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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gahagan House

and/or common Gahagan House (preferred)

2. Location

street & number 1027 Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Darlington ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Thomas and Georgette Carr

street & number 1027 Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Darlington state and zip code Maryland 21034

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1127

street & number 101 Main Street folio 881

city, town Belair state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

Gahagan House is located on the east side of MD Route 161, ½ mile from the intersection with MD Route 440 within the village of Darlington, Maryland. It is situated on a level ½ acre lot. There is also a spring/ pump house and a two car garage with an apartment located on this property

The main house has not been significantly altered since it's construction in 1939. It is of frame construction on a rock-faced cement block foundation. It is presently sheathed in aluminum siding over the original siding of unknown composition. It is rectangular in form. It is two stories in height with four steeply pitched gable ends. It also has a central chimney. The roof is presently covered with asphalt shingles. There are some Arts and Crafts details original to the house which will be noted later.

The front or west facade is three bays wide on the first floor, with a centrally located triple window in the gable on second floor. There is a single story porch with a hip roof across the length of this facade. The most prominent feature on this facade is a triple windowed bay projection to the left of the asymetericaly placed eight paned French door. The top quarter of the center window of the bay has a cross-hatched pattern. This pattern is also noted on a smaller square non-opening window to the right of the entrance. The eaves on this facade, as well as the north and south gable ends have small brackets. Also noted is a vent roof type feature across the top half of the gable on this facade an those on the north and south ends. These decorative features are found on the Arts and Crafts style houses.

The south facade features three asymetrical fenestrations. On the first floor a 1/1 window is located approximately two thirds of the distance from the west facade. There is a small square non-opening window with a cross-hatched pattern located near the top of the first story. This corresponds with a stairway landing. On the second story there is a single 1/1 narrow window centrally located in the gable end.

The rear or east facade features a covered porch with entry door and a 1/1 window. There is also a single similar window centrally located on the first story, along with two similar symetrically spaced windows on the second. There is a casement type vent in the peak of this gable.

The north facade is fenestrated with five windows similar to others in this house. Three of these are in a hip-roofed bay approximately midpoint on first floor facade. The second floor has two similar windows in the gable.

The interior floor plan is a side hall with double parlor. The main entrance is from the west facade. The stairs rise in the entry along the west wall to a landing, then along the south wall to second landing and then northward to the upstairs central hall. The staircase is open with closed stringers and turned ballisters. There is a cross-hatched patterne window at each landing.

The room east of this entry is used as a kitchen. It has been modernized with replacement cabinetry. There are five doorways in this room, one each to back porch, cellar stairs, pantry, dining room and entry

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	_X_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
_X_ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1939 **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 Gahagan House is a fine example of first half Twentieth Century vernacular housing. It features some Arts and Crafts details, i.e. cross-hatched pattern windows, pent roofs and small decorative brackets in the gable ends.

It was built during the summer of 1939, by Cloy Gahagan and his wife, Pauline. They purchased the land from Walter E. Selfe and his wife, M. Elizabeth in May 1939. The land consisted of one acre and was part of a larger parcel that the Selfes had annexed by the village of Darlington in 1928.

It is presently located in a neighborhood of similar houses of both Arts and Crafts, and late Victorian styles. The present owners, Thomas and Georgette Carr purchased the house in 1980 from the Gahagans.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Interview with Georgette Carr, present owner of 1027 Main Street, Darlington, Maryland

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .5

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization NA **date** 12/10/95

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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.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

The pantry is located to the rear of kitchen and dining room. The dining room is located to the north of the kitchen and features a triple window bay on the north side with a door to the kitchen and to a small den next to the pantry. The west side of the dining room has a wide archway with two square columns. This archway seperates the dining room and living room. The living room also features a triple bay on the west wall along with a single 1/1 window on the north wall. All floors a narrow tongue and groove oak, with the exception of tile in kitchen and pantry. Door and window surrounds are plain and are original to the house.

There is a central hall on the second floor running east and west with a trapdoor access to an attic which is unfinished. Radiating off from the hall are three bedrooms and a bath. The bedrooms are located in the west, east and north gabled ends. They are all approximately the same size with closets being located under the eaves. The bath room is located in the south side gable end and contains the original ceramic tile. The fixtures are not original.

The cellar is the full size of the exterior dimensions of the house. It is plastered, but shows no evidence of being used for anything other than a cellar. It can be accessed by both an exterior stairway on the east and stairs from the kitchen.

