

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Murphy House Inventory Number: BA-1859
Address: 11235 Liberty Road (MD 26) Historic district: ___ yes no
City: Owings Mills Zip Code: 21117 County: Baltimore County
USGS Quadrangle(s): Reisterstown
Property Owner: Ruch, Michael W. Tax Account ID Number: 0213855020
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 113 Tax Map Number: 66
Project: MD 26 @ Ward's Chapel Road Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration
Preparer's Name: Matt Manning Date Prepared: 2/7/2011

Documentation is presented in: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ___ Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Architectural Description

The Murphy House is a cross-gabled residence on 5.36 acres in Baltimore County. The property is located in a semi-rural area northwest of Randallstown, between Liberty Reservoir and Ward's Chapel Road. It stands on Liberty Road's south side, bordered on the west by Liberty Church, PCA, and the Liberty Christian School, and on the east by one-story residences.

The house is a two-and-a-half-story, cross-gabled building with a north-facing, five-bay facade. A front-facing gable comprises the facade's two eastern bays. The crossing results in a T-shaped ridgeline, but the floor plan is rectangular, with a flush facade and south (rear) elevation. The wood-framed house is faced in white, aluminum siding and has a medium-pitched roof covered with green, standing-seam metal.

The entrance is located in the facade's center bay and consists of a half-glazed, paneled wood door fronted by a metal storm door. The front door is framed in a paneled-wood surround with a transom and three-light sidelights. The door is approached by a full-width porch with a concrete masonry unit (CMU) foundation and a concrete slab floor. Open-scrollwork metal columns support a hipped, standing-seam metal roof.

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MHT Comments:

Jim Tauler ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

5/12/11
Date

One-over-one, single-hung sash vinyl windows occupy the remaining bays on the first and second floors, including above the entrance. They lack decorative surrounds and have simple, painted wood sills. The windows at the front gable, in the two eastern bays, are narrower than those in the side-gabled section, and the front gable's second-story windows are also shorter than the others. The front gable's third level holds a central, paired window with narrow, double-hung wood sashes. A small, round arch crowns each sash. A single, gabled dormer rises from the side-gabled section's center, containing a small, single-hung sash vinyl window. An interior brick chimney pierces the ridgeline at the crossing.

A one-story, side-gabled wing extends from the east elevation. It is also finished in aluminum siding but has an asphalt-shingle roof. Two vinyl, double-hung sash windows are centered on the facade, and two more are located on the east elevation. Above the wing, on the east elevation's second story, two vinyl, two-over-two sash windows stand south of the roof peak. The west elevation includes an exterior brick chimney framed by windows on each floor. The ground-floor window south of the chimney is a bay window, while the other windows are vinyl hung sash.

The south elevation includes two first-floor additions. An enclosed wing extends from the front-gabled section on the elevation's east side and includes a central rear entrance flanked by windows. A second hipped-roof addition occupies the south elevation's west side. The addition is open to the south, and a square wood post supports the roof's center. A multi-light window is located on its west elevation. Both additions have standing-seam metal roofs. On the second-level, two vinyl, single-hung sash windows stand beneath the side gable, while the front-gabled section has a single, two-over-two vinyl window in the eastern bay.

In addition to the house, several outbuildings occupy the property. A gabled-roof stone springhouse is located on the property's northwest corner along Liberty Road. The structure is oriented on a north-south axis and is composed of irregularly coursed fieldstone masonry with a wood-framed, asphalt-shingle roof. The masonry shows evidence of repair, and the building's southern end is a CMU addition. A front-gabled single-car garage stands on an east-west axis at the property's west side and is finished with aluminum siding and an asphalt-shingle roof. An open gable-roofed shelter extends from the garage's north side, supported on wood posts. South of the garage is a large, gable-roofed wood shed with wide openings on the gable ends. A small gabled-roof shed stands southeast of the house. It is finished with wood siding and has an asphalt-shingle roof. A second small shed is located directly south of the house, across the driveway. On the property's east side, a wide front-gabled ancillary structure is aligned on a north-south axis. The building has been enlarged by several additions over time, resulting in a sprawling collection of various materials, roof types, and construction methods. A small gabled-roof wood barn stands south of the ancillary building. The elevation rises gently to the south from Liberty Road, and an asphalt driveway extends south past the building's west elevation and terminates in a circular loop at the rear yard. An in-ground swimming pool with a hexagonal concrete deck is located south of the driveway, and beyond the pool is an asphalt basketball court.

