

Property Address <u>16609 Governors Bridge Road, Bowie vicinity, Prince George's County</u>
Owner Name/Address _____
Year Built <u>circa 1872</u>

**Description:**

The Hyatt House was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission. According to the form the property was demolished in the Spring of 1988.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The site of the Hyatt House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as the structure is no longer extant and the site of the structure does not retain sufficient integrity to represent an important architectural trend or distinctive characteristics of a type or method of construction. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D. 5170

<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>			
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Comments: _____			
Suzanne Pickens	07/21/1997	<i>Pickens</i>	7/21/97
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date	Reviewer, NR program	Date

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# U.S. 301 South Corridor Transportation Study

4313 Survey # PG-74B-18  
 Property Name Hyatt House  
 Town/County Bowie vicinity Prince Georges Co.  
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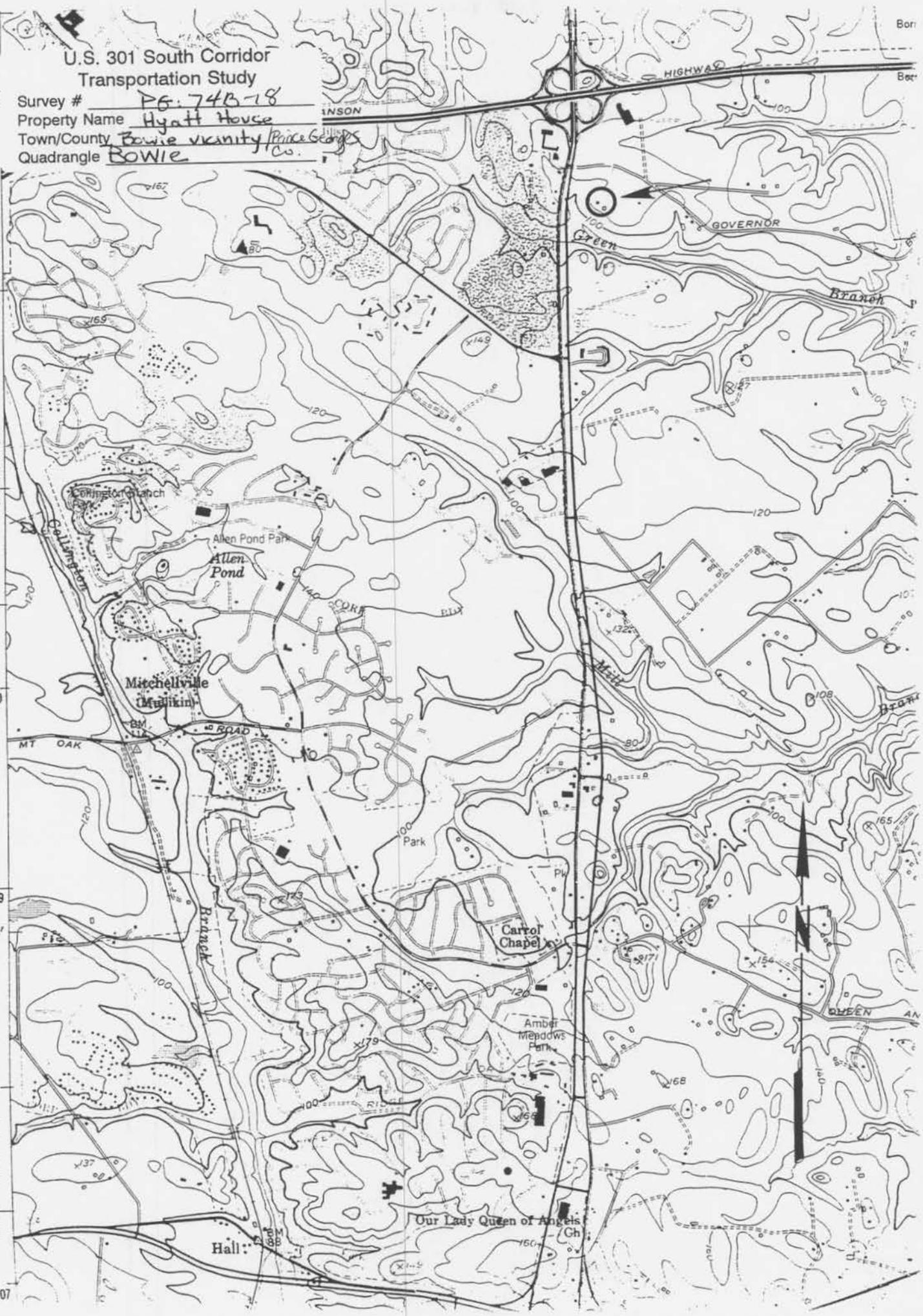
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HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #74B-18 Building Date: ca. 1872

