

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-24 Building Date: 1907

Building Name: Baker-Holliday House

Location: 5005 Huron Street, College Park, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Baker-Holliday House is a large Colonial Revival Foursquare; newly covered with aluminum siding. The main block is two-and-one-half stories high and roughly square; entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay north facade. Sheltering this entrance and wrapping part way around the west elevation of the building is a one-story porch, supported by square tapered posts on brick bases. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with blue-gray louvered aluminum shutters. There are two hip-roof dormers, one in the north plane and one in the west plane of the roof. The four planes of the roof slope to a central horizontal plane from which rises a tall corbelled brick chimney. Interior of the main block consists of four principal spaces, with the entry-stairhall in the northeast space; the parlors are adorned with fine Classical Revival style wood mantels. Extending to the south is a two-story kitchen wing, with shallow pitch gable roof.

Significance

The Baker-Holliday House is a large and prominent Foursquare, built in 1907 for Annie and Robert Baker. In 1905 Edward Daniels purchased 12-1/4 acres of land, and platted a small residential subdivision which he called Daniels Park. In October 1906, he purchased 35 more acres which adjoined his earlier subdivision on the east. This land encompassed the City and Suburban Railway and allowed for the platting of 20 more blocks; he called this section "Addition to Daniels Park." In March 1907, Daniels sold Lots 2 and 3 in Block 21 of the Addition to the Bakers, who had the subject house built. It was a substantial example of a house type which was very popular in developing suburbs in the first decade of this century, tall and square, with wraparound veranda, and with a pyramidal roof pierced by hip dormers and truncated to form a central widow's walk. Today, the Baker-Holliday House is a prominent visual feature of the Daniels Park neighborhood. In the last 40 years, the nearby lots have been filled in with small suburban housing stock, making the Baker-Holliday House more noticeable with its prominent profile and its setting of mature trees. Although the house has, in recent years, been sheathed with aluminum siding, its lines have not been altered, and it still stands as a visible reminder of the earliest days of the Daniels Park suburb.

Acreage: 5,000 square feet

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Baker House

and/or common Baker - Holliday House

2. Location

street & number 5005 Huron Street not for publication

city, town College Park Daniels Park vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's County

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	Public Acquisition	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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Kathleen Irwin and Susan Wall

street & number 5005 Huron Street telephone no.:

city, town College Park state and zip code Maryland 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6951

street & number Main Street folio 411

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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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 Baker-Holliday House is a large Colonial Revival Foursquare, which stands on a lot in the 1906 subdivision of Addition to Daniels Park. It consists of a square, hip-roof main block, to which a rear kitchen ell has been added. The house is distinguished by its wraparound veranda and its urban setting among mature trees.

The main block is two-and-one-half stories high and roughly square; it has a hip roof and is newly covered with aluminum siding. Entrance is in the first bay of the three-bay north facade, through a modern door, the upper half of which consists of a nine-light window; the door has a plain aluminum surround painted blue-gray. Sheltering this entrance, and wrapping part way around the west elevation of the building is a one-story porch; it has hip roof and plain frieze, supported by square tapered posts which stand on brick bases. The wood floor of the porch rests on brick piers, infilled with lattice, and the porch is bounded by a plain rail balustrade. Two flights of concrete steps, one on the north, and one on the west, give access to the porch.

The original (German) siding was recently covered with white aluminum siding. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash with wide light gray aluminum surrounds, and blue-gray louvered aluminum shutters. There are two hip-roof dormers: one in the north plane and one in the west plane of the roof. Each dormer is lighted by a modern horizontal 2/2 double hung sash window. The hip roof of the house is covered with gray asbestos shingle; there is substantial overhang at the eaves, and the soffit is covered with white aluminum wainscoting. The four planes of the roof slope to a central horizontal plane from which rises a tall corbelled brick chimney. There is no cresting, but the lines of the roof strongly suggest that this central plane was originally bounded by a widow's walk balustrade.

The main block rests on a poured concrete foundation; there is no basement. A large third-story attic is lighted by the two dormers.

The second bay in the west elevation is varied by a one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay; each face of the bay is lighted by a 2/2 double hung sash window, with a light gray surround but no shutters. This projecting bay enlarges and lights the sitting room in the southwest space of the first story.

