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# National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

## 1. Name

historic Avalon

and or common Avalon

## 2. Location

street & number Off Maryland Route 31 (New Windsor Road) on Slingsluff Road/A not for publication

city, town New Windsor  vicinity of Sixth Congressional District

state Maryland code 24 county Carroll code 013

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
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	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

name Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Slingsluff

street & number Avalon

city, town New Windsor N/A vicinity of state Maryland 21776

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. New County Office Building

street & number 225 Center Street

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

## 6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1978  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

**Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance**

Number of Resources		Original historic function and uses: residential
Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites	Number of resources previously listed in the National Register: <u>0</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> structures	
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects	
<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> Total	

**DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:**

Avalon is an early 19th century brick house located at the end of a dirt lane on the south side of Maryland Route 31, approximately one mile east of the town of New Windsor in Carroll County, Maryland. The house is unique in the county in its refined expression of Neoclassical influence, and stands 1 1/2 stories high above an exposed basement constructed into a gentle slope. The west facade is laid in Flemish bond, and divided into three equal bays, with the central bay slightly recessed. The entrance, located in the central bay of the principal story, comprises a large double door framed with 3/3 sidelights, paneled pilasters, and a complex bracketed hood mold, the flanking bays hold 12/12 windows. A long flight of wooden steps reaches an open entrance porch; beneath this porch, a single door provides access to the ground (cellar) story, with an 8/8 window in each of the flanking bays. There is no watertable or belt course. Wooden panels are set into the brickwork at the half-story. a deep bracketed cornice runs along the eaves of the metal-clad gable roof. The south gable wall is also Flemish bond; a two-story retaining wall projects perpendicular to the east end of this wall. The common-bond north gable wall has a large doorway which served a breezeway which formerly connected the house to the 1 1/2-story gable-roofed brick summer kitchen standing just to the north. Also on the property is a large cellar dug into the bank behind the house, remaining from an early outbuilding since demolished. The interior is organized in a piano nobile plan, with each story partitioned into four rooms of unequal size. A remarkable freestanding spiral stair rises through the southwest hall. Interior decorative detailing comprises mantels, doors, architrave and baseboard trim reflecting Federal and Greek Revival designs. The building retains a high level of integrity.

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### GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Avalon is sited on gently sloping land, with the principal facade facing west down the hillside. The house is of brick construction, a true 1 1/2 stories high on a fully exposed cellar, with the pitched gable roof oriented on a north-south axis.

The front or west facade is divided into three equal bays, with the center bay recessed about 4 inches. A large double door on the principal floor is framed with 3/3 sidelights, paneled pilasters and a complex bracketed hood mold. Single 12/12 windows are centered in each flanking bay. Rectangular wood panels with a raised oval motif are centered above each window; triangular panels with an arched motif are set into a pair of recesses above the central door, which opens onto an open, 20th century entrance porch. A single door below the porch serves as the entrance to the ground floor (the cellar); this door is flanked by a single 8/8 window to each side.

The front facade is laid entirely in Flemish bond with no watertable or belt course. The window openings are formed with simple splayed jack arches. A deep, complex cornice with curvilinear brackets extends across the front facade and is repeated in smaller scale above the door.

The south gable wall is also offset to right of center. There are three 8/8 windows across the ground floor; the center and left window were originally doors. Several courses of American bond below the right hand window suggest the grading has been altered at some point, perhaps as part of a campaign of restoration and renovation carried out by F. Donald Shriver following his purchase of the property in 1935. A single 12/12 window is centered on the principal story, and smaller 6/6 windows are in the center and left bays of the upper story. A small opening in the upper gable provides minimal light to the attic.

A two story brick curtain wall projects perpendicular to the east end of the south wall. This wall is not keyed into the masonry of the house. An arched door opening in this wall at ground level opens into a passage that leads to the cellar of both the main house and the earlier building demolished by Mr. Shriver.

The north gable is less carefully executed. Constructed in 5:1 common bond, there is a pair of flush chimneys with a projecting base at the foot of the east chimney. Openings include a large cellar door, one large 6/6 window on the main floor and two smaller 6/6 windows in the upper story.

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The rear (east) facade is also relatively simple, with 5:1 common bond and a plainer version of the front cornice. There are four openings across the main story: a single six-panel door with one 12/12 to the left and two 12/12 windows to the right. A jib window is located in the bay immediately to the right of the entrance. A one story 20th century porch extends across the entire facade. The cellar story is completely below grade on this elevation.

The interior of the house essentially incorporates a piano nobile plan within a vernacular bank house. Principal access was apparently always through the ground level door in the west facade. The elaborate entrance above on the main floor formerly opened onto a balcony with no direct access, a feature that probably replaced an earlier entrance porch. The ground floor plan consists of four unequal sized rooms, with a remarkable "floating" circular stair in the south room, a large, sunny dining room to the southeast, a study in the northwest corner, and a kitchen and furnace room inserted into what was evidently a kitchen to northeast. A modern bath has been inserted between the two west rooms. Except for this alteration the stair hall remains completely original with Federal period architrave trim, chairrail and baseboard. The stair rises against the south and west walls and then curves up in a free-standing spiral to the principal floor. It has plain round rail, square balusters, and a relatively plain carriage.

The dining room also retains Federal period architrave trim and chairrail but the baseboard appears later and the floor has been replaced in recent years, presumably due to moisture. The mantel appears to be a 20th century custom built replica, possibly added by Mr. Shriver.

The study was completely renovated by Mr. Shriver, as was the old kitchen.

The four room plan is repeated on the principal floor with the addition of a bathroom inserted between the two north rooms by Mr. Shriver.

The stair continues up in a sweeping spiral to the second floor, and is further embellished by a reeded column with a carved Ionic capital.

The woodwork throughout the principal floor is more typical of the Greek Revival period, but has the appearance of being original, suggesting an exceptionally early, avant-garde occurrence consistent with the unusual refinement of the building's overall design. The architrave trim is symmetrically molded with Greek ogee-astrayal moldings and turned corner blocks; while this type of trim is most commonly associated with the period ca. 1830-50, it has been found in contexts as early as 1798 (at Druid Hill in Baltimore).<sup>1</sup> The mantel in the southeast room (the living room) is the most

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<sup>1</sup>Michael F. Trostel, A.I.A., personal communication.

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dramatic feature of this floor (aside from the stair). It has an exceptionally large broad surround with paneled pilasters flanking the opening, plain sideblocks and center block against a plain frieze and highly decorative complex molded shelf that breaks forward above the blocks.

The mantel in the northeast room appears to have been extensively reworked by Mr. Shriver, including a new frieze board, shelf and shelf moldings.

An elaborate mantel may also be seen in the northwest room but cannot be examined in detail due to the room's use as a bed chamber by Mrs. Slingluff, an invalid.

The four room plan is repeated on the second story, but with a storeroom between the two west rooms and a pair of shallow closets extending across the south gable wall of both south chambers. The woodwork on this floor is Federal in character, matching the ground floor.

Access to the roof is gained through a trap door in the southeast second-floor chamber. The roof framing comprises pit sawn common rafters joined at the ridge with a pinned mortise-and-tenon joint; pitch is relatively modest. The joists are not continuous, but are joined over a longitudinal partition. A pair of light braces runs diagonally from joists to rafters; they are half-lapped over these members and secured with double-struck nails. Later 1" x 10" boards run horizontally at the level of the intersection of the rafters and braces; these members are also attached with double-struck nails. Most of the 1" bracing is vertical sawn.

Troughs cut into the top face of some rafters indicate that the early roof had narrow (probably 1" x 3") nailers; this was replaced in the nineteenth century with wide board sheathing held in place by mature machine nails. The slate which is attached to this sheathing probably replaces an earlier covering of wood shingles. A metal roof, put on after 1935, now conceals the slate.

A 1 1/2-story brick summer kitchen stands to the north of the house; its west gable facade is two bays wide, with an entrance in the south bay and a 6/6 window in the north bay. A single window is centered on the second story. A door in the south wall marks the location of a breezeway which formerly connected the summer kitchen to the main house. The interior of the kitchen has two rooms on each story, with a large hearth and bakeoven in the north room on the first floor. Much of the interior finish has been renewed in recent years; historic trim which survives is quite plain. A small one-story shed-roofed wing projects from the north wall of the kitchen.

# C. 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 type="checkbox"/> religion
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**Specific dates** ca. 1814      **Builder Architect** unknown

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Applicable Criteria: C  
 Applicable Exceptions: none  
 Significance Evaluated: local

**SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:**

Avalon is significant for its architecture. In form and detailing, the house presents an urbane expression of Neoclassical influence which is unique in rural Carroll County. The ground story of the house is constructed against a partially-excavated slope, consistent with the traditional bank-house form which characterized vernacular domestic architecture in Piedmont central Maryland in the 18th and early 19th century; this tradition is expressed as a highly-refined piano nobile form featuring an exceptional freestanding spiral staircase and elegant Neoclassical detailing.

