

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #72~~X~~-11 Building Date: ca. 1898

Building Name: Mallery House at Beaver Heights

Location: 1407 Beaver Heights Lane, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743

Private/Educational/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

The Mallery House is a large frame structure, fronting on Beaver Heights Lane. The building consists of a high two-story gable roofed main block, roughly five bays wide across its main north facade. Entrance is in the fourth bay through a door with diamond headed vertical panes flanked by similar windows. Filling the second bay is a two-and-one-half-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, topped by an pyramidal roof, with crenellated cornice. The fifth bay is filled with two-and-one-half-story octagonal tower with pyramidal roof and plain board cornice. A one-story porch runs across the north facade of the building, its flat roof forming a second-story balcony. At the west corner of the building, this porch is enclosed and lighted by a bank of five modern double windows. The ground slopes steeply here and the basement has an entrance at grade level in the westmost corner. The entire building is covered with white asbestos shingle and rests on concrete foundations. Windows are generally 1/1, and have plain board surrounds; there are no shutters. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle.

Significance:

The Mallery House at Beaver Heights was once a fine example of Shingle Style dwelling with Queen Anne style decorative elements. In recent years it has been enlarged and altered, and now serves as a day care center surrounded by playgrounds. Its shingle siding has been replaced, and it bears little resemblance to its original design. This house stands on parts of three lots in the Kenilworth subdivision, platted in 1895. Allen and Mary Mallery subdivided 10 acres of Kenilworth into Blocks 12 through 15; circa 1898 they had this dwelling constructed on lots 20-22 of Block 14. It was situated on a knoll just outside of the District of Columbia boundary, and was a fine example of Shingle Style dwelling, highlighted by a Queen-Anne-style crenellated bay and tower with curved roof. In 1927, the property became the subject of a suit in the Court of Equity, at which time it was described as being wooded and hilly, and having a beautiful ten-room house with 75 feet of porches and several outbuildings. It changed hands several times until it was purchased by the present owners who have undertaken significant additions and alterations. The resulting structure is large and somewhat fortress-like in appearance. Although the building is a prominent landmark, and its distinguishing features (the crenellated bay and the tower) survive, it has been altered to the extent that it is no longer representative of its style of construction.

Acreage: 27,642 sq. ft.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mallery house at Beaver Heights

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1407 Beaver Heights Lane _____ not for publication

city, town Capitol Heights Beaver Heights _____ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name Laura and Odell Shumate

street & number c/o 1407 Beaver Heights Lane telephone no.: 773-7140

city, town Capitol Heights, state and zip code MD. 20743

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2132

street & number Main Street folio 17

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 _____ federal _____ state county _____ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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 Mallery House at Beaver Heights is a large frame structure built on a slope so that part of it is two stories and part is three stories high. Its main facade is to the north, fronting on Beaver Heights Lane; to the south, the property slopes down to Cougar Lane and consists of a terraced playground. The building is presently used as a day-care center.

The building consists of a high two-story gable roofed main block, roughly five bays wide across its main north facade, with the second bay consisting of a projecting bay and the fifth consisting of a corner tower. Increasing the length of the building is an enclosed porch which wraps around the base of the tower on the west. Entrance is in the fourth bay through a door with diamond headed vertical panes flanked by similarly paned windows. Filling the second bay is a two-and-one-half-story semi-octagonal projecting bay, the three projecting faces filled with single or double 1/1 double-hung-sash windows. The projecting bay is topped by an octagonal pyramidal roof, with crenellated cornice. The fifth bay is filled with two-and-one-half-story octagonal tower (set into the northwest corner of the building) the faces of which are filled with 1/1 double hung sash windows. The tower has a octagonal pyramidal roof with plain board cornice, and no crenellation.

A one-story porch runs across the north facade of the building, it is supported by plain posts, and its flat roof forms a second-story balcony. A door in the north face of the corner tower opens onto this second story balcony. At the west corner of the building this one-story porch is enclosed and lighted by a bank of five modern double horizontal windows. The ground slopes steeply here and the enclosed porch has a basement with an entrance at grade level in the westmost corner. There is a metal fire escape at this west facade.

