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Lewis S. and Annie A. Smith House
9401 Monroe Street
Silver Spring

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. M:36/2-3

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Smith-Hobbs House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9401 Monroe Street not for publication

city, town Silver Spring vicinity of

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district)	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Frederick W. and C.A. Ammerman

street & number 9401 Monroe Street telephone no:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code Maryland 20910

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse Tax Map and Parcel JP11; Lot 1&2, Bl.1

city, town Rockville state Maryland Liber and Folio 14145/0170

6. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Individually Listed in the National Register
- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- HSR or Research report at MHT
- Other:

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Resource Count:

See attached.

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The Smith-Hobbs House is located in the A. O. Bliss Addition to Forest Glen. The 10,486 square foot lot features mature trees, a broad lawn punctuated by beds of perennials, and shrubs lining the perimeter of the house.

The frame residence, built c1903, is an American Foursquare building type designed in the Colonial Revival style. The two-story, three bay by four bay house, which faces west, has a hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles, internal center brick chimney, German (drop) siding, and a stone foundation. Single hipped-roof dormer are centered on the front and rear facades. Windows are 1/1 sash protected by metal storm windows.

The symmetrical front facade, which looks west on Monroe Street, has a double glazed door entry with stained glass transom. A full width porch is supported by Doric columns with balustrade with center stair entrance. The porch rests on stone piers.

A driveway from Linden Lane accesses the rear (east) side. This facade is very similar to the front with matching double door entrance and full width porch. The north bay has been enclosed, however the porch columns have all been retained.

The house is very well preserved with a high degree of architectural integrity.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian	
	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater	
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates	c. 1903	Builder/Architect	
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D
and/or Applicable Exceptions:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input type="checkbox"/> local

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Individual

Category:

Residential

Historic Environment:

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residential

Known Design Source:

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The Smith-Hobbs House is named for its first owners Lewis and Annie Smith, who built the house about 1903, and long-time residents Herman and Ethel Hobbs, whose family owned the property for more than 60 years.

In 1897, Alonzo Bliss acquired Lot 1, Block 1, part of Joseph's Park, which he then sold in October 1902 to Lewis and Annie Smith. By the time of sale, Bliss was in the process of developing land known as the A. O. Bliss Addition to Forest Glen. Subsequently the Smiths also purchased Lots 2 and 3 they constructed a house in 1903.¹

The Smiths soon defaulted on the mortgage and the property was advertised for sale in February 1904. The sales notice described the residence as "a beautiful house . . . just completed, finished in the finest style of the art, slate roof, handsome porches in front and rear . . . very handsome 10 rooms and stone basement." The ad noted that the house was conveniently located "within two minutes' walk of both steam and electric cars and near a fine highway to Washington."²

In 1905 the property was sold to Herman and Ethel Hobbs. A garage was built on Lot 3 by 1927. In recent years that lot was sold and is now under separate ownership.

The Hobbses occupied the house until 1968, when Ethel Hobbs died (her husband Herman having predeceased her). The house was inherited by the Hobbs children.³

In 1983 the property was purchased by Carol and Frederick Ammerman and Earl Bauman. Since 1996, the Ammermans have retained sole ownership.⁴

¹ Deeds JA 42:79; 24:481.

² Equity 2078, Judgment Record 1:230.

³Estate 18785, Deed 6144:588.

⁴Deed 14145:170.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10,486 Sq. Ft.

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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Form Prepared By

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each marked by a finial and plain bargeboard. The windows on the front facade are two-over-two sash with a small diamond-shaped window in the center of the second story. The front porch which extends across the facade has a central pediment with Stick-Style surface detailing. On the southeast, side elevation is found a projecting bay window with shed roof. The house was owned by John T. Knott, one of the incorporators of the Forest Glen Investment Company, until 1920.

The environmental setting for the resource is the lot on which it is located.

