

Site: M:26/17

Glen View/Rockville Civic Center

Built: 1838

603 Edmonston Drive

Rebuilt: 1926

Public

Architects: Joseph A. Lochie and Irwin S. Porter  
Landscape Architect: John H. Small, III

The Rockville Civic Center is a 66-acre complex centered around a columned Neo-Classical mansion constructed in 1926 which incorporated the main block of the 1838 house called "Glen View". The original house was constructed as part of the working farm of Richard Johns Bowie, political leader, and longtime judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

In 1926 the stone house was expanded and rebuilt to its present five-part classical composition as the focus of the country estate owned by the socially prominent J. Alexander Lyon family of Washington, D.C. The ceremonial rooms and large spaces are embellished by finely crafted woodwork and plaster ornamentation.

Since 1957, the house and grounds have been owned by the City of Rockville, and are used for various civic, cultural, and social events. The extensively-landscaped grounds include the mansion, gardens, a cottage, a 500-seat theater, and sports facilities.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Glen View

and/or common Rockville Civic Center

## 2. Location

street & number 603 Edmonston Drive  not for publication

city, town Rockville  vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 18)

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
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## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mayor and Council, City of Rockville, Maryland

street & number Maryland Avenue at Vinson telephone no. 424-8000

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 2377

street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 577

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office, 8700 Needwood Road

city, town Derwood state Maryland

# 7. Description

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

The subject house, related grounds and structures are located on approximately 66 acres of land situated between Baltimore Road, Norbeck Road (Md. Route 28) and Avery Road. The Mansion faces south with a view of Rockville to the south and east. The grounds include drives and parking areas, terraced gardens, picnic and sports facilities, a fitness trail, an outdoor amphitheater, the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater, the "Dollhouse", a child's cottage playhouse now used as a gift shop, and a City maintenance depot. The remainder of the estate, 88.97 acres, is forest. Rockville's Municipal Redgate Golf Course occupies the portion of the original farm east of Norbeck Road. The Civic Center is accessed by private lane at Edmonston Drive and Baltimore Road. Avery Road bisects the City-owned property, separating developed Civic Center land from forest.

The geology is varied. The property sits upon a rocky outcropping of Parr's Ridge separated by Little Falls Branch from Rockville's 450 foot elevation to the southeast. The house at 427 ft. is sited on the highest plateau on the property. The lowest point (330 ft.) occurs where Little Falls Branch traverses the north portion of the property from east to west.

An 1889 Plat (Attachments 7.10, 7.11) shows Bowie's 320.8 acre property. A 1925 Plat of "Glen-View Farm" before the remodelling and additions (Attachment 7.12) shows two quarry sites located northwest of Little Falls Branch which probably furnished stone for the Lyons' Mansion. Stone for the Bowie house may also have been quarried on the property. Two springs, the original "Rock Springs" feeding Little Falls Branch, are marked in the southwest corner near Baltimore Road. Glen View Farm totaled 150.8 acres in 1925.

The probability of major archeological sites is small as the present house, gardens and irrigation system now occupies the area where the old house, outbuildings and slave houses once stood. The quarry and spring parcels have been sold and developed, and Maryland Route 28 now cuts across the property to the north of Little Falls Branch. A portion of the Red Gate Municipal Golf Course is established on the northern part of the original Bowie holdings. Possible minor archeological sites are located in the forested area where several residences and lanes are shown on an 1879 map. (Attachment 7.13) The 1889 Plat of the Bowie property shows "Colored Cemetery Land" outlined on the east side of Avery Road. This cemetery is likely to have been an estate burying grounds.

The present L-shaped structure is a 2-1/2 story Neo-classical/ Greek Revival Mansion. The original ca. 1838 house now serves as the central entry and stair hall, entered through a columned 2-story stuccoed portico.

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There are three wings: two side wings flanking the center separated by "curtain wings" or false hyphens, and a rear wing. The side and rear wings are end-gabled with double chimneyed ends. The central main block side-gable roof with parapeted ends incorporates the point of the old 1838 hipped roof. The slate roof is supplemented by sheet copper on dormer and arcade roofs. The 1838 rough-coursed native fieldstone foundation has been retained in part, with new fieldstone and brick foundations under the 1926 additions. The exterior walls are random-coursed, rough-dressed native stone with window sills, lintels and surrounds of the same material.

Although the 1926 renovation was the most extensive, it was not the first. The structure's history illustrates changes in architectural taste of the 19th and 20th centuries. The 1838 Greek Revival house with frame semi-detached wings and outbuildings was remodeled before 1904 to suit late Victorian tastes, adding a steeply-pitched front gable, decorative vergeboard, and trim details typical of Victorian Gothic revival (attachment 8.11). The house footprint on the 1925 plat of Glen View Farm shows that sometime after 1904, a wing was added to the east side of the house and another (undoubtedly the detached kitchen) was incorporated off the northeast corner, and the prototype of the present two-story front portico was added, as the 1926 building plans mention reuse of the "existing" front columns and pediment which are not evident in the 1904 photograph.

The 1926 formal five-part neo-classical structure with terraced gardens and vistas is stylistically closer in period to the house's origins than the Victorianized version. However, there was a change in function. The property had always been a working farm. Judge Bowie, as Dr. Lyon, was an educated man and gentleman farmer who employed household and farm help. However, in Bowie's case, the property was his principal residence and was intended to be self supporting. The 1926 Lyon house was primarily a summer residence and was designed for entertaining. The extensive gardens and grounds required servants and estate help to maintain. In the Lyons' case, the land, estate help, and house needed financial support from other sources and its farm status was secondary.

#### Glen View

1838-1926

Judge Bowie's original house, now the center core of the present structure, was described in an 1882 insurance document (Attachment 8.10) as a stone house with slate roof, 36 X 36 feet, 2-1/2 stories with 16 rooms. It had a one-story 18X20 foot wing, a detached kitchen building measuring 18X40, and two passages. Also listed were two porches (south front and east two-story). There were three chimneys, one interior chimney is visible near center on the rear roof slope, two more can be seen on the north side and east end of the rear kitchen wing.

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There were seven fireplaces. A barn was 70 yards north of the house as well as a 20 X 25 foot stable for five horses.

The four-bay south (front) facade of the house has 6/6 windows flanked by shutters in all bays except the second, or east center bay, first story, which contains a fanlight and side-lighted entry door. Roof dormers are shown on a 1904 photograph (attachment 8.11) on the south and east sides, the facades presented to public view from Avery and Baltimore Roads. The dormers are presumed to have had arched tracery windows typical of the period. The two-bay porch had a low pediment and plain columns, much like those of the ca. 1841 Prettyman house (M:26/10/3). Victorian additions include a steep Gothic dormer, verge-board and eave decoration, and a uniform light exterior color indicating paint or stucco applied over stone.

The house is unusual in its even number of bays and for the seemingly larger spacing between the first and second east bays. It is possible that the original structure was three bays, with the fourth included with the Victorian additions. A study of the original cellar walls outlined in the 1926 plans (Attachment 7.18) shows a wall with two chimney breasts approximately in the middle, parallel to the east and west walls. The chimney breast wall would have fallen between the first and second east bays of a three-bay house, the first bay being the entrance and stair hall.

It is likely that an earlier house was on the property before Bowie purchased it, but the precise location and connection, if any, with Bowie's house is unproved. Richard Bowie's first purchase of approximately three acres of "Rock Spring" from Mary Lansdale in 1838 may have included the Lansdale home, as the three-acre parcel was excluded from the Sheriff's equity sale and was valued in 1838 at \$102.50. By comparison, the 72-1/2 acre remainder of Lansdale's property was assessed at \$148.00 in 1838, only \$46 more for approximately 70 more acres of land. This introduces the possibility that the Bowie house may have incorporated elements of an older existing house, and explains the four-bay facade and the painted/stucco surface, applied to hide joins. However, this is conjecture, not fact.

There are several other possible explanations. A 2.96 acre sliver of Rock Spring is shown on the southwest boundary of the 1889 Plat as "Possession of R. Bowie". This may be Mary Lansdale's parcel, now a housing development. Bowie himself may have built the more usual Rockville three-bay house (See M:26/10/1, the 1815 Beall-Dawson House and M:26/9, the 1821 Bingham-Brewer House) and expanded it later. Finally, it is also possible that the four-bay 1838 house was built to Bowie's taste.

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Bowie's taste may have been influenced by several family properties. The Bowie/Sevier House at 3124 Q St. in Georgetown, a classic brick five-ranked Georgian, was built by Bowie's father, Col. Washington Bowie, around 1805 and sold after 1812 when Richard Bowie was 14. The family then moved to "Oatlands" at Olney, now destroyed, but said to be a stone house "already on the property" (ca. 1812). 1/ Another Bowie-related house is Mount Lubentia, a brick, five-ranked, hipped-roof Federal house with three-bay front portico, built by the related Beall family before 1770 in Largo, Maryland. All conform to the general mass and form of Georgian/Federal houses, even when such forms were not stylish. Richard Bowie's four-ranked house is uncommon, and certainly did not result from a lack of knowledge or exposure to the proper form, nor could it be attributed to a lack of money.

Glen View Farm

1926-1957

The present building was designed by James Irwin Porter and James A. Lochie for Dr. and Mrs. James A. Lyon. Mrs. Lyon had ownership of the property since 1917 (as widow of Wm. H. Smith) but did not begin major renovations until Dr. Lyon retired in 1925. The house does not replicate any known model, but is of the same type as several local examples such as William Thornton's "Tudor Place House" built in 1815 at 1644 Q Street in Georgetown, a five-part symmetrical neo-classical building (major porticoed center core and hyphens connecting two minor end-gabled wings) similarly embellished with Palladian windows and lunettes, double end chimneys and columned portico. In addition, during the early 1920s, a renewed interest in early American history peaked was sparked by preparations for the 150th anniversary of the United States in 1926. The Lyons' house was perhaps part of that general revival, fueled by Dr. Lyon's lifelong interest in American history.

The Lyons' renovation changed the south (front) fenestration of the Bowie house to a classic three-bay central entry and two-story, full-columned portico with second-story porch. The two-story false hyphens and 2-1/2 story wings are not precisely symmetrical, the east wing fenestration being lower and spaced differently, undoubtedly because the east wing used the foundation and door cuts established for the wing added earlier in the century. The facade and structural elements were unified by arch motifs: segmental openings, lunettes, fanlights, Palladian windows and doorway arches. The fully detailed original plans (Attachments 7.14 through 7.18) were not precisely followed. Two copper-capped, glassed cupolas (noted as skylights on the plans)

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were drawn on the main block rear roof slope. The copper caps would have been visible from the south, but concealed from side view by the massive double end chimneys. These were not built, nor was the lunette window in the portico gable and other minor interior and exterior features.

The stone center core is end-gabled, with false parapets and false double-chimneyed ends. The peak of the old hipped roof is visible behind the ridgepole, echoing the point of the portico pediment. The house is sheathed in rough-coursed native fieldstone except for the portico, which is stuccoed. The classic pediment and dentils are stuccoed and the full architrave is supported by four two-story wooden Tuscan columns. The second-story balcony/porch is enclosed on the sides by two sets of four-light French doors with flanking single four-light panels on each end, all surmounted by rectangular/square overlights. The south front has four pairs of four-light French doors with rectangular overlights on the east and west, flanking a central set of 12-light French doors with an overdoor fan-lighted panel with incised triangular corner blocks. The doors are separated by reeded pilasters. The narrow balcony has a wrought iron railing in a joined double-heart pattern with interior fleur-de-lis surmounted by a running Greek Key design. The first story has a central entry wood paneled door with non-functional rectangular transom surrounded by reeded pilasters and topped by a full entablature. An outsized 6/6 window flanked by wooden shutters occupies the first and third bays. Half columns join the portico to the stuccoed exterior facade.

There is one large Palladian window in each of the east and west end gables.

The north, (rear) facade of the main block has an irregular four-bay fenestration. The third, or attic story, has two large, evenly-spaced lunette windows surrounded by a keystone arch. A similarly arched large Palladian window with shutters is near the center of the second story, and one 6/6 window is in the west bay. The first story is obscured by the arcade.

The two-bay east hyphen has two 6/6 windows on the second floor and one three-part window consisting of a central outsized 6/6 window flanked by 3/3 double hung sashes on the first story. The prominent lintel is a flat arch with keystone.

The east wing is end-gabled with a false double chimney. A lunette (8/4) surrounded by a keystone fieldstone arch with granite lintel is in the gable. Two windows are evenly spaced in the second story. The first story has a blind keystone fieldstone arch inset with stucco panel atop a Palladian window flanked by five-light side panels. Reeded and capiteled pilasters are used as window mullions.

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The east facade of the wing is composed of a three-bay, two-story shed roofed porch on the south end, and a three-bay arcaded terrace on the north end. The porch is supported by three major square two-story columns with smaller pilasters applied to the sides of the columns on the first story and at the juncture of the house. The second-story enclosed porch is related to the front portico in plan. The south end has three eight-light panels with a transom light over each panel, and a clerestory light above the transom lintel. The east side has a pair of eight-light doors with a two-light transom in the first and third bays. The center has two wider doors with overhead fanlight and corner infills. It is flanked by two single doors with transoms. The north end of the porch has been modified as a emergency exit. One panel and transom remains on the east side, the rest is infilled with a flush exterior door leading to a wooden stairway descending to the terrace. The first story has three sets of 12-light French doors with a three-part keystone lintel. This porch is the focus of the formal gardens descending three terraced levels to the east, framing the colonade with a formal balustraded stone wall and a long flight of stairs interrupted by octagonal landings and terraced gardens.

The three-bay arcaded terrace has 6/6 shuttered window in each bay on the second story. On the first story, keystone arches surround three sets of arched doors, each 13 lights. The full-facade flagstone terrace is accessed by three flagstone steps the length of the porch on south end and is enclosed by a low boxwood edging along the north end.

The two-bay north facade of the east wing has a double chimney with a lunette in the gable. There is one window in each bay on each story. The north, or rear facade of the hyphen consists of two 6/6 windows on both first and second stories and two projecting lunette windows inset in the roof. A stairwell leads to a basement entrance.

The north (rear) facade consists of a four-bay main block with a three-bay by five-bay two-story rear kitchen wing with recessed hyphen, and the west wing with hyphen.

