

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
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ADDRESS 9 S. SUMMIT AVENUE
County: Montgomery
Gaithersburg

MHT # - M: 21-157

SURVEY # 056
LOT -, BLOCK -

LIBER -, FOLIO -

OWNER: City of Gaithersburg
ADDRESS: 31 S. Summit Ave.
CITY: Gaithersburg, MD

PRESENT USE: storage
ORIGINAL USE: freight station
BUILDER: B & O Railroad

STYLE: Late Victorian

DATE BUILT: c. 1884

PHYS. COND: poor

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon
WALL COVERING: brick

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss
ROOF COVERING: asphalt shingle
ROOF STYLE: gable
EAVES: exposed rafters, decorative supports
CHIMNEYS: -

STORIES: 1

BAYS: 3 X 1

APPROX DIMENSION: 21 X 24

WINDOWS:

TYPE: recessed arch
LIGHTS: 1
BAY WINDOWS: -
SIDE BY SIDES: -
GABLE TYPES: -

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: 1st
DESCRIPTION: double doors

DESCRIPTION: This small freight station complements the 1884 railroad station located just west of this building. With its facade facing the tracks, this brick building has a header course every seven rows, exposed rafters with decorative support beams resting on seven large brackets. The first bay on the left has a recessed two-panel double door with a large arched transom above with decorative brick balls above. There are recessed panels in the brick walls, one to left of door, two in center, one to right of freight entrance. The right fourth bay is boarded up, but has same transom with decorative balls above.

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Right elevation-recessed arched window with stone sill in the upper 2/3s of the wall. Decorative brick balls on header brick ends above window. Below window there are four narrow recessed channels stair-stepped in two bricks top and bottom. Three course brick water table around building at doorstoop level approximately three feet off the ground. Two recessed panels to either side of window, extending from top of window to one foot above water table, three and four brick stair-stepped pattern at top. Ornate corner brackets at right and left edges of roof line. Left elevation--the same. Rear elevation(facing Diamond Avenue)-Different roof brackets under roof line. Two door area identical to the front with and without ball decoration. Same recessed panels, etc.

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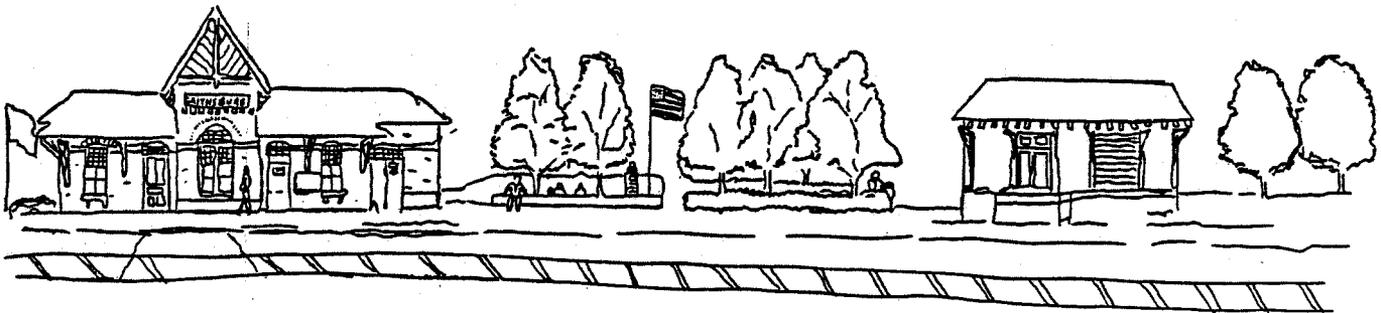
EXISTING AND PROPOSED USES

The Train Station and Freight Shed are still in daily use. More than 600 passengers per day board the six morning and five evening trains and approximately 40 regularly scheduled freight trains pass through Gaithersburg each day. The Train Station is used as an office for a ticket agent as well as headquarters for maintenance-of-way personnel. In addition, the Freight Shed is still used for B & O Railroad storage space. These steady, daily activities at the Station underscore the continuous importance of the railroad in this City.

Daily, more than 34,000 cars drive past these city landmarks which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Acquisition of the property by the City expands future use options for the buildings. Several uses have been suggested for the structures because of their centralized location: an information booth, a small museum on the history of Gaithersburg; or a welcoming/reception house. A park setting is planned for the open space that is located between these two buildings to tie the area into adjacent parking.

Part of the grant monies would be used to improve the parking lot adjacent to the Train Station and Freight Shed, thereby adding more visible shopper parking. It would provide shoppers direct access to the ninety-five (95) retail and commercial stores concentrated in this downtown area.



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B&O Railroad Freight Shed:

No access could be made into the building, and inspection was made of exterior only.

