

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #67-5 Building Date: late 18th c, ca. 1850

Building Name: Sportland

Location: 5933 Natasha Drive, Berwyn Heights, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Fair-Good/Inaccessible

Description

Sportland (Yarrow) is a two-part frame house which consists of an early Greek Revival style main block attached to an earlier and smaller wing. It stands on the highest point in a densely developed residential community, and until recent years was the only dwelling in the immediate area. Although it has experienced modern alterations, it is distinguished by its commanding position in the neighborhood, its prominent two-story portico, and some fine early Greek Revival style interior trim. The main block is side gabled, two-and-one-half stories, three bays by two bays: a side stairhall and double parlor plan dwelling. Entrance is in the first bay of the principal north facade. The north facade is sheltered by a two-story portico with full entablature supported by four octagonal wood columns. Siding of the main block is plain horizontal board covered with white asbestos shingle. Two tall exterior brick chimneys rise at the west gable end. Interior of the main block is side stairhall and double parlor plan. The two-run open-string stair rises along the east wall and has a turned newel, plain rectangular balusters, and slimmer turned newels at the landing. The wood mantels in the two parlors are transitional Federal-Greek Revival in style. Extending to the east flush with the south facade of the main block is a lower one-and-one-half story side-gabled wing which probably incorporates an eighteenth century dwelling. The wing rests on a foundation of local ironbearing stone which encloses a cellar space and cistern. Interior of the wing consists of a kitchen on the east and dining room in the larger west space.

Significance

Sportland (Yarrow) is an example of a popular house style of the mid-nineteenth century, a side hall and double parlor plan frame plantation house. Like Woodstock, a dwelling of the same period, this main block was built onto a pre-existing smaller structure. Sportland retains a significant amount of its original early Greek Revival style interior trim. It has been the home of several prominent families, and, although significantly altered, it is a noticeable landmark in a densely developed community.

Acreage: 23,309 square feet

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Sportland (Yarrow)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5933 Natasha Drive not for publicationcity, town Berwyn Heights vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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 Harry Sonneman

street & number 8360 Greensboro Drive telephone no.:

city, town McLean state and zip code Virginia 22102

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #5585

street & number Main Street folio 5

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's Historic Sites & Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, P. G. Co., MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

Sportland (Yarrow) is a two-part frame house which consists of an early Greek Revival style main block attached to an earlier and smaller wing. It stands on the highest point in a densely developed residential community, and until recent years was the only dwelling in the immediate area. Although it has experienced modern alterations, it is distinguished by its commanding position in the neighborhood, its prominent two-story portico, and some fine early Greek Revival style interior trim.

The main block is side gabled, two-and-one-half stories, three bays by two bays: a side stairhall and double parlor plan dwelling. Entrance is in the first bay of the principal north facade, through a door with a two-light transom and molded surround. The door itself has two glazed panels over two molded panels. The two westerly bays are filled by 6/6 wood frame double hung sash windows flanking a central fixed 24-pane picture window (which was installed after fire damage in 1958). The north facade is sheltered by a two-story portico with full entablature (double frieze and molded cornice) supported by four hollow wood octagonal columns with molded capitals and concrete bases. The portico has a concrete floor.

Siding of the main block is plain horizontal board covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows through are modern 6/6 wood frame double hung sash with no shutters, and there is a 6/6 window at loft level in each gable end. The boxed cornice is narrow and plain. The gable roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. A shallow two-window shed dormer pierces the north plane of the roof, and a deeper one-window shed dormer lights the south plane. Two tall exterior brick chimneys rise at the west gable end; the brick is laid in American bond, there are corbelled weatherings at second story level, and there is no pent. The main block rests on a brick foundation which encloses a cellar space under the south half; entrance to this cellar space is through a bulkhead between first and second bays in the south facade. There is a two-story shed-roof bathroom addition at the south end of the stairhall, and the first story of the main block is now lighted by a modern bank of four windows.

Interior of the main block is side stairhall and double parlor plan. The two-run open-string stair rises along the east wall, turns 90° at a landing, and turns again to the second story. The stair has a turned newel with mitred cap, plain rectangular balusters, and slimmer turned newels at the landing; the stair-ends are embellished with scroll brackets, and the spandrel is panelled. Door and window surrounds have a one-step frieze with inner bead and outer cyma reversa molding. Doors have four molded rectangular panels, and show evidence of graining.