Building Name: Hyatt House (Beverly)

Location: 16609 Governors Bridge Road, Mitchellville, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Hyatt House (Beverly) is a two-part frame dwelling, sheathed with white asbestos shingle. It consists of a two-and-one-half-story side-gabled main block to which is attached a two-story kitchen wing. The main block is three bays by two, with entrance in the first bay of the three-bay principal north facade through a door with molded round-arch panels. A brick chimney rises from the ridge between the second and third bays; the boxed molded cornice is returned at the gable ends, and, on the main north facade, the cornice is embellished with decorative jigsaw brackets. Extending to the west from the west gable end of the main block, flush with its south elevation but inset from the north facade, is a two-story gable-roof kitchen wing. The wing rests on a foundation of sandstone, which encloses a small basement in which can be observed the hand-hewn sill beams, joined at the corners with mortise and tenon. Interior plan of the main block is side stairhall and double parlor.

Significance

The Hyatt House at Beverly is a good example of a frame farmhouse, built shortly after the Civil War in conscious imitation of a house plan which had been popular in the previous generation; it was probably built to replace a house of this type which had stood on the same site. This 326-acre farm had been known as "Beverly" and had been the home of Richard B. Mullikin, who died in 1867. Five years later the farm was sold to Nannie Peach Hyatt, who had married Christopher C. Hyatt, Jr., son of merchant, postmaster and developer of Hyattsville. The Hyatts built this house soon after settling there, probably using the foundation of the Mullikin dwelling. The Hyatt House followed the side-hall-and-double-parlor plan, but differed from earlier forms in that the parlor fireplaces are back-to-back, served by a single central chimney, while the traditional ante-bellum plan had two gable-end chimneys. It is typical of modest Victorian vernacular farmhouses which recalled an earlier house form, and is distinguished by handsome cornice brackets, a fine Victorian door, and typical interior trim.

Acreage: 31.32 acres

Note: The dwelling was demolished, Spring 1988.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Beverly

and/or common Hyatt House (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number 16609 Governor's Bridge Road  not for publication

city, town Mitchellville  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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Osborne S. Belt, trustee

street & number 6917 Arlington Road, Suite 350 telephone no.:

city, town Bethesda state and zip code Maryland 20814

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6801

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 597

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG#74B-18

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed		* The dwelling house was demolished, spring 1988

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

The Hyatt House (Beverly) is a two-part frame dwelling, sheathed with white asbestos shingle, which stands on a high point of land overlooking the Green Branch near Governors Bridge. Together with an old stable building and a new modular dwelling, the Hyatt House stands framed by large old trees and cultivated fields just east of U.S. Route 301.

The Hyatt House consists of a two-and-one-half-story side-gabled main block to which is attached a two-story kitchen wing. The main block is three bays by two (24 by 30 feet), with entrance in the first bay of the three-bay principal north facade through a four-panel door with molded (upper) round-arch panels, a four-pane transom and narrow three-pane sidelights over molded wainscot panels. Above the door and the sidelights is a decorative course of stencilled ogee molding. There is a one-story hip-roof porch, now screen-enclosed, across the north facade.

The wood siding of the house is covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 6/6 double-hung-sash with narrow molded surrounds; a small 6/6 window lights each gable end at loft level. There is a rear door, opposite the principal door, in the third bay of the south facade. The gable roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle. A brick chimney rises from the ridge between the second and third bays. The boxed molded cornice is returned at the gable ends; on the main north facade, the cornice is embellished with decorative jigsaw brackets. The main block rests on a heavy foundation of local iron-bearing stone, surmounted and in some places reinforced by a narrower upper foundation of brick; this suggests that the present house stands on the site of the older, smaller home at Beverly of Richard B. and Ellen O. Mullikin. There is no basement under the main block.

