

CAPSULE SUMMARY
5005 Edgemoor Lane (M:35-86)
Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD

The single-family dwelling at 5005 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1940 for Ezra T. Benson and Flora A. Benson 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 in Bethesda to support the population influx spurred by the Depression and advent of World War II. The dwelling at 5005 Edgemoor Lane stands as a marker to that suburban development, displaying the fashionable architectural trends of the early to mid-20th century.

The single-family dwelling reflects the then-fashionable architectural trends of the suburban Colonial Revival style. The masonry building, laid in six-course American bond brick, is set upon a concrete foundation. It rises one-and-a-half-stories under the side gable roof, with a projecting bay at the façade. The roof is sheathed with slate tiles, pierced by front gable dormers. The central plan of the building is balanced by the massive exterior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps. A one-story hyphen connects the main block of the building to the garage on the east elevation. Although more modest, the building has the form and detailing of the contemporary dwelling at 5025 Edgemoor Lane (M:35-88).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M:35-86

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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street & number 5005 Edgemoor Lane not for publication _____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> 1 </u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u> 1 </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
roof Side Gable: Slate Tiles
walls Masonry: Six-Course American Bond
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 1940-1948

Significant Dates 1940

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 is situated on Lot 8 in Block 11 of the Edgemoor subdivision.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The boundaries are historically associated with the construction of the property in 1940.

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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 modest building at 5005 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1940 in the Edgemoor Subdivision of Bethesda. The single-family dwelling reflects the then-fashionable architectural trends of the suburban Colonial Revival style. The masonry building, laid in six-course American bond brick, is set upon a concrete foundation. It rises one-and-a-half-stories under the side gable roof, with a projecting bay at the façade. The roof is sheathed with slate tiles, pierced by front gable dormers. The central plan of the building is balanced by the massive exterior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps. A one-story hyphen connects the main block of the building to the garage on the east elevation. Although more modest, the building has the form and detailing of the contemporary dwelling at 5025 Edgemoor Lane (M:35-88).

The façade of the building is divided into four bays, the easternmost of which projects beyond the plan of the main block. The projecting bay has an open front gable with a molded fascia board. The basement is pierced by a single six-light awning window. The first and second stories have 6/6 windows that diminish in size. The openings are finished with wood sills, beaded casings, and louvered shutters. The central entry of the main block is covered by a sloped roof portico. It is supported by a brick pier foundation and finished with square wooden posts with tapered, round shafts. Entered from the west by concrete steps, the portico leads to the main entry, which is filled with an eight-paneled wood door. The opening is edged with a shallow molded architrave.

To the west of the entry, in the remaining two bays of the façade, are two window openings. Filled with 6/6 sash, the openings are trimmed with wood sills, louvered shutters, and narrow beaded casings. Above, asymmetrically placed, are two front gable dormers with weatherboard siding. Identical in form and detailing, the dormers hold 6/6 sashes, with wood sills and narrow beaded casings.

The east elevation of the building, fronting the driveway from Edgemoor Lane, has two basement window openings. The window openings contain six-light metal awnings. The first story has one 6/6 window to the south of the chimney and two smaller 4/4 windows to the north. The smaller window openings flank a single entry, accessed by wooden steps. The original door has four-lights over three panels. The second story of the gable end is pierced by a single 6/6 window. All of the openings are trimmed with sills and casings identical to those identified on the façade.

Connected to the exterior end chimney on the east elevation is the one-story hyphen, composed only of a side gabled roof sheathed in slate tiles. The hyphen provides a covered walkway from the main dwelling to the garage. The garage is similarly styled with a front gable roof of slate tiles, pent roof, roll-up garage door with recessed panels, and modest 6/6 window openings. The wood frame structure is clad with

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beaded weatherboard laid flush to the plane of the wall. It has a poured concrete floor and exposed raters on the interior. The north elevation of the main block of the dwelling is a conglomeration of rear porches, dormers, and projecting center gables. At the basement level, the elevation is marked by two below grade openings, one filled with a four-light awning and the other with a six-light awning. An entry to the basement is located at the eastern end of the elevation, encompassed by concrete steps and supporting wall.

