

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 36-2-4
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Enos Keys House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 36/2
Linden HD3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
Coordinate J-74. Address: 2300 Montgomery St.
Silver Spring, MD.

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residencePrevious Survey Recording MNCPPC
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory
1976Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 1907

7. Original Owner: Enos Keys

8. Apparent Condition

a. fair b. unaltered c. original site

9. Description: This two-and-a-half story stone house sits diagonally on its oddly-shaped lot behind stone gate posts. It is three bays by two bays, with an almost flat roofed, one story open porch across the front facade. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingle and has a central hipped dormer with small triple windows in the front and rear.

Large stone exterior chimneys flank the house. "Enos Keys Built 1907" is etched into a stone near ground level on the north chimney. Windows throughout the house are one-over-one double-hung, and all openings have stone arched heads. There is a small one story stone porch with wooden posts on the rear.

The yard has some very large trees.

Behind the house is a one story stone "dairy house" with hipped roof. The connecting yard, part of this property, contains several frame out-buildings: a small hipped roof shed, an outhouse, a larger shed in ruinous condition, an oddly-shaped small barn with tin roof, and an attractive larger board and batten barn with central cupola, tin roof, and rounded wooden window heads.

10. Significance:

Charles M. Keys purchased 185 acres in the country in 1865, and took advantage of the construction of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O through his property in 1873. The community of "Linden" was begun that same year, and lots sold rapidly. By 1878 six houses had been constructed in the subdivision. Other sections of the Keys farm were gradually sold off.

Keys' son Enos born on the farm in 1869, and after completing school in 1889, opened his own coal and wood business in Linden. In 1907 he constructed the 14 room stone house on the family farm. Enos served as President of E.C. Keys & Son for 40 years, and was succeeded by his son C. Boyd. When Boyd relinquished that position in 1942, his sister Rebecca Keys Pearson took over. The firm sold fuel oil, oil burners, gas furnaces, water heaters, building materials, coal, paint, wallpaper, painter's and home maintenance supplies.

After the deaths of Mrs. Pearson in 1972, and her husband Paul Stanley in 1974, the business and stone house were conveyed to their son John, the current owner.

11. Researcher and date researched: Eileen McGuckian 6/79

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 2.71 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 36/2/4
Linden H.D.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Enos Keys House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 2300 Montgomery Street

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION | <input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME John Boyd Pearson (Trustee for his minor children)
c/o Dennis McHugh, Esq. Telephone #: 279-2230

STREET & NUMBER

255 N. Washington St.

CITY, TOWN

Rockville — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Will Records

Liber #: WES7417

Folio #: 261

Estate #: 064-06-74

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Inside is an entrance hall, living and dining rooms each with fireplace, kitchen and pantry. The second floor has four bedrooms and a tiled bath. There is a full basement.

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| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | | Local History |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This lovely stone house is surrounded by land once owned by Charles M. Keys, who purchased approximately 185 acres in 1862.¹ Keys was the founder of what became known as E.C. Keys and Son, a coal and wood business in Washington, D.C. He constructed a house, and moved out to his farm before 1865, and died there in the late 1870's.

In 1873 the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad opened for use, and the Keys family took advantage of their land near the tracks. A survey plat was made of their land east of the tracks in 1873, "at the request of I. Dille",² and the community of "Linden" was begun. Lots, usually in pairs, sold well and rapidly; for example, Israel Dille of Washington, D.C. early purchased lots 5 & 16 for \$555.55.³ By 1878 six houses had been sold and constructed in Linden. Lots continued to be sold and houses constructed through the 1940's. The other sections of the Keys farm were gradually sold off.

