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Rozier/Meads/Campbell House

375 North Van Buren Street, Rockville

Private

Built: 1929

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no

NR eligible:  yes  no  
Contrib. element in H.D.

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rozier/Meads/Campbell House  
and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 375 North Van Buren Street  not for publication  
city, town Rockville vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 8th  
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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Rosalie M. Campbell  
street & number 375 North Van Buren Street telephone no.: 762-2539  
city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3202  
street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 153  
city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None  
date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local  
pository for survey records  
city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The subject house faces west on North Van Buren on a large parcel, on a street of single family detached houses with similar setbacks. To the south is a 1970s condominium development. Neighboring houses range from early 20th century 2-1/2 story frame vernaculars, Craftsman 1-1/2 story bungalows, to brick ramblers.

The house has a shallow setback from the lower elevation public sidewalk. It is accessed by two concrete stairs up to a central walkway to the house. The front is symmetrically landscaped with evergreens on either side of the central porch stairs and a brick-trimmed flower bed to the width of the house. There is a mature holly tree on the northwest corner. Lilacs and other mature plantings screen the south facade.

This 1-1/2 story 3-bay by 3-bay 1929 rectangular front-gabled cottage has a full-width front porch, a rear addition, and an enlarged and enclosed rear porch. The front-gabled roof has a deep overhang and five decorative knee brackets under the open front eaves; it is composition-shingled and has one collared brick interior chimney on the south roof slope. The exterior is clad with wide aluminum siding, and the high foundation is rusticated concrete block. The windows are 1/1 with plain mitred surrounds.

The two-bay west (front) facade has two windows flanked by decorative synthetic shutters centered on the attic story. The first story has a string of three longer 1/1 windows flanked by decorative synthetic shutters in the south bay and a single-light wood exterior door with a brass mail slot in the north bay. The high full-width front porch is accessed by four wooden steps with a plain iron railing. The hipped roof is supported by four square tapered half-columns on rusticated block piers. The columns are enclosed by an unusual plain stick and rail balustrade which extends past the wooden flooring almost to the ground. There is a lattice panel, approximately 1-1/2 feet high at the ground level.

The north facade has three evenly-spaced windows, the west bay having the longest, the east bay slightly shorter and the center one smallest. There are two two-light basement windows in the foundation.

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Architectural Description (continued):  
375 North Van Buren Street

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The two-bay east (rear) facade has a small window in the attic gable, There is a shed-roofed addition on the first story north bay with one window on the north facade, one window in the north bay, east side and a string of three windows in the south bay. There is a string of four windows on the south facade, and an exterior door accessed by three concrete steps in the west bay.

Outbuilding:

A one-bay frame garage south of the house faces west onto North Van Buren Street. It has a window in the east (rear) facade. A small modern lawn building, shaped like a barn, is east of the garage.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates: 1929 Builder/Architect: NA

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.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property on which Rosalie Campbell now resides has been in her family since 1875, when her great-grandmother Catherine "Kitty" Smith purchased the first piece of land from her former owner Margaret J. Beall. The present dwelling was constructed by Mrs. Campbell's aunt and uncle in 1929.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.4  
ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.4

### HISTORIC CONTEXT

Siblings Kitty Smith, Edward Wood, Sr., and Jane Carroll (Ross) were slaves of Margaret J. Beall, who lived in what is now known as the Beall-Dawson house at 103 West Montgomery Avenue. They attended Jerusalem Church, worshipping upstairs in the gallery reserved for blacks. Each purchased a parcel of land from Margaret Beall after emancipation, Catherine Smith receiving 79 square perches (about 3/10 acre) in 1875 for \$5.00. As with the Wood and Ross parcels, Miss Beall "reserved to herself the right of exercising supervision and control over the said lot during her lifetime." 1/ Although there was no mention of buildings in the deed, the following year Catherine Smith was assessed \$250 for an "improved lot," with \$10 for livestock and \$50 for furniture.

Eleven years later, Margaret Beall deeded lots of "1 rood and 8 perches" each (slightly over 1/4 acre) to Kitty Smith's two daughters, Flora Rozier and Rose Rozier Meads, who also had been her slaves. There was no mention of improvements, nor of supervision and control.  
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The first family house on North Van Buren Street was Kitty Smith's, at #311. It was made of log, later covered with siding. Flora built her house just north of this, at #313; her sister Rose built hers farther north on the family parcel, at #315, but back from the street frontage. Across Van Buren Street were woods.

Rose Rozier married George Wesley Meads, Sr., who owned a local delivery service, using horses and wagons to haul merchandise and people. He also worked for the Poss family who operated a livery stable, and for the School Commissioners as "scavenger." He was an active participant in the community, serving as a trustee of the Rockville Colored School and as the first black deputy sheriff for Montgomery County. He was well known in Rockville as the chief of an informal volunteer fire department which protected the town from 1897 until 1921.

