

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # P.G.#68-73

Building Date 1906

Building Name Shepherd-Sibley House

Location 5108 42nd Avenue, Hyattsville

Private /Residence /Occupied /Good /Inaccessible

Description:

The Shepherd-Sibley house is a two-story gable roof frame Victorian dwelling of two-by-three bays. It has an octagonal three-story tower surmounted by a pyramidal cap at the northeast corner, and a wrap-around entrance porch. It stands on a small town lot on the west side of 42nd Avenue in Hyattsville. The two-bay east main elevation has entry in the south bay through a decorative six-panel door. The main elevation is surmounted by an enclosed pediment with a central window at attic level. The eaves are flaired and deeply overhanging between second and third story level. The house is covered with grey-painted asbestos shingle and stands on a poured-concrete foundation. The roof is covered with grey asphalt shingle. The interior plan is that of a south side stair hall with two flanking north parlors. The kitchen is at the rear, reached through the west parlor or dining room. Doors throughout the dwelling are four-panel with decorative Victorian butt hinges. The door and window surrounds have central banding and an inner half-round molding as well as bull's-eye corner blocks. A large metal grate in the west end of the entry hall is located over the furnace and supplied passive heat circulation.

Significance:

The Shepherd-Sibley house is significant for its turn-of-the-century suburban vernacular architecture, influenced by the Queen Anne style. Elements of the Queen Anne style include the three-story octagonal tower and belled or flaired eaves with bracketing, enclosing gables on each elevation of the house. The open-work cornice and jig-sawn brackets on the wrap-around entry porch are further Queen Anne style decorative elements. The house was covered with asbestos shingle sometime after its construction so the character of the original wood siding is not known. The dwelling was constructed in 1906, when Albert Behrend sold Lot 8 in Block B of Johnson and Wine's First Addition to Hyattsville to William A. Shepherd. The dwelling has been held by a succession of only four families, including the present owners, since its construction. Due to the few number of owners, the house contains much original material including the plaster, doors, hardware, wood moldings and heating system.

Acreage: 7875 sq. feet

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Shepherd-Sibley House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5108 42nd Avenue

not for publication

city, town Hyattsville

vicinity of

congressional district

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state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification

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<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 Scott F. and Mary F. Sibley

street & number 5108 42nd Avenue

telephone no.:

city, town Hyattsville

state and zip code Maryland 20781

5. Location of Legal Description

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

liber 7259

street & number Main Street

folio 568

city, town Upper Marlboro

state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
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<input 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.

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The two-bay east main elevation has entry in the south bay through a decorative six-panel door with a large upper rectangular glass panel. The door and window surrounds are wide plain board moldings. There are indentations in the window surrounds left by shutter hinges, although there are no longer shutters on the windows. Windows throughout the dwelling are 1/1 double-hung wood sash. The first story is sheltered by a four-bay-entrance porch with a shallowly-sloping hipped roof. The turned porch posts have jig-sawn brackets. There is a decorative open-work cornice and brackets beneath the overhanging eaves. The balustrade has plain rectangular balusters interspaced with X-shaped sections. There are two concrete steps up to the wooden porch floor, which rests on low concrete piers interspaced with wood lattice. The main elevation is surmounted by an enclosed pediment with a central window at attic level. There are flared overhanging eaves between second story and attic level, with bracketing beneath the overhang. The octagonal tower has a window in each face, through the third story level. There is bracketing beneath the overhang of the tower's pyramidal cap.

The house is covered with grey-painted asbestos shingle and stands on a poured-concrete foundation. The gable roof and the roof of the porch and the tower are covered with grey asphalt-shingle.

The two-bay south elevation has a central one-story semi-octagonal projecting bay with one central window. The entrance porch wraps around this elevation, shelters a square window in the east bay and ends at the projecting semi-octagonal bay. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance at foundation level. There is a central enclosed pediment at attic level similar to that on the main elevation, with a central 1/1 sash window.

The four-bay north elevation has a one-story central projecting rectangular bay lighted by two windows. The entrance porch wraps around this elevation, sheltering a side entrance door, and ending at the projecting bay. There are two windows at the second story level. There is a central enclosed pediment with a central 1/1 sash window at attic level.

The west rear gable end has three irregular bays. The north bay has an entrance into an enclosed one-bay rear porch. The central bay has a window at first and second story levels. The south bay has a window at second story level only. There is no fenestration at attic level.

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The interior floor plan of the Shepherd-Sibley house is that of a south side stair hall with two flanking north parlors. The kitchen is at the rear, reached through the west parlor or dining room.