Extending to the west from the west gable end of the main block, flush with its south elevation but inset from the north facade, is a two-story gable-roof kitchen wing, 21 by 16-1/2 feet, an irregular three bays by two. There is an entrance in the third bay of the north facade of the wing; the first and second bays of this facade are sheltered by an extension of the screened porch of the main block. There is a rear entrance in the third bay of the south facade. This rear entrance is sheltered by a one-story entry porch with a shallow hip roof supported by plain posts with a plain two-rail balustrade; the porch rests on brick piers and is approached by a flight of concrete steps. Windows are 6/6

double hung sash with narrow molded surrounds; some are grouped in pairs, and some are of smaller dimensions.

Siding and roof treatment in the wing are the same as that of the main block; the boxed molded cornice is returned at the west gable end, and decorated (on the north only) with the same decorative brackets as those of the main block. An interior brick chimney rises at the ridge at the west gable end. The wing rests on a heavy foundation of local iron-bearing sandstone, which encloses a small basement. In this basement can be observed the hand-hewn sill beams, joined at the corners with mortise and tenon. There is a small gable-roof entry to the basement in the west gable end.

Interior plan of the main block is side stairhall and double parlor. The north entrance leads into the stairhall. The stair rises along the east wall, turns 90° at a landing, then turns 90° again and rises to the second story; the high second-story south window lights the landing. The open-string stair has a heavy turned newel, turned balusters, and bracketed stair-ends. The staircase hangs free, with an empty space beneath the first run.

Floors are of random-width boards, with high plain baseboards. Moldings in the first story of the main block consist of an ogee molding and frieze bounded by a plain backband and inner bead; on the second story they are plain board with inner bead. Moldings in the wing are of plain board. There is a simple and handsome wood mantel in the inner (north) wall of the south parlor; it has a plain frieze, plain pilasters with molded capitals, and a scalloped molded shelf. The mantel in the north parlor (back-to-back with the fire place in the south parlor) has been removed and replaced by a modern brick surround. The mantels in the bedrooms above are the same as that in the south parlor, except that the shelves have a straight profile.

A short distance southeast of the house is a small gable-roof stable building. It is sided with vertical board and rests on brick piers reinforced with concrete. The lines are varied by a shallow central cross gable in the main north facade, lighted by a 6/6 double hung sash window. The unevenly pitched gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal. There are two side-by-side hanging doors in the west gable end, and a smaller loading door centered above them.

The Hyatt House is scheduled to be demolished during the spring of 1988. At right angles to the north, a small one-story modular dwelling is being prepared to replace it.



double-parlor plan.<sup>3</sup> These later houses differ from the earlier house forms in that the parlor fireplaces are back-to-back and are served by a single central chimney, while the traditional ante-bellum plan had two gable-end chimneys.

Nannie Peach Hyatt died in 1920; her will devised that her real estate be divided among her three children, Nellie, Samuel and Blanche, with the dwelling and 27 acres to go to Blanche, who was by then the wife of Edgar Hamilton.<sup>4</sup> The dwelling has remained the home of Blanche Hyatt Hamilton's descendants till the present time.

The Hyatt House is typical of modest Victorian vernacular farmhouses which recalled an earlier house form. It is distinguished by handsome cornice brackets, a fine Victorian door, and typical and fine interior trim. It has remained the home of the family of its builder for more than a century.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Equity #640 and #660; Prince George's County Deed HB #10:488.

2 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses.

3 See Prince George's County MHT forms #82A-25, and #86A-25.

4 Prince George's County Will GPH #2:196; Orphans Court Proceedings WTD #1:84. Prince George's County Deeds #179:96, 99; #188:399.