The wood mantels in the two parlors are transitional Federal-Greek Revival in style. The south or rear parlor has the simpler and probably later mantel: molded pilasters frame the firebox, above which is a plain frieze, and a molded shelf. The more formal and very fine mantel in the north (front) parlor has the same elements, but the frieze is panelled: oval shell panels over the pilasters, a rectangular shell panel in the center, separated by two plain recessed horizontal oval panels, and a dentil course under the molded shelf. Mantels on the second story are plain wood, and door and window surrounds are one-step with molded backbands; floor boards are wide, and there are high molded baseboards, and pedestal chair-rails.

Interior alterations after the 1958 fire include panelling of the two parlors, and new picture windows on north and south facades.

Extending to the east flush with the south facade of the main block is a lower one-and-one-half story side-gabled wing which probably incorporates an eighteenth century dwelling. It is five bays by two bays, 40 by 16 feet. (Patching in the ceiling in the east section suggest that the structure may have been lengthened about ten feet to the east, i.e., this east wing may incorporate the 30 by 16 foot one-story frame dwelling listed in the 1798 tax.) The wing is sided with plain horizontal board covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are 4/4 and 6/6 wood frame double hung sash, and most have black louvered shutters. There is an entrance in central bay of the five-bay north facade. This entire north facade is sheltered by a shed-roof porch; it is supported by plain square posts with molded capitals and rests on a poured concrete floor. A similar porch spans the south facade, but most of the south porch has been extended and enclosed to form a pantry, sided with German siding covered with asbestos shingle. The wing rests on a foundation of local ironbearing stone which encloses a cellar space and cistern. The gable roof is covered with black asphalt shingle, and it is pierced on the south plane by a shed dormer with two 8/8 windows. There is an exterior brick chimney centered at the east gable end with weatherings at first story and loft levels.

Interior of the wing consists of a kitchen on the east and dining room in the larger west space. The fire place in the west wall of the dining room has a modern brick mantel, covered by a tall brick chimney at the junction of the wing with the main block. There is a plain wooden mantel in the east wall of the kitchen. Access to the loft rooms is by a boxed dogleg stair in the northwest corner of the kitchen.

The house stands on a high point of land in a densely developed residential community. It is accessible by a long paved driveway from the north. There are several mature trees to the north and west.

8. Significance

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates late 18th c., ca.1850 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.

Sportland (Yarrow) is a good, although significantly altered, example of a mid-nineteenth century frame plantation house. Its plan is of the typical side hall and double parlor, and it is attached to an earlier vernacular dwelling of the hall and parlor plan.

The house stands on a tract called "Yarrow" which was resurveyed and patented in 1768 to James Edmonston.¹ The 522-acre tract passed to Edmonston's wife, Ruth, after his death in 1793, and after her death to their nephew, Nathan Edmonston.² At the end of the eighteenth century, Ruth Edmonston lived on the property in a one-story frame house on a stone foundation, 30 by 16 feet, with two windows on each long facade, and an exterior brick chimney at each gable end.³ In 1820, after her death, Nathan Edmonston sold the property to Benjamin and Richard Welsh, whose family held it for 30 more years.⁴ In 1828, when the County Road Survey was done, Richard Welch's plantation was one of the landmarks listed in the description of one of the main north-south roads in the northwestern section of the County.⁵ At that time, Welch farmed 516 acres of Yarrow, and had a slave force of 20.⁶

Approximately 1850, the heirs of Benjamin Welsh sold part of the Yarrow property to Ethan Allen Jones, who had married Laura Deakins, daughter of Leonard M. Deakins of Bloomfield.⁷ It was at approximately this time that the two-and-one-half story main block was erected, attached to the older small section. The new section of the house incorporated many features of the then-popular side hall and double parlor plan. The front parlor mantel is a fine example of transitional Federal/Greek Revival style, while the less formal rear parlor has a simpler but more mature Greek Revival style mantel, reminiscent of mantels at Woodstock and Brookefield of the Berrys of approximately the same period.⁸ The staircase is typical of the smaller dwellings of this period and type.