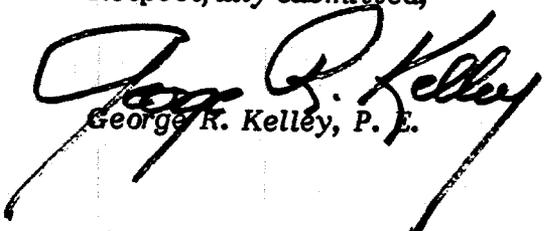
The roof appears to be in need of complete rehabilitation - shingles and sheathing are missing. At a point on the north end of the building adjacent to the B&O Station, an addition has been made to the shed. The roof sheathing has been dislodged by the winds, allowing water to penetrate the structure causing considerable damage. The ornamental trim, fascias, and exposed sheathing comprising the roof overhang, all appear to require replacement.

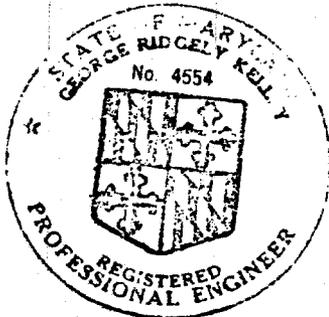
The masonry exterior walls are in poor condition. In several areas, the bricks have either disintegrated or have fallen out. These areas will require extensive repairs. In order to facilitate the masonry repairs, the various timber loading docks around the building will have to be removed and replaced.

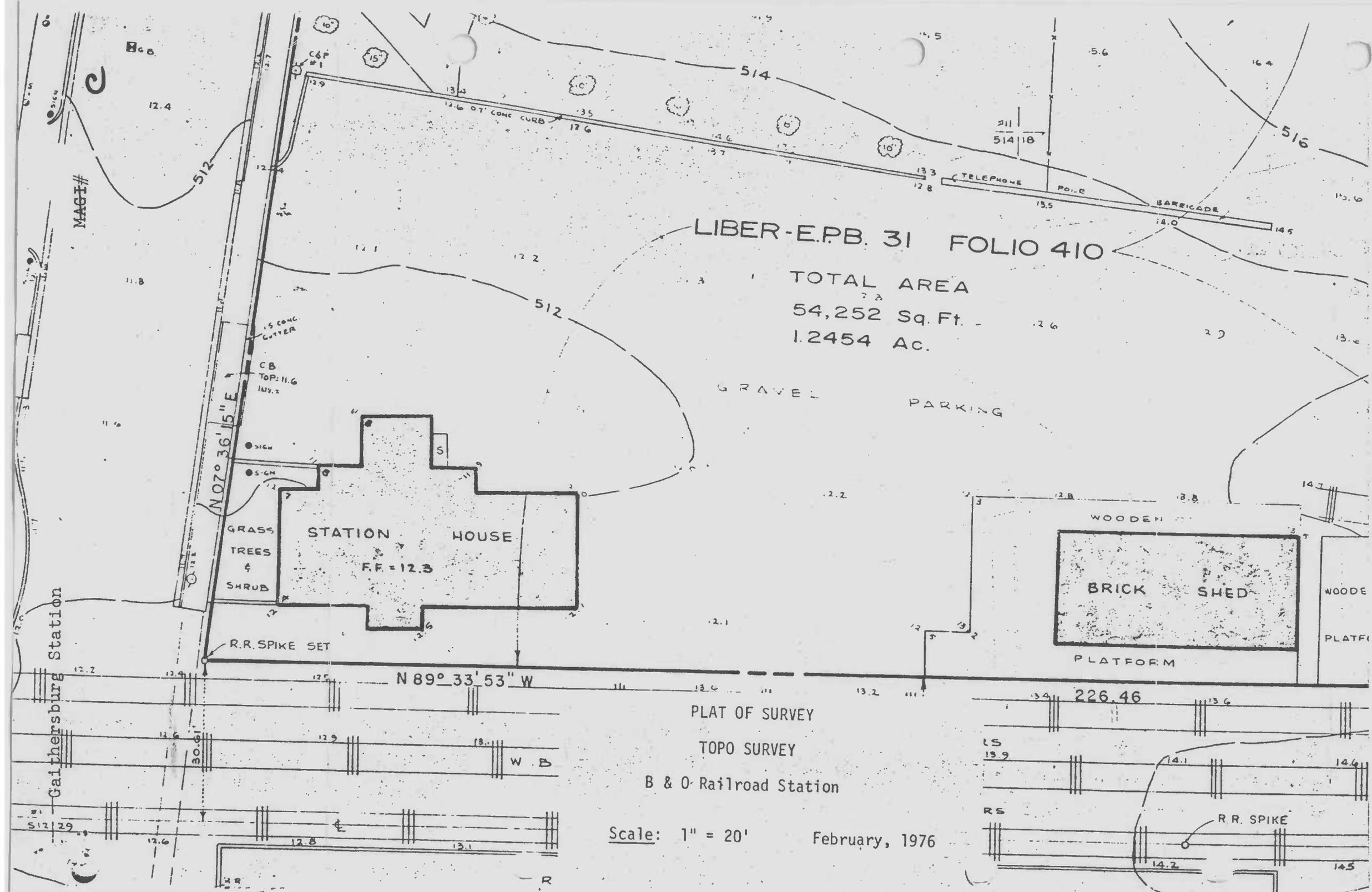
All doors, trim, and exterior woodwork will have to be examined and repairs made as required.

