



7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
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	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a square, two-story frame farmhouse that incorporates elements of Federal and Greek Revival styling. The main (west) facade is of three bays, with the entrance in the center bay. A hip roof of moderate pitch is topped by a small cupola. Wooden quoin blocks are present on each corner of the building, and there is a large, external brick chimney on the south end. Second-story windows are six-over-six, double-hung, and are surrounded by wide molded frames. On the first floor there are double, eight-pane casement windows that rest on molded panels and project slightly from the face of the building. A very large, molded architrave, set atop pilasters, frames a door with transom and side-lights.</p> <p>The house shows an unusual degree of sophistication for this area. It is unlike any other area building. In fact, it is remarkably similar to a number of (remodeled) New England Colonial homes-particularly the Joshua Jacobs House in Hingham, Mass.</p>	

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 6/2/75

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Ave.

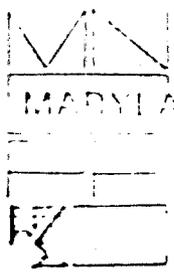
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated March 1986

ACTION TAKEN

- M: 36/5 Silver Spring/Acorn Urban Park & East West Highway
- M: 36/6 Jesup Blair House-Local Park
- M: 36/11 Old Silver Spring Post Office
- M: 36/14 Armory Place

Amendment to Master Plan  
Silver Spring CBD Individual Historic Sites

The purpose of this amendment is to designate these sites on the Master Plan.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated July 5, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment...to designate the following sites on the Master Plan thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance:

- M: 36/5.....Silver Spring/Acorn Urban Park and East West Highway
- M: 36/6.....Jesup Blair House/Local Park
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- M: 36/14.....Armory Place

APPENDIX

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on The Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Although removed from the Locational Atlas, these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's State Inventory.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
36/16	Little Tavern	8230 Georgia Avenue
36/17	Old Masonic Temple	8435-39 Georgia Avenue

COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION  
OF THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT  
WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: District Council

Subject: Amendment to the Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland re: Silver Spring CBD Individual Historic Sites

Background

1. On July 12, 1985, the Montgomery County Planning Board transmitted to the Montgomery County Council a Final Draft Amendment to the Historic Preservation Master Plan to designate the following as individual historic sites in the Silver Spring CBD:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
#36/5	The Silver Spring/Acorn Urban Park and East West Highway	Blair Mill Road	0.1 acre
#36/6	Jesup Blair House/Local Park	900 Jesup Blair Drive	14.46 acres
#36/11	Old Silver Spring Post Office	8412 Georgia Avenue	16,714 sq. ft.
#36/14	Armory Place	925 Wayne Avenue	1.6 acres

2. The Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation concerning Silver Spring CBD individual historic sites also recommends the following sites as not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance and to be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland:

while retaining the ability to be responsive to development plans which recognize important features of the resource.

IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection of this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
SILVER SPRING CBD INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITES

The purpose of this amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

<u>Site</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Associated Acreage</u>
#36/5	The Silver Spring/ Acorn Urban Park & East West Highway	Blair Mill Road	0.1 acre
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Site of the original spring which is of symbolic importance to the community, being the site from which the town supposedly derives its name.</li> <li>- The Park's acorn gazebo, originally from the farm of Francis Preston Blair, founder of Silver Spring, is a good surviving example of the picturesque garden furniture popular on the estates of the wealthy during the 19th century.</li> </ul>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circa 1850 -- Unusually sophisticated two-story frame house incorporating elements of Federal and Greek Revival styling and featuring a hipped roof</li> </ul>		

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- Originally known as "The Moorings," the house was constructed as a summer residence for the prestigious Blair family, influential settlers and developers of the Silver Spring area.

#36/11      Old Silver Spring      8412 Georgia Ave.      16,714 sq.ft.  
Post Office

- Constructed in 1936-37 this building is one of three distinctive federal post offices built in the County during the Depression under the aegis of the Work Progress Administration (WPA).
- This amendment recognizes that the zoning on the property permits an intensification of development for the site. If redeveloped, the intention of designation is to seek the preservation and integration of the labor intensive architectural features incorporated in the Georgia Avenue facade which are reflective of the role of the WPA in stimulating employment in the construction trades.

#36/14      Armory Place      925 Wayne Avenue      1.6 acres

- Representative example of early 20th century Armory architecture featuring distinctive medieval architectural affinities.
- Associated with Captain Frank Hewitt, Sr. and Colonel E. Brooke Lee, two of the founding fathers of modern Silver Spring.

