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George L. Kaufman House  
Bartonsville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1900

The George L. Kaufman House is a two-story frame vernacular dwelling with vinyl siding and a standing seam metal roof with a cross gable and a one-story porch across its five-bay main elevation. Decorative details of several styles are apparent, including the dentil cornice molding of the Colonial and Renaissance Revivals, the Gothic arched window on the main cross gable, and the elaborately complex bargeboard at the gable ends of the main section. Considerable alteration has taken place at the rear wing and the originally extensive farmstead retains only a small frame garage and an altered stone foundation of a bank barn. The house nevertheless is minimally significant for its eclectic architectural decoration. George L. Kaufman (1865-1924) was a successful farmer who also served a term as County Treasurer in the late 1880's, and was a U. S. Post Office Inspector in Philadelphia in the early 1900's. He replaced the deteriorated existing farm buildings on the property shortly after his purchase in 1899. Described in 1910 as one of the largest groups of farm buildings in the county, the only buildings remaining are the dwelling and the altered garage.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George L. Kaufman House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8723 Reich's Ford Road  not for publicationcity, town Bartonsville  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 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"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Thomas J. and Joan T. Wade

street &amp; number 8723 Reich's Ford Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21701

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1454

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 240

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-5-79

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

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The George L. Kaufman House is a two-story frame dwelling built about 1900 on the south side of Reich's Ford Road, approximately 1800 feet west of the intersection of Hines Road near Bartonsville, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is located on a rise about 250 feet from the public road and faces north. The historical farmstead outbuildings have been removed except for a small frame garage with later shed additions located south of the house. A modern frame barn near the garage has been built on the stone foundation of the historical bank barn, demolished at an unknown date. The date of the house is based on architectural evidence and a biographical sketch of George L. Kaufman in Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910).

The dwelling has a five-bay north elevation with a central cross gable and a one-story porch. A two-story, two-section rear wing extends southward from the southwest corner of the main section. The east and west gable ends have two bays each with two attic windows. Interior end chimneys rise at the east and west gable ends and at the junction of the two sections of the rear wing. The exterior is covered with vinyl siding, probably concealing original german siding, the most common exterior siding during the late 19th century. The roof is standing seam metal and the foundation is stone. The north elevation porch has turned columns, dentil molding, and elongated brackets. The deck is wood. The main roof cornice also has dentil molding and the east and west gable ends have a scroll-sawn decorative bargeboard. The west elevation gable trim is somewhat deteriorated and parts are missing. In the north elevation's cross gable is a Gothic arched, single pane window. The windows on the second story are 1/1 replacements and those on the first story are 2/2. The principal entrance has a transom and sidelights. The door has a stained and leaded glass panel. The rear wing has replacement windows and an extended and enclosed first story porch. The two sections of the wing suggest that it may have been built in two stages. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

The small frame garage is located south of the house with a series of open-sided sheds adjoining the north side of the garage. The garage has german siding and an extension at the open entrance on the east elevation. A wave bargeboard decorates the eaves. The garage was probably built at the same time as the dwelling and the open sheds were added in the mid-20th century.

# 8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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** C. 1900 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The George L. Kaufman House is minimally significant in architecture for the vernacular style of its exterior, which has an eclectic mix of decorative trim on a basic plan of two stories and a rear ell, the most common house plan in the late 19th century. The cornice and front porch both have dentil molding of the Colonial Revival and Renaissance Revival styles and a Gothic-arched window is in the central cross gable. Elaborate scroll-sawn bargeboards in the end gables reflect the influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement in the late 19th century. Stained and leaded glass panels in the main doorway are also evidence of the popularity of work inspired by the increased interest in hand craftsmanship. The house was built about 1900 by George L. Kaufman (1865-1924), a successful farmer on several other properties prior to his 1899 purchase of the 137.5-acre original farm. His career also included a two-year term as County Treasurer, 1887-1889, and from 1902 until the early 1920's, a U. S. Post Office Inspector in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The farm was probably established about 1860-1868 by Thomas Shields and had a log and stone dwelling, a meat house, a corn crib, a springhouse, and a blacksmith shop, all in deteriorated condition by 1899, according to equity records. Kaufman's biographical sketch in the 1910 history states that his rebuilt farmstead was "one of the largest set(s) of farm buildings in the county". Only the dwelling, the garage, and the altered bank barn foundation remain of the 1900 buildings.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-79

Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names in Stone, V.2 Privately published Ann Arbor, MI, 1966.  
Land Records of Frederick County  
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted  
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, pp. 1200-1203.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10 acres

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 87, Parcel 220

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date April 1944

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020  
514-7600

8723 Reichs Ford Rd.

Lot Size, Description,  
Original Tracts,  
Miscellaneous

Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1454/240 30 Oct 87	Thos. J. & Joan J. Wade	Mrs. J. & Neva A. Bings		\$279,000
1205/254 24 June 83	Mrs. J. Bings et ux	Philip Vincent, Jr. & Pamela H. Errico	10.003 A.	\$142,500
847/520 26 May 71	Philip Vincent Errico, Jr. et ux	Kenneth Poole T/A Poole & Son	10.003 A.	
847/518 26 May 71	Kenneth Poole T/A Poole & Son	Paul E. & Katharina E. Greff	10.003	
512/456 18 Feb 53	Paul E. Greff et ux	Diana Bolling	137.5 A.	
482/591 15 Mar 50	Diana Bolling	John L. Beall & Caroline M. Beall et al	137.5 A.	
460/19 12 Dec 46	John L. Beall et ux & Catherine O. Beall	James D. Cushman unm.	137.5 A.	
433/100 17 Dec 41	James D. Cushman	J. Arthur Cutsail et al	137.5 A.	
428/68 2 Mar 41	J. Arthur Cutsail et ux	Florence M. S. Dyer, undam.	137.5 A. part of "Dewalls Forest" and "George's Delight"	
350/129 25 Aug 24	Florence M. Spielman	Charles E. Kehne, un.		

