

CAPSULE SUMMARY
5009 Edgemoor Lane (M:35-89)
Bethesda, Montgomery County, MD

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The rectangular building stands two-and-a-half-stories in height with one-story wings. Clad in stucco, the Italian Renaissance-style building has a hipped roof sheathed in slate tiles and an exterior end chimney on the east elevation. The overhanging roof is finished at the cornice level with exposed rafter ends. The central-passage plan is augmented by the slight projection of the central bay as well as the stylistically defining rusticated voussoirs. A one-story garage is located to the northeast of the main 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street & number 5009 Edgemoor Lane not for publication _____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>2</u>	_____ buildings
_____	_____ sites
_____	_____ structures
_____	_____ objects
<u>2</u>	_____ Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No

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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)

Italian Renaissance

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Not Visible
roof Hipped: Slate Tiles
walls Stucco
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 1923-1948

Significant Dates 1923

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 9 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 1923.

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11. Form Prepared By
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organization Traceries date August 14, 1998
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city or town Chevy Chase state Maryland zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner
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name Kathleen Brennan Wiggins
street & number 5009 Edgemoor Lane telephone 301/
city or town Bethesda state Maryland zip code 20814
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The single-family dwelling at 5009 Edgemoor Lane was constructed in 1923 in the Bethesda subdivision of Edgemoor. The rectangular building stands two-and-a-half-stories in height with one-story wings. Clad in stucco, the Italian Renaissance-style building has a hipped roof sheathed in slate tiles and an exterior end chimney on the east elevation. The overhanging roof is finished at the cornice level with exposed rafter ends. The central-passage plan is augmented by the slight projection of the central bay as well as the stylistically defining rusticated voussoirs. A one-story garage is located to the northeast of the main dwelling.

The façade of the building, facing south, is three bays wide with a central-passage plan. The middle bay projects slightly, promoting the main entry. It is accessible by replacement steps of ceramic tile with metal railings. The semi-circular arched single entry is accented by rusticated voussoirs, a keystone, and raised panel over the door with astragal molding. The original door has twelve-lights over a single panel. Further announcing the entry bay is the metal balcony, set upon an applied ogee molded base. This balcony is set directly over the entry, below the single 6/6 window of the second story.

Flanking the entry are triple windows, each containing 6/1 sashes. Symmetrically placed above on the second story are single 6/1 windows that are diminished in size. All of the openings have concrete sills, narrow molded surrounds, and louvered shutters. The basement level is marked by two three-light awning windows set below grade.

The east elevation is dominated on the first story by the one-story wing. Clad in stucco with a hipped roof and exposed rafters, the wind is pierced with elongated triple windows with 6/1 sashes. The openings have continuous concrete sill that have been stuccoed, square mullions, and narrow molded surrounds. The second story of this elevation has two single 6/1 windows with similar detailing and shutters. The opening flank the exterior end chimney shaft, which has also be clad with stucco.

The north elevation has a centrally placed single entry with a cantilevered half-hipped roof overhead. The entry has a four-light door with panels. Flanking the opening are paired 6/1 windows, the western one being smaller in length that the eastern opening. The second story has three symmetrically placed 6/6 windows. The roof is pierced on the north elevation is a large shed roof dormer, marked by two single 6/1 windows set rather far apart. All of the openings have concrete sills, narrow molded surrounds, and louvered shutters.

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Mirroring the east elevation, the west elevation has a one-story wing clad in stucco. The wing has shouldered arches, filled with wood mullions and screens. The openings on the west and south of the wing are sheltered by stripped awnings. The second story has two 6/1 window openings with detailing similar to that identified on the previous elevations.

The interior of the building was not accessible for survey.

Garage

The one-story garage is set to the northeast of the main dwelling, at the end of a concrete drive extending north from Edgemoor Lane. The structure has a stucco finish, hipped roof with slate tiles, and boxed cornice. The west elevation has a 6/1 window and a single entry filled by a four-light over three-panel door. The north elevation has a single 6/1 window opening. All of the openings mirror those found on the main dwelling. The south elevation is dominated by the two sets of wooden garage doors. The western opening contains flush, double-wide doors with cross bracing, while the eastern opening has multiple lights over vertical panels. The interior of the two car garage has a concrete floor and exposed rafters.

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Site History

The property on which 5009 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 the development companies.