The three-bay by seven-bay rear kitchen wing has double chimneys north and south, the south chimney unit serving the heating plant. The east facade has seven gabled dormers clad with lapped wood siding, each with one 6/6 window. Five windows are on the first story. The cornice frieze is ventilated by four small square grilles. The north facade has a bell located at the top of the false double chimney in an arched opening. At the base of the chimneys are two small, square four-light window sashes. A window is in each of the east and west second story bays, and a wood panel exterior door is in the center

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bay, first story. The entry is flanked by rectangular delivery vaults or pass-throughs (originally with doors interior and exterior) for bread, milk and other items. The east vault has a wooden panel door, and the west a three-light sash. An overhead fixture mounted above the lintel lights the entryway. The entry is accessed by two flanking stairways, each with one turn, joining in the center at the entry. A plain wrought iron balustrade lines the stairways. The grade has been lowered on this facade, the original grade buttressed by stone walls on the east. The exposed foundation has a keystone arch surrounding a wood panel exterior door which opens upon the excavated apron and driveway. Shrubbery on the original grade conceals the loading area from east and west view.

The west facade of the rear wing has four dormers and five 6/6 windows on the first story. The slightly recessed two-bay hyphen has two roof dormers, (rather than one as shown in the plans). The first story has a double-width window in the north bay, and an arched wood door in the south bay, covered and enclosed by the arcade.

The six-bay glass-enclosed arcade is similar in design to the south and east porch enclosures. All but the entry bay has a pair of 15-light sashes surmounted by a fanlight set into a wood panel. The entry bay is at the junction of the main block and the rear hyphen, a 15-light center entry door flanked by 10-light side panels. A fanlight flanked by electric carriage light fixtures is overhead. The arcade exits onto a raised flagstone terrace reached by five steps. A ramp has been added on the west for handicapped use.

The west wing is connected by a two-bay hyphen. The north (rear) has two small projecting lunette windows inset in the roof, and two 6/6 windows on the second story.

The two-bay by three-bay west wing north (rear) facade has a central gable lunette, and one window in each of the two bays, first and second stories. The west facade has one window in each of the three second-story bays and one window in the north bay, first story. A one-story conservatory wing occupies the remainder of the west facade, having a wood door with nine lights in the north facade, a Palladian window with five-light side panels and stuccoed overarch on the west facade, and one 6/6 window on the south facade. The south (front) of the west wing has a gable lunette, a window in each of the two second-story bays, and a central Palladian window with five-light side panels set in a stucco overarch on the first story. It is connected to the main block front facade by a two-bay hyphen.

The south facade of the two-bay west-wing hyphen has a window in each second-story bay, and one outsized 9/9 window with six-light side panels.

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### Interior

The 36'X 36' center core is now the entry hall, with adjacent rest room and coat facilities, and an open two story stairwell to the central hallway and two bedchambers over the entry hall. The attic is used as an art studio. The east wing contains the living room, music room, and dining room on the first floor, and the master bedroom suites on the second floor. The west wing contains a library, office, and conservatory on the first story, and bedrooms and bathrooms on the second story. The rear wing contains the kitchen facilities on the first floor and servants quarters on the second, now used for offices, lounge and canteen, and a gift shop. The cellar, or basement level contains the old food storage and receiving areas in the kitchen wing, coal room and power plant, and the "vault" among other uses. The old foundations are present but have been parged with concrete. The original wood doors have been reused in the basement. (See floor plans, attachments 7.19 and 7.20.)

The first-story floors are random-width pegged oak except for marble flooring in the conservatory. Noteworthy features are the three-part staircase in the entry hall, wood paneling, decorative ceiling plasterwork and cornice moldings themed to room use. Walls of up to three feet in width indicate old exterior stone walls behind paneling and plaster, and masonry chimneys between rooms. Radiators were placed behind removable or hinged panels in the woodwork. Each room has a fireplace with distinctive mantle and overmantle, and lighting fixtures, (some not original), suitable to the character.

#### Dining Room

The dining room is clad in walnut finished paneling. A row of panels along the east and west walls, approximately at elbow level, are hinged to open to small trays or tables. Three arched French doors with carved surrounds and acanthus scroll keystones open out onto a terrace overlooking formal boxwood gardens and a fountain. The boxed cornice is trimmed with egg and dart molding, and acanthus leaves at the ceiling. The fireplace is walnut paneled with black marble fire surround and hearth. The lighting fixtures are two-arm wall sconces of wrought iron with elements of the decorative pattern plated with brass.

#### Living Room

The living room has painted wood-panel wainscoting and walls. The massive fireplace is rough-coursed granite with slate hearth. The room has three sets of 12-light French doors on the east wall. The two-arm wall sconces are brass.

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### Entry/stair Hall

The open three-part staircase begins along the west wall, wraps around the north wall and up the east wall, ending in an open hallway on the second floor. The stair balustrade, beginning and ending in a spiral with plain tapered balusters, is simple and somewhat delicate, complementing the sense of light and space established by the two-story open stairwell and large three-part Palladian window which occupies nearly the entire north wall. The stair wall is finished with panel wainscoting as is the undercarriage of the stairs. A large brass six-arm chandelier is suspended into the stairwell from an elaborate plaster ceiling medallion.

### Library and office

The library is lined with cabinets with bookshelves above. As built, some of the bookshelves had glass fronted doors, most of which have been removed. A carved white marble mantle is on the east wall. The cornice moulding is of alternating Greek lamps and acanthus leaves, supported by acanthus scrolls and dentils. A small office is reached through a door at the northwest corner. The stone fireplace in the office was moved from the old east wing. A door on the east wall opens to the exterior.

### Conservatory

The conservatory has black marble flooring with thin brass spacer strips rather than the slate indicated on the plans. A fountain shown in the plans either was not built or has been removed. Cages for Mrs. Lyon's collection of exotic birds, installed on the west end of the conservatory behind an arcade decorated with medallions, are now gone.

### Second Story

The second story is less ornate than the first. It has plaster walls throughout, with plain cornices and mitred moulding surrounding windows and doors. Bedrooms and baths exhibit fine craftsmanship in various cabinetry features and details such as built-in cupboards, dressers and closets in dressing rooms, linen closets, and decorative shell niches used for shelving units in the master suite.

### Grounds and Gardens

John H. Small, III designed the Glen View Farm landscape, including drainage and underground irrigation for lawns and gardens. The original landscape plans are lost, but the garden plan was drawn in a

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site plan in 1957 (Attachment 7.21). The basic scheme, many original plantings, stone walls, walkways, formal balustrade and other ornaments have been preserved. Great stands of cultivated evergreen trees and forest shape the view. The character is eighteenth century colonial as inspired by Italian Renaissance terrace gardens. Aged boxwood and trees, some reaching champion size, line a greensward reminiscent of a colonial landscape sweeping before the mansion.

The formal gardens extend from the east facade, focusing on the colonaded east porch framed by a balustraded stone wall surrounding the lawn, and on an octagonal fountain at the bottom, traversing four levels of stairs and boxwood gardens terraced with stone walls. The walls and archways are inset with seating niches and carved Italian panels suggesting the antique, and walkways lead through stone archways south to the dollhouse and fields, and north and east to less formal gardens.

A stone walkway follows the wall supporting the east lawn of the house, ending at a pergola with benches supported by massive piers. From this point, the walkway divides, proceeding northwest to the rear of the house, or northeast to garden areas and a former greenhouse site. Boxwood edging, grass paths and timber steps replace stone walls and walkways and informal cutting gardens, both perennials and annuals, lead to a walk lined with ornamental cherry trees. A sundial is centered in one of the cutting gardens. The heated greenhouse which stood at the bottom of the terraced hill has been demolished.

Acknowledging greater foot traffic and uses, the City has continued the stone walkways into walks originally grassed, raised some walls, and added additional walls and walks to improve traffic circulation and access to sports facilities and fields. The additions are indistinguishable from the original. Dogwoods, boxwood, and other shrubs and trees have been replaced as necessary and annual flowers planted for color. Specimen shrubs and selected tree species have been labeled along the primary walkways. Landscape architect Gordon L. Riggle designed the City additions in the 1960s.

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Footnotes:

1. Roger Farquhar, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland; Brookeville, Md. (1962) Reprinted 1981. p.241

# 8. Significance

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	Glen View Farm 1926-1957			

**Specific dates** Rockville Civic Center **Builder/Architect** Lochie & Porter(A)  
 1957-present (Attachment 8.18)  
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 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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### History and Support

#### "Glen View"

1838-1926

The thirty-year old Richard Johns Bowie was elected to the Maryland Senate in 1836 after serving one term in the Maryland House of Delegates. In that same year he began amassing land northeast of the town of Rockville, where he had established his law practice. The several parcels he purchased bordered the road from Rockville to Baltimore. At the highest elevation several hundred feet above this road he constructed a stone house in a vernacular Greek Revival style. The house is dated to 1838 based on a significant increase in the

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assessed value for the 75-1/4 acre improved holding, part of "Rock Spring", assessed at \$250 in 1838 and \$903 in 1839. 1/ The Bowie house was 36 feet square, 2-1/2 stories, under a hipped roof, with one wing and a large detached kitchen building. It was embellished on the east side by a two-tiered porch decorated with ornamental wrought ironwork supports and balustrade. In 1882 it was described as having 16 rooms. 2/ The Bowie home remained a seat of hospitality and culture for the 75 years it remained in the family.

Richard Johns Bowie was the son of Colonel Washington Bowie, a namesake and godson of George Washington. Col. Bowie was described by the Annapolis Gazette in 1810 as "one of the wealthiest and most public spirited citizens of Georgetown". 3/ But this merchant prince lost five of his ships and cargoes during the War of 1812, resulting in financial ruin. Col. Bowie retired to his country estate "Oatlands" when Richard was 14.

The Bowies were associated or allied by marriage with many Georgetown-based families who also owned lands near Rockville. Between 1836 and 1843 Richard Bowie purchased contiguous parcels from these family friends and acquaintances. In addition to the 75-1/4 acres of "Rock Spring" purchased from the heirs and assigns of Henry Lansdale, he purchased 35 acres of "Burgundy" from the heirs and assigns of Governor Thomas Sims Lee and in 1837, 210 acres of "Mill Land" from the heirs of Elisha Williams, a total of 325.25 acres. (See Plat, Attachment 7.10)

One of the families with interest in both Rockville and Georgetown descended from Gen. Otho Holland Williams and his brother Colonel Eli Williams. Although this family is associated with the Hagerstown area of Washington County, Maj. Otho Holland Williams, son of Eli, was involved in the planning and administration of the C&O Canal, as was Richard Bowie's brother. 4/ Maj. Williams was married to a member of the Bowie family and spent winters in Georgetown. He also owned 400 acres west of Rockville. In 1833 his daughter, Catherine Williams, married Richard Johns Bowie. 5/

By 1850 Richard Bowie was comfortably seated on his large estate. From this site he became a Whig party leader and supporter of Henry Clay. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1848 and 1850 but declined a third term to run unsuccessfully for Governor. In 1861 he was elected Chief Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, and the Governor named him to Court of Appeals in 1863. He lost his judicial seat in 1867, but was again elected Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals in 1871 where he served until his death in 1881. 6/

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In the politically momentous Civil War years, Judge Bowie was a leader and spokesman for the Union Democratic Party. This party reflected the conservative views of the majority of Maryland citizens. In state and local elections held between 1861-1867 the Union Party won elections due to its pro-Union, anti-secession and anti-abolitionist stand.

Judge Bowie had been an early advocate of the ill-fated colonization movement to resettle slaves in Africa in the 1830s and 40s; 7/ however, he acknowledged the realities of an economic system built on slavery and was himself a slaveowner. The 1860 Census lists himself, his wife and his two nieces as a household and owners of 21 slaves in two slave houses.

Bowie's failure to support the secession movement and his influence within the County in favor of compromise resulted in his arrest, along with three other local Unionist leaders in Rockville, by troops under Gen. J.E.B. Stuart's command in June, 1863. The captives were released the next day in Brookeville, Maryland, as Stuart hurried to join Gen. Lee in Pennsylvania.

After the War years, Judge Bowie became a respected voice in the Republican Party. He was always active in town and County affairs, including service as a Vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church and an officer of the Agricultural Society. He died in 1881, age 73, still in office as a Judge by special act of the legislature (1877) which permitted him to continue past the mandatory retirement age. 8/

Details and information about the contents and arrangement of Glen View are found in the Inventory of Judge Bowie's Estate which appraised items listed as Parlor Furniture, Hall Furniture, Library, Second Floor Pantry, various chambers and two refrigerators. 9/ (Attachments 8.8, 8.9) An extant copy of an 1882 Fire Insurance Policy made out by Catherine Bowie gives the description of the house structure. (Attachment 8.10) This document shows 16 rooms in a 36X36 stone building of 2-1/2 stories with a one story 18X20 wing, and a detached kitchen building measuring 18X40 feet. There were two passages, two porches, three chimneys and seven fireplaces. Barn, stable, milkhouse and other outbuildings completed the holdings. The policy also includes the notation that Mrs. Bowie occupied the house during summers; during the winter, only the kitchen building was in use.

Some alteration to the 1838 house had been done, as is illustrated in the only known photograph of Glen View. It was taken in 1904 and published in The Baltimore Sun of October 16, 1904, when the estate was offered for sale. (Attachment 8.11) The photo shows a Gothic Revival- influenced steeply-pitched center gable with bracketed and decorated

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bargeboard centered over the main facade. This gable is awkwardly proportioned and placed directly in front of a large chimney. The one-story, two-bay porch has flattened arch spandrels between plain chamfered supports. These changes reflect the mid-Victorian distaste for the sparse, simple lines and restrained decoration of the "old fashioned" homes of the Federal/Greek Revival styles and undoubtedly date from the latter half of the 19th century.

The Bowies had no children, and after Mrs. Bowie died in 1891 the bulk of the estate passed to the two Holland nieces. 10/ When the property was sold out of the Bowie family in 1904, it was divided.

The house and 119 acres became the property of Charles J. Fox and later Franklin Fox. For two years the property belonged to Mrs. Emma J. Walters. (See Abstract of Title, Attachment 8.12) During this period some modernization was done to the east side in attaching a kitchen/service wing, and it is believed that the upper story of the east side porch was enclosed; however no clear photographs exist. A survey made in 1925 shows the extensive grounds, buildings, tenant houses and roads as they existed just prior to the construction of a "new" Glenview. (Attachment 7.12)

#### Glen View Farm

1926 - 1957

The Bowie estate with its old stone house and 119 acres of land was purchased in 1917 by the Washington Loan and Trust Company as Trustees for Irene Moore Smith, wealthy socialite and wife of William H. Smith. 11/ In 1923 the widowed Mrs. Smith married Army Surgeon James Alexander Lyon, scion of a prominent Broome County, N.Y. family. 12/ When Dr. Lyon retired to private practice two years later, the Lyons embarked upon an ambitious building plan.

A firm of young architects, James A. Lochie and Irwin Stevens Porter, was engaged to design a new stone house that would envelop and expand the 1838 Bowie house. 13/ In this Neoclassical mansion, the original 36 foot Bowie house became the central element of a five-part composition. New side wings were joined to the center section by slightly recessed curtain passages, resulting in a front elevation stretching 125 feet. 14/ A full-width classical pedimented portico raised over four monumental columns created a new central focus.

