

THE NUGENT HOUSE  
University of Maryland  
College Park Campus  
College Park, MD

1904

The Nugent house is a two and a half story fully detached dwelling which has been altered by the University of Maryland for student services. Built in 1904 as a single family residence, the house is a vernacular modification of the Queen Anne style with its combination of wood and shingle finish, two story bay window, and variety of window shapes. It also contains elements associated with Colonial Revival (gable roof and heavy cornice returns) and Four-Square (almost square main block and interior plan) styles. The main block is rectangular in shape and is approximately 30 feet wide on each side. There is a bay window on the west side. The house stands on a brick foundation and has a porch on the facade and a small wing at the rear. There are still some trees and shrubs on this once-residential lot, but the setting is quite different from what it was when the house was built.

The Nugent House is now within the University of Maryland campus, but at the time it was built, the University was a small agricultural college that occupied only a small area. Samuel Buckley, a local veterinarian, and his wife Clara purchased the land in 1899 and built the house in 1904. It is typical of many houses built at that time in rural and suburban areas throughout Maryland and the United States. The house was used as a dwelling until 1965 when the University purchased it.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nugent House (Preferred)

and/or common Help Center

## 2. Location

street & number Lehigh Road \_\_\_ not for publicationcity, town College Park Campus \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
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<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland for use by the University of Maryland Attn: Director of Physical Plant  
Harry Kriemelmeyerstreet & number telephone no.: (301)454-2233city, town College Park state and zip code MD 20742

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3182street & number Main Street folio 393city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Nugent House, built in 1904, stands the south side of what was Lehigh Road and is now a part of the University of Maryland campus in College Park, Maryland. This two and a half story house is not in any one distinctive style, but has elements of Queen Anne and other styles. The main facade on the north side of the house faces the back of the Ritchie Gymnasium (Annapolis Hall) and has an altered one story porch across the first floor. Two pairs of one over one double hung windows are on the second floor of the facade, and a gable roofed dormer projects from the gable roof. A two story bay window rises on the west side, and there is a two story porch on the rear or south side of the house. German siding covers the exterior of the first two floors and wooden fish scale shingles fill the gable ends of the main roof and the end of the dormer. The Nugent House was originally a single family house. The University purchased the house in 1965, and it has recently served as a "Help Center" where counselling was available to students with drug and similar problems. Both the back and front porches have been radically altered, and the interior was altered to suit the building's new use.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

#### EXTERIOR

The Nugent house is a two and a half story fully detached dwelling which has been altered by the University of Maryland for student services. A slate gable roof tops the main block. A brick chimney rises through the ridge line which is parallel to what was at one time Lehigh Road. The house was built in 1904 as a single family residence and is a vernacular modification of the Queen Anne style with its combination of wood and shingle finish, two story bay window, and variety of window shapes. It also contains elements associated with Colonial Revival (gable roof and heavy cornice returns) and Four-Square (almost square main block and interior plan) styles. The main block is rectangular in shape and is approximately 30 feet wide on each side. There is a bay window on the west side. The house stands on a brick foundation and has a porch on the facade and a small wing at the rear. There are still some trees and shrubs on this once-residential lot, but the setting is quite different from what it was when the house was built. The Nugent house now stands within the University of Maryland campus which consists primarily of large brick educational buildings.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Deed Records, 1910 Census

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Washington East

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries are those of the lot on which the house stands as shown in the accompanying plot plan.

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

state	code	county	code
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#### NORTH FACADE

The north side of Nugent House is two bays wide and has a one story porch with hip roof. The porch roof is original to the house, but the porch itself has been enclosed to create an additional room. The original main entrance to the house was within the porch. Wood German siding covers this side of the house which has two pairs of one over one double hung sash windows on the second floor. A gable roofed dormer with wood cornice projects from the main roof. Fish scale shingle cover the walls of the dormer. It contains a one over one double hung sash window with a narrow window on each side.

#### EAST SIDE

German siding covers the first two floors of the west side of the Nugent house and fish scale shingles cover the gable pediment. A wood box cornice with heavy returns trims the roof line, and the pediment contains a casement window with eight lights on each side. All windows on the first and second floors are double hung one over one sash with moulded wood lintels. One opening (toward the rear of the house on the second floor) has been altered to become a door giving access to a fire escape. This side of the front porch has one large opening. The rear wing or porch on the first floor has three double hung one over one windows. The rear porch on the second floor has a shed roof and is enclosed with screens. Here, as on the other sides of the house there are basement windows in the brick foundation.

