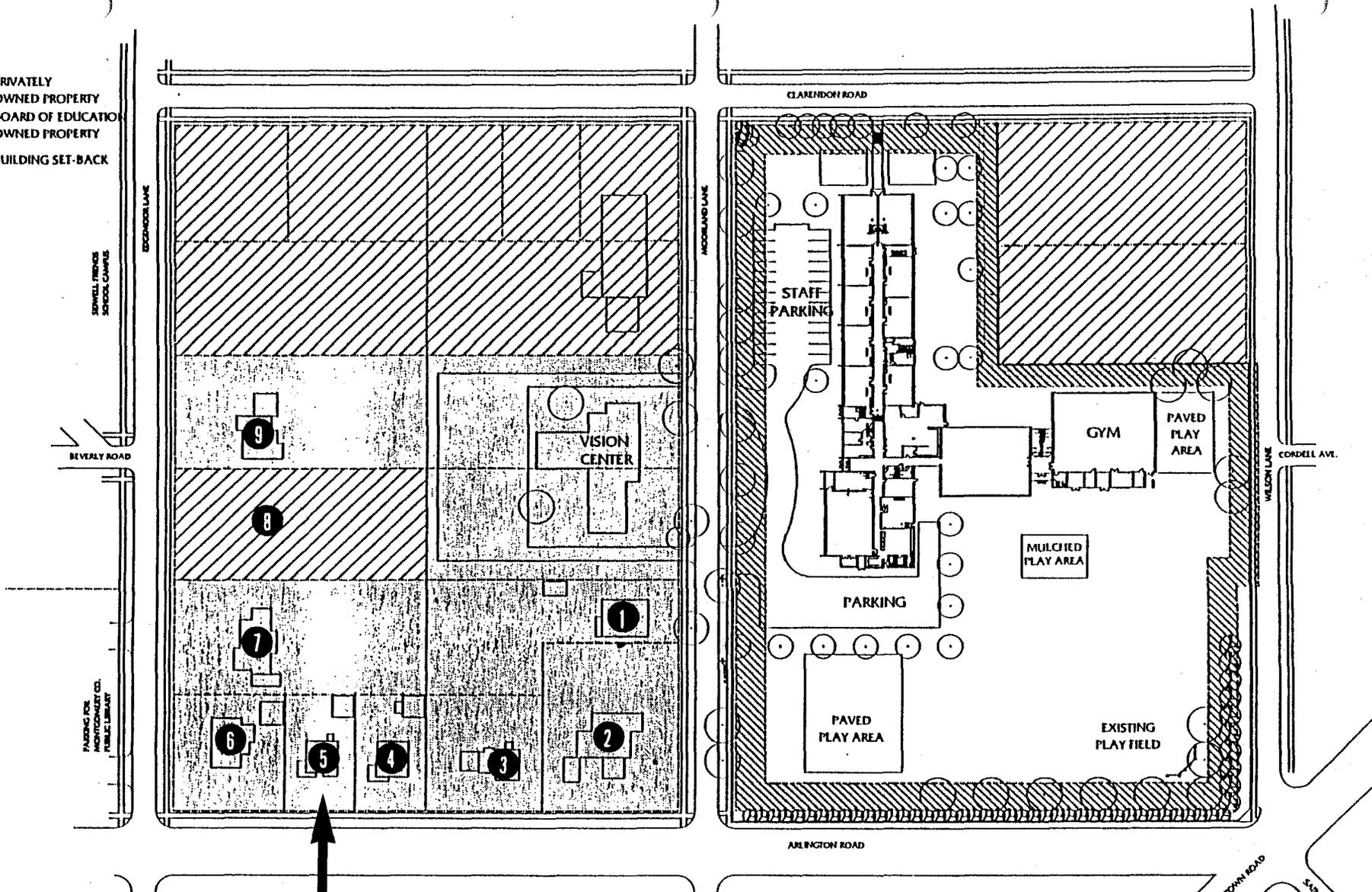
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October 18, 1964: Clarence C. Keiser and Margaret H. Keiser to  
Charles A. Schutz and Helen H. Schutz  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 950 Folio 280

