Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic White's Hardware Store and Residences

and/or common

2. Location:

street & number 15508-15512 Georgia Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Norbeck ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification:

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	_x_occupied	___agriculture	___museum
_x_building(s)	_x_private	___unoccupied	_x_commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___education	_x_private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	_x_yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___other:
	___not applicable	_x_no	___military	
			___transportation	

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

name Lawrence P. White

street & number 15512 Georgia Avenue telephone no.:

city,town Rockville state and zip code MD 20853

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 5858

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue folio 522

city,town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form / Norbeck Historic District

date 1977 ___federal _x_state ___county ___local

depository for survey records Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

city,town Silver Spring state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. M:23-113-4 (PACS A4.31-A4.33)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
___excellent	___deteriorated	___unaltered	___original site	
__good	___ruins	_x_altered	___moved	date of move _____
_x_fair	___unexposed			

Resource Count: 5

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

White's Hardware Store and Residences is a complex of commercial and residential buildings on the northwest corner of Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Road. The hardware store is located at the corner, while two residences and two metal workshop buildings are located north of the store.

The main building within the complex is White's Hardware Store. The hardware store is a 2-story, 8-bay commercial structure constructed circa 1880 and substantially enlarged in the early twentieth century. The building consists primarily of a front-gambrel roof, with a large cross-gable wing to the south, north and rear, a shed roof addition at the intersection of the gambrel and cross-gable on the north side and a shed roof false-front addition to the south side. Another shed roof addition is attached to the rear of the building. The structure is of wood-frame construction with wood clapboard on the gambrel section and german siding on the side-gable sections. The building has a stuccoed foundation and a hipped roof porch across the front facade.

The front, or east facade has a central entrance with an irregular fenestration pattern. The entrance consists of a single wood door. To the south of the door are a plate glass window and 6/6 double-hung sash window. To the north of the entrance are two 6/6 double-hung sash windows. The false-front addition to the south has a plate-glass window, while the shed roof addition to the north has a set of wooden swinging doors. The first floor of the cross-gable wing also has a set of wooden swinging doors on the east elevation. The second floor of the front-gambrel has a band of six 6/6 double-hung sash windows.

The south elevation has a band of four 3-light awning windows and a pair 3-light awning windows near the eaves of the false-front addition. Also on this addition is a single 6/6 double-hung sash window. The south side of the rear shed roof addition has an enclosed entrance. The first floor of the gambrel roof section is covered by these additions. The second floor, gable end, of the south gable has two 8-light casement windows.

The rear, or west elevation has six 6/6 double-hung windows in the rear shed roof addition.

The north elevation is dominated by the north gable addition. This addition has an interior brick chimney and three 6-light, triple-hung multiple sash windows.

There are two residences associated with this property. The first residence, 15510 Georgia Avenue located to the north of the hardware store, is a 2-story, 3-bay cottage with bungalow features. The house has a low-pitched side-gable roof with a central chimney, a front-gable porch and an enclosed rear porch. The house is of wood-frame construction with wood siding and a stuccoed foundation. The front porch is screened and has four wooden posts.

Within the 1½-story, front-gable porch, on the front, or east elevation is a central entry with a 9-light Craftsman door flanked by 6/6 double-hung sash windows. The porch has two 4-light casement windows in the gable end. The second floor of the front elevation has a shed-roof dormer. The dormer has two sets of paired 6/6 double-hung windows.

7. Description (Continued)

The south elevation is symmetrical with two 6/6 double-hung windows on the first floor and one central 6/6 double-hung window on the second floor. The south elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a 4-light glass and panel door.

The rear, or west elevation has two 6/6 double-hung windows, while the second floor has three 6/6 double-hung windows in a shed dormer similar to the front elevation. The rear elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a pair of 3-light awning windows.

The north elevation has a irregular fenestration pattern. The basement level has a 6-light awning window, while the first floor has a 9-light casement window and a 6/6 double-hung window. The second floor has a central 6/6 double-hung window. The north elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a 3-light awning window.

The second residence, at 15512 Georgia Avenue, is located north of the hardware store and the previously described residence. The house is a 2-story, 3-bay Four-square with a 1-story hipped roof front porch and a 2-story shed roof addition on the rear elevation. The house, constructed circa 1920, is of wood-frame construction with vinyl siding, an asphalt shingle covered pyramidal hipped roof and a stuccoed foundation. The front porch consists of a full-width hipped roof supported by four Doric columns on a wood deck.

The front, or east elevation has a side-passage entrance. The entry is a 15-light glass door with an aluminum storm door. The other two bays on the first floor are 1/1 double-hung windows. The second floor has three 1/1 double-hung windows vertically aligned over the first floor openings.