#### SOUTH SIDE

A wing, slightly narrower than the main block, projects from the south side of the house. This wing also stands on a brick foundation and appears to be original to the house on the first floor. However, an appraisal of the property made in 1965 states that this wing was a later addition. There is a doorway at the east end of the south side giving access to a small wooden deck with wooden steps and railing. In the center of the south side of the wing is a small one over one double hung sash window. A second floor porch above this wing is built of new materials and has a corrugated plastic shed roof. Screens and a half wall form the porch sides. There is a one over one double hung sash window on the second floor of the south wall of the main block.

#### WEST SIDE

The west side profiles of the front and rear porches are similar to those on the east side. The main block also has similar siding on the first floor, and the gable pediment with fish scale shingles and casement window is identical to that on the east side. However, a two story bay window with flat roof rises on this side toward the rear of the house. The central section of the bay contains a two over two double hung wood window on each floor and there is a one over one double hung sash window in each of the angled sides of the bay. Toward the front of the house there is a pair of one over one double hung sash windows on the first floor and a two over two double hung sash window on the second floor. The foundation, as elsewhere on the house, is of brick with small basement windows.

#### INTERIOR

The main block of the house is nearly square and on the first floor it is now divided into three areas, although it was originally four rooms. The main entrance is in the north facade and leads to the east side of the house where stairs lead to the second floor. The stairs are now broken and the handrail, balusters, and newel posts are missing. Originally, three steps led to a landing from which the main run of the stairs followed the east wall of the house to the second floor. This is an open string stair. Wood with recessed panels encloses the area beneath the stairs on the first floor.

The entry or stair hall continues through to the rear of the main block along the east side of the house. On the west side of the house are two rooms, one behind the other. The front room is nearly square and has a fireplace across the southeast corner. This room has doorways to the entry and to the room in the southwest corner of the house. The latter is similar in size, but has a three window bay window on the west wall. From it a large opening leads to the hallway. The original floors wood floors are in place, but modern material covers some of them.

Most of the first floor ceilings in the main block are of pressed tin in a square pattern with a narrow egg and dart cornice. The windows are double hung wooden sash as indicated in the description of the exterior. Some doors are missing and some have been replaced with modern doors. Some of the doors that appear to be original have four horizontal panels. Moulded wood trim with a small cornice surrounds most of the window and door openings. The baseboards are about eight inches high with a moulded cap. Plaster originally covered all the walls and much of it

remains. However, much of the plaster is damaged and modern panelling now covers some walls.

The porch on the north side is now enclosed and panelled with wood and has an acoustical tile ceiling. This creates an additional room that was not a part of the original house. The rear wing may have contained the kitchen at one time. A door with glass in the upper half leads to the outdoors.

The room arrangement on the second floor is similar. The stair hall occupies the northeast corner of the house and there are three rectangular rooms in each of the other corners. All have a doorway to the stair hall. The room in the southeast corner has a doorway leading to the porch above the rear wing. The stairs continue to the third floor where there are two rooms, one on the east and one on the west, plus another small area within the dormer window. The gable roof makes the floor area smaller on the third floor than it is on the two lower floors.

The basement walls are covered with modern panelling and the space is divided into three rooms.

#### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Nugent House on the University of Maryland's College Park Campus takes its name from football coach Tom Nugent who lived there at one time. Samuel S. Buckley and his wife purchased the property on which the house stands in 1899 from William and Julia Muller. Buckley was a veterinarian who lived in College Park. The Buckleys apparently built the house before they sold it to Frank B. Bomberger on October 17, 1904.

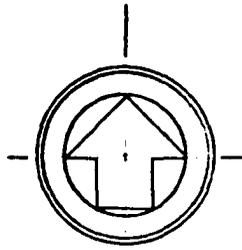
4315 Lehigh Road, the original address of the Nugent house, was near the campus of Maryland's tiny land grant agricultural college, which would evolve into the University of Maryland. At the time the Nugent house was built there were only between 100 and 200 students at the college. College Park was a small town, and the Nugent house is typical of many houses being built in suburbs and small towns across America at that time.

