

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Willowbrook Survey Number: BA -2733

Project: Willowbrook Housing Development Agency: COE

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

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, Willowbrook, located at 312 Warren Road, north of Cockeysville in Baltimore County, appears to be eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C as an eclectic blend of rural, folk-Germanic architecture, with early twentieth century, classical revival elements. The house is located on a 29-acre parcel, mostly open, with some woods. Also on the site is a small, c. 1920 stable and the ruins of a springhouse. The two and a half story frame house was constructed c. 1850 with a large addition to the front constructed in 1907. According to the inventory form, the original portion of the house exhibits a typical Germanic floor plan. In addition, the banked setting and rubble masonry foundation are characteristic of rural farmhouses. However, the 1907 addition, designed by James S. Nussear, Jr., a local architect, employs some more high style architectural elements including a variety of fenestration types and a classically inspired projecting central bay with formal pedimented entrance. The integration of the 1907 addition with the c. 1850 building was well executed. The house and site exhibit excellent integrity. However, plans call for the construction of over 40 new houses on the property.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file, Maryland Inventory Form

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Charles Redwitz Feb. 13, 1996
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-single family dwelling

Known Design Source: James S. Nussear, Jr.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Willowbrook, 312 Warren Road

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Willowbrook

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number 312 Warren Road ___ not for publication

city, town Cockeysville X vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Baltimore

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Robert C. Huntley

street & number 312 Warren Road telephone no.:

city,town Cockeysville state and zip code Maryland, 21031

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8239

street & number 400 Washington Avenue folio 527

city,town Towson state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city,town state

7. Description

Survey No BA-2733

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Willowbrook is a 2½-story vernacular farmhouse built on a 29 acre lot on the north side of Warren Road. The building was constructed in two phases. The original portion of the house dates to the mid-nineteenth century and illustrates Germanic folk-housing traditions. In 1907, a large side-gable addition with classical elements was built on the front elevation of the farmhouse, creating a t-shaped plan. The house is built on a steep hillside, allowing for a full, raised basement on the south, or front elevation, which is also based on Pennsylvania folk building techniques.

The original section of the house, now the rear ell, has two rooms on the first floor, with a central boxed staircase. The second floor has four rooms arranged around the staircase and a hallway which connects the rear ell to the front section of the house. The first and second floors of the main section have two rooms separated by a central passage.

The structure has a cross-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and two interior brick chimneys. It is of wood frame construction with wood siding, and it has a stone foundation. The windows are 6/6 double-hung, wood sash. The house has a 1-story, front-gabled pedimented porch on the front elevation. The porch has two doric columns with a square railing and balusters. The porch is supported by two large stone piers (constructed to match the raised basement masonry) with 13 wooden steps descending to the ground on the east side.

The south, or front elevation has a raised basement, a 1-story front-gabled porch, cornice returns and a central projecting bay. The raised basement has 3-bays, including a central entrance located in the projecting bay and two full-size, 6/6 double hung windows. The first story entrance is a single panel door centered in the projecting bay with sidelights and a transom of oval and diamond pattern tracery. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical with one 6/6 double-hung window on each side of the projecting bay. The second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows aligned above the first floor windows with a set of windows centered in the projecting bay. The windows are a 6/6 double-hung sash flanked by two 2/2 double-hung windows. A lunette window is centered in the attic level of the projecting bay. All of the windows have shutters. The basement window near the southwest corner has a lattice-pattern shutter. The first story shutters are in two parts with a louvered section over the middle rail and a solid panel below. The second story shutters are louvered above and below the middle rail. The house illustrates several classical elements on the front facade, including a formal portico, a projecting bay with a lunette and return cornices. Deterioration is evident in the peeling and scaling of the painted siding.

The west elevation has a symmetrical fenestration pattern with one 6/6 double-hung window centered in the basement level and a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story also has a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows and a half-round, 6/6 double-hung window centered in the gable end. The west elevation of the rear ell has an irregular fenestration pattern with a 6/6 double-hung window centered on the basement level and one 6/6 double-hung window on the first story. The second floor has a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows and a single 6/6 double-hung window. The cornice of this ell has been covered in aluminum siding, a section of which is missing near the intersection of the ell roof and the main house.

The north, or rear elevation has a 1-story, screened, shed roof porch with two glass and panel doors opening onto the porch from the house. The fenestration pattern on the first story is symmetrical with one 6/6 double-hung window near the northwest corner. The second floor has two 6/6 double-hung windows and the attic level has smaller, 6/6 double-hung windows flanking a central, 4-panel door covered by a wooden lattice gate. Above the door are the remains of a pulley system, which suggests use of the attic level for storage.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Willowbrook

VIEW NO.:

ADDRESS: 312 Warren Road, Baltimore County, Maryland

7. Description (Continued)

Survey No BA-2733

The east elevation of the main house has a porch, which wraps around to the rear ell, with a hipped roof supported by five doric columns. The porch has a wooden porch floor over brick piers. The porch is accessed by wooden steps on the east and north sides. The porch has wood lattice skirting between the piers. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows and a 6/6 half-round window centered in the gable end.

