

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Hurley-Carter House

MAGI #1650035504

(Assigned 11/86)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/3

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15
C-12

4. Address: 411 Feather Rock Road, Rockville

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
Federal ___ State x County x Local ___

6. Date: 1870

7. Original Owner:

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

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10. Significance: This farmhouse has been in the same family since its construction in 1870, the land farmed by them for more than 120 years.

In 1852 Henry Hurley of Washington, D.C. bought 229 acres near Rockville. He constructed what must have been a grand residence, for his assessments were substantial. Hurley operated a dairy farm, raising prize Guernseys on "Flint Ledge Farm", and also boarded horses. Hurley ran into financial difficulties around 1865 and borrowed money. Then about 1870 his house burned to the ground, and the present dwelling was constructed on its foundations. He soon defaulted on the loan payments, and advertised the farm for sale in 1873. Buying back 107 acres, he continued to farm his land, but his financial troubles continued through the 1870s. His children raised the money to buy back the farm and in 1881 he conveyed the 107 acres to his two sons.

Henry C. Hurley farmed the land for many years, at his death in 1934 leaving it to his daughters Anna and Mary Louise. Mary Louise and her husband Guy Lee Carter operated the farm until her death in 1967 and his in 1972. Their sons inherited the farm who sold most of the land to the Ward Development Company, renting out the house since 1977.

11. Researcher and date researched: Marilyn Barksdale
Eileen McGuckian -10/79

Michael Dwyer
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval ___

15. Acreage: 10,123 sq. ft.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hurley-Carter House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

411 Feather Rock Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Hilton Carter
Robert Carter

Telephone #: 229-1851 (Robert)
573-7275 (Hilton)

STREET & NUMBER

(Hilton Carter) 2311 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, Virginia 20043
(Robert Carter) 5114 Westpath Way, Bethesda, Maryland 20016

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4845
Folio #: 664

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The shuttered windows are two-over-two, double-hung, and there is a central doorway with a transom-light. Decorative trim appears in the form of paired brackets under the cornice, and there are simple scroll boards nailed over the window heads. There is a two-story ell on the rear.

About 1945 the rear porch was enclosed and topped with a bedroom, and the front porch was removed and a brick stoop added.

Inside the front door opens to a hall and stairway. There are seven (non-operational) fireplaces, six of which have stovepipe outlets above the mantels. The cellar has several sections; a brick fireplace, and circular floor joists are visible. The five rooms and half-bath downstairs are connected to the five rooms and two baths upstairs by both front and rear stairways.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)			
					Local History		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmhouse has been in the same family since its construction in 1870, the land farmed by them for more than 120 years.

229 acres of land near Rockville was purchased in 1852 by 21-year-old Henry Hurley of Washington, D.C.¹ Hurley operated a dairy farm, and also boarded horses. According to family tradition, some of these horses had been used to pull milk wagons in Washington, and when their feet grew sore from the City pavements they were sent to the farm to recuperate. Later, prize Guernseys grazed on what Hurley called "Flint Ledge Farm". He constructed what must have been a grand residence, for his assessments were substantial.²

Henry Hurley apparently ran into financial difficulties around the end of the Civil War, for he borrowed \$8,398 from Susannah Ireland in 1865, using his land as security.³ Around 1870, the old house burned to the ground, and the present dwelling was constructed on its foundations. He soon defaulted on the loan payments, and advertised the farm for sale, noting that:

The improvements consist of a NEW FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, it being a Two Story Cottage, well finished in every respect, and in excellent condition, with piazza in front and south sides, and dry cellar in basement. Also a fine orchard of peaches and apples in full bearing, and new Barn, Stable and Granary.⁴

This advertisement did not produce a buyer, and the farm was lost to Samuel Fowler, Trustee of the deceased Ireland's estate. Fowler also advertised, receiving no "adequate" bid through April, May, and June of 1873. On August 6, he sold 107 3/8 acres (known as the "front part") at \$30 per acre to Henry Hurley; Hurley acted as guardian for his minor children, Henry Clarence, Andrew Jackson, and Ida. The remaining 124 1/2 acres were sold to Hattersley W. Talbott, Trustee (as an "investment of money from Susan Ireland's estate") for \$1920.⁵