The front yard consists of a grass lawn planted with large shade trees. A straight concrete walkway at one point connected the porch to Liberty Road but is now partially obscured by the lawn. Photographs from 1979 show the walkway lined with large hedges. A mailbox and lantern post currently stand at the walkway's north end, near Liberty Road.

History and Context

The Murphy House is located on Liberty Road, the earliest route between Frederick and Baltimore. The road existed as a dirt toll road through Randallstown as early as the mid-eighteenth century. In 1802, Robert Ward constructed New Tavern east of Ward's Chapel Road to serve travelers and provide community functions, including church services. At the same time, or shortly thereafter, the road was widened to accommodate travel from Baltimore into the Ohio Territory and was first given the name

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Liberty. During the Civil War, Liberty Road was used by the Union Army in the Gettysburg campaign. Although the road was well-
 paved, it was impassable for much of the year. The Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Company was formed in 1860, and by 1866,
 improvements were completed on a fifteen-mile section extending northwest from the intersection of Fremont Street and
 Pennsylvania Avenue in Baltimore City.

Edward O'Dell served as both secretary and as a director of the Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Company. He was the son of
 Walter O'Dell, who owned a large parcel along Liberty Road between the North Branch of the Patapsco River and Ward's Chapel.
 Walter O'Dell died in 1863, leaving his property to his four children, including Edward O'Dell. Edward O'Dell purchased the full
 123-acre estate from his siblings in 1874, and he most likely built a home shortly after he acquired the property.

An 1877 map indicates the residence of an E.C. O'Dell on the current home's site. Although an 1850 Sidney map shows a house in
 the same location along Liberty Road belonging to W. O'Dell, an 1857 map by Robert Taylor indicates the W. O'Dell house is
 farther south of the road. This house would later become the home of Franklin W. O'Dell, Edward's brother. The 1857 map
 displays no residence at the Murphy House's present location.

Edward O'Dell, born c. 1835 in Baltimore County, made his living as a farmer. The O'Dell family had strong ties to the area, then
 known as North Branch. Several family members owned property around Ward's Chapel, and in the 1860s, William Chapman
 O'Dell operated a stagecoach line between North Branch and Baltimore. Edward O'Dell died March 30, 1882, leaving his wife,
 Emily, and four young children: daughter Phebe, and sons Arthur, Herbert, and Walter. By 1900, the children had all married, and
 Walter and his wife, Emma, resided with Emily. In 1904, Emily sold the farm to Edward O.H. and Amelia Spamer. Emily moved
 to Baltimore City to live with her daughter and son-in-law, Phebe and Louis Davis.

Edward O.H. (born c. 1867) and Amelia Spamer (born c. 1869) were both born in Maryland to German-born parents. Edward was
 listed as a farmer in the 1910 Census, and Amelia worked on the farm as well. They had no children and sold the property to
 Clifford and Beulah Shover in 1944. The Shovers sold the property to Irvin and Louise Tylor and Herbert and Angelina Kronk in
 1946. The Tylors sold their share of the property to the Kronks in 1948, and the following year, the Kronks sold the property to
 Louis and Blanche Murphy. Blanche Murphy died in 1975, and in 1980, Louis Murphy entered a partnership ownership with his
 daughters, Elizabeth Ruch and Mary Catherine Greis. In 2000, Mary Catherine Greis and Elizabeth Ruch sold the property to
 Michael W. Ruch, the current owner.

Physical evidence suggests that the Murphy House's present appearance is the result of a series of expansions to the original
 structure. The house exhibits elements of the Italianate style popular from the mid-to-late nineteenth century. The paired, narrow
 arch-crowned windows at the façade's front gable are typical of Italianate homes. The Italianate style began in England as part of
 the Picturesque movement, using rambling Italian farmhouses as models. Italianate houses are typically two or three stories with
 low-pitched roofs and overhanging eaves supported on decorative brackets. Tall, narrow windows with curved or arched tops are
 common, and verticality is emphasized. Windows have one or two lights per sash, and ornamented porches frequently shelter
 paired or single entrance doors. The Murphy House demonstrates little elaboration aside from the half-story windows at the gable.