There is a wood sheathed pump/spring house to the rear of the main house. It has a slate roof which is felt to be original. The interior is spartan with a concrete floor. There is also a two car garage with an attached apartment. These are of framework construction with asbestos siding and were not further surveyed.

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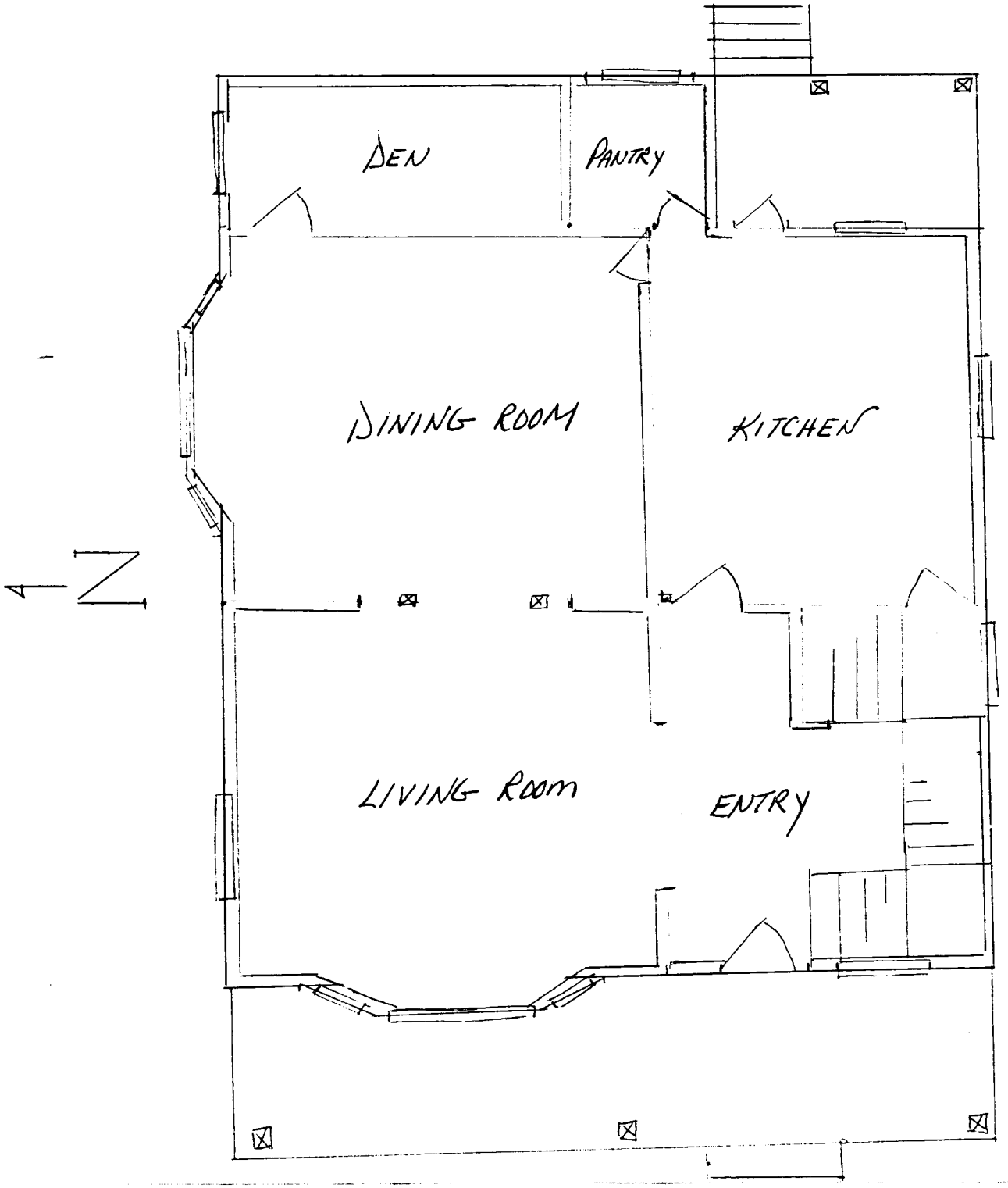
CHAIN OF TITLE GAHAGAN HOUSE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO
Thomas & Georgette Carr (wife)	Cloy & Pauline Gahagan	9/12/80	1127	881
Cloy & Pauline Gahagan	Walter & M.Elizabeth Selfe	5/16/39	255	410
Walter & M.Elizabeth Selfe	Stanley Spencer	2/6/25	191	346

The above chain of title was based on those land records available in the courthouse of Harford County, located in Belair, Maryland.

