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LYDIA ZINK SCHOOL - c. 1867 - 910 Maiden Choice Lane. Large, high Victorian house with Italianate elements, three-corner towers, a cupola, porches. Two-story frame and clapboard. Patterned roofing materials; flat and gable roofs. Also called Homewood and shown as D. Carson's on 1877 atlas map. There is supposedly an old house of the Carroll family inside the 19th Century villa. Formerly used as a kindergarten and private school.

Lydia Zink School  
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MAY DAY!

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RE: XIII-BAW-1165 (LYDIA ZINK SCHOOL) HOMEWOOD, 910 Maiden Choice Lane, Arbutus.

Dear Nancy:

Thank you so much for the April 25th note about this incredible building (and slide/location). YES: it is on the Baltimore County inventory (was entered by me 1/78), but I haven't yet verified the quad location either. We're both in the right block with our "dots" for this as well as for the WILTON DAIRY FARM (the unpainted frame farmhouse you also mentioned). So: in mid-May I'll locate both and send a quad reference for MHT (you) along with some Gray's Level identifications John Hnedak should have, in connection with his Patapsco River Valley Park study.

The Wilton Dairy was a long time county farm, bottling under its own name. I don't have its history within reach at the moment, but the main barn burned (arson naturally!) in the recent past after the business collapsed. It should be on our inventory, and will be soon. As you know, I've steered clear of the whole Catonsville-Arbutus area hoping it could be done in a systematic way. Mark says matching funds are probably still available for Catonsville. The problem is finding someone willing to take on the responsibility of orchestrating the survey, rounding up volunteers, ETC. I think I've found someone, but can't attend to it for awhile. There are about a dozen people very interested in helping and having it done (but who don't want to be in charge!!!! does that sound familiar?)

I believe John McGrain sent Mark a preliminary descriptive <sup>inventory</sup>/listing for all our Baltimore County (election) districts. In District 13, you will find Lydia Zink School (c.1867). John says "Large, High Victorian house with Italianate elements, three corner towers, a cupola, porches. Two-story frame and clapboard. Patterned roofing materials; flat and gable roofs, Also called Homewood and shown as D. Carson's on 1877 atlas. There is supposedly an old house of the Carroll family inside the 19th century villa. Now used as a kindergarten and school." It was used as the March 1978 photo, in the Baltimore County library calendar (copy enclosed), where Jeffrey Fielding says "The house is reputed to have been built and lived in by Charles Carroll the Barrister during the construction of Mount Clare (c. 1755). This was a square building prior to 1867, when apparent Victorian features were added. Remaining original interior ornamentation includes: molding in the ceilings and oyster shell plaster; three very old thick doors with squares at top and bottom, and rectangles in the middle. This landmark is now used as an accredited nursery and day school."

It was good to see you at the MGS (Mason/Dixon project) meeting on the 17th. We appreciated your suggestions, and hope to have the project budget proposals tidied up SOON. I think it will be an extremely interesting challenge and worthwhile effort, and am looking forward to the PLUNGE (after official reviews and budget approvals).

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