The Murphy House most likely began as an I-house, a common, two-story folk form incorporating a side-gabled roof and a central
 entrance on a two-room-wide, one-room-deep plan. Originally concentrated in the Tidewater South, the I-house form spread
 following railroad expansion between 1850 and 1890. Ornament was commonly added to the form based on popular stylistic
 trends. At the Murphy House, the original I-house is evident in the façade's two-bay cross-gable, which comprised the I-house's
 side-gabled roof. The original house was oriented on a north-south axis, probably with a west-facing facade. Later additions and
 renovations may have removed some original Italianate detailing, but as a vernacular example, the original house likely exhibited
 only a small degree of Italianate ornament. In rural areas, stylistic details were often simplified while form and proportion were
 maintained. In many cases, ornament was simply applied to more common house forms.

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The east-west cross gable may have been added in 1906 (the construction date indicated on property tax data), two years after the property was purchased by Edward and Amelia Spamer. Such expansions were common throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Cross-gabled I-houses such as this are found throughout Maryland and are a common rural house form.

The addition is suggestive of the Colonial Revival style, forming a symmetrical first and second level and including a classical door surround. Colonial Revival, most common between the late nineteenth and mid-twentieth centuries, followed a renewed interest in early English houses of the Atlantic coast, particularly Georgian and Adam styles. Symmetrical facades, double-hung sash windows, and entrances elaborated with porticoes or pediments characterize the houses. The broad time span of the Colonial Revival style's popularity and its limited application at the Murphy House make it difficult to estimate the addition's construction date.

Since its construction, the house has undergone significant alteration. In addition to the east-west cross gable, several one-story expansions on the east and south elevations have obscured its original appearance. The one-story east wing has been added since 1979, when the building was documented and entered into the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. Windows have been replaced, and the aluminum cladding and metal roof are not original. Numerous ancillary structures have been added to the property, including a garage and several storage buildings. The current owner of the house has stated that the CMU on the springhouse was added after a falling tree damaged the structure.

National Register of Historic Places Evaluation

The Murphy House was evaluated for significance under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C using the guidelines set forth in the NRHP bulletin, How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation.

The Murphy House is an example of a farmhouse and associated support buildings commonly found on rural farmsteads in the United States and Maryland in the nineteenth century when agriculture was routinely practiced in areas surrounding cities. Research did not indicate that farming practices, agricultural building precedents, or farm planning related to this parcel were influential. The Murphy House is not associated with events or trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; therefore it is not eligible for the NRHP under Criterion A.

Research has not shown the property to be associated with important persons in the past. The O'Dell family was prominent in the North Branch area, but they were not significant to local, state, or national history. Edward C. O'Dell was involved with the Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Company and improvements to Liberty Road, but the road's expansion in the 1860s was not a significant factor in the region's development, and the Murphy House is not directly associated with his role. Therefore, the Murphy House is not eligible under Criterion B.

The Murphy House represents a common form of residential architecture that was popular in many regions of the United States. The I-house form became widespread after 1850 and was present throughout the mid-Atlantic region from Pennsylvania to Virginia, notably with cross gables shown on many rural farmhouses. The Murphy House was a modest example of the type, and its original form is obscured by later alterations. Furthermore, its style is unremarkable, similar to houses found throughout the county, state, and country, dating from many different periods. Its architect is not known and indistinctive, and the house exhibits few Italianate details. The Murphy House does not embody distinctive characteristics of type, period, or method of construction; does not represent the work of a master; and does not possess high artistic value. Therefore, it is not eligible under Criterion C. The Murphy house was not evaluated for eligibility under Criterion D as part of this assessment. Based on the evaluated criteria, the

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Reviewer, National Register Program	Date

Murphy House is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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USGS Reisterstown Quad, 1974