The east elevation of the rear ell has a 6/6 double-hung window and a glass and panel door which opens onto the side porch on the first story. The second story has a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows.

There is one outbuilding and one springhouse site on the property. The outbuilding is a stable, with a shed roof covered with asphalt shingles, constructed c. 1920; it is of wood frame construction on a raised stone foundation. The structure is located approximately 300 feet to the southwest of the house. The springhouse site is a concrete foundation built into a stone retaining wall. The site is located approximately 100 feet from the west side of the house.

The property is located on the north side of Warren Road, with residential property to the east west, a wooded hillside to the north and open space to the south. There are trees on all sides of the house and a stream flowing south on the west side of the house. The property is becoming increasingly surrounded by residential development. A new development is located to the east, however enough open space remains to the south to convey the rural character of the property.

Willowbrook is a banked house built on the north side of Warren Road and constructed in two phases. The rear portion of the house is a two-story banked structure with a rubble stone foundation and V-notch corner log walls. A longer frame addition was constructed on the southwest side of the original log house in 1907, thus creating a T-shaped plan.

In the cellar, the southwestern section is divided into two rooms by a rubble stone wall that runs northeast to southwest. A four-panel door opens from the southwest elevation into the west cellar room. This room has a concrete floor and a circular-sawn summer beam that runs northeast to southwest. The summer beam has one round log post under it that is set on top of a stone. The joists are circular-sawn and run northwest to southeast. They support diagonally-laid subflooring. The window sash in this room have no parting bead and are not hung on sash cords. The northeast wall is the foundation of the original house which is rubble stone that is heavily whitewashed. The original southwest foundation wall of the log house has a center entrance with a large marble sill and a four-light sash over two-panel door hung on stamped metal plate butt hinges. The door has a rim lock with a mineral knob. The door frame has a beaded interior edge and is miter cut. To either side of this center entrance is a 6/6 sash, one of them between the west cellar and north cellar rooms and the other between the south cellar and east cellar rooms. These windows have wood sills and frames that are identical to the center doorway. The sash are mortised and tenoned and pegged, with no parting bead and no cords or spring latches. The south cellar room has the same construction details as the west cellar room.

In the north cellar room the floor is partially covered with concrete. The walls are plastered and the windows have wood sills and splayed, plastered jambs. The southeast elevation has beaded-edge-and-center vertical boards that extend two-thirds of the way up the wall and are topped by a mantel shelf that has an ogee bed mould. Beneath the mantel is an opening with an architrave that has a small quirked ogee on the inner edge and a small ogee on the back band. This opening formerly had a door and there are two shelves now inside it made of circular-sawn boards. This cupboard is apparently constructed inside of an early or original fireplace. To the east is a small closet underneath the winder stair. The door is now broken, but was constructed of beaded-edge vertical boards. To the south of the mantel is a doorway that has a plain mitred architrave with a beaded interior edge. The door is now missing. The entire dividing wall between the north cellar and the east cellar is rubble stone with plaster. The east cellar room has a dirt floor and whitewashed walls. The ceiling is covered so the joists could not be examined. There is a window opening on the southeast wall that is both higher and smaller than the other cellar window openings. The fireplace from the north cellar projects into the east cellar room.

The first story is constructed on a center-passage, single-pile plan in the front addition with a cross passage and two rooms in the earlier rear section. The cross passage runs from the northeast end of the center passage off to the southeast. The center passage has an oak parquet floor with a strip of inlay around the sides and inlaid fret work in the corners. The baseboards have a quirked ogee and bevel on the top. The architrave has a quirked ogee and bevel backband and a quirked ogee on the inner edge. The front door has five lying panels with sunk fields and ovolo panel moulds. It is hung on hinges that have ball caps. There are leaded glass sidelights and a transom, the sidelights containing lozenge shapes divided by

crosses and the transom containing rectangles divided by both Greek crosses and St. Andrew's crosses. There is one panel under each sidelight which has a sunk field and an ovolo panel mould. The interior doors have five lying panels with ogee panel moulds. They are hung on brass butt hinges with ball caps and have mortise locks. Most of the knobs and plates have been removed, though a broken porcelain knob survives. There is a two flight stair that runs up along the southeast wall with a landing at the northeast end of the passage. The stair then turns back to the southwest. The stairway has square paneled newels which have sunk flat panels and both the tops and bottoms of the newels have pyramidal caps. The bottom two treads of the stairway are rounded on their ends. The balusters are rectangular in plan. There is an intricately moulded hand rail that appears to be of mahogany. The treads and risers are of stained and varnished pine while the remainder of the staircase woodwork is painted white. The ends of the treads are paneled with raised applied rails and stiles that have ovolo panel moulds. There is a quirked ogee and bevel on the bottom edge of the stringer. In the center of the passage floor is a large furnace grate.