Ethan Allen Jones was part of the Commission which in 1858 established a free school in the Vansville District; it was located a short

distance northeast of the Yarrow dwelling.⁹ In 1860, he was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates.¹⁰ He died in 1863, and his heirs were forced to sell the property;¹¹ 150 acres including the house were sold in 1868 to Edward C. Carrington, Jr., who had served in the Mexican War, and in the Virginia legislature, was a member of the Washington bar, and was appointed Brigadier General by President Buchanan in 1861.¹² The Carringtons made Yarrow their home, and it came to be known as Sportland. Edward Carrington served as a trustee of Haddaway Methodist Church, which was built a short distance to the north in 1875.¹³ The Carrington family remained at Sportland until the beginning of the twentieth century. During that time, the surroundings of the farm had changed significantly. In 1887, developers had purchased 383 acres bordering on Sportland and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and began to build a new suburb called Charlton Heights. Within a year, the property had been surveyed and platted, and twenty substantial dwellings had been erected, mostly from architectural designs ordered by mail.¹⁴ Sportland became a 30-acre orchard enclave in a growing Victorian railroad suburb.

Sportland has had a succession of owners in the twentieth century. In the early 1950's the area around it (by then known as Berwyn Heights) was subdivided again, and the house and immediate grounds became an oversized lot in an area of small dwellings on small building lots.

At some point in this century the older section of the house was renovated, and extended approximately ten feet to the east. A new fireplace and chimney were constructed at the east gable end.

In January 1859, when Sportland was the home of Berwyn Heights Town Commissioner H. Dale Smith, a fire seriously damaged the interior of the house. After the fire, the house was renovated, and large picture windows were installed in the first story of the main block. Interior panelling was also installed.¹⁵

Sportland represents a popular house style of the mid-nineteenth century, and retains a significant amount of interior trim. Like Woodstock (P.G. #82A-13, National Register), the side hall and double parlor plan main block was built onto an earlier structure. Sportland has been the home of several prominent families, and although it has been significantly altered, it is a noticeable landmark in a densely developed community.

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Patent BC & GS #37:358.
- 2 Prince George's County Will T #1:334.
- 3 Federal Direct Tax for Prince George's County, 1798.
- 4 Prince George's County Deed AB #1:449; cf. also Prince George's County Equity #415.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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- 5 Prince George's County Court Records, 1828, "An Act Relative to the Public Roads of Prince George's County."
- 6 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1828.
- 7 Prince George's County Equity #415; cf. also MHT Inventory file P.G. #66-5, Bloomfield.
- 8 cf. National Register nominations, P.G. #82A-13 (Woodstock), and #86A-20 (Brookefield of the Berrys).
- 9 Acts of Maryland Assembly, 1858, Chapter 430; cf. also Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861.
- 10 Van Horn, R. L. Out of the Past, pp. 348, 354.
- 11 Prince George's County Equity #415.
- 12 National Intelligencer, 3 November 1861; Prince George's County Deeds FS #3:292, 377, 389; HB #2:668.
- 13 Prince George's County Deed HB #10:176.
- 14 cf. MHT Inventory for P.G. #67-22, Berwyn Heights.
- 15 Prince George's Post 9 October 1969, reference to 16 January 1958 article.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G #67-5

- cf. Chain of title
- cf. Notes Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 23,309 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Washington East

Tax map #34, Block B, lot 33
Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian

organization P.G. Co. Historic Preservation Commission date December 1987

street & number Room 4010 C.A.B. telephone 301-952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 67-5 Date ca.1780 & mid 19th c.

Building Name Berwyn Heights (Sportland)

Location 5933 Natasha Drive, Berwyn Heights, Md.

Open to Public yes x no

This frame dwelling house is composed of two main sections. The smaller and older east section rests on a field stone foundation. It is one-and-one-half stories high and five (irregular) bays wide, with a porch across the north front. Entrances are in the third and fifth bays. A large (rebuilt) exterior chimney rises on the east end of this section.

The three-bay west section is two-and-one-half stories high; a two-story portico across the north front is supported by four octagonal columns. Two exterior chimneys rise at the west end of this section.

The Berwyn Heights house stands on a tract once known as Yarrow Farm (or Swamp), owned during much of the eighteenth century by the Edmonston family. The east section of the present house was constructed before 1798, at which time its description was recorded in the federal tax assessment. The Edmonston family held the property until the 1820's, after which it was held by several prominent individuals, including Maryland Delegate Ethan Allen Jones and Brigadier General Edward C. Carrington. The larger nineteenth century west section of the house has undergone alterations following a fire in 1958.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Yarrow Farm or Sportland

AND/OR COMMON Berwyn Heights

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5933 Natasha Drive

CITY, TOWN Berwyn Heights VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5th
STATE Maryland P.G. 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME ~~J. Donald Owen~~ Harry & Shirley Sonnemann (9-15-83)
8360 Greensboro Dr. # 907
McLean, Va. 22102 Telephone #: 474-8494

STREET & NUMBER 5933 Natasha Drive

CITY, TOWN Berwyn Heights VICINITY OF Maryland STATE zip code 20747

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC P.G. County Courthouse Liber #: 3909 Folio #: 555

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE P.G. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale St.

