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HISTORIC SITE
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Deer Park Hotel Site				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Deer Park Hotel Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Deer Park				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>vacant</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. and Mrs. William E. Lear (Dorothy R.)				
STREET AND NUMBER: 7305 Hilton Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Takoma Park		STATE: Maryland		20012
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Garrett County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Third and Alder Streets				
CITY OR TOWN: Oakland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 329-296				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Deer Park Hotel stood along Deer Park Hotel Road in the southwest corner of Deer Park, Garrett County. The site presently is a vacant field with a State Highway Commission marker, briefly noting the historical significance of the site, as the only evidence of the once famous hotel.

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6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Deer Park Hotel was built in 1873 by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. John W. Garrett, President of the B & O and the person for whom Garrett County was named, proposed the development of summer resorts in the mountains of Western Maryland in the 1860s. Plans, however, were delayed by the Civil War but were launched in the 1870s. Several "cottages" or houses were erected surrounding the hotel and leased on an individual basis. The Deer Park Hotel was a popular resort and was visited by many famous persons of the day. Presidents Grant, Harrison, and Cleveland are said to have stayed here during their terms in office. Cleveland and his bride honeymooned in cottage number 2. William McKinley stopped here while campaigning for the presidency. Other notables include W. W. Corcoran, Henry G. Davis, and Richard P. Hobson. The hotel and cottages are believed to have been designed by Pennington and Baldwin of Baltimore.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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Acreege Justification:

The property contains approximately 3.60 acres.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 5/26/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

Ware, Donna M.

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Architectural Overview of Garrett County

length have tetrastyle Roman Ionic porticos in front of the second and third floors. The second-story windows are trimmed with Renaissance-style entablatures and heavy pediments supported on scroll brackets. The courthouse is undoubtedly the largest and best example of the Classical Revival in Garrett County.

Very different from the styles that preceded it is the Bungalow style, popular during the late 1910s and throughout the 1920s. The style moved east from its origins in California, where it had drawn its inspiration from the houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and Bernard Maybeck.³⁰ Whereas houses from the Victorian era were tall, vertical masses with high-peaked gables and decorative woodwork, Bungalow-style houses were predominantly horizontal and visually unified beneath low-pitched roofs with wide overhanging eaves. These houses were usually built in a combination of materials, commonly brick and wood, and often featured tall, narrow windows and square, tapered posts supporting the front porch.

Examples of the Bungalow style are legion in Garrett County, although they are more often found in small towns than in isolated rural areas. Some of the best examples are found in Kitzmiller, along East Main Street in Grantsville, in Friendsville where a few incorporate Spanish-Colonial features, and in Swanton, Loch Lynn, and Oakland.

The Burch House (G-IV-B-002) in Loch Lynn is a one-story frame house with accentuated horizontal features, low-pitched roofs with large overhanging eaves, and windows that taper at the top. It is completely covered with wood shingles. An equally complex disposition of roofs is seen on the house at 142 North Second Street (G-VI-A-017) in Oakland. Several other examples of the Bungalow style may be found in Oakland on Second Street, as well as on North Fourth Street and South Third Street.

RESORT ARCHITECTURE IN GARRETT COUNTY

Blessed with natural beauty and a healthful climate, in 1850 the Garrett County area known as "the Glades" lacked only dependable transportation and the necessary capital for development as a premier resort. Both needs were met by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Under the leadership of its far-sighted president, John W. Garrett, the B&O spent the next fifty years exploiting the scenic appeal of southern Garrett County. Garrett had advocated the building of resort hotels in Oakland as early as 1860,³¹ wisely predicting the increase in prestige and profits that would accrue to the railroad from resorts it exclusively owned and operated. He also realized such resorts must appeal to the

Gilded Age leisure class who had made a success of similar hotels elsewhere in the country.

The Deer Park and Oakland hotels, built in 1873 and 1876 respectively,³² represented the fruition of Garrett's vision. Situated within easy access of the B&O's new railroad stations, both resorts benefitted from fast and frequent train service. The hotels themselves, designed by the B&O's favored architectural firm of Baldwin and Pennington,³³ provided the utmost in luxury under the illusion of a rustic mountain retreat. The Deer Park Hotel, laid out on a carefully landscaped property several miles east of Oakland, was particularly successful in combining the amenities normally found at fashionable metropolitan hotels with such "country" activities as swimming and tennis. The hotel, which was expanded several times during the next twenty years, was built in a version of the Swiss Alpine style with spacious verandas and numerous decorative towers and cupolas.