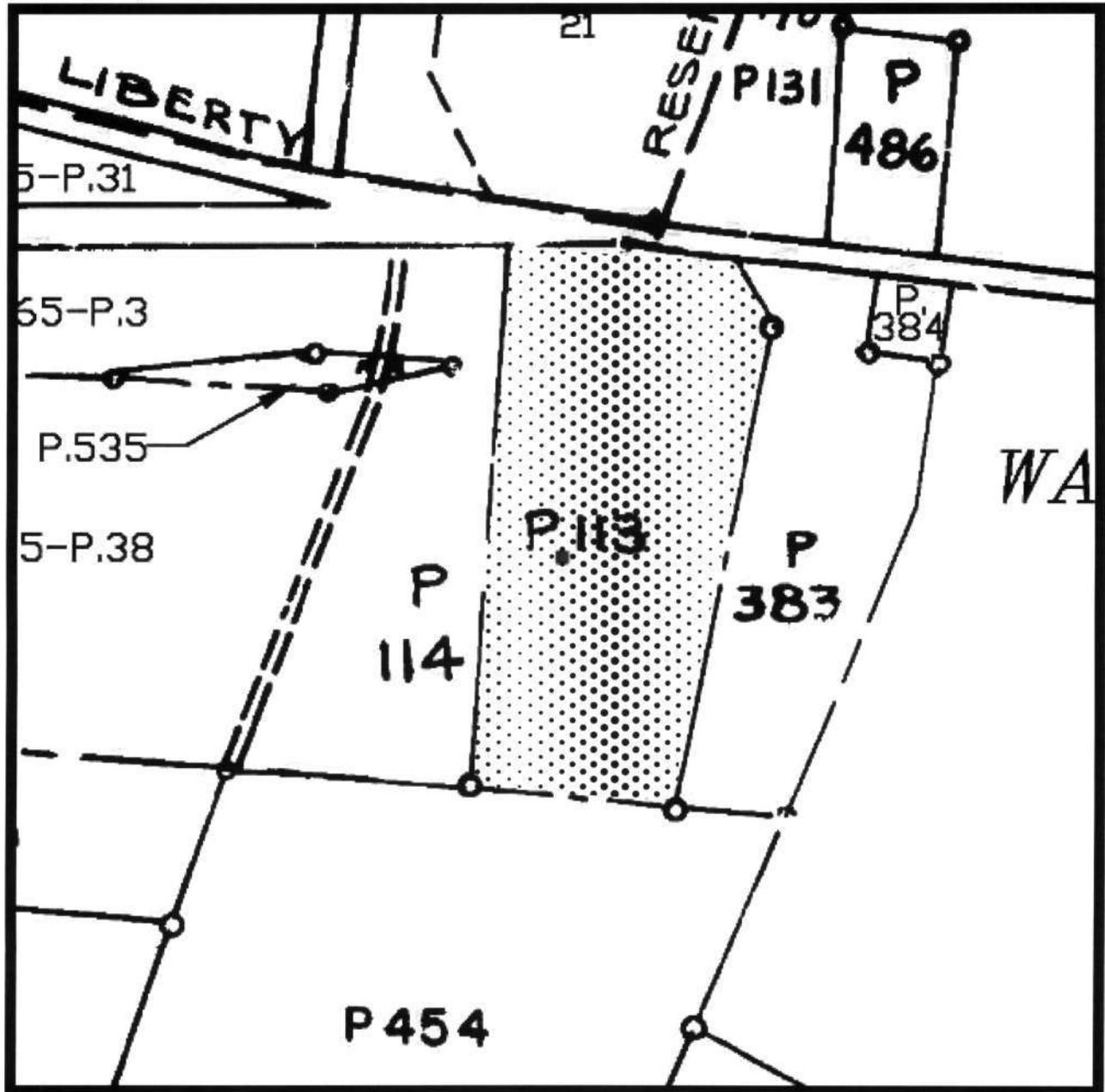
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Randallstown, Baltimore County, MD
Baltimore County Parcels

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Digital Photo Log

MIHP No.: BA-1859

Property Name: Murphy House

County: Baltimore County

Photographer: Matt Manning

Date: January 2011

Ink and Paper Combination: HP 100 gray photo cartridge ink and HP Premium Plus photo paper

