

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: PG:LAU-1-8 (PACS 1.12) Construction Date: 1926

Name: Luther and Grace Welsh House

Location: 123 Second Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Apartments/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description:

The Luther and Grace Welsh House is a 2-story, 2-bay Colonial Revival building on the west side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1926, the building is a massed plan with a 2-story rear gable-roof addition and an enclosed hipped-roof porch. The building is currently divided into four apartments. The structure has a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles, with a front hipped-roof dormer. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a formed concrete block foundation under the main block, and a poured concrete foundation under the rear addition. The windows are 2-light sliding replacement units. The building has a pedimented porch with square wood posts on the front elevation, a pedimented entry on the south, and wood steps which provide access to the second story entrance on the south.

Significance:

The Luther and Grace Welsh House was built in 1926 on 1253 square meters (13,486 square feet) of land on Second Street known as Lot 21 of Block 56. The property was inherited by Hyla Smith through the estate of Grace Welsh. Hyla Smith sold the property in 1938 to Clyde and Naomi Miles. The Miles sold the property in 1956 to Robert Lee Marsh. Evelyn Whitmore inherited the property from the estate of Robert Lee Marsh, and she sold the property in 1974 to the current owner.

Preparer
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May 1998

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE yes no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Luther and Grace Welsh House (preferred)

and/or common Daya Jain Property

2. Location:

street & number 123 Second Street n/a not for publication

city, town Laurel vicinity of congressional district

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"/> education	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	apartment
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Daya Jain

street & number 1329 Dasher Lane telephone no.:

city,town Reston state and zip code Virginia 20190

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County liber 5251

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 516

city,town Upper Marlboro state MD

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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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

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

The Luther and Grace Welsh House is a 2-story, 2-bay Colonial Revival building on the west side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed in 1926, the building is a massed plan with a 2-story rear gable-roof addition and an enclosed hipped-roof porch. The building is currently divided into four apartments.

The structure has a hipped roof covered in asphalt shingles, with a front hipped-roof dormer. It is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, and it has a formed concrete block foundation under the main block, and a poured concrete foundation under the rear addition. The windows are 2-light sliding replacement units. The building has a pedimented porch with square wood posts on the front elevation, a pedimented entry on the south, and wood steps on the south which access the second floor.

The east, or front elevation has been altered with the enclosure of the original front porch and the addition of a pedimented front porch. There is a brick foundation under the front addition, and brick steps leading to the porch. There is a door in the first bay, and a 2-light sliding window in the second bay. The second story has two 2-light sliding windows. The hipped-roof dormer has two 4-light casement windows.

The north elevation has been altered with the front and rear additions. There are three 2-light awning windows in the basement level. There is a single 2-light sliding window in the front addition. There are three 2-light sliding windows on the first floor of the main block, and a door on the first floor of the rear addition. The second story has three 2-light sliding windows on the main block and one on the rear addition.

The west elevation has been altered with the 2-story rear gable-roof addition. There is one 2-light sliding window on each floor of the addition. There is a small wood porch with a shed roof in the corner between the main block and the addition.

The south elevation has been altered with the front and rear additions, and with the addition of modern first and second story doors. The first story has four 2-light sliding windows, a door with a pedimented entry porch, and a 2-light sliding window on the front addition. The second story has a door in the first bay, accessed by a set of wood stairs, and three small 2-light sliding windows.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The Luther and Grace Welsh House is located on the west side of Second Street, and is surrounded by commercial property to the south and west, and converted residential property to the east and north. There is a fenced tree line to the north of the property. The property's setting is commercial, though historically this area was a residential neighborhood in the City of Laurel.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1926	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
	Applicable Exceptions: <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 Luther and Grace Welsh House was built in 1926 on 1253 square meters (13,486 square feet) of land on Second Street known as Lot 21 on Block 56. The property was inherited by Hyla Smith through the estate of Grace Welsh. Hyla Smith sold the property in 1938 to Clyde and Naomi Miles. The Miles sold the property in 1956 to Robert Lee Marsh. Evelyn Whitmore inherited the property from the estate of Robert Lee Marsh, and she sold the property in 1974 to the current owner.