1. The following sites are designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:

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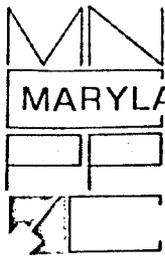
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This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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Kathleen A. Freedman, Secretary  
County Council

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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July 5, 1985

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director  
 Department of Housing and Community Development  
 John L. Menke, Director  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director  
 State Historic Preservation Office  
 Priscilla Schwab, Chairperson  
 Historic Preservation Commission

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator  
 Community Planning North MCB.

SUBJECT: Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for  
 Historic Preservation: Silver Spring CBD Individual  
 Historic Sites

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 I am pleased to transmit to you this Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendation of the Montgomery County Planning Board on the designation of several individual historic sites within the Silver Spring Central Business District.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:lyg  
 Attachment

FINAL DRAFT  
AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

SILVER SPRING CBD INDIVIDUAL HISTORIC SITES

JUNE 1985

A proposed Amendment to the 1979 Approved and Adopted Master Plan for Historic Preservation in Montgomery County, Maryland and an amendment to the Approved and Adopted Sector Plan for the Silver Spring Central Business District and Vicinity 1979; being also an amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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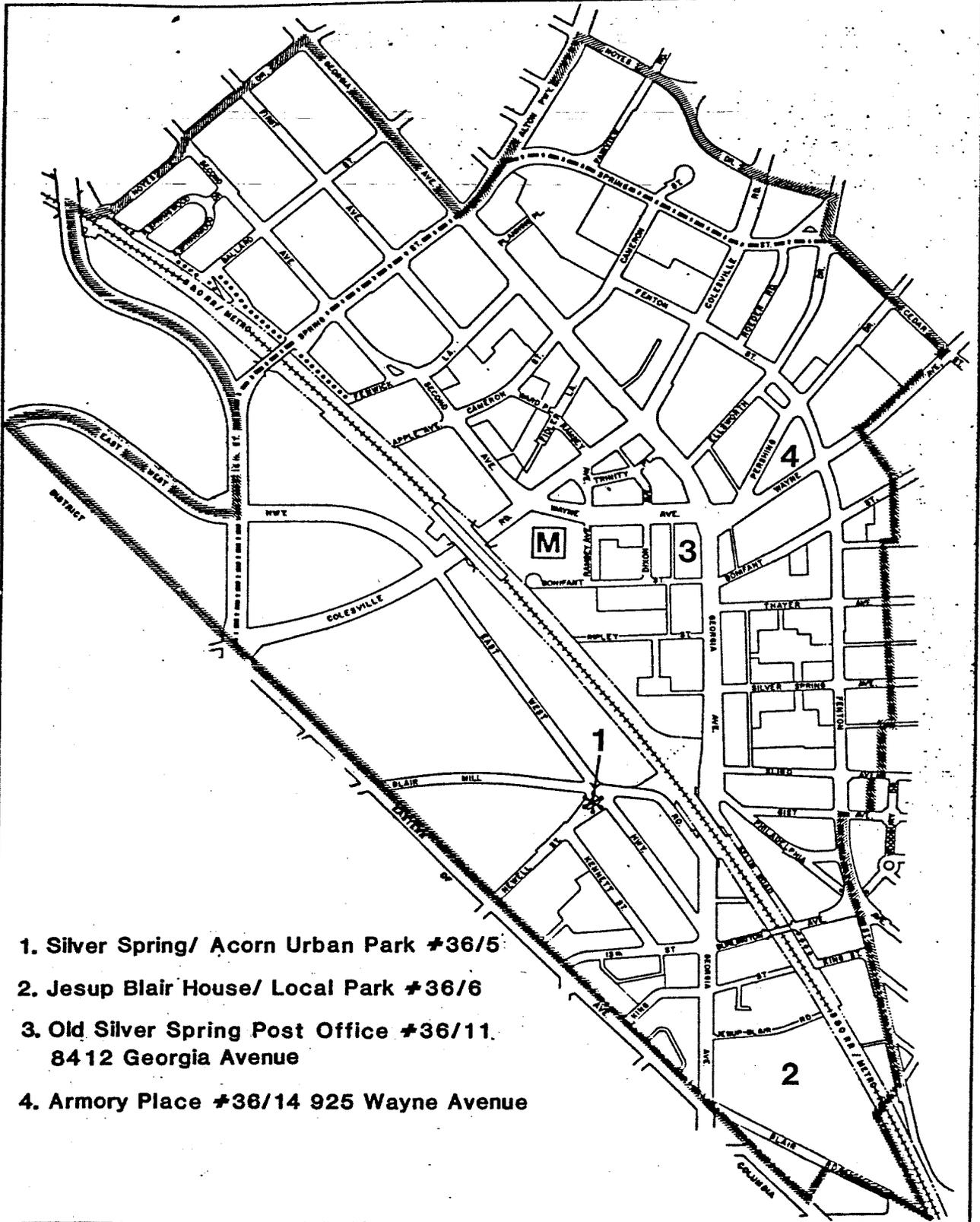
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- DATE:** June 1985
- PLANNING AGENCY:** The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- SOURCE OF COPIES:** The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
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- SERIES NUMBER:** 8048852506
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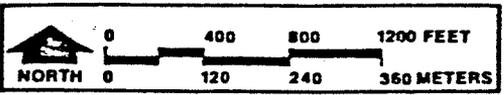
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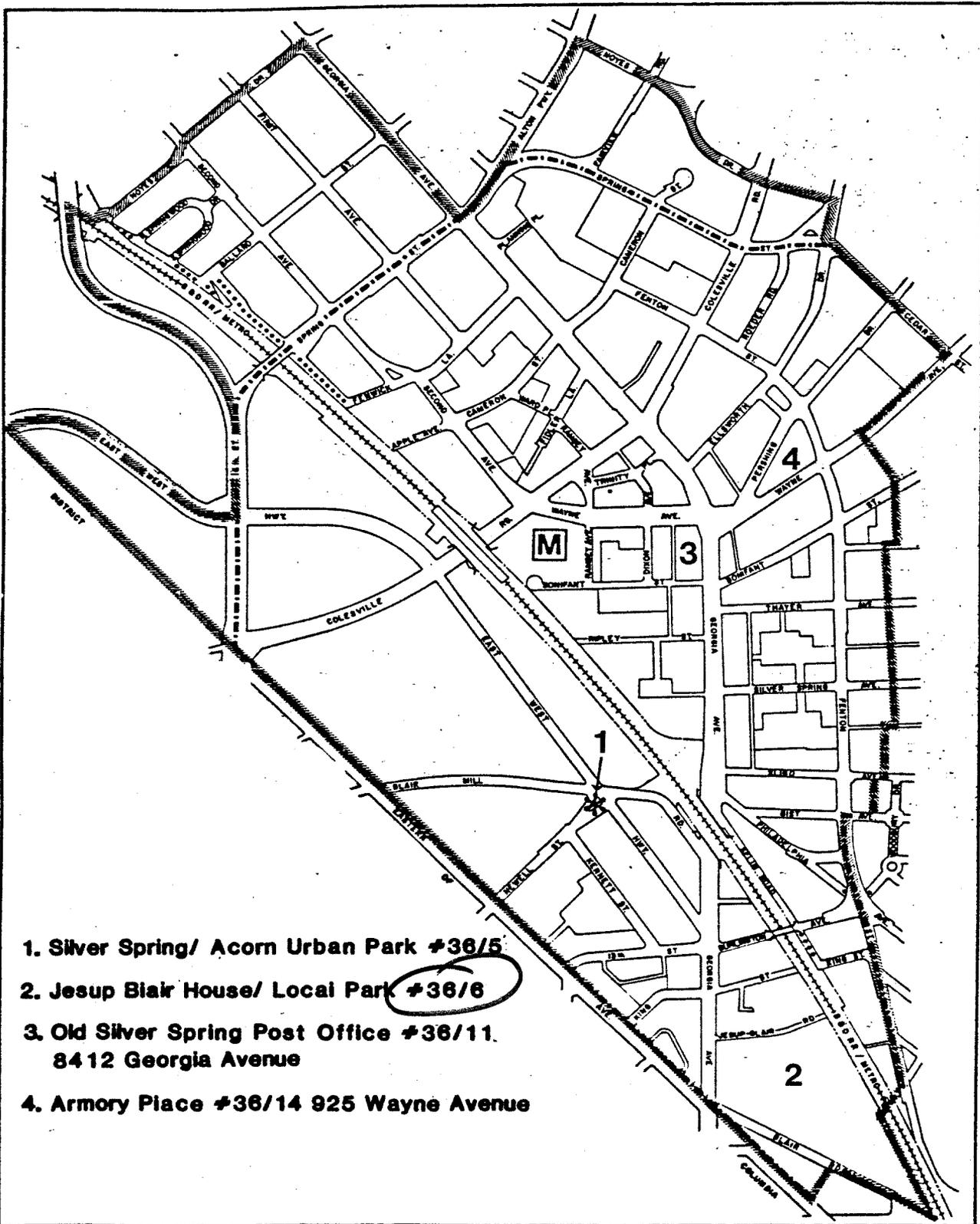
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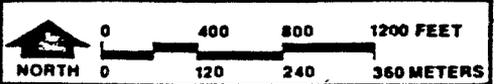
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**Silver Spring CBD  
Individual Historic Sites**



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**Silver Spring CBD**  
**Individual Historic Sites**

