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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

Maryland	
COUNTY	
Montgomery County	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON: Beall-Dawson House

AND/OR HISTORICAL: Beall-Dawson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 103 West Montgomery Street

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland

CODE	COUNTY	CODE
24	Montgomery	031

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	historical society headquarters	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of Rockville

STREET AND NUMBER: City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Montgomery

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beall-Dawson House, Rockville, is located on the north side of Montgomery Street at the junction of Montgomery Street and West Middle Lane.

This is a large Federal house, well constructed and typical of Montgomery County brick houses of the early nineteenth century. The house is composed of three block telescope plan.

The main block of the house is three bays wide and three bays deep. It is two-and-a-half stories in height with a moderately pitched "A" roof. The front (south) of the house is laid in Flemish bond with a very smooth brick mortared with good grapevine joints. The sides, rear (north) and wing are of rougher brick laid in common bond.

All the windows have flat brick arches on the main house; the first story windows have twelve-over-twelve sashes while those on the second floor are twelve over eight. The windows are unusually large and wide for a house of this period.

The narrow six-panel front door has a rectangular, three-pane transom.

A chimney is enclosed in each end wall of the house. The gable end walls rise higher than the roof making a roof curtain with squared brick corbels at the south and north.

A three-string brick cornice with the middle row of bricks laid in a diagonal decorates the roofline.

A large stair hall window between the floors is on the north facade of the house.

The interior of the main block has an entrance hall along the east wall. A large arch with radial pilasters of rope molding and small acanthus leaf molding divides the hall. Rising from the north end is a delicate staircase.

Fan and medallion-style carving define the chair rail throughout the main section; the plaster acanthus leaf cornice of the hall is repeated only in the parlor. An Adam mantel has fluted Ionic colonettes, swags, pineapples, medallions, dolphins and acanthus leaves. Marble surrounds the fireplace.

The doors have six panels and applied molding. The window and door jambs and the area beneath the recessed windows are paneled.

The two-and-one-half story middle section is brick, four

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#7. DESCRIPTION continued

bays long on the south facade. There are two windows on the north. A large brick arch filled with frame work and a door after its construction is located in the two bays nearest the main section. The middle section repeats the architectural features of the main block although it is smaller in scale being only one room deep.

The third section of the "telescope" is a twentieth-century frame, one-story wing in keeping with the style of the rest of the building.

The two wings are used as a residence for the curator.

North of the Beall-Dawson House stands a small, brick out-building which was probably a smoke house.

The Montgomery County Historical Society plans (1972) to use the garage as a museum.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1815; 20th century

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	<u>local history</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The Beall-Dawson House is the extant architectural reminder of the heritage of the early history of Rockville as a town. The village has experienced extensive growth, urbanization and density since World War II which resulted in a disregard for the early history of Rockville as an architectural community. The house is one of only a few structures still standing significant to the heritage of the area.

The house serves the community as the headquarters of the Montgomery County Historical Society which maintains a library and exhibit in the building. The Society opens the Beall-Dawson House in the afternoons from Tuesday through Saturday.

In 1815 Upton Beall, one of the first Clerks of the Montgomery County Court, built the Beall-Dawson House. Beall and his father were among the most prominent citizens in the first year of the county's history. He was a member of the Scottish family that came to Maryland in the seventeenth century and settled throughout western Maryland. Two twentieth-century United States Senators from Maryland have borne the name Beall.

According to tradition, the Marquis de Lafayette visited the Beall-Dawson House during his 1824 tour of the United States.

The house remained in the hands of the descendants of Upton Beall until the twentieth century. In 1965 the City of Rockville with the Montgomery County Historical Society purchased the house to be used as the Society's headquarters. The latter organization gave the legal title in its entirety to the municipality. The city's support of the preservation of this house is noteworthy.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Poole, Martha Sprigg. "The Beall-Dawson House in Rockville, Maryland." The Montgomery County Story. Vol. IX. (February 1966), 1-8.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SW	0		"	0		"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES:

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Staff**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **May 22, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER: **94 College Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date: May 23, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: _____

