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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Langley Park

and/or common McCormick - Goodhart Mansion

## 2. Location

street & number 8151 15th Avenue  not for publicationcity, town Langley Park  vicinity of  congressional district 5state Md  county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Willowbrook Real Estate

street &amp; number 8555 16th Street telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20910

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5040

street &amp; number Main Street folio 71

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

# 7. Description

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**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Langley Park is a three-story Georgian Revival brick-and-concrete mansion, circa 180 by 40 feet. It consists of a three-part three-story principal section, with a lower kitchen wing extending to the east.

The main block consists of a three-story three-bay square, 40 by 40 feet; it is flanked by two symmetrical three-bay wings, 34 by 34 feet, which are slightly inset from the central block on both facades. Entrance is in the central bay of the principal south facade through a segmentally arched doorway. The double door is flanked by fluted columns, and surmounted by a keystone arch. First story windows are 12/12 double hung sash and have keystone lintels and plaster decorations above them. Above the south door at second level is a double door with a small metal balcony.

Sheltering the south facade is a monumental two-story front-gabled portico. Four (concrete) Ionic columns support a full-entablature: a plain frieze with dentilled cornice and raking cornice, and molded decorations in the tympanum of central shield with urns and acanthus leaves. The ceiling of the portico has a central medallion. Fluted pilasters mark the juncture of portico with central block.

The rear north facade reflects some of the same features: the three bays are clearly delineated by four two-story fluted pilasters surmounted by architrave, frieze, and dentilled cornice. The north door is set into an inset arch with keystone; above the door at second level is a rectangular concrete plaque with raised coat-of-arms. The north door opens onto a 12 by 40 foot terrace originally bounded by a balustrade.

Flanking the three-bay central section are two symmetrical three-bay wings 34 by 34 feet each, three stories high. These lateral bays are also clearly delineated (as is the north elevation) by fluted pilasters surmounted by architrave, frieze, and dentilled cornice. The 6/6 windows of the first story have flat brick arches with concrete keystones, and each is set in a shallow recessed arch. Windows on the second story have flat arches.

This three-part main block has a hip-on-hip roof with continuous shed-roof dormers on the south, and seven shed-roof dormers on the north.

The south portico leads into a large (26 by 38 foot) grand salon on the south, and a transverse stairhall on the north. Two closed-string two-run staircases rise from the central doorway along the north wall of the stairhall, then turn 90° and rise again along the east and west walls to a gallery on the south wall at second level. The newels are square and panelled; highly decorative jigsaw grillework decorates the spaces between plain balusters. The west lateral wing includes a 21 by 32 foot living room decorated with elaborate plaster cornice and medallions; there is a dining room in the corresponding position in the east lateral wing. Both rooms are further adorned by handsome Colonial Revival style mantels and pedimented door surrounds. The second story of the main block includes six bedrooms, two dressing rooms, and five baths. On the third story are six servants' rooms, one bath, and three large storage spaces.

Extending to the east is a two-story hip-roof service wing, 46 by 30 feet. It is five bays by three bays, and is the only section of the building which has a basement. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, and have concrete keystones set into flat arch lintels on the first story. The service wing houses scullery, pantry kitchen and servants' hall on the first story, and three bedrooms, one dressing room and two baths on the second. There is a metal fire escape on the north elevation.

The first story of the building has been modified to serve as a day care center. The upper stories are closed and secured.

A one-story 10 by 24 foot covered porch on the west elevation is balanced by a 9 by 15 foot storage space at the east end of the kitchen wing.

The mansion is approached by a circular drive from the south. Its grounds are now filled with apartment buildings. Immediately east of the mansion is a community swimming pool. Immediately north of the pool is a three-part one-story brick building which serves as the physical plant for the apartment complex; it was originally built as a stable and carriage house.



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Statement of Significance (continued)

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and Leander.<sup>4</sup> It remained in the possession of Leander McCormick-Goodhart until 1947 when he sold the mansion and 25 acres to a religious organization. The mansion itself was used by the Eudist Fathers, a French Catholic order, as a Seminary until 1963. Later that year the property was purchased by a real estate syndicate, and it became the centerpiece of the Willowbrook apartment complex.<sup>5</sup>

Today the first story of the mansion houses a day care center, and the carriage house to the east serves as the physical plant for the apartment complex. The mansion is in deteriorating condition, due to water damage, vandalism and neglect. It is, however, of considerable historical and architectural significance. It was designed as a country estate for an affluent Anglo-American family by one of the leading architects of the day, and is one of the last great country houses of the 1920's, an era which ended abruptly with the stock market crash and Great Depression. It is structurally sound, and restorable, and is one of only two such estate houses in Prince George's County.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deeds, EWB #1:140, #169:276; Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861; G.M. Hopkins Atlas, 1878 and 1894.

2 The American Architect, Vol. 129, No. 2497, May 20, 1926; cf. also Langley Park, A Case Study in Preservation, University of Maryland, College Park, 1987. Laurel News Leader, August 29, 1963, p. A-10.

