

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1947

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Edgewood Road Guardhouse

### 2. Location

street & number Southeast corner of Edgewood Rd. & Fairview Pt. Rd.  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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: vacant

### 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

street & number 40 South Main Street folio

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.

This small utilitarian guardhouse was built to serve as a checkpoint for vehicles entering the Edgewood Arsenal from Edgewood. After the base became open to the public, the guardhouse was no longer staffed. It remains in good condition and repair.

The Route 755 Guardhouse for the Edgewood Area, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, is located on an island between the two traffic lanes of Edgewood Road at the north end of the installation. This rectangular, single story, gabled roof building is a single bay wide and three bays deep. The gable ends face the road while the side walls have central gabled entrance bays. The building appears to have been constructed of concrete coated with stucco. It is set on a concrete slab, and its roof is sheathed in slate.

Both gable ends are fenestrated with large, single light, fixed windows. These windows permitted the guards to view oncoming traffic. The side walls are fenestrated with one over one, double hung sash windows. The side walls of the gabled entry bays are pierced by rectangular, wood-framed openings that do not contain window sashes. The wood-framed doors have a single rectangular light in the upper section. A sign is placed in the north gable peak identifying the building. Both gable peaks of the main block are pierced by rectangular wood louvered vents. The gable peaks of the entry bays are sheathed in wood. The lower edge is defined by a shed-roofed pent.

The oval island on which the guardhouse sits is planted in grass and is landscaped with low bushes. Lacking historic photographs of the building, it is difficult to assess the level and type of alterations. It is probable that the single-light, plate glass window on the south gable end represents a replacement for an original multi-light window.

# 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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<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"/> 1600-1899	<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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

According to building inventories of the Edgewood Arsenal, this building was constructed in the early 1940s during the major personnel buildup at the installation that took place during World War II. The increased traffic at the gate and increased security concerns necessitated replacement of the former gatehouse located a short distance north on the east side of Edgewood Road.

Although a remnant of the major buildup at Edgewood during World War II, the guardhouse is not individually significant. It was constructed to a standard design used at installations throughout the United States at the same time. It is also significantly removed from the concentration of buildings forming the core of the installation. It is not recommended individually eligible for the National Register nor is it recommended eligible as a component in a larger historic district.

# 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. HA-1947

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

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one

Quadrangle name Edgewood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of this property consists of the food \_\_\_\_\_ of the building itself.

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

state	code	county	code
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# Continuation Sheet

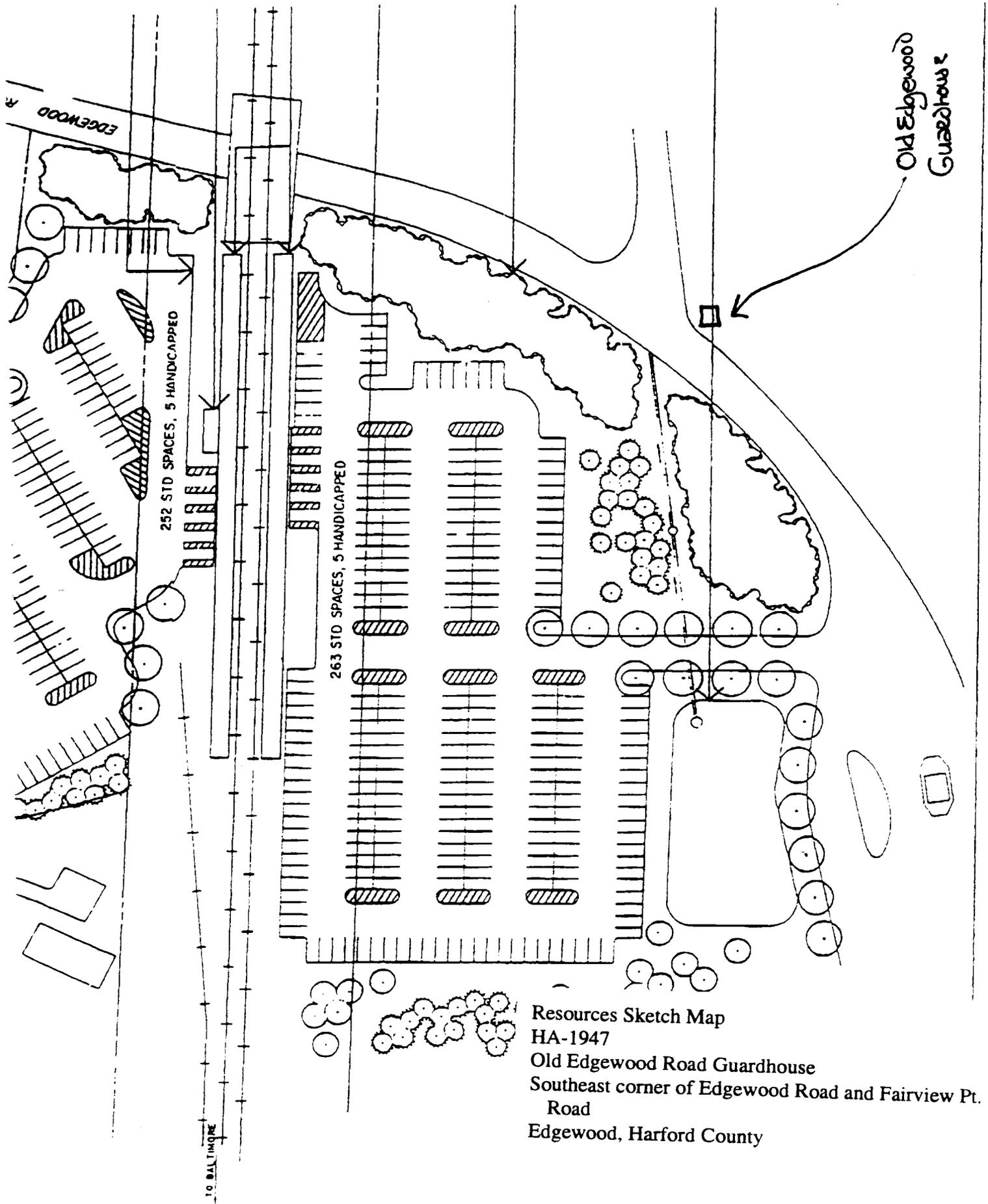
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County Harford

