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P.G. #62-20 Survey No. P.G. #62-7

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No. = 1700295610

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rebecca Lodge #6

and/or common Abraham Hall

2. Location

street & number 7612 Old Muirkirk^s Road

___ not for publication

city, town Beltsville Muirkirk
___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	___ not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber JWB #9

street & number Main Street folio 207

city, town Upper Marlboro state Marylane

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Abraham Hall is a two-story, frame, gable-roofed building with entrance through double doors in the (main) west gable end. Each leaf of the double door has five panels. There is a flanking window on each side of the door, and on the second story as well. The floor is a single large room on both stories, but the first story room is extended farther to the rear by the addition of a one-story section to the east. This extension allows for a small stage at the east end of the first floor room.

Attached to the west (front) end of the north facade is a small closet room, a miniature of the main block, one-story, gable-roofed, and with one window in its north facade.

Beaded wainscoting is applied all around the large room, below the chair rail. Architraves of windows have bulls-eye corner blocks. A staircase in the southwest corner rises to the second story.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1888 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

After Mark Duvall of Vansville died, a 24.8 acre parcel of his land which adjoined the Negro Methodist church and graveyard was surveyed and subdivided in 1886 by Surveyor William Latimer. It was divided into 12 lots, and within a year the lots were purchased by the families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. Lot #9, at 3.85 acres, the largest of the 12 lots, was purchased in May 1887 by the Rebecca Lodge #6 of the Benevolent Sons and Daughters of Abraham. This was a benevolent society, whose charter members were members of the already established Queen's Chapel; through membership in the Rebecca Lodge, members were assured financial assistance for emergencies, as well as death benefits, thus being provided a kind of insurance otherwise unavailable to Blacks during this period.

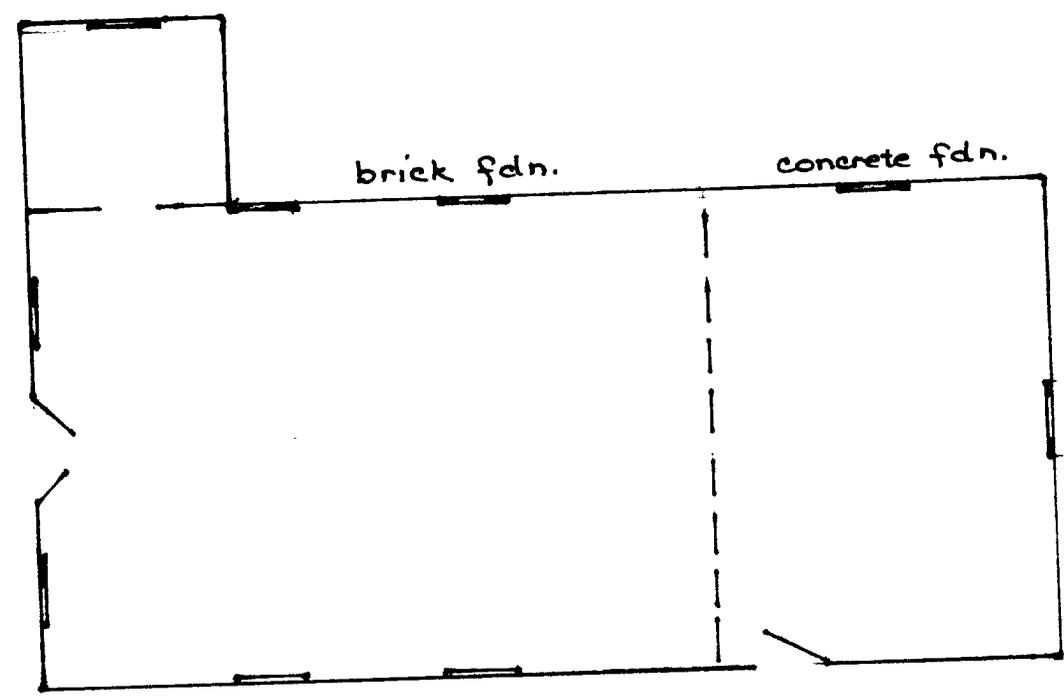
A handsome and sturdy building was erected in 1888 by members of the lodge; it was the largest and most substantial building in Rossville, being assessed at \$550 in 1889 (as compared with a range of \$100 to \$450 for the houses built in the same year). By 1897, the building had been enlarged, probably by the one-story addition to the rear (east) which increased the size of the main meeting room.

