

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. # P.G. 66-23 Building Date: 1915

Building Name: Elliott-McCall House

Location: 4707 Calvert Road, College Park

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Elliott-McCall House is a two-and-one-half story, four bay by three, frontgable Neo-Colonial frame structure with a wrap-around porch and gable roof; there is a two-story, one bay, shed-roof kitchen addition at the rear. The house stands on a large corner lot with a number of mature trees. The house has a rectangular plan, with the principal facade facing north. The first story of the main block and the addition are covered with white aluminum siding; the second and third stories are covered with green asbestos shingles. There is a brick chimney centered at the roof ridge. Both the main block of the house and the addition rest on concrete foundations. The interior features a side stairhall with double parlors to the east. Beyond the entrance hall, to the south, is a dining room, with the kitchen at the rear. The open string stair has turned balusters and a square, panelled newel post. A small casement window with gothic tracery lights the second floor landing.

Significance:

The Elliott House is significant as a large, handsome Colonial-Reival style suburban dwelling. It was one of the small group of substantial suburban dwellings constructed in the second decade of the 20th century in Fanny A. Calvert's addition to College Park, platted April 24, 1909. Lots in the subdivision, located south of Calvert Road and west of the railroad track, continued to be sold into the 1930's. Later dwellings in the subdivision are smaller and reflect later suburban architecture. The dwelling was probably erected in 1915, when H. Josephine Elliott took out a mortgage for \$3,000 on property deeded to her by her parents. In 1919 the Elliotts sold Lot 4 and the east section of Lots 2 and 3 to Arthur G. and Harriett McCall. Arthur G. McCall was a professor of geology and soils at the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maryland, and owned the property through 1954.

Acreage: 32,104 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Elliott-McCall House

2. Location

street & number 4707 Calvert Road not for publicationcity, 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Andrew Irving and Jade Eaton

street & number 4707 Calvert Road 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 Court House liber 5903

street & number Main Street folio 27

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, C.A.B.

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 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 Elliott-McCall House is a two-and-one-half story, four bay by three, frontgable Neo-Colonial frame structure with a wrap-around porch and gable roof; there is a two-story, one bay, shed-roof kitchen addition at the rear. The house stands on a large corner lot with a number of mature trees.

The house has a rectangular plan, with the principal facade facing north. The first story of the main block and the addition are covered with white aluminum siding; the second and third stories are covered with green asbestos shingles. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle and there is a brick chimney centered at the ridge. Both the main block of the house and the addition rest on concrete foundations.

The north and east facades are sheltered by a one-story, shed- roof porch supported by Tuscan columns. The porch railing has plain balusters and square newel posts. It rests on high concrete piers with wood lattice-work infills and is approached by a flight of wood steps set on a concrete base.

Entrance to the house is in the westernmost bay of the main facade through a five-panel door; the two uppermost panels are of glass. Both doors and windows have plain board surrounds.

The windows are generally one over one, double-hung sash, distinguished (on the main block only) by narrow wood tracery which forms a gothic pattern on the upper light of each window. To the east of the entrance are two full-size windows with this decorative element; to its west is a smaller casement window with the same pattern. Both gable ends have small double windows with gothic tracery. The boxed cornice is returned at both the front and rear gable ends.

The first story of the east facade is sheltered by the main entrance porch which wraps around that elevation. Part of a one-story octagonal projecting bay has been enclosed to create a first floor bathroom, infilling the middle bay of the porch. The southeast bay of the porch can only be reached through the small bathroom.

Both the east and west roof planes have centered, hip-roof dormers with one-over-one double-hung sash windows with gothic tracery; the dormer roofs are covered with asbestos shingles.

The one-bay, two-story rear kitchen addition covers most of the south facade, except for a small portion at the southeast corner; there is a small concrete porch at the kitchen entrance. The windows in the rear addition feature narrow vertical wood tracery in their upper lights which echo (in a very simplified form) the gothic tracery of the windows in the main block.

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The interior of the Elliott-McCall House features a side stairhall with double parlors to the left (east). Beyond the entrance hall, to the south, is a dining room, with the kitchen beyond that, at the rear.

The open string stair has turned balusters and a square, panelled newel post. A small casement window with gothic tracery lights the second floor landing.