The south room has a pine floor that runs southwest to northeast. The flooring alternates between 2 ½ inch wide and 3 inch wide boards in a definite pattern. Near the center of the floor are two small round plates that are screwed down and have a single round socket for a plug. The sockets are wired and appear to be fairly early, but the use is not known. The baseboard and architrave are identical to that in the center passage. There is a chairrail set high on the wall that has a quirked ogee and bevel below the shelf and another at the bottom. A chairrail is attached to the wall with wire nails. There is a picture moulding around the room, 1 foot 4 inches below the ceiling. It has a reeded Greek ovolo above a broken field. The window sash are hung on sash cords. There was an original corner cupboard on the south corner that had four shelves and a cornice around the top. This was reportedly removed by the previous owner just prior to the sale of the property. There is a closet on the northwest wall, to the north, beneath the stairs. It has three sets of shelves built into it. There is a swinging door on the northeast wall, set to the north, that leads to the cross passage. There is a fireplace centered on the northeast wall that has common red brick with splayed jambs and hearth bricks that are set in sand. There is a wood mantel with dark pilasters and a Greek ovolo and cavetto moulding applied across the plain frieze. The bed mould has a quirked Greek ogee and bevel and there is a plain mantel shelf. The ceilings in the front rooms are 10 feet high.

The west room has the same floor and picture moulding as the south room and the same baseboard and architrave. There is a fireplace centered on the northeast wall of buff Roman brick with splayed jambs. The brick hearth is loosely set probably in sand like the south room. The wood mantel has Greek Doric columns with paneled blocks and a paneled frieze above. They are sunk flat panels with no panel moulds. There is a Greek ovolo bed mould.

At the northeast end of the passage is a vestibule underneath of the stair landing. The doorway on the southwest side of this vestibule never had a door. The vestibule has the same parquet floor as found in the passage and there was something built into the vestibule at the bottom on the northwest side but it has now been removed leaving only a ghost to indicate its existence. Above it on three sides is a wooden rail with wire hooks. The architrave on the southwest door matches that of the passage, but without the backband. The architrave on the

northeast doorway has five reeds in the center with an ogee on each end and has bulls-eye corner blocks. There was once a door hung on small butt hinges that opened to the southwest and there was also a door hung on large butt hinges that opened to the northeast. This appears to be an original doorway for the log house.

There is a second vestibule at the junction of the center passage with the cross passage, just to the northeast of the first vestibule. It is carpeted. The architrave on both the southeast and southwest doorways has a rabbet run down the center and a bead on the inner edge. The architrave is miter cut on the corners. The northwest end of this vestibule is infilled with a powder room with bi-fold louvered doors. There is a beaded-edge vertical-board wall on the northwest and northeast elevations.

The cross passage floor is carpeted but appears to have wide board flooring beneath that runs northwest to southeast. The southeast and southwest doorways have reeded architrave with corner blocks as found elsewhere in the house and the northeast and northwest doorways have a plain architrave with a beaded interior edge and bulls-eye corner blocks. All of the doors here are the typical five lying panels. The door in the northwestern doorway swings on the southeast side but it formerly had a door hung on small butt hinges that swung on the northwest side.

The north room is now a kitchen with linoleum covering 2 ½ inch wide pine flooring that runs northwest to southeast. There is plain baseboard and the windows have the rabbeted architrave. The 6/6 sash have plain meeting rails, no parting beads, and no cords or spring latches. The typical five-lying-panel doors are used throughout. Centered on the southwest wall is a built-in wood pantry cabinet. It has two pair of paneled doors on the bottom, each door having one sunk field with an ogee mould and two pair of glazed doors above, each of these doors having three lights. The doors have cast iron foliate spring catches and the cabinet has an ogee-moulded cornice. On the plaster wall behind the cabinet is a ghost outline that probably indicates an original window opening. There is a mantel on the southeast wall of plain wood with a beaded inner edge. The mantel shelf has been broken off but has been fastened with cut nails. The bed mould appears to have been a Greek ovolo. This is apparently an original mantel piece but it was not possible to tell whether it had been moved into this position in 1907 or was here from the beginning. It is generally located directly above the cellar fireplace but there is no fireplace or chimney carried up to the first story now. The northeast or rear door architrave is the typical reeded variety with a bulls-eye corner block. The southeast door architrave has two center beads with an ogee and fillet on the outer side and just a groove and fillet on the inner side. There is also a bead on the inner edge of the architrave and there are bulls-eye corner blocks.