Interior of the main block consists of four principal spaces, with the entry-stairhall in the northeast space. The two-run closed-string stair rises along the east wall of the entry hall, turns at the corner and rises along the south wall to the second story. There is a square panelled newel, with beaded panels and urn-shaped cap; a course of bead-and-

reel molding forms part of a crown molding below the cap. The balusters are turned, and the plain plastered spandrel encloses a small closet space accessible from the southeast (dining) room. The central chimney serves two fireplaces, one in the northwest parlor, and one in the southwest sitting room. Each of these fireplaces is adorned with a fine Classical Revival style wood mantel with over-mantel mirror. In the northwest parlor, the fireplace is set in the south wall. The fire box is framed by a pair of slim Tuscan Colonnets, as is the over-mantel mirror. Surmounting each pair of colonnettes is an entablature consisting of plain frieze and bead-and-reel cornice molding. The entire mantel is painted white.

In the southwest sitting room, the fireplace is set on the diagonal in the northeast corner. It resembles the northwest parlor mantel in many respects, except that the colonnettes are of the Corinthian order, with acanthus-leaf capitals, but unfluted shafts; the sitting-room mantel is of natural unpainted oak.

The floor boards are narrow, and of maple; in the sitting room they are laid diagonally. Door and window surrounds have typical early twentieth century multi-band molding, with bulls-eye corner blocks.

Extending to the south, slightly inset from the east elevation of the main block is a two-story kitchen wing which was built onto the original main block. It is two bays by two, with shallow-pitch gable roof, and has entrance in the first bay of its west elevation. This westerly entrance is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch set into the southwest corner where the kitchen wing joins the main block. There is an exterior brick stove chimney at the ridge at the south gable end of the wing; it breaks through the eaves of the gable roof. The wing, like the main block, is covered with aluminum siding; windows are 2/2 double hung sash, with wide gray surrounds, and most do not have shutters. There is a second entrance into the wing in the first bay of the south gable end; it leads directly into an enclosed staircase which rises along the west wall of the wing, and gives access to a second-story apartment which was created above the kitchen. The wing rests on a poured concrete foundation which encloses a basement.

There is a small one-story shed-roof pantry addition built into the east elevation of the kitchen wing. It is lighted by a single small window on the east.

Interior plan of the wing consists of a kitchen space, with enclosed stair on the west and pantry on the east. Interior trim is plain board.

The Baker-Holliday House stands on Lots 2 and 3 of Block 21 of the Addition to Daniels Park, platted in 1906. There are no outbuildings. The rear (south) yard is bounded by a white picket fence, and there is a vacant lot to the east. Southeast of the house is a very large old willow oak, and there is a second large specimen of this species on the adjacent lot to the west. A smaller willow oak stands at the southwest corner of the subject property.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1907 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Baker-Holliday House is a large and prominent Foursquare, representative of the modest but substantial frame dwellings which were being built in the developing suburbs of Washington during the first decade of this century. It was built in 1907 for Annie and Robert Baker in a subdivision (called Addition to Daniels Park) which had been purchased and platted by developer Edward Daniels in the preceding year.

At the end of the nineteenth century, the land along the east side of the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike, north of the Maryland Agricultural College, consisted of rolling farmland watered by the Eastern Branch. The suburbs to the south, Charlton Heights and Central Heights (now Berwyn Heights and Berwyn), were gradually developing into residential communities for people who commuted into the District of Columbia.

In 1899, the City and Suburban Railway had opened its streetcar line into Prince George's County from the District of Columbia. This line went as far as Hyattsville and Riverdale, and by 1902 was extended through College Park and Branchville as far north as Laurel. The land along this new artery of transportation was gradually bought up by land speculators, and subdivided into new residential suburbs.

In 1905 Edward Daniels purchased 12-1/4 acres of land, and platted a small residential subdivision which he called Daniels Park. It was bounded on the west by the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike, on the north and south by County Roads, and it extended almost as far east as the City and Suburban Railway line.¹ In October 1906, Daniels purchased 35 more acres which adjoined his earlier subdivision on the east; this land encompassed the City and Suburban Railway and allowed for the platting of 20 more blocks of subdivision.² Daniels called this section "Addition to Daniels Park."

In March 1907, Edward Daniels sold Lots 2 and 3 in Block 21 of the Addition to Daniels Park to Annie R. Baker, who, together with her husband, Robert E. Baker, had the subject house built.³ It was a substantial example of a house type which was very popular in developing suburbs

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in the first decade of this century; tall and square, with wraparound veranda, and with a pyramidal roof pierced by hip dormers and truncated to form a central widow's walk. The Bakers' house was further embellished with fine Classical Revival style wood mantels.