Although Henry continued to farm his land, his financial troubles continued through the 1870s (his children had raised the purchase money to buy back the farm). In 1874 a bill of sale was recorded to Ida; for \$1,000, Ida bought her father's horses, cows, pigs, wagons, plows, furniture, paintings, cook stove, "and generally all the articles of household and kitchen furniture in the house in which said Henry Hurley now resides...."⁶ After Andrew and Henry C. reached the age of majority, Henry conveyed the 107 acres to them.⁷ They also purchased the 124 1/2 acres

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from Talbott, reuniting the original parcel.⁸ In 1889-90 Andrew and Ida sold their interests to Henry C.⁹, and approximately 100 acres were sold off from the farm in two separate parcels.

Henry C. Hurley farmed the land for many years, at his death in 1934 leaving it to his daughters Anna and Mary Louise. Anna in turn conveyed her interest to her sister.¹⁰ Mary Louise married Guy Lee Carter, who had come to the area from the mid-west. They continued to operate the farm for many years (although parcels were gradually sold off), and were active in the Rockville Christian Church.

After Mary's death in 1967, and that of Guy Carter in 1972, their sons inherited the property.¹¹ In 1976 Henry H. Carter granted his interest to his brothers,¹² who the following year negotiated an exchange and subdivision agreement with the Ward Development Company, Inc.

The house was severely vandalized in 1977, and the subsequent restoration was costly. Since that time the house, now surrounded by the Watts Branch Meadows subdivision, has been rented.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH1/470 (October 22, 1852).
2. Assessment Records, 1857.
3. Land Records, op. cit., EBP2/108 (May 8, 1865).
4. Montgomery County Sentinel, April 4, 1873.
5. Montgomery County Equity Records, Judgment EBP8/303 et seq.
6. Land Records, op. cit., EBP13/56 (December 9, 1874).
7. Ibid., EBP25/266 (December 20, 1881).
8. Ibid., EBP25/260 (December 20, 1881).
9. Ibid., JA17/402 (January 23, 1889); JA17/406 (September 23, 1887; recorded April 16, 1890).
10. Ibid., 582/265 (December 4, 1934).
11. Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records, 102/775; Estate #017-07-72.
12. Land Records, op. cit., 4845/664 (September 15, 1976).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Judgment Records of Montgomery County, Md.
U.S. Census Records.
Maps: Martenet & Bond (1865); Hopkins Atlas (1879).
Interview: Betty Carter (Mrs. Robert Lee).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,123 square feet

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 10 Block B - "Watts Branch Meadows"
As per plat 102/11499 (February 17, 1977).

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Marilyn Barksdale/Eileen McGuckian	Michael Dwyer
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	Architectoral Description
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	DATE October 1979
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	TELEPHONE 926-4510
		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

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Hurley House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Hurley Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:
Rockville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (Yes/No) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Carter (Developer)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:
Rockville Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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"/> Uncolored		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 5/7/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