FIRST FLOOR PLAN: 1027 MAIN ST. DARLINGTON, MD.



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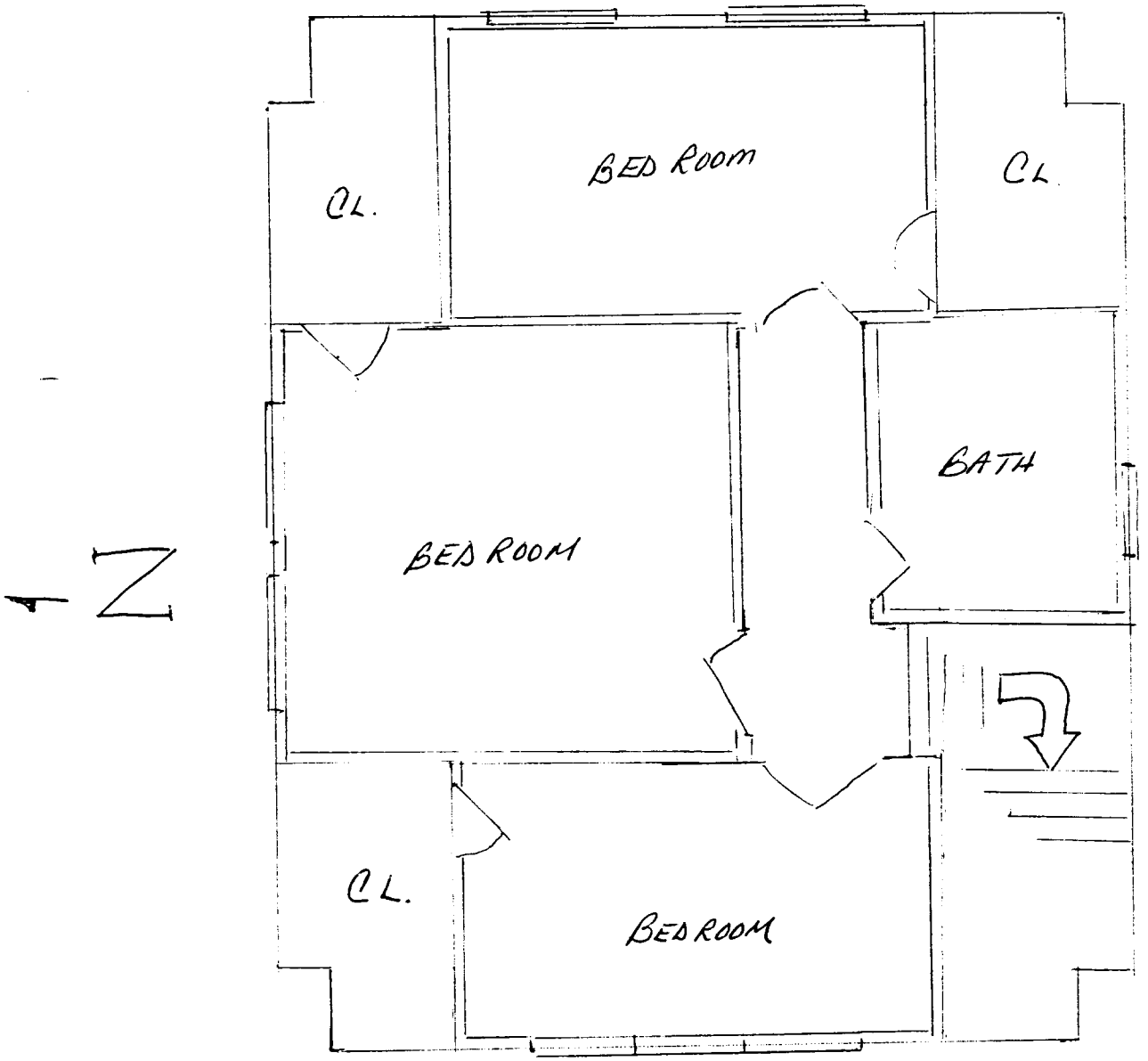
SECOND FLOOR PLAN : 1021 MAIN ST. BARLINGTON, MN