The windows and doors have plain, classical surrounds with narrow projecting lintels. All first floor rooms (except for the kitchen) have ceiling-height picture railings, molded baseboards, and panelled ceilings (ceilings divided into large squares by narrow wooden crosspieces, painted white to match the walls). French doors separate the front from the rear parlor; similar doors (now missing) probably led from the hall into the front parlor. Other interior doors are five-panelled, as is the entrance door.

In the rear parlor, the southwest corner of the one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay has been enclosed to create a bathroom which projects out onto and encloses the east porch. The kitchen has none of the details described above.

To the rear of the house, at the southeast corner of the property, is a gable-roof, two-by-two-bay garage covered with white horizontal board siding. The roof is covered with asbestos shingle and the rafter ends are exposed.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1915 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Elliott House is significant as a large, handsome Colonial-Revival style suburban dwelling. It was one of the small group of substantial suburban dwellings constructed in the second decade of the 20th century in Fanny A. Calvert's addition to College Park, platted April 24, 1909. Lots in the subdivision, located south of Calvert Road and west of the railroad track, continued to be sold into the 1930's. Later dwellings in the subdivision are smaller and reflect later suburban architecture.

The dwelling was probably erected in 1915, when H. Josephine Elliott took out a mortgage for \$3,000 on property deeded to her in the same year by Marie Brown Harlow and William K. Harlow, her parents.¹ Both Mr. Harlow and Josephine Elliott's husband Ross Elliott, are listed in the 1910 Census of Prince George's County as bankers, involved in real estate.²

In 1919 the Elliotts sold Lot 4 and the east section of Lots 2 and 3 to Arthur G. and Harriett McCall. Arthur G. McCall was a professor of geology and soils at the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Maryland.³ The McCalls owned the property through 1954.⁴

The Elliott House is a good example of the Neo-Colonial style of architecture used widely in the early part of the 20th century. In its massing and asymmetrical style, the Eaton House echoes the Victorian residences of the late 1800's, but it also features Neo-Colonial or Colonial-Revival details: pedimented gables, a wraparound porch with classical columns, an octagonal projecting bay, and wooden tracery in the upper sash of the double-hung windows. Interior details include pocket doors, an open-string stair with paneled newel post and turned balusters, and classical-revival door and window surrounds featuring wide, plain moldings and a crown-molded frieze. Although the Eaton House is relatively simple in design it has retained most of its original fabric and detailing. The original exterior siding is concealed beneath wide aluminum cladding on the first story and asbestos shingle on the second story. The combination of siding and shingle approximate the original covering of clapboard and wood shingle.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

