

CAPSULE
LEWIS JOB RIDER HOUSE

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lewis Job Rider - Stone House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rider Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Ninth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harry F. Brian

Telephone #: 823-7765

STREET & NUMBER

Rider Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 1800

Folio #: 451

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE <u>Feb., 1979</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Exterior:

The original portion of this house is a two story one room down/ one up stone house with a finished attic. A gable-end roof caps the stone block which is only two long bays wide and the equivalent of two shorter bays in depth. The walls are made of uncoursed brownish fieldstone (gneiss?). There is a large interior end chimney with a stone cap on the east end. (The building faces North-South)

The north facade is partially obliterated by an enclosed porch. Inside the enclosure, however, one can see the original first story. The building was painted white at one time and the probable fenestration of a central entrance with flanking windows has been altered. There are only two windows on the second level with that of the western bay actually being a door. There is no evidence of a second story gallery and oral history relates that there was an exterior servants stairs. The windows are 6/6 sash with thick wooden lintels.

The stone portion is enlarged by a late Victorian frame addition on the west end. This addition gives an over all L-shape plan. Two bays of the addition run with the house (East-West) and two more run North-South. The frame is covered with German siding.

The east end of the stone block is windowless except for a small case-ment in the attic on the north side of the chimney. An unverified report of a dating stone on this facade remains unproven. Thick vines and snow hampered the search (2/14/79).

While the north facade is the present "front", the south facade with its orientation to Joppa Road (approximately 100 yards South) is the original front. The centrally located entrance has a single sash window on either side on the first level that are complimented with a pair of sash windows above. The shed roofed shingled dormers of this side are probably additions.

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Interior:

Although there has been alterations, the stone portion has the appearance of the original one-room-up / one-room-down plan.

A small crawl space beneath this main block reveals a stone foundation with walls approximately 2' high. Most original fabric has been covered, however, one log joist tied into the stone walls can be seen. A massive chimney support of field stone is located on the east end. Thick random width flooring for the level above can also be seen.

The first level now contains certain features apparently of Victorian alteration. These include the square newel post, square balusters and plain step ends of the stairway on the north wall.

The most dominant characteristic is the large interior end chimney projecting into the room 22" and the massive fireplace contained within. This fireplace does not appear to be original, however, it is unusual in that it is composed of large, exaggerated stones (The Sun Magazine, January 6, 1974 records these as being volcanic rock). The opening measures 54" wide, 36" high and 29" deep. An iron lintel and wrought iron crane are attached. A very plain mantel shelf measuring 3" x 8" and running the length of the fireplace is supported by the stones.

Random width floor boards are exposed on the second story. For the most part, these boards are continuous from the east end of the room to the middle of the hall. There is, however, a break line in the boards in the northeast corner. This area measures 6½' x 4'. It is probable that a small stairway once occupied this corner and has since been enclosed. Several 18th century as well as Federal period houses in the area, including the Cockey Tavern, have a winding staircase located in the corner next to the fireplace.

A tall fireplace on the east wall has a plain moulding characteristic of the Federal period. The opening measures 25" deep, 36" wide and 37½" high.

A plain surround measures 6½" from the opening.

Some mouldings on this level are plain, rectangular and have a bead on the corner.

The third level, or attic level, has been finished and reveals little in the way of original fabric. However, there are similar mouldings as the second level. Different areas on the trapezoidal ceilings and knee walls reveal mechanically and vertically sawn finishing boards butt joined and laid both horizontally and vertically.

It should be noted that Mr. Frank Williams once saw the number 1797 on one of these third level walls before alterations took place.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Mid-19th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- Baltimore County Land Records
- Baltimore County Inventory List
- Baltimore County Will Records
- Baltimore County Tax Assessment Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II.
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

LAST WILL & TESTAMENT
EDWARD RIDER

Edward Rider Last Will & Testament
Will Book 3, folio 158 November 23, 1866

To son Louis Job Rider - "...the stone house farm Beginning at the northeast corner of John G. Rider field and running down with the present fence to the thorn bush, thence along the center of the land to the country road, the said land to be used in common by him and my son Harrison, thence northerly along said public road to a stone in the 265 perches line of Addition to Gills Hope, thence eastwardly with said line to its end, to a black stone marked G thence at right angle southerly 6 perches parallel with the country road till it intersects the division line between my lands and those of Henry C. Turnbull; and also two fields lying east of and adjoining the Northern Central Rail Road."

