

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: _____ PG:LAU-11 (PACS 1.7) Construction Date: circa 1880

Name: E. Wright Newman House

Location: 320 Second Street, Laurel, Prince George's County

Private/Apartments/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description:

The E. Wright Newman House is a 2½-story, 5-bay, Second Empire-style house on the east side of Second Street in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1880, the building is L-shaped with a 1-story wood-frame hipped-roof addition on the side and rear, and there is a 1-story shed-roof porch on the front elevation. The structure has a mansard roof covered with pressed metal shingles, and has three gable dormers on the front and rear elevations, and two gable dormers on each of the side elevations. It is of wood-frame construction with weatherboard siding, and it has a parged brick foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The porch on the front elevation has turned wood posts, flat-sawn brackets, and square balusters. The house has been converted into four apartments.

Significance:

The E. Wright Newman House was built circa 1880 on the western portion of Lot 6 in Templeman and Shirley's survey of the estate of Thomas Talbott. The list of sponsors for the 1878 map includes E. Wright Newman's name, but includes no information on his occupation or place of birth. E. Wright Newman sold the property that he had purchased in 1879 for \$175.00 to Honorine Jardin in 1887 for \$6150.00. Honorine Jardin sold the property to her son Armand Jardin in 1890. The 1894 directory for Laurel as reprinted in the Laurel Centennial Souvenir Booklet lists "Honora, Armand, and Myra Jardine" as residents of a house at Second and Laurel Avenue, and lists Armand Jardin's occupation as clerk.

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 E. Wright Newman House (preferred)

and/or common Melbourne & Feagin Apartments

2. Location:

street & number 320 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n/a not for publication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
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	apartments

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

name Percival G. Melbourne III et al

street & number 320 Second Street

telephone no.:

city, town Laurel

state and zip code Maryland 20708

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records of Prince George's County

liber 12105

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center

folio 399

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 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			

Resource Count: 1

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 structure has a mansard roof covered with pressed metal shingles, and has three gable dormers on the front and rear elevations, and two gable dormers on each of the side elevations. It is of wood-frame construction with weatherboard siding, and it has a parged brick foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The porch on the front elevation has turned wood posts, flat-sawn brackets, and square balusters. The house has been converted into four apartments.

The west, or front elevation is dominated by the front porch. There is a 1-story hipped-roof addition on a concrete foundation on the north side. There is a wood deck on the west side of the addition. The basement level is obscured by the brick foundation of the porch. There are three entrances on the first story, located at the first, third, and fifth bays. The entrance on the third bay was the main entrance to the house, and features a modified pedimented door- surround with pilasters and 4-light sidelights. The first-bay entrance is on the side-addition, and the fifth-bay entrance replaced a window. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical. There is a 1/1 double-hung window in the second bay, and a 2/2 double-hung window in the fourth bay. The second story has three-bays. The first has paired 1/1 double-hung windows, and the second and third have 2/2 double-hung windows. The front elevation has a bracketed and modillion cornice. There are three gable dormers, placed above the second story fenestration, each with a 2/2 double-hung window.

The north elevation has been altered with a 1-story frame addition on a raised concrete foundation. There are four windows in the basement level. The first has a 1/1 double-hung window, and the other three have 2-light fixed-windows. The first story of the main block is obscured by the addition. There are four 1/1 double-hung windows on the addition. A gable dormer emerges from the center of the addition roof, and it has a 2/2 double-hung window. There are three windows on the second story of the main block. The first is a 2/2 double-hung window, the second is a 6-light casement, and the third is a 2/2 double-hung window. There are two gable dormers, each with a 2/2 double-hung window.

The east, or rear elevation has been altered with a 1-story frame addition on a raised concrete foundation. The basement level has a 2-light fixed window on the southeast corner and an open parking bay under the central portion of the addition. There is a 2-light fixed window, two doors, and a 1/1 double-hung window on the north section of the addition. The first floor of the main block is obscured by the addition. The first portion of the addition, which appears to be an enclosed rear porch, has a strip of four 1/1 double-hung aluminum windows. The middle portion has paired 1/1 double-hung aluminum windows. The northern section of the addition has two 1/1 double-hung windows. There is a staircase leading to a door on the south side of the middle portion of the addition. The second story of the main block is visible above the addition. There are two 2/2 double-hung windows, a 1/1 double-hung window, and paired 2/2 double-hung windows in the second story. The three gable dormers have 2/2 double-hung windows. The central brick chimney is visible from this elevation.