The plans for the Nugent house may have been available by mail through a popular magazine. Or a local builder or architect may have produced the design. It does not have a distinctive style of its own: it simply combines elements of several styles to create a comfortable dwelling that appealed to the popular taste of its time. The mixture of window sizes, the use of several exterior wall finishes, and the bay window make it, in part, a simplified version of Queen Anne. The gable roof with box cornice and heavy cornice returns might appear on a Colonial Revival house. The nearly rectangular shape of the main block and the interior arrangement are similar to those found in the Four Square style which by the 1920s was one of the most popular house styles in the nation.

In 1912 a fire destroyed most of the college buildings. As rebuilding and expansion took place on the campus the setting of the Nugent house changed radically. The Ritchie Gymnasium was built in 1923-24 directly in front of the Nugent House; from that time on the Nugent House facade and front porch faced the back wall of the gym. Other large brick buildings gradually began to fill the campus, and by the 1940s the house was nearly surrounded by University of Maryland buildings.

The University evidently wished to acquire the Nugent house as early as the 1950s because a Location Plat of June 20, 1957 shows the property, then belonging to the Bomberger family, as one that it wished to purchase. Frank Bomberger had left the house to his wife Mary Elizabeth in his will. Not until after her death did the University actually acquire the property. On July 21, 1965 the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Keyser, West Virginia, trustees of the estate of Mrs. Bomberger, sold the property to the State of Maryland for use by the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland.

Football coach Tom Nugent used the house as his residence until the University found another house for him. The University has used the Nugent House for student services, including its most recent role as a "Help Center" for students with alcohol and drug problems. Having outlived its usefulness to the university, the building was scheduled for demoliton by fire in August, 1986.



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Nugent House  
Shown as Bomberger House

