c. 1890

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The Branches
4020 Stewart Road
Stevenson
Maryland
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI # 031642260A

1 NAME

HISTORIC
THE BRANCHES

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
4020 Stewart Road

CITY, TOWN
Stevenson — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Second

COUNTY
Baltimore

STATE
Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. and Mrs. George T. Harrison

Telephone #: 486-3646

STREET & NUMBER
4020 Stewart Road

CITY, TOWN
Stevenson — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21153

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Baltimore County Courts Bldg.
Baltimore County Land Records

Liber #: 4558
Folio #: 225

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Towson

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	DETERIORATED	UNALTERED	ORIGINAL SITE
GOOD	RUINS	X ALTERED	MOVED DATE_____
FAIR	UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THE BRANCHES is an early twentieth century Colonial-revival frame house, two storeys in height, its central block three bays in length. With its principal and entrance facade to the north a two-storey wing two long bays in length extends to the east, a shorter two-storey glazed sun porch balances it to the west and a two-storey wing three bays in length extends to the south. A one-storey shed-roofed porch shelters the north facade of the central block. Exterior walls are covered with painted wood shingles. Typical first storey windows are 6/6 or 8/8 and glazed double doors in the east wing open to a stone north terrace which extends from the porch. Typical second storey windows are pairs of narrow sash and all windows have louvred blinds.

Much of the interior has been altered in plan and detail but the original simplicity has been maintained. A wide entrance hall, parallel to the north facade, occupies the central and easterly bays; the open staircase is along its south wall and a fireplace is diagonally across its northeast corner, its mantel with Tuscan columns supporting a frieze with end and center blocks having beaded oval panels. The dining room to the west was originally two smaller rooms and the drawing room is in the east wing. The plain beaded trim has corner blocks with applied rosettes.

The TENANT HOUSE is a two-storey frame house, three bays in length, its principal facade to the north, with a two-storey, one-bay rear wing. One-storey shed-roofed porches shelter the south facade and the southwest reentrant corner. Single-flue chimneys rise from the middle of the main body and internally at the south gable. Two rooms are within the main body, an enclosed stair between them, and the kitchen is in the rear wing. Interior details are plain and the single-flue chimneys once served stoves in each room.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANOSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	_RELIGION
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	_CONSERVATION	_LAW	_SCIENCE
_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	_LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE
_1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	_EDUCATION	_MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
_1700-1799	_ART	_ENGINEERING	_MUSIC	_THEATER
X 1800-1899	_COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	_PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
_1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
		_INVENTION		

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The earliest record of the property on which the Branches and its tenant house stand is a deed dated 1880. Only three owners have held the property since that time. It is believed by the present owners that the Branches was built about 1890.

DEED SEARCH - Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Maryland

Liber	Folio	Date	Grantor	Grantee
116	71	1880	Dr. William & Richard Maynard	
WPC 285	421	1905	Josephine L. Stewart	Charles M. Stewart
WPC 569	113	1923	Correction of deed preceding	James Piper
4558	225	1965	Widow of James Piper	George T. Harrison, Jr. & Renata W. Harrison

Will of Charles M. Stewart recorded in Register of Wills Liber H.R. 12, folio 32.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A./Renata Harrison, Research Historian

