

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Waldorf

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 16/21 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 11  
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4. Address: 18200 Elmer School Road, Dickerson

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>Building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>Private</u>	Title and Date:	1976 Inventory of Historical Sites
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		
Status	<u>Occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>No</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>County</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Local</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Present use	<u>Agriculture, Private</u>	Residence	

6. Date: c. 1815

7. Original Owner: Stephen Rensburg

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: The present house is a seven bay brick structure that was built in two sections. The older (south) wing is four bays and had flush-gable end chimneys. The entrance was through the north bay of the two bay west (now the rear) facade. This wing also had a door on the four-bay, east facade and one in the north room and forms the partition between the two rooms.

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10. Significance: Waldorf is a handsome, early 19th century brick farm house, owned for 131 years by the Rensburg family, among the earliest settlers of Medley District.

The Rensburg family emigrated from Germany in the 1760's, settling in Philadelphia, and soon moving to Frederick County, where they were among the earliest settlers in the region along the Potomac River. Stephen Rensburg bought 331 acres of land grant "Conclusion" in 1815 from Thomas Peter. Although the property had a house on it tradition attributes the original portion of the Waldorf house to Steven Rensburg. At his death in 1852, Rensburg willed his farm to his nephew Daniel T. Rensburg. Daniel built an addition in 1875, and 1884 willed the farm to his son George, who continued to farm the land. It was sold out of the family in 1946.

11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt-7/79 Michael Dwyer Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 316.59 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Waldorf

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

18200 Elmer School Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ardle O'Hanlon

Telephone #: 972-8323

STREET & NUMBER

18200 Elmer School Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1501

Folio #: 350

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The house has a cornice consisting of a row of angled bricks projecting sawtooth-like with a second row of slightly projecting stretchers. The facades were probably reversed when the north wing was added, since the more elaborate doorway was part of this remodeling.

Picture on Attachment Sheet A

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Waldorf is a medium sized 19th century Montgomery County farm house. It is associated with the Remsburgs, among the earliest settlers of the Medley District of Montgomery County.

In the 1760's the Remsburg family emigrated from Germany to the British colonies in the New World. They settled in Philadelphia, and shortly after moved to Frederick County, Maryland, where they were some of the earliest settlers in the region along the Potomac River. Stephen Remsburg, who also spelled his name "Ramsburg" and "Remsburger", bought 331 1/2 acres in 1815 from Thomas Peter.<sup>1</sup> Although the property, part of a land grant called "Conclusion", had a house on it, tradition has it that Remsburg built the original portion of the Waldorf house in 1819.

At his death some years later Remsburg left the farm to his nephew Daniel T. Remsburg.<sup>2</sup> The prosperity of the farm is evident in the fact that Daniel built a new addition to the house in 1875.

Daniel passed the farm in 1884<sup>3</sup> to his son George, who continued to farm the land. In 1946, after owning the property for 131 years, the Remsburg family sold the farm.<sup>4</sup> In 1951 the present owners purchased Waldorf.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, S/51 (January 1, 1815).
2. Wills of Montgomery County, Maryland, WT of R2/38 (May 25, 1852).
3. Ibid., 5/212 (April 29, 1884).
4. Land Records, op. cit., 1040/178 (August 21, 1946).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Will Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.  
 Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland. Washington, D.C.: Judd and Detweiler, 1962.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 316.59 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located off of Elmer School Road. Approximately 1½ miles from White's Ferry Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Donald M. Leavitt

Michael Dwyer

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

7/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET 1603145304

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

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Waldorf					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Elmer School Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes:
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Private		<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both			<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: Ardle P. O'Hanlon					
STREET AND NUMBER: Elmer School Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNOARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC      DATE: 26 Sept 73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National     State     Local

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Signature

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ge rough stone fireplace. The cellar beams are of oak with the bark still clinging to three sides.

