

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-10 Building Date: 1896

Building Name: McDonnell House

Location: 7400 Dartmouth Avenue

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The McDonnell House is a large two and one-half story frame, gable roof dwelling with a wrap-around entry porch. It stands on a high brick foundation. It is located on a large tree-shaded corner lot in Old Town College Park. The three bay east (main) facade fronts on Dartmouth Avenue. The entry door, in the third bay, is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The door surround has a wide lintel with a raised crown molding. The 1/1 double-hung sash windows have a similar surround. The first story is sheltered by a hipped roof entrance porch which wraps around the south side of the building. The McDonnell House is basically rectangular in shape, with a projecting cross gable on the south and west sides. It is covered with narrow lapped horizontal wood siding milled in sets of two courses rather than only one. The boxed, crown molded cornice returns in the gable ends. All of the upper gables are covered with fishscale shingles and lighted by a centered window. The roof covering is slate.

Significance

The McDonnell House is significant for its simplified, late nineteenth century adaptation of the Queen Anne style. Built in 1896, it serves as a fine example of one of the early residences in College Park. The house is also significant for its association with its first and long-time resident, Dr. Henry B. McDonnell. McDonnell served as first Dean of the School of Chemistry, 1919-1921, of the University of Maryland. The McDonnell House was constructed in 1896 for the McDonnell family and Dr. McDonnell resided there until his death in 1958. The interior is essentially unaltered, retaining original plaster, light fixtures and moldings. The house retains the decorative surface materials of the Queen Anne style. The style is simplified however. The result is an imposing house in a more modern suburban style than the traditional Queen Anne. Simplification of late nineteenth century styles occurred as new suburban housing was constructed in the last decade of the nineteenth century and in the early decades of the twentieth century.

Acreage: 10,000 square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McDonnell House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 7400 Dartmouth Avenue  not for publication

city, town College Park  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland 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 type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert H. Schnabel

street & number 7400 Dartmouth Avenue telephone no.:

city, town College Park state and zip code Maryland 20740

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5622

street & number Main Street folio 930

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. 66-10

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

The McDonnell House is a large two and one-half story frame, gable roof dwelling dating to 1896. It has a wrap-around entry porch and is set on a high brick foundation. It is located on a large tree-shaded corner lot in Old Town College Park.

The three bay east (main) facade fronts on Dartmouth Avenue. The entry door, in the third bay, is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The door surround has a wide lintel with a raised crown molding. The 1/1 double-hung sash windows have a similar surround. The first story is sheltered by a hipped roof entrance porch which wraps around the south side of the building. The porch has turned and chamfered posts. The brackets, which have been removed while the porch is being repaired, are simple curving arcs of wood. The porch rests on brick piers and is reached by a flight of five concrete stairs. The east facade is surmounted by a centered cross-gable covered with fishscale shingle. A rectangular 1/1 sash window with a crown-molded lintel is centered in the upper gable.

The McDonnell House is basically rectangular in shape, with a projecting cross gable on the south and west sides. It is covered with narrow lapped horizontal wood siding milled in sets of two courses rather than only one. The boxed, crown molded cornice returns in the gable ends. All of the upper gables are covered with fishscale shingles and lighted by a centered window. The roof covering is slate.

The south elevation is irregularly massed. The two bay main block is surmounted by a gable with a window centered at loft level. The entry porch shelters the first story, and stops upon intersecting a projecting gable roof bay at the center of the facade. This projecting two story bay is somewhat lower than the main block and has an oval window with a wide surround centered at loft level. The kitchen wing projects to the west (rear) of the dwelling and is two bays on the south side. In the ell formed by the kitchen wing and the projecting south bay is a one story, one bay infill which contains a small office. A brick chimney with a corbelled cap projects from the roof of the kitchen wing, above the office.

The two bay west (rear) gable end is narrower than the main block. A brick chimney rises from the gable ridge. A bulkhead cellar entrance is beneath the first bay. A rear entry to the kitchen is through a shed roof enclosed porch on the north side of the wing.

The three-bay north elevation is surmounted by a broad gable. The facade is irregularly fenestrated, with windows unevenly spaced. There is a rectangular window centered in the gable at loft level. The one-bay north elevation of the kitchen wing is inset from the north facade by approximately four feet. A large 2/2 sash window with louvered shutters is on the north wall of the enclosed shed roof rear porch.