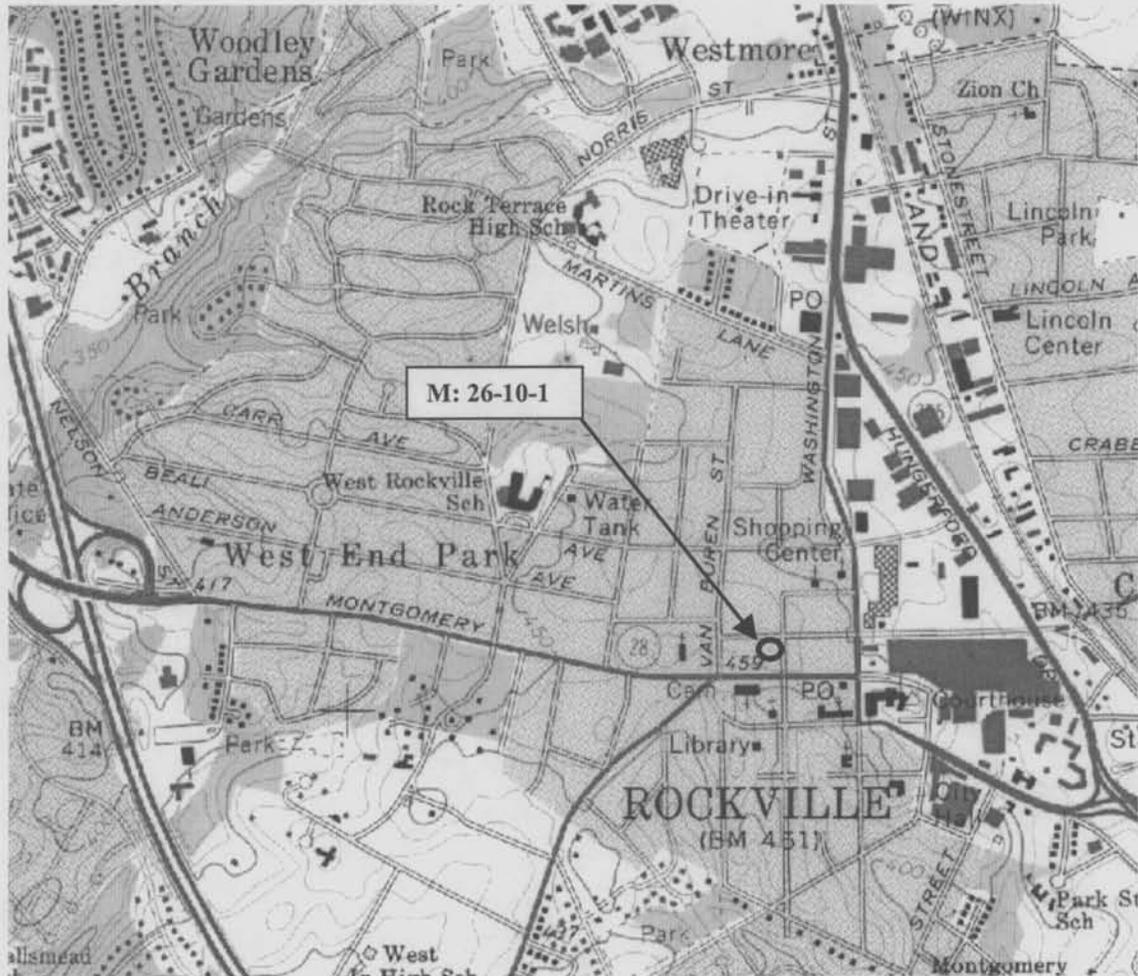
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Keeper of The National Register

