

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-8 Building Date: ca. 1891

Building Name: Cory House

Location: 4710 College Avenue, College Park

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Cory House is a two-story, frame, gable roofed dwelling with a double "T" shaped plan. The main block, with a front gable entry and a rear wing set perpendicular to the main block, was constructed ca. 1891. A "T" shaped two story kitchen wing was added to the rear of the building in 1925. The house is set on a landscaped corner lot in Old Town College Park. The two bay south, main facade has entry in the first bay. The door glazing has a large central pane of yellow glass surrounded by square sidelights of red, blue and pale yellow. It is sheltered by a two-bay flat roofed porch. Windows throughout the older block of the house have 1/2 sash with colored sidelights around the upper pane. The entrance door and windows have plain, wide board surrounds surmounted by a projecting crown molded cornice. The east bay of the main facade is surmounted by an enclosed gable, covered with fishscale wooden shingles and surmounted by a small wooden finial with a central bulls'-eye. The overhanging eaves enclosing the gable are flaired and have decoratively cut, exposed rafter ends. The house is roofed with black asphalt shingle and set on a brick foundation. The original siding is covered with white aluminum siding patterned after German siding.

Significance

The Cory House, constructed circa 1891, is significant for its architecture and for its association with Professor Ernest Cory, who purchased the house in 1926 and resided there through 1975. Cory graduated from the University of Maryland in 1909 and returned to serve on the faculty. He chaired the Department of Entomology and also served as the Maryland State Entomologist. He helped develop the insecticide DDT and helped found the Marine Biology Institute at Solomon's Island, Maryland and the Maryland Agricultural Experimental Station. The house is a fine example of Queen Anne style architecture. The upper gables are covered with fishscale shingle and the house has such decorative features as clipped gables and cut-away corners. The building form is irregular with many projecting bays. The upper window sashes have colored sidelights, and the overhanging eaves have decorative brackets and projecting rafter ends. Professor Cory constructed the north wing of the house in 1926 and planted the garden that fills the large house lot today. The grounds contain boxwood, azaleas, dogwoods and magnolias as well as other plantings.

Acreage: 20,000 square feet

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cory House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4710 College 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	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 Alice Kennington

street & number 4710 College 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 5837

street & number Main Street folio 480

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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.

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The two bay south, main facade has entry in the first bay, through a door with three lower rectangular panels and an upper colored glass light. The door glazing has a large central pane of yellow glass surrounded by square sidelights of red, blue and pale yellow. The first bay is sheltered by a two-bay flat roofed porch supported on rectangular wood posts with inset central panels. There is a balustrade with plain rectangular balusters. The porch has a wooden floor set on low brick piers. The window to the east of the entry door is a floor-to-ceiling window of 1/2 double-hung-sash. The upper light is a clear glass pane surrounded by colored sidelights. Windows throughout the older block of the house have the same 1/2 sash with colored sidelights around the upper pane. The entrance door and windows have plain, wide board surrounds surmounted by a projecting crown molded cornice.

The east bay of the main facade is surmounted by an enclosed gable, covered with fishscale wooden shingles. A square window with colored sidelights is centered at loft level. The rake board is chamfered at the upper end. The gable is surmounted by a small wooden finial with a central bulls'-eye. Apparently the finial was the base for a higher spire, the upper section of which has deteriorated and fallen away. The overhanging eaves enclosing the gable are flaired and have decoratively cut, exposed rafter ends.

The Cory House is roofed with black asphalt shingle and set on a brick foundation. The original siding is covered with white aluminum siding patterned after German siding.

The east elevation is two bays in the original block. The southeastern corner of the building is cut away with a window at first and second story levels. The first story window is double, set in a projecting rectangular bay with a flaired hipped roof. The second bay in the original block is beneath a projecting gable end with a clipped gable peak. The first bay has cut away corners with windows in the resulting diagonal surfaces. Jig-sawn brackets support the second story above the cut away corners. The double window at the second story level is sheltered by a pent with exposed rafter ends. A scrolled bracket supports

the lower ends of the decoratively cut rake board. A multi-light window centered in the upper gable echoes the clipped gable in its shape. The upper gable is shingled like that on the main facade. The wide brick chimney with inset panels and a corbelled cap is visible from the east, projecting from the gable ridge.

The three bay west elevation of the main block has the north bay beneath a projecting gable end. The gable has details similar to that on the main entrance facade, including an enclosed pediment, fishscale shingles and a window with multi-color sidelights centered at loft level. The south two bays are small square windows, one at first and one at second story level, lighting the landings of the interior stairwell.