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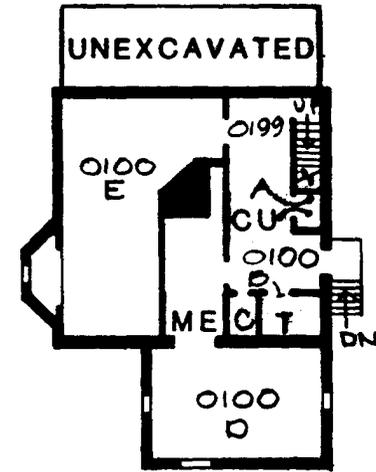
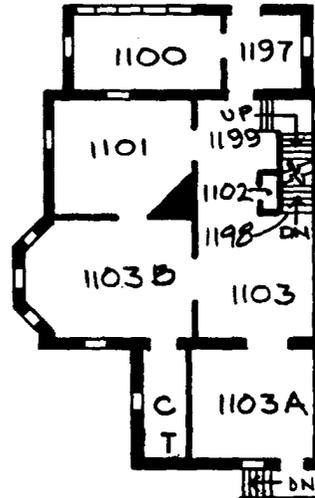
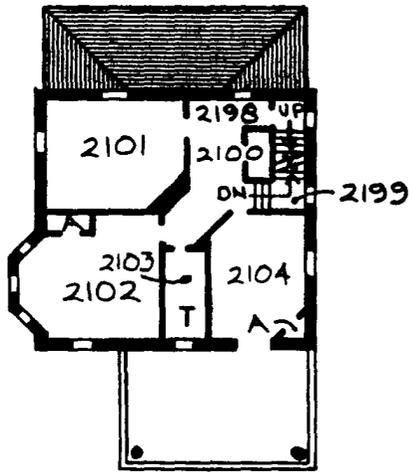
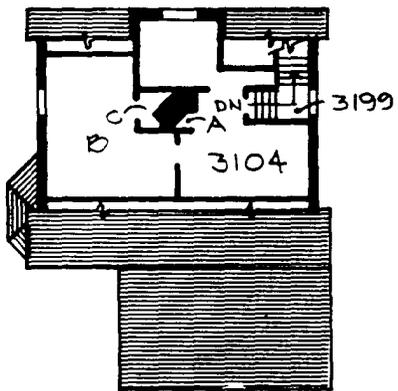
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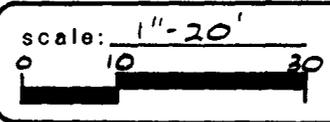
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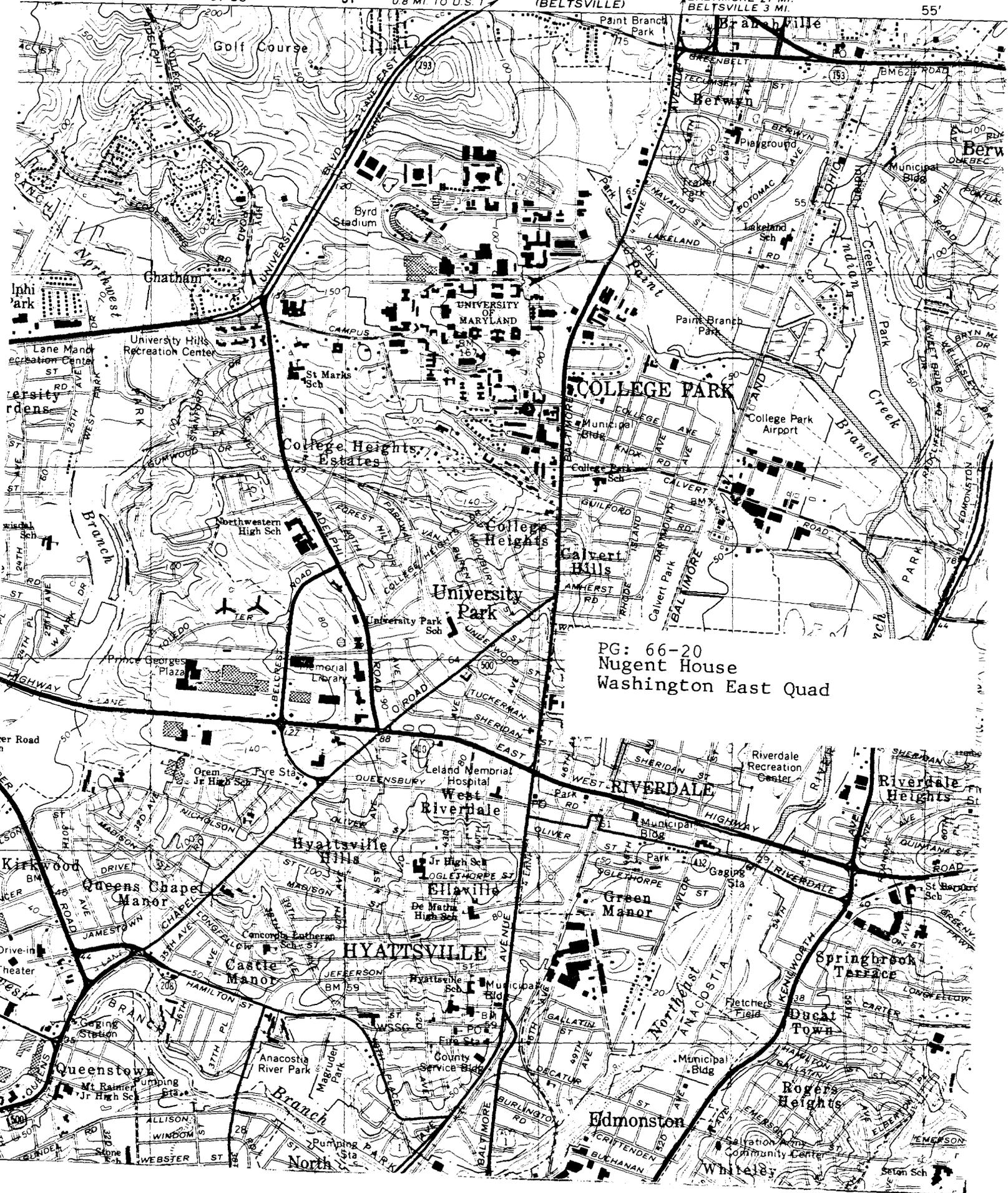
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The Nugent House is scheduled for burning by the  
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Nugent House  
Washington East Quad



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Nugent House  
College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland  
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Nugent House

