

CAPSULE SUMMARY
5025 Edgemoor Lane (M: 35-88)
Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD

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The masonry building, constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond, is two-and-a-half-stories in height with a one-story garage attached to the west elevation. The main block of the building has a rectangular form with a central-passage, double-pile plan that is augmented by projecting bays on the façade and rear elevation. The cross gable roof is sheathed in slate tiles with prominent exterior end chimneys of brick on the side elevations. The chimneys have single shoulders and corbelled caps. A one-story porch extends from the eastern end of the north elevation.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M:35-88

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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street & number 5025 Edgemoor Lane not for publication _____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
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- 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 Block

roof Cross Gable; Slate Tiles

walls Masonry; Stretcher Bond Bricks

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 10 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 façade measures three bays wide with a central passage. The entry is trimmed with the detailing of the Colonial Revival style, including the broken pediment, acorn motif, engaged pilasters with fluting, and four sidelights over recessed panels. The six-panel door is set above the concrete pad of the porch, which is surrounded with a metal railing. Symmetrically placed, the entry is framed by 6/6 window openings to each side, one within the projection in the westernmost bay. The second story has three openings, diminished in size, although they are also filled with 6/6 sashes. All of the openings are trimmed with rowlock sills, shallow molded casings, and louvered shutters. Ornamentation at the cornice-line includes modillions and brackets on the fascia boards.

The east elevation is pierced at the basement level by two three-light awning windows of metal. The first and second stories, balanced although asymmetrically placed, contains two single window openings, each filled with 6/6 sashes. The gable end contains two 4/4 windows flanking the shaft of the exterior end chimney.

The rear elevation contains a one-story wood frame porch that has been enclosed with screens. The porch has a shed roof with asphalt shingles and is set upon concrete pad. The centrally placed projecting bay has a wood frame canted bay pierced by three 6/6 windows. The westernmost bay of the main block has a single entry framed by two 4/4 windows, differentiating in size. The entry is covered by a shed roof supported by square posts. The roof, clad in slate tiles, is continuous with the cross gable of the garage. A below grade entry to the basement is set below the 4/4 sash windows. The second story of the north elevation has three 6/6 windows, one in each of the bays.

The west elevation, marked on the first story by the garage, has a single 6/6 window on the first and second stories. The gable end has two 4/4 windows flanking the chimney shaft. The masonry garage, laid in six-course American bond, has a single entry opening on the west

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elevation and a roll-up garage door on the south elevation. The door consists of eight-lights and twenty-four panels. Above the door, the gable end has been clad with aluminum siding.

Interior

The interior of the dwelling at 5025 Edgemoor Lane has a central-passage, single-pile plan. The entry hall is finely ornamented with a geometrical stair with Colonial Revival style detailing. The stair, located on the east wall of the hall, has a circular-end starter step, tapered round newel post and balusters (two per tread), wall and stair stringer, and square landing newel. Just below the second floor landing, the wall is detailed with a small niche, anchored by a molded apron.

Throughout the first and second floors of the building the six-inch baseboards are capped with ogee moldings and the window and door openings have shallow molded architraves with mitered joints. The hall and dining room have carpeting, while the original narrow wood floorboards are exposed in the living room. The dining room, located in the southwest corner of the first floor, has two corner cabinets with a broken pediments detailed with a small urn, semi-circular arched glass upper door, and two-paneled bottom door. A four-inch wide chair rail with ogee molding and a cavetto crown molding with astragal beading encircle the room. To the east of the hall, running the depth of the building, is the living room. This space features a slightly projecting chimney breast on the east wall. The mantel is composed of a molded surround framing the slate field and hearth. Approximately a foot above is the applied shelf, which is finished with an ogee molding and bed molding. The breast is detailed with three recessed panels. Like the dining room, the living room has a cavetto crown molding with astragal beading.

North of the entry hall is the sitting room, with a canted bay window. The room as narrow wood floor boards, vertical boards with recessed joints on the walls, and textured plaster on the ceiling. The openings have no casings. The floor is edged with a four-inch square baseboard that is flush to the paneling, while the ceiling has an ogee molded crown molding. Built-in bookcases line the south wall, while a half-bath with black/white/rust colored tiles is located to the west.

The second floor consists of four bedrooms, while the finished attic provides additional living space. The upper floors are detailed with the same ornament identified on the first floor. The basement is partially finished with vinyl flooring and vertical wood paneling with recessed joints. The quarter-turn stairs are enclosed, partially by the bar that was built in the center of the space. To the west, the basement is unfinished with a concrete floor, concrete block walls, and exposed joists.