Building History

The Edgemoor Land Company improved Lot nine in Block eleven by having a two-and-a-half-story single dwelling erected along Edgemoor Lane. Following the fashionable trends of architecture for the period, the development company chose the Italian Renaissance style, with the traditional rusticated voussoirs and wrought-iron balcony. Upon completion of the building by 1924, the company sold Lot seven to Maddux, Marshall, Moss & Malory, Inc. One year later, in 1925, James and Nellie Fieser purchased the property from the development company. After the death of his wife, James Fieser remarried and conveyed one-half interest in the property to his new wife, Mary Fieser in 1935. In 1939, Fieser served as the vice-president of the Bethesda Public Library Association.

After the death of her husband, Mary Fieser continued to live in the Italian Renaissance style dwelling until 1986. At this time, the house was sold to Dennis and Kathy Wiggins. Three years later, the property was placed solely in the name of Kathleen Wiggins. Wiggins continues to occupy the house located at 5009 Edgemoor Lane. The Montgomery County Board of Education, with an elementary school located on the adjacent Block 2, has come into possession of many of the surrounding properties on Block eleven of the Edgemoor subdivision.

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
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 214 Folio 57

April 3, 1924: Edgemoor Land Company, formerly National City Real Estate Corporation to Maddux, Marshall, Moss and Mallory Inc.
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 372 Folio 240

July 20, 1925: Maddux, Marshall, Moss and Mallory Inc. to James L. Fieser and Nellie B. Fieser
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 384 Folio 218

February 5, 1935: James L. Fieser and Mary B. Fieser to Margaret G. Harriss
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 588 Folio 17

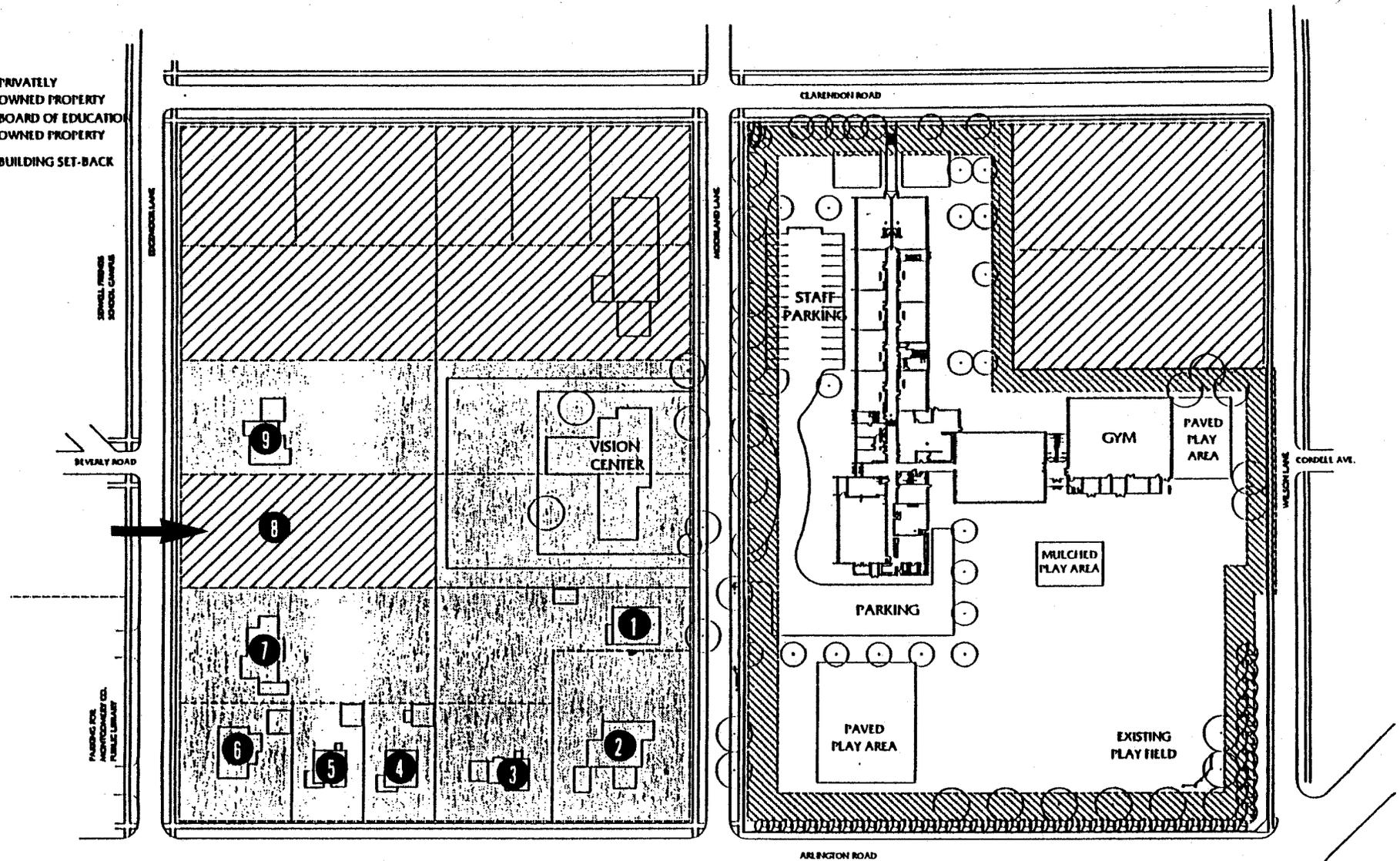
February 5, 1935: Margaret G. Harriss to James L. Fieser and Mary B. Fieser
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 588 Folio 18