Abraham Hall also served as both church and school after Queen's Chapel was destroyed by fire circa 1890, until it was rebuilt in 1901. The Hall was also the scene of many camp meetings for the congregations of Queen's Chapel and the two other churches of the Laurel Charge, St. Mark's and Mt. Zion.

Abraham Hall is a rare surviving example of the benevolent society halls established in Black communities during the late nineteenth century. Although presently vacant and deteriorating, it is still a sturdy building and fully restorable.

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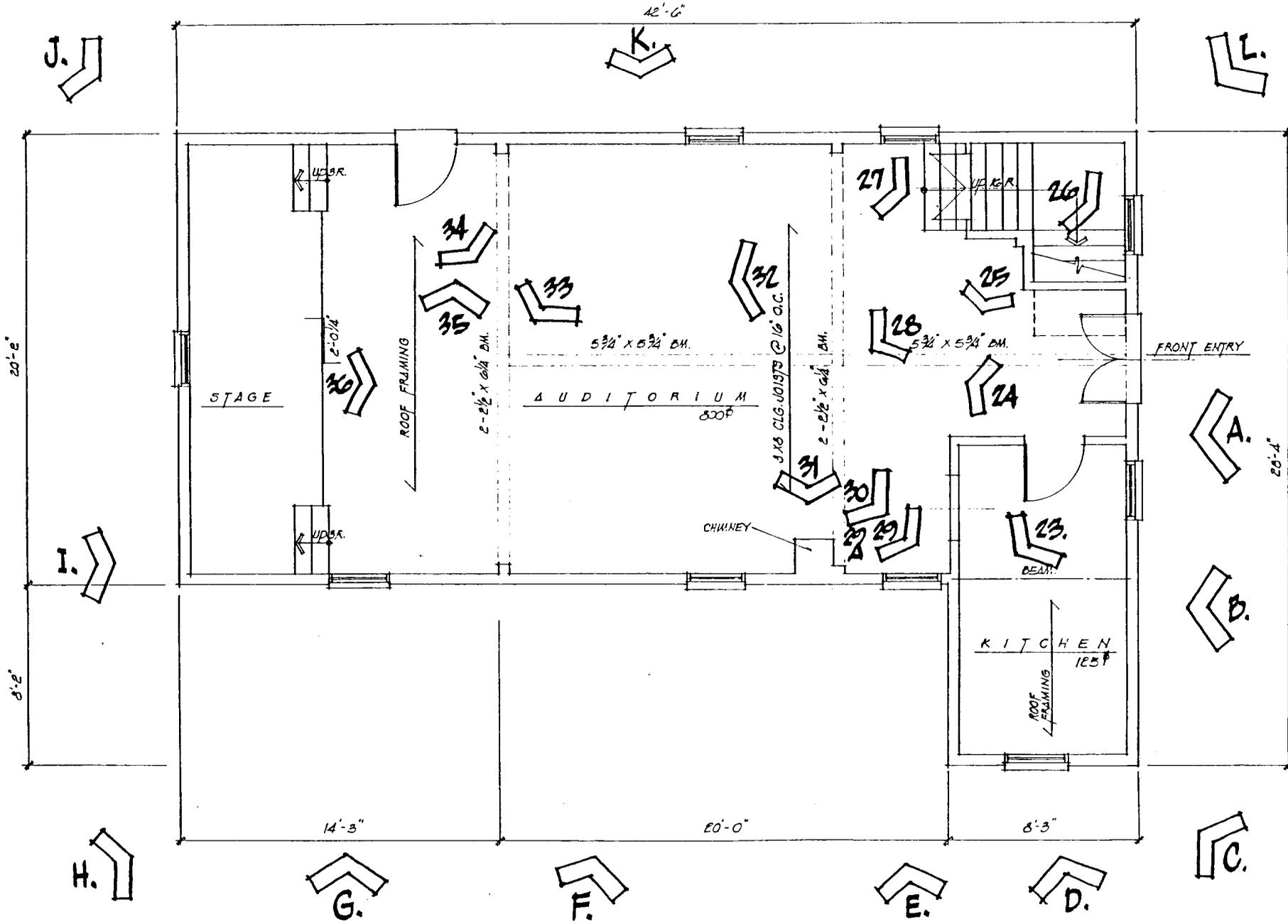