December 4, 1978: Helen H. Schutz to Board of Education of  
Montgomery County  
Montgomery County Land Records  
Liber 7142 Folio 751

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



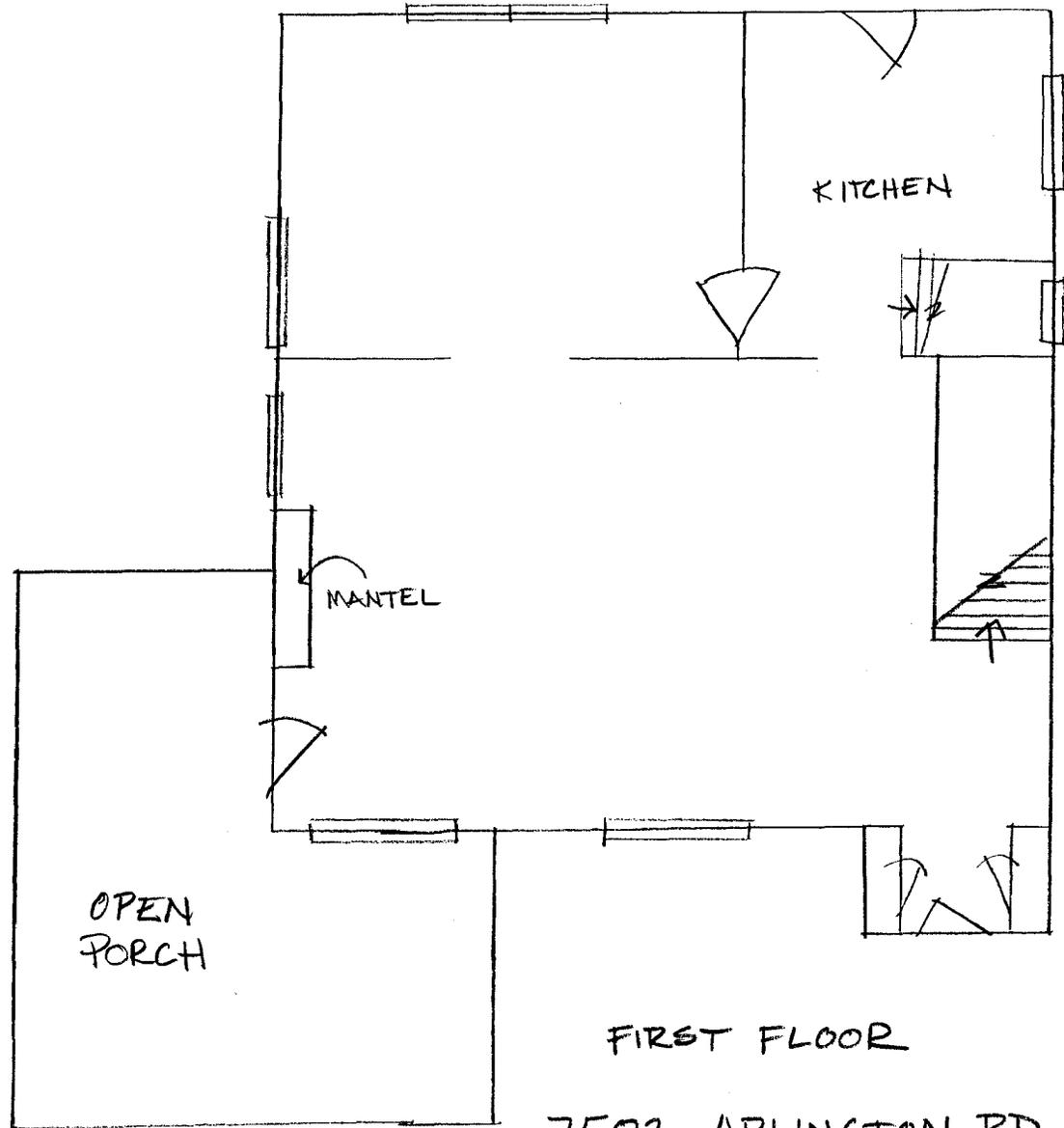
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FIRST FLOOR  
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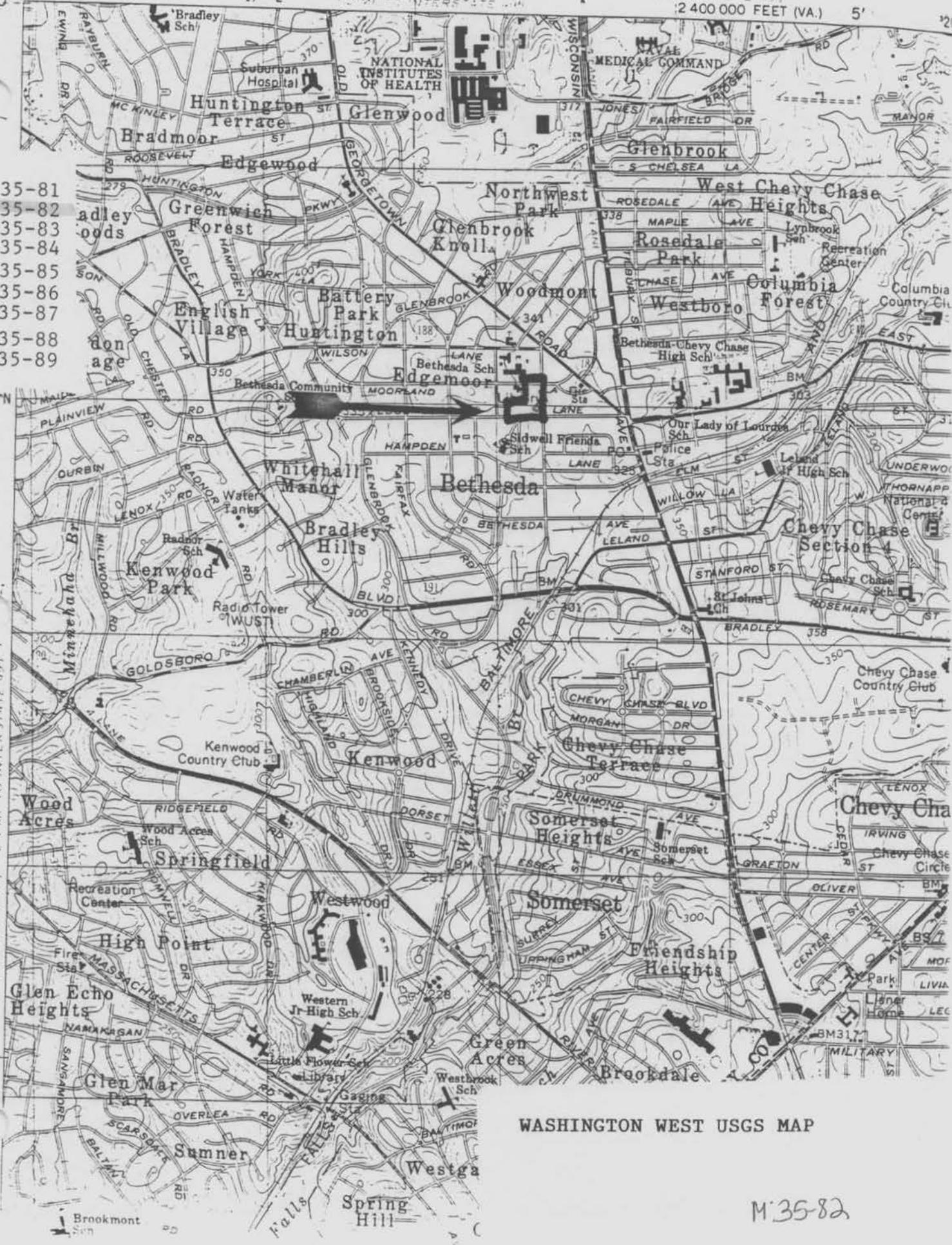
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WASHINGTON WEST USGS MAP

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NE CORNER, LOOKING SW

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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SE

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SW CORNER, LOOKING NE

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1502 ARLINGTON LANE

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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH

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1ST FLOOR, LOOKING NE

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1ST FLOOR, LOOKING NORTH

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1ST FLOOR, LOOKING SOUTH

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2ND FLOOR, LOOKING NW

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GARAGE, LOOKING NW

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