Shortly after one of the most extensive additions at Deer Park had been completed in 1882, a travel guide described the hotel as follows:

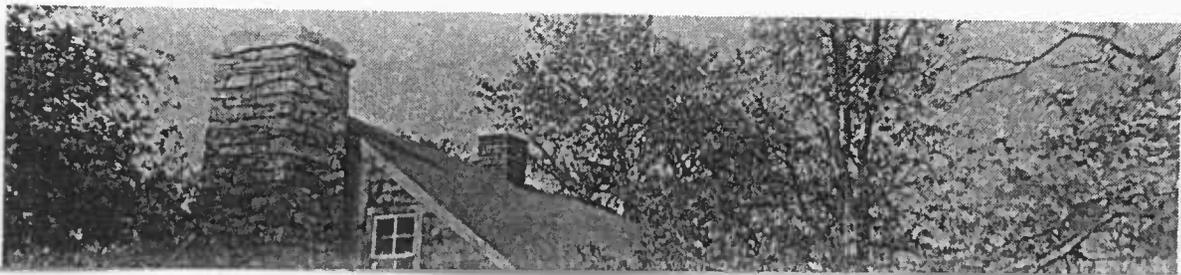
The main building at Deer Park has by the recent improvements been enlarged and the dining room increased to double its former capacity. Flanking either side of the hotel are the new annexes--the architecture of the Queen Anne order--and their exterior adding greatly to the ornamental attractiveness of the place. They are connected by light and graceful passage-ways covered overhead, and so arranged so as to be closed on all sides in inclement weather. In the west annex is a ball-room--one of the most spacious and best arranged to be found at any summer resort.³⁴

The principal attractions of these hotels were the surrounding natural scenery and exclusive clientele, features the B&O tirelessly promoted for the next forty years.³⁵ A succession of wealthy visitors, among them several U.S. presidents, came to both Oakland and Deer Park. Many visitors built large and expensive summer houses of their own near the hotels. A number of these, including those built for the president and vice-president of the B&O, were also designed by the firm of Baldwin and Pennington.³⁶

Despite their air of pseudo-rusticity and the fact that they were invariably referred to as "cottages," the houses at Deer Park were typical of those found at fashionable upper-class summer retreats elsewhere in the United States; their owners would hardly have demanded less. Following the tone set by the railroad hotels, the scale of these houses was often impressive--many towered