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ABRAHAM HALL

ROSSVILLE, MUIRKIRK, MD.
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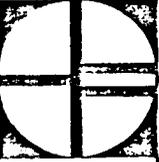
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may 1983



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ABRAHAM HALL
 7012 OLD HUIRKIRK ROAD
 BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND
 JANUARY 10, 1966. FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

CELENTANO - ESPOSITO, INC.
 ARCHITECTS and PLANNERS
 8214 ASHFORD BOULEVARD
 LAUREL MARYLAND, 20707



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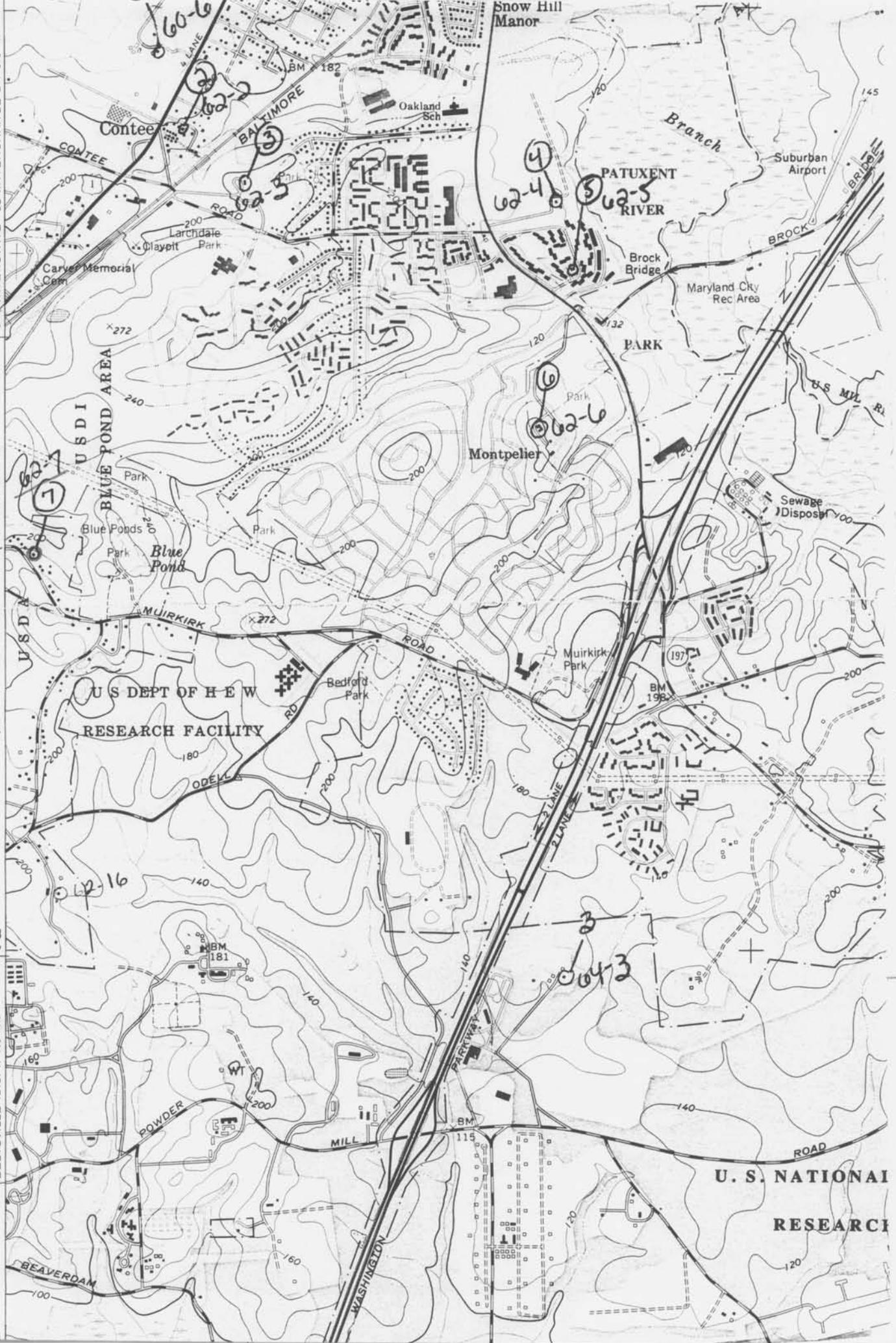
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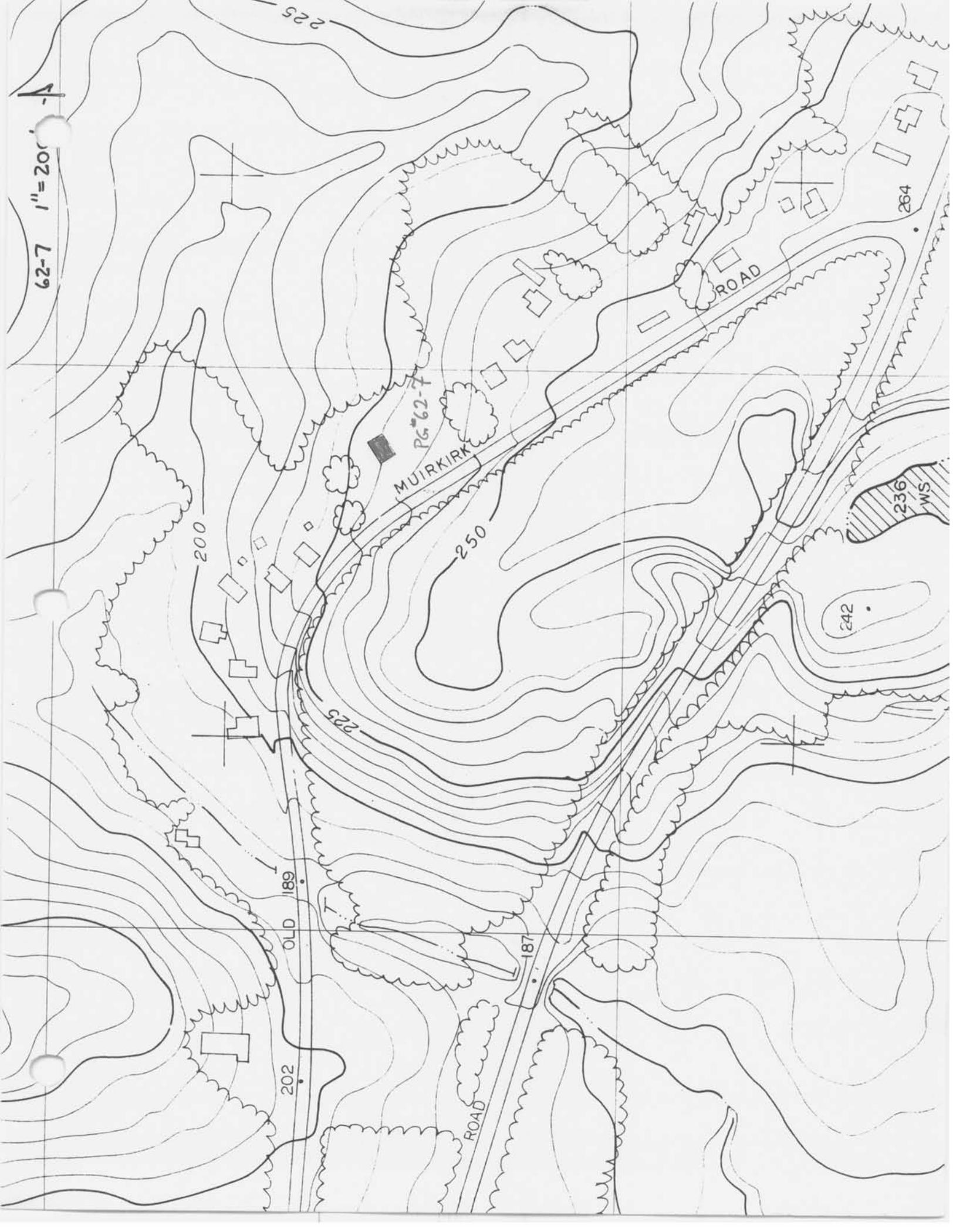
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BELTSVILLE (U.S.) 1.6 MI
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1" = 200'