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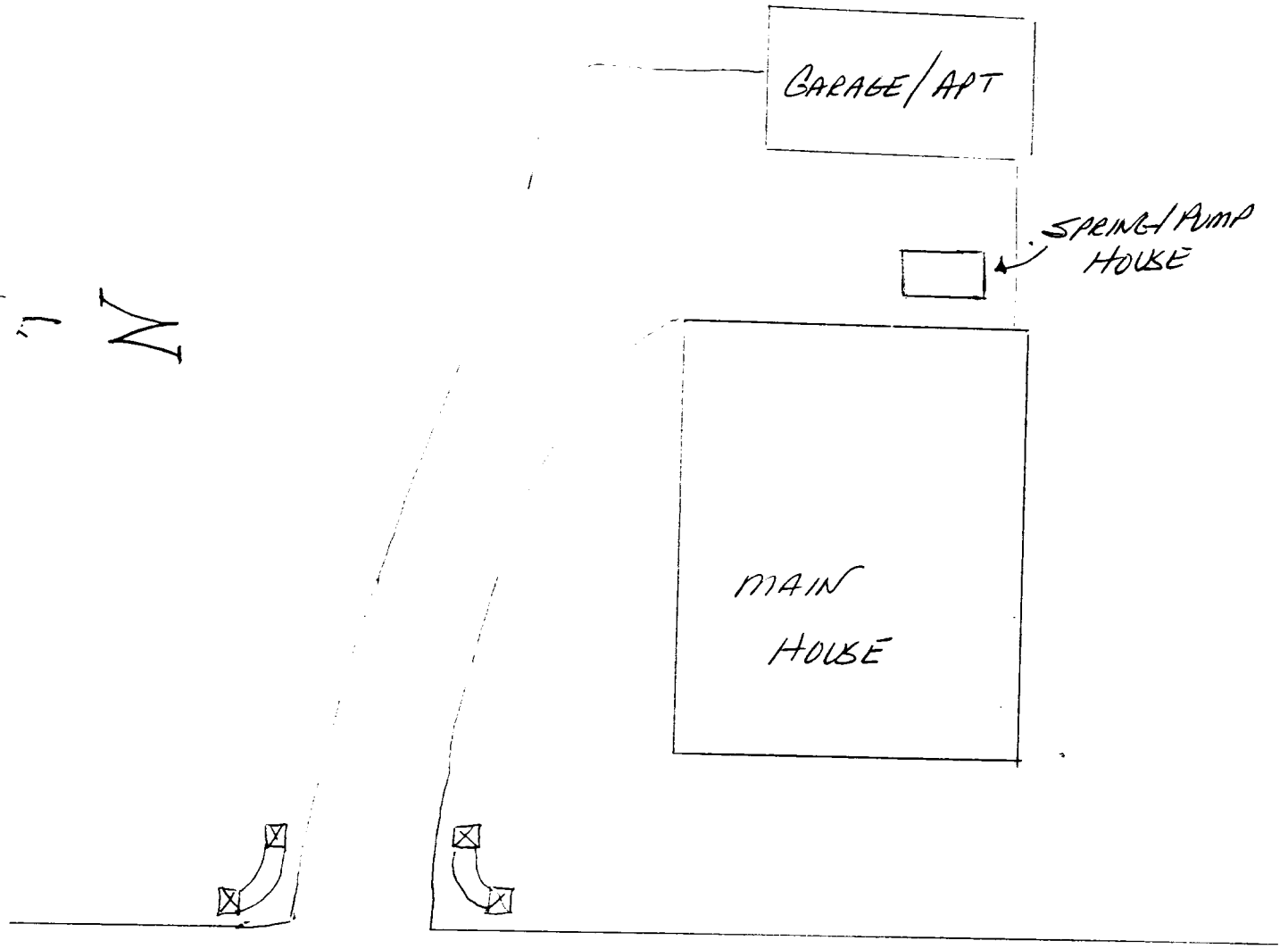
SITE PLAN: 1027 MAIN ST. WILLINGTON, CONN.