LOCATIONAL ATLAS RESOURCES

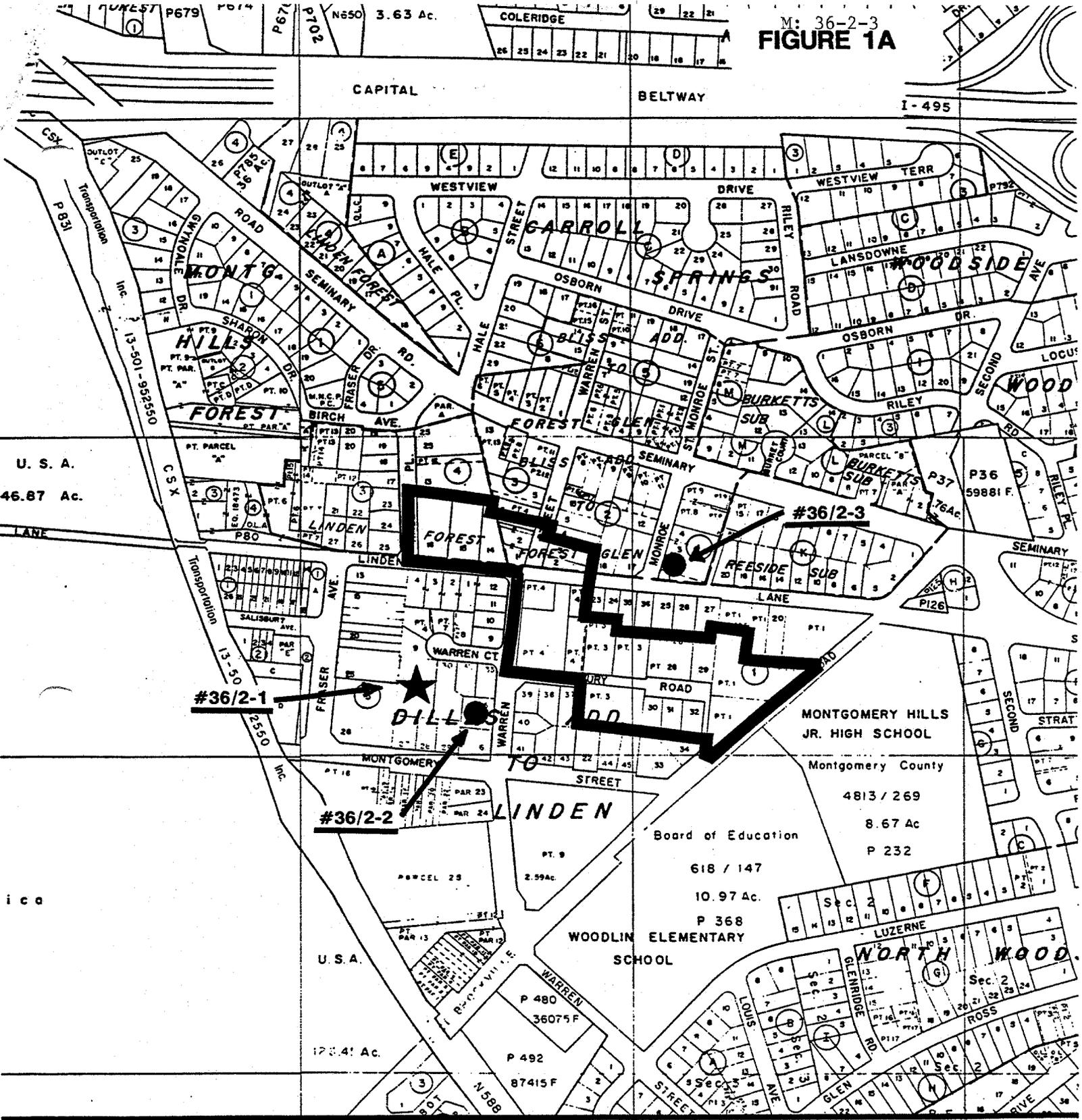
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<u>Site #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
36/2-2	Ira Jones House	9304 Warren Street

A spacious Queen Anne-style residence, the property was purchased in 1910 by Ira Jones from Anna Lawrence, who with her husband, Center, owned the adjacent farm (2312 Warren Court). The dwelling is adorned by an ornately bracketed gable roof, two-story bay window and full-width front porch.