The first story of the north elevation has single 6/6 window openings in the eastern two bays. The central bay is prominently marked by a two story projections with a front gable. Constructed of brick on the first story, the bay has weatherboard siding on the slightly overhanging second story, edged with a fascia board. The first story has a triple window, filled in the center with a fixed pane (replacement) and flanked by 4/4 sashes. The upper story has a 6/6 window. The roof has a continuous dormer, encompassing front gable dormers connected by a shed roof. The dormer is pierced by four single window openings, each containing a 6/6 window. All of the openings are trimmed with sills and casings identical to those identified throughout the building.

At the western corner of the north elevation is a one-story porch with wood framing and screens. The porch wraps around the elevation, terminating at the center of the west elevation on the chimney. The west elevation of the main block has a single entry door of multi-lights, recessed shelving within a brick enclosed window openings, and a single 6/6 window in the gable end. All of the openings are trimmed with sills and casings identical to those previously identified.

Interior

The interior of the building consists of a central-passage, single pile plan. The entry hall contains the straight-flight stair, finished with a wall stringer, bracketed stair stringer, fluted square newel post, and turned balusters. The floors, covered in wall-to-wall carpeting, are edged by a four-inch baseboard with a ovolo cap. The entry and window openings have beaded surrounds with molded backbanding. Under the sills of the windows, the aprons are also molded with a beaded base. Throughout the first floor, the ceiling is finished with a cavetto crown molding of wood.

The living room, located to the west of the hall, has built-in shelving on both the east and west walls. The west wall is additionally marked by the slightly projecting chimney breast. The tall mantel has limited detailing, including fluted baseblocks, beading around the brick facing, fluted side panels, and a cavetto bed molding under the very

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narrow shelf. The breast of the chimney shaft is ornamented with
stiles and rails to create a geometric pattern.

To the north, in the projecting rear bay, is the dining room. The space is similarly finished with the addition of a ogee molded chair rail. The kitchen, located to the east, has vinyl flooring, original metal and wood cabinets, and a semi-circular arched entry. Within the projecting bay of the façade, to the east of the entry hall, is a bedroom and full bath.

The second floor consists of four bedrooms and a bath. The space is detailed identically to the first floor, save the exposed eight-inch wide floor boards. The small room within the rear projecting bay has wood paneled walls. Access to the attic was not available. The basement is a finished space, with a concrete floor and fiberboard on the walls and ceiling.

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The single-family dwelling at 5005 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1940 for Ezra T. Benson and Flora A. Benson in the Edgemoor subdivision of Bethesda. The one-and-a-half-story dwelling is a modest suburban interpretation of the then-fashionable Colonial Revival style. 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 5005 Edgemoor Lane stands as a marker to that suburban development, displaying the fashionable architectural trends of the early to mid-20th century.

Site History

The property on which 5005 Edgemoor Lane now stands 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, including the selection of architectural styles and building forms, was directed by these 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, the Brazeltons 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. The lot to the west, designated as 5005 Edgemoor Lane, remained unimproved however until 1940, when Ezra T. Benson and Flora A. Benson had the present dwelling constructed. Following the fashionable trends of architecture for the period, the Bensons chose the Colonial Revival style.

The property changed hands three times in the decade following its construction, purchased by the Blessleys in 1944, the Englers in 1948 and the Tylers in 1950. Paul Tyler lived in the Colonial Revival dwelling for the next eleven years. However, in 1961, following the death of his wife, the property was sold to Joseph and Mary Scanlon. The Scanlons conveyed the house a mere two years later to Harold and Mildred Swenson, who occupied in the modest dwelling until 1979. 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 at 5005 Edgemoor Lane as rental property until 1998.

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

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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:

September 28, 1939: Henry L. Breuninger and Juliana C. Downey to
Ezra T. Benson and Flora A. Benson
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 749 Folio 496

May 23, 1944: Ezra T. Benson and Flora A. Benson to R.C.W.
Blessley and Mabel J. Blessley
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 939 Folio 4

November 9, 1948: R.C.W. Blessley and Mabel Blessley to Howard
E. Engler and Marjorie T. Engler
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 1204 Folio 409

June 29, 1950: Howard E. Engler and Marjorie T. Engler to
Paul M. Tyler and Dorothy Tyler
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 1398 Folio 389