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Description: West elevation

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Nugent House

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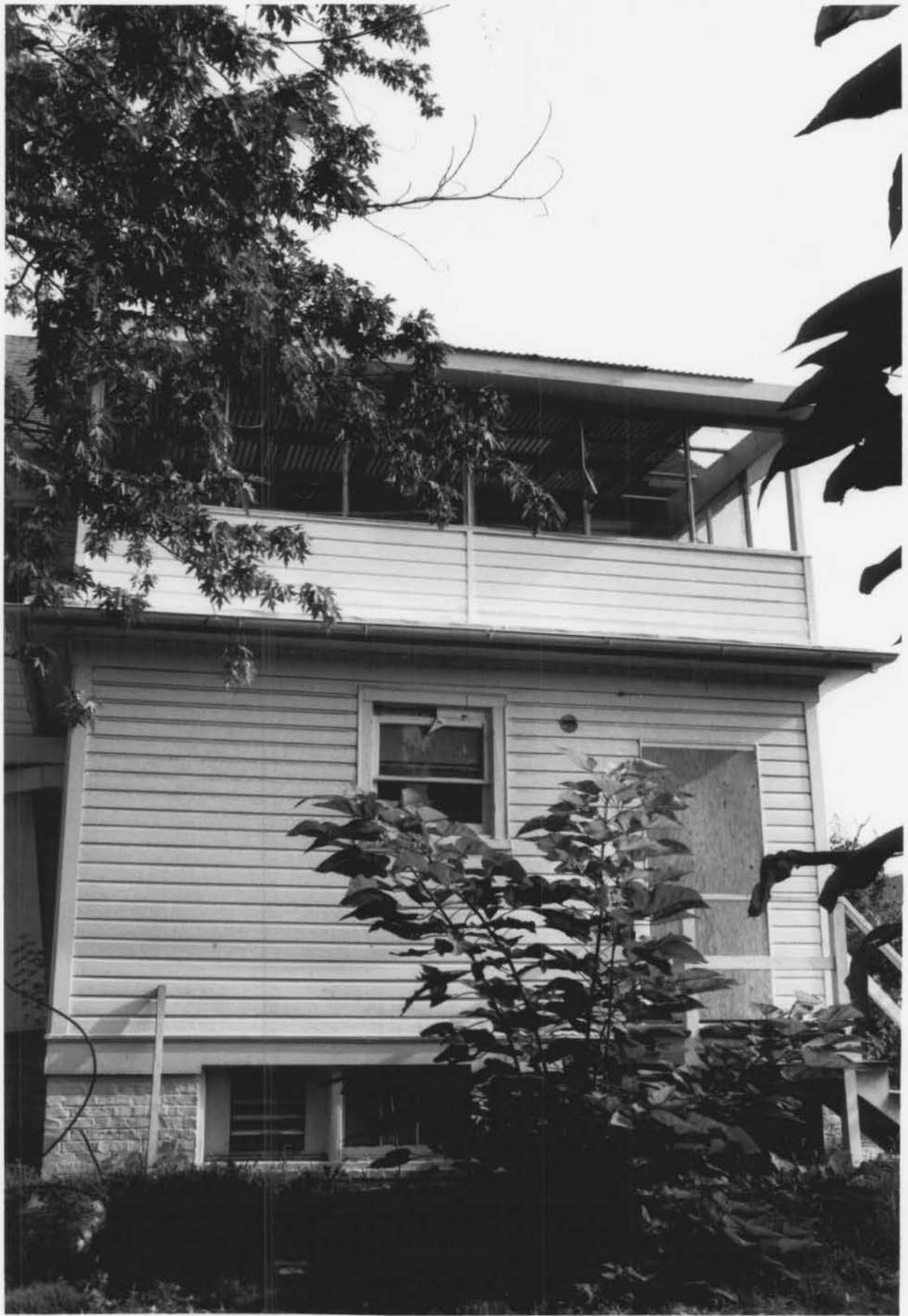
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Nugent House

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Description: South side, 1st floor & 2nd floor porch

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Nugent House

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Date of Photo: August 1986

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Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Wing on south side

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College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland  
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Photographer: Kristine Sharp  
Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust  
Description: Main entrance, north side  
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Nugent House

College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Stairs from 1st to 2nd floor

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College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