3 The American Architect, op. cit.; Prince George's County Deed #926:171, Plat p. 173.

4 Prince George's County Deed #375:243; The Evening Star (Washington), June 19, 1964, p. C-2; Laurel News Leader, op. cit.

5 Prince George's County Deeds #926:171; #1205:311; #2851:432; The Evening Star, op. cit.; Laurel News Leader, op. cit.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- cf. Chain of title
- cf. Notes, Item # 8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 24.45 acres  
Quadrangle name Washington East, Section A

Tax map 32 /4972/ Parcel L  
Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission

date August 1987

street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPC

telephone 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

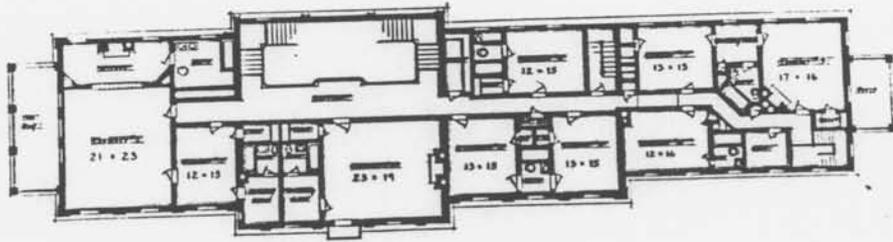
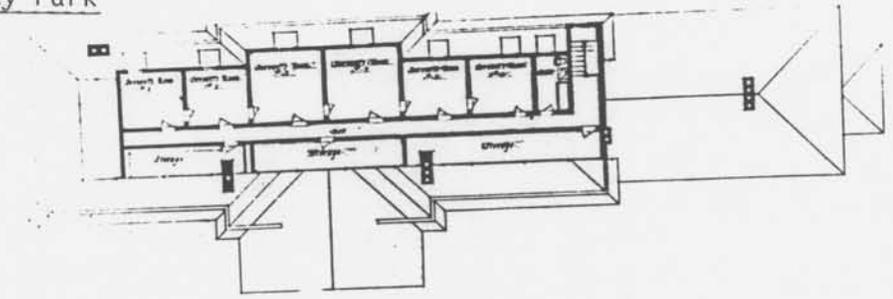
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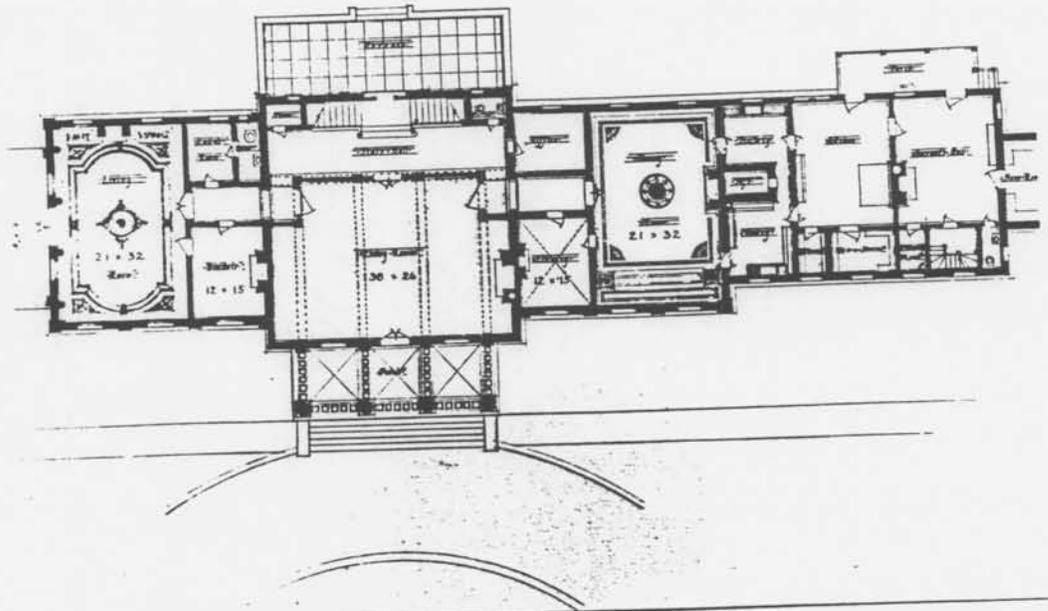
## Chain of Title