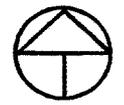
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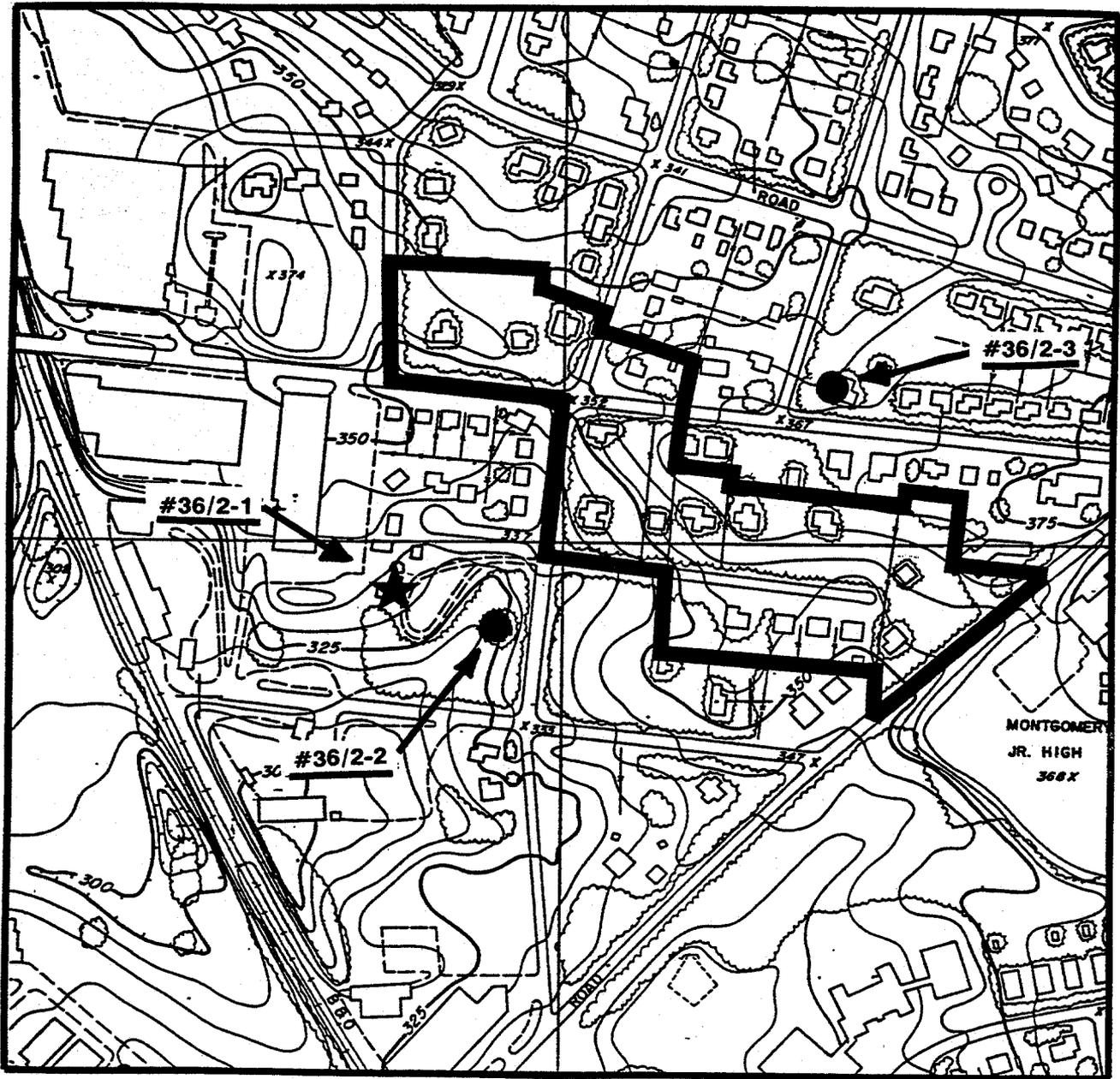


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- LOCATIONAL ATLAS RESOURCES -



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NORTH

Vicinity Map for Smith-Hobbs House (36/2-~~2~~)



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