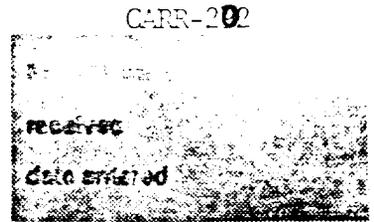
**HISTORY AND SUPPORT:**

The construction of Avalon is attributed to Francis Hollingsworth (1773-1826), a prominent Baltimore merchant who purchased the land on which the building stands in 1808; in 1814, Jesse Slingluff purchased the acreage and the deed of transfer mentions a house on the property at that time. Jesse Slingluff was president of the Commercial and Farmers' Bank of Baltimore; according to J. Thomas Scharf, Slingluff bought Avalon to provide a safe location for his family in response to the British threat to Baltimore in the War of 1812. His son, Isaac Slingluff, came into possession of Avalon following the death of Jesse in 1836.

Avalon remained in the Slingluff family continuously until 1935, when F. Donald Shriver purchased the property. Shriver is responsible for the installation of running water, electrical service, and central heating in the house. He also demolished an early building that stood adjacent to the east facade (its foundation survives as a cellar accessible through the southeast ground-floor room and independently through a door in the retaining wall which extends from the southeast corner of the building). Bathrooms were inserted in the ground and first-floor rooms, knotty-pine paneling was installed in the northwest ground-floor room, and some ceilings were tiled during Shriver's ownership; the present metal roof was installed during this period as well.

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## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA:

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification: Boundaries are depicted on the attached plat, drawn to a scale of 1" = 100'. The nominated property, 10.585 acres, represents the remnant of the acreage historically associated with the resource and contributes to its integrity of setting. The surrounding property is slated for residential development.

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES:

Scarf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland (1882; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968), pp. 904-5.

Land Records of Carroll and Frederick Counties.

Historical Society of Carroll County research files.

Papenfuse, Edward C. et. al., A Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature 1635-1789 (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1979), Vol. 1, pp. 448-9.

# 9. Major Lithographical References

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See Continuation Sheet No. 4.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 10.585 acres

Quadrangle name New Windsor, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UTM References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet No. 4

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

state	N/A	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Peter Kurtze/Orlando Ridout V/ Joe Getty

organization Maryland Historical Trust date March 1987

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 974-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *[Signature]* 7-16-87

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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

date

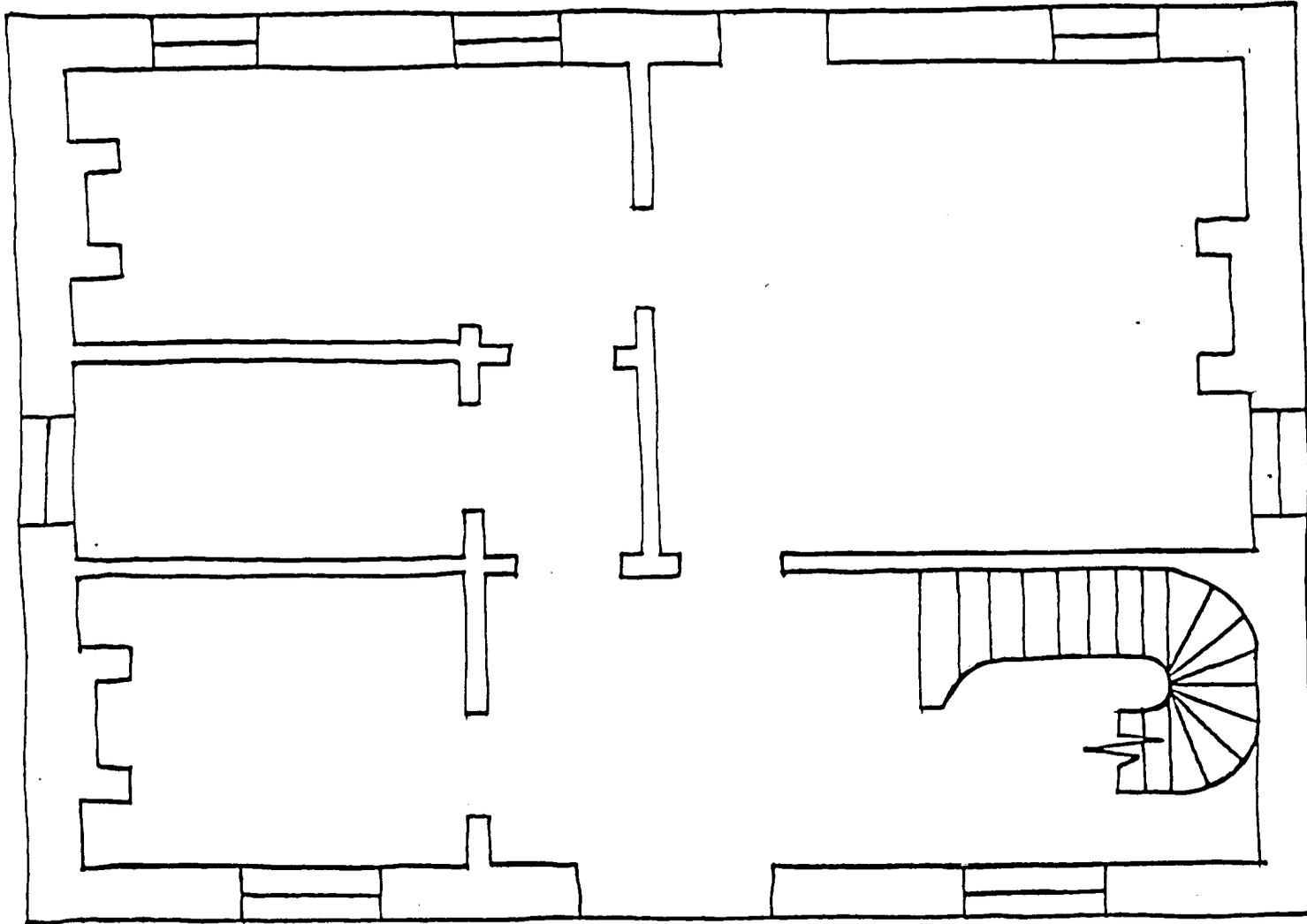
Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

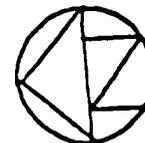
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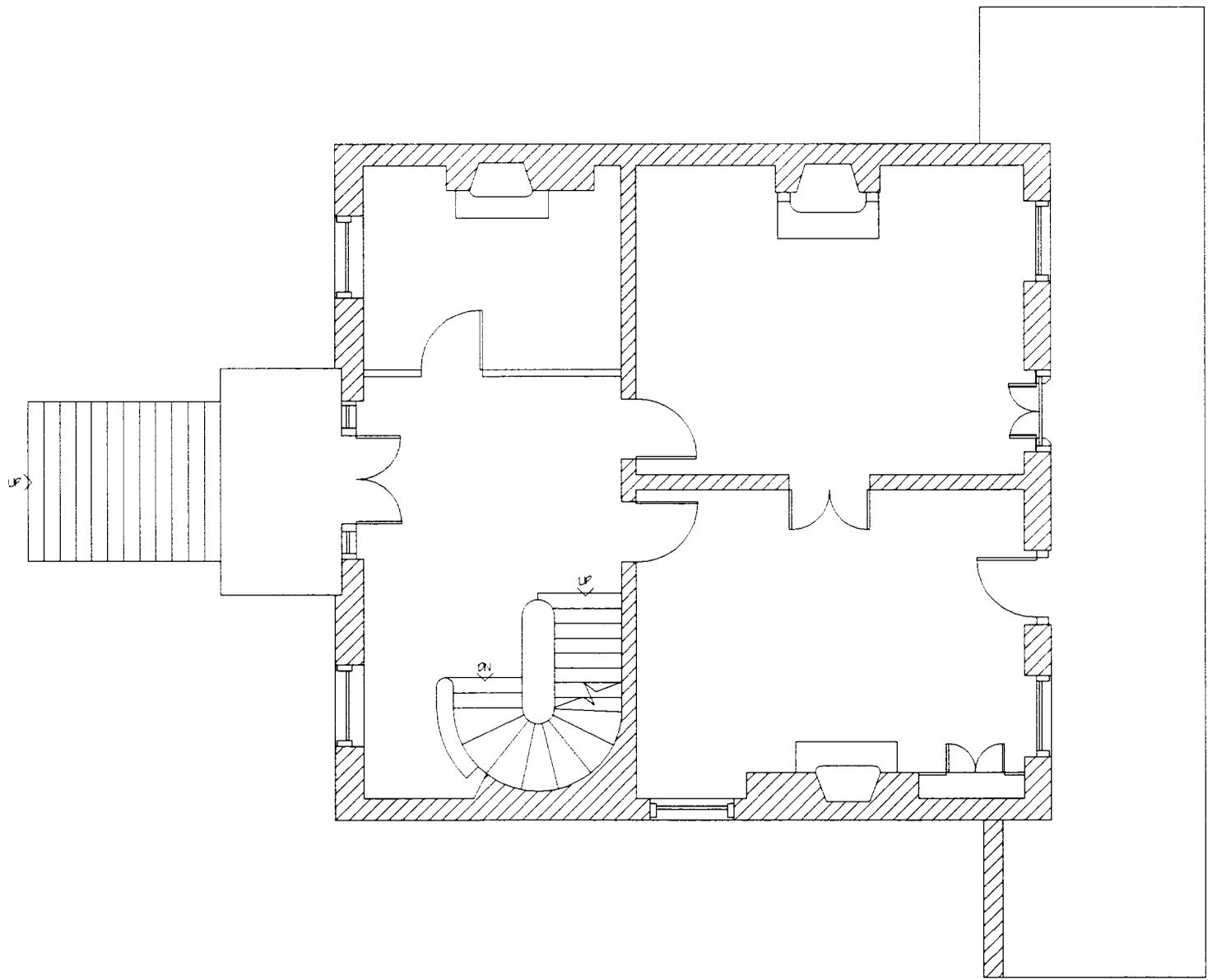