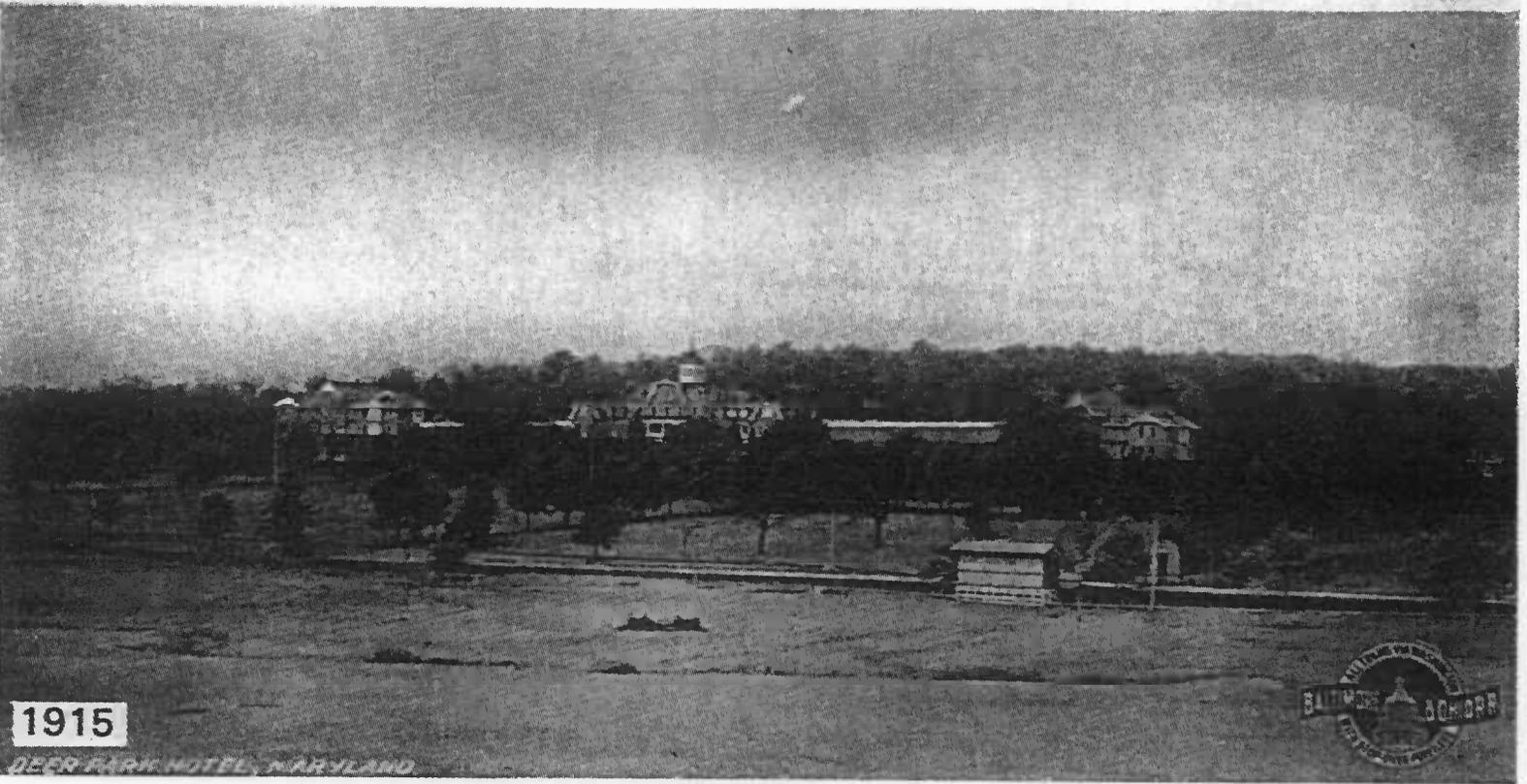


Deer Park Hotel. This hotel, built by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, opened for business July 4, 1873. It paved the way for the development of this area as a resort. The hotel was an immediate success and two wings were added in 1887. It became a gathering place for well-known people in business and government. Among the noted guests were Presidents Grant, Cleveland, and Harrison. The hotel continued in operation until 1929. During the Second World War it was razed. (See the *Glades Star*, vol. 1, p. 334; vol. 2, p. 122.) Photo courtesy Mrs. Robert J. Ruckert