The east room has identical flooring and baseboard to the north room. A small portion of the wall covering has been removed on the southeast wall exposing the logs and chinking. The southeast window has rabbeted architrave. The southwest door architrave is plain and has corner blocks. There is a built-in closet in the west corner which has the typical five-lying-panel door and the plain architrave with a beaded interior edge and corner blocks. The mortise lock has a porcelain knob. There are four shelves inside the closet. The northwest door architrave is of the two-center-bead variety and has corner blocks. There is a window stair in the north corner that goes up along the northeast wall and turns to the

southwest. It is enclosed with beaded edge vertical boards, most of which are 2 3/4 inches wide but several next to the winders are much wider and are probably part of the original enclosure. The door has the typical rabbeted architrave. It is a beaded edge vertical board door hung on cast iron butt hinges that are heavily painted. It formerly had a rim lock. There is a wood mantel applied right over the boards of the northwest stair wall. There is some original flooring running northwest to southeast under the edge of the mantel. The flooring is random width between 5 1/4 and 6 1/2 inches. The mantel has reeded pilasters and a reeded frieze. Above the reeding on the frieze is an applied moulding with a torus flanked by cavettos on either side. There is an ogee bed mould and two large jigsaw brackets that support the mantel shelf. The door to the cellar stairs is on the southwest side of the enclosed winder stair. The architrave for this doorway has a small ogee on the inner edge and another small ogee on the backband. It is a four panel door with sunk double fields and ogee panel moulds. It is hung on stamped metal butt hinges and formerly had a rim lock. The doorway on the northeast elevation to the exterior has a rabbeted architrave. On the southeast wall, set to the east, is a built-in pantry cupboard identical in details to that in the north room but longer than it.

The front section of the second story, which is the 1907 addition, is also laid out with a center passage single pile plan but also has a small room at the southwest end of the passage. The northeast or original portion of the house is at the level of the stair landing and has a center passage running southwest to northeast, with a chamber on either side of the passage and a chamber at the northeast end of the passage. The passage jogs to the east to reach the rear winder staircase and a chamber in the east corner.

The center passage on the second story has the same baseboard architrave and picture moulding as found on the first story south room. The flooring is 3 inch wide pine that runs northeast to southwest. The typical five lying panel doors are used throughout the second story. The southwest chamber at the end of the passage has a door with one large pressed-glass light over two lying panels. This chamber has the same baseboard, chairrail, and architrave as found in the south room. It also has the same picture rail moulding along the edge of the ceiling and it has 3 inch wide pine flooring. The room is now a bathroom and probably was always designed as such. The northwest elevation has a doorway to the west chamber. West of this door is a small built-in cupboard with architrave that matches the rest of the room. It has one shelf in the center and beaded-edge horizontal boards on the back. The door to this cupboard is now missing.

The south chamber also has 3 inch wide pine flooring, and the same baseboard, architrave, and picture rail as found in the passage. The sash in this room are identical to those in the south room. There is a fireplace centered on the northeast wall that has buff Roman brick and splayed jambs. The hearth brick is set in sand. The mantel is missing but was hung on two metal hooks. The mantel was reportedly removed by the previous owner just prior to sale. It projected a bit from the fireplace wall and probably had columns like that in the west room. There is a built-in closet east of the fireplace with a five-lying-panel door and architrave that matches the rest of the room. The walls are covered with grass cloth that appears to be an original treatment. The southwest elevation has a call button just south of the window. The ceiling is 9 feet high.

The west chamber has the same flooring, baseboard, architrave and picture rail moulding as the south chamber. There is a fireplace centered on the northeast elevation that has red Roman brick with splayed jambs. Again the hearth brick is set in sand. The mantel is missing but was hung on identical hooks like that to the south chamber and was removed at the same time according to the present owner. There is a closet west of the fireplace with a five-lying-panel door and architrave that matches the rest of the room. Something had been built-in east of the fireplace, but it was not an original feature and has since been removed. The walls are unpainted, and it appears that the original finish was simply the white plaster. On the overmantel, above the picture rail, there is straw matting nailed to the wall. It was also below the rail on the overmantel, but this piece is now gone. The straw matting appears to be an original treatment, as well. The door from the passage has a catch on the room side, near the bottom, that hooks onto a stop screwed to the floor, which holds the door open at a 90° angle from the wall.