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7. Description (Continued)

The south elevation has a raised foundation, and the additions on the east elevation are visible on this elevation. The basement level has three 2-light fixed windows. The main block of the house has two bays on the first story. The first bay has paired 1/1 double-hung windows. The second bay has a rectangular bay-window with three 1/1 double-hung windows. The cornice of the bay-window is bracketed. The rear addition has a strip of three 1/1 double-hung windows, a door, and a 1/1 double-hung window. The second story of the main block has two bays with paired 1/1 double-hung windows. There are two gable-dormers with 2/2 double-hung windows.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

The E. Wright Newman house sits on the northeast corner of Second Street and Laurel Avenue. It is surrounded by residential property to the north, industrial property to the east, the State Highway Administration Laurel office to the south, and commercial properties to the west. There are trees on the north side of the property. The property's setting is urban. The house was built during the early settlement of Laurel, and would have been located in a residential neighborhood with large lots. The surrounding lots have been subdivided and developed with mid-twentieth century housing, and late-twentieth century commercial properties. At the time that the house was built, Second Street ended at Laurel Avenue.

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8. Significance (Continued)

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 E. Wright Newman House is an example of Second Empire-style architecture. Contemporaneous with the Gothic Revival style, the Second Empire style was a dominant style for American houses constructed between 1860 and 1880. The style is chiefly characterized by its distinctive mansard roof punctuated by dormer windows. The form of the buildings is square or rectangular, usually with at least three bays per facade. Second Empire buildings often feature Italianate style details such as bracketed cornices, but the eave overhang is often less deep (McAlester 1991:241,242). The style was used for civic and commercial buildings as well as residences.

National Register Evaluation:

The E. Newman Wright House, constructed circa 1880, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as an excellent example of a Second Empire-style house which was constructed during the prosperous growth period of Laurel. The property represents the larger, more formal houses which were constructed during the expansion of Laurel after its incorporation in 1870. It has good integrity, and retains the mansard roof with pressed metal shingles, the bracketed porch, the bracketed and modillioned cornice, the majority of original 2/2 and paired 1/1 windows, and the modified pedimented door surround which characterize the Second Empire style. The side and rear additions cover the first floor, but do not obscure the character defining elements of the building. 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. 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>XY</u>
Comments	
<u>Integrity compromised by alterations.</u>	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>01/21/99</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>01/21/99</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. PG:LAU-11(PACS 1.7)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .65 acres (.26 hectares)
Quadrangle name Laurel, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See continuation sheet

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

state	code	county	code
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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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