There are two large rectangular brick chimneys at the ridge of the main block, one at the east gable end, another between second and third bays. There are two rectangular hiproofed projecting bays on the south (rear) facade, at the southeast and southwest corners of the building.

The entire building is covered with white asbestos shingle and rests on concrete foundations. Windows are generally 1/1, and have plain board surrounds; there are no shutters. The roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. Old fieldstone gate posts mark the north boundary of the property.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	ca. 1898	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 Mallery House at Beaver Heights was once a fine example of Shingle Style suburban dwelling with Queen Anne style decorative elements. In recent years it has been enlarged, by below-grade construction and enclosure of part of the porch. It now serves as a day care center surrounded by playgrounds, its shingle siding has been replaced, and it bears little resemblance to its original design.

This house stands on parts of three lots in the Kenilworth subdivision, which was platted in 1895 by the Mallerys out of the estate of James H. Fowler known as "Fife Enlarged". Allen and Mary Mallery subdivided 10 acres of Kenilworth into Blocks 12 through 15; circa 1898 they had this handsome and spacious shingle style dwelling constructed on lots 20-22 of Block 14. It was situated on a knoll just outside of the District of Columbia boundary on steep and gullied terrain. The house had ten rooms, 55 windows, porches on two sides, and was equipped for furnace heat. Complete with several small outbuildings, this house was assessed at the turn of the century at \$4000.¹

The Mallerys had taken out a mortgage to cover the cost of the building, and lost it in 1917 through default in payment.² The property (lots 18 through 35) changed hands several times after that, and in 1927 became the subject of a suit in the Court of Equity. At this time, Harvey Akers sued for non-payment William Gardner to whom he claimed to have sold the property. In the course of the suit, the property was described as being wooded and hilly, and as having a beautiful ten-room home with 75 feet of porches, and outbuildings which included a chicken house and two-car garage. The house itself was a fine example of Shingle Style dwelling, highlighted by a Queen-Anne-style crenellated bay and tower with curved roof. Akers recovered the property, but sold it again within the year.³ It changed hands four more times until the building and lots 18 through 23 were purchased by Laura and Odell Shumate, who have enclosed part of the porch and constructed several additions including the large basement-level

8. Continued

addition at the west end.⁴ The curved roof of the tower has been replaced by a pyramidal one. The resulting structure is very large and imposing, and somewhat fortress-like in appearance. Although the building is a prominent landmark, and its distinguishing features, (i.e., the crenellated bay and the tower) survive, it has been altered to the extent that it is no longer representative of its style of construction.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed JWB #37:85; plat JWB #34:575; Prince George's County Tax assessments 1890's; Prince George's Equity #6590.

2 Prince George's County Deeds #37:105; #125:364.

3 Equity #6590; cf. chain of title.

4 Prince George's County Deed #2132:17; conversation with owner, June 1985.



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Mallery House at Beaver Heights

Photo ca. 1925

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Chain of Title

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#2132:17
2 Aug 1957
Deed
Thomas A. and Hazel M. Scott to Odell and Laura Shumate, lots 18 to 23, block 14 of "Kenilworth", as shown in plat JWB #34:575, formerly part of James H. Fowler estate.

#1343:460
16 March 1951
Deed
Thomas H. Hutchinson (surviving tenant of deceased wife, May) to Thomas and Hazel Scott, lots 18 through 23, block 14, Kenilworth.

#374:379
19 Oct. 1931
Deed
George and Mary Glass to Thomas and May Hutchinson, lots 18 to 35, block 14 "Kenilworth" as per plat JWB #34:575, which grantors acquired by #302:305.

#302:305
5 May 1928
Deed
Frieda Frankel to George and Mary Glass, lots 17 to 35, block 14, "Kenilworth" which grantor acquired from Harvey Akers in 1928.

#302:303
25 April 1928
Deed
Harvey and Ida Akers to Frieda Frankel, lots 17 to 35 in block 14 of Kenilworth, which Akers acquired by #294:207 and #245:99.