In general, the structural condition of the freight shed is poor. The anticipated repairs will be extensive and time consuming.

Respectfully submitted,


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LIBER-E.P.B. 31 FOLIO 410

TOTAL AREA
54,252 Sq. Ft.
1.2454 Ac.

PLAT OF SURVEY

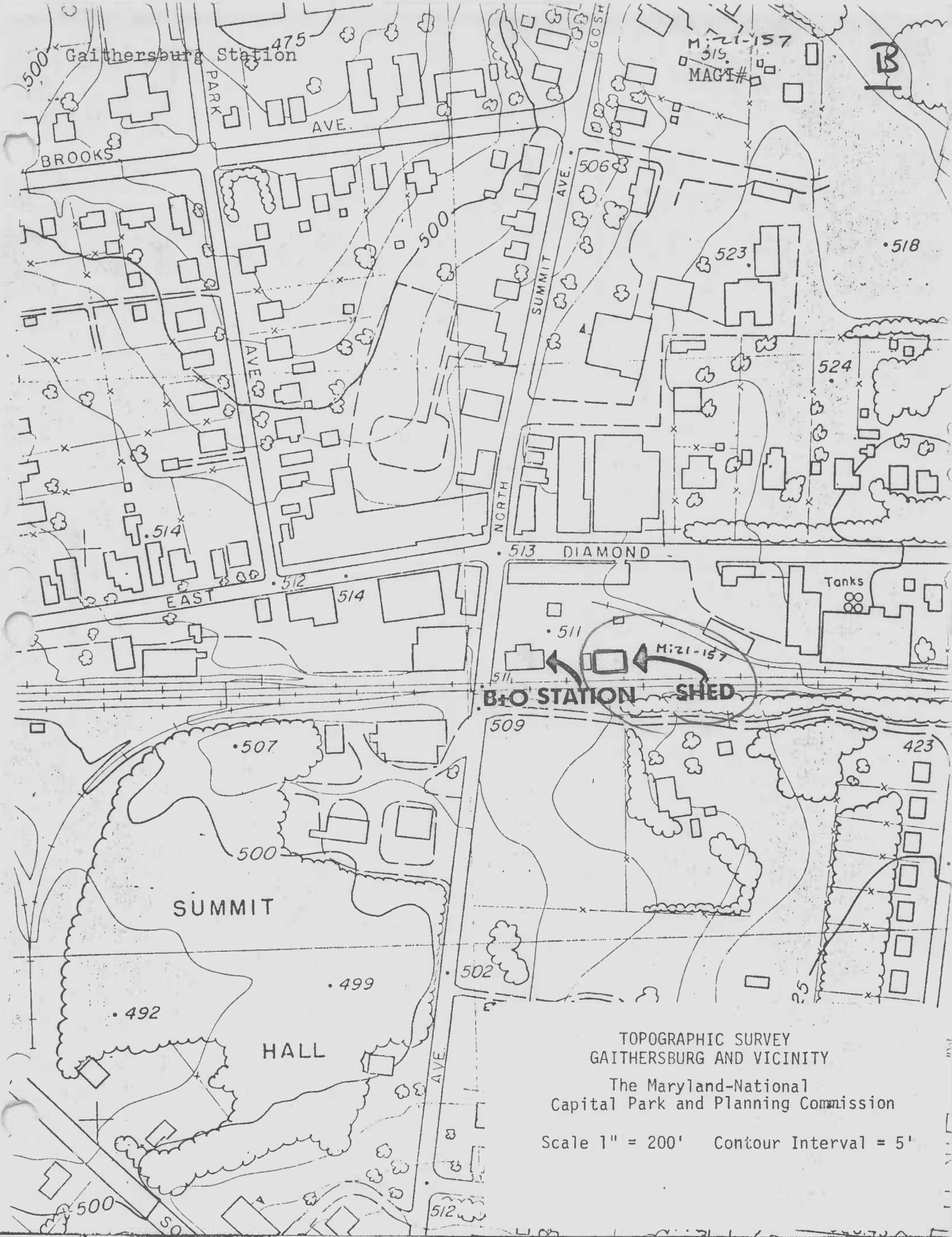
TOPO SURVEY

B & O Railroad Station

Scale: 1" = 20'

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B&O RR Freight Shed



TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY
 GAITHERSBURG AND VICINITY

The Maryland-National
 Capital Park and Planning Commission

Scale 1" = 200' Contour Interval = 5'

BRIEF OVERVIEW

MC 418-84 Bill requests a State grant of \$850,000 for the following purposes:

- Purchase and restore the B & O Train Station House and adjoining Freight Shed.
- Purchase of the land contiguous to these two buildings.
- Improvement of the parking lot adjacent to the Train Station and Freight Shed.
- Restore the aging buildings' appearances to their original state in order to preserve these landmarks which are so important to the City's heritage.
- Development of a small park setting between the Train Station and the Freight Storage House.