"I give...to my said son Louis Job Rider the sum of fifteen hundred dollars to enable him to build an addition to the stone house."

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LEWIS JOB RIDER STONE HOUSE
Parcel 14, Map 69

<u>LIBER</u>	<u>FOLIO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>GRANTOR</u>	<u>GRANTEE</u>
1800	451	January 11, 1950	William F. Blake et al	Harry F. Brian
Beginning...center of Joppa Road at beginning of parcel of land dated July 22, 1914...Land Records 433/114...John P. Paca to Howard L. Rider...being distant 110.21' from the intersection of the easternmost side of Rider Ave. and the center of Joppa Road...				
1387	485	May 31, 19	Marlene D. Brubaker & wife	William F. Blake
Containing 2.16 acre...plus 1/5 acre.				
1312	480	November 24, 1943	C. Leonard Perkins & wife	Marlene D. Brubaker & wife
1256	278	October 17, 1942	LeRoy M. Polvogt & wife	C. Leonard Perkins & wife
Part of the following two deeds:				
1) 848	171	April 10, 1930	Howard L. Rider & wife	LeRoy M. Polvogt
Containing 2.16 acres.				
2) 827	557	August 30, 1929	J. Howard Atterbury & wf.	LeRoy M. Polvogt
Containing 1/5 acre.				
824	349	June 24, 1929	Enos S. Stockbridge & wf	J. Howard Atterbury & wf
561	432	October 11, 1922	William Koch & wife	Enos S. Stockbridge
541	378	July 1, 1921	Philip D. Schmidt	William Koch
525	213	May 3, 1920	Howard Rider	Philip D. Schmidt

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433 114 July 22, 1914 John P. Paca et al Howard L. Rider
Trustees

Containing 12.92 acres

192 559 July 2, 1892 Angeline A. Foster & hus. Elizabeth Stevenson

Beginning...between land of late L. Job Rider and Harrison Rider...
to the line between L. Job Rider and John G. Rider...

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L. Job Rider - Tax Assessments

1876 Tax Assessment Record for Baltimore County District 9

L. Job Rider

Tract of land Riders Station N.C.R.R.

85 acres at \$ 215 \$ 10,625

Improvements - Station house,
shop & dwell. 1,500

House, Dairy, Stable 1,100

\$ 13,225

Furniture \$ 65 Live Stock \$ 505 570

Buggy \$ 60 Implements & 202 262

\$ 14,057

INVENTORY LIST

LEWIS JOB RIDER Liber 25, folio 332
 May 12, 1891
 By Daniel M. Bryson and William B. Coe

Personal Estate:

Contents of house:

Parlor
 Second Story Front (room)
 Third Story Front (room)
 Second Story Back (room)
 Dining Room
 Kitchen
 Cellar

Outside and near house:

Wood Shed
 Wagon Shed and Carriage House
 Tool Room
 Upstairs over tool room
 Room over carriage house
 Hog Pen
 Barn
 Spring House
 Cow Shed
 Sheep House
 Straw Shed
 Mill Field Barrack
 Cassus Hope Barrack