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Original Tracts,  
Miscellaneous

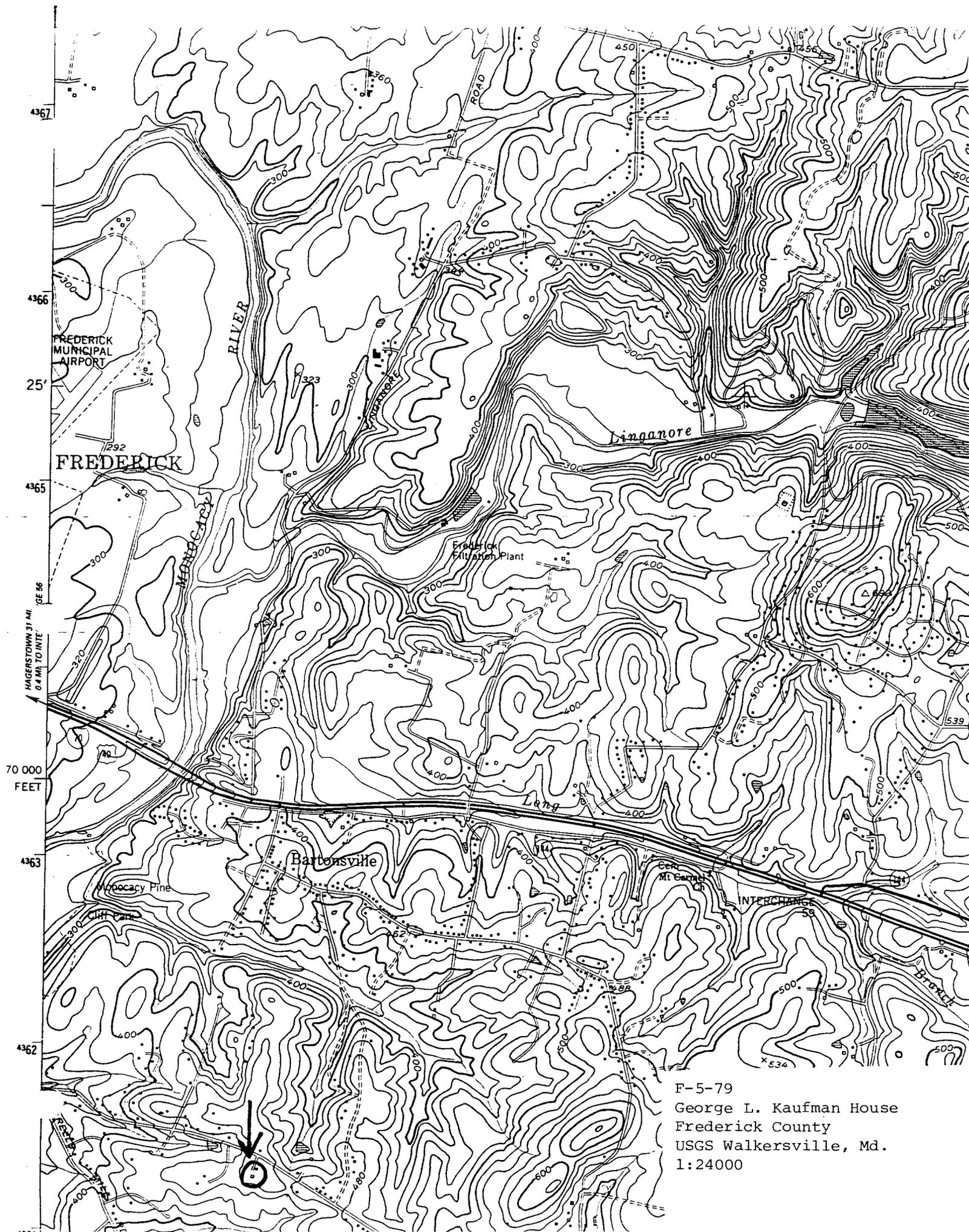
Liber/Folio

Grantee

Grantor

Cost

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
336/229 6 Aug 21	Charles E. Kehue	Harry C. Hull Trustee in Equity 10,375	→ large dwelling house & bank barn Equity Record EGH 12/194	
335/520 10 May 21	Harry C. Hull	Harry R.C. Arnold et ux	137 1/2 a.	
326/144 23 Sept 18	Harry R.C. Arnold	George L. Kauffman, widower		
DHH 3/688 15 May 1899	Jannie M. Kauffman	Frank L. Stoner, trustee in Equity 6835	137 1/2 a. → 2 st. log dwelling, meat house, corn house, blacksmith shop, spring house Equity Record DHH 1/403 det. condition	\$2,475
AF 2/275 20 Aug 1880	John & Cynthia Shields	John Koelkeg, trustee in Equity 4618	137 1/2 a. → 1 1/2 st. log & stone dwelling, bank barn, spring house, corn house Equity Record AF 2/159	\$3,000
CM 2/659 11 Jan 1868	Henry Shields	Robert S. + Sarah C. Meiser	137 1/2 a.	
TG 4/79 13 Oct 1875	John F. Zeller	Cynthia W. widow of Henry Schield, & John F. Shields	137 1/2 a.	\$4,000
BGF 4/702 8 Nov 1859	Robert S. Meiser	Wm. C. Hoffman and Aaron Anders execs of W & T of Enos W. Bell		



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USGS Walkersville, Md.  
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Photo: Janet Lewis

April 1990

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

North elevation

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East elevation

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South elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Garage, east elevation

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