The interior of the McDonnell House has an irregular plan. The north side stairhall is short and wide, forming a room rather than a hall. It is flanked to the left or south by a parlor. There is a second parlor and a dining room at the center of the house and a kitchen, pantry and small office at the back of the house.

The entry door has three horizontal lower panels and an upper large rectangular glazed pane. It is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The door is of dark varnished wood as are the doors and moldings throughout the house. The elaborately molded surround has an inner bead, a center ogee and an outer rectangular backband. The lintel has a wide plain frieze and a crown molded cornice.

The closed string stair rises along the north wall of the stairhall, turns 90° at a small square landing and rises along the west wall to the second story. The second run of the stair is enclosed. The balusters are turned with rectangular blocks at the upper and lower ends. The rectangular newel post has inset panels with bead molding. It is set on a high base, and there is a dentilled band beneath the flat, overhanging cap. The spandrel is paneled with narrow vertical board wainscot. The baseboard throughout the first story is approximately ten inches wide, with an elaborate cap having two half-round moldings.

The flooring throughout the interior is of narrow regular width boards. The plaster is original as are the light fixtures in the stairhall and the principal first floor rooms.

A large rectangular opening with pocket doors in the south wall of the stairhall leads to the front parlor. A door at the west end of the hall enters the dining room.

The dining room measures 17 x 17 feet as do the other two principal rooms on the first story. There is a built-in china closet in the west wall of the room, which double leaded glass doors. The closet has the same surround and lintel as doors throughout the house. Pocket doors in the south wall of the room lead to the southwest parlor. A mantel on the west wall of the parlor is the only hearth in the house. The original mantel has been replaced by a brick surround. In the west wall, south of the hearth is an entry to a small room, measuring approximately 6 x 8 feet, which served as an office for the first resident of the house, Professor Henry B. McDonnell. It is lighted by a small 1/1 sash window.

In the southwest corner of the dining room is an entry to a back hallway, containing the door to the basement stair, an enclosed back stair to the second story and pantry shelving. Access to the kitchen is via this back hallway.

The second floor of the house has a central hall running east-west, with five bedrooms opening off of it. Wood moldings and doors are the same as those on the first story, except that the doors are surmounted by transoms. The doors have the original butt hinges with Victorian floral designs. At the west end of the hall is an entry to the enclosed rear stair and an adjoining entry to the attic stair. The door to the attic is narrow with a wooden handle, three lower wood panels and an upper glazed panel. An original bathroom is at the west end of the hall. It has vertical board wainscotting surmounted by a chair rail, a wooden floor, a bathtub with ball-and-claw feet and an original furnace vent with an iron grill.

A shed roof frame chicken coop that was converted to a small studio stands at the northwest corner of the lot. At the southwest corner of the lot is a two story frame gable roof stable covered with horizontal lapped wood siding. The windows are 2/2 sash. A one story lean-to covers the east gable end of this building. The south side has two large double doors of vertical boards.

There is a specimen shag bark hickory on the south lot line and a large English walnut at the center of the rear yard. A line of three cedar trees follows the west (rear) lot line.

# 8. Significance

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The McDonnell House is significant for its simplified, late nineteenth century adaptation of the Queen Anne style. Built in 1896, it serves as a fine example of one of the early residences in College Park. The house is also significant for its association with its first and long-time resident, Dr. Henry B. McDonnell. McDonnell served as first Dean of the School of Chemistry, 1919-1921, of the University of Maryland.

Henry B. McDonnell graduated in 1886 from Pennsylvania State College with a degree in Chemistry and Physics. He received a medical degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore in 1888.<sup>1</sup> He maintained a small medical practice sporadically over his career.<sup>2</sup> McDonnell was appointed Professor of Chemistry at the Maryland Agricultural College (University of Maryland) in 1891. He assumed charge of the Department of Chemistry in 1892.<sup>3</sup> McDonnell stayed at the University throughout his career, retiring in 1938. He also served as the Maryland State Chemist. He was prominent in the local community, assisting in the founding of the College Park Fire Department in 1925 and serving as the Fire Chief from 1926 through 1933.<sup>4</sup>