CITY, TOWN Rialto STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

PG:67-5

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame dwelling house is composed of two main sections. The smaller and older east section rests on a field stone foundation. It is one-and-one-half stories high and five (irregular) bays wide, with a porch across the north front. Entrances are in the third and fifth bays of the north facade. A large (rebuilt) exterior chimney rises on the east end of this section. (Architectural evidence on the interior suggests that the original chimney was removed, the house extended three feet in length to the east, and a new chimney constructed.)

The three-bay west section is two-and-one-half stories high; a two-story portico across the north front is supported by four octagonal columns. Two exterior chimneys rise at the west end of this section.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		x local history

SPECIFIC DATES ca.1780 & mid 19th c. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Berwyn Heights house stands on a tract once known as Yarrow Farm (or Yarrow Swamp), owned during much of the eighteenth century by the Edmonston family.¹ The east section of the present house was constructed before 1798, at which time its description appears in the federal tax assessment.²

The Edmonston family held the property until 1820, after which it was held by several prominent persons, including Maryland Delegate Ethan Allen Jones³ and Brigadier General Edward C. Carrington.⁴

The larger nineteenth century west section has undergone alterations following a fire in 1958.

1. P.G. County Will: T#1:334
2. Federal Direct Tax, Prince George's County, 1798
3. P.G. County Chancery Court Records, HB#2:345
4. P.G. County Deed: HB#2:668

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G. Deeds: 3909:555; 2683:525; 481:414; 17:10,8;
 HB#8:332, 327; HB#2:668; AB#1:449
 P.G. Equity:#2990, Chancery #415
 Will: T#1:334

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE
William Aleshire, James Maher		February 1980
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE
P.G. Historical and Cultural Trust		779-2011
STREET & NUMBER		
Calvert Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Rd.		
CITY OR TOWN		STATE
Riverdale, Md.		

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Berwyn Heights (Sportland) P.G. 67-5

3909:555 15 Jan 1971 Deed	William Weikert to J. Donald and June Owen Lot 33, Block B, Greenbriar Knolls, Plat 43:24
2683:525 30 April 1962 Deed	Julia Jones Smith to William D. Weikert, Lot 33, Block B
2616:649 14 June 1961 Deed	Richard Bourne and Herbert D. Smith to Julia Jones Smith, Block B (plat WWW 33:68)
1523:104 21 July 1952 Deed	Joseph and Elizabeth Blondell to Herbert D. and Julia Jones Smith, northwest corner of Berwyn Rd. (formerly Washington Ave.) and 60th St. 2 acres
1424:488 10 Oct 1951 Deed	Theresa Waters Downey, widow, to Joseph and Elizabeth Blondell, 13.75 acres on the north side of Washington Ave.
481:414 29 Apr 1937 Deed	Maria and John O. Waters to Theresa Waters Downey, 13.75 acres
108:34 19 June 1915 Deed	Lillian C. Hough to Maria Waters 13.75 acres
87:176 15 June 1913 Deed	August J. Wiegman and wife. to Lillian C. Hough, 13.75 acres
17:10 4 Dec 1903 Deed	Campbell Carrington and wife Laura to August J. Weigman, 27 acres "Sportland"
17:8 30 Nov 1903 Deed	Irving Williamson, trustee, to Campbell Carrington, as decreed in Eq. #2990, 27 acres "Sportland"
JBP#1:314 21 April 1896 Will	Testator, Marie Antoinette Carrington; to son Campbell, home place "Sportland"
HB#9:394 7 Sept 1874 Deed	Edward C. (father of Campbell) Carrington to Marie A. Carrington, part Sportland, 27 7/8 acres