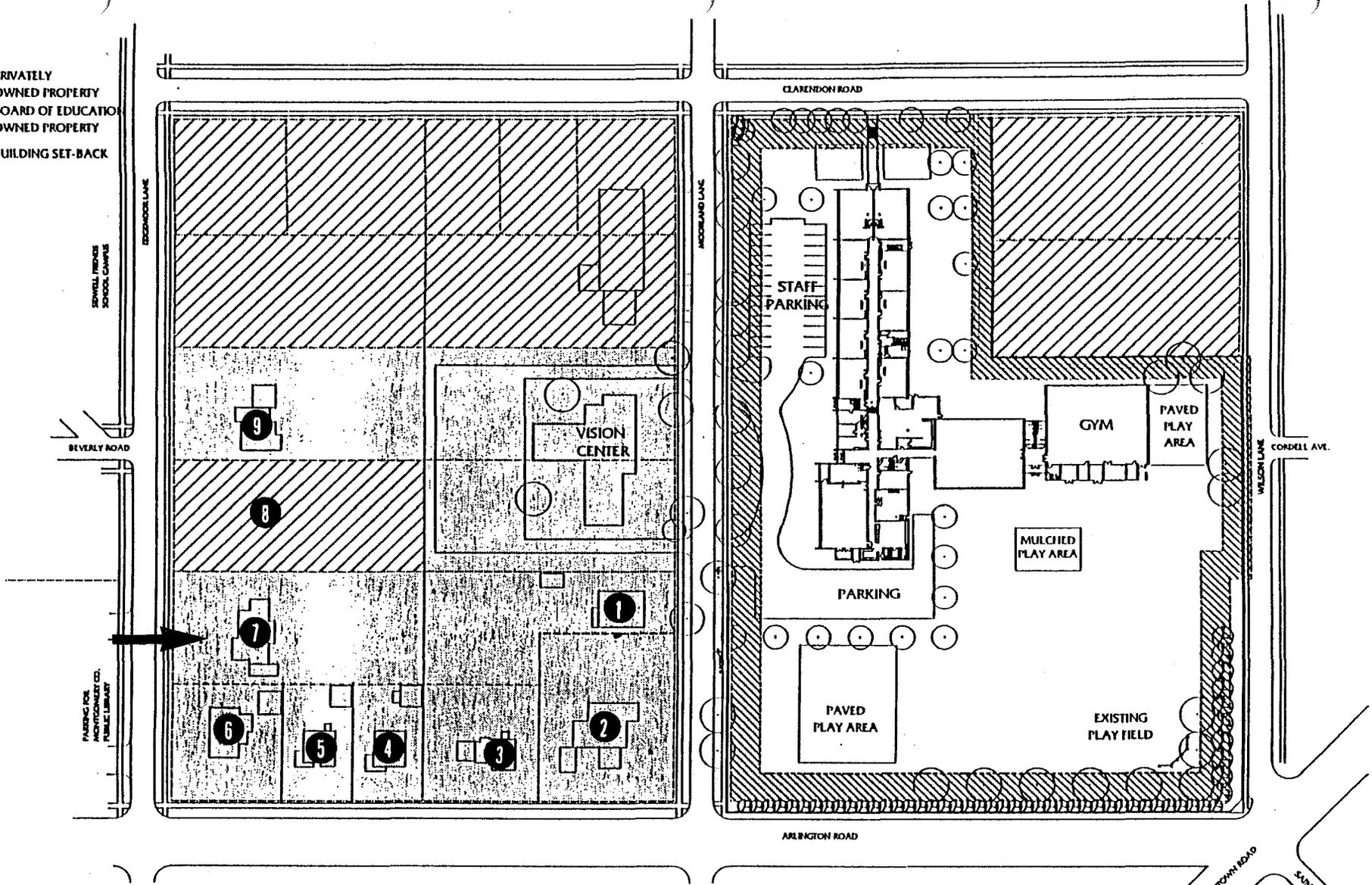
June 29, 1961: Paul M. Tyler to Joseph J. Scanlon and Mary I.
Scanlon
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 2862 Folio 397

July 10, 1963: Joseph J. Scanlon and Mary I. Scanlon to
Harold F. Swenson and Mildred C. Swenson
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 3105 Folio 368