Date: _____

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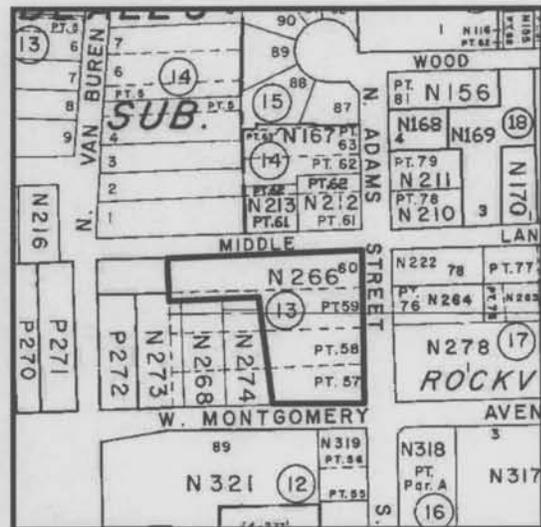
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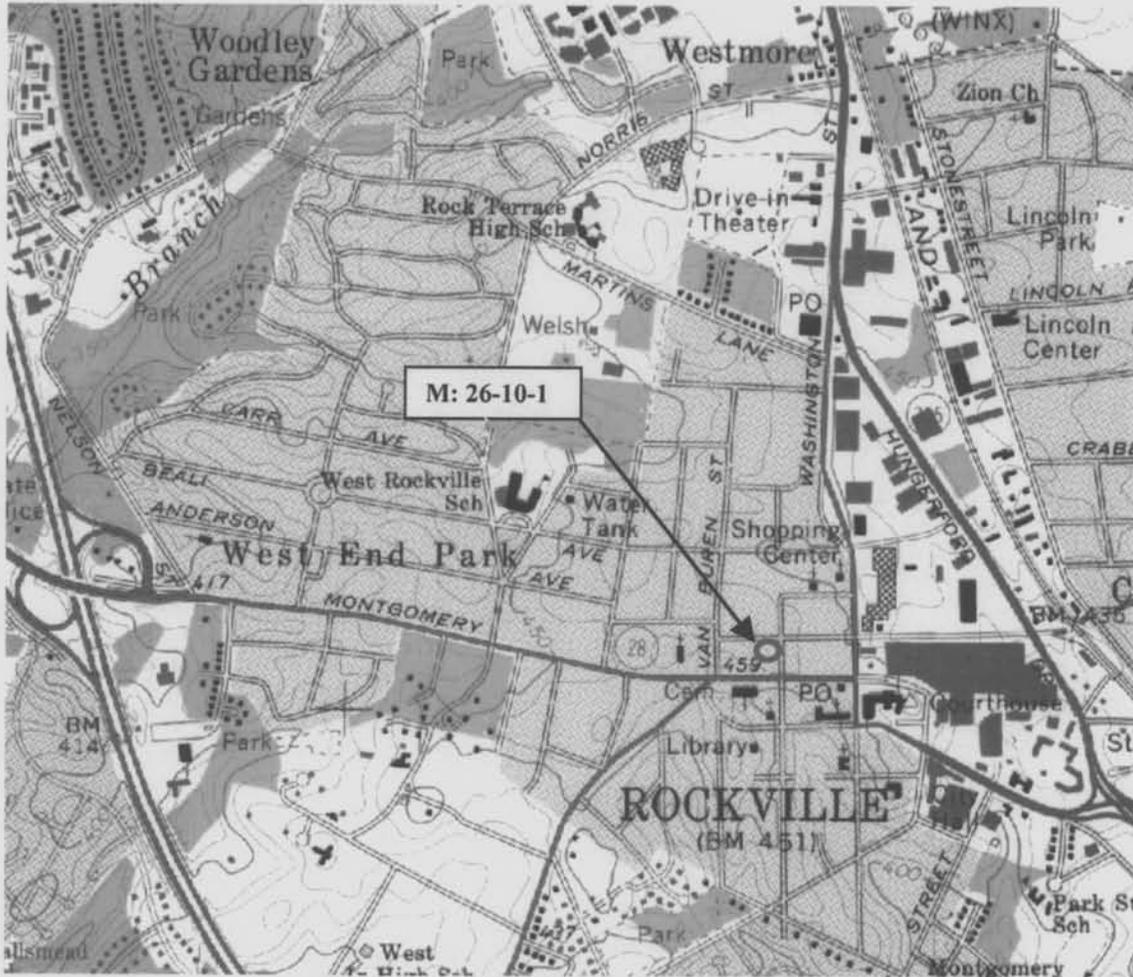
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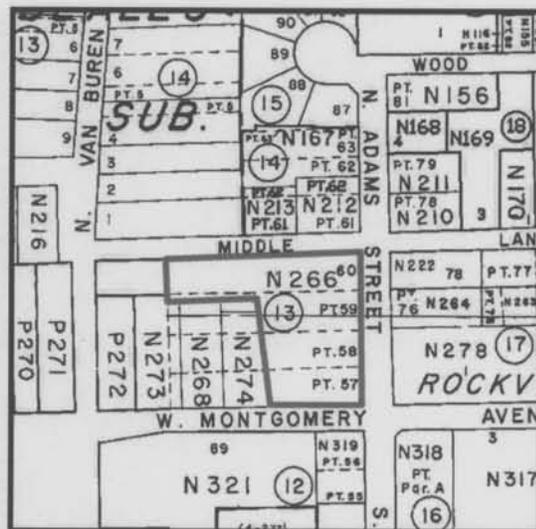
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