CD/DVD: Verbatim DVD-R Archival Grade

Image File Name	Description of View
BA-1859_2011-01-06_01.tif	Spring house; looking SE
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MURPHY HOUSE
BALTIMORE CO., MD

BREWER

7-29-2010 INSIDE

LOOKING SOUTH AT NORTH FACADE

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MURPHY HOUSE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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SPRING HOUSE, LOOKING SW

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CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1859
Edward C. Odell House
11235 Liberty Road
Owings Mills, Baltimore County
1870 ca.
Public

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This vernacular building stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide with a cross gable, metal standing seam roof that has a boxed cornice with returns. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with aluminum siding. The façade is pierced with nine 1/1 vinyl windows with square-edged vinyl sills and surrounds. Similarly, two paired 1/1 windows pierce the front gable end on the façade. Projecting from the roof is a gabled dormer with a 1/1 vinyl window also with square-edged sills and surrounds. The single-leaf entry contains a wood door that is paneled with lights surrounded by three-light, paneled sides and a three-light transom. Protecting the first floor is a half-hipped porch with metal posts and a concrete block foundation. To the east is a one-story gabled roof addition and to the rear is a shed roof addition with the remains of a parged concrete exterior-end chimney visible. Other chimneys include a brick exterior-end chimney on the main block and a brick central interior chimney in the cross gable. Located to the northwest of the main dwelling is a circa 1870 springhouse. South of the house is a circa 1920 smokehouse. Near the smokehouse is a circa 1920 pump house. The pump house has since been connected to a series of structures including a workshop, shed, and tractor shed that were built circa 1960. Located southeast of the house is a circa 1940 garage. More recent construction includes an oval-shape in-ground pool, a paved asphalt basketball court, and a wood frame picnic pergola with chamfered posts and corner brackets.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1859

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Edward C. Odell House (preferred)

other Murphy House

2. Location

street and number 11235 Liberty Road __ not for publication

city, town Owings Mills __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Michael W. Ruch

street and number 11235 Liberty Road telephone Not Available

city, town Owings Mills state MD zip code 21117-4603

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14627 folio 414

city, town Towson tax map 66 tax parcel 113 tax ID number 0213855020

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>5</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>4</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

This vernacular building, located near Liberty Reservoir, was constructed circa 1870 fronting north. The building stands two-and-a-half stories tall and five bays wide with a cross gable, metal standing seam roof that has a boxed cornice with returns. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with aluminum siding. The façade is pierced with nine 1/1 vinyl windows with square-edged vinyl sills and surrounds. Similarly, two paired 1/1 windows pierce the front gable end on the façade. Projecting from the roof is a gabled dormer with a 1/1 vinyl window also with square-edged sills and surrounds. The single-leaf entry contains a wood door that is paneled with lights surrounded by three-light, paneled sides and a three-light transom. Protecting the first floor is a half-hipped porch with metal posts and a concrete block foundation. To the east is a one-story gabled roof addition and to the rear is a shed roof addition with the remains of a parged concrete exterior-end chimney visible. Other chimneys include a brick exterior-end chimney on the main block and a brick central interior chimney in the cross gable.

Located to the northwest of the main dwelling is a circa 1870 springhouse. The random rubble stone structure has a front gabled, overhanging roof with asphalt shingles. A concrete block addition fills the space under the roof overhang.

To the south of the house is a circa 1920 smokehouse that has a front gable roof with asphalt shingles. The poured concrete foundation supports a wood frame building clad in wood, German siding. The single-leaf entry contains a paneled wood door.

Near the smokehouse is a circa 1920 pump house with an asphalt shingle side gable roof. The parged stone foundation supports a wood frame building clad in asphalt shingles. The pump house has since been connected to a series of structures including a workshop, shed, and tractor shed that were built circa 1960. These buildings have a concrete block foundations and wood frame structures.