DATE
3-28-80

ORGANIZATION
Valleys Planning Council

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER
212 Washington Avenue

STATE
Maryland

CITY OR TOWN
Towson

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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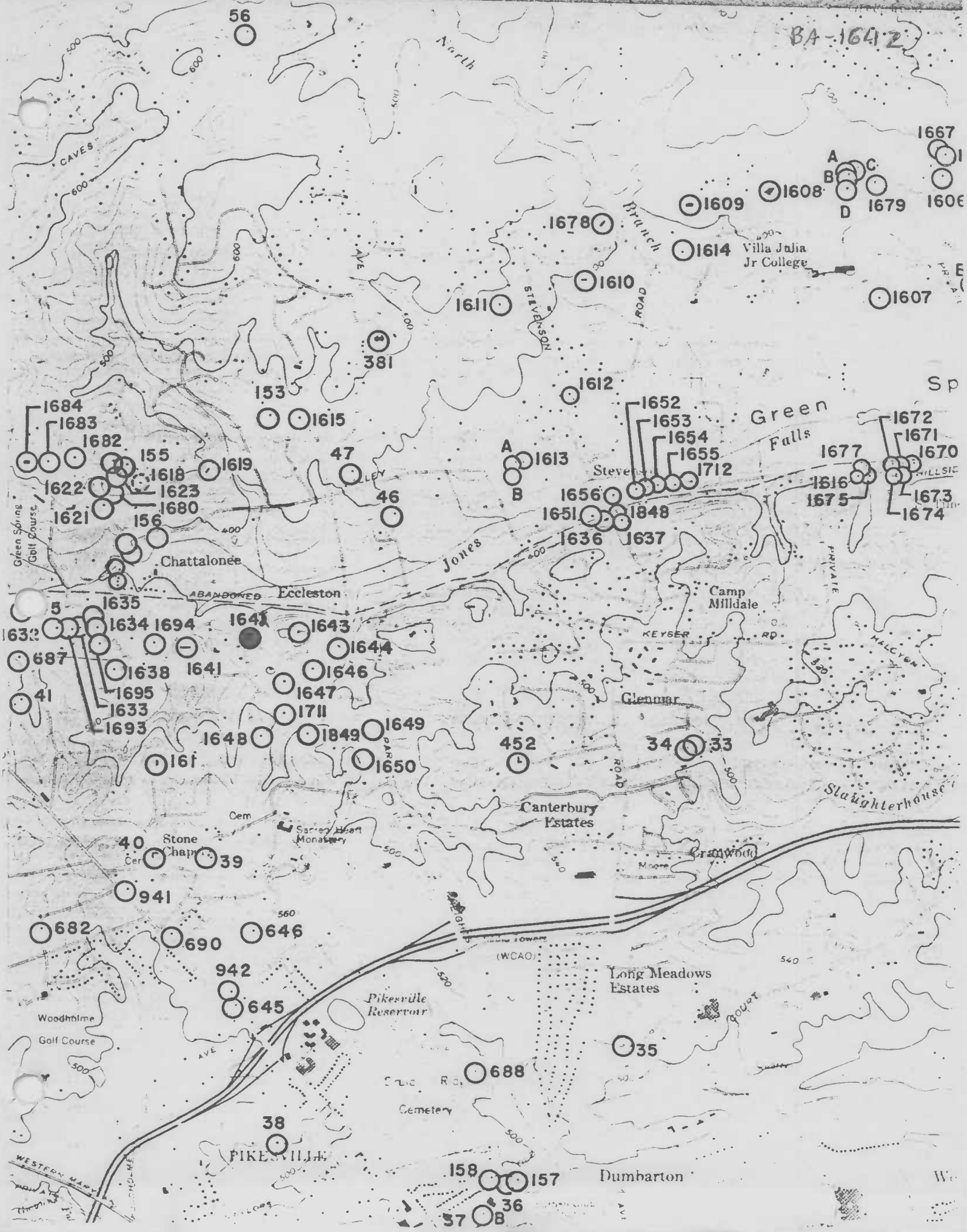