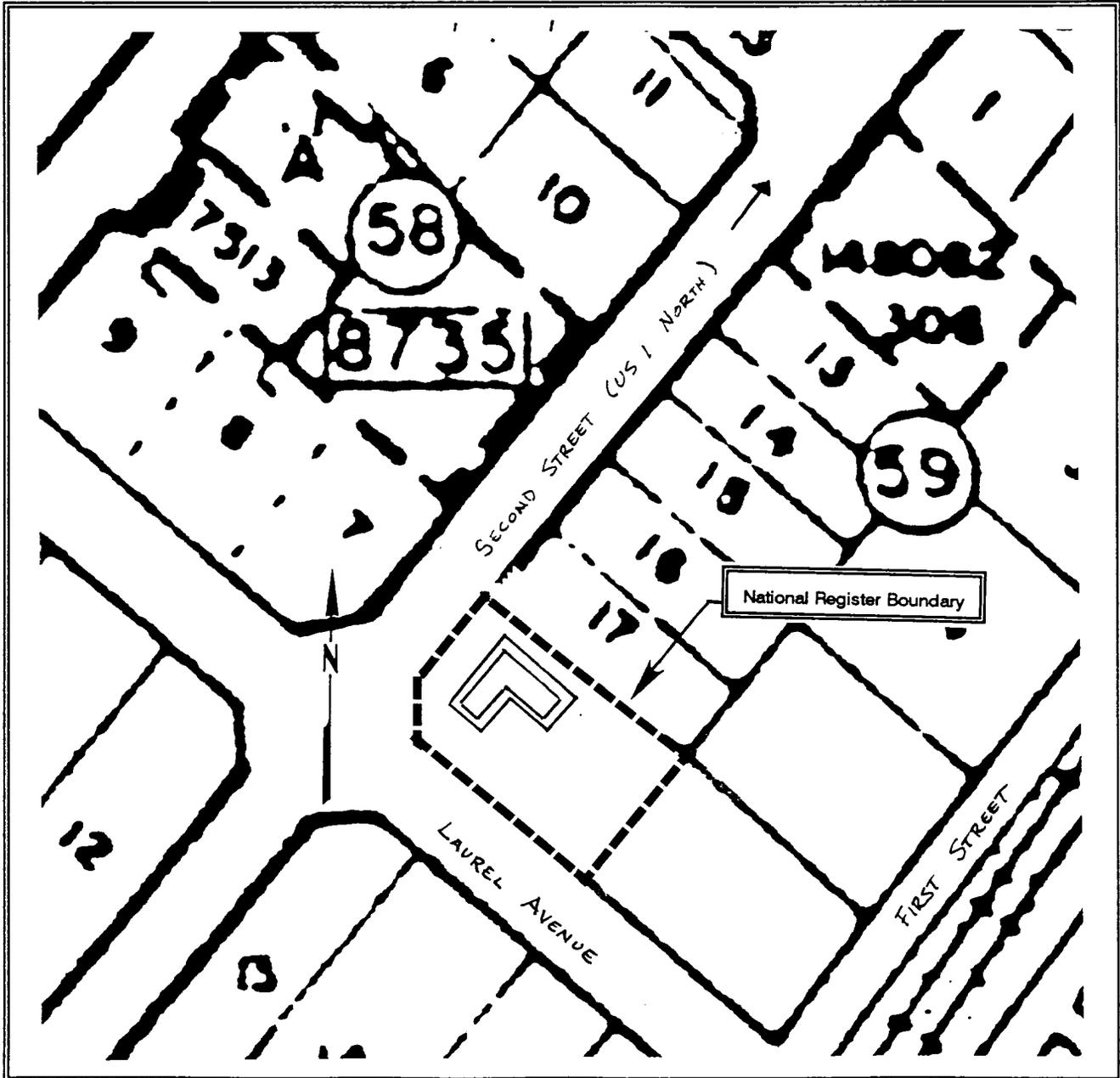
The National Register boundaries of the E. Wright Newman House follow the current property lines of 320 Second Street (Tax Map 6, Parcel 59). This .27 hectare (.65 acre) parcel is bounded on the north by an adjacent parcel, on the south by Laurel Avenue, on the east by an adjacent parcel, and on the west by Second Street. The boundary includes the house. According to deed research, the property was originally part Lot 6 of the survey made of Thomas Talbott's property which was purchased by E. Wright Newman in 1879. The current parcel is the western half of Lot 6, which was separated from the eastern half by the Berwyn Fuel Company.

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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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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