Langley Park  
P.G. #65-7

- #5040:71  
29 Dec. 1978 J. Willard Marriott to Willow Brook Real Estate, 24.4538 acres, same described in #2851:432.
- 2851:432  
5 Aug. 1963  
Deed Eudist Fathers to Teplin, Reines, Wolman and Foreman; 24.4538 acres Langley Park, as surveyed by Seybolt and George, Parcel L.
- 1205:311  
11 Jan. 1950  
Deed From S. F. Kennedy, Y. Savoie and Albert D'Amours to Eudist Fathers; Parcel 1, 24.996 acres sold by trustee Evans to D'Amours.
- 926:171  
24 Mar. 1947  
Deed From Joshua Evans, Jr., trustee for McCormick-Goodharts to Albert D'Amours; Parcel 1 (24.996 acres) including Mansion, outbuildings and lake; same as first tract in Deed 169:276.
- 375:243  
12 Dec. 1931  
Deed From Henrietta McCormick-Goodhart, widow, to Leander and Frederick H. McCormick-Goodhart, tenants in common, 231 acres.
- 169:276  
1 Jan. 1921  
Deed W. Bladen Jackson et al., to Frederick E. and Henrietta McCormick-Goodhart; Parcel #1, part of Elizabeth's Delight, 231 acres, being part of the land conveyed to B. L. and W. B. Jackson, EWB #1:140.
- EWB #1:140 From John B. King and Dionysius Sheriff, trustees, to Benjamin L. Jackson and William B. Jackson; King and Sheriff having been appointed trustees in Equity case (1852) John B. King et al., vs. James R. King.



COUNTRY HOUSE OF F. E. McCORMICK-GOODHART, NEAR WASHINGTON, D. C.  
GEORGE OAKLEY TOTTEN, JR., ARCHITECT

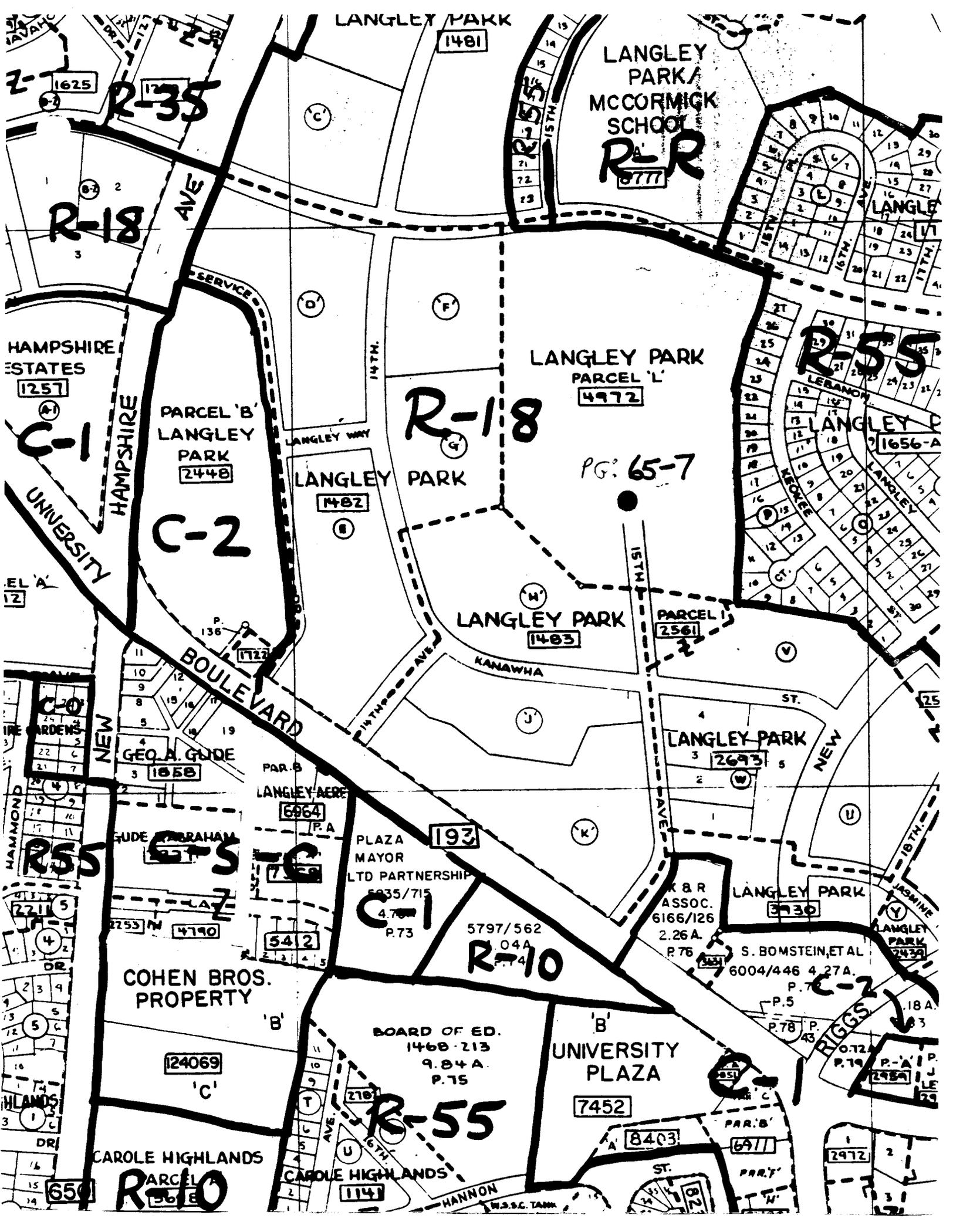


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PARCEL 'B' LANGLEY PARK 2448

LANGLEY PARK 1482

LANGLEY PARK 1483

PARCEL 1 2561

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South Elevation, detail  
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