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FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH 9/1 (September 25, 1862).
2. Ibid., EBP 11/33 (1873).
3. Ibid., EBP 11/30⁴ (October 29, 1873).
4. Sentinel, October 11, 1907, and date etched in north chimney.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.
 Montgomery County Sentinel.
 Notes from the Montgomery County Historical Society.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.71 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 9, "Linden" -- Triangular shaped tract fronting on three streets --
 Montgomery Street, Brookeville Road, and Warren Street.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Eileen McGuckian

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

6/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

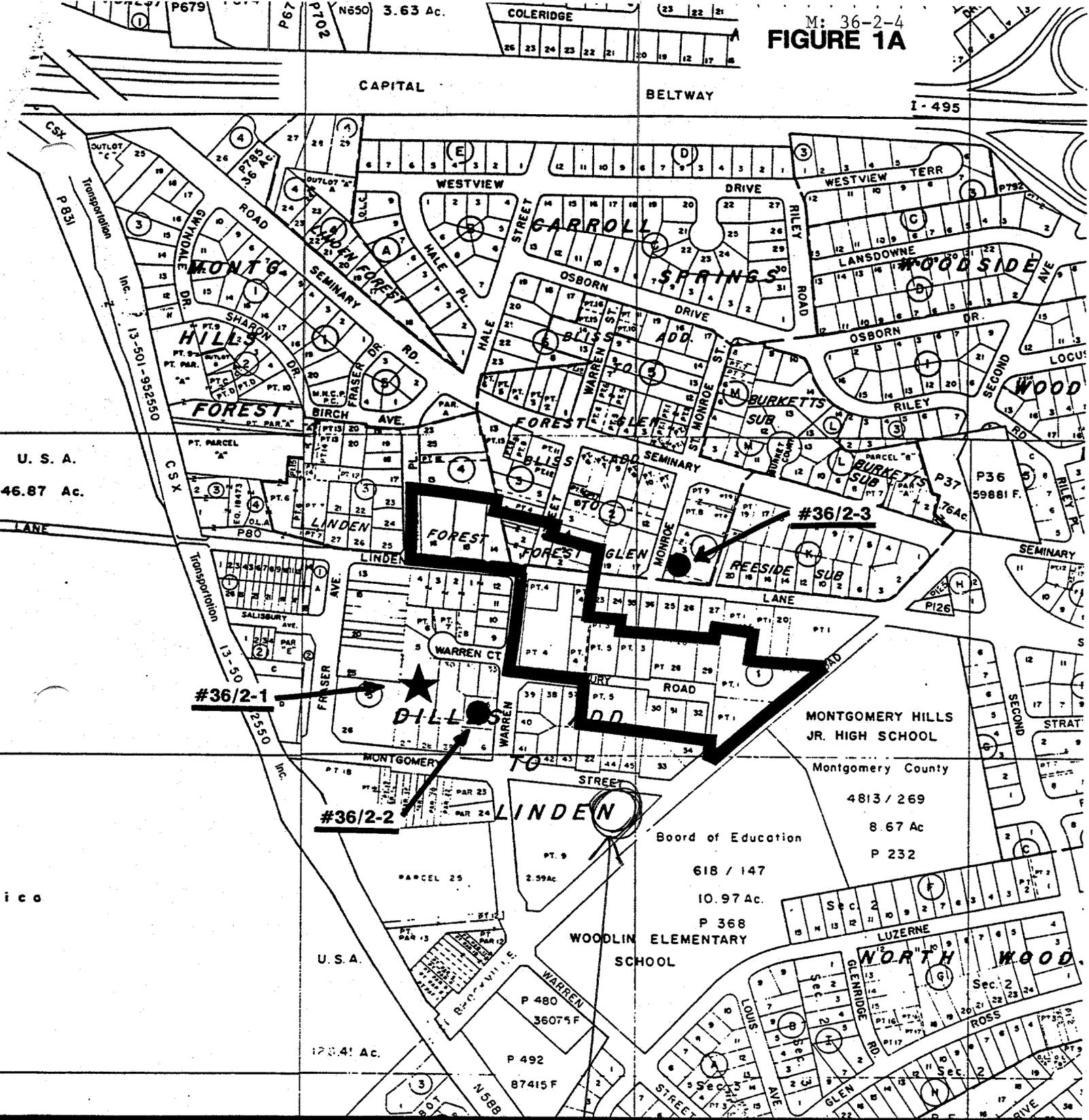
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Maryland 20753