The McDonnell House was constructed in 1896 for the McDonnell family and Dr. McDonnell resided there until his death in 1958. The interior is essentially unaltered, retaining original plaster, light fixtures and moldings. Heavy carved chestnut architraves frame the doors and windows, and the same wood was used for the main stairway. The house retains the steeply pitched irregular roof shape, large size, facade-wide porch wrapping around one side wall, and decorative surface materials of the Queen Anne style. The style is simplified however, with the house having a primarily rectangular shape and the variation of surface treatment limited to horizontal lapped wood siding with fishscale shingles in the upper gables; and a slated-covered roof. The broad porch had turned posts with very plain arched brackets. The result is an imposing house in a more modern suburban style than the traditional Queen Anne. Simplification of late nineteenth century styles occurred as new suburban housing was constructed in the last decade of the nineteenth century and in the early decades of the twentieth century.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM  
Statement of Significance (continued)

Survey No. 86-66-10

Section 8 Page 2

---

Notes

1 Reveille, Maryland Agricultural College, 1908, Student Yearbook,  
dedicated to Dr. H. B. McDonnell.

2 Interview with Fred DeMarr, June 1988.

3 Reveille.

4 T. Raymond Burch, History and Development of the City of College Park,  
Berwyn Heights, Greenbelt and Adjacent Areas, City of College Park,  
Maryland, 1970.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#66-10

See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 10,000 sq. feet

Tax Map 33, Block 10

Quadrangle name Washington East B

Quadrangle scale Lots 11, 12

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
---	----------------------	----------------------	----------------------

Verbal boundary description and justification

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	Marina King, Architectual Historian, Susan Pearl, Architectual Historian	Research/
------------	--------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------

organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	June 1988
--------------	----------------------------------	------	-----------

street & number	14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive	telephone	952-4609
-----------------	---------------------------------	-----------	----------

city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	Maryland
--------------	----------------	-------	----------

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
 Shaw House  
 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McDonnell House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

7400 Dartmouth Avenue

CITY, TOWN

College Park

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

P.G.

**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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Margaret Hagan/ Schnabel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

7400 Dartmouth Ave.

CITY, TOWN

College Park, Md. \_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 4710

Folio #: 842

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

none

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The McDonnell house is a large two- and -one-half story frame house. The main (east) facade is three bays wide, with transomed entrance in the third bay; the central cross gable above has fish scale shingling. A one-story porch spans the east facade, then turns and shelters part of the south facade. There are lower cross gables at north and south; the boxed cornices are returned at the gable ends. Windows in the house are 1/1, and on the east facade have plain wooden lintels with fascia and crown molding.

The interior is essentially unaltered. Heavy carved chestnut architraves frame the doors and windows, and the same wood forms a handsome staircase.

Standing to the west on the oversized lot is a frame carriage house.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PG:66-10

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> _PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> _LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> _1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> _ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> _1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> _AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> _LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> _1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> _MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> _SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> _1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> _ART	<input type="checkbox"/> _ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> _MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> _THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> _EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> _TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> _1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> _COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> _INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> _POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> _OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built in 1896 by Henry B. McDonnell, professor of chemistry at the University of Maryland, who became its first Dean of Arts and Sciences.<sup>1</sup> In building this house, McDonnell abandoned the varied decorative features of the Queen Anne Style and reverted to a simpler spacious farmhouse concept, while still employing some late Victorian elements (e. g., fish scale shingles). This house reportedly had the first plumbing in College Park. McDonnell lived in this house until his death in 1958. His house serves as a fine example of one of the early residences in College Park.

1. JWB#33:732; JWB 38:676

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

JWB#33:732; JWB#38:676  
Interviews with owner/neighbors

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME/TITLE  
Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION  
P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE  
June 1981

STREET & NUMBER  
Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

TELEPHONE  
779-2011

CITY OR TOWN  
Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

CHAIN OF TITLE  
McDONNELL HOUSE  
P.G. #66-10

4710:842  
10 Aug 1978  
Deed

Miriam McDonnell Holmes to Margaret Hagan, a life estate (and after death of M. Hagan, to Robert & Billie Schnabel) lots 10, 11 and 12, block 10, College Park