The rear passage has a door from the landing that is glazed with one light over two lying panels. It has reeded architrave with corner blocks. There is no architrave at the opening in the wall where the passage jogs to the east. The floor changes here and this opening may have come later than the 1907 alterations. The rear passage has plain baseboard and random-width flooring that runs northwest to southeast. It is tongue-and-grooved flooring between 5 ¼ and 6 ¼ inches wide. The doors throughout this section have 5 lying panels.

The west ell chamber has the same floor, baseboard and architrave as the passage in the ell. The sash are hung on weights. The northeast wall has circular-sawn lath and plaster. The south ell chamber has the same details as the west ell chamber. The north ell chamber also has the same details as the west ell chamber, but also has a chimney flue in the west corner. The northeast sash is not hung on weights and has no parting beads. It is set lower than the northwest window and is probably original.

At the top of the winder stairs is a hinged gate of square vertical balusters. The doorway to the ell passage from the landing at the top of the winder stairs has head-cut trim.

The east ell chamber has the same baseboard, floor, and architrave as the west ell chamber. This was a bathroom but only the new toilet remains. It was probably converted to a bathroom during the 1907 alterations. There is a cupboard attached to the southwest wall that is identical to that in the southwest chamber. There is a winder stair to the attic in the north corner. It is enclosed with narrow beaded-edge vertical boards and has a five-lying-panel door. The door architrave is plain, with a beaded interior edge, and is mitered at the corners. There is a built-in closet on the southeast side of the stairs that has plain vertical boards and the same architrave as that on the stair doorway. The door to the closet is now gone. The northeast wall has vertical lath and plaster on the logs. The lath is circular sawn and attached with cut nails.

The attic is only accessible from the winder stair. There is a center passage all the way through the attic, though the attic is divided between the original section and the 1907 addition. The center passage in the southwest attic is plastered, with plain baseboard and reeded architrave with corner blocks. The flooring is 3 ½ inch wide pine that runs northeast

to southwest. There are built-in shelves on either side and a lunette in the gable on the southwest elevation. The architrave around the northeast doorway that leads to the log section attic is plain, with a bevelled inner edge, and is miter-cut at the corners. The door has beaded-edge vertical boards and is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. It has a rim lock with a mineral knob.

The southeast attic door architrave is reeded and has corner blocks. The window architrave is pulvinated in the center, with two beads to either side, an ovolo on the inner edge, and there are bulls-eye corner blocks. The window has square 6/6 sash with applied wood spandrels in the top corners on the exterior that make it appear to be a semi-circular arched window. The sash has no parting bead and is not hung on cords. It is mortised and tenoned and pegged in the corners. The baseboard is plain and the floor matches that in the attic passage. The northwest attic has the same features as in the southeast attic but the window has a reeded architrave with corner blocks.

There are five steps down into the northeast attic passage from the southwest attic passage and painted light green. The walls and ceiling are covered with tongue-and-grooved beaded-edge vertical boards that are wire-nailed. A random-width tongue-and-groove floor runs northwest to southeast. The winder stair comes up in the east corner of the passage. There is one room set to the southeast and two attic rooms to the northwest. The doors to these rooms are beaded-edge vertical boards hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. They have rim locks with mineral knobs. At the top of the five steps is a small door on the northwest elevation that leads into the eave of the southwest addition where it connects to the original log structure. The northeast end of the passage has a four-panel door that has sunk fields and ogee panel moulds. The door never had a lock but just a slide bolt. Above the door the hoist projects into the passage about 4 feet. The ceiling boards are between the hoist and the roof structure. To the east of the door is a 6/6 sash set over the winder stairs. There is a six-light sash on the southeast wall near this 6/6 sash. The balustrade around the stairs has plain rectangular posts and plain rectangular rails set at the top and center of the posts.

The west ell attic room also has beaded-edge boards on the walls and ceiling. There are built-in shelves in the southwest elevation and a six-light sash on the northeast elevation set to the east and set up high. The north ell attic room is identical to the west ell attic room, with a six-light sash set between them on the southwest elevation and a 6/6 sash on the northeast elevation.

The southeast ell attic is unfinished. The rafters are circular sawn 2 x 6's. False plates are nailed to the top of the joists and the rafter feet are notched to set on top of and lap over the false plate. The rafter feet are then toe-nailed with wire nails. The rafters are set over top of the joists in the southwest attic. The construction is consistent throughout the attic suggesting that the original roof was removed and rebuilt in 1907. The rafters support circular sawn lath and wood shingles. On the floor of this attic room is a 5-foot-2-inch-square shallow trough with wood sides and sheet-metal lining. There are pipes leading to the vicinity of this trough but nothing sitting in the trough at present. It probably originally held some kind of gravity-fed water tank.

