

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1946

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse (Bldg. E-1511)

2. Location

street & number Edgewood Road at northend of Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Grounds not for publication

city, town Edgewood vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name U.S Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command

street & number Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground telephone no.:

city, town Edgewood state and zip code Maryland 21010

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 265

street & number 40 South Main Street folio 413

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved

date of move _____

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

The old guardhouse at the Edgewood Gate, a small rectangular, single story, front gabled building, is located at the southeast corner of Edgewood Road and Fairview Point Road at the north end of the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground. The building is set on the edge of the road, adjoining an open field bordered by evergreen trees.

The building is a single bay wide and a single bay deep. Set on a concrete slab, it is of concrete construction, and has a roof sheathed in slate. A metal door is centered on the west facade of the building and is secured by a padlock. Rectangular, wood, louvered vents are placed in the gable peak of the front and rear walls. Single window openings are located near the front of the side walls of the building. Both openings, which appear to have originally contained double hung, sash windows, have been boarded over.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<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"/> 500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economic	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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 old guardhouse was the original guardhouse constructed when the Edgewood entrance of the Edgewood Arsenal was reconfigured in 1933. Originally the entrance had been from present Old Edgewood Road which crossed the Northeast Corridor railroad tracks on grade and joined the present Edgewood Road a short distance north of present Everette Road. The 1933 road reconfiguration, which included the construction of the present underpass under the Northeast Corridor, necessitated the erection of a new guardhouse to serve the installation.

Edgewood base historian Jeffrey Smart indicated that this guardhouse was probably built in 1933, at the same time as the road construction. It was used as a guardhouse for only a short time. World War II era building inventories for the Arsenal do not mention it. The present guardhouse replaced it. With its location in the middle of the traffic lanes, the present guardhouse was better able to provide security at the Arsenal entrance. This improved security was necessary during the dramatic growth of the installation in World War II.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Building Inventories. Edgewood Arsenal. In files of the Command Historian's Office. U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command. Edgewood, Maryland.

Smart, Jeffrey. Command Historian. U.S. Army Chemical and Biological Defense Command. Interview. Edgewood, Maryland. August 1996.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Edgewood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Portion of Map 69, Parcel 139. The boundary includes the bridge, its _____ and wing walls, and the _____ stairways. This represents the historic boundaries of the bridge.

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

state	code	county	code

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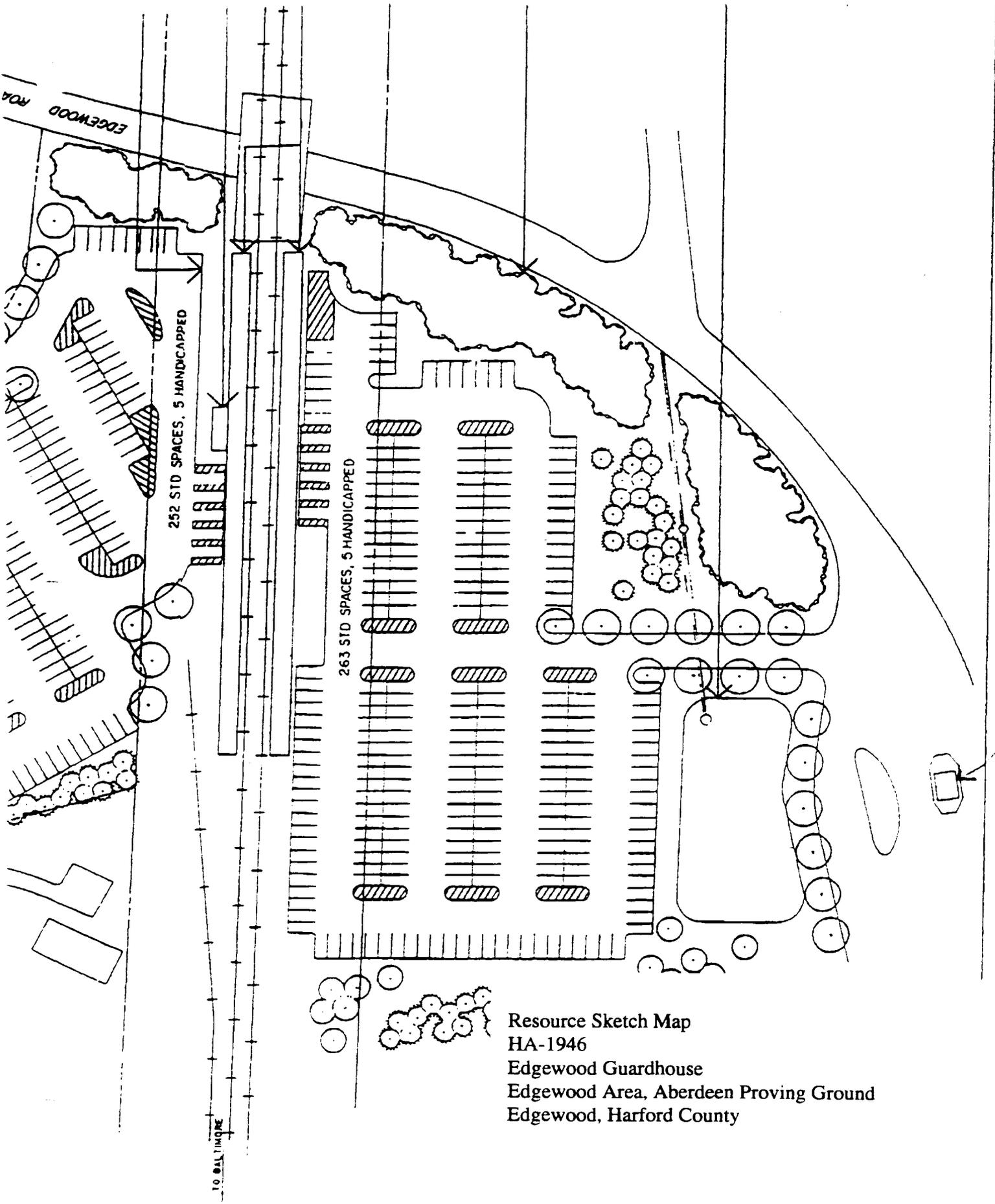
Continuation Sheet