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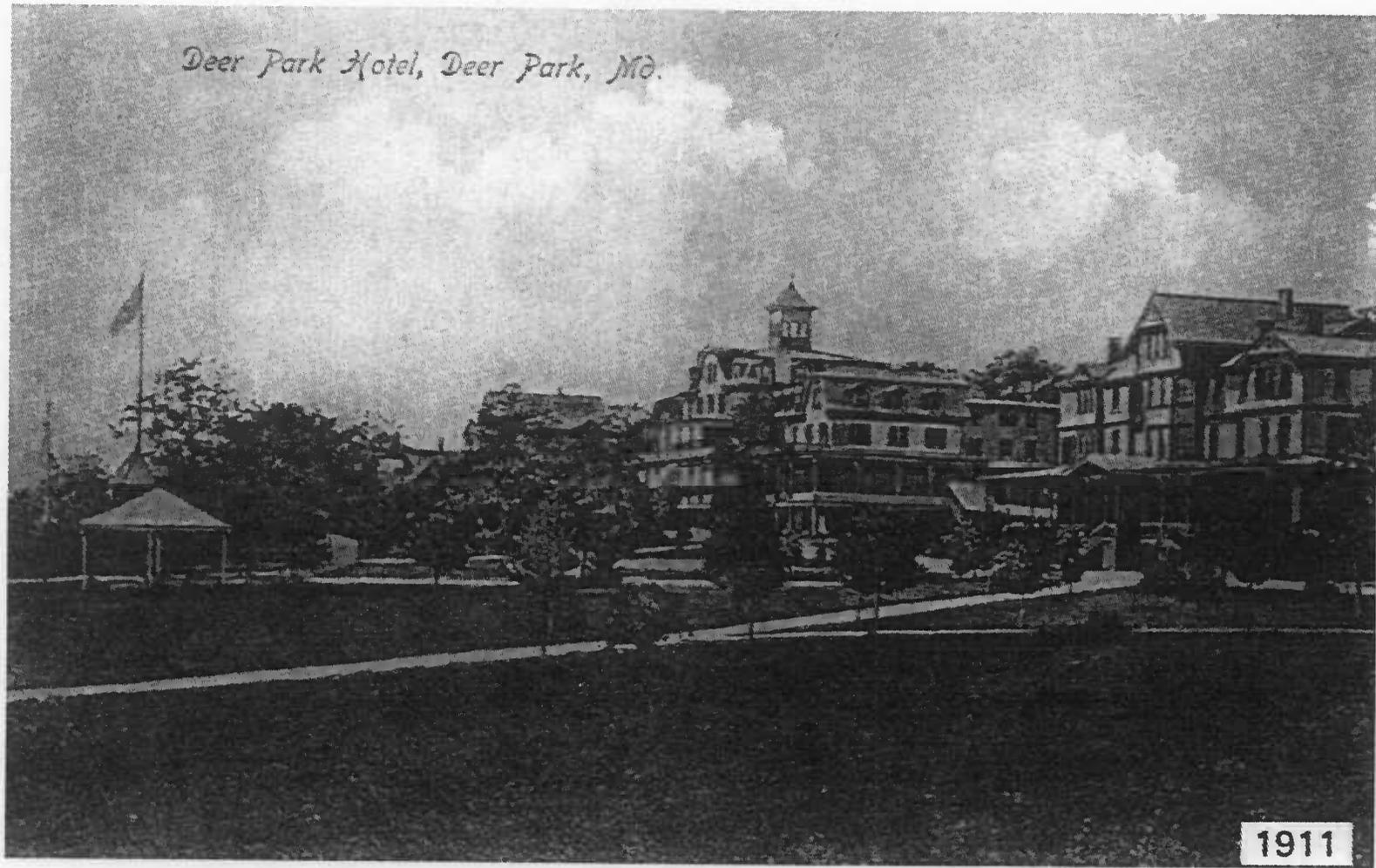
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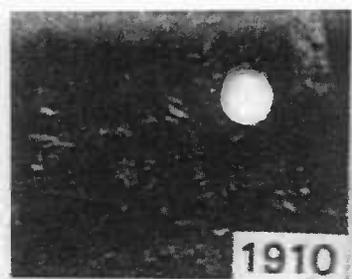


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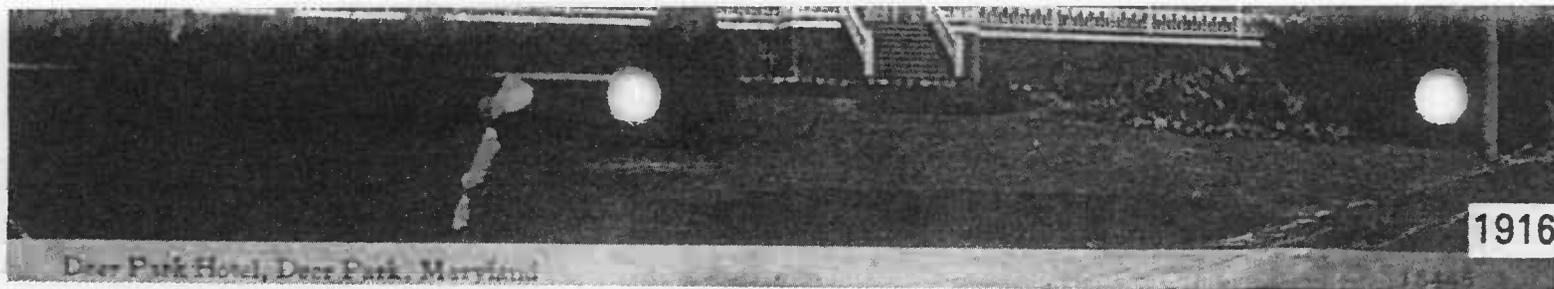
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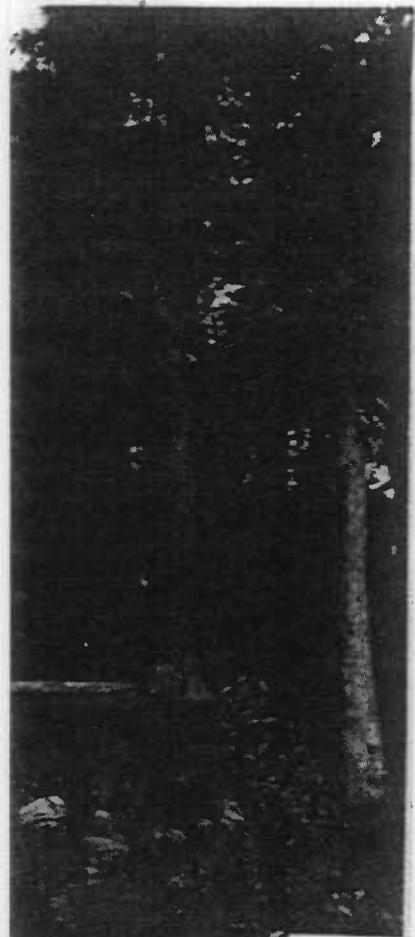