The Meads had a large family; among the children were Russell, Leonard (a talented pianist), Jesse (Tom), George, Jr., and Fannie. After Rose Meads died in 1902, George Meads remarried (Virgie Patterson) and moved to East Middle Lane; he died in 1919. Both Meads are buried in Haiti cemetery, as is George, Jr. The family rented out the old house on North Van Buren Street, razing it in the late 1950s.

Fannie Meads married William Smith, and together they planned their house on the family property, in front of her parents' house on North Van Buren Street. They wanted four rooms on one floor, with a basement; the house had a dining room, living room, kitchen, two bedrooms, and a bath.

Although Haiti was still quite rural, they installed a septic system so there would be an inside bathroom. They had employed an out-of-town builder, who completed the house in time for them to move in on June 30, 1929.

Fannie Meads Smith's niece, Rosalie Mapson Campbell, was born in Rockville on October 18, 1907. 3/ (See Genealogy Chart Attachment 8.3) She attended Rockville Colored Elementary School from 1915 to 1921, then Phillip Elementary in Washington, D.C. Along with other Rockville children, she boarded with a Washington family so she could attend Dunbar High School, from which she graduated in 1926; Montgomery County did not yet have a high school for its black students. She attended Miner Normal and received her B.S. Degree from Morgan College. She later earned an M.A. degree from New York University, and also studied at Catholic, Georgetown, Maryland, and Syracuse Universities.

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Mrs. Campbell began her 40-year teaching career in Wicomico County on the Eastern Shore in 1928. In 1932 she returned to the Montgomery County Schools, teaching at tiny schools in Stewarttown and Spencerville, a three-room school at Quince Orchard, newly-consolidated Rock Terrace in Rockville, newly-desegregated West Rockville, and Travilah Elementary from which she retired in 1968.

Mrs. Campbell moved into 315 North Van Buren (now renumbered as #375) with her aunt and uncle in 1929. To the original four-room house, she added another bedroom, enlarged and enclosed the back porch (both about 1955), and installed aluminum siding. 4/

In addition to her teaching career, Mrs. Campbell dedicated her time to her church (Jerusalem United Methodist) in many capacities, to her civic association (West End Civic Association), and to senior organizations in the City of Rockville. Family and friends gathered in Rockville to honor her on her 80th birthday October 17, 1987. 5/

Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Records EBP14/183 (1875)
2. Ibid, JA3/216 and JA3/47 (both 1886)
3. Catherine Smith genealogical chart prepared by Eileen McGuckian 1988.
4. Interviews with Rosalie Campbell by Eileen McGuckian 1984 and 1988.
5. Ibid; The Rockville Gazette October, 1987.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land and Tax records. Interviews with Rosalie Campbell 1984 and 1988; The Rockville Gazette, Oct. 1987.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property .73 acre

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

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Verbal boundary description and justification

East side of North Van Buren Street

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Eileen McGuckian / Judy Christensen
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organization	Peerless Rockville	date	May, 1988
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street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone	762-0096
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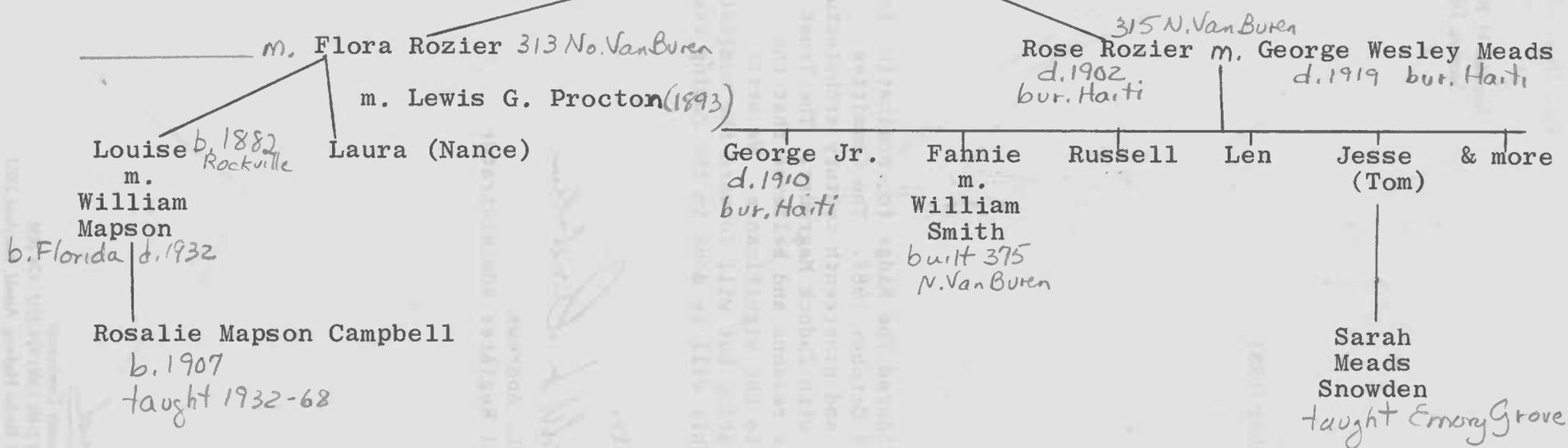
city or town	Rockville	state	Maryland, 20850
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CATHERINE SMITH GENEALOGY CHART: Prepared by Eileen McGuckian, 1988.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance      A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Settlement/Political  
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning  
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Setting: Urban