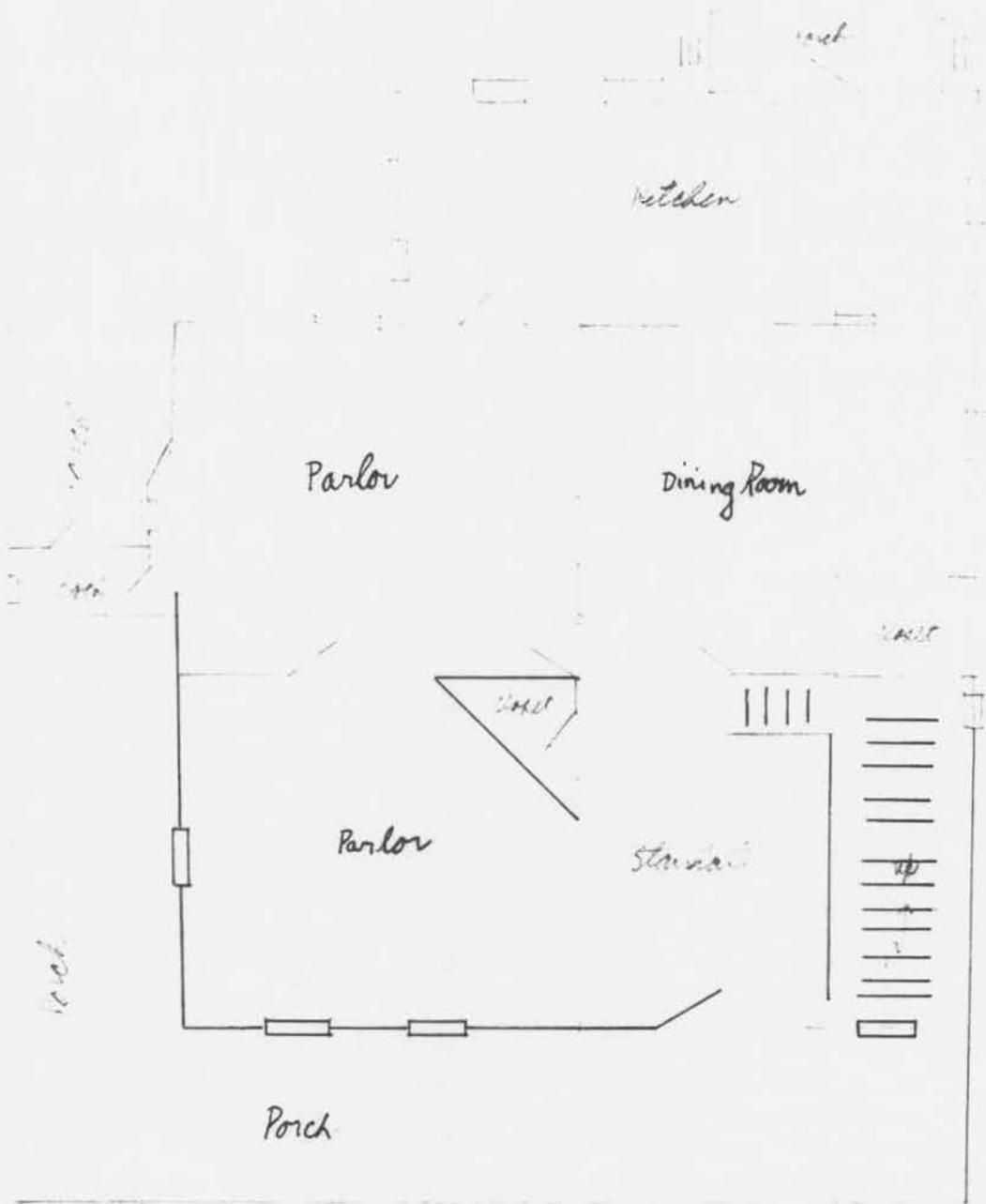
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Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, 107:213, 30 April 1915.
- 2 1910 Census Records of Prince George's County, Maryland, Vansville District #1.
- 3 Course Catalog, Maryland State College of Agriculture for the years 1919 through 1924.
- 4 Land Records, 138:357 and 1642:184.

Salon House

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North

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Chain of Title
Elliott-McCall House
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5903:27
22 May 1984
Deed
Chien-Ming Wang and wife to Jade Alia Eaton and Andrew McKeever Irving for \$121,500.00; same as in 5145:775. Lots 4 and east part of Lots 2 and 3 in Block 6. Fanny A. Calvert's addition to College Park.

5145:775
13 August 1979
Deed
Russell O. Eckert and Grace C. Eckert to Chien-Ming Wang and Grace L. Y. Wang for \$95,000; same as in 1642:184, Arthur W. McCall to R.O. Eckert and G.C. Eckert; includes Lot 4, except 260 square feet, and east part of Lots 2 and 3, "Fanny A. Calvert's Addition to College Park", as recorded in Plat Book BDS #1:66.

1642:184
14 August 1953
Deed
Arthur G. McCall (widower) to R.O. Eckert and G.C. Eckert; being same as A.G. McCall obtained from H. Josephine Elliott and Ross T. Elliott, 15th March 1919, 138:357.

138:357
15 March 1919
Deed
H. Josephine Elliott and Ross T. Elliott to Arthur G. McCall and Harriett F. McCall, subject to \$3,000 encumbrance, 30 April 1915, 107:213.

107:213
30 April 1915
Mortgage
H. Josephine Elliott indebted to Frank B. Bower for \$3,000; being a part of Lots 3 and 4 and the north part of Lot 2 in Block 6 of Fannie A. Clark's subdivision of College Park, BDS1 #1:66; part of same property conveyed to Marie B. Harlow from Fannie S. Calvert and husband, July 22, 1911, 72:246.

91:510
12 March 1915
Deed
Marie Brown Harlow and William K. Harlow, to H. Josephine Elliott; part of Lots 3 and 4 and north part of Lot 2, Block 6, Plat Book BDS #1:66; same as 72:246.