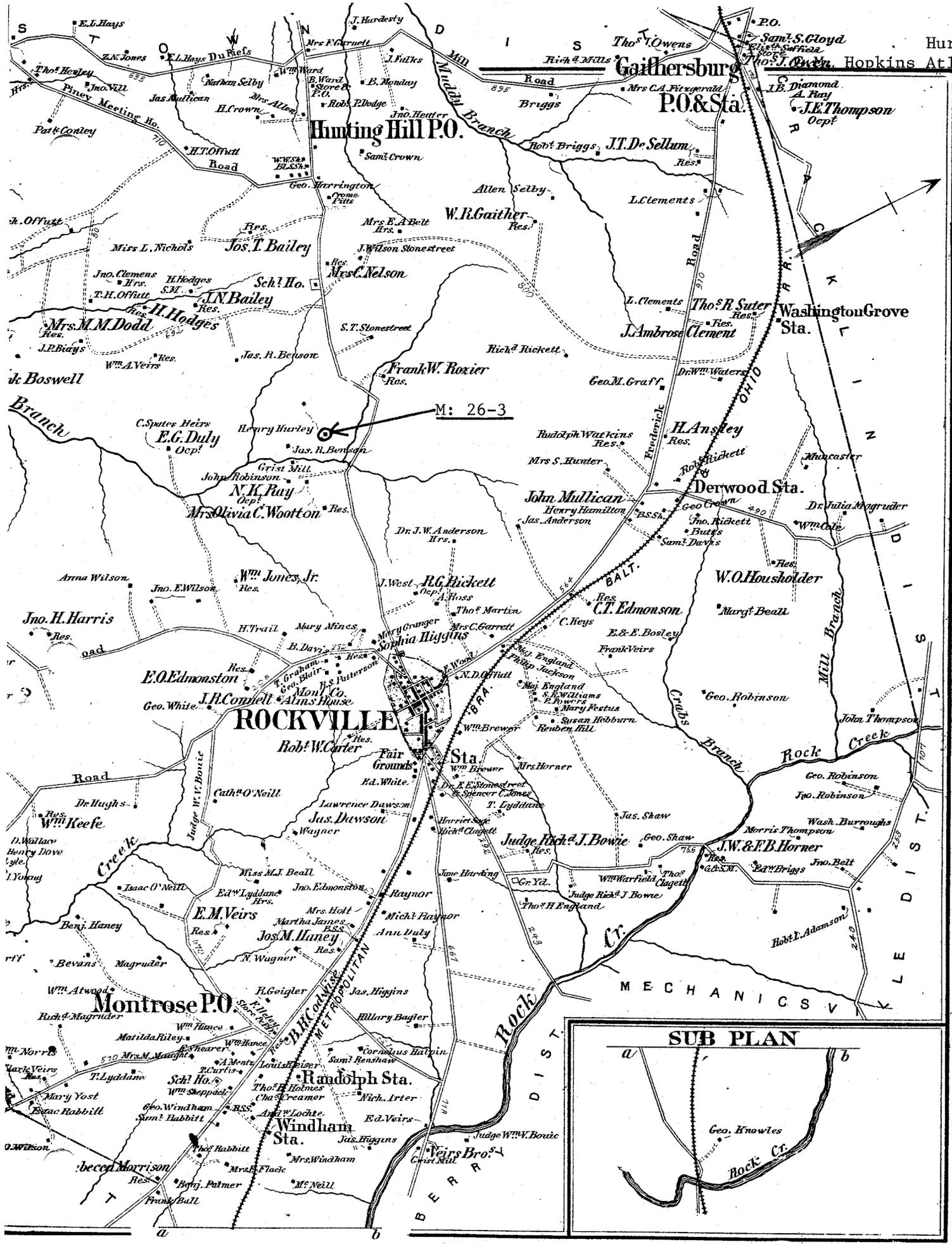
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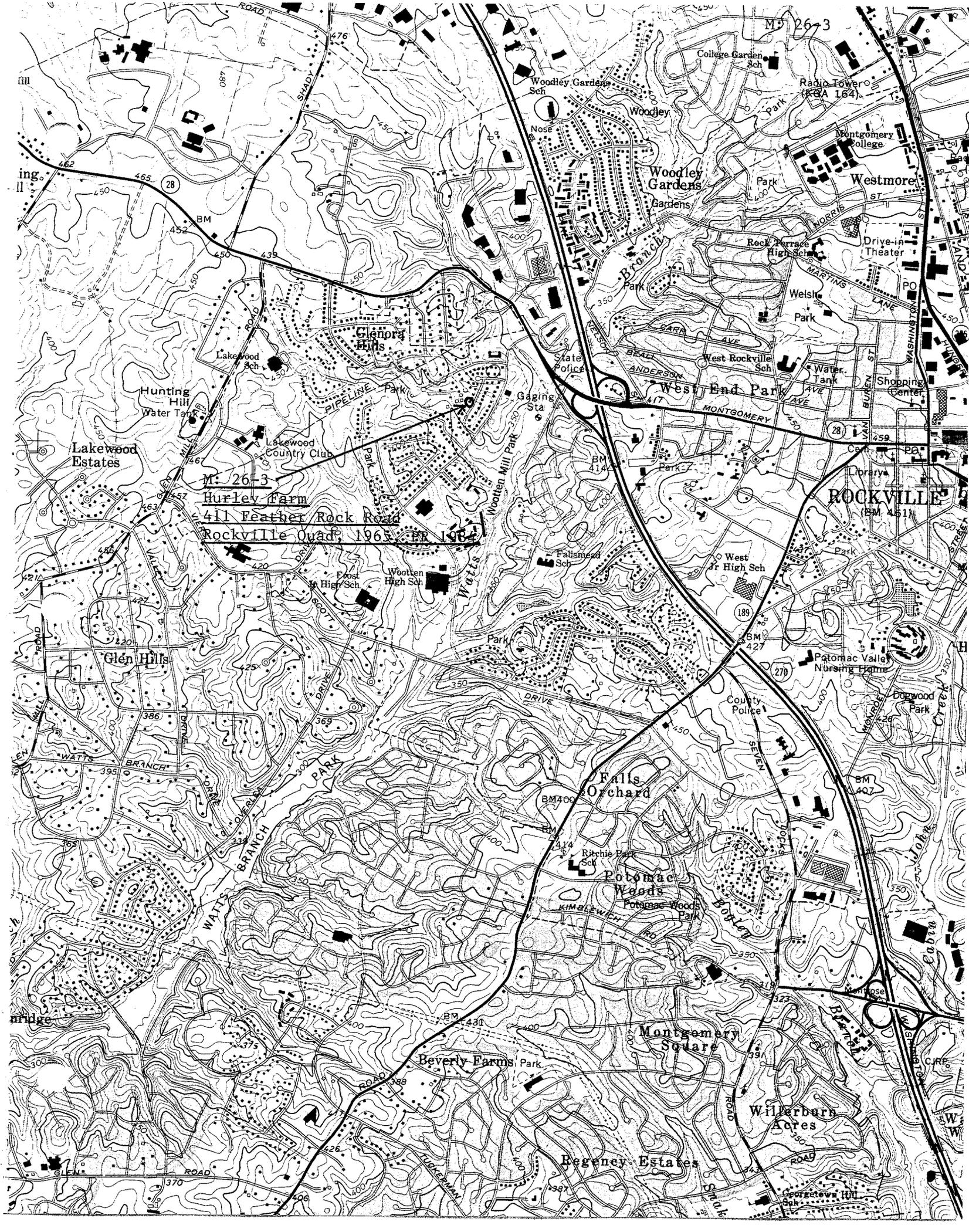


Hurley Farmhouse

C. K. K.

N. 26-3





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Hurley farm
411 Feather Rock Road
Rockville Quad, 1965, BR 1964

ROCKVILLE
(BM 451)

Falls Orchard

Potomac Woods

Montgomery Square

Wilderburn Acres

Regency Estates

Glen Hills

Woodley Gardens

Glenora Hills

Lakewood Estates

West End Park

Westmore

Wooten High Sch

West Jr High Sch

Library

Potomac Valley Nursing Home

Ritchie Park Sch

Beverly Farms Park

Hunting Hill Water Tank

Lakewood Country Club

Woodley Gardens Sch

College Garden Sch

Radio Tower (FRA 164)

Montgomery College

Rock Terrace High Sch

Drive-in Theater

Welsh Park

West Rockville Sch

Water Tank

Shopping Center

Fallsmead Sch

Dogwood Park

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bridge

SW
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NAME HURLEY HOUSE M: 26-3
LOCATION 401 HURLEY AVE., ROCKVILLE, MD
FACADE SE
PHOTO TAKEN 5/7/76
m. DWYER