October 15, 1986: Mary B. Fieser Trust to Dennis M. Wiggins and Kathy B. Wiggins
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 7557 Folio 826

April 27, 1989: Dennis M. Wiggins to Kathleen Brennan Wiggins
Montgomery County Land Records
Liber 8806 Folio 754

EXHIBIT "C"

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



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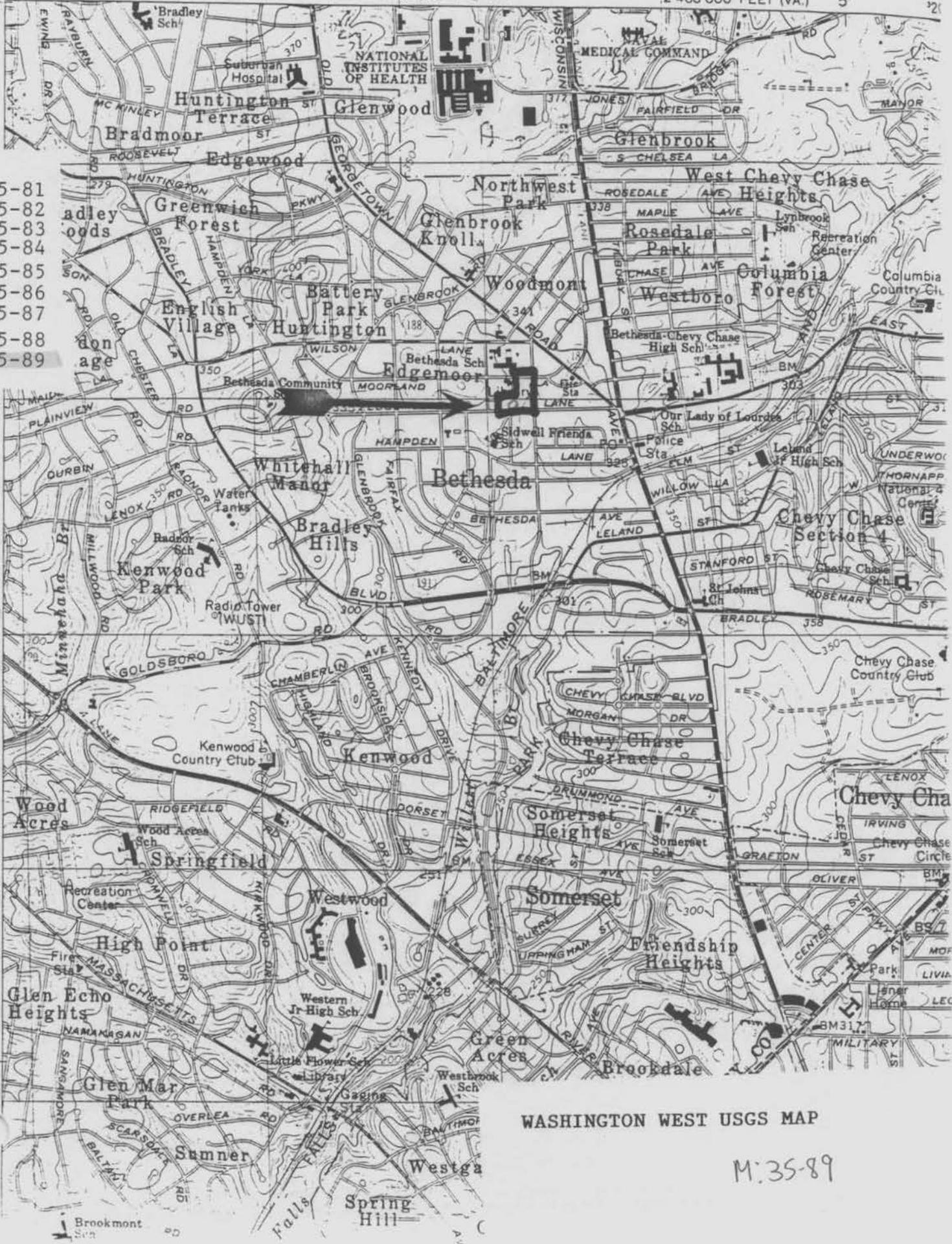
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WASHINGTON WEST USGS MAP