72:246
22 July 1911
Deed
Fanny A. Calvert and George H. Calvert to Marie Brown Harlow. Lots 3 and 4 and north part of Lot 2, in Block 6 of Fanny A. Calvert's subdivision of College Park, as per Plat Book BDS #1:66; Covenanted "...that land shall be equally divided for two dwellings -- and that construction of one house is to begin within six months of date of conveyance."

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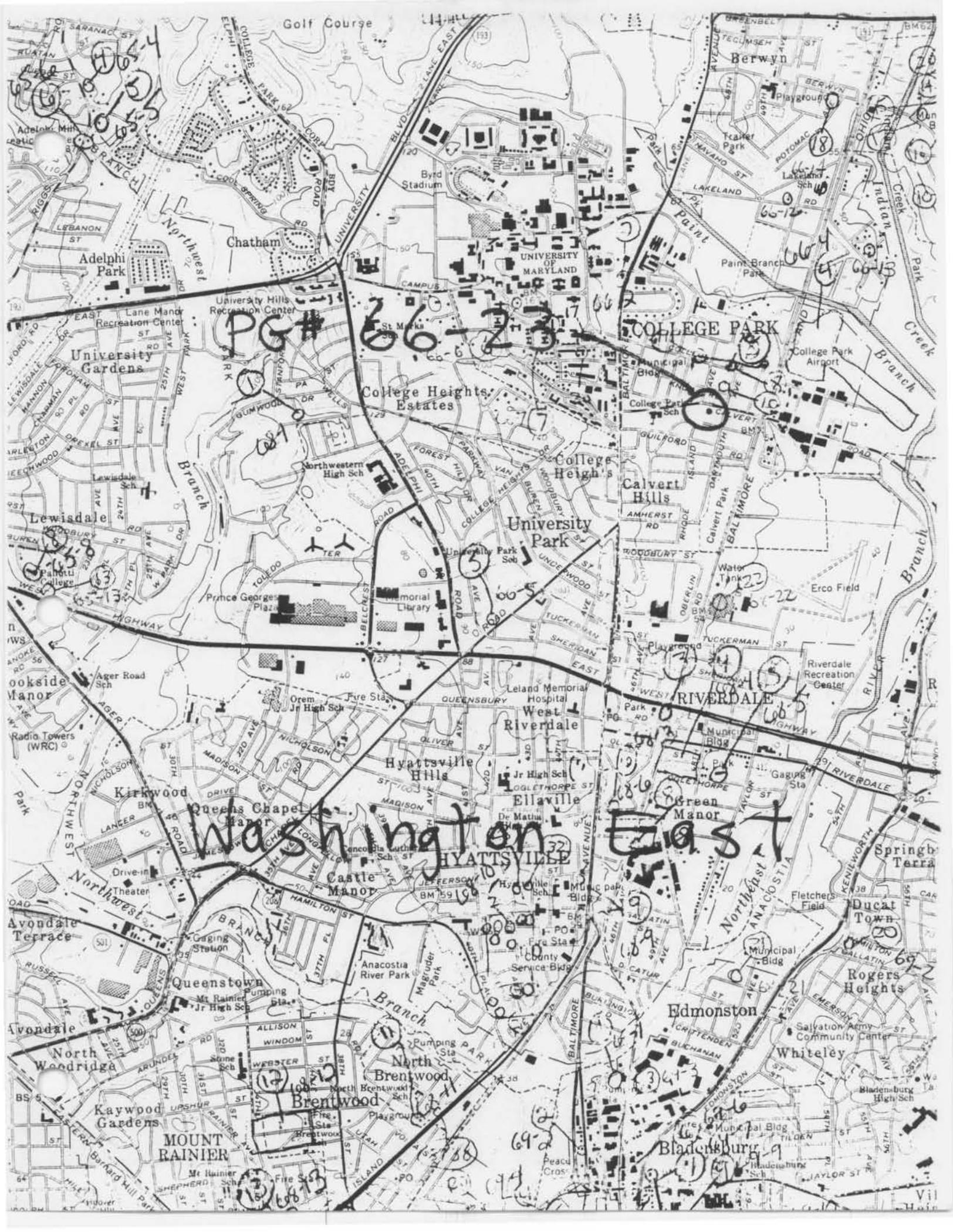
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