The original log house can be conjecturally reconstructed based on a few features that

survive. It was probably a three-bay by one-bay, two-story banked structure with an exposed foundation on the southwest elevation. There was probably a one story raised porch on the southwest elevation. The central door on the first story probably opened into the northwest room. The building apparently had a two-room plan with a central fireplace or chimney and a winder stair on the northeast side of the chimney. This stairway still survives. The cellar was also a two-room plan and of course the center fireplace still seems to survive though it is now covered with later material. The rear elevation on the first story seems to have had openings only in the end bays. There was a window on the northwest bay and a door on the southeast bay. There are two mantelpieces that are probably original to this first house; one of them has been moved and it is not possible to tell whether the second was also moved. The second story has been more drastically altered than the first story so its plan cannot be confidently reconstructed. About the only original features other than the stairway that survive are the end bay windows on the northeast elevation. The plastered log walls also appear to be original. The attic has also been completely rebuilt. The roof was most likely a gable with a ridge running northwest to southeast. The entire roof structure was dismantled and rebuilt with the ridge running in the opposite direction, or northeast to southwest. The 1907 additions and alterations thoroughly changed the character and most of the features of the original log structure, leaving only a few random original features in place.

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pattern, a projecting central bay, cornice returns, and a formal pedimented entrance, possess excellent integrity. The integration of the 1907 addition with a c. 1850 building was well executed in construction and exhibits good craftsmanship. Original details include the molding and window surrounds and the staircases. In addition, Willowbrook retains good site integrity, despite recent development in adjacent areas, including a viewshed which conveys its rural association.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 29 acres

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References (no NOT complete UTM references)