2953:269  
17 Mar 1964  
Deed

Genevieve Huiess to Miriam McDonnell Holmes, lots 9-12, block 10

2953:267  
17 Mar 1964  
Deed

Ethel McDonnell<sup>et al</sup> to Genevieve Huiess, (parties of the first part being heirs at law and next of kin of Henry Barnett McDonnell), lots 9-12, block 10, Johnson & Curriden's subdivision of College Park

JWB#33:732  
21 Aug 1895  
Deed

George N. Walker to Henry B. McDonnell, lots 11 & 12, block 10,

JWB#29:631  
31 Mar 1894  
Deed

S. Herbert Giesy to George N. Walker, lots 11 & 12, block 10

JWB#26:756  
26 Dec 1893  
Deed

John Johnson to S. Herbert Giesy, lots 11 & 12, block 10

JWB#13:297  
27 June 1889  
Deed

Ella & Duncan Campbell to Johnson & Curriden, 129 acres, allotment #5 devised to Ella out of her father's (C.B. Calvert) Riversdale estate

1c  
2d, e

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey = 66-710 Date 1896

Building Name McDonnell House

Location 7400 Dartmouth Avenue, College Park, Md.

Open to Public  yes  no

The McDonnell house is a large two-and-one-half story frame house. The main (east) facade is three bays wide, with transomed entrance in the third bay; the central cross gable above has fish scale shingling. A one-story porch spans the east facade, then turns and shelters part of the south facade. There are lower cross gables at north and south; the boxed cornices are returned at the gable ends. Windows in the house are 1/1, and on the east facade have plain wooden lintels with fascia and crown molding.

The interior is essentially unaltered. Heavy carved chestnut architraves frame the doors and windows, and the same wood forms a handsome staircase.

Standing to the west on the oversized lot is a frame carriage house.

This house was built in 1896 by Henry B. McDonnell, professor of chemistry at the University of Maryland, who became its first Dean of Arts and Sciences. In building this house, McDonnell abandoned the varied decorative features of the Queen Anne style and reverted to a simpler spacious farmhouse concept, while still employing some late Victorian elements (e.g., fish scale shingles). This house reportedly had the first plumbing in College Park. McDonnell lived in this house until his death in 1958. His house serves as a fine example of one of the early residences in College Park.

Priv/sec/res/good

CHAIN OF TITLE  
McDONNELL HOUSE  
P.G. #66-10

4710:842  
10 Aug 1978  
Deed

Miriam McDonnell Holmes to Margaret Hagan, a life estate (and after death of M. Hagan, to Robert & Billie Schnabel) lots 10, 11 and 12, block 10, College Park

2953:269  
17 Mar 1964  
Deed

Genevieve Huiess to Miriam McDonnell Holmes, lots 9-12, block 10

2953:267  
17 Mar 1964  
Deed

Ethel McDonnell <sup>et al</sup> to Genevieve Huiess, (parties of the first part being heirs at law and next of kin of Henry Barnett McDonnell), lots 9-12, block 10, Johnson & Curriden's subdivision of College Park