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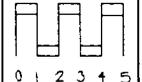
AVALON  
1111 SLINGLUFF LANE

MEASURED BY KEN SHORT AND BARB LILLY

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

DRAWN BY KEN SHORT

DECEMBER 1996



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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Avalon

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

E of New Windsor off MD 31  
dirt lane on south side of Md. Rte. 31,

one mile east of New Windsor

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

X VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE  
024

COUNTY  
Carroll

CODE  
013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Lee Slingluff

STREET & NUMBER

Avalon

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor,

X VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New County Office Building

STREET & NUMBER

225 Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster,

STATE

Maryland 21157

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ayalon is located at the end of a dirt lane on the south side of Maryland Route 31, approximately one mile east of New Windsor, Carroll County. Built in the early nineteenth century, the house is the best example of Neo-classical style domestic architecture in the county.

Avalon is an imposing brick, block-shaped structure whose vertical orientation is balanced by its stable proportions. The vertical thrust of the house is caused by a combination of its site and design. The house is built on a gentle slope facing a valley, so that it sits above the approach to the Flemish-bond main facade (west elevation). Actually the house is constructed into the slope, so that the principal floor (second story) is at ground level on the east elevation. However, a two-story retaining wall on the south and a two-story, gable facade summer kitchen on the north camouflage the slope, thus emphasizing the vertical lines of the house. The design of the two and one-half story west elevation, with white panel friezes in the half story, enhances this verticality but also controls it with a heavy cornice, a well-grounded first story, and ornamental concentration on the principal story.

The west elevation is divided into three sections, with the central bay slightly recessed. The first and second stories of the central bay have doorways while the half-story has a geometrical pattern of two panels. The two panels are right triangles with a crescent-shaped curve substituted for their hypotenuse which visually create a segmental arch over the principal doorway. The principal doorway has four-panelled double doors with three-over-three sidelights and molded pilaster strips with bracket capitals. This doorway has a strapwork, modillion and molded bead cornice. A porch and stairway on Brick posts replaces an earlier balcony here; the original treatment of this entrance is unknown. The first story entrance is a single door in a molded frame. The outer bays on each side contain eight-over-eight sash windows on the first story, twelve-over-twelve sash windows on the principal story, and rectangular panels with a molded ellipse on the half-story. The gable roof has a strapwork and modillion cornice on the west elevation. All of the windows throughout the house have flat arch brick lintels and black louvered shutters. The wooden ornamentation is painted white.

The Flemish bond south elevation has a wide interior and chimney stack just east of the roof ridge. The first story has three six-over-six windows, two of which show alterations in the brickwork below them. There is a central nine-over-nine window in the principal story, and two small six-over-six windows in the half-story. The north elevation has similar fenestration except for the first story where the only opening is a breezeway entrance to the summer kitchen which has been converted into a window. Also, this north gable has two brick chimney stacks, one on either side of the roof ridge.

The east elevation is ground level at the principal story and has a four-bay facade with twelve-over-twelve sash windows in all bays except the

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second from the south which contains the entrance. This facade is stuccoed under a one-story porch, which continues along the south retaining wall. The west side of this retaining wall has an arched entrance to a root cellar.

The interior has an asymmetrical plan with two large rooms on the east side, a smaller one in the northwest corner, and a free-hanging spiral staircase in the southwest corner of the long, narrow southwest room. The staircase is part of the entrance hall on both stories and rises the full height of the house. It is constructed against the partition wall and the south wall of the house. The south wall has a curved section to support part of the staircase, and this projecting section is ornamented with a reeded half column. The staircase itself has little ornamentation, an avoid handrail and slender square balusters, relying on its sculptural quality for its effect. All of the interior woodwork is Federal style, with the finest examples on the principal floor. The rooms have molded door frames with bull's eye corner blocks, molded chair rails and mantel with pilaster strips and dentil shelves.

The two-story summer kitchen has two rooms to each story with a large hearth and bake oven on the first story. Its west elevation is a gable facade with two bays (a doorway and a window) on the first story and a central window on the second story. The north elevation has a doorway where a breezeway once existed to the main house.

# **B SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Avalon is the best example of the American Neo-classical style of architecture in Carroll County. The house is thoroughly Neo-classical in design and is unlike any other structure (in architectural style as well as refinement) in the area. The exterior presents a symmetrical, three-part facade which reveals nothing concerning the arrangement of interior space except for the attention given to the second story. The ornamentation is appropriate to the style, particularly the near-abstract half-story friezes. The interior has an asymmetrical plan focusing around two large formal rooms, with ornamental attention on the free-hanging spiral staircase. The only architectural element that reveals Avalon's rural origin is its construction into a slope.

Little is known concerning the history of the house. In 1814 Jesse Slingluff purchased the property from Francis Hollingsworth, and the deed of transfer mentions a house on the property at that time. Hollingsworth had owned the property since 1808, and local sources state that he built the house between those years. Jesse Slingluff lived in Baltimore and retired to Avalon in 1836. The property has remained in the Slingluff family except for thirty-seven years in the early twentieth century.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 132.5 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	320680	4378200	D	18	320480	4377950