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Name Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse
(Bldg. E-1511)

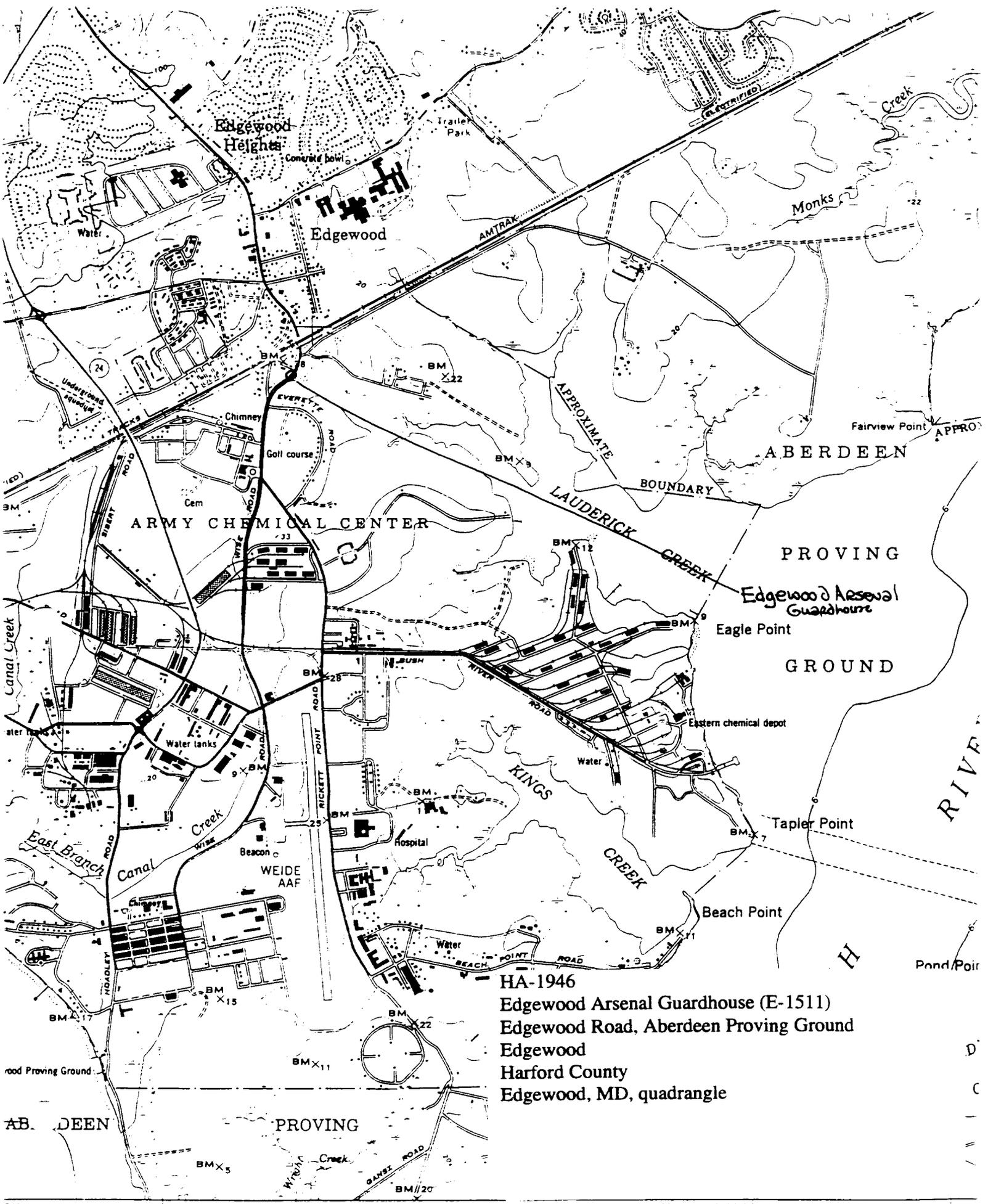
County Harford

This utilitarian guardhouse was used for only a short period of time after the north entrance to Edgewood Arsenal was reconfigured in 1933. As the installation increased in size and personnel, a new guardhouse was constructed in the middle of the traffic lanes, a configuration that increased installation security.



Edgewood Guardhouse

Resource Sketch Map
 HA-1946
 Edgewood Guardhouse
 Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Ground
 Edgewood, Harford County



HA-1946
 Edgewood Arsenal Guardhouse (E-1511)
 Edgewood Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground
 Edgewood
 Harford County
 Edgewood, MD, quadrangle



WELCOME TO
ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND
EDGEWOOD AREA
PLEASE OBSERVE SPEED LIMITS

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