The Luther and Grace Welsh House is located in Laurel. Laurel is located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Cook 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

The Luther and Grace Welsh House is an example of a Colonial Revival house. While the Queen Anne, Folk Victorian and Four-square styles were at the height of popularity in the United States, the Colonial Revival style began to capture the American imagination. Popular in the years from 1880 to 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from a rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival dwellings were drawn predominantly from Georgian and Federal styles;

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8. Significance (Continued)

secondary influences included Dutch Colonial and English Postmedieval types. Late nineteenth century examples of Colonial Revival were often asymmetrical and exhibited a combination of Queen Anne features, such as turrets and wide porches, and Colonial features such as Palladian windows and Adamesque swags or urns. Examples built from 1915 to 1935 reflected colonial precedents more closely, while those built after World War II simplified the style, with details which only suggested rather than duplicated the original examples. Various sub-styles, such as the Dutch Colonial Revival, were popular during the early to mid-twentieth century.

Colonial Revival houses are usually strictly rectangular in plan with few projections and have symmetrical facades. They range from one to three stories with hipped, side-gable, cross-gable, or gambrel roofs. Clapboard is the most popular sheathing material, although brick is not uncommon. After World War II, colonial homes frequently featured a brick-sided first story with an overhanging wood-sided second story. In more elaborate homes, a hipped roof is often topped with a flat deck and balustrade or a cupola. Pedimented doorways and fanlights are common. Some pediments evolved into porticos with slender columns. The typical form of the windows is rectangular with double-hung sash. Palladian windows are common on more sophisticated dwellings. The addition of side porches, terraces and sunrooms are modern features common to Colonial Revival homes (McAlester 1984, 321-6).

National Register Evaluation

Constructed in 1926, the Luther and Grace Welsh 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 it is a heavily altered example of a Colonial Revival House. All the windows have been replaced, there is a rear addition, the original front porch has been enclosed, and the building has been covered in vinyl siding. The property no longer retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, or setting. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>
Comments: <u>THIS IS A STANDARD FOUR-SQUARE HOUSE - NOT A COLONIAL REVIVAL. BUT STILL NOT</u>	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/2/98</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>9/7/98</u>

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-1-8(PACS 1.12)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

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state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form): Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Private Residence