JWB#33:732  
21 Aug 1895  
Deed

George N. Walker to Henry B. McDonnell, lots 11 & 12, block 10,

JWB#29:631  
31 Mar 1894  
Deed

S. Herbert Giesy to George N. Walker, lots 11 & 12, block 10

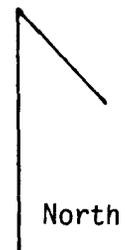
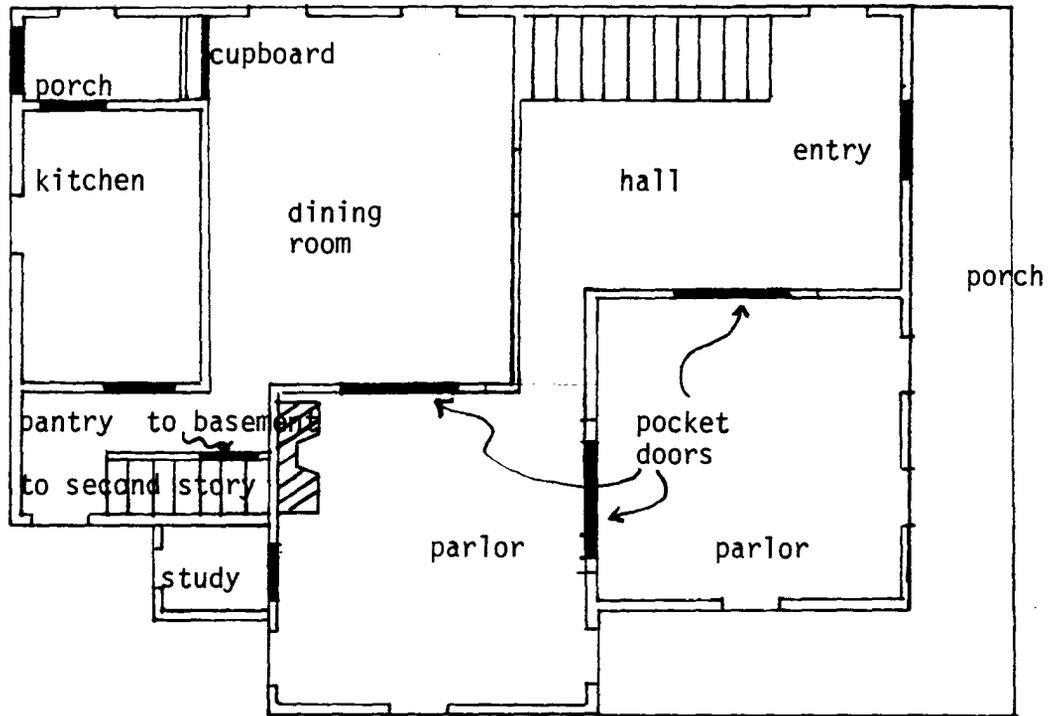
JWB#26:756  
26 Dec 1893  
Deed

John Johnson to S. Herbert Giesy, lots 11 & 12, block 10

JWB#13:297  
27 June 1889  
Deed

Ella & Duncan Campbell to Johnson & Curriden, 129 acres, allotment #5 devised to Ella out of her father's (C.B. Calvert) Riversdale estate

P.G.#66-10  
McDonnell House  
Not to scale  
spring 1988



GOLF COURSE

MD. ROUTE 193

BRANCHVILLE

PG-66-10

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
MAIN CAMPUS

McDONNELL HOUSE  
(66-10)

INDIAN CREEK PARK  
unit no.