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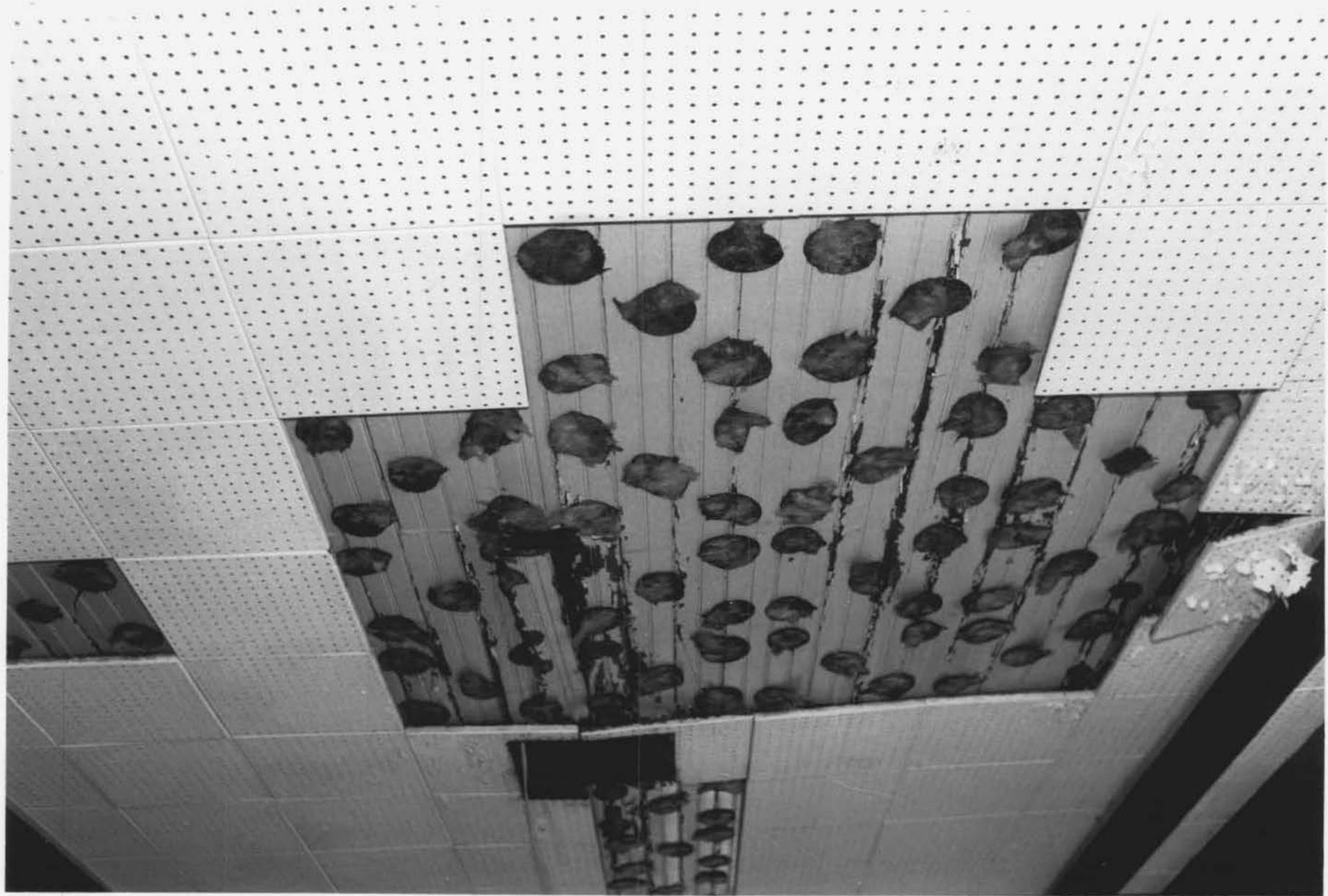
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Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Inside front porch

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Nugent House

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Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Porch ceiling

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Nugent House

College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Bay window on west side of house