June 21, 1979: Harold F. Swenson and Mildred C. Swenson to
the Board of Education of Montgomery County
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 5341 Folio 777

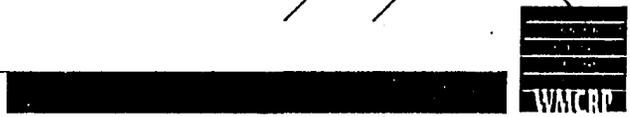
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-  PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY
-  BOARD OF EDUCATION OWNED PROPERTY
-  BUILDING SET-BACK

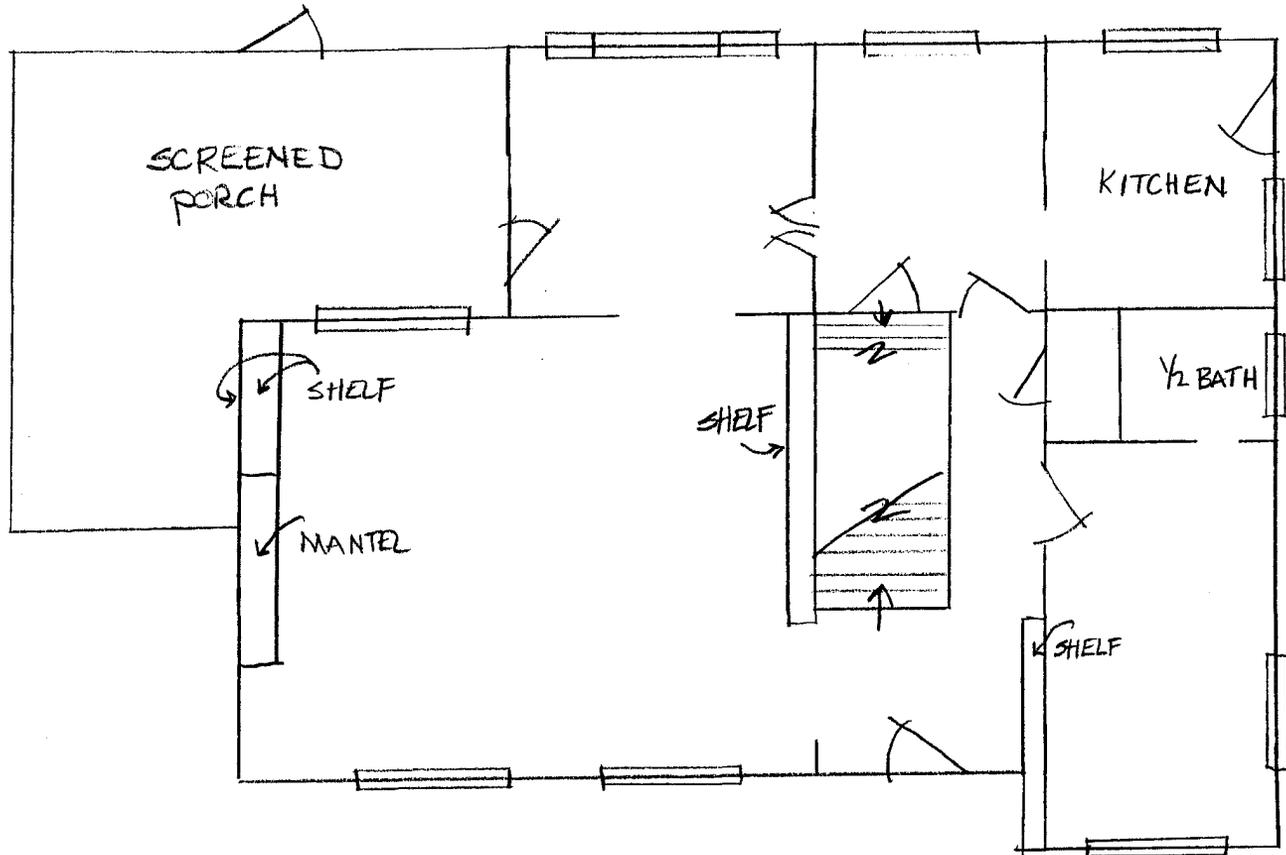


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SCALE : 0 20 50 100'

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FIRST FLOOR

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NOT TO SCALE

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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39°00'