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

E	18	3119800	4378570
F	18	3200000	4379120

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Getty

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

212 York Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Manchester,

STATE

Maryland 21102

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John N. Pearce* 7/17/78

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

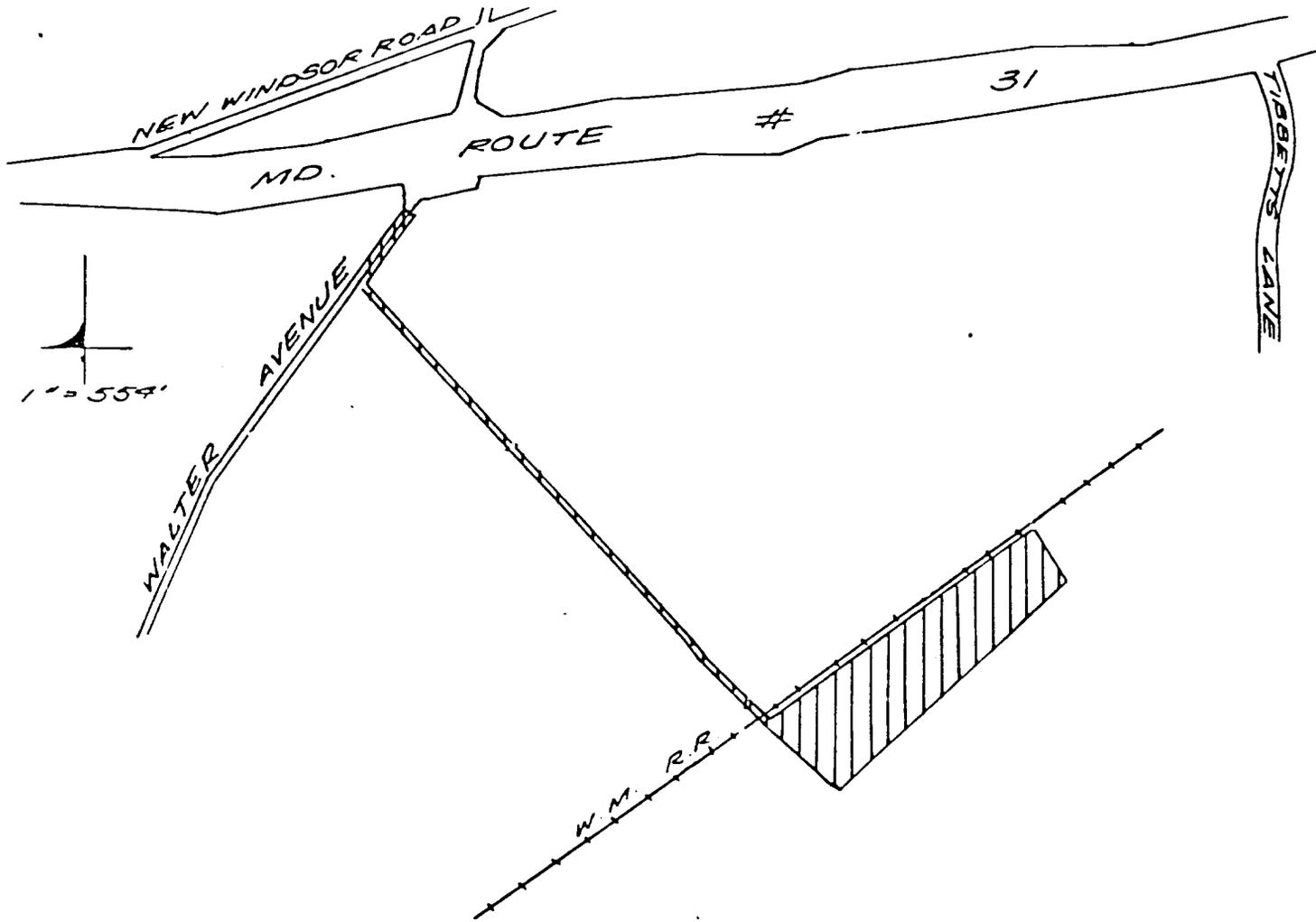
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KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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National Register Boundaries



Hatched area indicates nominated property (approximately 10.585 acres)