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SOUTH FACADE
1027 MAIN ST
DARLINGTON MD

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DARLINGTON MD

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NORTH FACADE
1637 MAIN ST
DARLINGTON MD

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WINDOW DETAIL

OF

WEST FACADE BAY

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CHIMNEY DETAIL

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DARLINGTON MD

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STAIRWAY DETAIL

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DARLINGTON, MD

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ARCHWAY - DE:LR

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ORIGINAL TILE - BATH

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CELLAR DETAIL

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PUMP / SPRING HOUSE

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MAIN ST

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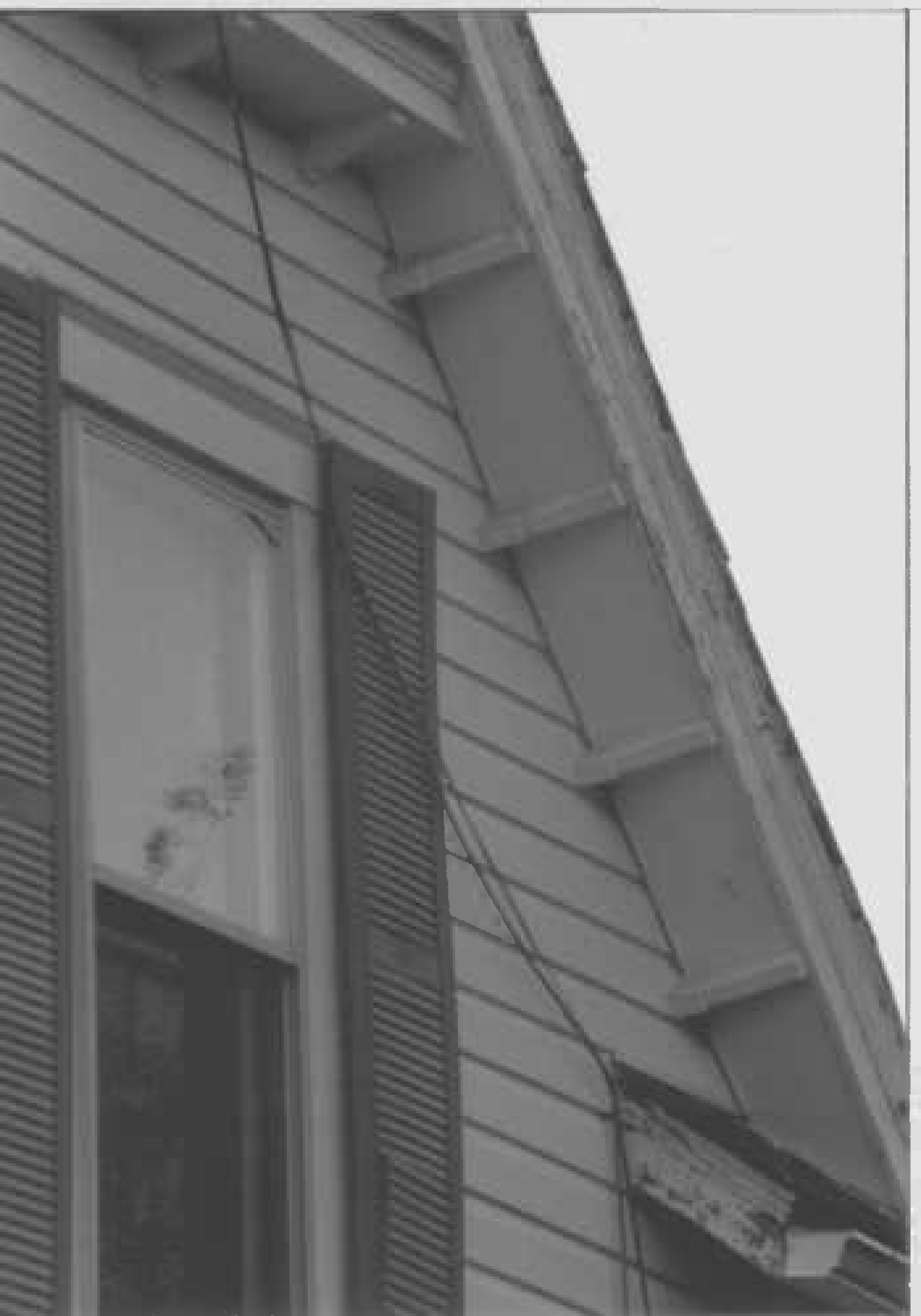

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EAVE DETAIL BRACKETS

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