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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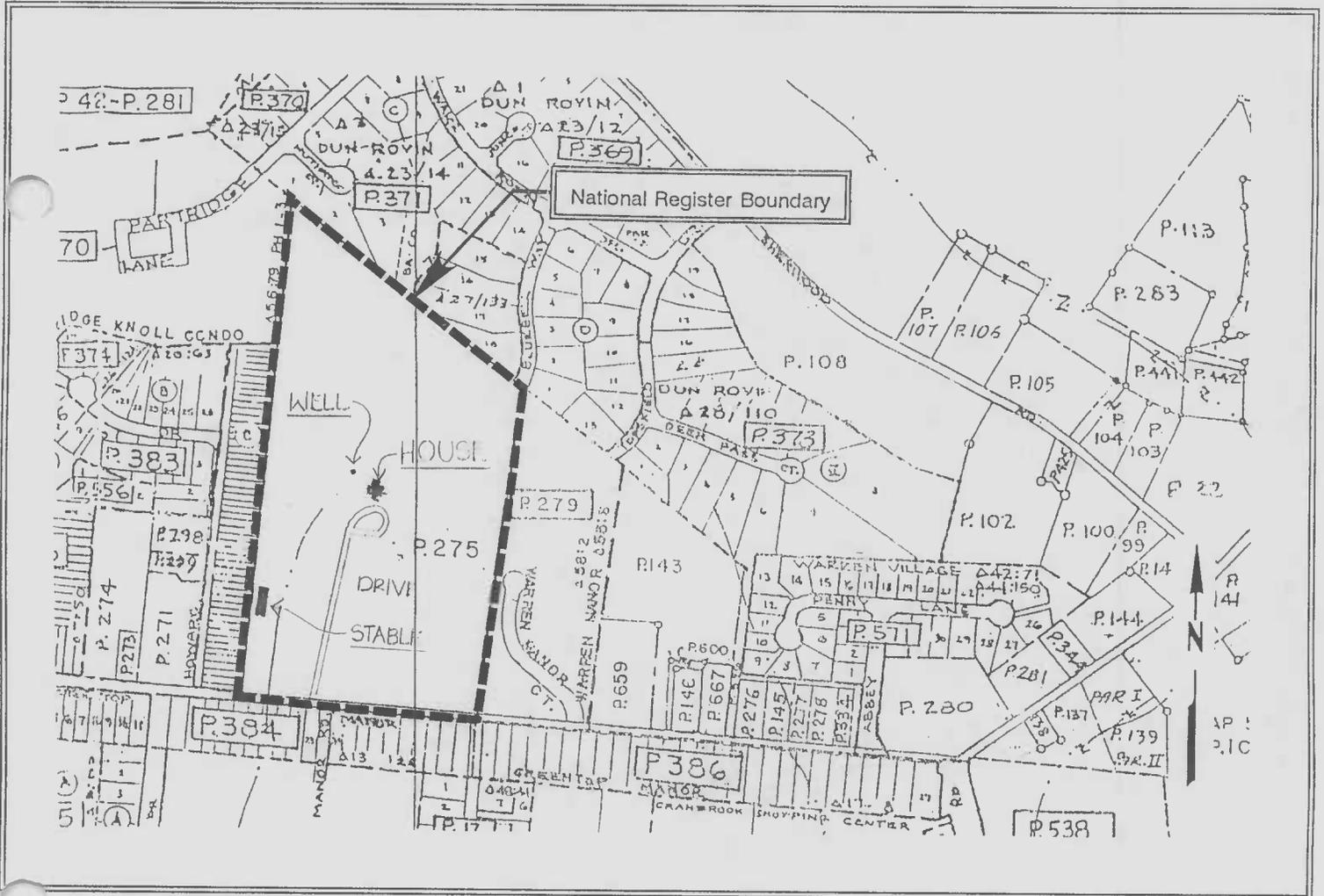
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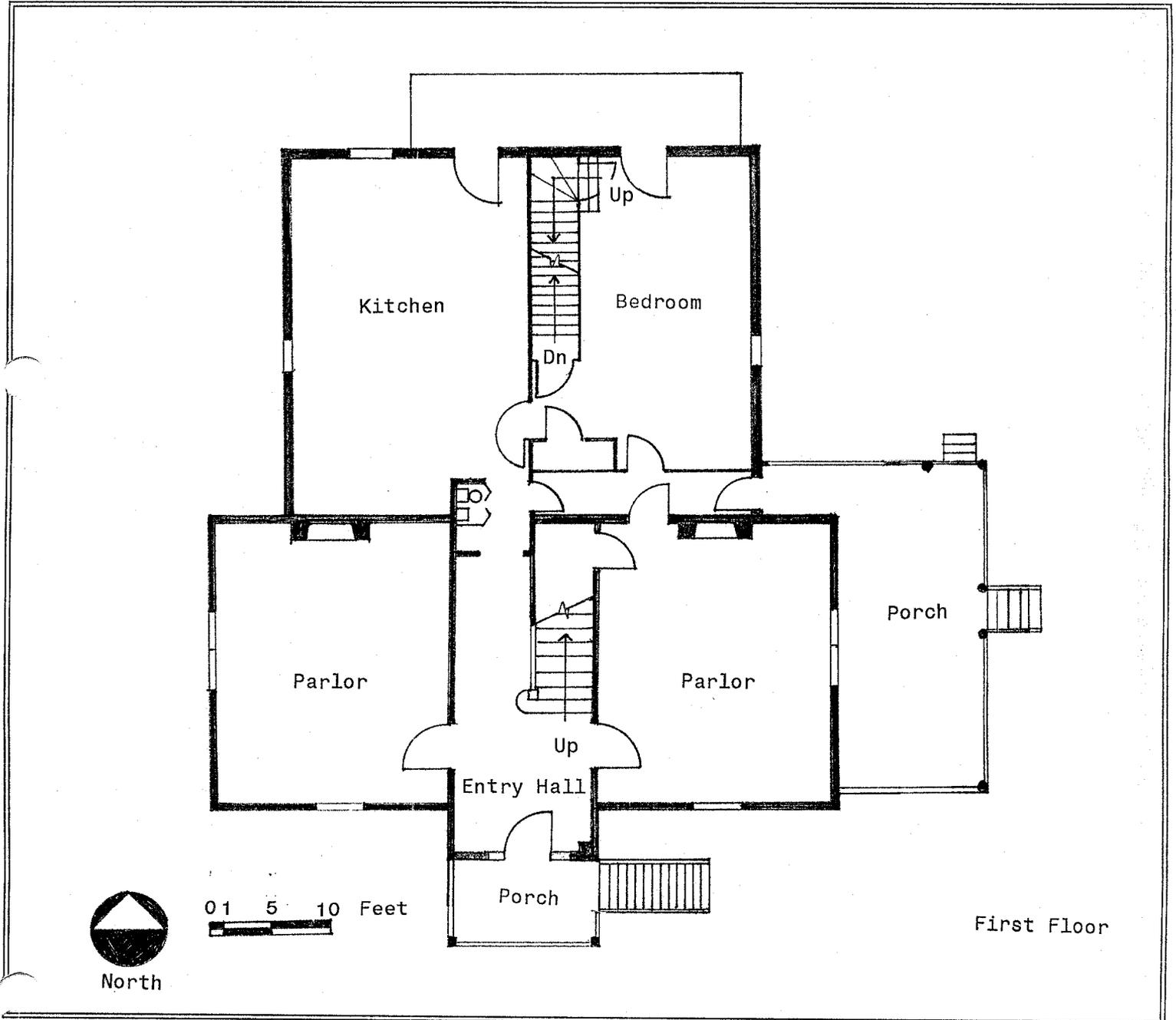
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The National Register boundaries of Willowbrook follow the current property lines of 312 Warren Road (Tax Map 51, Lot/Block #P275). This approximately 29 acre parcel is bounded on the north, east and west by adjacent tax parcels and on the south by Warren Road. The boundary includes the main house, a stable and a well. According to deed research, the property was part of a 48 acre parcel in 1874. The parcel was subsequently subdivided several times in the twentieth century, reducing Willowbrook to its current size by the 1980s. The current parcel is now bounded to the north, east and west by late twentieth century residential development, and to the south by Warren Road.