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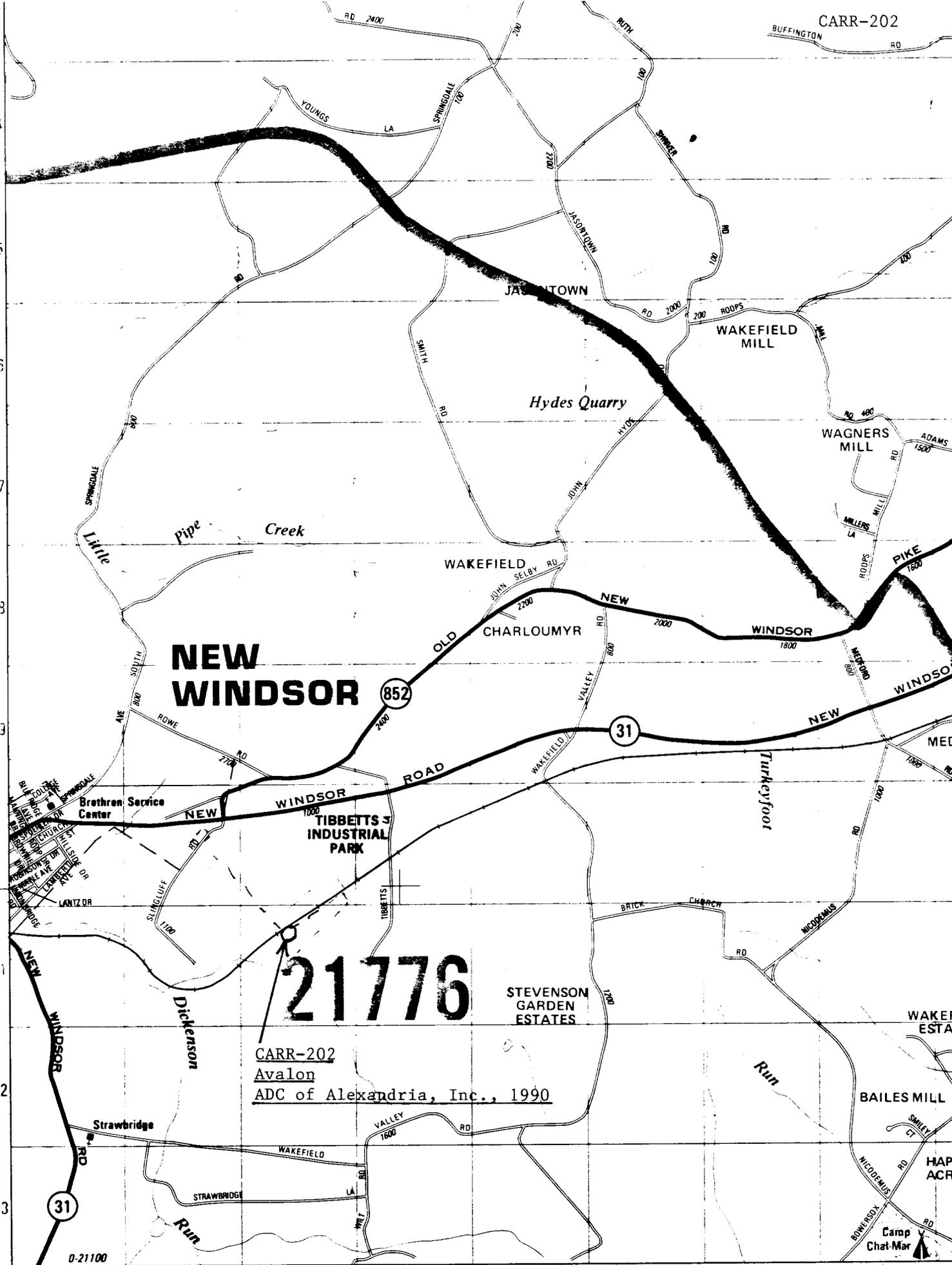
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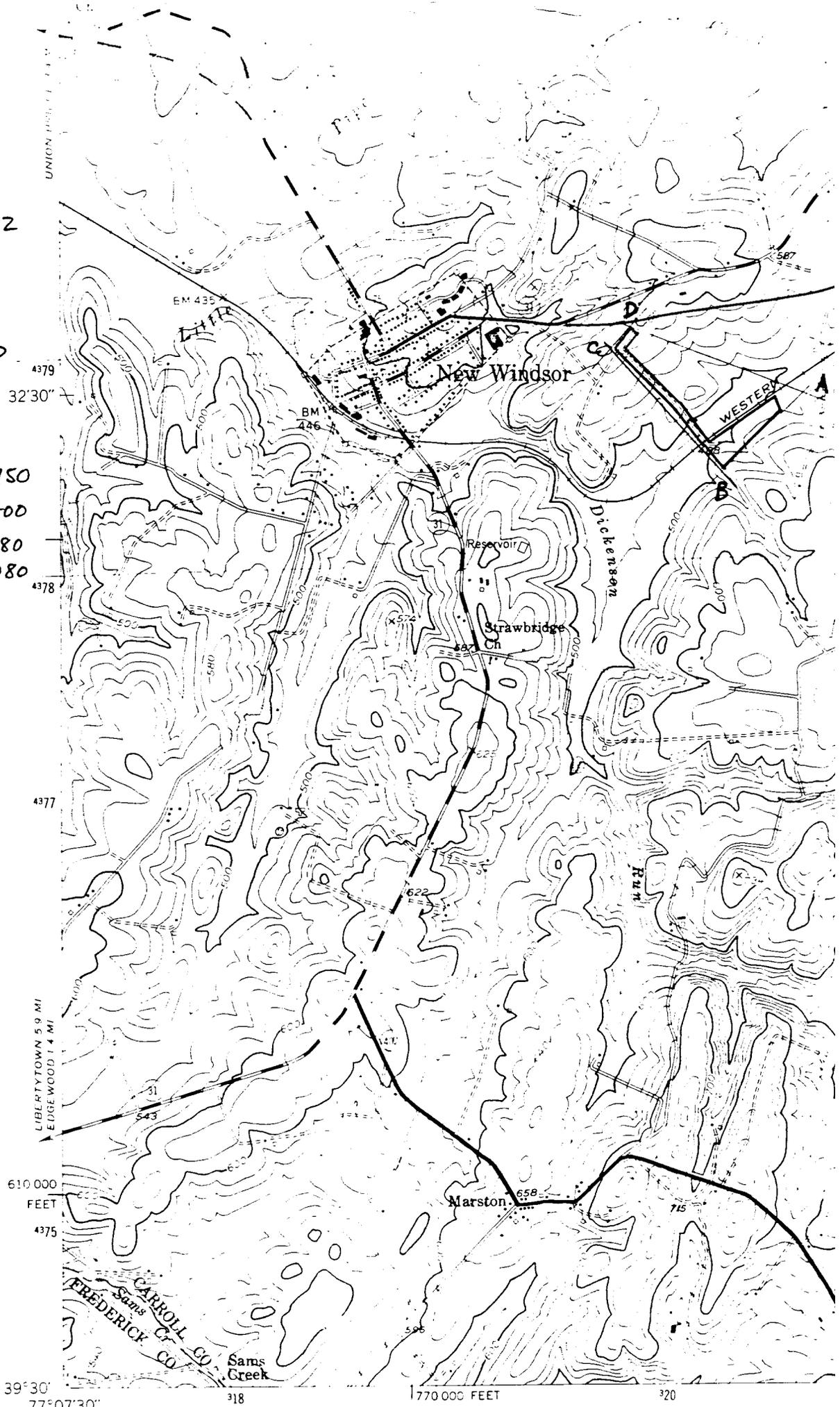
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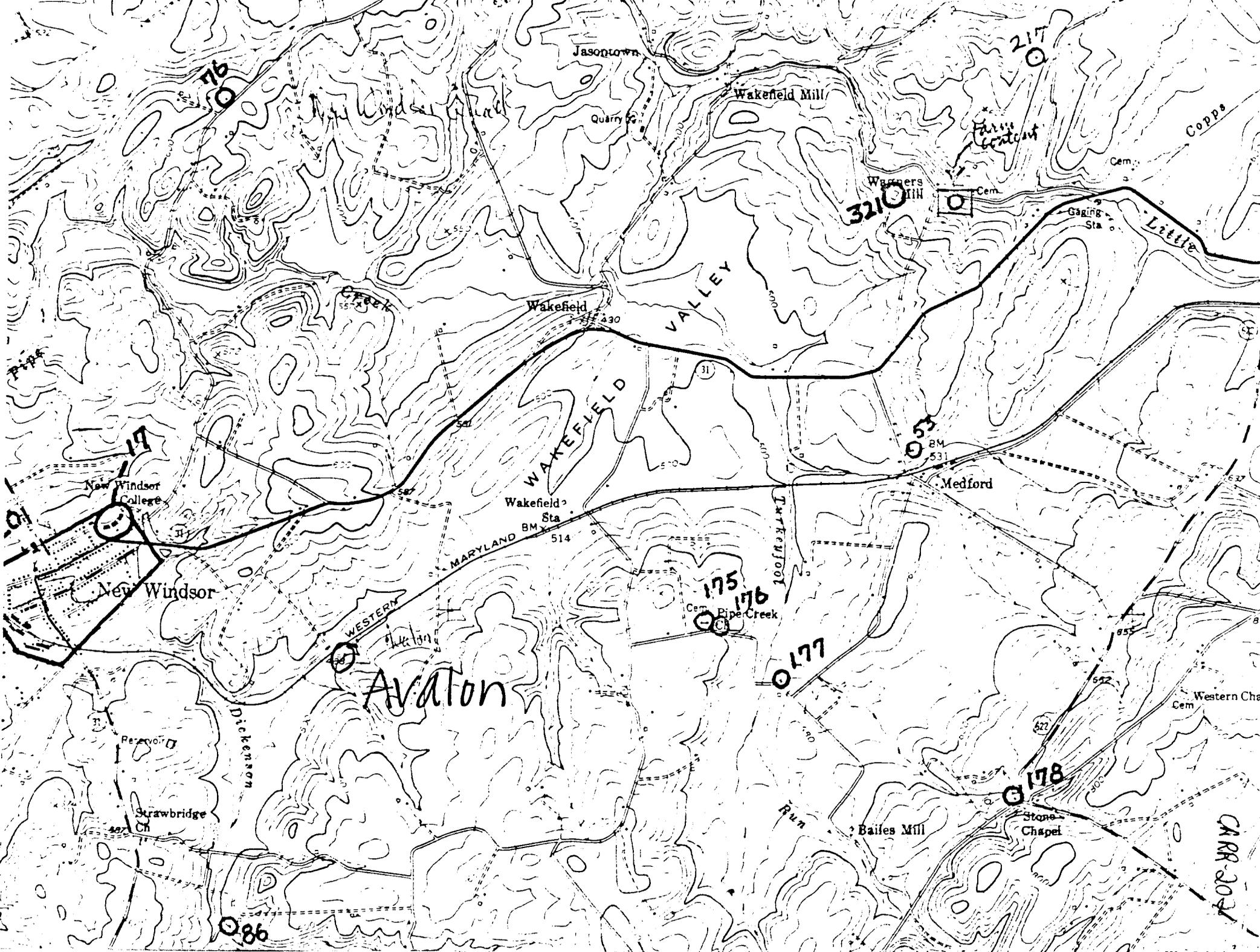
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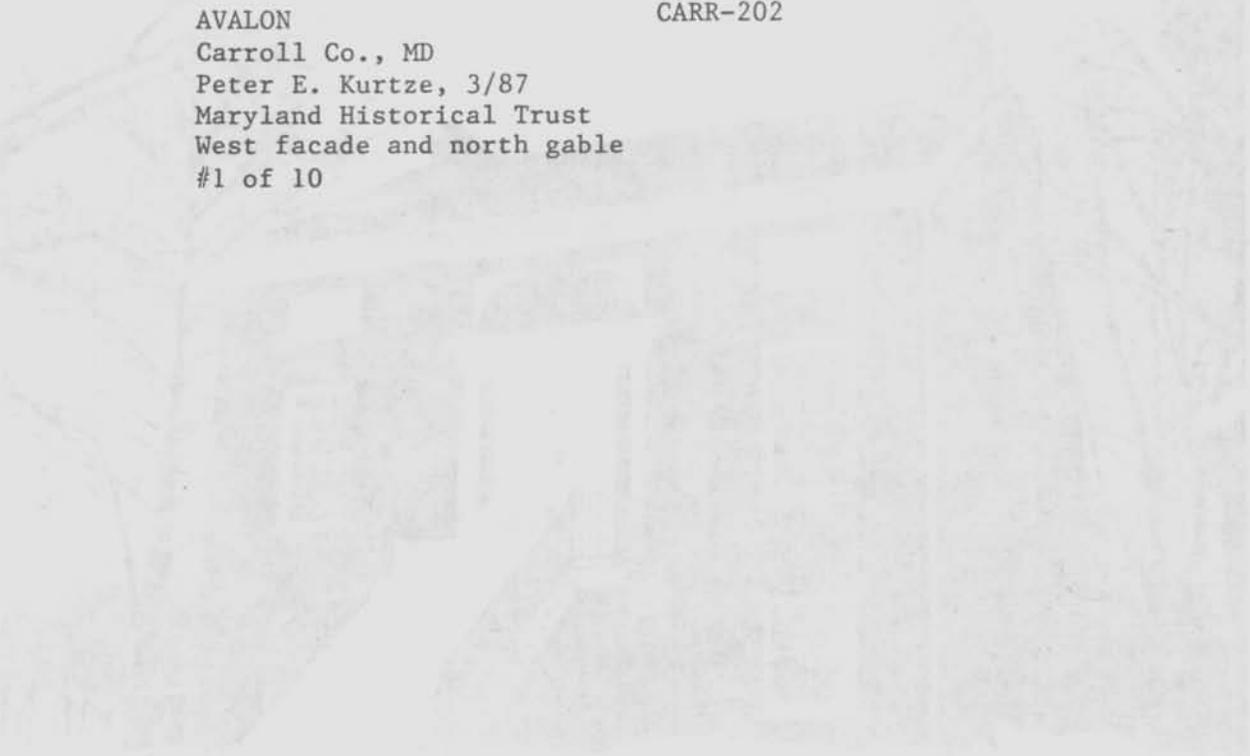