COLLEGE PARK

LAKELAND

PAIN BRANCH PARK  
unit

GOOSE POND WOOD

BALTIMORE

LAKELAND

ROAD

AVENUE

RHODE ISLAND

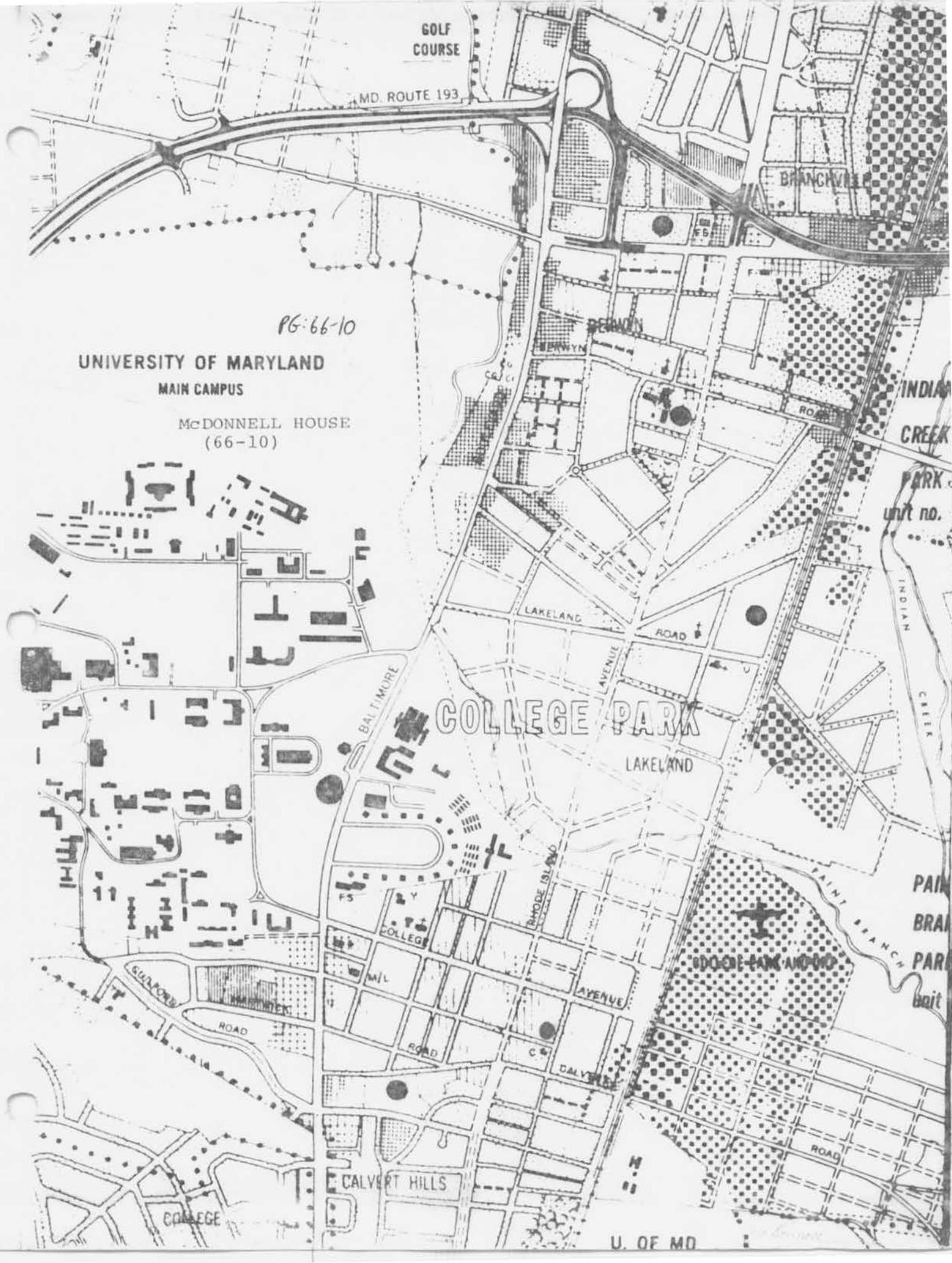
AVENUE

DALY

CALVERT HILLS

COLLEGE

U. OF MD



PG: 66-10

R-55

PAINT BRANCH  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-PARK

R-R

7588

20.28 A

PARCEL 'A'