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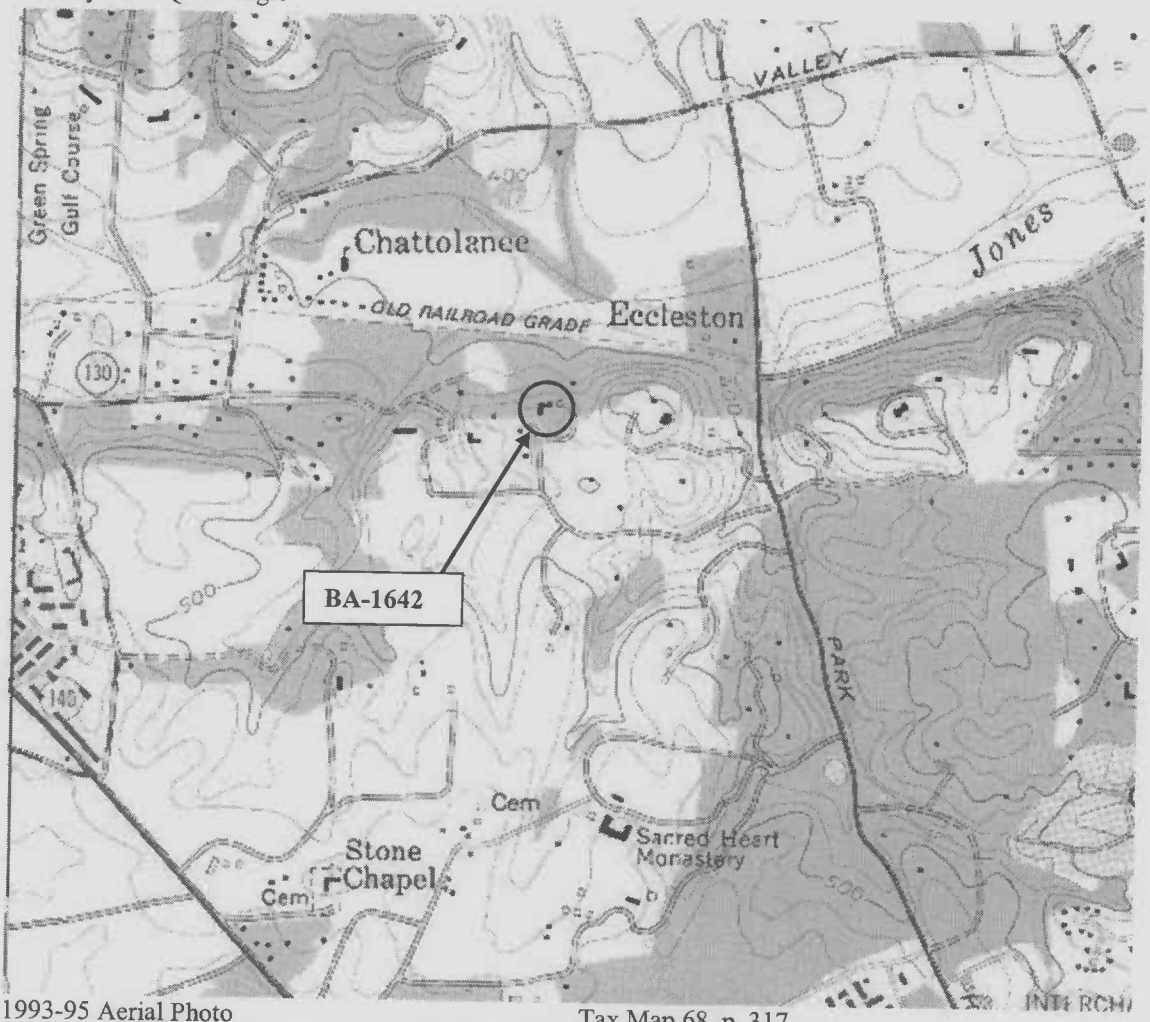

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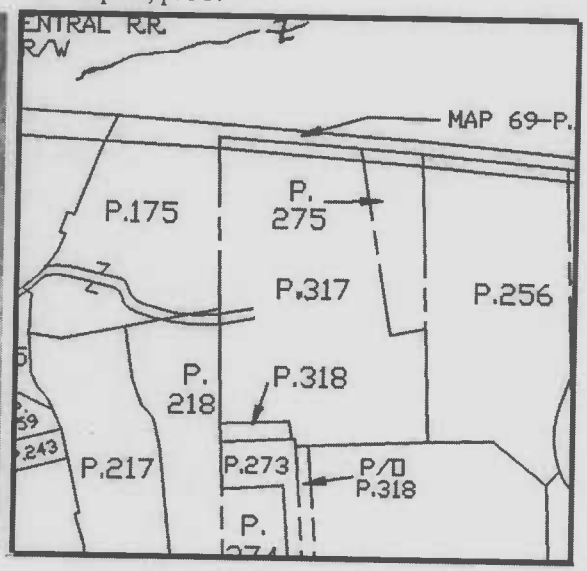

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