294:207
5 Oct. 1927
Deed
T. H. Duckett and S. M. Peach, trustees, to Harvey Akers, lots 18 to 35, block 14 in Kenilworth; grantors were ordered by Court (Equity #6590) to sell to Akers, and did so, August 1927.

#6590
1926
Equity
Akers had drawn up deed of sale of property to William H. Gardner; contract not finalized, discrepancy over acreage; Gardner moved into house, was ordered to pay purchase price and did not, Akers sued Gardner (Equity #6590); Court assigned trustees to reconvey property to Akers. (Testimony in Equity case indicates that house is known as Bralove property, that it is situated on knoll, on wooded lot just outside the District line; and is set back ca. 25 feet from road; that house is beautiful, has two stories, ten rooms, 55 windows and porches on two sides; lot has chicken house, garage; that land is steep and gullied; that house needs repairs to roof, has suffered water damage.)

#245:99
27 Sept. 1925
Deed
Isaac Kushner and Nathan Edelson to Harvey Akers; lots 18 to 35, block 14 of "Kenilworth".

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#245:98 Pauline Walters to Isaac Kushner and Nathan Edelson; lots
11 Sept. 1925 18 to 35, block 14 of "Kenilworth".
Deed

#242:470 Harry M. and Bessie Bralove to Pauline Walters, Kenilworth
24 Aug. 1925 block #14, lots 18 to 35; subject to deed of trust.
Deed

216:333 William Hill and R. Edmonston, trustees, to Harry Bralove,
4 Aug. 1924 Kenilworth block #14, lots 18 to 35; because Bralove sold
Deed property to Marvel Nash, and Nash mortgaged to Hill and
Edmonston (Deeds of Trust #197:163, #197:166), then
defaulted. Court assign trustees to reconvey property to
Bralove (Equity #6146).

#195:162 Harry M. Bralove to Marvel Nash, Kenilworth block 14, lots
27 June 1923 18 to 35, which Bralove acquired from S. Joseph Clarke.
Deed

#195:163 S. Joseph Clarke to Harry M. Bralove, Kenilworth block 14,
18 June 1923 lots 18 to 35; same which Clarke acquired by #127:388.
Deed

#127:388 Richard D. Magruder to S. Joseph Clarke, Kenilworth block
3 Oct. 1917 14, lots 18 to 35; which Magruder acquired by 125:364.
Deed

#125:364 Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore to Richard D.
7 March 1917 Magruder, Kenilworth block #14, lots 18 to 35; grantor is
Deed assignee of mortgage by Mary Mallery to H. P. Dyer,
Mallery has defaulted on mortgage, so court orders
assignee to sell property (Equity #4610).

#37:105 Mary Mallery and husband to H. Page Dyer, Kenilworth block
2 Nov. 1906 14, lots 18 to 35; (because Mallery is indebted \$4500 to
Mtge. Mallery H. Page Dyer, she executes this mortgage to secure
debt), same property which Mallery acquired by JWB
#37:85.

JWB #37:85 Lucy V. Beale to Mary Mallery for \$3900, Kenilworth block
1 June 1896 14, lots 18 to 35.
Deed

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Beaver Heights Hotel

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
49th Street, North of Eastern Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Fairmont Heights

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	Apts.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:
Upper Marlboro Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unclered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building with a multi-bay facade. At either end semi-octagonal towers have been added. There is an external chimney on the north end and an internal chimney near the center. The doorway and flanking windows have diamond pane sash. A porch extends across the facade.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Art
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering
<input type="checkbox"/> Industry
<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Science
<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INST JUNCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 25 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