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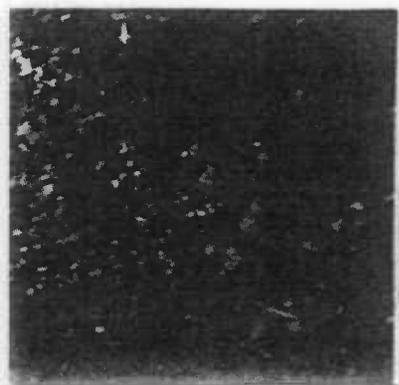


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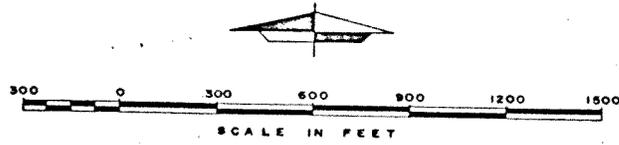


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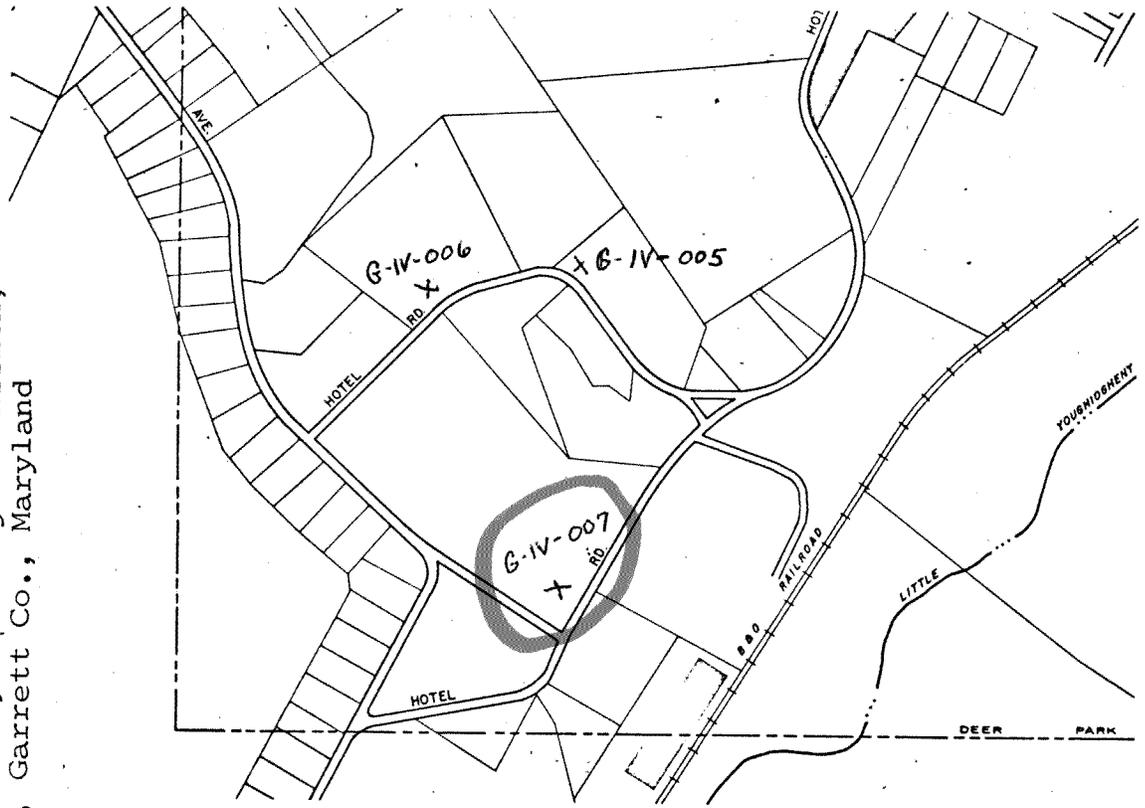
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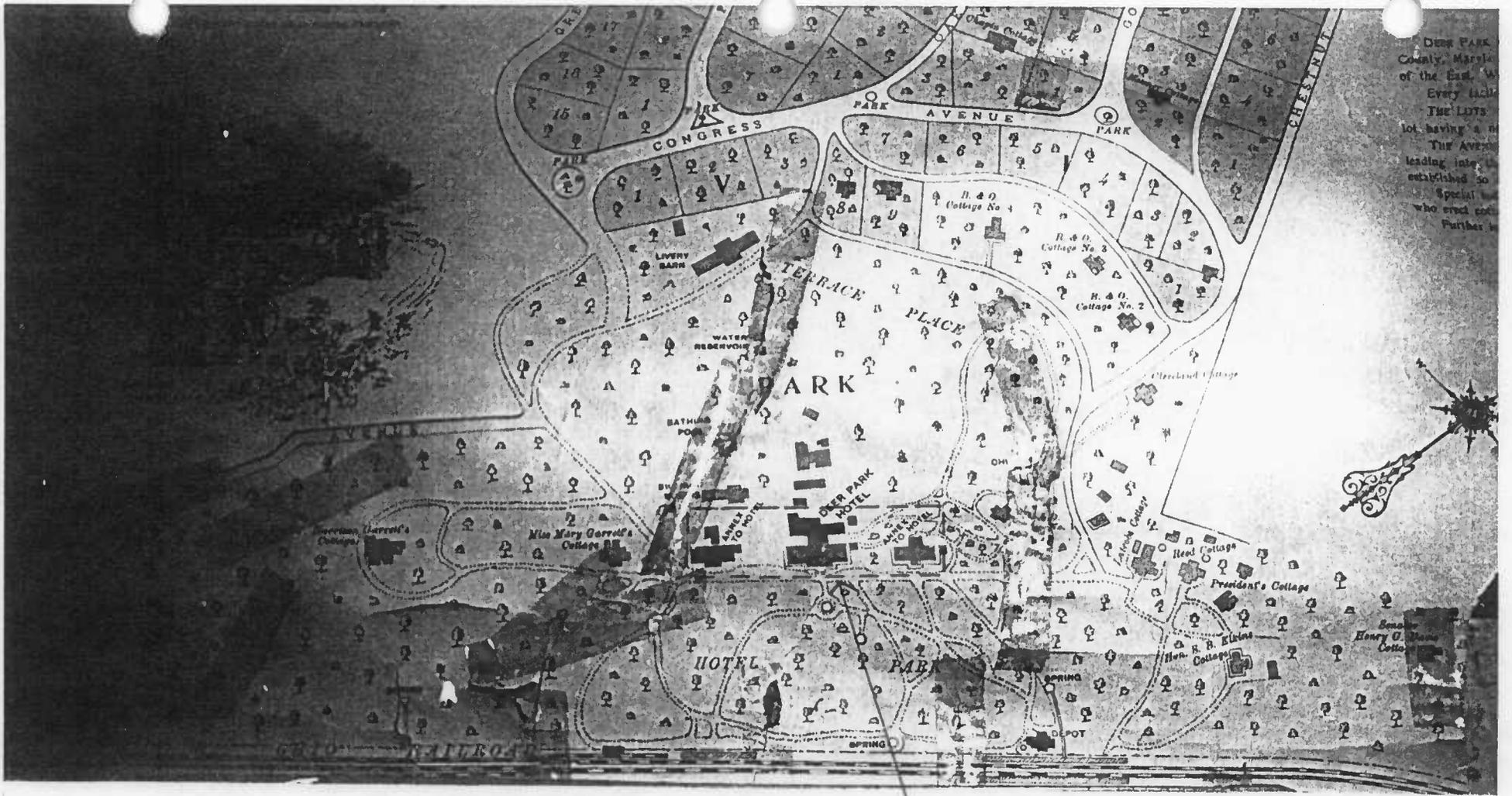