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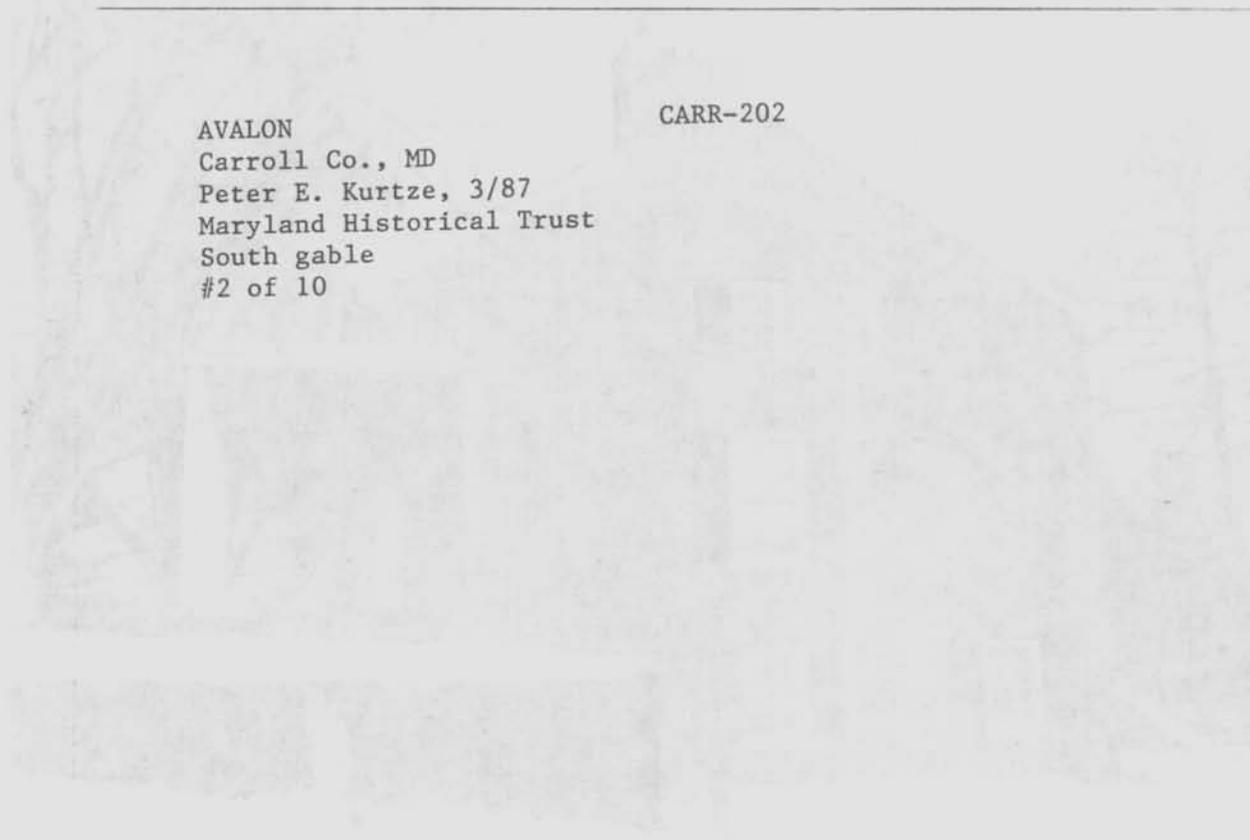
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West facade and north gable  
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South gable  
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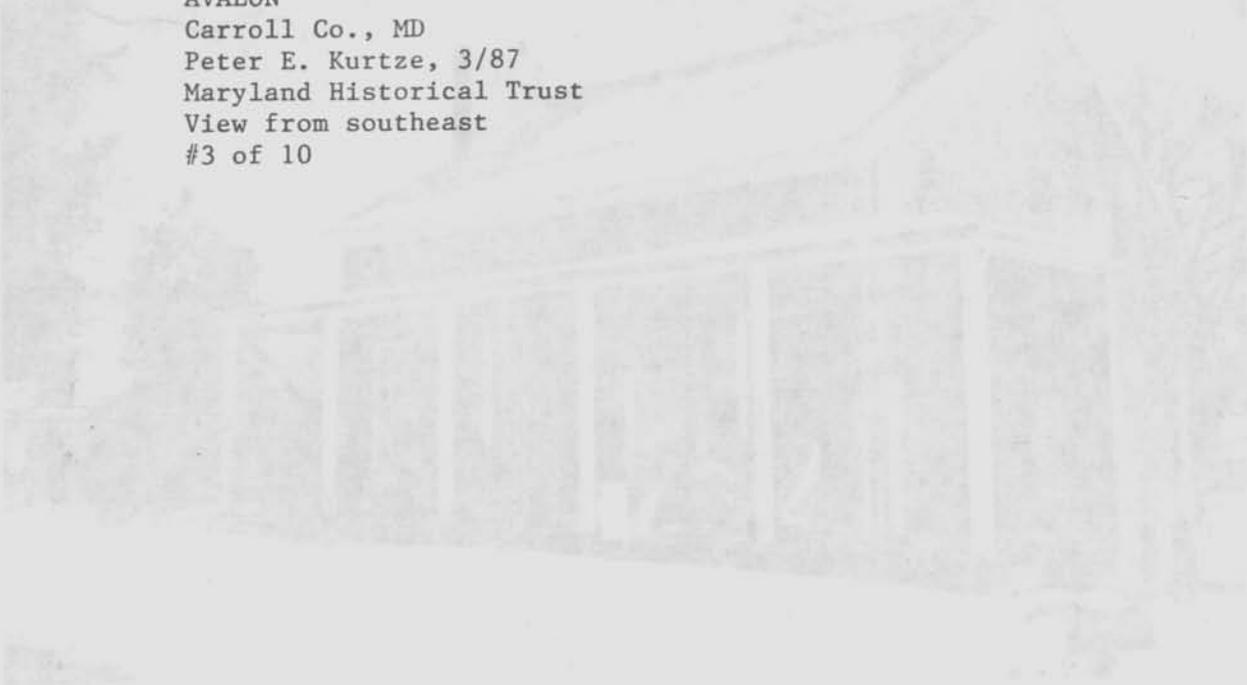
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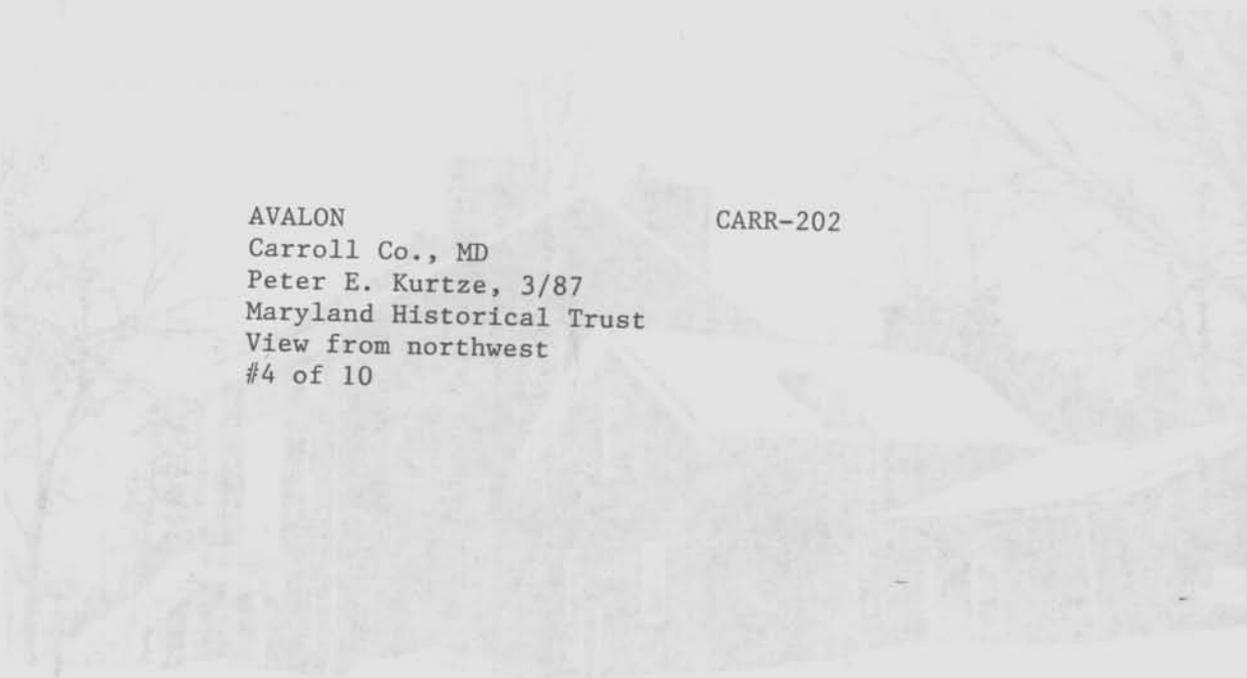
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View from southeast  