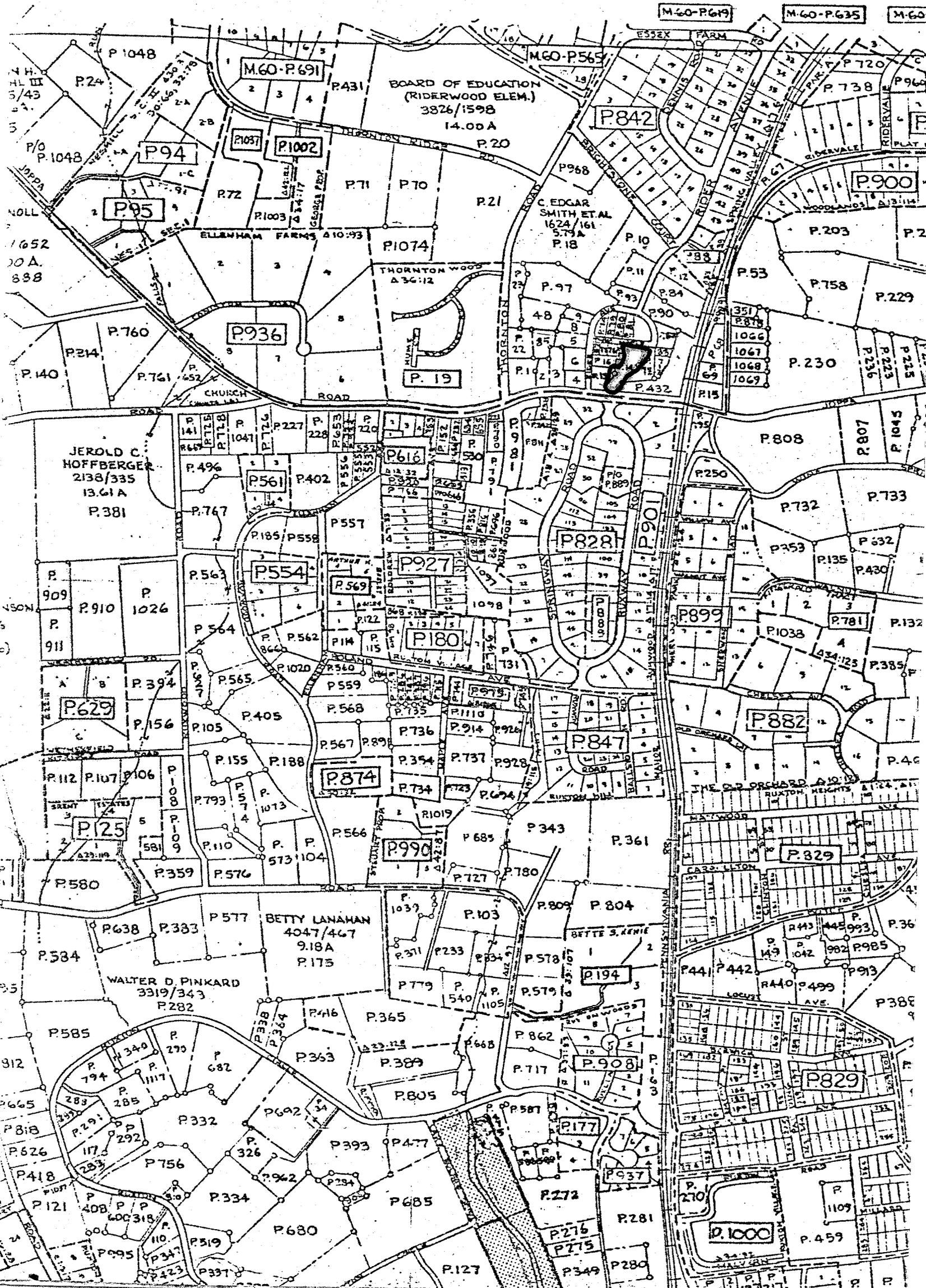
Real Estate, Liber 25, folio 477:

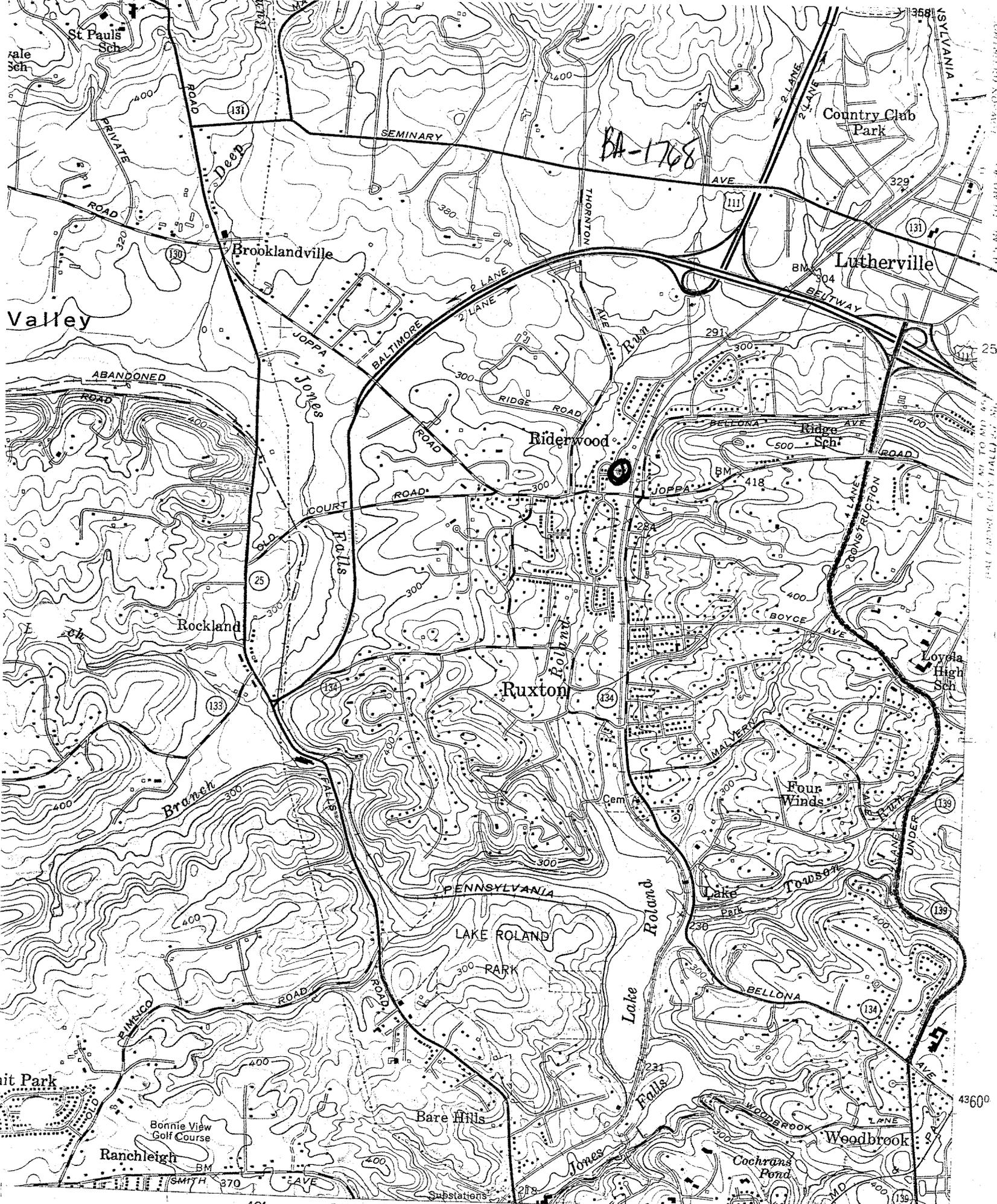
"A certain tract...situate in Baltimore County at the intersection of the Joppe Road and the Northern Central Rail Road, lying North of the Joppe Road and West of the Railroad, containing about 47 acres of land, with all the improvements thereon, consisting of frame dwelling, barn and out buildings, old stone house, blacksmith shop and three frame dwellings" Valued at \$8,000.

"A certain tract...by the Joppe Road, the Northern Central Railway and the County road containing about 1½ acres with the improvements thereon being a frame stone dwelling." Valued at \$1,500

A certain parcel on the north side of Joppa Road near to and East of the Northern Central Railway containing about 20 acres, improved and valued at \$2,500

A certain parcel on the north side of a Public Road leading from Joppa Road to Lutherville and East of the Northern Central Railway containing 43 acres valued at \$5,375.





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LEWIS JOB RIDER

S. FACADE

W. NIELD

3/79