Located to the southeast of the house is a circa 1940 garage with and asphalt shingle front gable roof. This one-story building has a poured concrete foundation that supports a wood frame structure clad in wood German siding. The entry contains a roll-up door that is paneled with lights. A wood frame addition has a poured concrete foundation and wood post supports.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1870 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1870 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.36 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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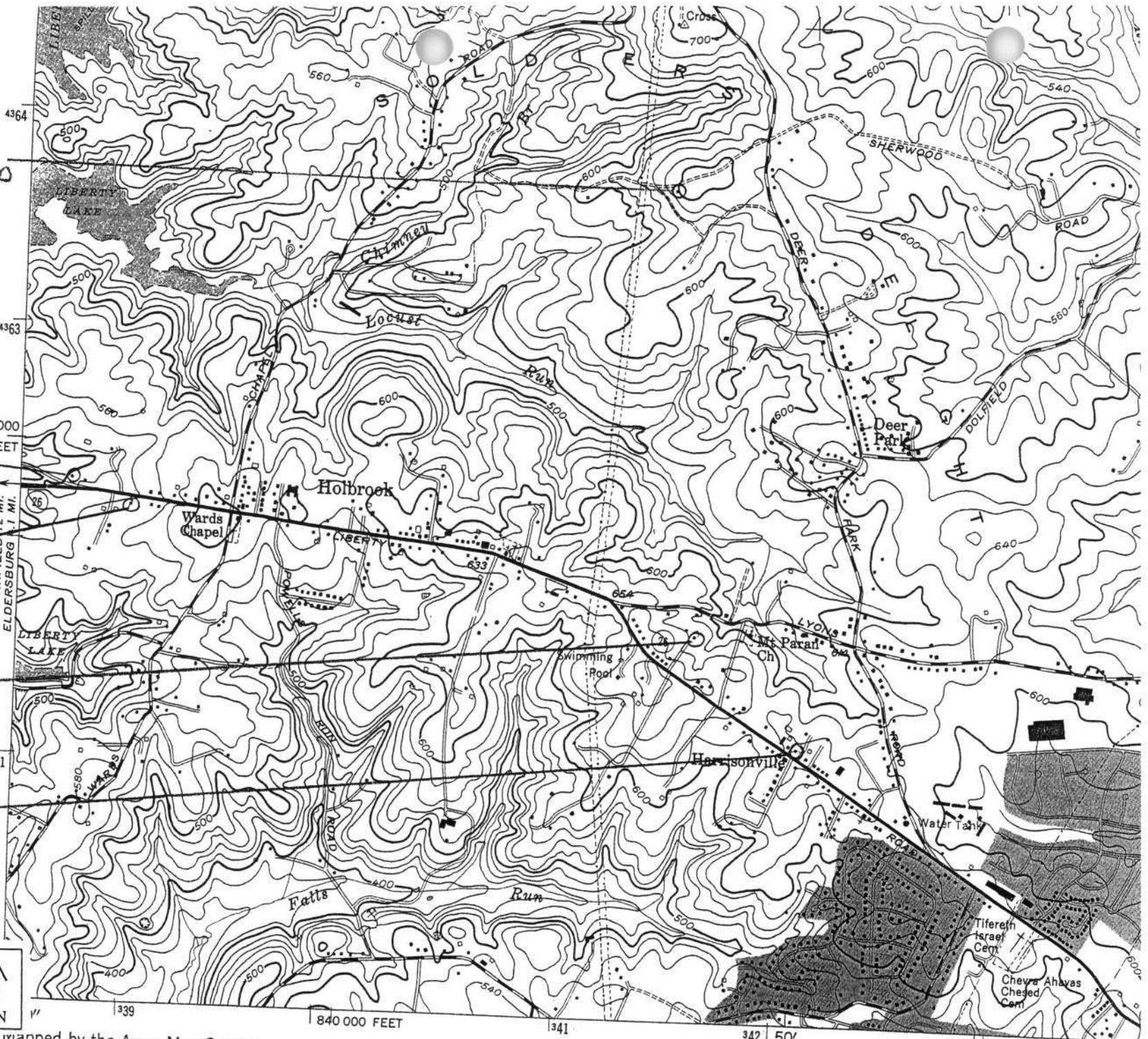
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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Murphy House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
11235 Liberty Road (Md. Rte. 26)