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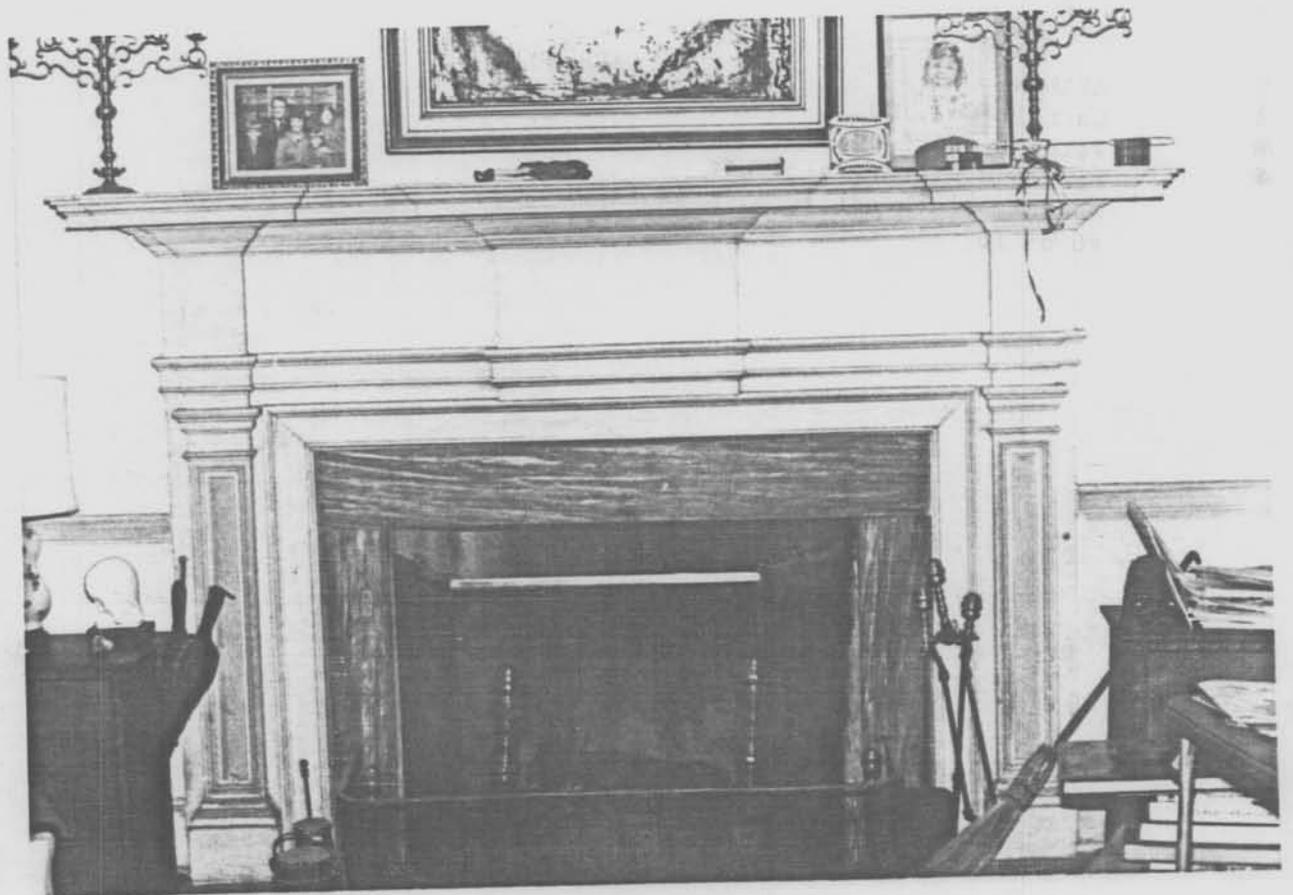
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View from northwest  
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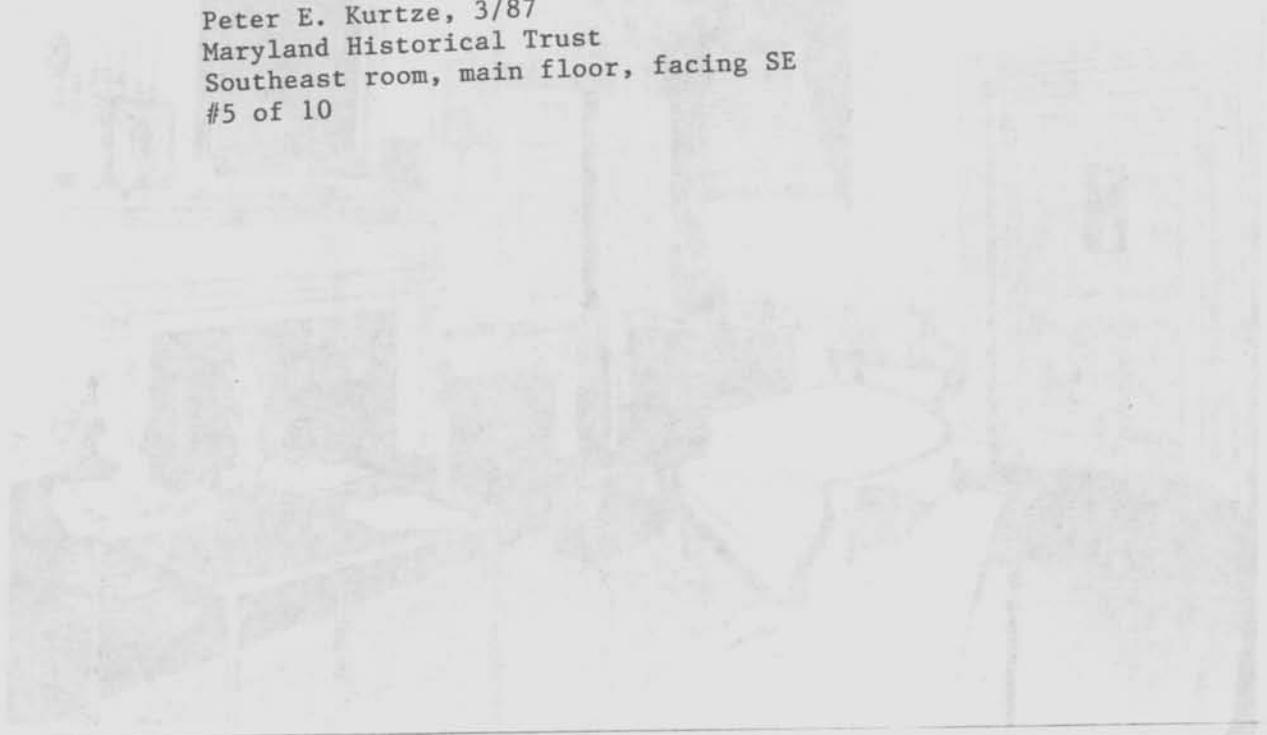
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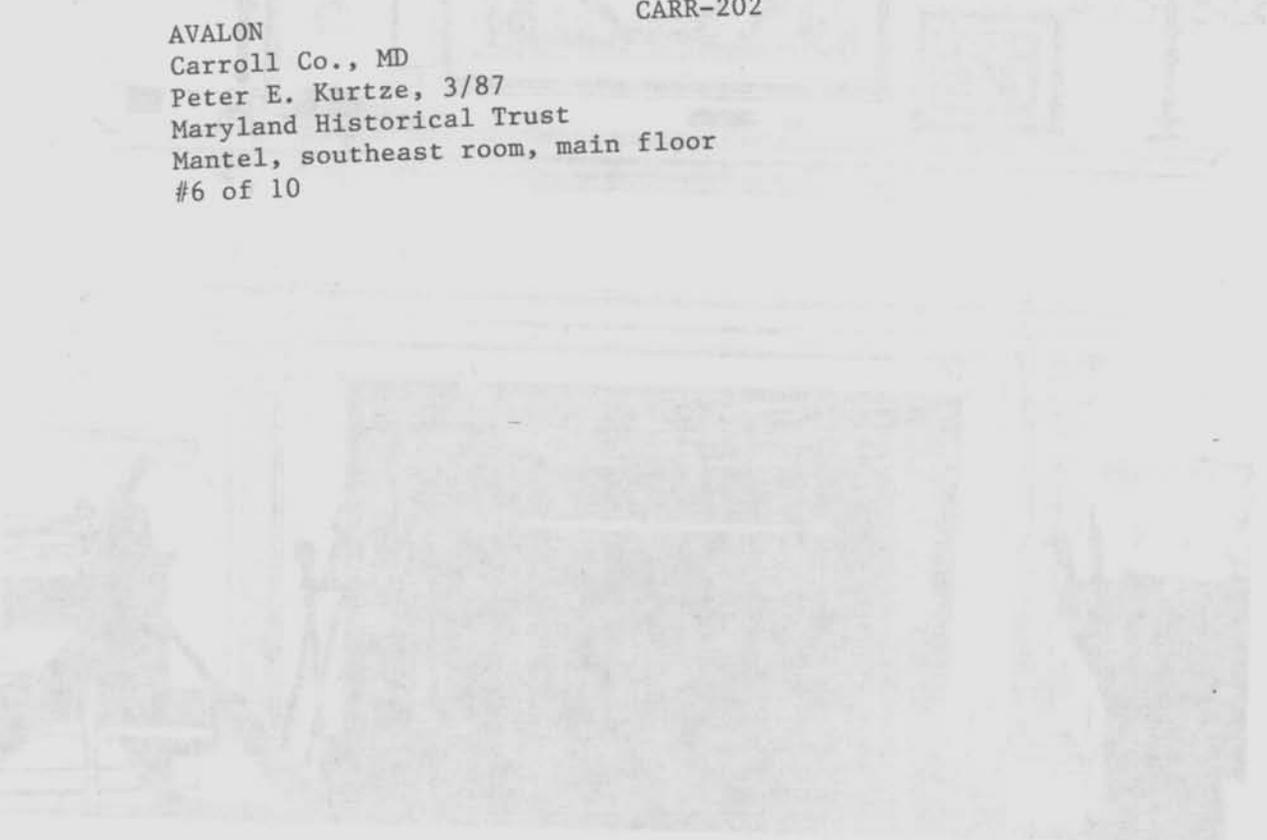
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Southeast room, main floor, facing SE  
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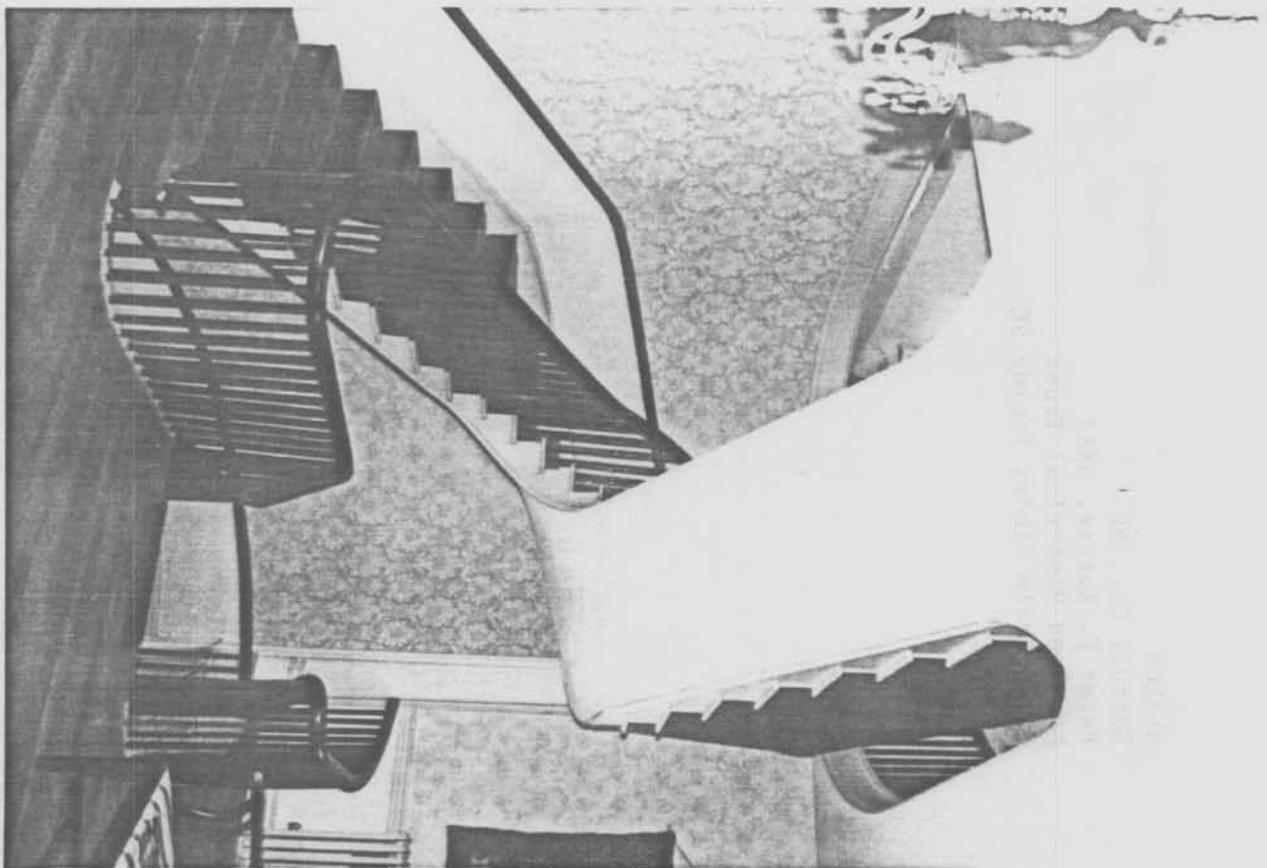