The rear "T" shaped wing added to the Cory house in 1925 is situated so that the "stem" of the T attaches to the north end of the main block, with the cross bar of the "T" at the extreme north end of the house. The wing is also gable roofed and covered with aluminum siding. It is set on a cement block foundation. There are overhanging eaves with projecting plain rafter ends. Windows are 6/1 sash with plain board surrounds.

The two south bays of the three bay east elevation of the rear wing are small windows with multi-pane clear glass sidelights, at second story level. The first story, with a central entrance into the kitchen, is sheltered by an enclosed porch. The northeast bay, beneath a projecting gable end, has a 6/1 sash window at second story level and a six-light casement window at loft level.

The two bay north or rear elevation has two 6/1 sash windows at second story level. An enclosed shed roof porch is centered on the first story, sheltering a rear entrance door.

The two bay west elevation of the wing has the north bay beneath a projecting gable end, with windows at first through loft levels. The first story window has a 1/2 sash, the upper light having multiple, clear glass sidelights. The south bay is a central small square window with multiple sidelights, on the second story. The first story is a central door to the kitchen, sheltered by an enclosed, flat roofed porch, identical in placement to the porch on the east elevation.

The interior of the Cory House has a west stairhall with an east parlor. There are two rooms at the center of the house, a dining room and a small study. The north or rear room is a kitchen, added in 1925.

The flooring throughout the interior is original, of regular width, narrow pine boards. The base boarding is approximately 8-1/4 inches high, composed of a plain board with an upper ogee cap. It has been patched with new material, as have the door and window surrounds. The door and window surrounds are wide, with a central convex molding flanked by an inner and outer raised rectangular molding. There are bull's-eye corner blocks.

The open string stair rises to the left of the entry door. There are two turned and chamfered balusters to a step, with a high heavy rectangular chamfered newell post surmounted by a spherical knob. The stair rises two steps, turns 90 degrees at a small landing and rises along the west wall of the hall. It doglegs 3/4's of the way up and finishes the run to the second story facing to the east.

A wide rectangular opening leads from the stair hall to the east parlor. The southeast corner of the room contains an alcove which is in the projecting bay previously described at the southeast corner of the house. A hearth centered in the north wall of the parlor has been closed and covered. The patch in the wooden floor indicates its location.

The north end of the stair hall enters the dining room. A hearth with a simple, modern wooden architrave surround is in the diagonal southeast wall of the room. A small study, sharing the diagonal wall, is east of the dining room. The study also had a hearth in the diagonal wall, which is now closed. The central chimney in the original block of the house served three hearths, in the parlor, the dining room and the study. The hearths in the parlor and the study are now closed. Three hearths opening from one chimney necessitated the use of diagonal walls in the dining room and the study.

The kitchen opens from the northeast corner of the dining room. It is a large, modern kitchen, remodeled in 1975. Doors centered in the east and west wall of the room provide access onto the enclosed porches on the east and west sides of the house. The north wall contains an entrance to a small storage room on the northwest and an entrance to a pantry and bath on the northeast. A rear stair, reached through the storage room, rises to two bedrooms above the kitchen wing. The north, rear entrance to the house also accesses this stair.

The second story of the main block contains two east bedrooms opening onto a small central hall. The door surrounds in the hall are identical to those on the first story but do not have bull's-eye corner blocks although the bedroom interiors do. Entry into the bedrooms is through two diagonally placed walls. A trapdoor in the ceiling of the northeast room allows a view of the chimney as it rises through the attic. It was laid in a twisting, spiral shape for unknown reason.

A side hall runs north, to the more recently constructed rear block of the house, which is reached by taking two steps down. The rear block contains two small north bedrooms and a bath. The door and window surrounds in this block are of plain board.

The Cory House stands on a 2/3 acre lot which has been extensively planted with ornamental bushes and trees. Ivy grows around the base and up the trunk of many of the trees. The south, front yard contains a large

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oak tree at the southeast corner of the lot. Boxwood bushes line the front porch. A large azalea bush is at the southeast corner of the house. Evergreen trees line the front of the lot. Azalea bushes line the entry walk.

The west yard contains a large, central magnolia tree, and a cedar tree. The west lot line is defined by hollies, an evergreen and an oak tree. Azalea bushes line the west yard about fifteen feet in from the lot line. A large group of azaleas is at the northwest corner of the house.