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Site History

The property on which 5025 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 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*.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

In the late 1930s and early 1940s, local developers Edwin and Jacob Jacobson purchased several lots of land in the Edgemoor subdivision, one being the property at 5025 Edgemoor Lane. Following the fashionable trends of architecture for the period, the developers had the present dwelling constructed on the site in the Colonial Revival style. The Jacobsons sold this property to Harold and Dorisadele Gresham in 1941, just one year after the house was completed. The Greshams lived in the dwelling for four years, before Joseph and Augusta Dessoiff purchased it in 1960. Following the death of her husband, Augusta Dessoiff continued to live in the house until 1973. The Montgomery County Board of Education, with an elementary school located on the adjacent Block 2, came into possession of the property at this time, utilizing the building at 5025 Edgemoor Lane as a rental property.

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

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CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M:35-88

5025 Moorland Lane
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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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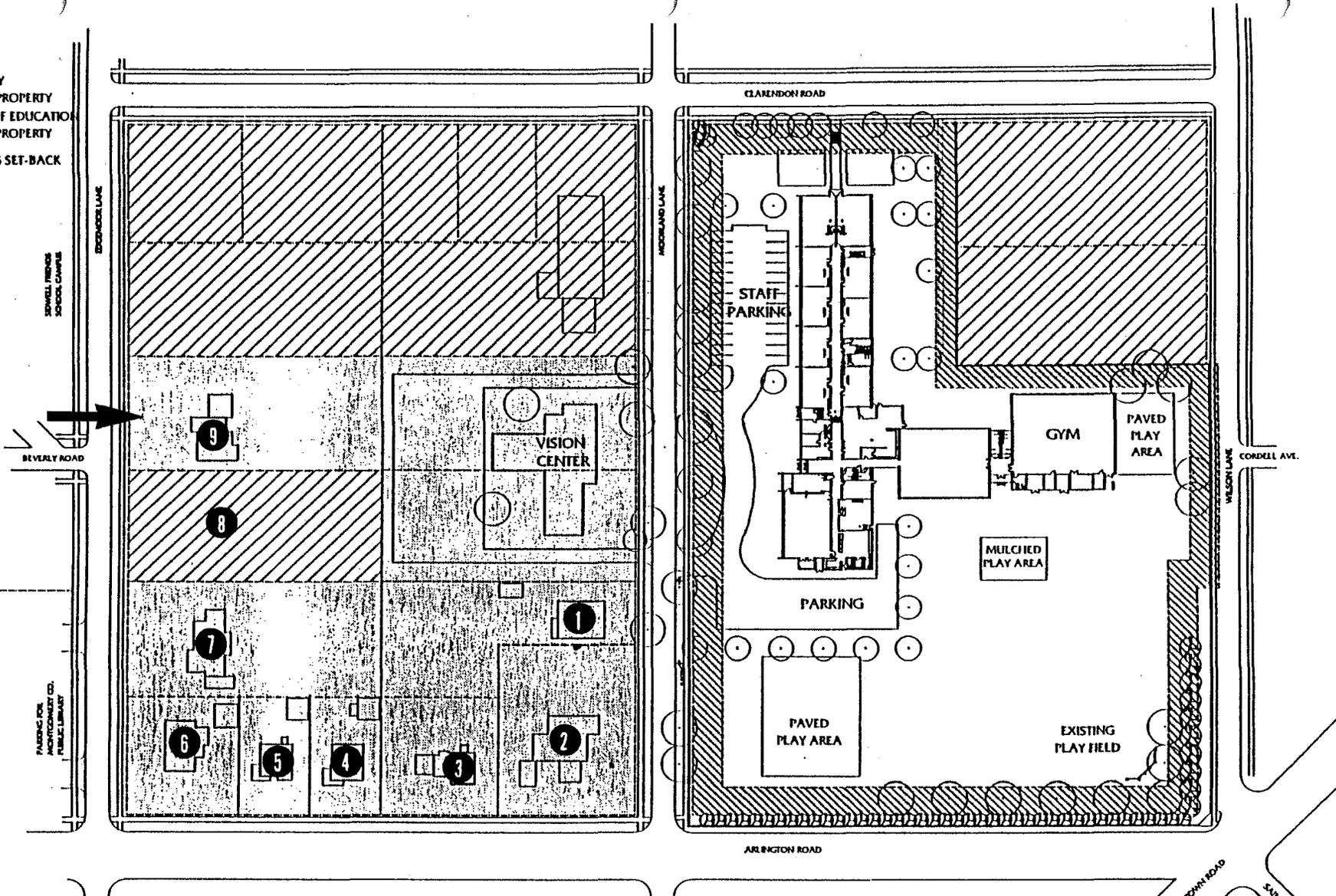
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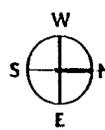
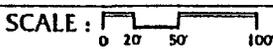
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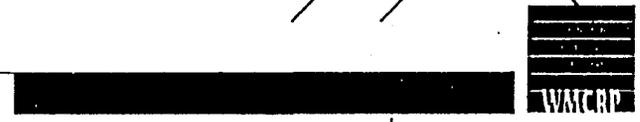
- National City Real Estate Corporation to Edwin Jacobson and Jacob Jacobson
- July 1, 1941: Edwin Jacobson and Jacob Jacobson to Harold Dean Gresham and Dorisadele Pomeroy Gresham
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 837 Folio 83
- July 25, 1945: Harold Dean Gresham and Dorisadele Pomeroy Gresham to Joseph Dessoiff and Augusta S. Dessoiff
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 978 Folio 518
- April 29, 1960: Joseph Dessoiff and Augusta S. Dessoiff to Dale D. Drain
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 2766 Folio 518
- April 29, 1960: Dale D. Drain to Augusta S. Dessoiff
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 2766 Folio 528
- October 10, 1973: Augusta S. Dessoiff to the Board of Education of Montgomery County
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 4452 Folio 260