Overall the house is notable for its space, composition, fine materials, and craftsmanship. The monumental portico, wrought iron tracery on the second floor porches, walnut panelling, fine plaster work, and the marble, slate and copper used throughout the house combine to form a significant example of the Neoclassical style. Lochie and Porter used the vocabulary of Georgian traditional style as a starting point, but added sleeping porches on two sides.

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The mansion was constructed for both gracious living and large-scale entertaining. The reception area (the original 36X36 first floor of the Bowie house) includes an entry foyer, three part staircase, cloak rooms, and powder room. The west wing was a conservatory with marble and slate floor and fountains. The east wing contained a dining room that seated 60 and opened to a flagstone terrace overlooking formal boxwood gardens. Along the rear of the center block an arcaded passage was glassed in by five pairs of French doors with semi-circular transoms; this was used as a breakfast room. 15/

The large staff, which included Filipino servants, a black butler and French governess, was housed in a new two-story kitchen/servant wing on the rear (north) side of the house - the present office wing. 16/ In the basement the original foundation and cellar walls of the Bowie house were encased in concrete in 1926, and a 19th century chimney shaft became the housing for the 20th century elevator machinery. The extensive wine cellars, storage areas, vaults and dumbwaiter reflect the lifestyle of the Lyons. The Lyons reused original interior doors from the Bowie era for some of the passages and storage area.

During the Lyon years the house was approached through wrought iron gates located on both Horner's Mill (now Avery) and Baltimore Roads. 17/ The driveway wound through the terraced landscape of ponds and streams, passing rose gardens and vinyard. Today the entrance has been shifted to just north of the intersection of Edmonston Drive and Baltimore Road, but the 600 foot drive presents much the same vista.

Located behind the mansion were a dairy barn with stables, apartment garage, 60 foot greenhouse/shop, and a mechanical shop with corncrib. After the birth of the Lyons' daughter Elizabeth, a cottage, complete with fireplace and kitchen, was erected as a playhouse for her. Only the cottage remains.

The Lyons maintained their principal residence in Washington D.C., where Dr. Lyon achieved fame as a coronary specialist who contributed over 50 articles to medical journals. The Glen View estate was used most often as a summer residence to escape the city summers. The Rockville-based Montgomery County Sentinel took note of the Lyons' social affairs, and on the occasion of the May, 1937 garden party described the estate as "one of the most beautiful in Washington and environs."

Irene Lyon died in 1950 after a lengthy illness. By the terms of her will and the various Trust Agreements, Washington Loan and Trust Company remained trust owners of the estate, with one half of the estate to pass to her husband who was also a Trustee in his position of Director of the Company. 18/ The estate and grounds were

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appraised at \$177,000 (Attachments 8.13, 8.14), but after several court petitions and appeals the value was reduced in 1952 to \$155,000. The appraisers noted that the house and surrounding 65 acres of cleared land "is best suited to remain an estate or institutional entity". 19/ Dr. Lyon died in 1955.

In 1953 the Montgomery County Historical Society purchased the house and 28 acres. This 9 year old organization was anxious to have a permanent home for its many activities and space to house its collection of County memorabilia and research library.

The Society embarked on a fund-raising drive, abetted by the publication of a pictorial brochure (Attachment 8.15). However, it soon became apparent that the costs to operate and maintain the estate were more than Society members could bear. After three years the Society sold the property to an entity with greater resources.

#### Rockville Civic Center

1957-Present

The City of Rockville purchased the mansion and 66 acres between 1957 and 1963. 20/ In the last 28 years, the City has gradually expanded the facilities and buildings on this site to make Glen View the cultural/civic center of Rockville. In 1960 the 502 seat Fitzgerald Auditorium and Social Hall was completed. The site of City-sponsored concerts, plays and lectures, it is also rented for private functions (Brochure, attachment 8.16). The long halls and spacious rooms on the second floor of the main house provide exhibit space and headquarters for the Rockville Municipal Art League. The first floor of the mansion has become a favorite site for weddings and other social occasions. (Brochure, floor plans, attachments 8.17, 8.18, and 8.19) The Washington Star included the Civic Center along with such better known edifices as Decatur House, Woodlawn and the Woodrow Wilson House in a feature on "10 Terrific Places to Throw a Party". 21/

Cultural ties to the past are evidenced in the prominent display of paintings and photographs associated with the Lyon and Bowie families. Copies of the ca. 1814 paintings of the Col. Washington Bowie family, including the young Richard J. Bowie, hang in the lounge. In 1972 an oil painting of Judge Bowie was commissioned by the City. 22/

In 1959 the family of architect Irwin S. Porter presented the City with his 1926 watercolor renderings. The house has had little alteration except for the enlargement and replacement of kitchen/service facilities. (Photographs, attachments 8.19 through 8.24)

The history of this house and its predecessor through 150 years is kept alive by house tours and other programs given by the Civic Center staff and the 40 volunteer docents.

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Footnotes:

1. Bowie purchased 3 acres (improved) from Mary Lansdale, widow of Henry, in 1838. It is not known what improvement was present at the time of this purchase; the value for 1838 was \$102.50. In the same year he purchased from Dr. Anderson the remainder of the Lansdale's part of Rock Spring, 75-1/4 acres which Dr. Anderson had obtained at auction in 1830. In 1838 the 72-1/4 acre parcel was assessed to Bowie at \$148.00. The Bowies and Andersons were also related through the Lansdale line.
2. Insurance Policy written with Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County for year 1882-83.
3. Quoted in Bowie and Their Kin genealogy of the Bowie family and Bowie family file, Montgomery County Historical Society.
4. Scharf, History of Western Maryland, Vol. I, p 704, discusses Canal Company organization and members of Central Committees.
5. Another daughter of Maj. Williams was Laura Williams (1841-1861) who married Zachariah Holland, son of Montgomery County's Register of Wills, Solomon Holland. Genealogy chart of this line is contained in "Montgomery County Story", Vol. 20, No.1 1977 by Leslie Morgan Abbe.
6. Scharf, Op Cit pp 754-757 and Heibert and McMaster, A Grateful Remembrance, pp 401-404 and Chapters 9 and 10.
7. McMaster, op cit, p. 158.
8. Obituary and Tributes to Judge Bowie in Montgomery County Sentinel March 18 and March 25, 1881.
9. Inventory of Judge Bowie's estate, Montgomery County Will Records R.W.C. 13/45.
10. Mrs. Bowie's bequests, which also list furniture, including three "large mahogany dining tables", piano, walnut bookcase and the "Oatlands" silver. Montgomery County wills, R.W.C. 15,/438. For Bowie/Holland/Williams connection see Portrait and Biographical Record of the Sixth Congressional District, Chapman Publishing (1898), p.270 and also Montgomery County Story, Vol XV, No. 2 (Feb. 1972).
11. Montgomery County Land Records 264/200 and 268/359.
12. Personal Information for Lyon family is taken from Vol II, Washington Past & Present, pp 512-515 and Who's Who in America Vol. 1929 and 1948-49.
13. A 1925 preconstruction survey of the property and surrounding area shows a quarry located northeast of house. Granite for the new construction may have been quarried there. Irwin S. Porter was the President of the Washington Chapter of the A.I.A. in 1936.
14. Dimensions of the old Bowie house are found in 1883 Insurance Policy, Architectural Drawings by Irwin Porter, dated March 23, 1926 note existing walls, windows and chimneys.

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15. Rooms are delineated on both the 1926 floor plans (attached) and in the Inventory and Appraisal of Mrs. Lyon's Estate at Montgomery County Will Records WCC 25/166.
16. Information provided by Lyon grandson James C. Kelly of Pearce, Arizona, who visited the estate in July, 1985. Mr. Kelly lived here until the age of six.
17. The Description of Land contained in Estate Appraisal, notes that the property has a frontage of approximately 3,150 feet on Avery Road.
18. Montgomery County Land Records 1727/9 (1952) deeds 1/2 estate to Dr. Lyon and recounts the various Trust Agreements from 1926 to that time.
19. See Docket of Administration #7344 and 7853 (1950-1952).
20. See attached Abstract of Title 1839 to Present.
21. The Washington Star, February 4, 1979.
22. The originals are owned by another descendent of Col. Bowie, A. Felix duPont, Jr. of Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. duPont's father inherited the paintings and was the great-nephew of Judge Bowie. A. Felix duPont (1879-1948) was V.P of E.I. duPont de Nemours Company from 1916 on. His grandmother was a sister of the Judge, and "Oatlands" passed to that branch of the family. Copies of the portraits were made in 1972 by permission of the Felix duPont, Jr. family.

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Survey No. M:26/17

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 66 acres

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

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

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parts of "Rock Spring" "Mill Lands" and "Burgundy".

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Anne Cissel	Judy Christensen/Mary Fitch, Architecture
organization	Peerless Rockville	date April, 1986
street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone 762-0096
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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Will of Richard J. Bowie

Montgo. Co. Wills R.W.C. #6, f. 274  
Made Dec. 5, 1878  
Probated Mar. 29, 1881

I give and devise and bequeath to my affectionate and dearly beloved wife, Catharine L. Bowie her heirs and assigns forever, all my estate real, personal and mixed of every kind and description whatever, including all Bonds of the United States or the District of Columbia or of the State of Maryland by whatever names called or known and all my private securities wherever situate or being.

I commend to the care and protection of my beloved wife our affectionate and beloved nieces Emma B. Holland and Rosa Maria Holland, desiring she will give each of them to her and her heirs absolutely, such portion of my estate real and personal as she may think proper.  
Exec. - Wife

Inventory R.W.C. #13 pg. 45

- Parlor furniture \$70.00
- Hall furniture \$15.00
- Library furniture \$52.25
- Library - Law and misc. \$300.00
- 144 ounces silver \$144.00
- Dining room furniture \$75.00
- 2 refrigerators and table \$15.00
- second floor
- front chamber furniture \$85.00
- back chamber furniture \$100.00
- contents of second floor pantry - \$5.00
- furniture and bedding in 3rd story - \$40.00
- Total - \$1914.80

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Will of Catharine L. Bowie Montgo. Co. Wills R.W.C. #15, pg. 438  
Made Feb. 4, 1884; probated Dec. 14, 1891

Exec. to sell all property, real, personal and mixed  
Bequests as follows:

To niece Emma B. Holland;  
\$15,000

piano, piano stool and cover  
picture "Maiden of Light" and 2 picture panels on mantel in front  
parlor

set of bedroom furniture with bed, mattress, bolster and pillows  
in the chamber over my front parlor

1st choice of my Marseilles quilts

all my silver ware with exception of that part thereof derived from  
the family of my deceased husband

gold watch worn by deceased husband in his lifetime

all wearing apparel, table linen, bed linen, towels and blankets  
all books

To niece Rosa M. Holland  
\$15,000

set of bedroom furniture, bed mattress, etc. in chamber occupied  
by her

2nd choice of Marseilles quilts

my guitar and box

my candelabra

Will of Catharine L. Bowie, con'd

- To niece Laura S. Magruder, wife of Henry Bradley Magruder  
\$2000.00  
bedroom furniture in chamber over my back parlor  
My new pattern churn and butter worker, ice-cream freezer  
Set of gilt-edged tea china
- To niece Laura W. Talbott, wife of Hattersley W. Talbott  
Large feather bed and large hair mattress on large bedstead in  
attic  
Oil painting of my father in my parlor  
Tall walnut bookcase in Library  
Set of French white tea china  
Tall mirror between front windows in parlor
- To niece Anna J. Bowie, wife of Harry C. Bowie of Washington, D.C.  
All my dinner china  
Feather beds, bolsters and pillows on small bedstead in attic
- To niece Helen Brook, wife of W. Irwin Brooke of Wash., D.C.  
My 3 large mahogany dining tables
- To sister Sarah S. Rogan, wife of Dr. William Ragan of Washington Co., Md.  
All my glass-ware
- To nephew Washington B. Chichester  
large green covered reclining chair  
all silverware which came from Catlands: in trust to be divided  
equally between himself, his brother Arthur M. Chichester  
and cousins Thomas J. D. Bowie, Washington Bowie, Wilson  
Bowie and Sllan Bowie; to be divided between the six share  
and share alike; division to be made by Washington B.  
Chichester
- Balance to be divided among nieces Anna J. Bowie, Laura W. Talbott, Helen  
Brooke and nephew Richard Bowie Holland  
Exec. - Hattersley W. Talbott



ROCKVILLE CIVIC CENTER

ABSTRACT OF TITLE

	Owner	Tract	Acreeage	Date	Liber	Folio
1.	City of Rockville Mayor and Council	Rock Spring	28.477	8/28/57	2377	577
	Supplemental Parcels	"	1.972	1958	2480	18
	City of Rockville	"	10.52	1960	2779	454
		"	23.329	1963	3095	37
			<u>64.298</u>			
2.	Montgomery County Historical Society	Rock Spring	28.477	1954	1902	585
3.	James A. Lyon et al (Trustees)		98.1	1952	1727	9
4.	Washington Loan & Trust (Trustees of Irene M. Smith)		98.1 5.0	1917	264 268	200 359
5.	Emma J. Walter	Rock Spring, Mill Land and Burgundy	119.05	1915	250	9
6.	James A. Walter		119.1	1913	236	436
7.	Franklin R.G. Fox		119.1	1911	222	94
8.	Charles J. Fox		119.1	1905	182	140
9.	Hattersley Talbott (Trustee of Catherine Bowie estate)			1891-1905		
10.	Catherine L. Bowie			1881-1891		
11.	Richard Johns Bowie			1837-1881		
	Heirs of William Lee	Pt. Burgundy	38	1848	STS 3	493
	Adam Robb	Pt. St. Mary's	10	1843	BS11	594
**	Trustees of Dr. James Anderson to R.J. Bowie	Rock Spring	72.25	1838	Tax Assessment	Records
	Heirs of Elisha Williams	Mill Land	214.00	1837	BS 8	429
	Mary Lansdale	Rock Spring	3	1838	Tax Assessment	Records
				1839	BS 9	329
			<u>337.25</u>			

\*\*This part of Rock Spring was purchased by Henry Lansdale in 1818, he died in 1828  
 In Liber X, folio 552 Sheriff auctions property to Dr. James Anderson for  
 debts owed in 1825 Equity Case. Dr. James Anderson died 1836, land  
 is shown on Tax Assessment Records for 1838 as Richard J. Bowie.

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CASE NO. 7853

A TRUE AND PERFECT INVENTORY of all the REAL ESTATE of Irene Elizabeth Moore Lyon late of Montgomery County, deceased, appraised by the subscribers Charles H. Klinck and Leonard G. Burns jointly, we having been first legally authorized, and having taken the oath prescribed by law.