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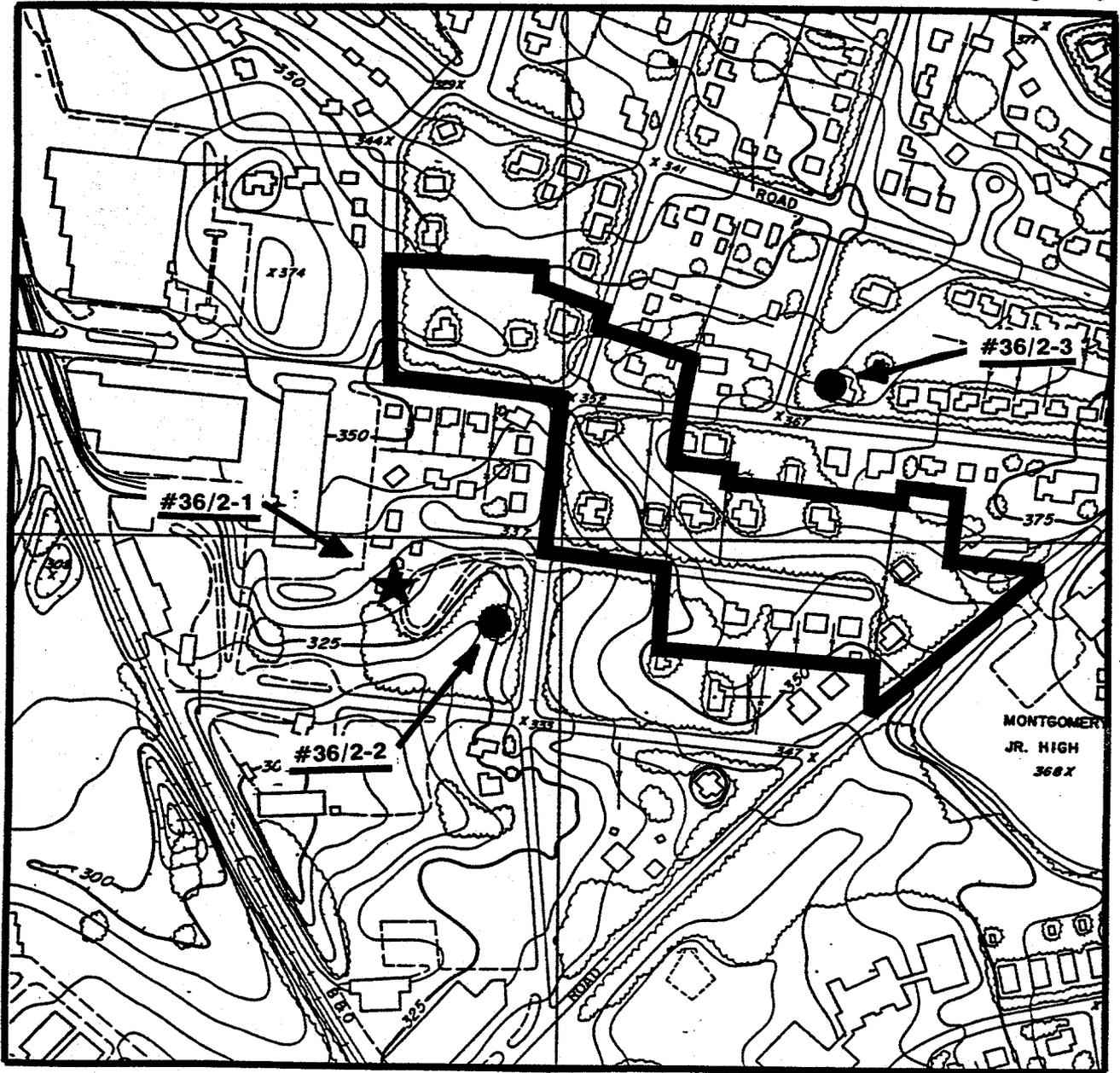
#36/2 - LINDEN HISTORIC DISTRICT

M: 36-2-4
Enos Keys House
2300 Montgomery Street



NORTH

- DISTRICT BOUNDARIES -
- INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES -
- LOCAL ATLAS RESOURCES -



#36/2 - LINDEN HISTORIC DISTRICT

- DISTRICT BOUNDARIES - 
- INDIVIDUAL RESOURCES - 
- LOCATIONAL ATLAS RESOURCES - 



NORTH



NAME KEYS BARN

(LINKED HIST. DIST.)
No. #36-24

LOCATION

BROOKVILLE RD., SILVER SPRING, MD.

FACADE SE

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