<p>HB#8:332 3 Feb 1874 Deed</p>	<p>Ada Joyner et al to Edward C. Carrington, 28 acres, part of Sportland</p>
<p>HB#8:327 3 Feb 1874 Deed</p>	<p>Edward C. Carrington to Ada and Fannie Joyner, part of Sportland, 150 acres</p>
<p>HB#2:668 9 Sept 1869 Deed</p>	<p>Jonathan T. Walker to Edward Carrington, 150 acres (same land conveyed by Alvin Schoeff to McKenney)</p>
<p>PS#3:377 15 Nov 1865 Mtg</p>	<p>Alvin Schoeff to John McKenney, 150 acres ac- quired from J. T. Walker; Schoeff is indebted to walker \$4000, so mortgages land to McKenney; Schoeff defaults, Walker repossesses, and sells to Carrington.</p>
<p>PS#389 16 Nov 1865 Deed</p>	<p>Jonathan T. Walker to Alvin Schoeff, 150 acres</p>
<p>PS#3:292 15 Nov 1865 Deed</p>	<p>N.C. Stephen, trustee (appointed to sell real estate of E.A. Jones) to Jonathan T. Walker, Lots #2 and #3 of Yarrow, 274 acres</p>
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Berwyn Heights

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 5933 Natasha Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Berwyn Heights

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: ~~J. Donald Owen~~ Harry + Shirley Sonnemann (9-15-89)

STREET AND NUMBER: 5933 Natash Drive 8360 Greenboro Dr. #207

CITY OR TOWN: Berwyn Heights STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MNCPPC

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncited
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a Federal structure that has had several major alternations. The three bay facade has a doorway with a transom light in the east bay. The windows in the center and west bays have been connected with a picture window. The second floor windows are 6/6 double hung sash. On the west end there are double external chimneys with two story bases.</p> <p>On the east end there is a story and a half wing. It has an external chimney with a one story base on the east end. At the second level, 4/4 double hung sash windows flank the stack; on the ground floor the windows on the gable end are 6/6 double hung sash with small panes. Both front and back facades have porches, giving the roof a bell cast at the eaves.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 25 Oct 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

Chain of Title
Sportland (Yarrow)
P.G. #67-5

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3909:555 15 Jan. 1971 Deed	William Weikert to J. Donald and June Owen, Lot 33, Block B, Greenbriar Knolls., Plat 43:24.
2683:525 30 April 1962 Deed	Julia Jones Smith to William D. Weikert, Lot 33, Block B.
2616:649 14 June 1961 Deed	Richard Bourne and Herbert D. Smith to Julia Jones Smith, Block B (Plat WWW 33:68).
1523:104 21 July 1952 Deed	Joseph and Elizabeth Blondell to Herbert D. and Julia Jones Smith, northwest corner of Berwyn Road (formerly Washington Avenue) and 60th Street, two acres.
1424:488 10 Oct. 1951 Deed	Theresa Waters Downey, widow, to Joseph and Elizabeth Blondell, 13.75 acres on the north side of Washington Avenue.
481:414 29 April 1937 Deed	Maria and John O. Waters to Theresa Waters Downey, 13.75 acres.
108:34 19 June 1915 Deed	Lillian C. Hough to Maria Waters, 13.75 acres.
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17:10 4 December 1903 Deed	Campbell Carrington and wife Laura to August J. Weigman, 27 acres "Sportland".
17:8 30 November 1903 Deed	Irving Williamson, trustee, to Campbell Carrington, as decreed in Equity #2990, 27 acres "Sportland".
JBP #1:314 21 April 1896 Will	Testator, Marie Antoinette Carrington; to son Campbell, home place "Sportland".
HB #9:394 7 Sept. 1874 Deed	Edward C. (father of Campbell) Carrington to Marie A. Carrington, part of Sportland, 27-7/8 acres.

HB #8:332 Ada Joyner et al to Edward C. Carrington, 28 acres,
3 Feb. 1874 part of Sportland.
Deed

HB #8:327 Edward C. Carrington to Ada and Fannie Joyner, part of
3 Feb. 1874 Sportland, 150 acres.
Deed

HB #2:668 Jonathan T. Walker to Edward Carrington, 150 acres
9 Sept. 1869 (same land conveyed by Alvin Schoeff to McKenney).
Deed

FS #3:377 Alvin Schoeff to John McKenney, 150 acres acquired
16 Nov. 1865 from J. T. Walker; Schoeff is indebted to Walker
Mortgage \$4,000, so mortgages land to McKenney; Schoeff
defaults, Walker repossesses, and sells to Carrington.