This real estate consists of a sizeable tract of land together with valuable improvements known as Glenview Farm, being designed and occupied for many years as a country estate. This estate is situate at the intersection of Baltimore Road and Avery Road, Rookville, in the 4th election district Montgomery County, Maryland.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND:

This property has a total overall area of approximately 119.1 acres, having a frontage of approximately 3,150. ft. on Avery Road. Of this total area we estimate about fifty acres is in a natural wooded condition, the remainder of the estate being cleared open land, a portion of which is used as a landscaped area surrounding the buildings and includes lawn area and terraced boxwood gardens.

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENTS:

Estate Mansion:

This building is of granite stone construction with slate roof and full basement, being basicly 2 stories in height, and attractive both from the standpoint of setting and architecture.

The first floor has large reception hall, library with fireplace, office with fireplace, palm room with marble floor, drawing room with fireplace, all of these rooms being exceptionally large and becoming this type of dwelling. Also <sup>on</sup> the first floor are two poudre rooms each with half-bath, large buttlers pantry, main kitchen with tile walls, servants dining room, larder, milk room, small flower room and half bath. The exterior of the first floor has large front porch with 2 story columns, The large side porch facing the terraced gardens, also has 2 story columns, and the rear entrance to the recption hall opens on-to a covered patio facing the parking area.

SECOND FLOOR-MAIN SECTION:

This section has six bedrooms each with tile h, three of the bedrooms having large fireplace and there are also 2 large glassed in porches.

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THIRD FLOOR:

There is only a small section of this building which has a 3rd floor, this section having a one room, a bath, and four smaller storage rooms.

PLAYHOUSE:

This small one story frame building has full basement with its own oil-h.W. heating plant, and the first floor has one room with fireplace and a small kitchen; and small closed-in-porch. The main room being of a studio type design has a balcony at one end with two bunk beds and one-half bath.

GREENHOUSE & SHOP:

This building being overall approximately 60.ft. X 16.ft. has its own oil-H.W. heating plant.

GARAGE WITH APARTMENT:

This building is of frame pebble dash construction with composition shingle roof, the first floor having a two car garage, laundry room, bath and oil-H.W. Furnace. The second floor has a three room and bath apartment.

SHOP-CORNER:

This one story frame building is used primarily for general mechanical shop work and has a small corner on each end and storage space above.

BARN:

This frame barn has small cow stable, 3 wagon stalls, six horse stalls, and small hay loft above.

TENANT HOUSE:

This two story frame five room and bath dwelling has oil-H.W. furnace,

OTHER BUILDINGS:

In arriving at the valuation stated below after considering all apparent uses of the land being improved as it is, we feel that the cleared portion south of the existing stream across the property having an estimated area of 55 acres, is best suited to remain as an estate or institutional entity. The remaining portion north of the stream containing an estimated 54.1 acres and being mostly wooded, we have considered, to be rural acreage.

We herewith submit our opinion of the valuation of this real estate at time of death was

----- \$177,125.00

We, the subscribers, do certify that the foregoing is a true and just inventory and valuation of all the Real Estate belonging to the said Irene Elizabeth Moore Lyon, deceased, within the State of Maryland, so far as the same has come to our knowledge, and as valued and appraised by us in dollars and cents, according to the best of our skill and judgment. In testimony of all of which we hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seal, this 5th day of May

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ARCHITECTS - "Glen-View Farm" 1926

Firm: Lochie and Porter (1923-1949)  
Later Irwin S. Porter & Sons (1949-1966)

Partners: Joseph A. Lochie d. 1949

Irwin Stevens Porter 1889-1957

James I. Porter d. 1975

Irwin S. Porter was educated in D.C. and a graduate of the George Washington University School of Architecture.

Known Works:

1926 "Glen View"

1931 Brookings Institute - 722 Jackson Place, N.W.. 9 story limestone building razed as part of Jackson Square project. Listed in W.P.A. Guide to Washington, first published 1942.

1937 1900 Foxhall Road

---- Remodeled Dewey House, now Capitol Hill Club, 3rd. Street, S.E.

1950s Translated Egyptian architects' design and measurements and served as American Architects for Islamic Center and Mosque, Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., D.C.

---- U.S. Soldiers and Airmans Home (Hospital/Dormitory)  
Addition to Columbia Hospital for Women  
Casualty Hospital

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

1927 John H. Small, III . Washington , D.C.

1960s Landscape additions - Gordon L. Riggle. Washington, D.C.

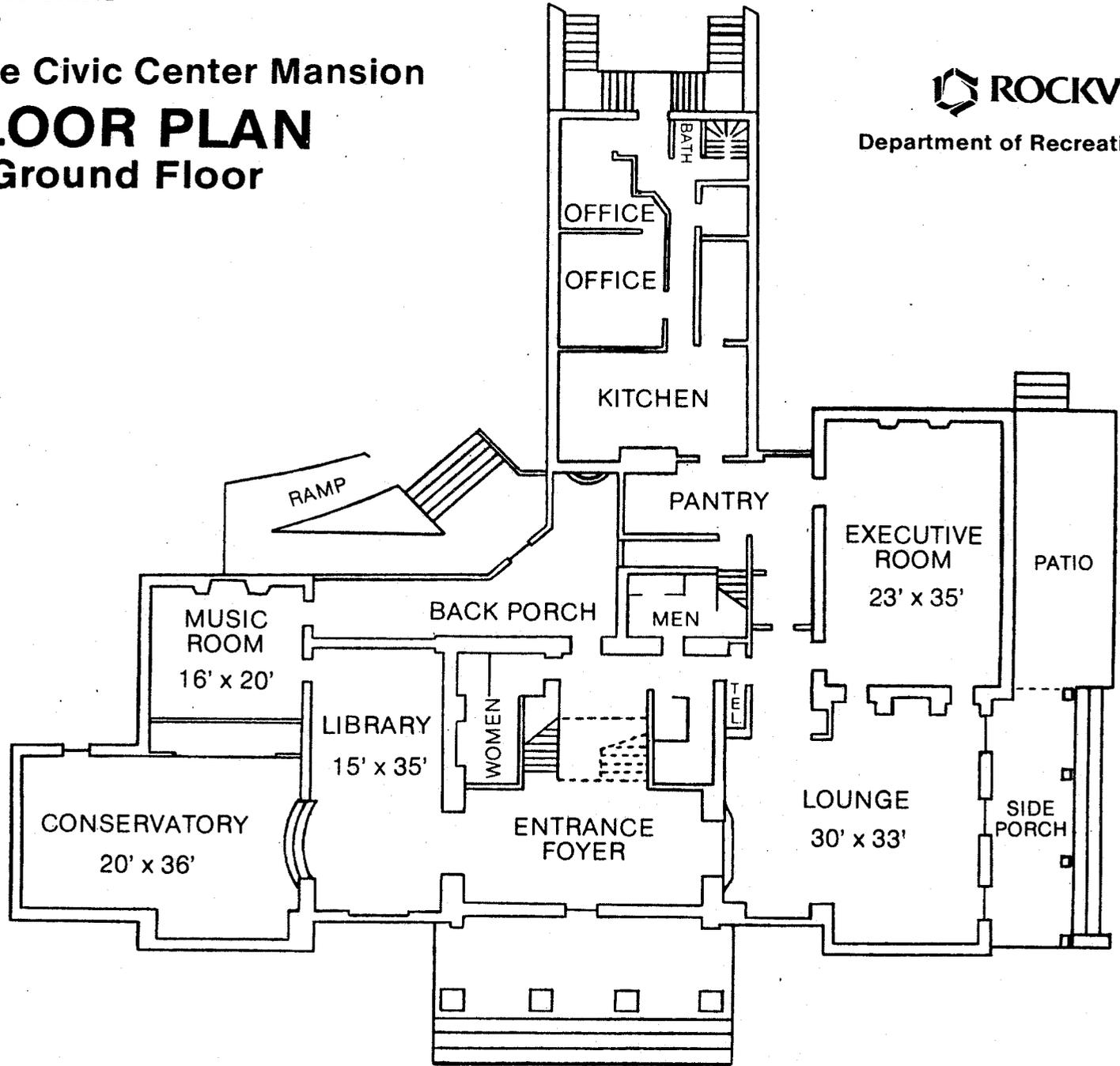
# Rockville Civic Center Mansion

## FLOOR PLAN

### Ground Floor

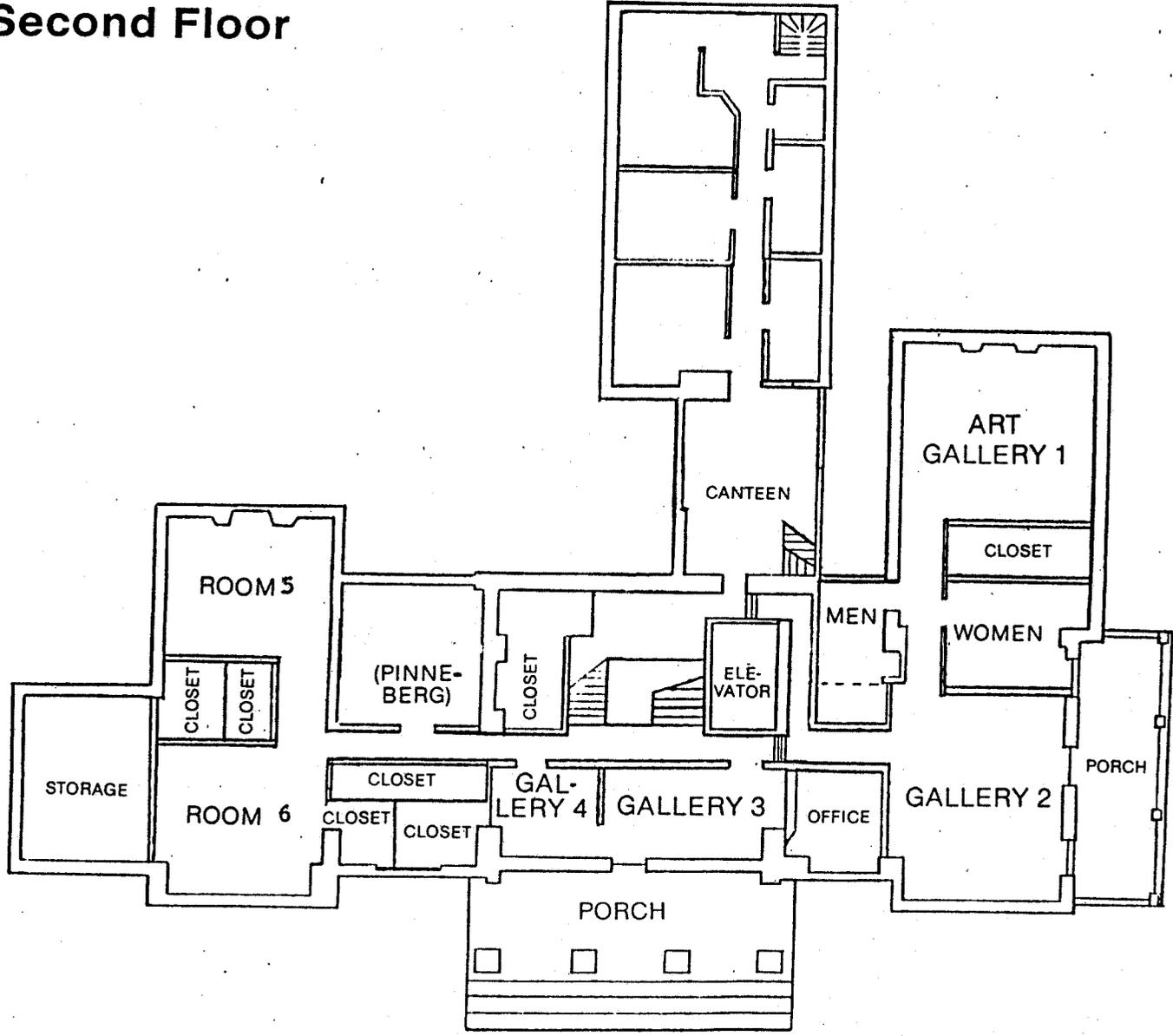


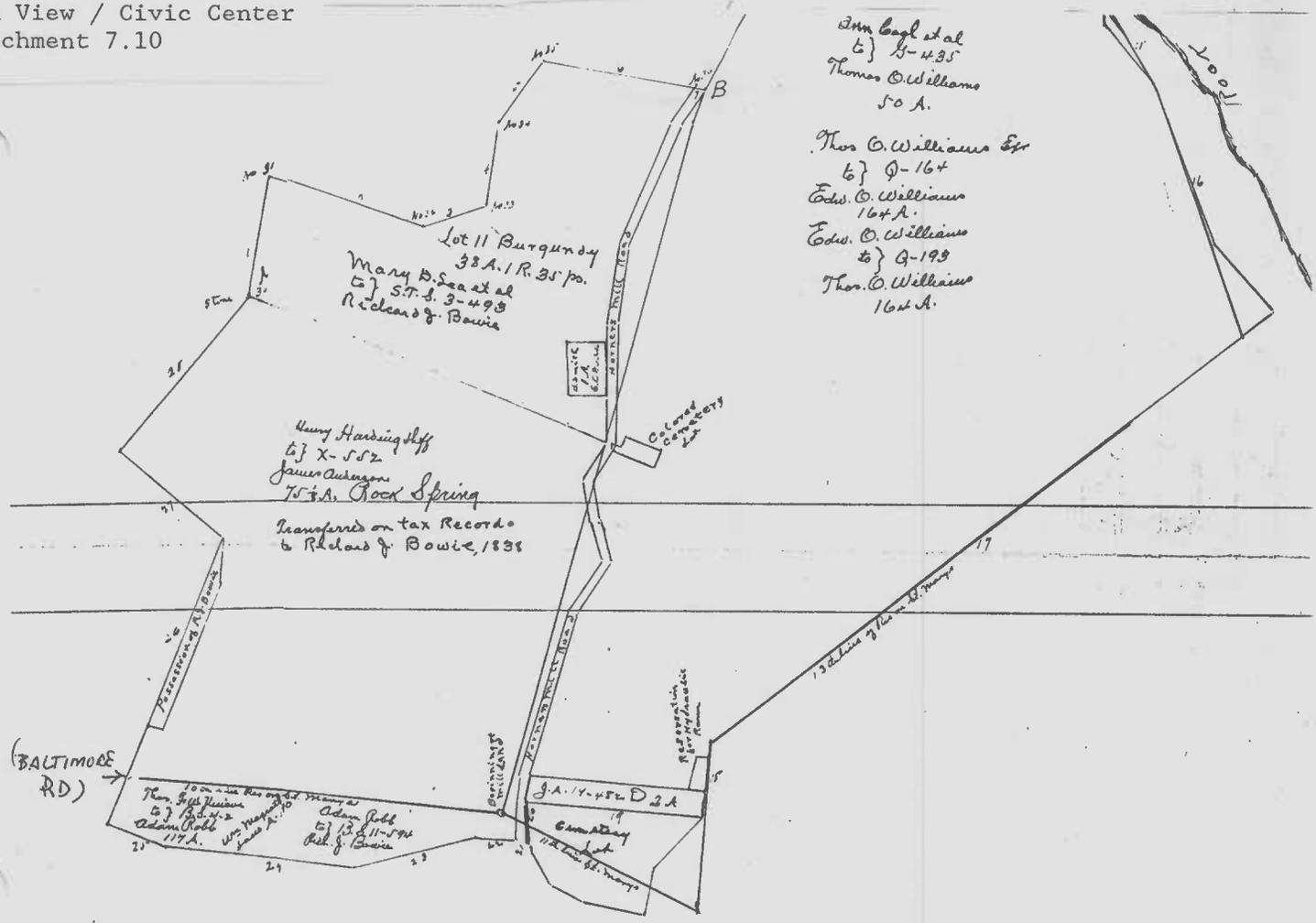
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# FLOOR PLAN

## Second Floor





John Cogh et al  
 to } B-435  
 Thomas C. Williams  
 50 A.  
 Thos. C. Williams Esr  
 to } Q-164  
 Edw. C. Williams  
 164 A.  
 Edw. C. Williams  
 to } Q-199  
 Thos. C. Williams  
 164 A.