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57'30"



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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NE
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SOUTH ELEVATION, LOOKING NW

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NE CORNER, LOOKING SW

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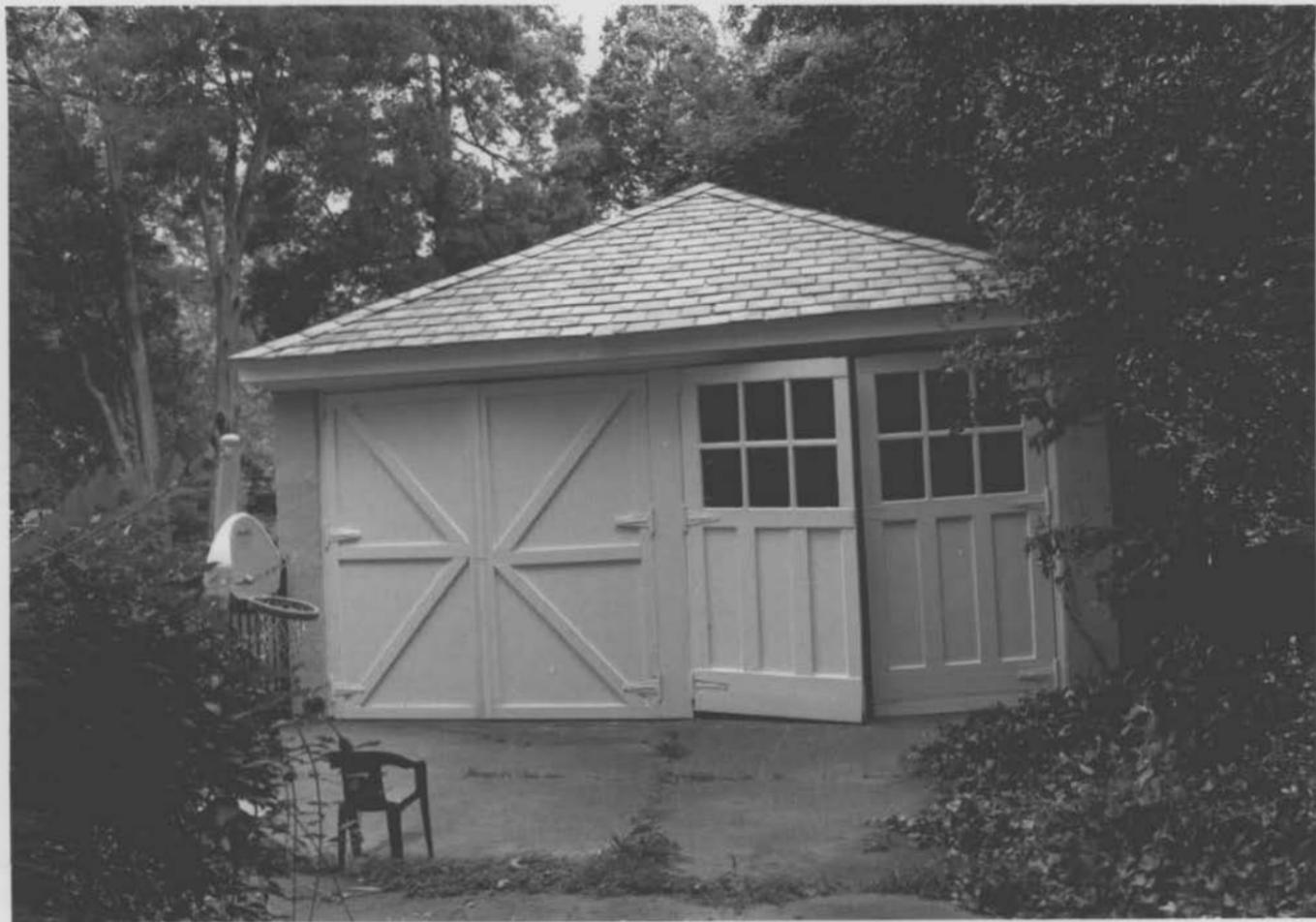
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NORTH ELEVATION, LOOKING SE

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MD SHPO

GARAGE, LOOKING NORTH

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