The open-string stair rises along the south wall in the entry hall. It has a single unbroken run to the second story. The balustrade has plain rectangular balusters and a rectangular newel post with a flat cap. A square window opening which originally contained a Queen Anne style window with colored glass sidelights was located in the south wall at the foot of the stair. The opening has been covered over on the interior of the house, although it is still visible on the exterior. The window was removed and is presently located in the attic. A large metal grate in the floor in the west end of the entry hall is located directly over the furnace and supplied passive heat circulation for the house. There is no furnace duct work in the dwelling. A door beneath the stair leads to a closet lighted by the window located in the south semi-octagonal bay. This elongated closet apparently once served as a back hallway to the kitchen. Access to the kitchen is now closed off. Doors throughout the dwelling are four-panel with decorative Victorian butt hinges. The door and window surrounds have central banding and an inner half-round molding as well as bull's eye corner blocks. The baseboard has an ogee cap molding. The flooring on the first story is of narrow, regular-width oak boards, laid over the original pine flooring. The ceiling in the entry hall, the dining room and the upstairs bath is covered with a particle-board tile, which is a modern addition. The walls are covered with the original plaster, some of which is deteriorated.

The east parlor, or living room is semi-octagonal in shape, having the tower forming the north and east walls of the room. A wide rectangular opening in the west wall leads to the dining room. This doorway originally had double doors, indicated by indentations left by hinges visible in the wood of the door frame.

The dining room has an exterior door in the northeast corner exiting to the wrap-around entry porch. There is flat chairrail molding. The room is lighted by two windows in the north wall which are in the projecting rectangular one-story north bay. A small window in the south wall, closed by a wooden panel, served as a service window from the kitchen. A door in the west wall leads to the kitchen.

The kitchen has appliances and fixtures dating to the 1940's. A pantry in the east wall is probably not original, because it blocks a second entry into the kitchen from a passageway beneath the main staircase. A back stair in the north wall leads to the second story and to the basement. An entry door in the northwest corner of the room leads to the enclosed rear porch, which has been remodeled for use as a laundry room.

The second story of the Sibley house is bisected by an east-west hall reached by the main stair and the north (rear) stair. There are three bedrooms along the north side of the hall, the largest having the octagon-

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al tower in the northeast corner. There is what is probably an original bathroom at the west end of the hall. The east end of the hall has a small doorway above the stairwell leading to a stair to the unfinished attic. The largest, northeast bedroom has a dressing area or alcove reached through an archway on the south side of the room. This alcove is located at the east end of the stairhall and may once have been a separate room. The archway into the bedroom appears to be an alteration and the alcove had a door to the attic stair which has been covered over.

The small rear yard of the Shepherd-Sibley house contains a large magnolia and a large maple tree. There are two one-story frame, gable roof sheds standing side-by-side at the rear of the yard.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
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			Local history

Specific dates 1906 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.

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The dwelling was constructed in 1906, when Albert Behrend sold Lot 8 in Block B of Johnson and Wine's First Addition to Hyattsville to William A. Shepherd. In 1906 Lot 8 was assessed at \$300 with a new improvement assessed at \$1,800.¹ The dwelling was probably built by Shepherd, who is listed in the 1910 United States Census as working for the treasury of the Town of Hyattsville.

Shepherd died in 1945.² His wife and daughter sold the property in 1950.³ It has been held by a succession of only four families, including the Shepherds and in 1989 the Sibleys, since its construction.⁴

Probably due to the relatively few number of owners over its history, the house contains much original material including the original plaster, doors, hardware, wood moldings and heating system. It is a strong contributing member to the Hyattsville National Register District.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, 16th Election District, 1905, 1906, 1907.
- 2 Prince George's County Wills, WEC 1:266, Administration File #8085.
- 3 Prince George's County Land Records, 1195:197.
- 4 Land Records, 28:584, 1195:197, 2463:9, 7259:568.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 7875 sq feet

Tax Map 50 Lot #8 Grid B-1

Quadrangle name Washington East E

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

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King

organization Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission date February 1990

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-4609

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title
Shepherd-Sibley House
P.G.#68-73

7259:568
21 March 1989
Deed
Anna C. Weight and Paul R. Costinett as guardians for Eunice C. Costinett, by court order CAE 88-21992, 21 March 1989 convey to Scott F. and Mary F. Sibley, Lot 8 in Johnson and Wine's First Addition to Hyattsville. Plat recorded A:19. Same as in 5723:468.