Historic Function(s) or Use(s): Domestic/Single Family/Residence

Known Design Source: None

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, Rockville

2. Chronological Period(s):

Maturation and Expansion of the County Seat      A.D.1873-1931

3. Historic Context Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
Community Planning (Black History); Social/Educational/Cultural

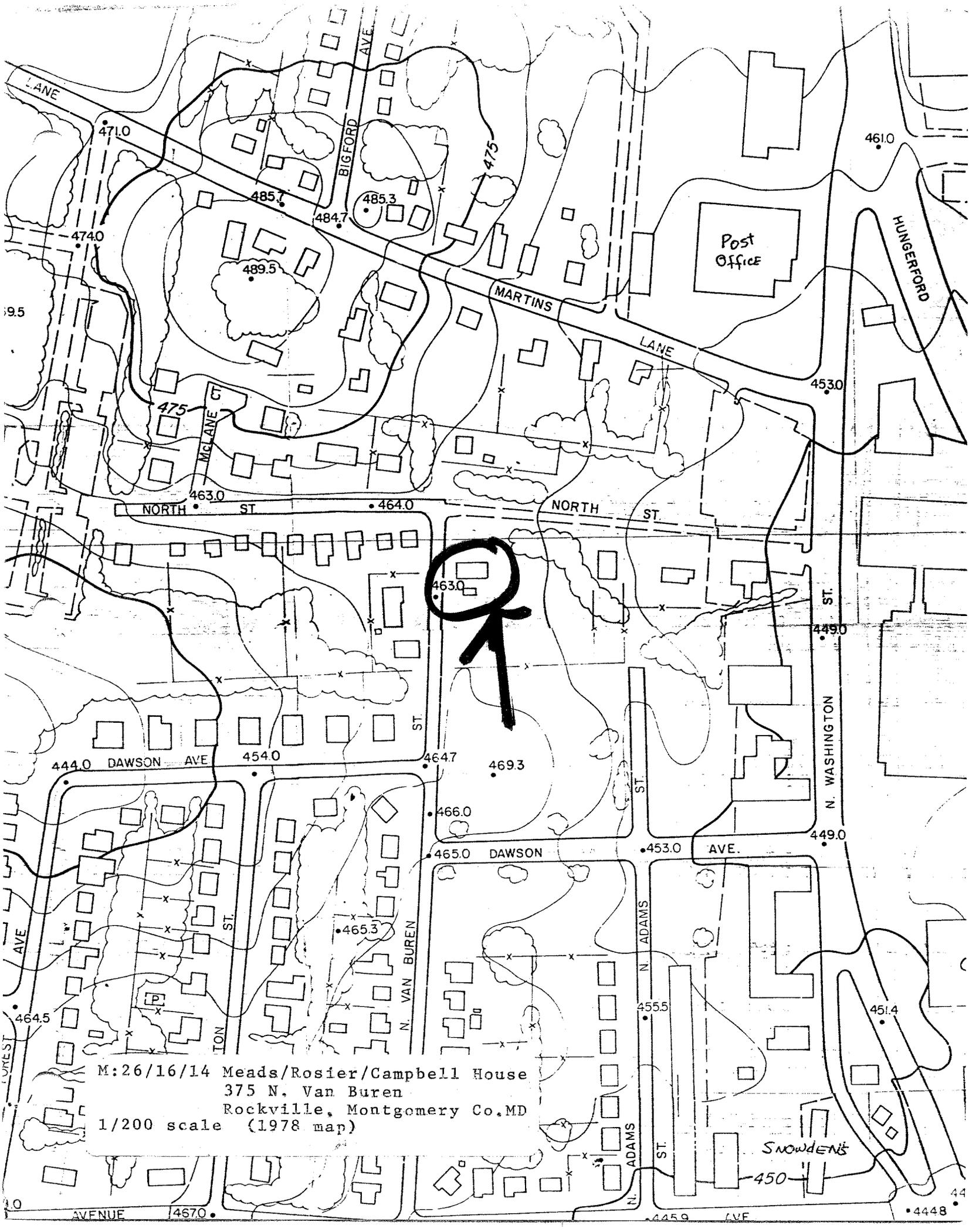
4. Resource Type:

Category : Building

Setting: Urban

Historic Function(s) or Use: Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence

Known Design Source: None



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375 N. Van Buren  
Rockville, Montgomery Co. MD  
1/200 scale (1978 map)

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Rozier/meads/campbell house

375 N Van Buren St

Rockville

SW elevation

J Christensen

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