Annie Baker died in 1939, leaving her home to her husband, Robert Baker.⁴ He continued to reside in the house, and remarried in 1940. At approximately this time, the Bakers added the kitchen wing to the rear of the house, converting the original kitchen into a dining room space. Later, the rooms above the kitchen were converted into a small apartment, and an enclosed stairway was constructed next to the kitchen, allowing private access to the apartment. In 1956, Robert Baker sold the house and four lots to his stepdaughter who had built a small residence just to the west, on Lots 1 and 30. Baker remained in the subject house, however, until his death; it has had a series of short-term owners since 1967.⁵

Today, the Baker-Holliday House is a prominent visual feature of the Daniels Park neighborhood. In the last 40 years, the nearby lots have been filled in with small suburban housing stock, making the Baker-Holliday House more noticeable with its prominent profile and its setting of mature trees. Although the house has, in recent years, been sheathed with aluminum siding, its lines have not been altered, and it still stands as a visible reminder of the earliest days of the Daniels Park suburb.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Deed #29:77, Plat A-59.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #31:103, Plat 1:132 (#28:48).
- 3 Prince George's County Deed #41:384; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1900-1910.
- 4 Prince George's County Will, WTD #5:452, Estate file #6466.
- 5 Prince George's County Deeds #571:55; #2038:250.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 5000 square feet
Quadrangle name Beltsville

Block 21, lots 2-3, TM
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.G. Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC CAB date September, 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, Rm. 4010 telephone 301 - 952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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.

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title
Baker-Holliday House
P.G. #66-24

#6951:411
15 Apr. 1988
Deed
Frederick Jackson and Judy Crowe to Kathleen A. Irwin and Susan Wall. Block 21; Lots 2 and 3. Addition to Daniels Park, as described in #6300:556.

#6300:556
27 March 1986
Deed
Scott and Kathy Stoehr to Fred Jackson and Judy Crowe, same property, Block 21, Lots 2 and 3 in Addition to Daniels Park as described in #5834:366.

#5834:366
13 Jan. 1984
Deed
Jewell F. Maher to Scott and Kathy Stoehr, same property, described in #4544:747.

#4544:747
15 Oct. 1975
Deed
William and Jewell Maher, to Jewell F. Maher, same property, described in #3523:37.

#2523:37
9 Oct. 1967
Deed
Reuben Soler to William and Jewell Maher, same property, no prior reference.

#3486:679
16 June 1967
Deed
William and Florence Holliday to Reuben Soler: Block 21; Lots 2-3, 22-23, and east 15' of Lots 24-27, property acquired by #1501:238 and #2038:250.