Tall evergreen trees are planted across the back of the house, standing within eight to ten feet of the house. Evergreen trees also line the north, rear lot line. The rear yard contains azalea and boxwood bushes.

The east yard contains two walkways, one from the rear door to the lot line, the other from the side kitchen door out to the lot line. There is a rosebush outside the kitchen door. An ornamental tree overgrown with ivy is in the center of the yard. Holly, magnolia and oak trees border the lot line. Azaleas and yew bushes are at the southeast end of the yard.

8. 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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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify

Specific dates ca. 1891 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 Cory House, constructed circa 1891, is significant for its Queen Anne style architecture. It is one of the fine early dwellings in Old Town College Park. It is also significant for its association with Professor Ernest Cory, who purchased the house in 1926 and resided there through 1975.¹

Ernest Cory, born in Takoma Park, Maryland, graduated from the University of Maryland in 1909 and returned to serve on the faculty. He chaired the Department of Entomology and also served as the Maryland State Entomologist. He helped develop the insecticide DDT and helped found the Marine Biology Institute at Solomon's Island, Maryland and the Maryland Agricultural Experimental Station. He retired from the University after a 47 year career, in 1956.²

The Cory House is a fine example of Queen Anne style architecture. The original German siding is now covered by aluminum siding which was applied sympathetically with a German siding profile, probably similar in width to that which was on the house originally. The upper gables are covered with fishscale shingle and the house has such decorative features as clipped gables and cut-away corners. The building form is irregular with many projecting bays. The upper window sashes have colored sidelights, and the overhanging eaves have decorative brackets and projecting rafter ends.

Professor Cory constructed the north wing of the house in 1926 and planted the garden that fills the large house lot today. The grounds contain boxwood, azaleas, dogwoods and magnolias as well as other plantings.³

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Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 273:315, 4489:171. -
- 2 Washington Post, Obituary, 27 January 1979.
- 3 Interview with Ernest Cory, Jr., June 1988. Interview with Alice Kennington, March 1988.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 20,000 sq. feet

Tax Map 33

Block 11

Quadrangle name Washington East B

Quadrangle scale Lots 7,8

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectual Historian, Susan Pearl, Research/Architectual Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1988

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

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cory House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4710 College Ave.

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
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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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Richard & Alice Kennington

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4710 College Ave.

CITY, TOWN

College Park

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC P.G. Co Courthouse

Liber #: 4489

Folio #: 171

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

none

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

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A wing added to the north of the house forms a second east-west oriented gable, which balances that of the main block.

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8 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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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a good example of early suburban Queen Anne architecture. It was built circa 1890, shortly after Ella Calvert Campbell sold her portion of Charles Benedict Calvert's Riversdale estate to developer John O. Johnson in 1889.¹ Professor Henry B. McDonnell resided here before he built his own home a short distance south on Dartmouth Avenue. This house was for a half-century the home of Professor Ernest Cory, (professor of Entomology; artist, horticulturist) who built the north wing in 1925 and who planted the oversized lot into a still delightful boxwood-azalea-dogwood garden, north and west of the house.²

1. JWB#13:297
2. #273: 315; interviews with neighbors

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 273:315
 Interviews with owner and neighbors

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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

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 Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd

TELEPHONE
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CITY OR TOWN
 Riverdale, Md.

STATE

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CHAIN OF TITLE
CORY HOUSE
P.G.#56-8

4489:171
29 May 1975
Deed

Ernest N. Cory, Sr. to Richard & Alice
Kennington, lots #7 & #8, block 11 in
Johnson & Curriden subdivision

273:315
1 Sept 1926
Deed

Roy & Isabel Towles to Ernest N. &
Elizabeth Cory; lots #7 & #8, block 11
of Johnson & Curriden

235:339
7 April 1925
Deed

L.C. Deeley et al to Isabel & Roy Towles,
Lots 7 & ', block 11, Johnson & Curriden

204:303
11 Sept 1924
Deed

Emma Harmon to L.C. Deeley, D. & B. Ford,
Ethel Justice, lots 7 & ', block 11 of
Johnson & Curriden

208:190
10 Jan 1924
Deed

Laurel Building Association to Emma
Harmon; lots 7 & 8, block 11 of Johnson
& Curriden (JWB#5:478)