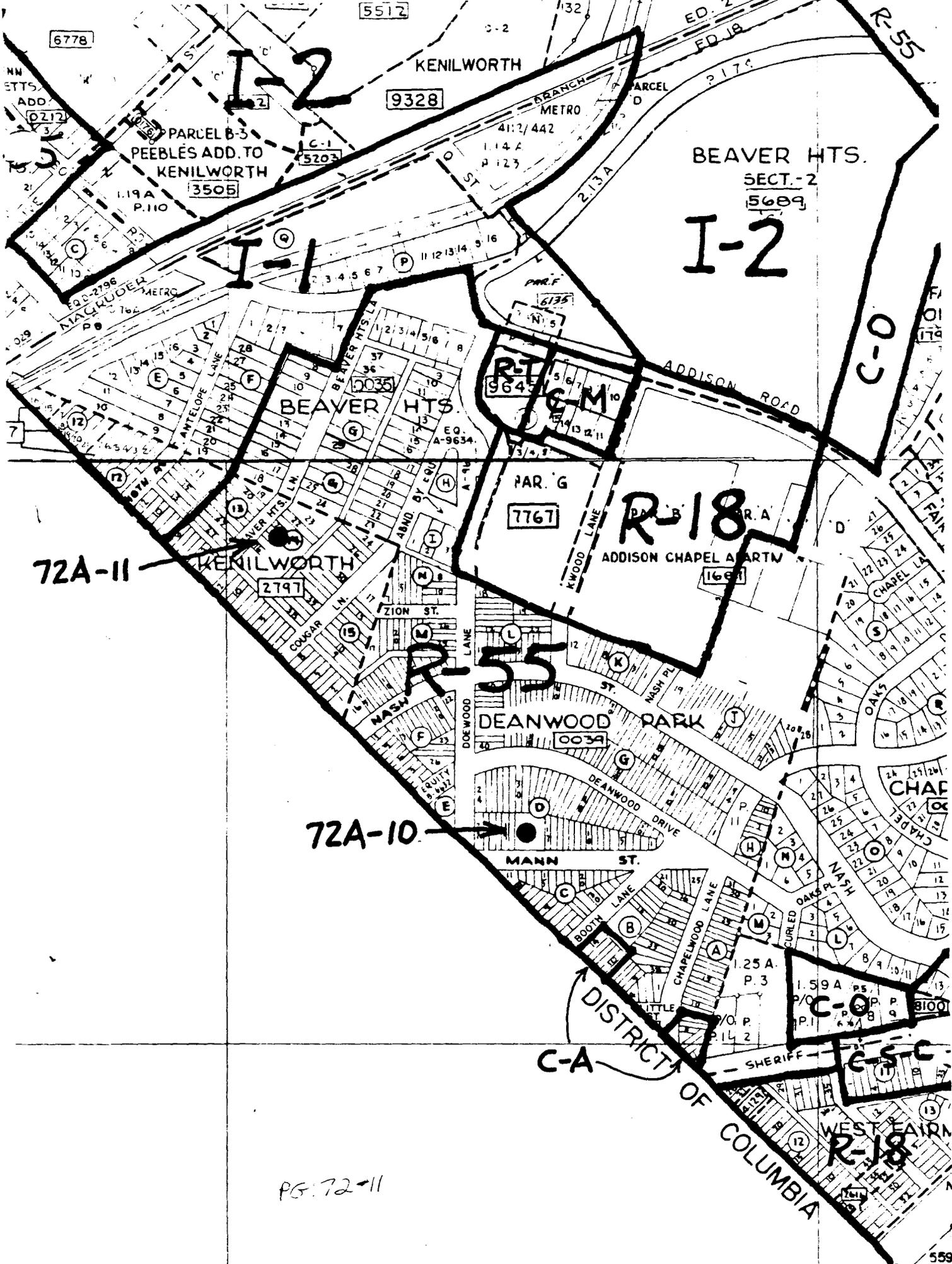
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



5512

6778

KENILWORTH

9328

BEAVER HTS.

SECT. - 2

5689

I-2

I-2

I-1

C-0

R-18

R-55

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72A-10

C-A

C-0

C-5-C

R-18

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Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Prince George's County, MD.

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southeast 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



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Mallery House at Beaver Heights

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

Southwest 3/4 elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Mallery House at Beaver Heights

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

April 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



NAME OLD HOTEL?

LOCATION 49th ST. NEAR EASTERN AVE, BEAVER HEIGHTS,
(FAIRMONT HEIGHTS)

FACADE SW
MO.

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