Scale 30 ps to one inch.

Sketch of parts of Rock Spring, Burgundy, and Mill Land. Copied from plat made by George M. Anderson County Surveyor June 1889.

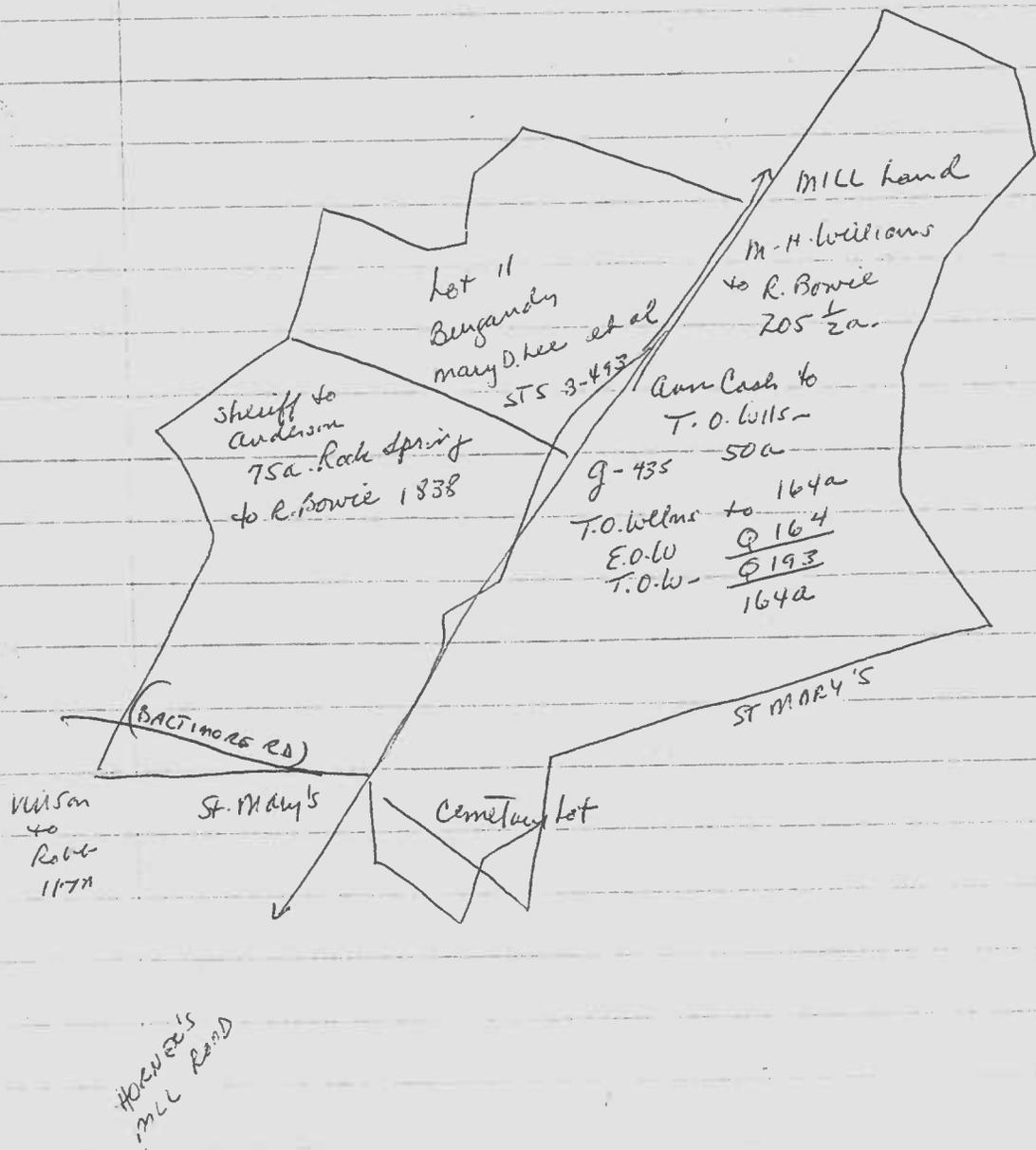
- A. Shows the present beginning
- B. Shows the beginning of the farm Mary D. Lee et al.
- C. Shows the beginning of Mill Land from Meredith H. Williams also the beginning of Rock Spring purchased from Dr. James Anderson
- D. Shows the lot conveyed by Catherine L. Bowie to Rockwell Cemetery Association Aug. 5th, 1890 Containing 2 acres of Land. Robert R. Peter

ROCK SPRING  
 BURGUNDY  
 MILL LAND

PLAT 21d

COLLECTION MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
 HISTORICAL  
 SOCIETY

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Rock Spring, Burgundy, and Mill Land 1889  
as drawn by Anne Cissel, 1986

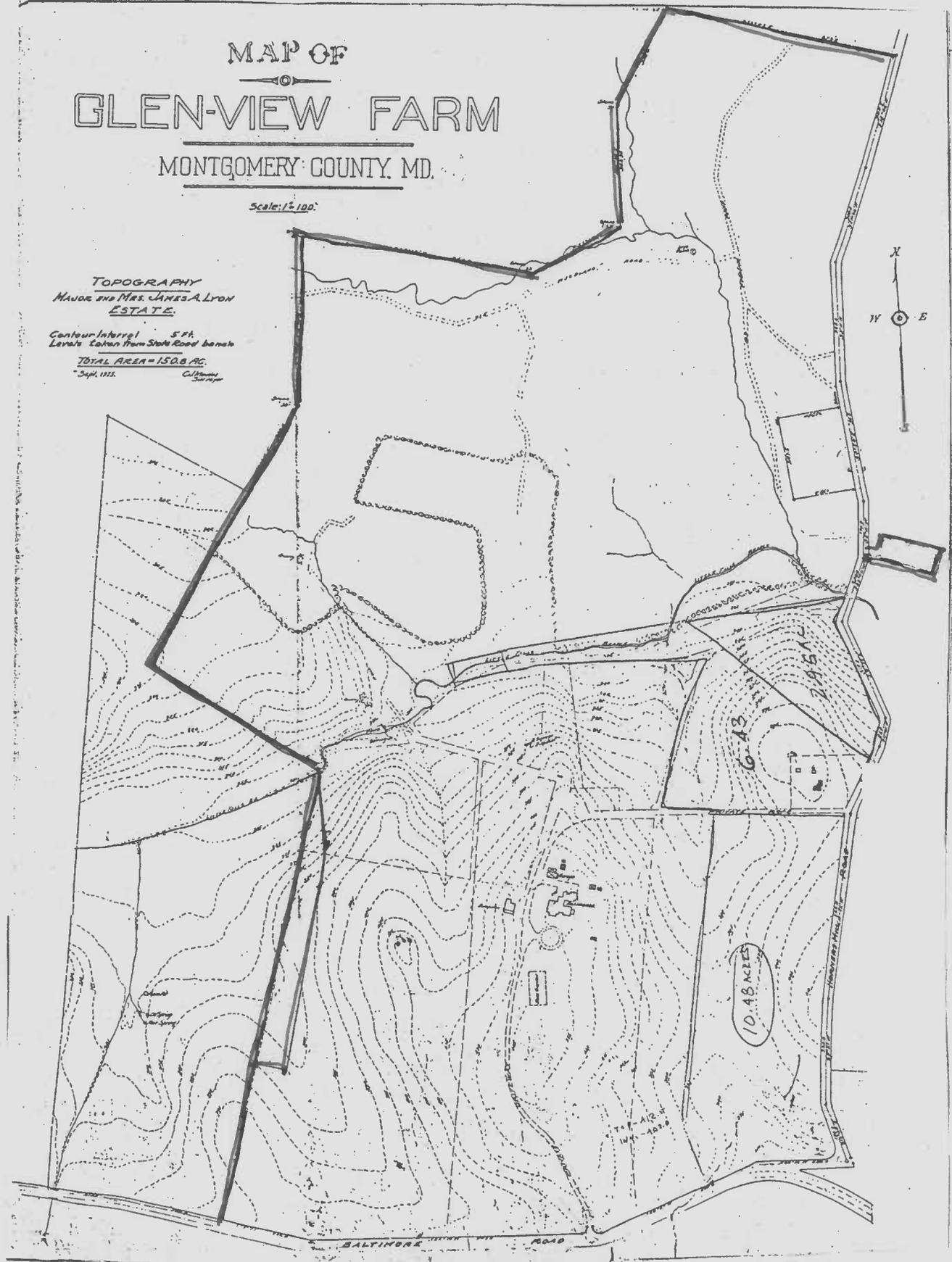
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Map of Glen-View Farm Montgomery County, Md.

C. Maddox, surveyor, Sept. 1925

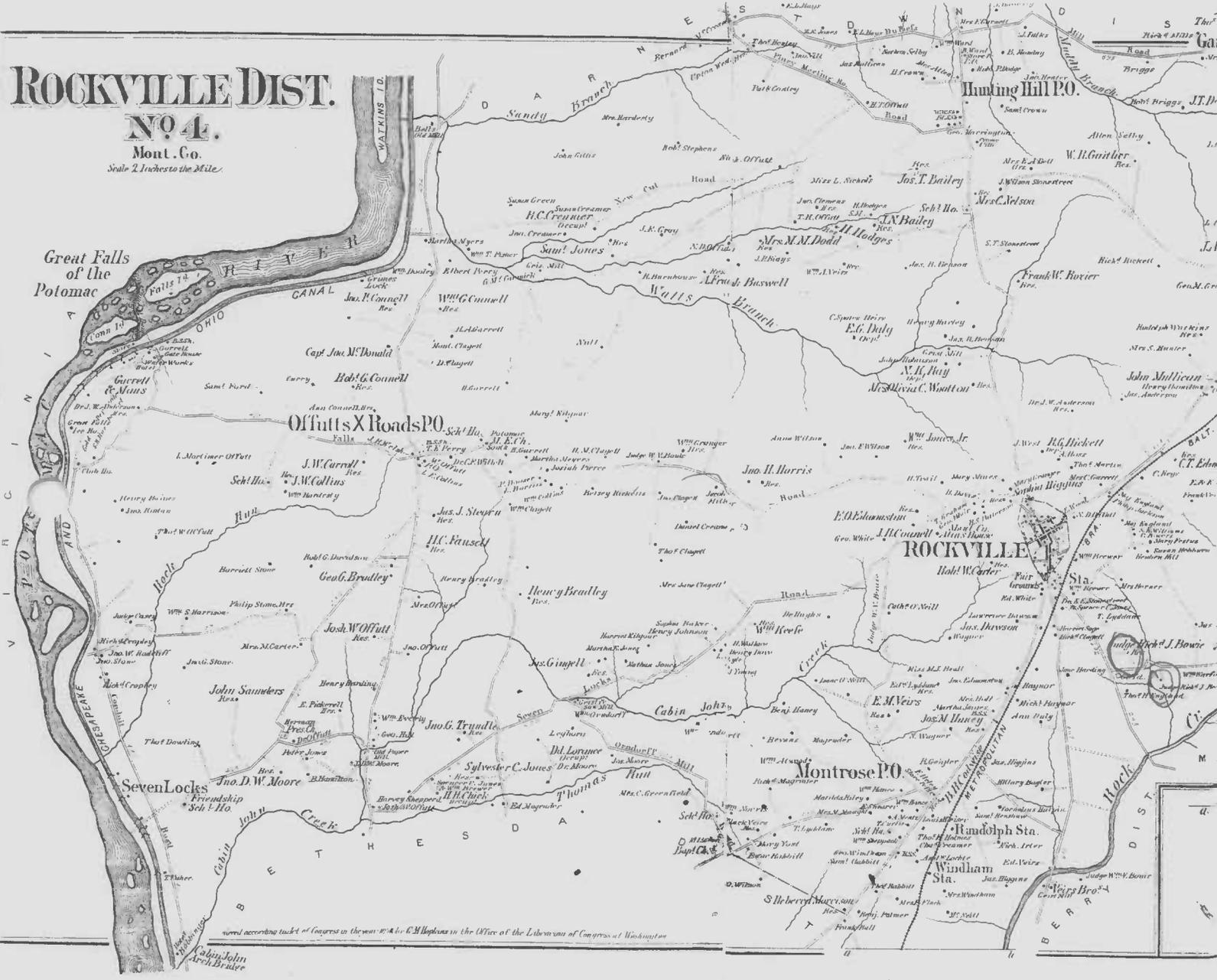


# ROCKVILLE DIST.

## No. 4.

Mont. Co.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



Survey according to act of Congress in the year 1800 by C.B. Hopkins in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington

SOUTH ELEVATION

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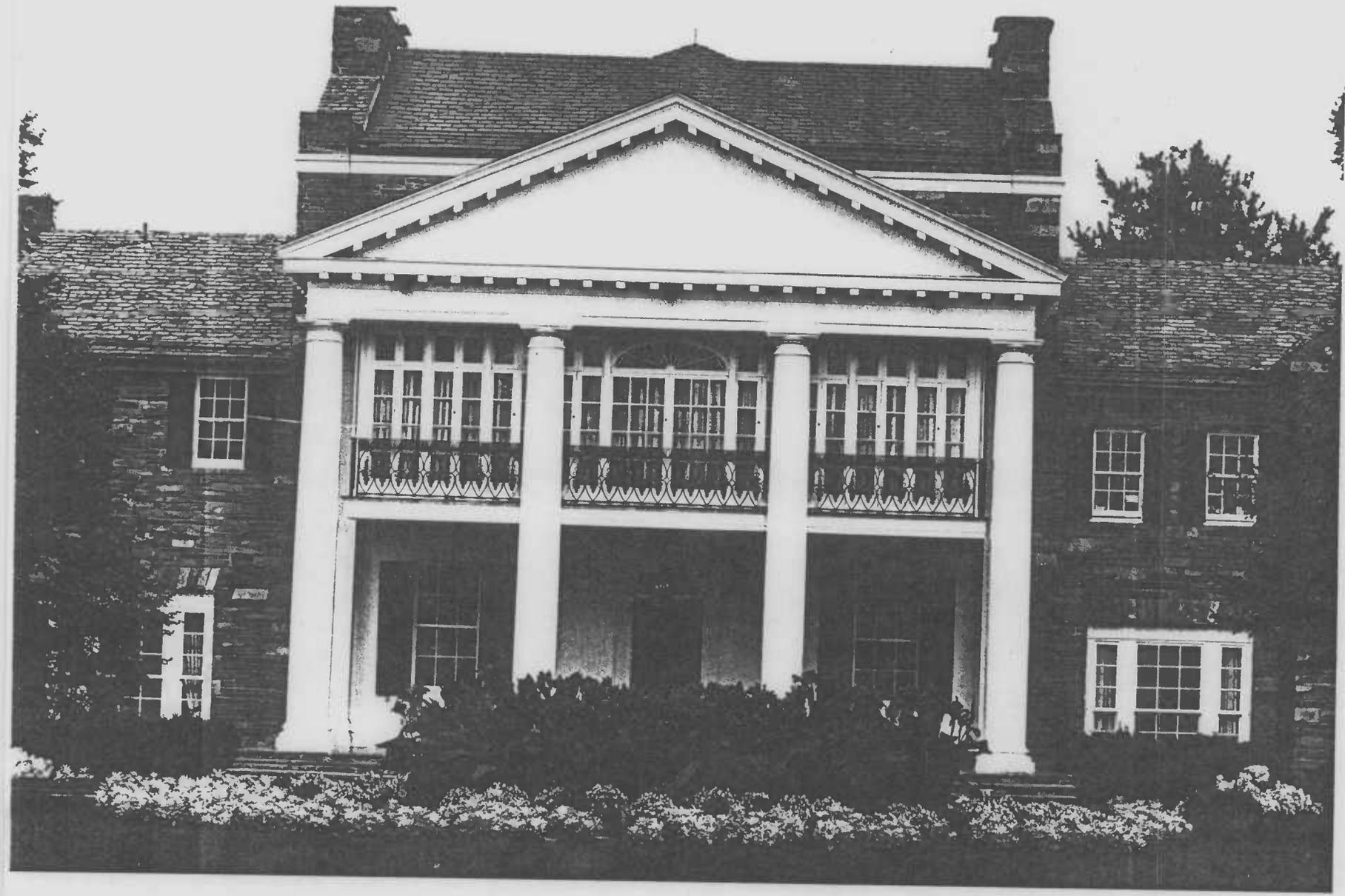
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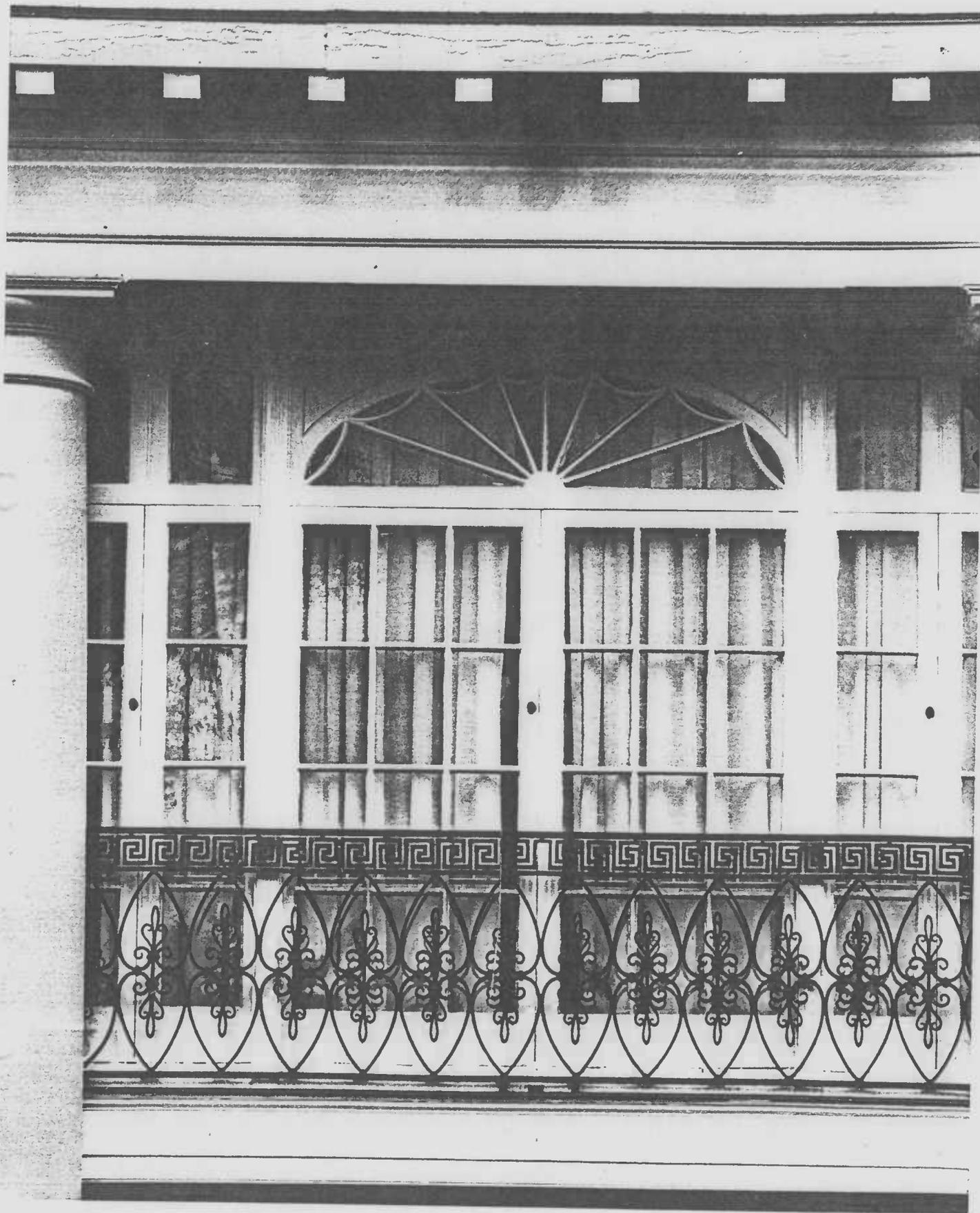


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DETAIL - SOUTH PORTICO

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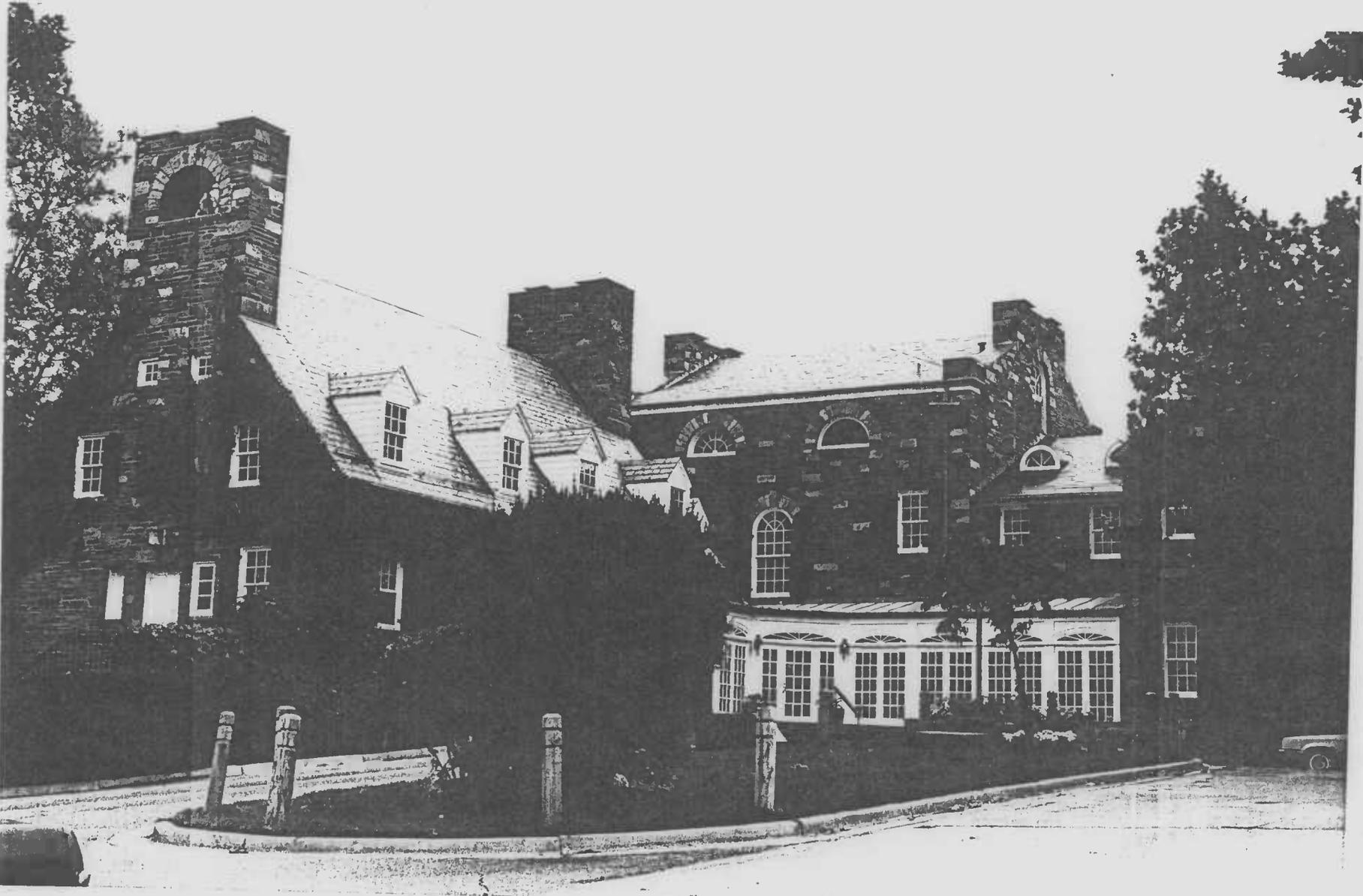


NORTH ELEVATION

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CLOSE UP - NORTH SIDE

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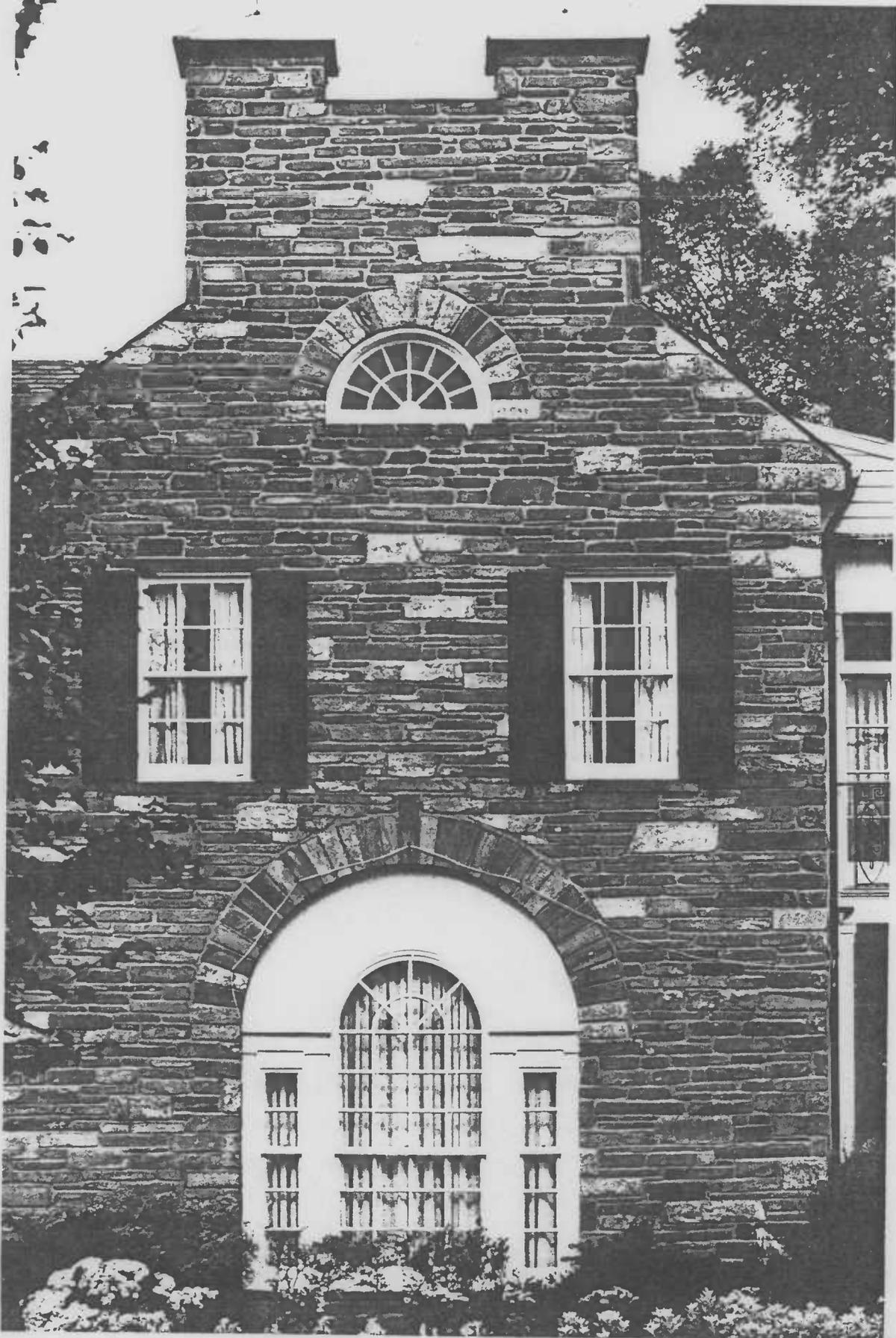