5723:468
30 June 1983
Deed
Lot recorded in two deeds, 3738:665, 3 July 1969 and 4762:272, 22 January 1977.

3738:665
3 July 1969
Deed
Hubert K. Arnold to Paul R. Costinett and Jan R. Costinett, tenants by entireties to undivided 1/2 interest and Eunice C. Costinett remaining 1/2 interest. Same recorded 2463:9.

2463:9
1 July 1960
Deed
Dorothy S. Gerhold, widow, to Paul R. Costinett, Lot #8. Same described in deed of Maie C. Shepherd et. al. to Martin C. Gerhold (dec'd), 24 January 1950, 1195:197.

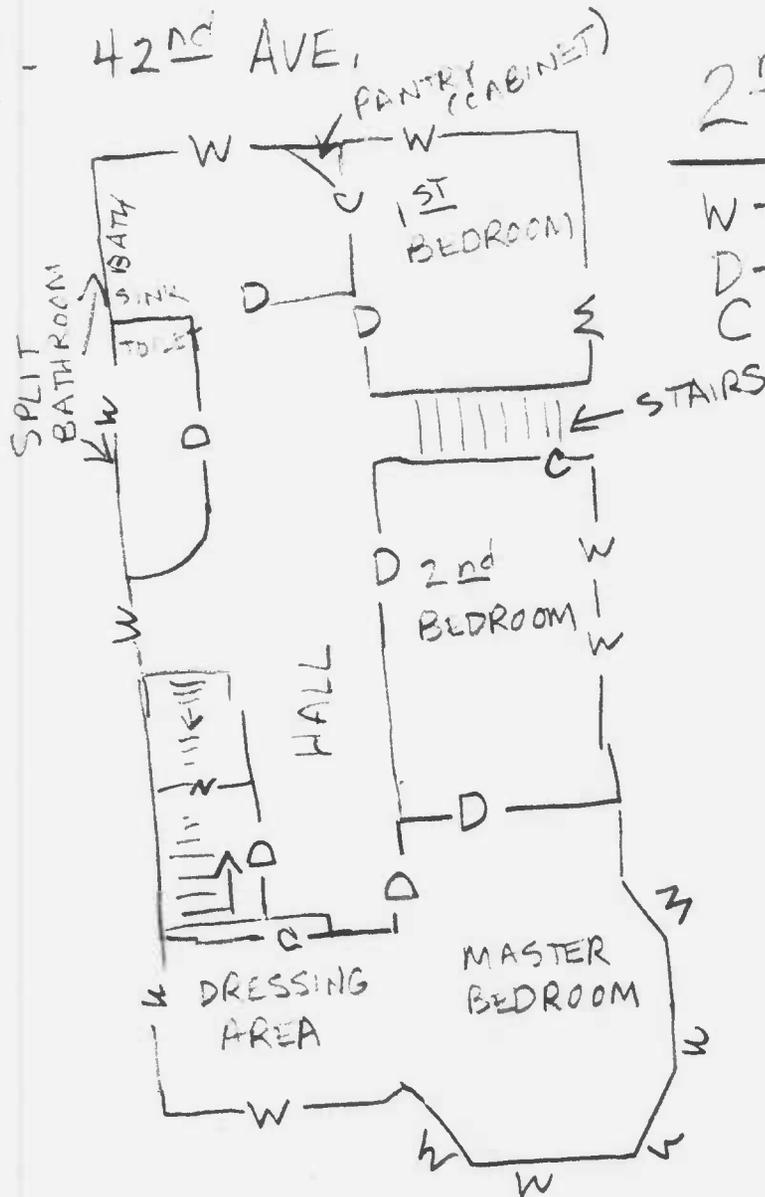
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Maie C. Shepherd and Laura Shepherd Flaherty, joint tenants under will of William A. Shepherd (dec'd), July 23, 1945. To Martin C. and Dorothy S. Gerhold, same recorded 14 July 1906, 28:584.

28:584
14 July 1906
Deed
Albert Behrend and Cora Behrend of Brooklyn, New York. For \$500 grantors convey to William A. Shepherd of Hyattsville, Lot #8.

JWB #7:549
5 Oct. 1886
Deed
George J. and Ann E. Johnson, and Louis D. and Lucy Wine of D.C., to Albert Behrend, for \$350; Lot 8 on Wine Avenue, of Wine and Johnson's First Addition to Hyattsville, on plat recorded in JWB #1:286 (1882).