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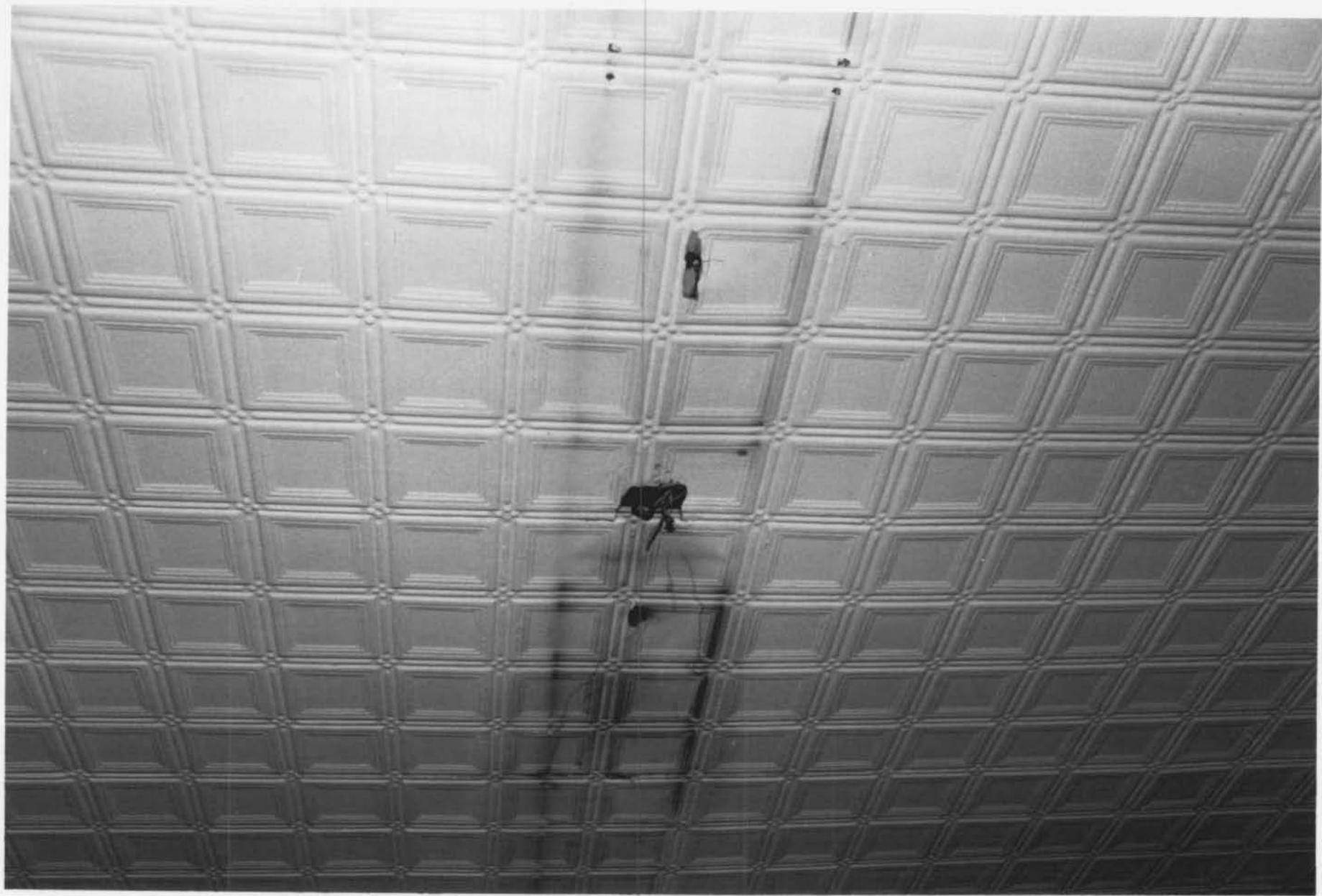
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Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

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Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: ceiling - 1st floor

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Nugent House

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Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Rooms on 1st floor west side

Photographer Facing: Southwest

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Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Chimney corner front room

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Description: Window detail

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Nugent House

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Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: First floor porch, south side

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Nugent House

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Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: First floor porch south side

Photographer Facing: South

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Nugent House

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Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Basement

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Nugent House

College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: Stairs from basement to 1st floor

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Nugent House

College Park, Prince George's County, Maryland

Date of Photo: August 1986

Photographer: Kristine Sharp

Location of Negatives: Maryland Historical Trust

Description: view down basement stairs

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