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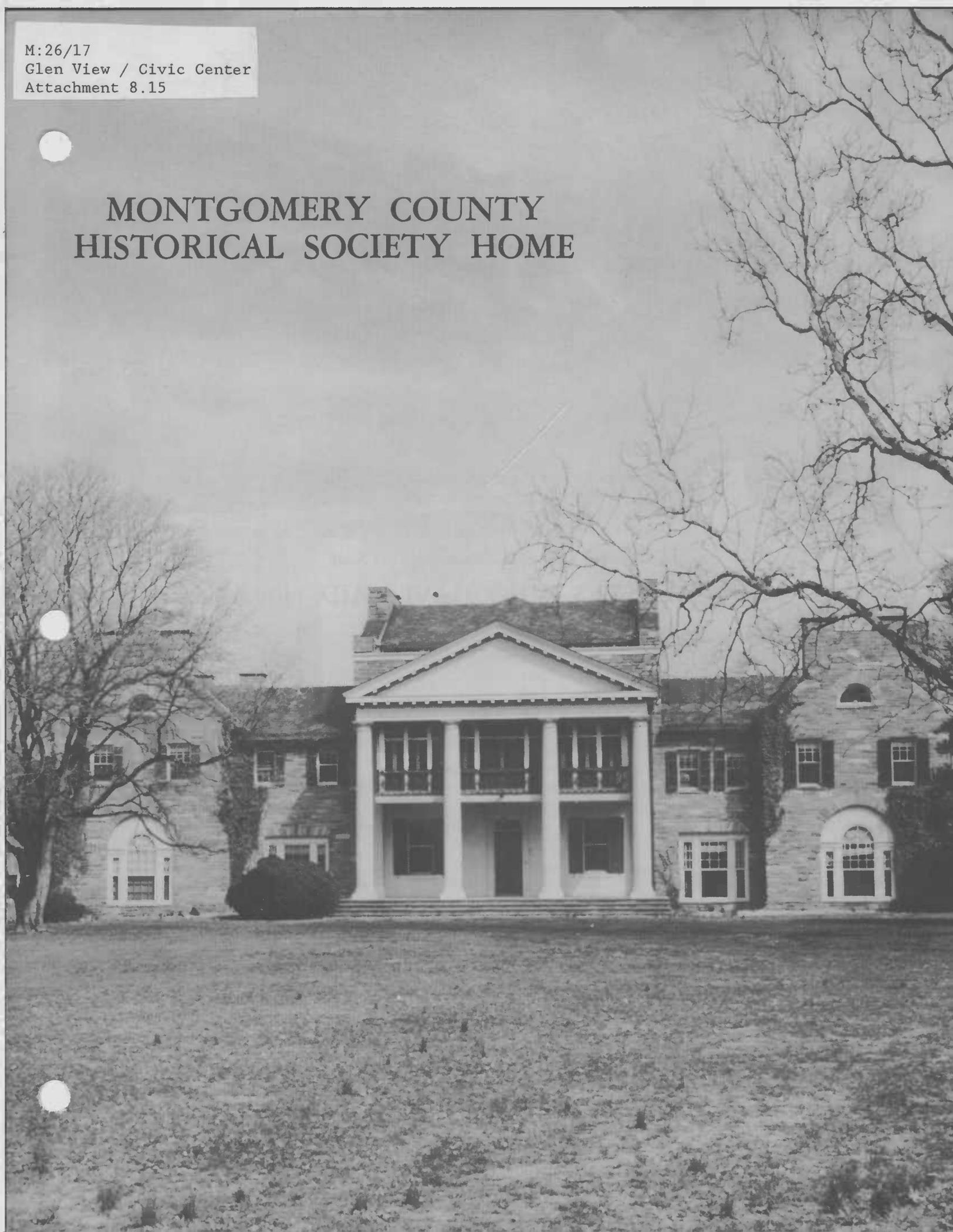
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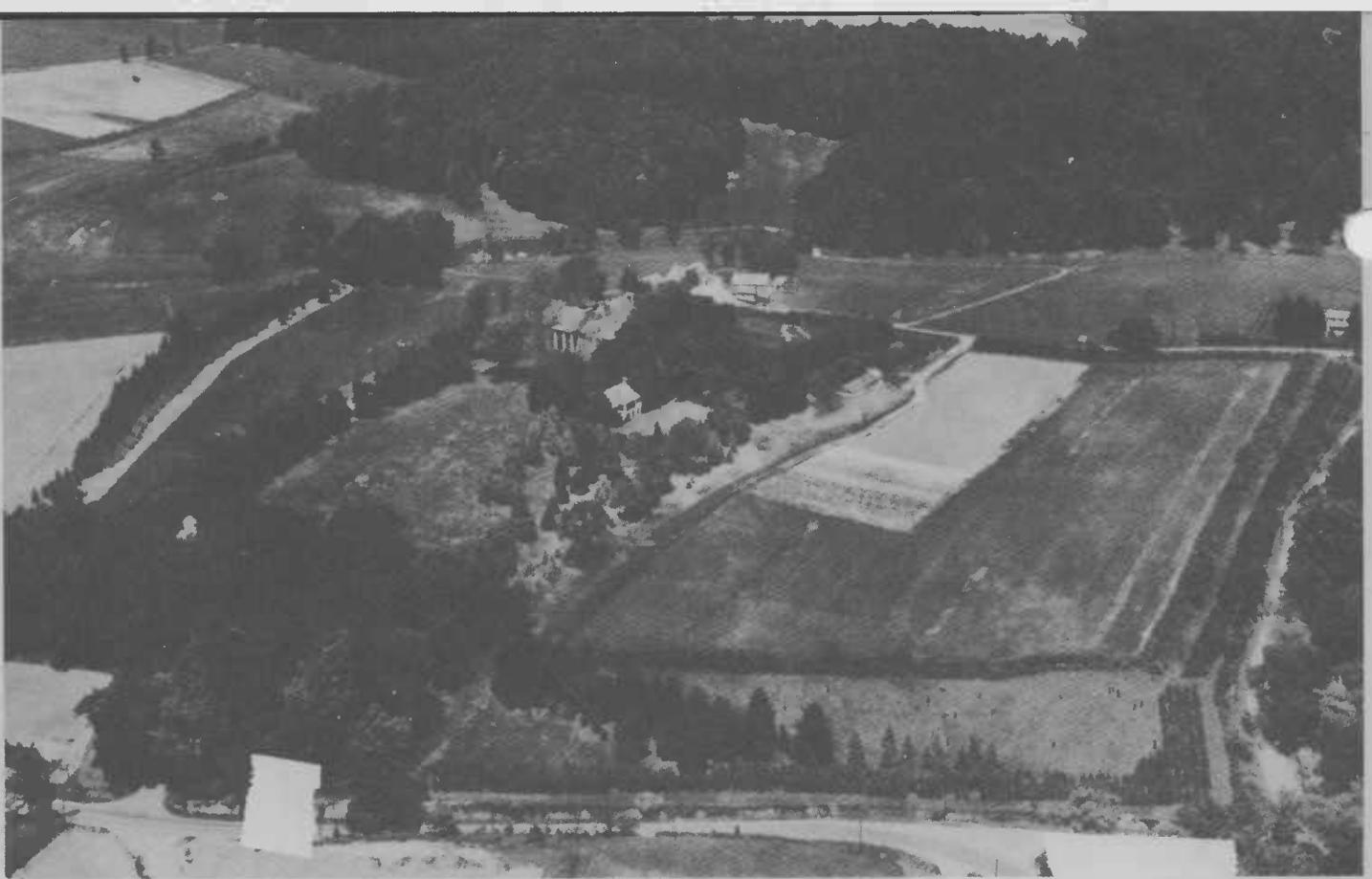
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# MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOME





*Aerial View of the Estate from the South*

## LIFE MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID \$100.00 each

Dr. Henry De Coursey Adams  
 Mrs. William Prescott Allen  
 Mrs. Harriet Powell Ashley  
 Mr. and Mrs. Alvin L. Aubinoe  
 Mr. David E. Betts  
 Mr. Samuel E. Bogley  
 Mrs. Mary Shoemaker Bopp  
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 Mr. Donald L. Chamberlin  
 Mr. Charles Thomas Claggett  
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 Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Cutting  
 Hon. Walter W. Dawson  
 Dr. Louis M. Denit  
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 Mr. George Thomas Dunlop  
 Mr. Roger Brooke Farquhar  
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 Miss Louise Gore  
 Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor  
 Mr. Adolph E. Gude sr.  
 Senator Thomas Earl Hampton  
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 Mrs. E. Brooke Lee  
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 Mrs. Eulalie McEachern  
 Mrs. Roger P. McLeod  
 Mr. J. Ingraham Medley  
 Mrs. George L. Monk  
 Miss Maude Moreland  
 Capt. Charles Carroll Morgan  
 Mr. Charles Carroll Morgan  
 Mr. Leroy T. Morgan  
 Miss Lucille G. Mullineaux  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dermot A. Nee  
 Mrs. Jesse W. Nicholson  
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 Mr. David Brown Nicholson  
 Miss Viola Offutt  
 Mr. George Papanicolas  
 Mr. Drew Pearson

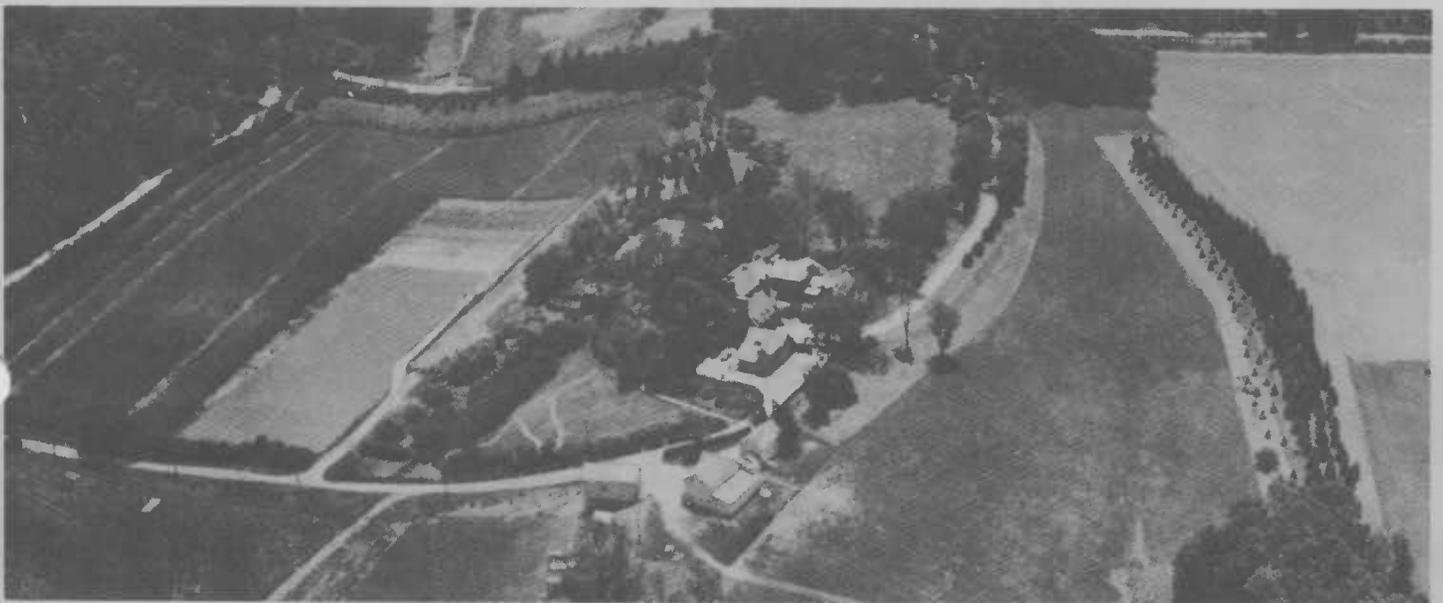
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 Mr. Thomas Somerville 3rd  
 Mr. Wilmer Frank Stickle  
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 Mrs. Helen Pumphrey Weedon  
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## THOSE CONTRIBUTING FROM \$100.- TO \$5,000.- ADDITIONAL

Mr. Eugene Casey  
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*Aerial View of Property from the North*



*Residence from Formal Garden*



*Side of Residence*



*Entrance Gates*



*Stream on Property*



*Residence and Farm Buildings from Lake*



*8-Stanchion Dairy*



*Side of Residence*



*Greenhouse*



*Front of Residence*



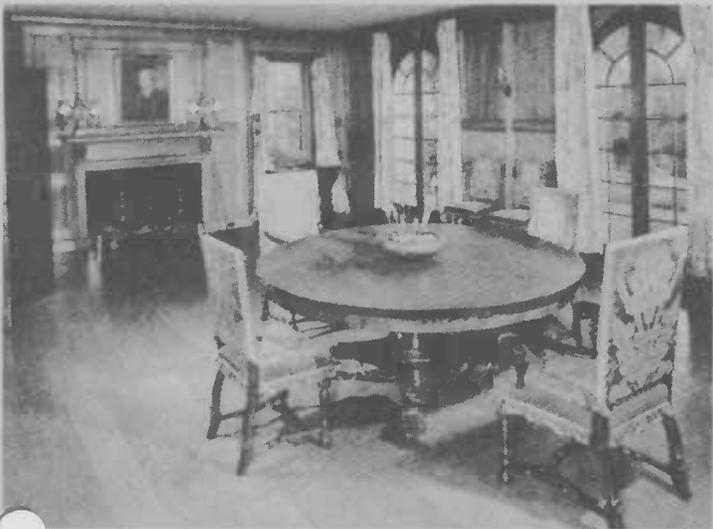
*Rear of Residence*



*Entrance Hall—Stairway*



*Drawing Room*



*Dining Room*



*Library*

## MONTGOMERY COUNTIANS THIS, IS YOUR HOME!

A magnificent mansion, reaching back through the years, is the new home of the Montgomery County Historical Society Incorporated.

Located on twenty-eight rolling acres near Rockville, the fabulous edifice known as "GLENVIEW" immediately takes rank as one of the finest historical sites in the entire United States.

Here, in Montgomery County's new home, will be deposited all the historical documents, curios, books and furniture, which have been collected and are being assembled by the Historical Society. This is for all the people to enjoy. Here, is an adjunct to our educational facilities of inestimable value. Here, the student of Montgomery County history can hold the County's past in his hands and peer into the future for 'tis said that "our past acclaims our future."

The new home of the Montgomery County Historical Society is more than an elegant estate. This home is a living monument of practical usefulness to our heritage. It will be used as a civic center where young people may congregate, where both young and old will find ample space for out door sports amid beautiful surroundings. Where organizations may meet and eat, where nature lovers may come and enjoy the handiwork of GOD as manifested in the superb growth which surrounds the home.