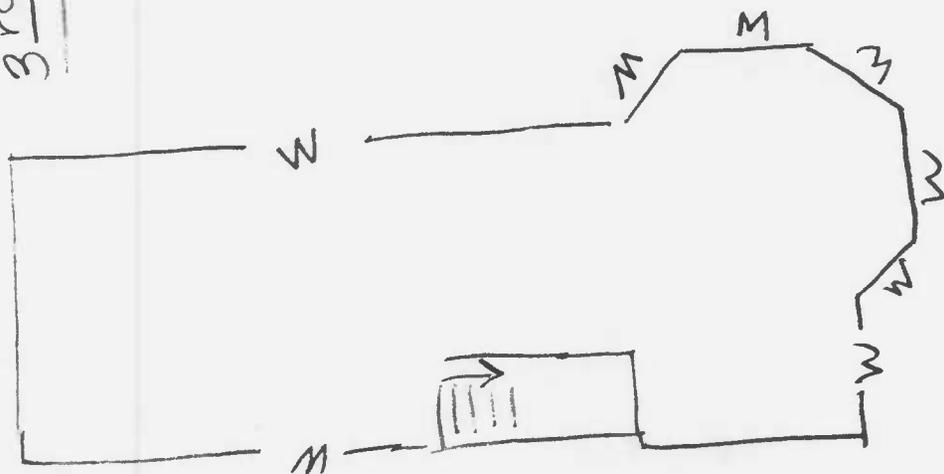
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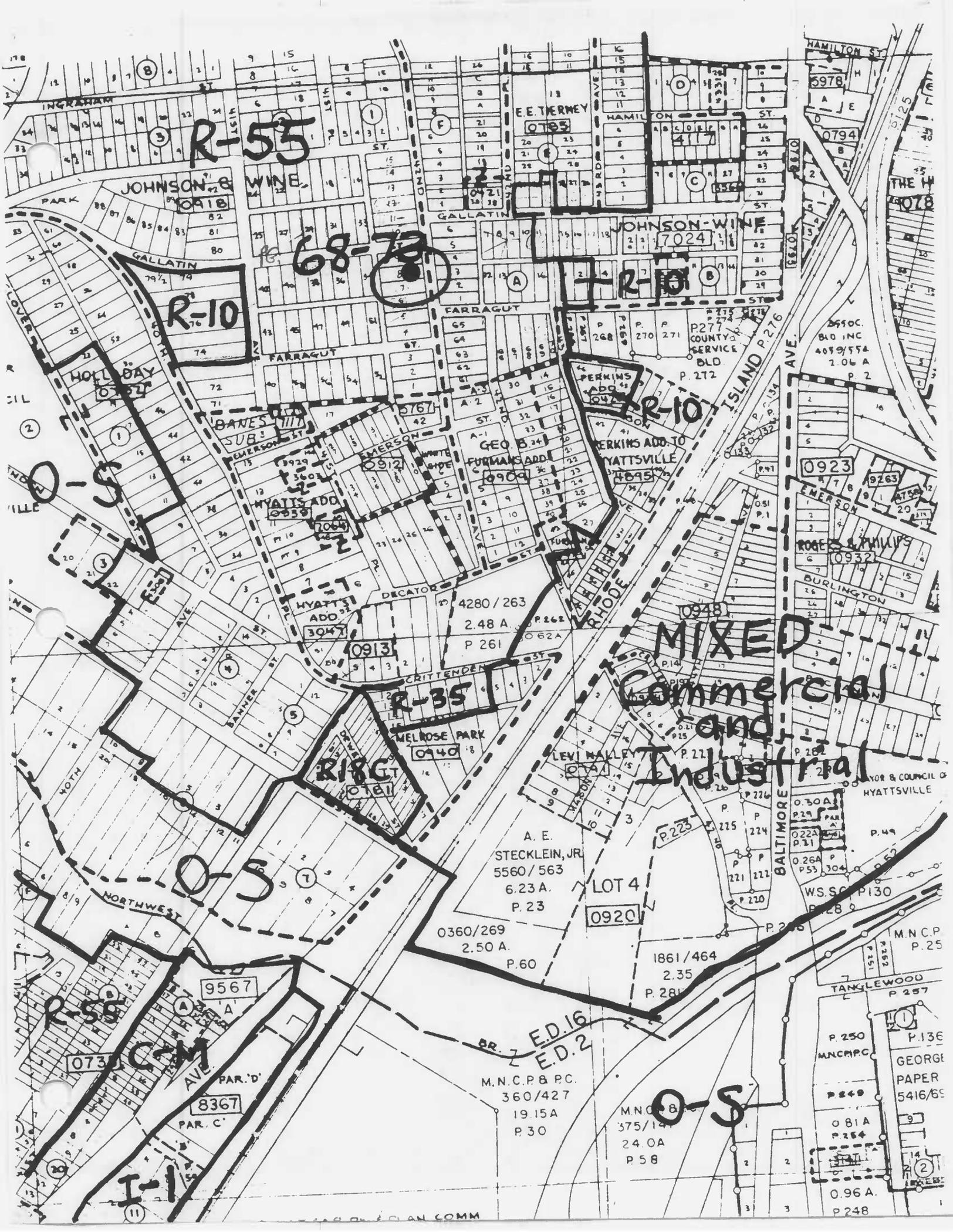
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W - window
 D - door
 C - closet