CITY, TOWN
Holbrook

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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NAME

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COURTHOUSE,
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DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-1859

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
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CHECK ONE

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PERIOD

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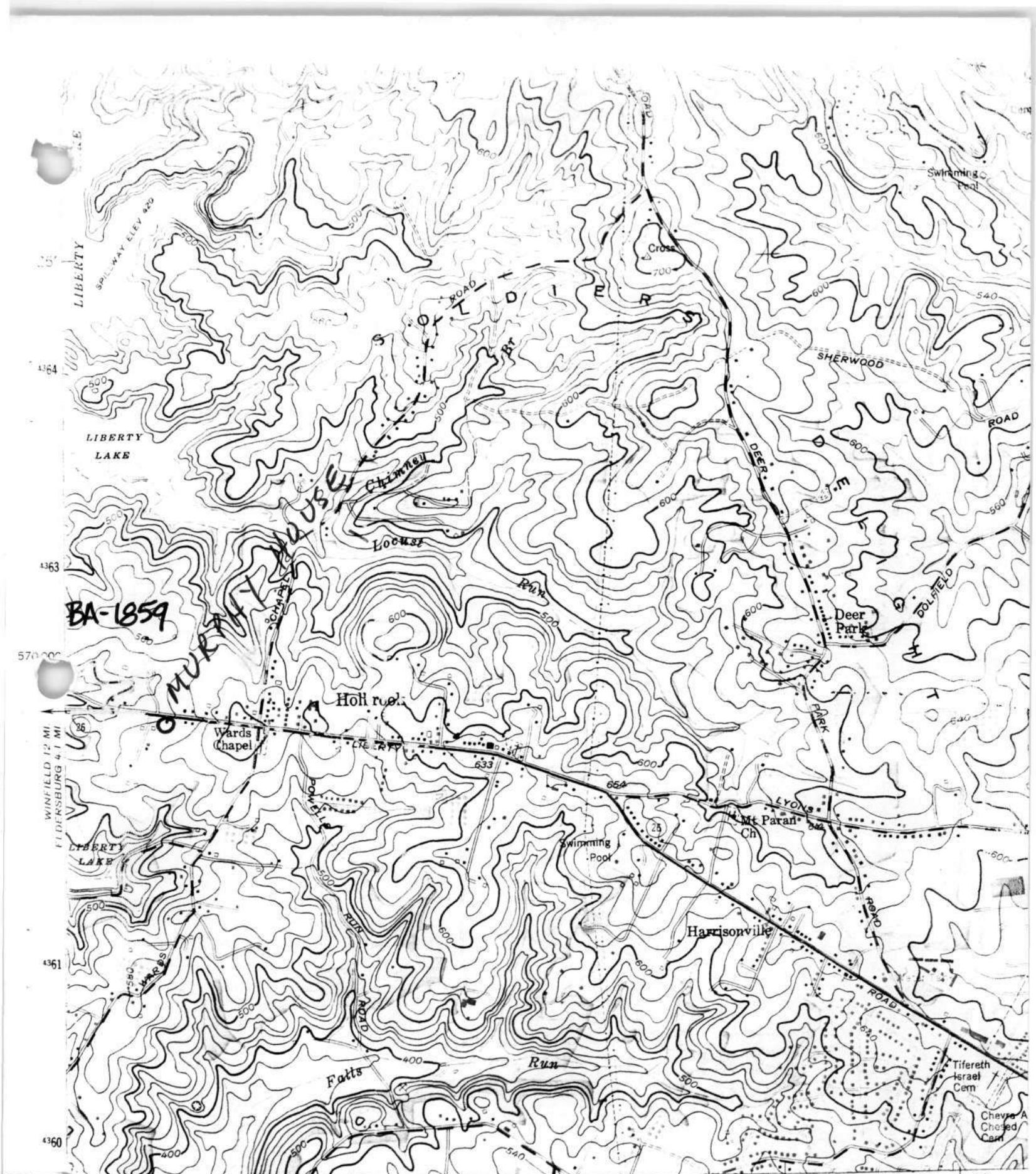
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