12.30 A

I-I  
LAKE  
TEMBIA

0806

R-55

19708

7972

CURRIDEN'S

R-55

0806

"COLLEGE PARK AIRP

M.N.C.P.R.P.C.  
4232/841  
40 56A.  
P 66

I-1

R-18

SUBDIVISION

9733

R-18

9591

R-18

R-18

66 PARK

R-18

I-2

3808

R-55

ELMORE POWER'S ADD TO COLL. PARK

1441

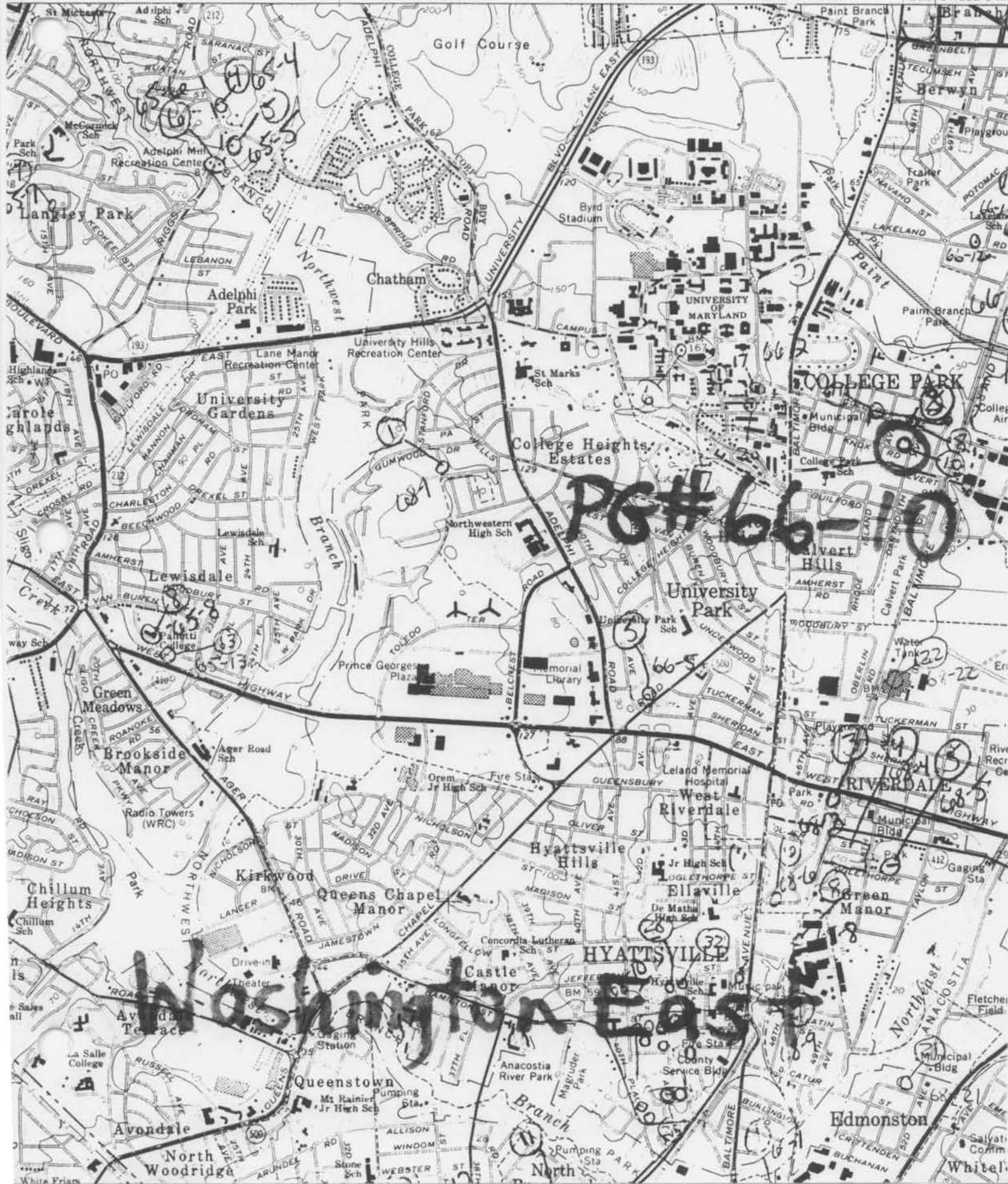
R-R  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
UNIV. OF MD.

LITTON  
SYSTEMS, INC.  
3.04 A, P.120

P.94



329 330 57'30" 331 5642 III SW (BELTSVILLE) BALTIMORE 27 M BELTSVILLE 3 M



PG#66-10

Washington East

St Michael's Sch, Adolph Sch, Saranac St, Langley Park, Adelphi Mill Recreation Center, Golf Course, Chatham, University Hills Recreation Center, St Marks Sch, University of Maryland, College Heights Estates, Northwestern High Sch, University Park, Green Meadows, Brookside Manor, Kirkwood, Queens Chapel Manor, Castle Manor, Hyattsville Hills, West Riverdale, Ellaville, De Mathis High Sch, Anacostia River Park, Queenstown, Avondale, North Woodridge, Edmonston, White...



P.G #66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

E

Neg: MD Historical Trust

Annapolis, MD



P.G.# 66-70  
McDonnell House  
Prince George's County,  
Maryland  
Marina King  
Feb 1988

N

Neg: MD Historical  
Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G.# 66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb. 1988

S  
Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

SW

Neg: MD Historical

Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. # 66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

stable/garage SE

Tag: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



PG. #66-10

McDonnell House  
Prince George's County  
Maryland  
Morina King  
Feb 1988  
chicken shed, SE  
Neg: MD Historical  
Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G # 66-10  
McDonnell House  
Prince George's County,  
MD  
Marina King  
Feb 1988

Dining room cupboard  
Near: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. # 66-10

Mc Donnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

SW Parlor, looking N

Neg: MD Historical Trust

Annapolis, MD



P.G. #66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County,  
MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

Dining room, looking S

Neg: MD Historical  
Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. # 66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

entry hall, looking E

Neg: MD Historical Trust

Annapolis, MD



P. G. # 66-10

McDonnell House

Prince George's County, MD

Marina King

Feb 1988

stair, detail

Neg: MD Historical Trust

Annapolis, MD