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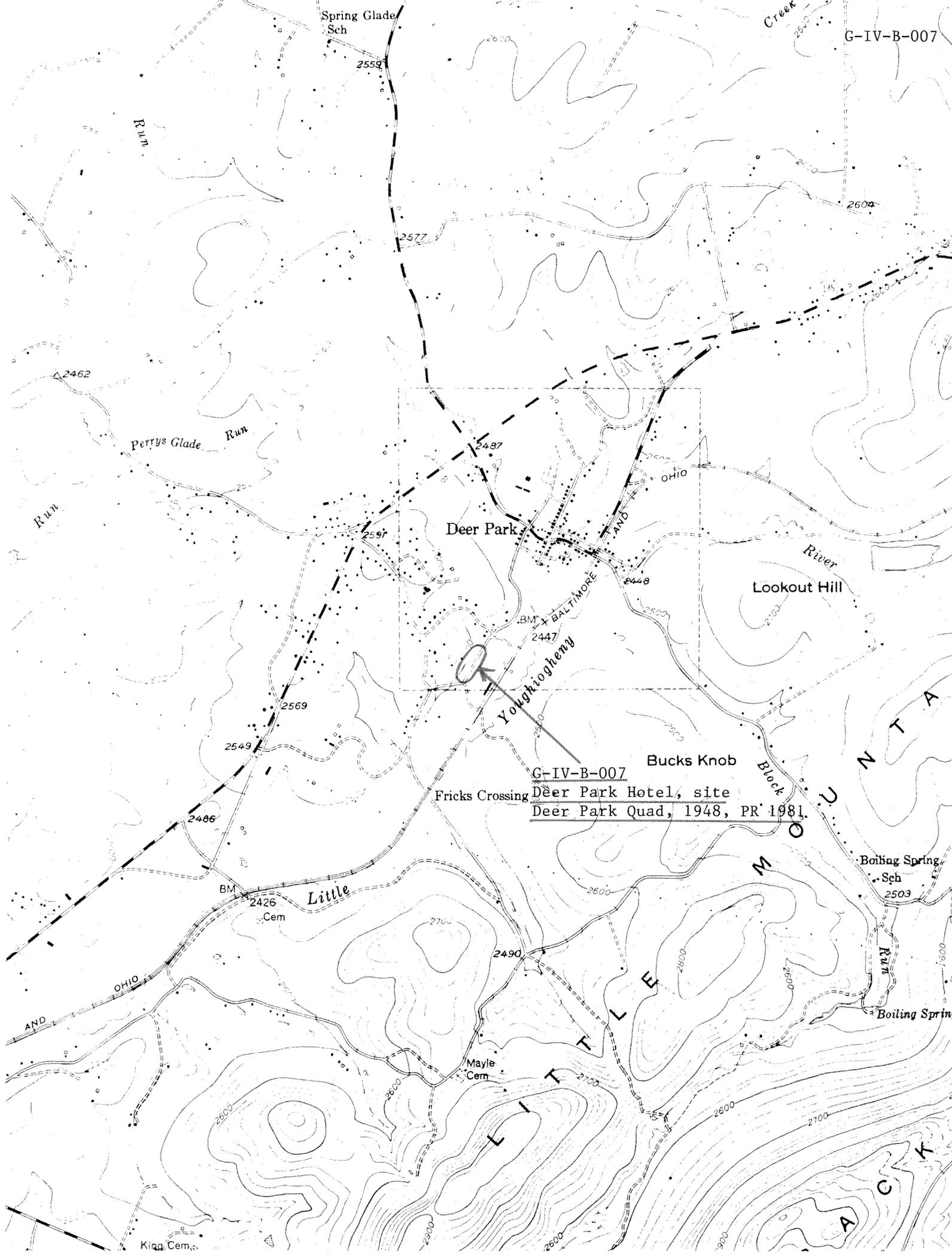
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site of Deer Park Hotel
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