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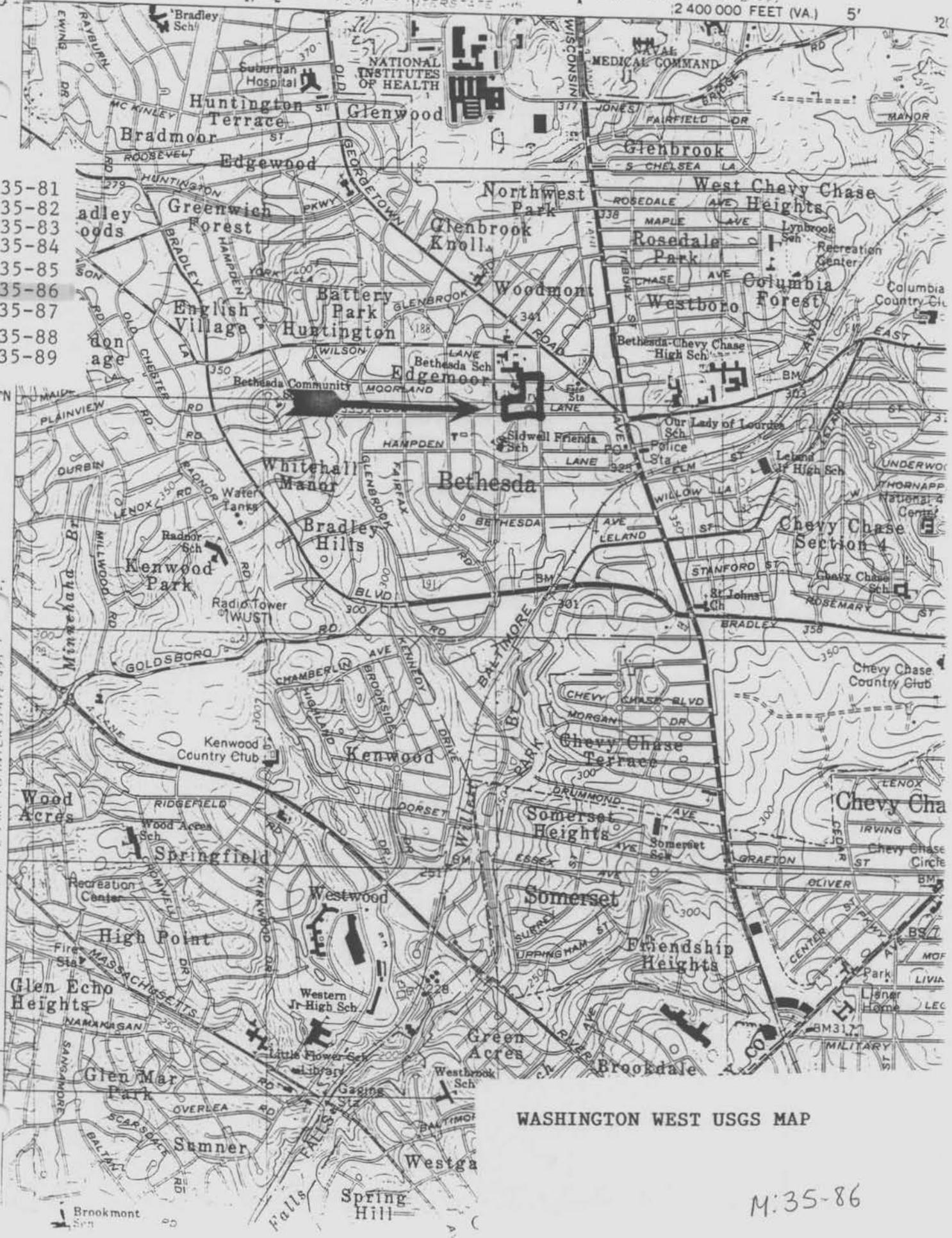
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SECTION 15 MI
2.4 MI TO INTERSTATE 495

57'30"



WASHINGTON WEST USGS MAP

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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH

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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH

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WEST ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH

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STAIR LOOKING NORTH

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5005 EDGE MOOR LANE

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1ST FLOOR, LIVING ROOM, LOOKING WEST

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2ND FLOOR, LOOKING SOUTH

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