The cabin, to the right, which undoubtedly dates from the days of "Si" Henson, is built of oak logs chinked with stone and mortar. The logs are deeply lined by the weather. It has the wide slave kitchen fireplace, which was prob-

ably the kitchen of the Riley's. It had a second floor or loft, where slaves slept, probably including the cook, although Uncle Tom may have slept there to be within easy call of his master. Riley depended upon "Si," his body servant and overseer. Mrs. Bolten, in remodelling the cabin, removed the second floor beams, leaving the rafters exposed.

## Waldorf

**T**HE handsome brick house shown (recently painted white), located about two miles northwest of the Whites Ferry, Poolesville Road, was built in two parts. It stands on a 360 acre plantation, which was owned by the Rensburg family, of Montgomery County, since 1814, when it belonged to Stephen Rensburg.

The Rensburgs were a family with German background. The first of whom we have record, was John George Reismensparger, born in Chemin Patts, et Waldorf, in 1736. He brought a Bible to Philadelphia, printed in German, in 1762, upon the title of which is the date he was born.

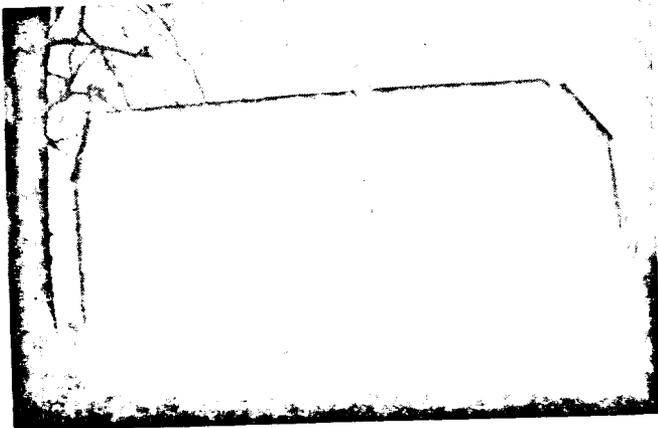
in 1819, according to record of the family. It remained in that thrifty family, until 1946, a period of a century and a quarter. No wonder Mr. George B. Rensburg, now well over 90 years of age, a highly esteemed citizen of the County, felt that it deserved an honored place in the Book of Montgomery County Homes.

In 1884, Daniel Rensburg conveyed the old farm to George B. Rensburg "and others" and Mr. George lived on the place and farmed it until 1946, when he sold it to a family named Cissel.

In March 1951, the Cissels sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ardle O'Hanlon, who are the pleased owners in 1961. They are proud of its possession and are spending considerable sums in beautification.

The right-hand half of the house, was built in 1874, by the father of Mr. George Rensburg. In recent years, living in the village of Poolesville, with vigorous health and remarkable memory, George Rensburg has been for many years an efficient agent of The Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Montgomery County.

Describing the house, we find in the left hand half, two rooms in the basement, one with huge fireplace and crane, and an outside entrance. The other part has two rooms on first floor, both with fireplaces. The "new" section, or right hand half, has the main front door, and hall, and has two rooms, with fireplaces. There are two stairways in this half, one going all the way to the attic. In this half there are three rooms—making five bedrooms on second floor. One bathroom first floor. There was an awkward looking small front porch, but this has been removed, and the fine old type front door, painted and brought into view, is a noticeable feature.