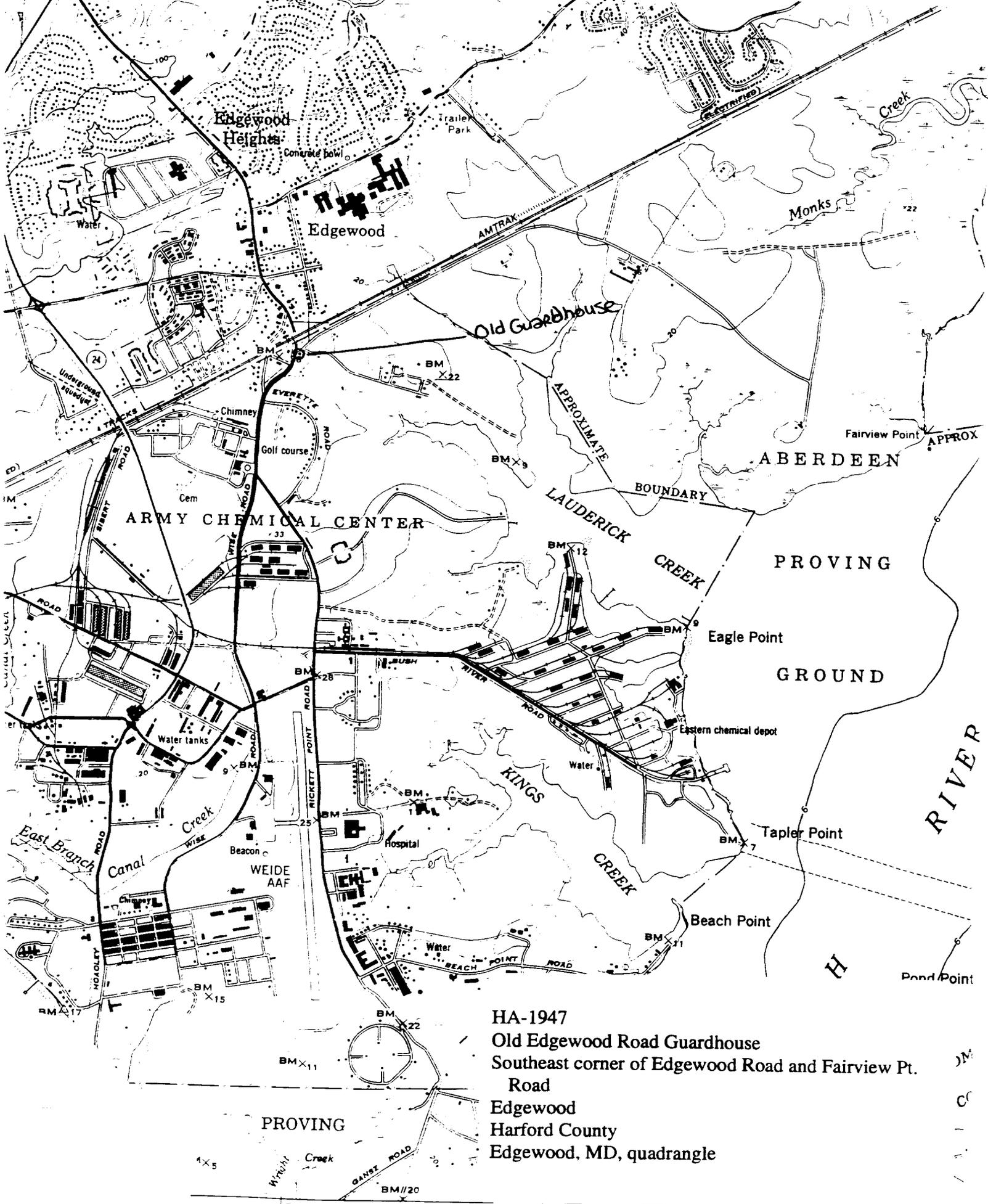
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The Edgewood Guardhouse to the installation is typical of World War II-era guardhouses erected at military installations throughout the United States at about the same time. As a common example of a standard building type, it lacks architectural and historical significance.



Resources Sketch Map  
 HA-1947  
 Old Edgewood Road Guardhouse  
 Southeast corner of Edgewood Road and Fairview Pt.  
 Road  
 Edgewood, Harford County

TO BALL TOWN



HA-1947  
 Old Edgewood Road Guardhouse  
 Southeast corner of Edgewood Road and Fairview Pt. Road  
 Edgewood  
 Harford County  
 Edgewood, MD, quadrangle



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7 - Ground Pool Sweathouse

1 - Solar Pool Sweathouse

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