FS #3:389 Jonathan T. Walker to Alvin Schoeff, 150 acres of
16 Nov. 1865 Yarrow.
Deed

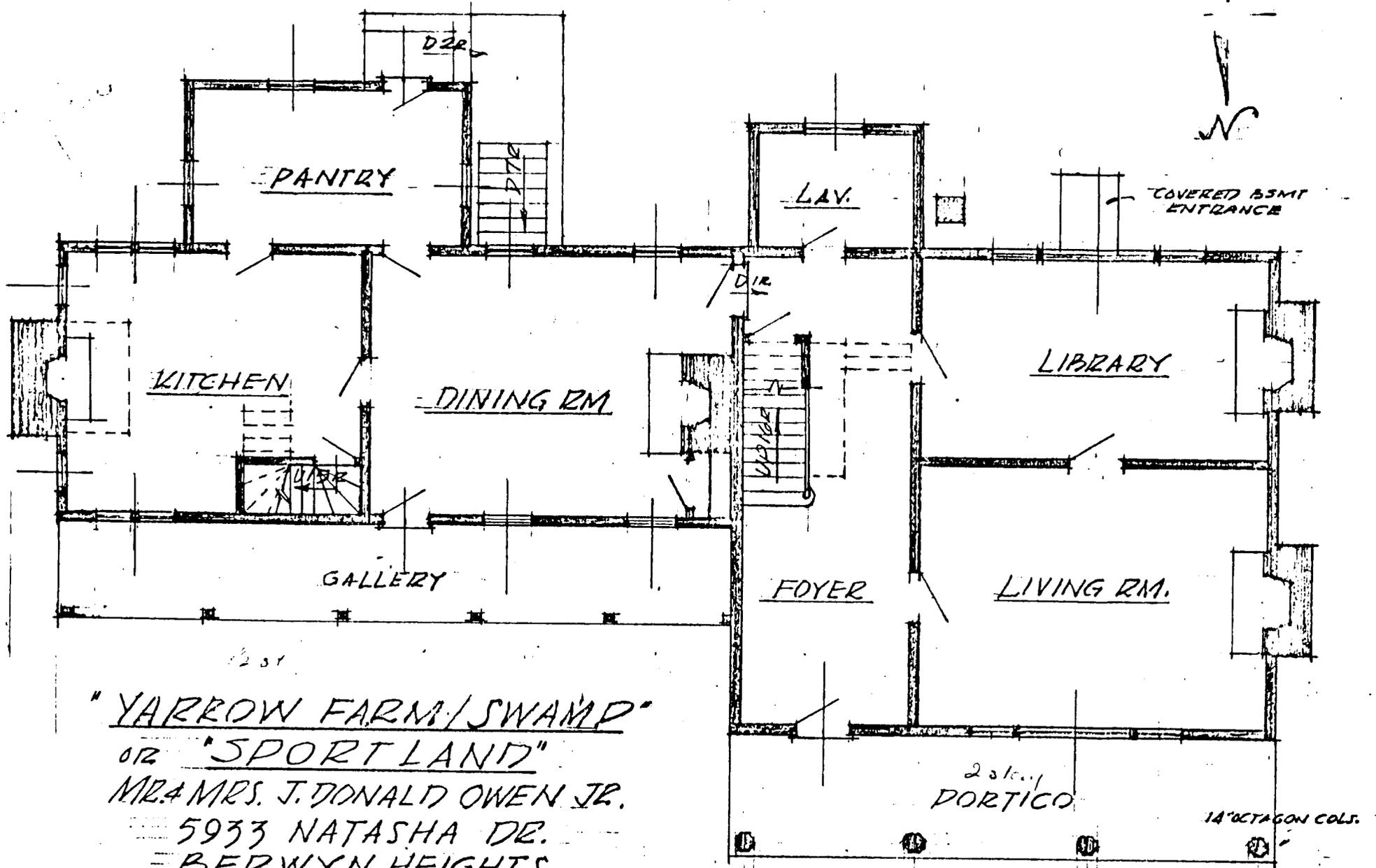
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 OR "SPORT LAND"
 MR. & MRS. J. DONALD OWEN JR.
 5933 NATASHA DR.
 BERWYN HEIGHTS,
 PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY,
 MARYLAND

1/8" = 1'-0"

JAMES F. MAHER A.I.A. JAN. 20, 1986

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BRANCHVILLE

ROAD

INDIAN CREEK PARK
unit no. 1

BERWYN HEIGHTS

RUATAN

STREET

DRIVE

ROAD

PONTIAC

STREET

MD ROUTE 201

M.P.S.