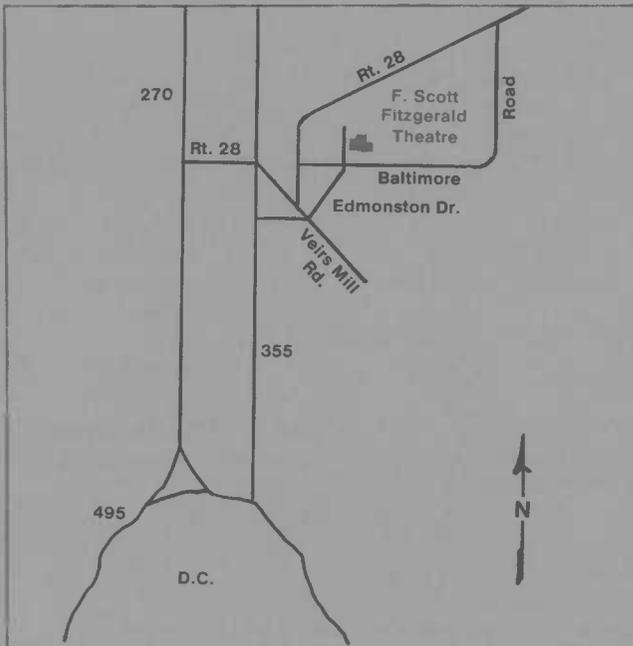
**THIS, MONTGOMERY COUNTIANS, IS YOUR HOME.** It was purchased by The Montgomery County Historical Society, Inc. at a cost of \$100,000. The Society has paid \$40,000 of this sum. We are asking you to share with us the balance of \$60,000.

\$1,000 would be most welcome. However, no sum will be refused as we want every man, woman and child to share in this enterprise. We will accept any gift no matter how large or how small from \$10.00 up with deep appreciation and gratitude. We want to pay the balance we owe within ninety days. Send your share today, and have a hand in this monument of enduring usefulness.



Social Hall

The Social Hall, located on the lower level of the theatre, also is available for use by performing groups. Additional dressing rooms and storage space can be arranged in the hall, which is connected by a wide stairway to the backstage of the theatre. Similar to the theatre, the Social Hall may be reserved for meetings and private gatherings. Special occasions, such as "meet the artists" receptions or catered dinners, are conveniently accommodated in the Social Hall.



Contact:  
Theatre Manager  
(301) 424-3184

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F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre  
Rockville Civic Center Park  
603 Edmonston Drive  
Rockville, Maryland 20851

# F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre



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Civic Center Park  
Rockville, Maryland  
Department of Recreation and Parks

F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is a 500-seat facility designed as the city's center for performing arts. Located on a 100-acre estate, the theatre is part of Rockville's Civic Center Complex – which includes a Social Hall, an antebellum Mansion, formal gardens, and surrounding woodland.

The Theatre is used both by community theatrical groups and professional touring companies. Its spacious lobby handles concessions and ticket sales and is pleasantly decorated for socializing. Besides stage performances, the theatre is available for conferences, seminars, and other large meeting uses.

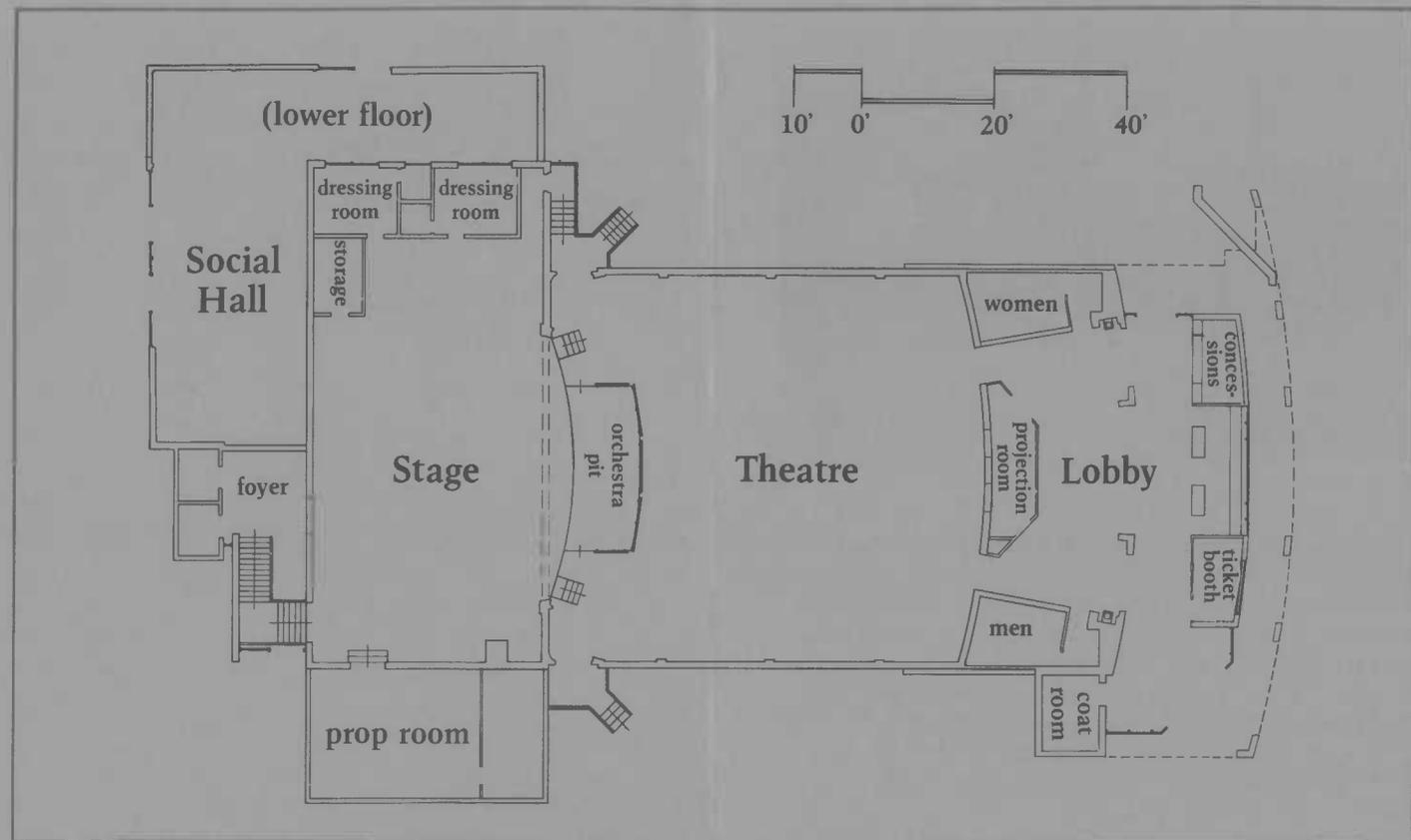
Named for the celebrated author who often visited Rockville, F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is recognized as one of the finer performing arts centers in the area.



Theatre Stage



Lobby



Stage  
Width – 40'

Depth – 34' (from  
curtain line)

Wings –  
stage right: 10' x 33'  
stage left: 16' x 25'

Apron – center: 7'  
sides: 4'

Trim of Grid Height –  
15' 3"

Stage Floor – masonite  
over wood

Front Curtain – hand  
operated on track

Storage Space – 9,450  
cubic feet (under lock)

Orchestra Pit –  
up to 20 players,  
upright piano in pit,  
Baldwin on stage

Dressing Rooms – two,  
130-sq-ft each, with  
mirrors, hanging racks,  
bathrooms

Sound  
Total e/q control  
Intercom – 6 stations  
6 head sets

12 input mic.  
2 input tape  
2 output

#### Lights

Dimmer Board –  
99,000 watts, 15 6000-watt slide dimmers  
silicon control rectifier, 3 3000-watt slide dimmers  
two scene 3 3000-watt non dimmers

9 8" x 12" Leko's	10 8" 1000-watt Fresnels
12 6" x 12" Leko's	14 8" 500-watt Fresnels
16 6" x 9" Leko's	18 6" 500-watt Fresnels
8 8" x 96" Strip	9 16" 500-watt Scoops
1 1000-watt Follow	14 6" Barn Doors

120 Patch Circuits (rated 20 amps each)

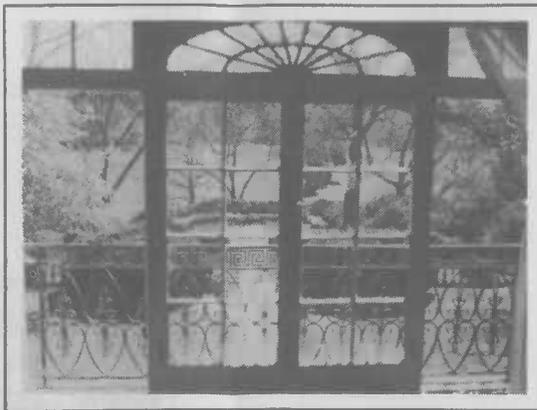
#### Theatre

491 seats  
9 spaces for handicapped  
Projection Room

Stage Technician/Designer –  
available through theatre  
office

#### Lobby

Box Office  
Concession Stand  
Bathrooms (accommodations for handicapped)



the building. Such artifacts include farm tools and kitchen utensils dating back to the period in which the Mansion was originally constructed.

As part of the basement exhibit, the docents have installed a series of murals depicting farm scenes and Civil War events that took place at or near the Mansion. The murals were painted by students of the Montgomery County Visual Arts Center.

#### Art Gallery

The Rockville Municipal Art Gallery is located on the second floor of the Mansion.

Exhibits are changed the first of each month and are opened with a public reception, usually held from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of the exhibit. The Art Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and from 2 to 5 p.m. on other than opening Sundays. It is closed on Saturdays and official City holidays. There is no charge for admission.

#### Pinneberg Room

The Pinneberg Room is also located on the second floor of the Mansion and houses a collection of photographs and memorabilia related to Rockville's Sister City, Pinneberg, Federal Republic of Germany.

The Pinneberg Room is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

#### Special Events

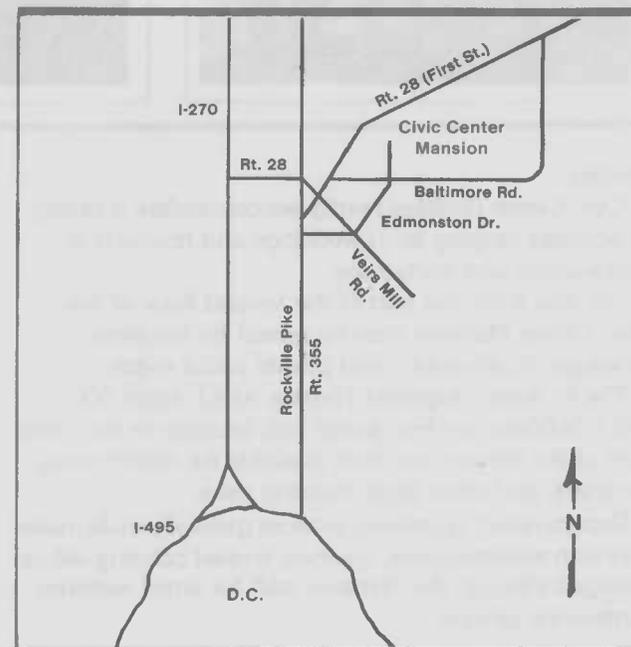
In addition to the regular programs offered at the Civic Center Mansion, special events such as a Holiday Open House (December), Rockville Day (May), and the Antique and Classic Car Show (October) are hosted either at the Mansion or on its grounds.

For additional information, call the Civic Center Office at 424-3184 or 424-8000, ext. 401.

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#### Civic Center Park Rockville, Maryland

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 ROCKVILLE

# CIVIC CENTER MANSION





The Civic Center Mansion, a pillared, neo-classical home built in the style of an early nineteenth century plantation house, overlooks Rockville's 100-acre Civic Center Park.

Completed in 1926 by Dr. James Alexander Lyon and his wife, Irene Moore Smith Lyon, the Mansion has been the center of Rockville's community activities since the City purchased it in 1956.

Glenview, a house constructed in 1838 by Judge Richard Johns Bowie, forms the center section of the Mansion. Judge Bowie was a local attorney who became a state senator, U.S. congressman, and eventually, chief judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals.

The two-story east and west wings of the Mansion include a conservatory, library, and dining and entertaining areas on the lower level. On the upper level are the Rockville Municipal Art Gallery and several meeting rooms, including the Pinneberg Room (named in honor of Rockville's Sister City in the Federal Republic of Germany.)

Other features of the Mansion include a large, modern kitchen, offices for the Civic Center staff, and a gift shop, all located in the rear wing. The Mansion cellar houses a historic exhibit.

On the Mansion grounds are the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, the Social Hall, a small cottage, an open-air amphitheater, tennis courts, a playground area, and a physical fitness trail.



### Rentals

Civic Center facilities readily accommodate a variety of activities ranging from weddings and reunions to conferences and workshops.

The first floor and part of the second floor of the Civic Center Mansion may be rented for business meetings, conferences, and private social events.

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, which seats 500, and a 5000-square-foot social hall, located on the lower level of the theatre, are both available for conferences, seminars, and other large meeting uses.

Groups needing catering services generally must make their own arrangements; however, limited catering will be arranged through the Mansion staff for small weekday conference groups.

To rent rooms in the Mansion or other Civic Center facilities, call 424-3184 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

### Docents

The docent corps was founded in July 1984 and consists of 40 volunteers who each spend one day a month at the Mansion leading tours and managing the gift shop. Since its formation, the corps has promoted a two-day springtime "Mansion Paint-Out" for local artists, established a historic exhibit in the Mansion's cellar, begun researching and documenting the genealogies of the families who once resided at the Mansion, founded and operated the Mansion gift shop, and hosted the Holiday Open House.



### Mansion Tours

The Mansion docents conduct free guided tours on weekdays.

Individuals and small groups can drop in during docent hours (noon to 4 p.m.) and receive a guided tour, or tour the Mansion alone during all other regular hours. The Mansion is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Larger groups are requested to make reservations ahead of time. Such groups will be taken on guided tours any time during regular Mansion hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

All tours cover the rooms on the two main floors as well as the basement exhibit and are ideal as special outings for Scouts and other youth or adult organizations and clubs.

### Gift Shop

The Mansion Keepsakes Gift Shoppe is located on the premises; it serves as an outlet and showcase for the work of local artists and crafters.

Proceeds from the shop are used to purchase period furnishings and artifacts to complement the Mansion's historical background.

### Basement Exhibit

Many of the antique artifacts purchased with proceeds from the gift shop sales can be found in the Mansion's historic exhibit, located in the basement of





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City of Rockville □ Maryland Avenue at Vinson □ Rockville, Maryland 20850-2364

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