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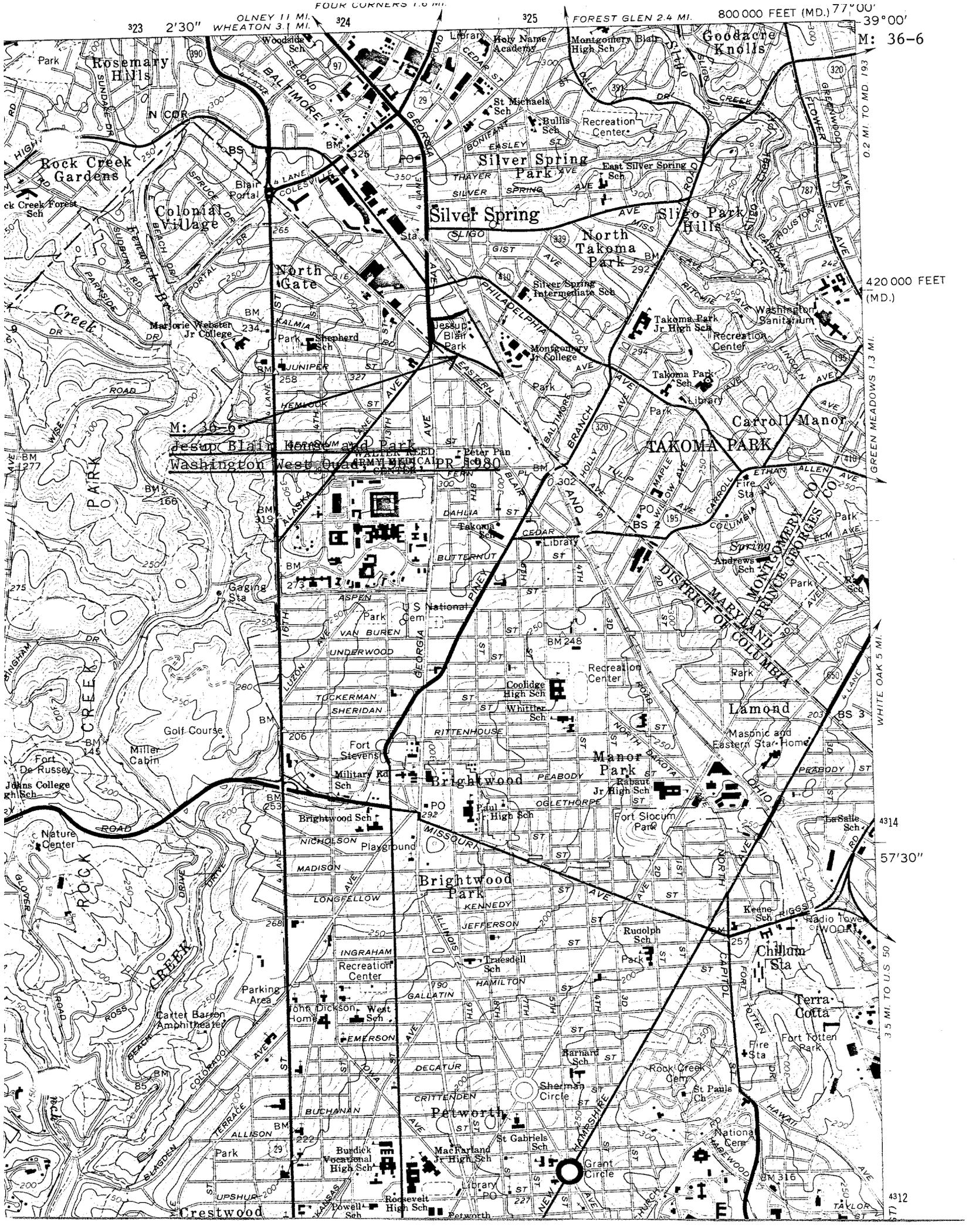
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800 FEET (MD.)

37°00'

M: 36-6



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Washington West Blvd

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WHITE OAK 5 MI.

4314

57'30"

3.5 MI. TO U.S. 50

4312



NAME SESUP-BLAIR HOUSE (M-NEPPE) RI; #36-6  
LOCATION QA. AVE. + BLAIR RD. (DC. LINE) SILVER SPRING, MD.  
FACADE SW  
PHOTO TAKEN 6/2/75  
M. RUYER



## SILVER SPRING

IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THIS SIGN WERE THE FRANCIS P. AND MONTGOMERY BLAIR HOMES. CONFEDERATE GENERAL JUBAL A. EARLY USED THESE HOUSES FOR HIS HEADQUARTERS DURING HIS OPERATIONS AGAINST WASHINGTON ON JULY 11 AND 12, 1864.

MARYLAND CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

SPEED LIMIT  
25

HOTEL  
MONTGOMERY



NAME CIVIL WAR MARKER

M: #36-6

LOCATION GA AVE AT JESUP-BLAIR PARK (MNCPPC)

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SILVER SPRING, MD

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