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7.5'
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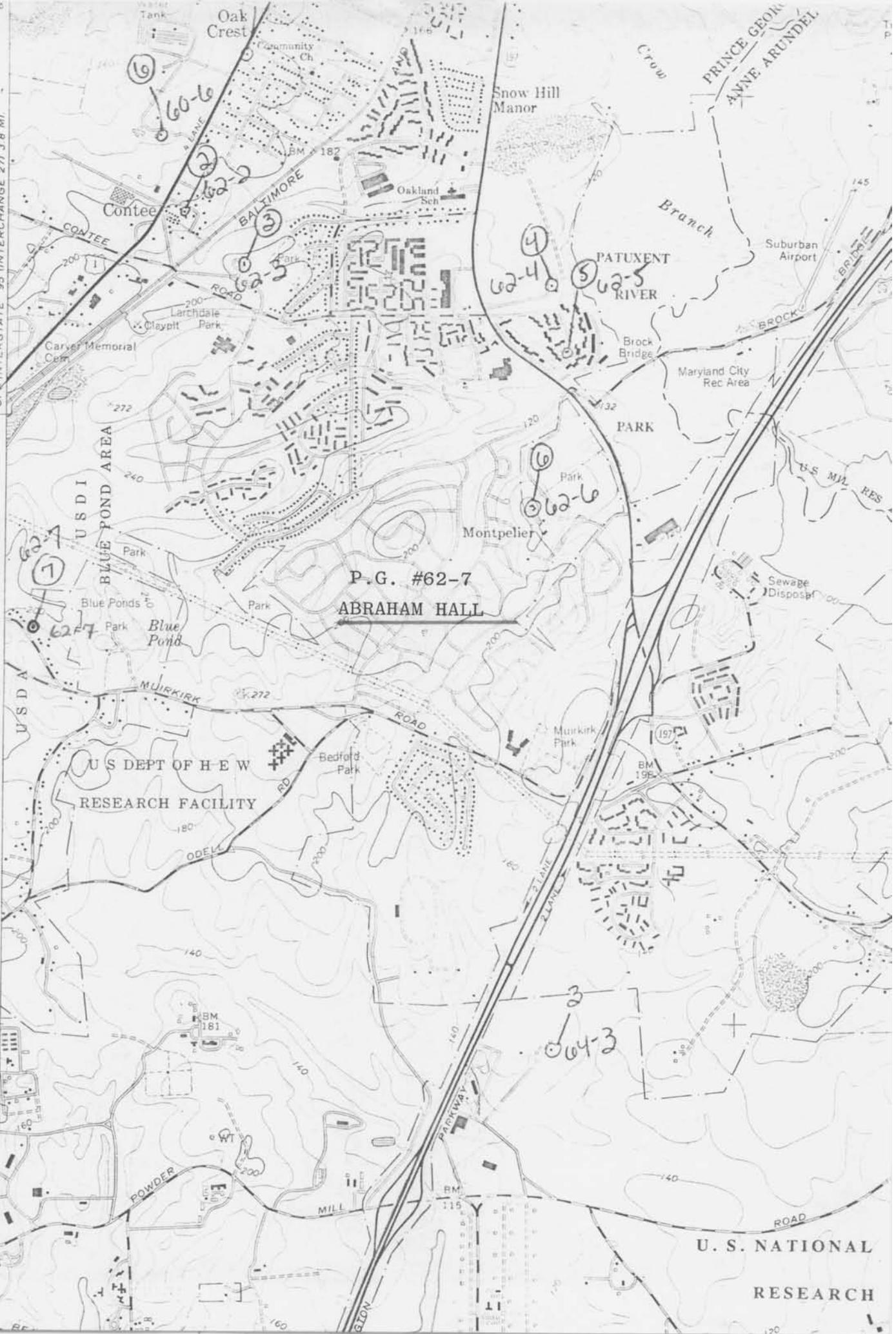
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Abraham Hall

Prince George's County, Md.

Susan G. Pearl

May 1983

Northwest 3/4 Elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Abraham Hall

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

January 1986

Northeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Abraham Hall
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Susan G. Pearl
January 1986
South elevation
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Abraham Hall
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January 1986
West Cornice detail
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Southwest 3/4 elevation
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West Elevation
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North foundation detail
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