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

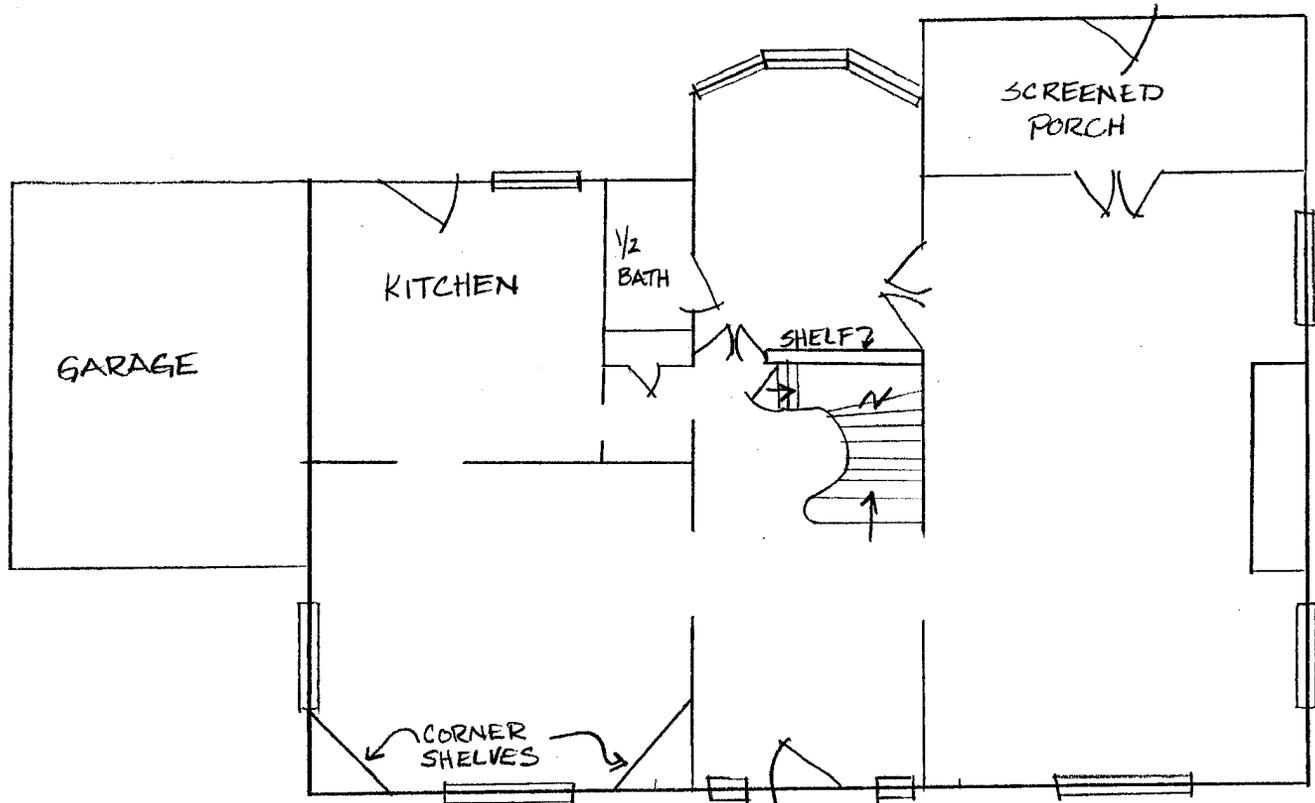



EXISTING SITE PLAN
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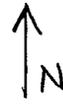


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FIRST FLOOR

5025 EDMOOR LANE
BETHESDA, MD



NOT TO SCALE

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

77°07'30"

17000-E

FREDERICK 1:50,000
1.3 MI TO INTERSTATE 495

1:240,000 FEET (VA.)

5'

39°00'

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- M: 35-82
- M: 35-83
- M: 35-84
- M: 35-85
- M: 35-86
- M: 35-87
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WASHINGTON WEST USGS MAP

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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NORTH

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EAST ELEVATION, LOOKING WEST

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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SW

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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SOUTH

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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NE

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BASEMENT, LOOKING NW

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BASEMENT, LOOKING NE

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