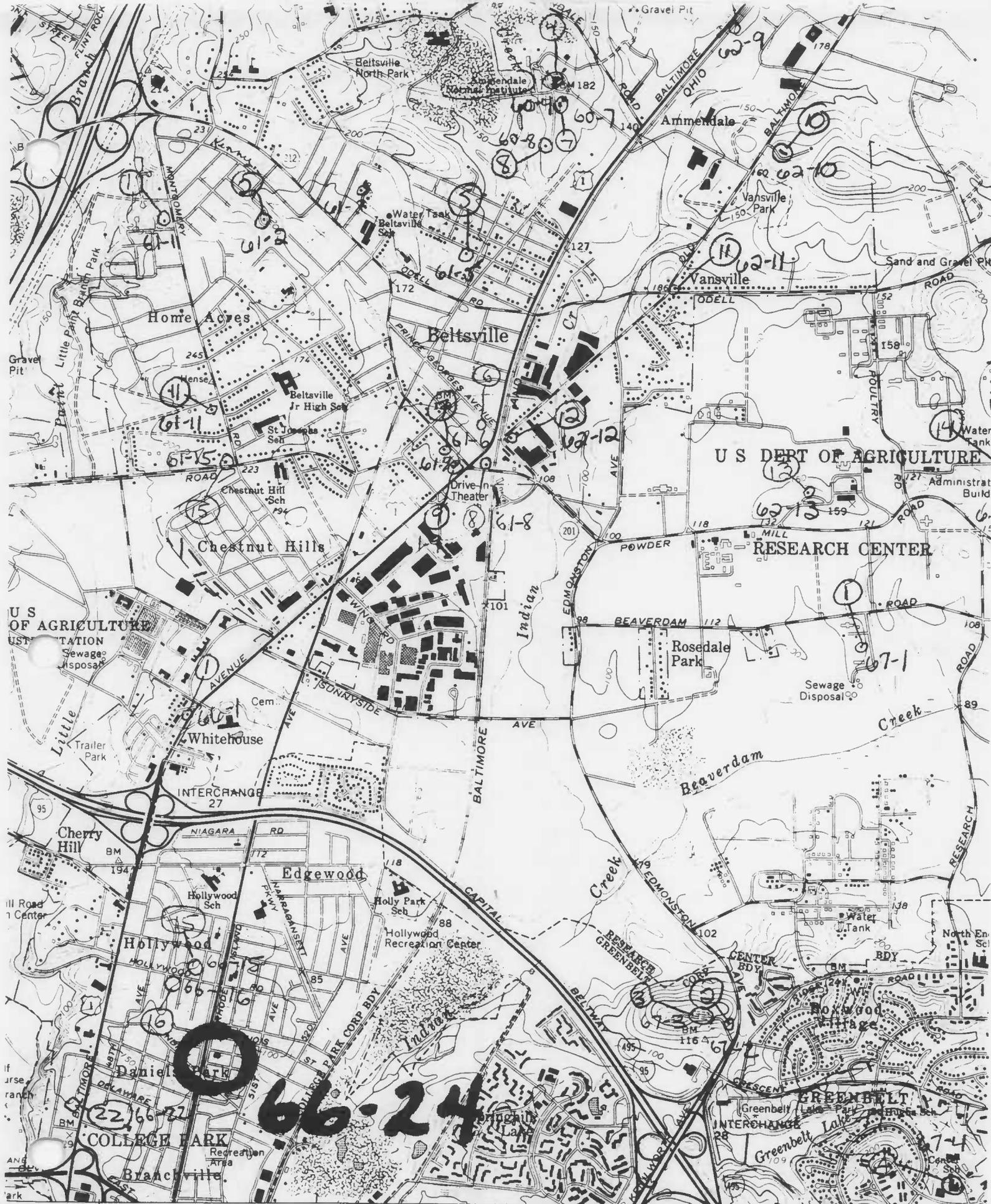
#2038:250
3 Oct. 1956
Deed
Robert E. Baker, widower, to William and Florence A. Holliday, Block 21, Lots 2 and 3. Same acquired by Robert and Marie (deceased) Baker in 1940 by deed #571:55, with some exceptions.

#571:55
24 Aug. 1940
Deed
W. Carroll Beatty to Robert E. Baker and his wife, Marie Baker. Block 20, Lots 22-23; and Block 21, Lots 1-3, and 22-30 in the Addition to Daniels Park.

#571:53
20 Aug. 1940
Deed
Robert Baker to W. Carroll Beatty. Block 21, Lots 2-3, 22-23 in Addition to Daniels Park.

WTD #5:542
28 Feb. 1939
Will
Testator: Annie R. Baker of Daniels Park; Household furniture and home place where I now live to husband, Robert E. Baker; Block 21, Lots 2-3, and 22-23 in the Addition to Daniels Park; the balance to executor, W. Carroll Beatty with income from estate to support Robert E. Baker until he remarries.

#41:384
March 1907
Deed
Edward Daniels to Annie R. Baker. Block 21, Lots 2 and 3, acquired by deed #31:103 from Gustave Lansbury in 1906 as shown in Plat BDS #1:24, 1906.





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Baker-Holiday House

Prince George's Co. Md.

Susan L. Pearl

August 1985

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Prince Georges Co. Md.

Susan H. Pearl

August 1988

North

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Baker-Holliday House
 Prince Georges Co. Md.
 Susan H. Pearl
 August 1988
 Southeast
 Neg: Md. Hist. Trust

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Baker-Holliday House

Prince George's Co. Md.

Susan L. Paul

August 1988

Slide

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Baker Holiday House

Prince George's Co. Md

Lisa L. Paul

August 1988

Mantel, southwest parlor

Spq. Md. Hist. Trust



Pls #66-24

Baker - Halliday House

Prince Georges Co. Md.

Lewin H. Paul

August 1988

Interior - Train

Weg. Md. Hist. Trust