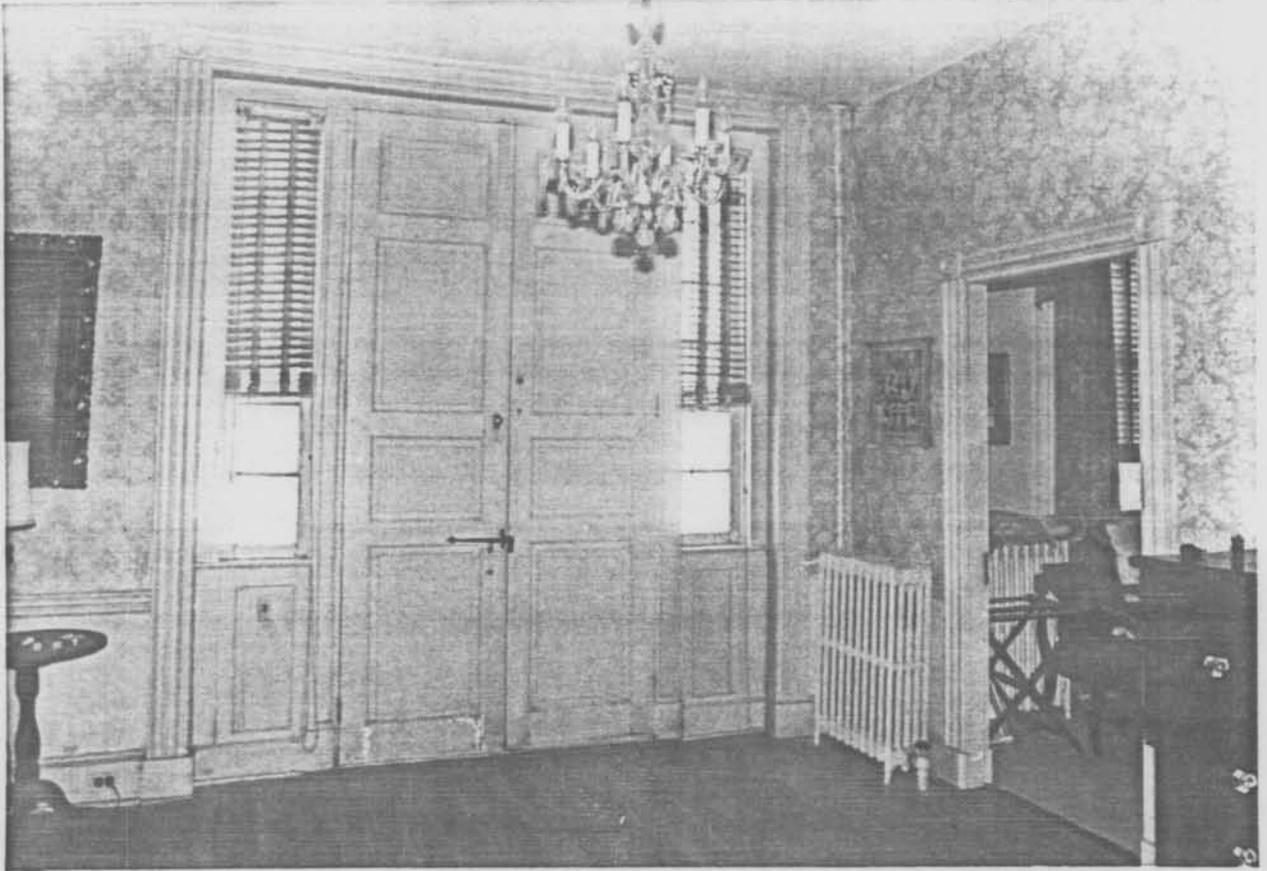


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Mantel, southeast room, main floor  
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Entrance hall, main floor, facing NW  
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Stair, main floor, facing SE  
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Stair, main floor, facing SW  
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Stair, ground floor, facing SE  
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