3RD FLOOR





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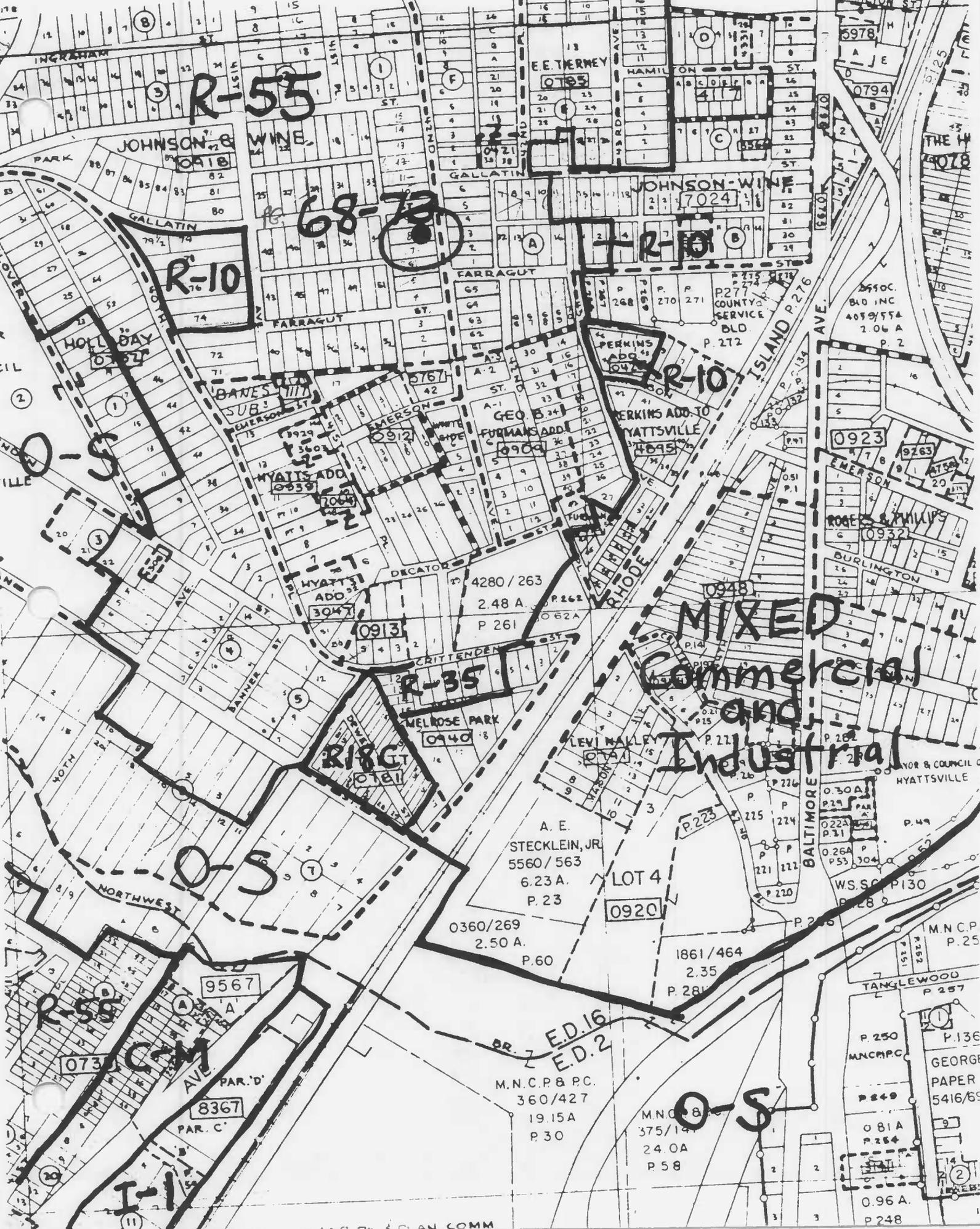
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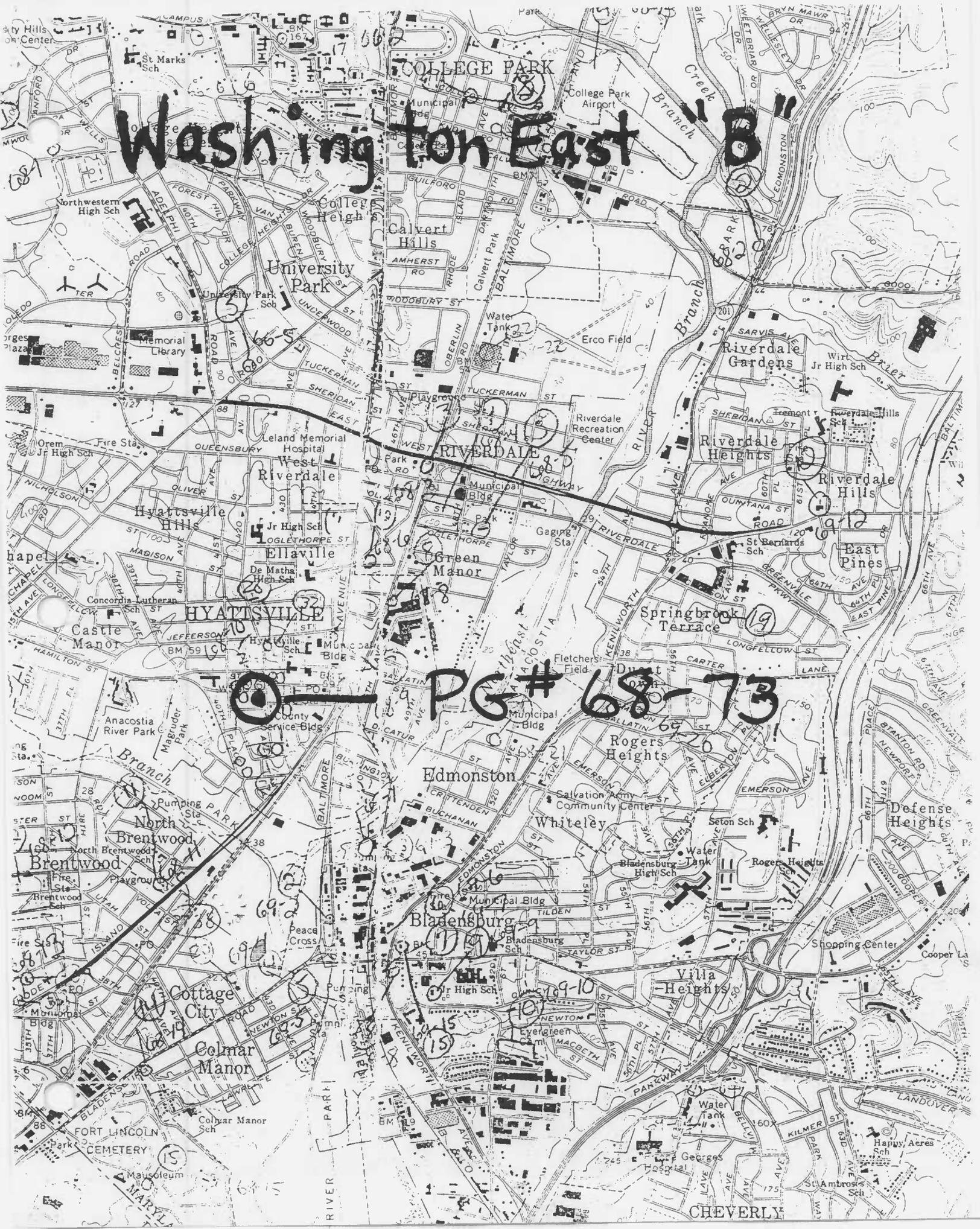
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Dining Room, looking east

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Dining Room, looking south

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East main facade
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Stair hall, looking east
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Shepherd-Sibley House
Prince Georges County
Marina King

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Stair hall, looking west

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Shepherd-Sibley House
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West gable end
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Prince Georges County
Marina King
Oct. 1989
Southeast
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