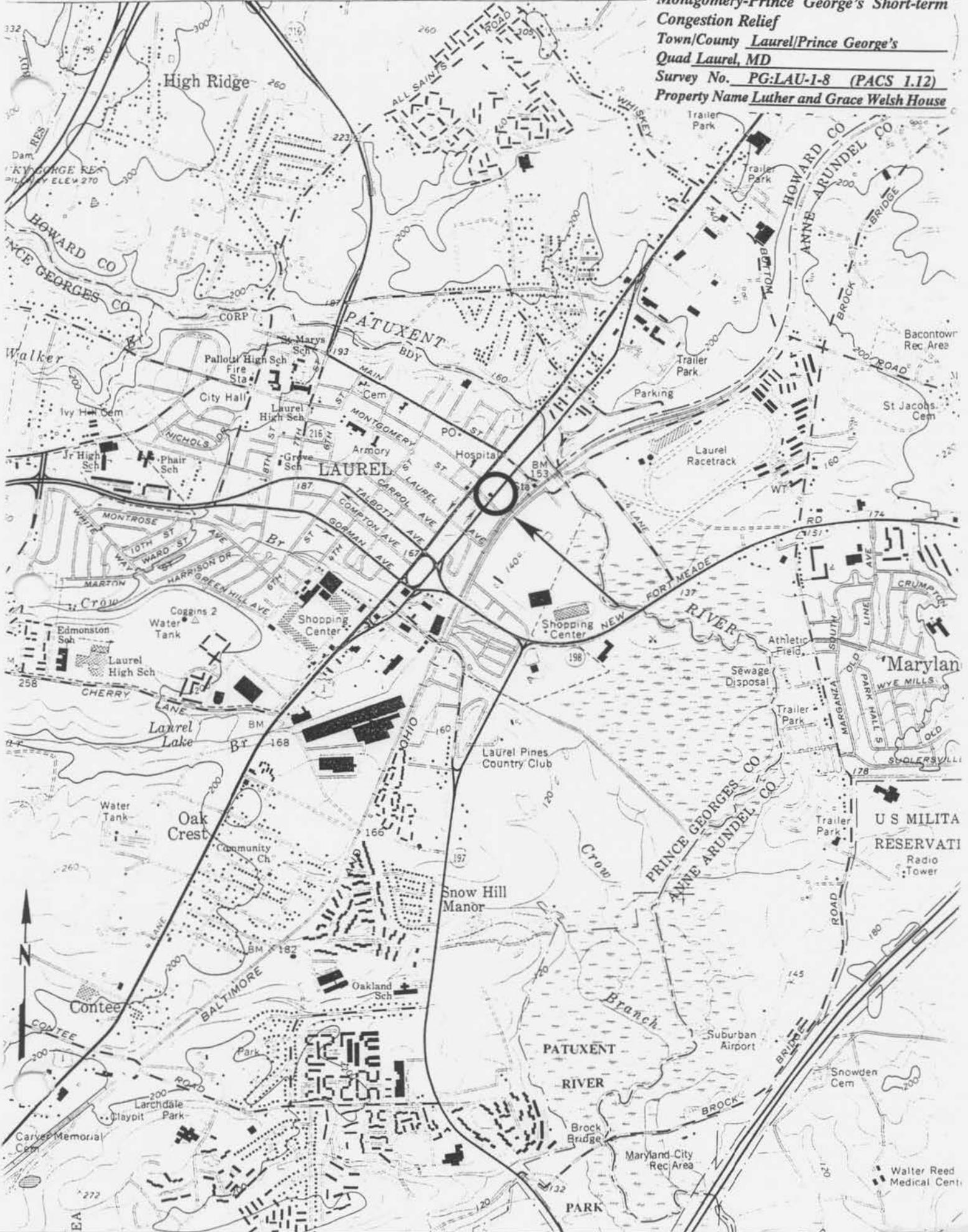
Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Baltimore 18 M. SAVAGE 1 MI.
**Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term
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Quad Laurel, MD
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Radio
Tower

Walter Reed
Medical Cent



- 1 PG: 1 on 1-8
- 2 Luther & Grace W. S. House
- 3 Prince George's, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/75
- 6 Mid 5/75
- 7 E. plantation
- 8 1 of 8

1775-1780



1 P. 200-18

2 Luther & Grace Methodist Church

3 Bruce George Co. St

4 Busa Taylor

5 5/98

6 Ald. 3112

7 NE corner

8 2 1/2 8

2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2



1 Po. Can. 1-8

2 Luther & Grace Welsh Road

3 Prince Georges Co. Md

4 Swan Chapter

5 5/98

6 11/18 SHPO

7 N. Corner

8 3 of 8



- 1 Peilant-9
- 2 Leather & Deer Welsh Horse
- 3 Prince Georges B. Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5178
- 6 Md SPP
- 7 W. elevation
- 8 4177

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



- 1 PB. Lau + i
- 2 Litter + Pierre Welsh House
- 3 Prince Georges Co. Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5' 4"
- 6 1st St. W. D.
- 7 5th St. W. D.
- 8 5' 7" 8"

27 FEB 1963



1 PG: Lau. 177

2 Letter of Grace Welsh House

3 Prince George to Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/98

6 Ald SAPP

7 N elevation

8 6 of 8



- 1 Pt. Cav. 1-2
- 2 Letter + Alice Welsh House
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 Blas
- 6 Md St. P.
- 7 S elevation
- 8 7 sf

27 JUN 1980 TL



- 1 Pt: Lau-1-8
- 2 Lubbey & Grace Welsh Hills
- 3 Prince George Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 3/19
- 6 Md 3/20
- 7 SE corner
- 8 8038

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