BERWYN

CUNNINGHAM

SMITH HOUSE

(615)

ROAD

ROAD

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WELAND

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unit no. 2

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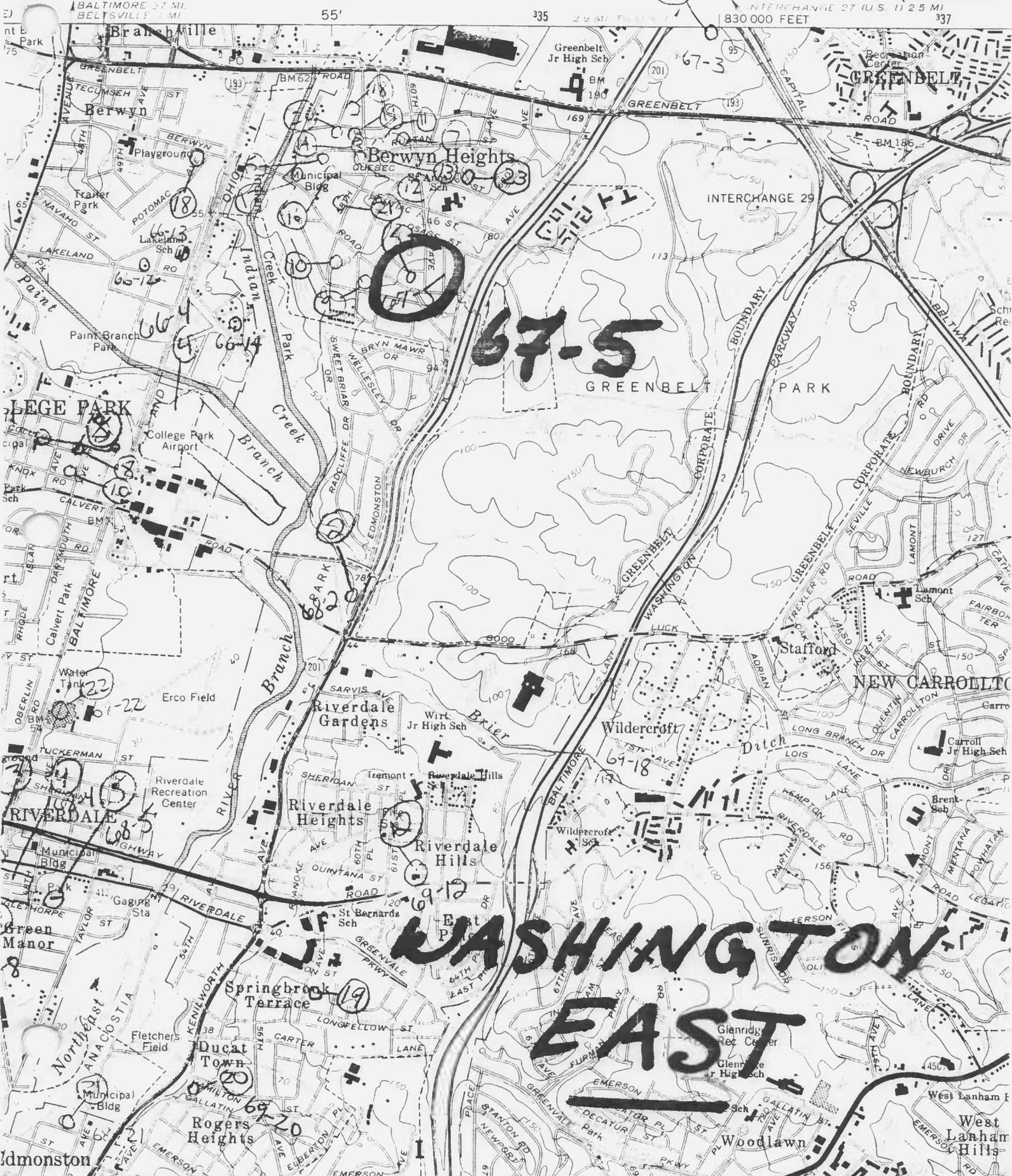
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Sportland (Yarrow)
Prince George's County
Susan G. Pearl
March 1987
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Sportland (Yarrow)
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West elevation
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Northeast 3/4 elevation

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Sportland (Yarrow)
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South parlor mantel
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