12, 13
Jan, 1911

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Open to Public yes x no

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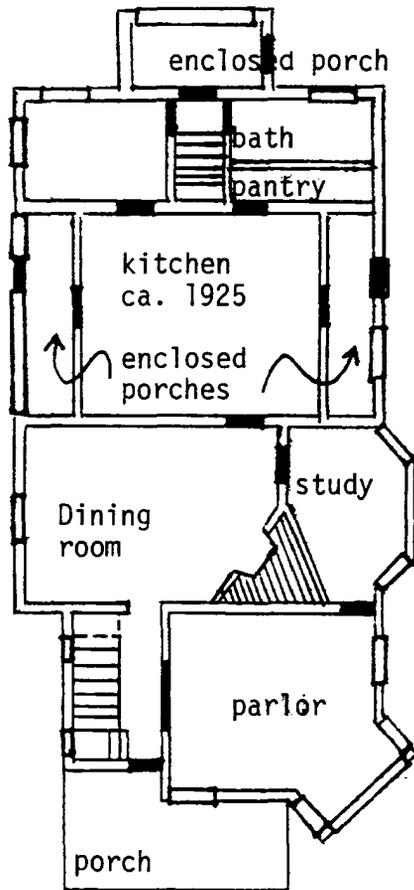
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208:190 10 Jan. 1924 Deed	Laurel Building Association to Emma Harmon; Lots 7 & 8, Block 11 of Johnson & Curriden (JWB #5:478).
JWB 16:328 22 Oct. 1890 Deed	Susan V. and Elias M. Sheetz to John O. Johnson. For \$800 grantors convey Lots 7 and 8 in Block 11.
JWB 15:756 10 Oct. 1890 Deed	Samuel W. Curriden and John O. Johnson to Susan A. Sheetz of Washington, D.C. For \$2000 grantors convey all of Block 11 and Lots 1-4 of Block 22.