NO. 61 I-E STEPHEN RENSBURG LEFT 1819  
RIGHT 1874 BRICK

In the course of the emigration of Germans, from Pennsylvania to Montgomery County, we find the plantation owned in 1814 by Stephen Rensburg. No doubt he was the builder of the oldest half or the left-hand part of the mansion



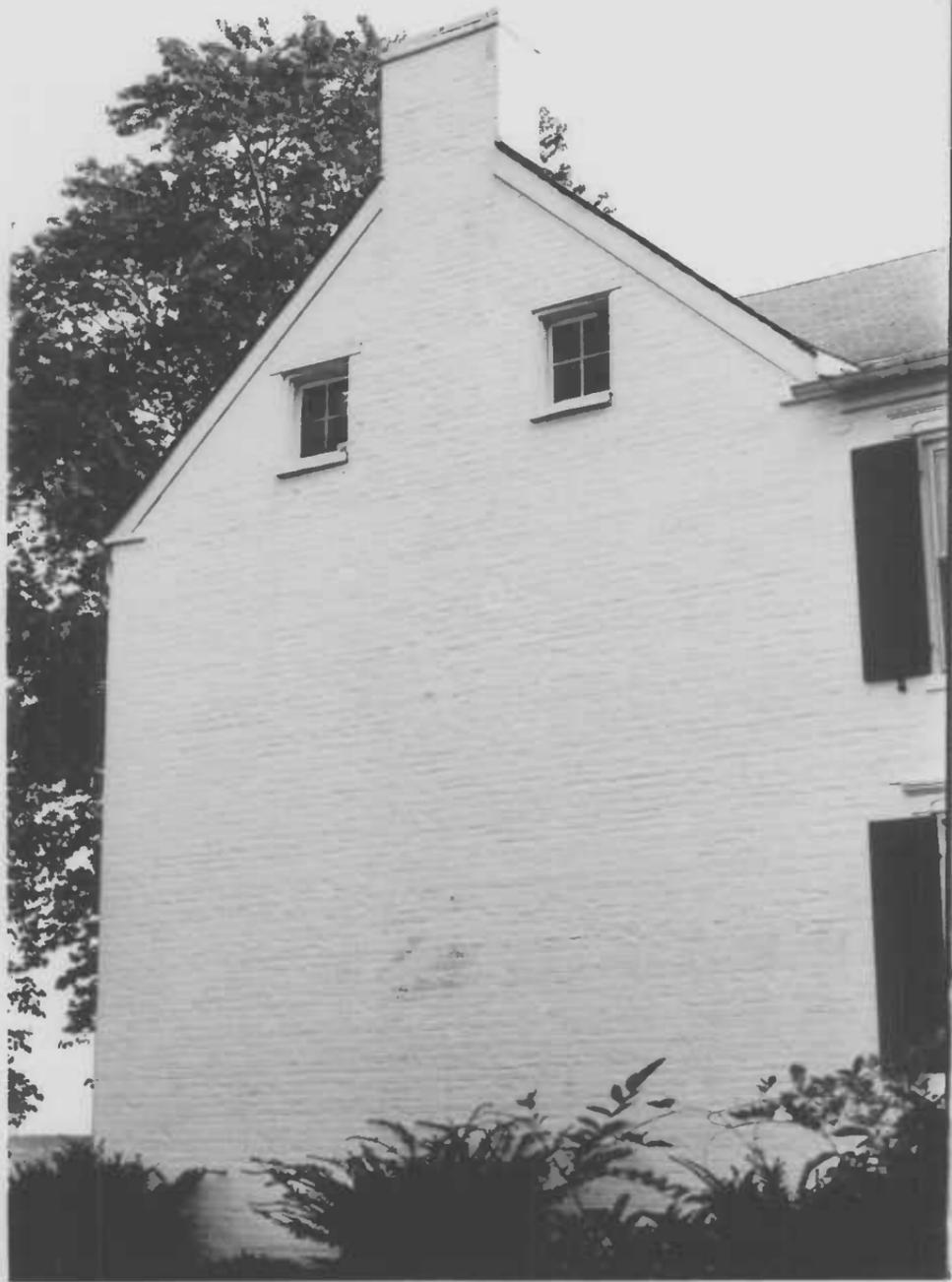
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NAME WALDORF

LOCATION OFF ELMER SCHOOL Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE E.

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NAME WALDORF

LOCATION OFF ELMER SCHOOL Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE N.

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