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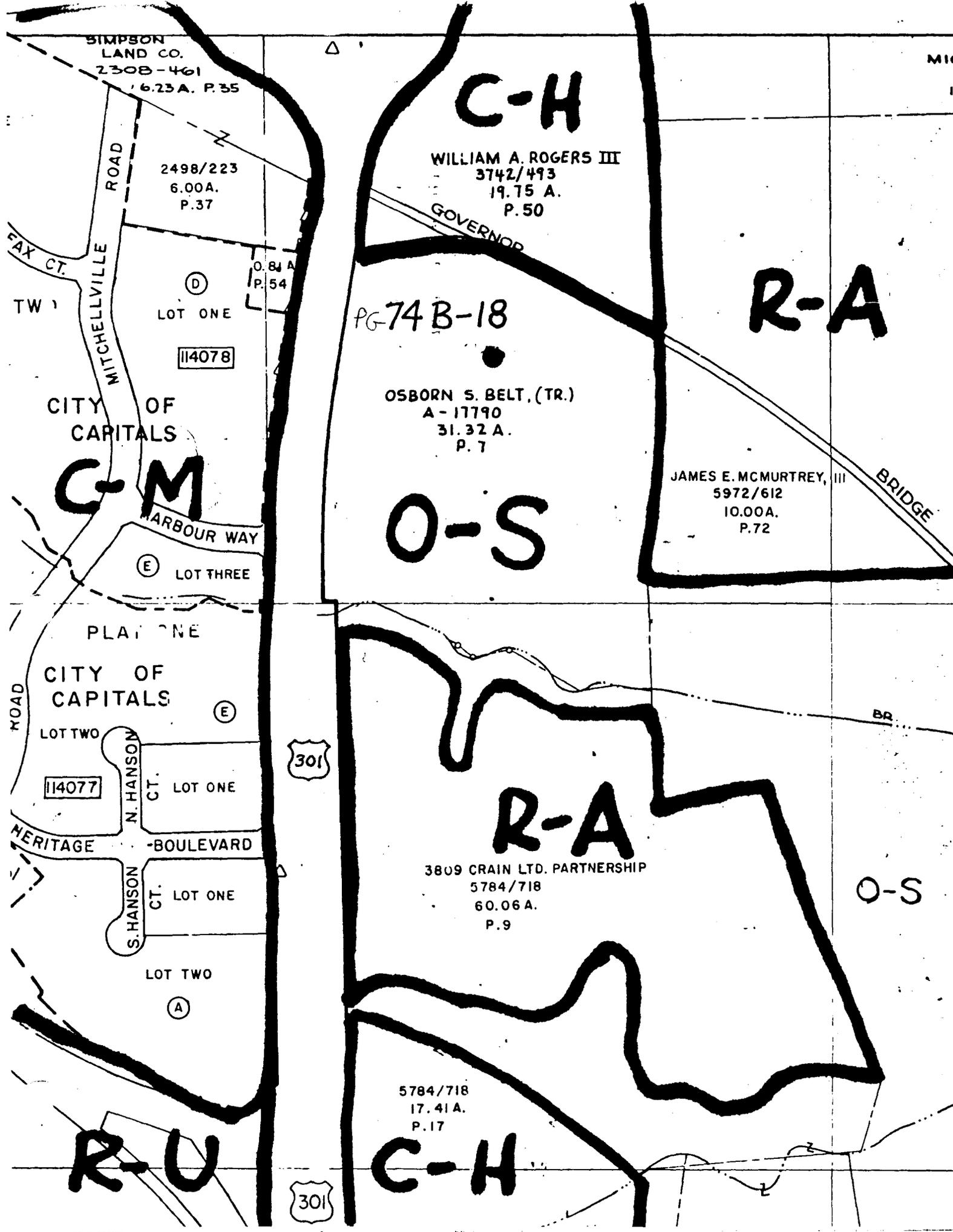
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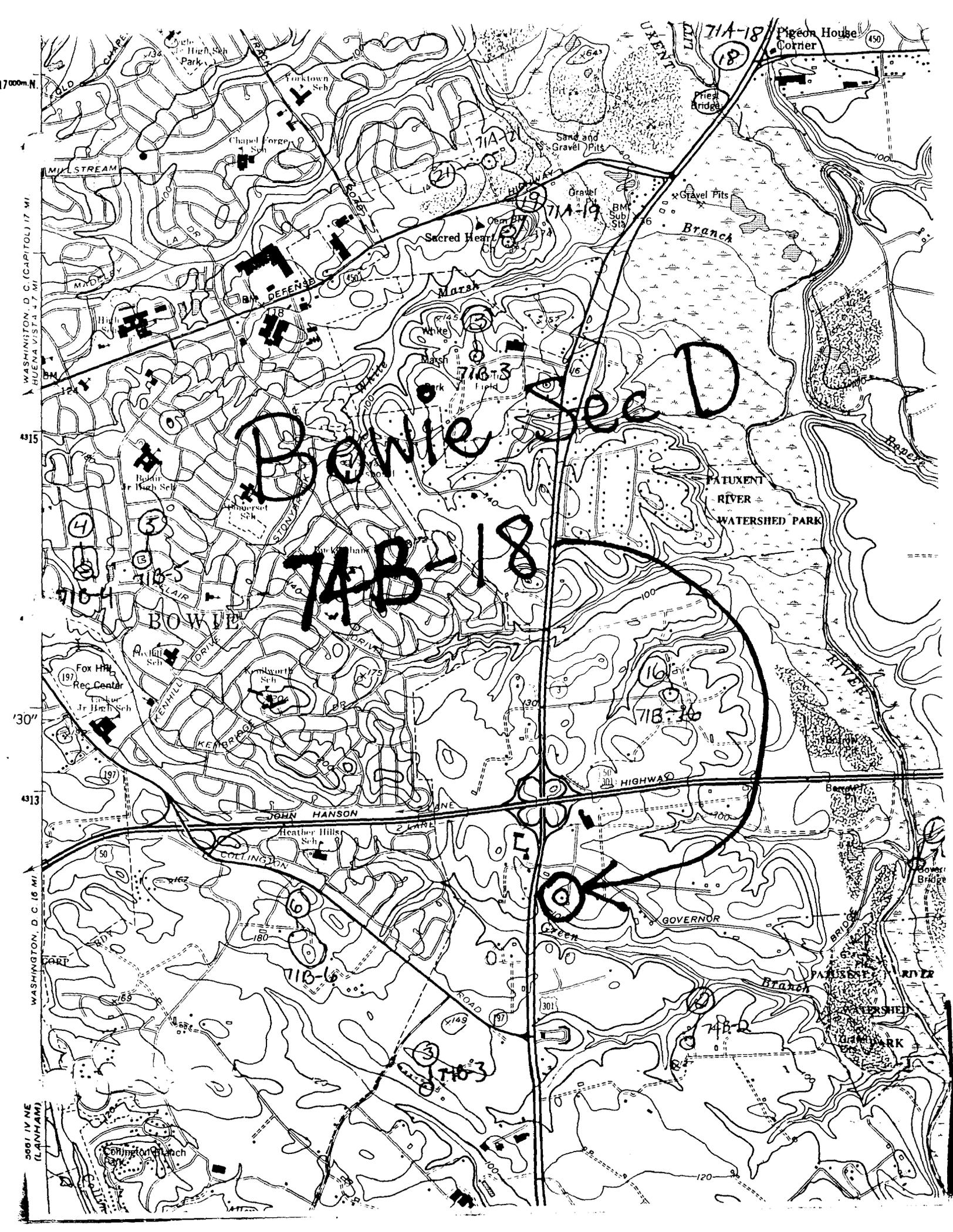
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Susan S. Pearl  
February 1988  
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Hyatt House

Prince George's Co., Md

Susan G. Pearl

February 1988

Southwest elevation

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Annapolis, Md.

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Hyatt House  
Prince Georges Co., Md  
Susan G. Pearl  
February 1988  
East Entrance  
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Annapolis, Md.



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Hyatt House  
Prince George's Co., Md.  
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Hyatt House  
Prince Georges Co., Md.  
Susan S. Pearl

February 1988

Stair, view to south  
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P.G.# 74B-18

Hyatt House

Prince Georges Co., Md

Susan E. Pearl

February 1988

Stable, northwest elevation

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Annapolis, Md.

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