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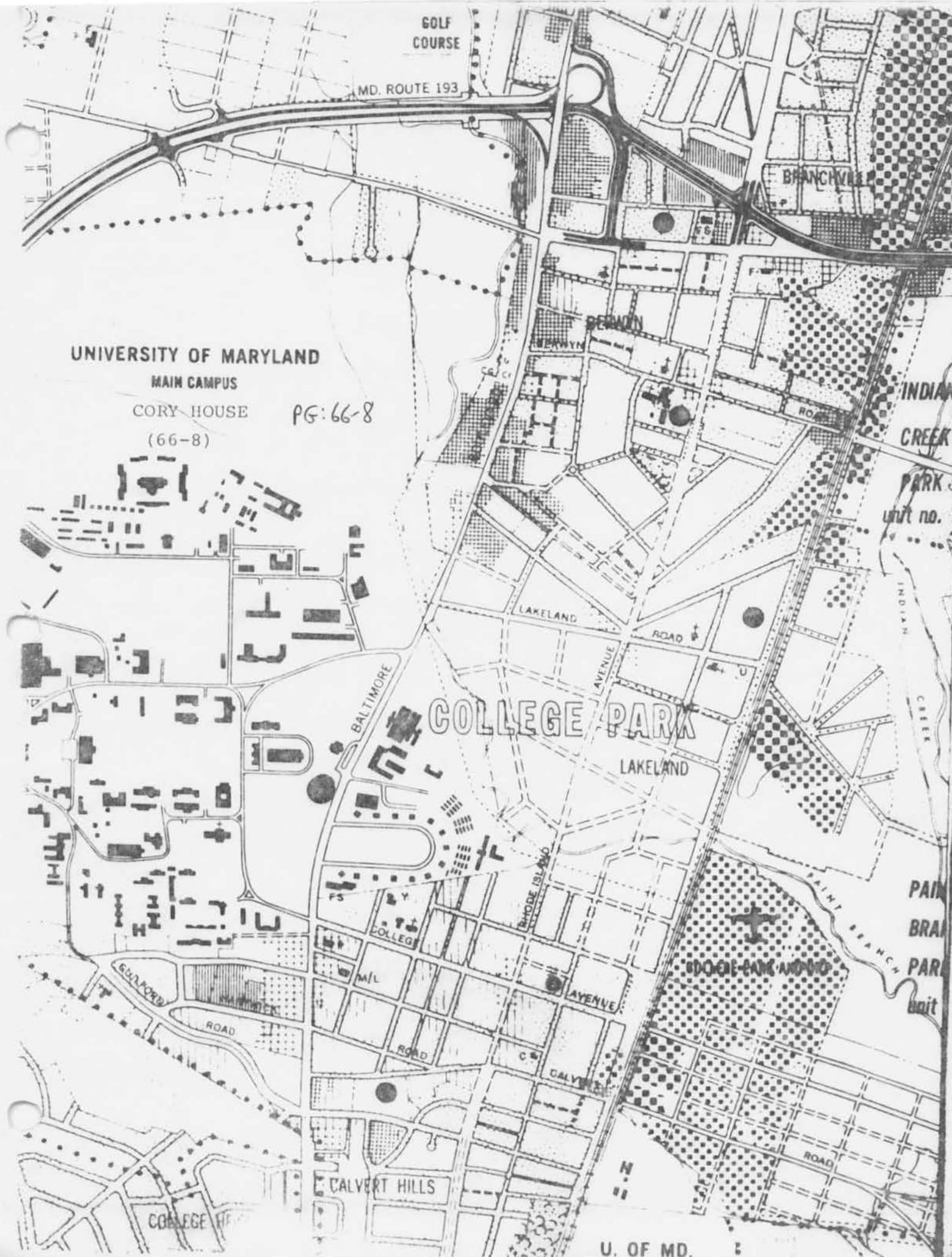
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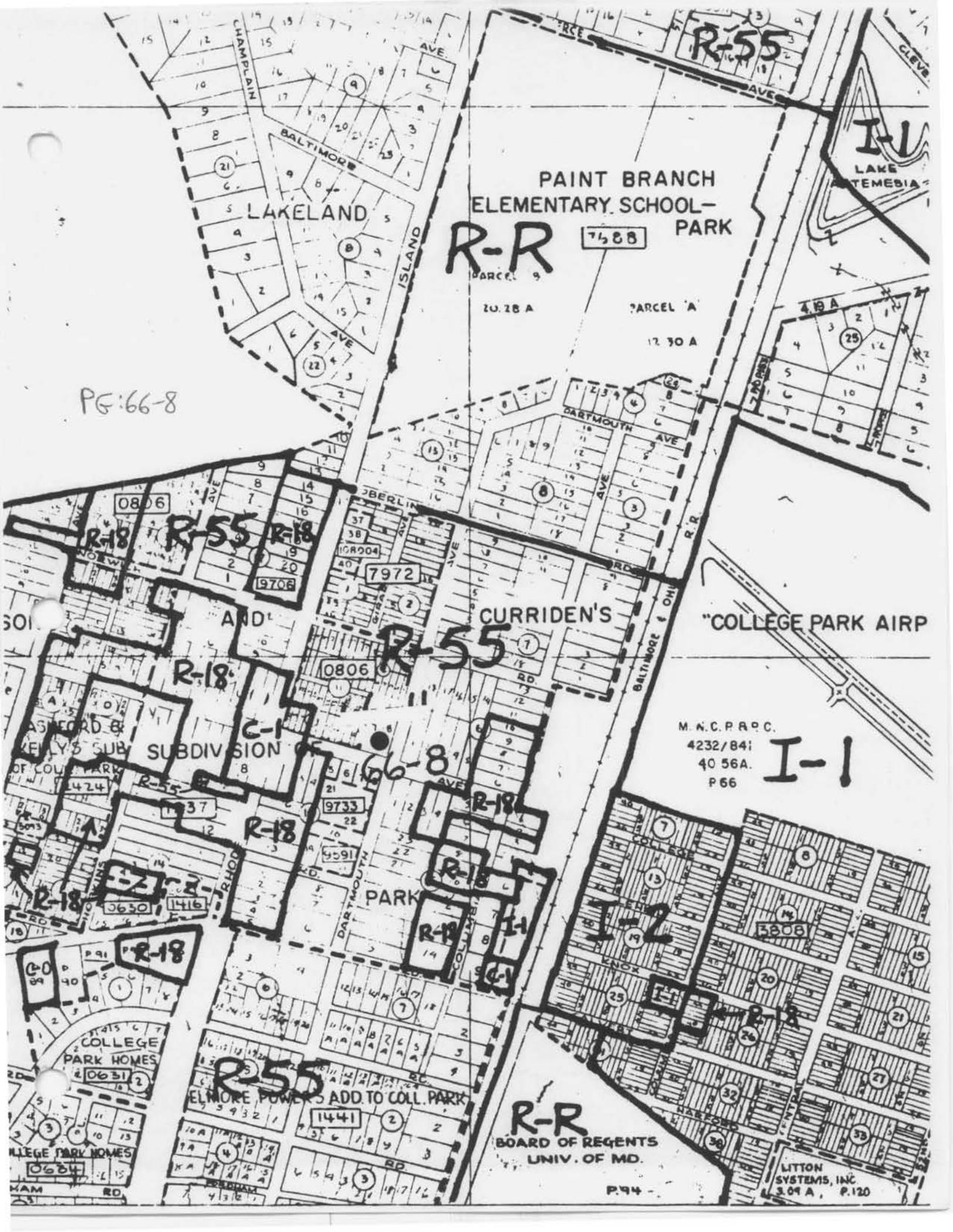
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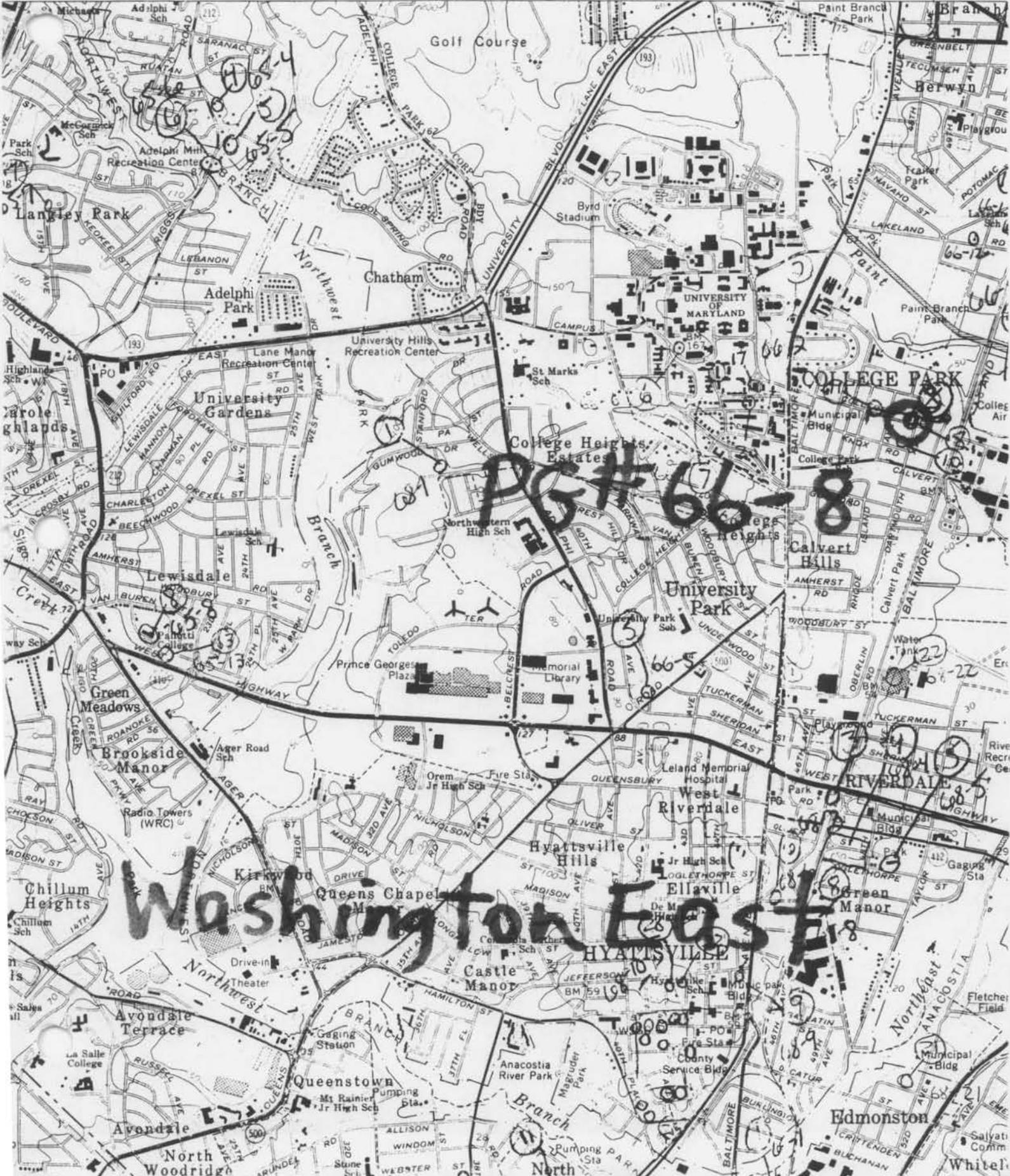
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Cony House
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Cow House
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Dining Room
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Cory House
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View of chimney, SE bedroom
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