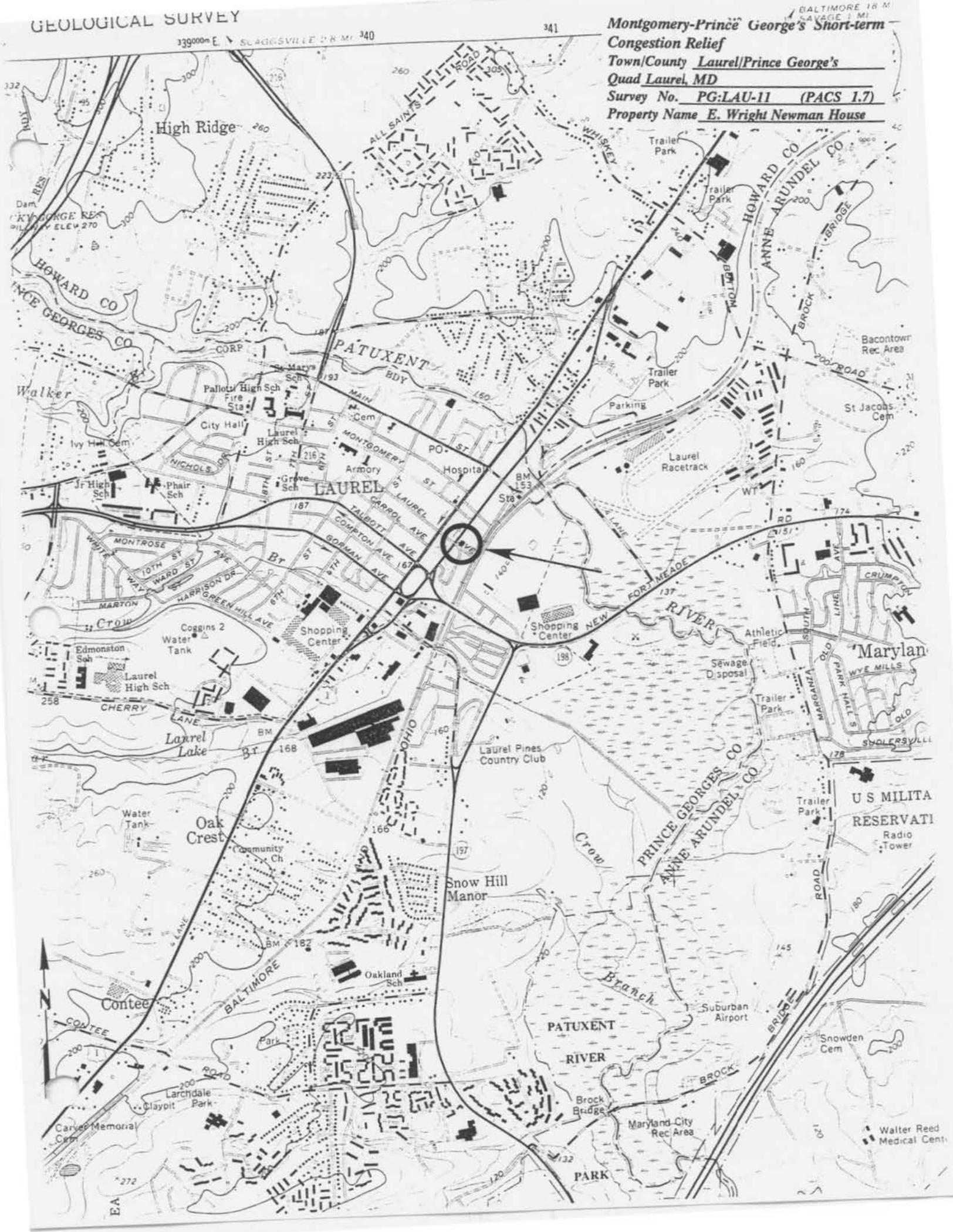
Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural): Village

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

Known Design Source (write none if unknown): None

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

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 Town/County Laurel/Prince George's
 Quad Laurel, MD
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- 1 PG: Lau-11
- 2 E. Wright Newman House
- 3 Prince George's Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5198
6. Md SHPO
- 7 W elevation
- 8 1st 8

2025 RELEASE UNDER E.O. 14176



- 1 PG. Law - 11
- 2 E. H. Light - Newmar Horse
- 3 Prince Georges Co, Md
- 4 Susan Gardner
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 NW corner
- 8 2-78

STAIN 1200906



- 1 PG 1600
- 2 E. Wright Newman House
- 3 Prince George, 3rd. Rd.
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/05
- 6 11th STPC
- 7 N elevator
- 8 3rd 8

STNNN 1230 958



- 1 PG 200-11
- 2 E Wright Newman House
- 3 Prince George Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/21
- 6 Md SHPO
- 7 NE corner
- 8 4 of 8

ST. HENRY 1030 968



1 Pg. 200 - 11

2 8 May 1968 Newman House

3 Prince Georges Co, Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5197

6 Mid SHPO

ST N N N 1230 958

7 E elevation

8 5 of 8



- 1 P.B. can. 11
- 2 E. Wright Newman Home
- 3 Purce George Co, Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 Md SHP 3
- 7 SE can. 11
- 8 6 of 8

CTRN 1420968



1 PG can - 11

2 E. Wright Newman House

3 Prince George, Co. Md

4 Susan Taylor

5 5/99

6 11/18 SMPD

7 S. Clifton

8 7/28

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- 1 Peilau - N
- 2 S. Wright Newman House
- 3 Prince Georges Co Md
- 4 Susan Taylor
- 5 5/98
- 6 MASHPO
- 7 SW - 10000
- 8 8088

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