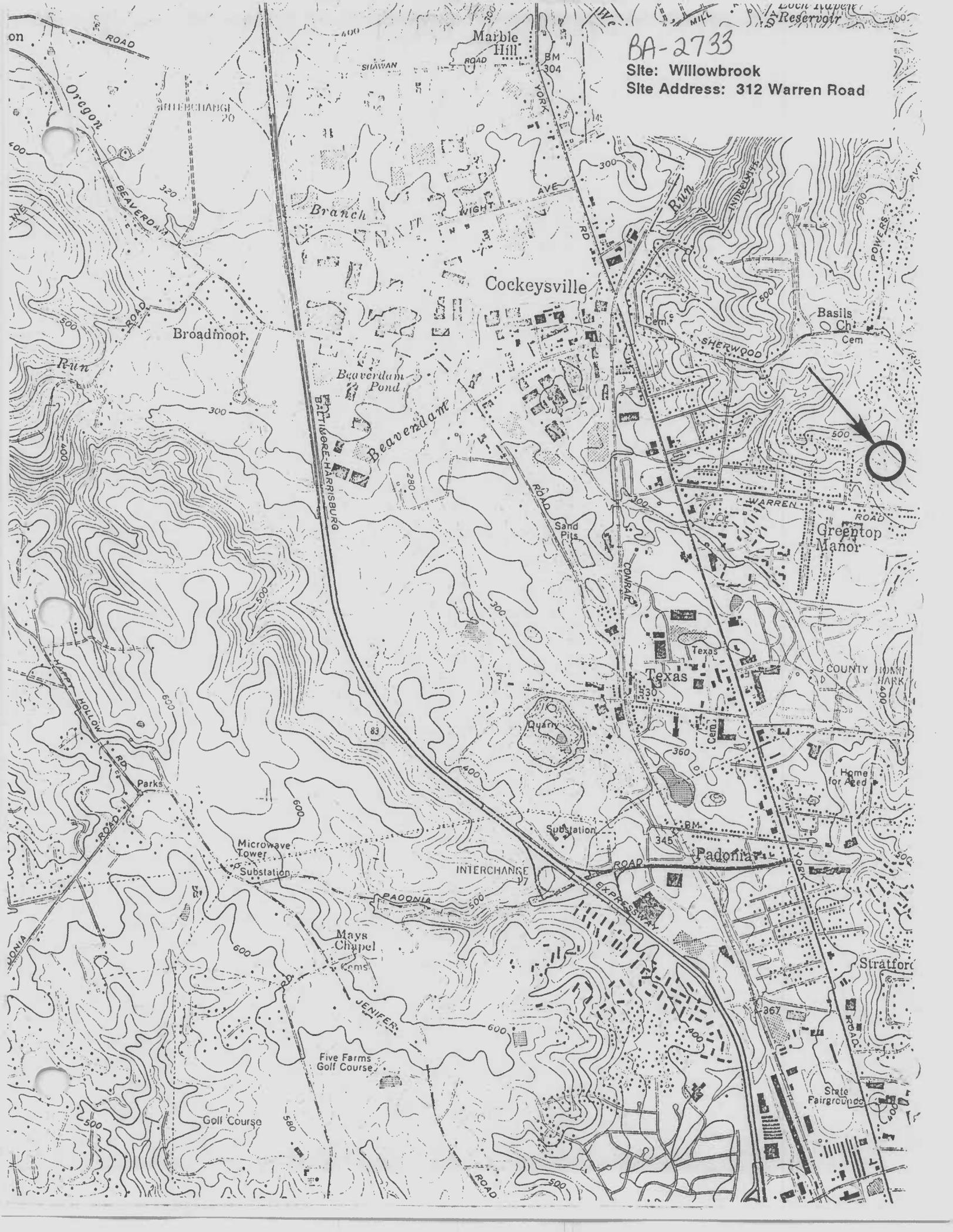
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First Story Passage - southwest elev.

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Southeast Room-view east

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Southeast Room mantel

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Northwest Room - view north

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Northwest Room mantle

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