The south elevation has an irregular fenestration pattern. The basement level has a 4-light glass and panel door and a single-light awning window. The first floor has three 1/1 double-hung windows, while the second floor has two 1/1 double-hung windows. The south elevation of the rear addition has a door on the first floor and two 1/1 double-hung windows on the second floor.

The rear, or west elevation has a 1/1 double-hung window on both the first and second floors. The west elevation of the 2-story addition consists of a pair of 6-light awning windows and a 1/1 double-hung window on the first floor with four 1/1 double-hung windows on the second floor.

The north elevation has two single-light awning windows on the basement level. Three 1/1 double-hung windows are located on the first floor, while the second floor has two 1/1 double-hung windows. The north elevation of the rear addition has two 1/1 double-hung windows on the second floor.

The property also has two modern metal storage/workshop buildings constructed circa 1970. The first is located north of the hardware store and cottage and south of the Four-square. The second building is located north of all the structures.

7. Description (Continued)

The setting of the property is dense suburban and has been altered from its historic context. The complex is located at the heavily traveled intersection of two, four-lane divided roadways. The buildings are surrounded by parking lots on the east, Norbeck Road to the south, a modern shopping center immediately to the west and the modern workshop buildings to the north and west.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
_prehistoric	__archaeology-prehistoric	__Community planning	__landscape architecture	__religion
__1400-1499	__archeology-historic	__conservation	__law	__science
__1500-1599	__agriculture	__economics	__literature	__sculpture
__1600-1699	__architecture	__education	__military	__social/ humanitarian
__1700-1799	__art	__engineering	__music	
x_1800-1899	x_commerce	x_exploration/settlement	__philosophy	__theater
x_1900-	__communication	__industry	__politics/government	__transportation
		__invention		__other (specify)

Specific dates circa 1880, enlarged early 20th century **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: _x_A ___B ___C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exceptions: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state _x_local

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

White's Hardware Store began as a blacksmith and wheelwright shop in 1880 at the crossroads of Norbeck. Several additions were added to the building between 1917 and 1950 as new merchandise was added. The core of the current building has a large front-gambrel roof which resembles the form of a barn. Early commercial buildings such as general stores, post offices and blacksmith shops, employed established building forms, modified for commercial activities. These buildings id not develop a distinctly commercial form until the turn of the twentieth century. Blacksmith shops had the appearance of a gable roofed shed usually with no windows (Schlereth 1980:11-15).

Walter H. White purchased land at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Norbeck Road from James Rannie in 1880. White first opened a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. In 1917, Walter White sold the store to his son, Lawrence, who began construction on a large addition and began to sell hardware, feed and farm supplies. In 1931, the blacksmith and wheelwright shop was closed, while another addition began in 1935 to house a new line of farm machinery. In the 1950s, the hipped roof porch was added.

The nineteenth century community of Norbeck was composed of two separate but related communities; Mount Pleasant, the African-American settlement established by freed slaves on Muncaster Mill Road, and a white commercial crossroads settlement at the intersection of Norbeck Road and Georgia Avenue. The community also extended along Norbeck and Bradford Roads, east of the crossroads. The African-American settlement was oriented around the community church and school, while the white settlement centered around the post office, general store, and blacksmith shop. While remnants of both communities still exist, the environment in which they developed has been greatly altered over time.

The community at the crossroads was established in the decade following the Civil War, when increased agricultural prosperity and an increased population created a greater demand in the area for goods and services. In addition to the growth of the local farm community, the area grew as a result of its location at the intersection of two of the oldest roads in the county, the Baltimore Road (Route 28/Norbeck Road) and the Washington-Brookeville Turnpike (Route 97/ Georgia Avenue).

8. Significance (Continued)

Two residences remain on the property. The first residence is a 1½-story cottage with Bungalow-features. The style combines the form and detail of both the bungalow and cottage styles. The front facade usually has bungalow features, with the main roof covering the porch. The cottage influence is found in the roof form and on the side elevations. The roof will often have a large shed, hipped or gable dormer. The side elevation will have cottage fenestration or decorative detailing, such as a change in materials. This style abandoned the horizontality of the bungalow form for a simple and reserved geometry (Gottfried and Jennings 1988: 222). The second residence is a Four-square. The Four-square house was popular in both suburban and rural areas of America from the late 1890s into the 1920s. American Four-square dwellings are usually 2 to 2½ stories tall with a simple square or rectangular plan, low-pitched, hipped roof, and a front entrance, centered or off-center, which served as the focal point of the facade. They also commonly featured a central front dormer and a wide one-story front porch. Inside are usually four roughly equal-sized rooms on each floor, with a side stairway. Exterior wall surfaces were generally clad in clapboards or wood shingles. In vernacular examples, the Four-square often featured hipped dormers, a single-story, full-width front porch, and double-hung sash windows.

White's Hardware Store and Residences were included in the National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form for the Norbeck Historic District, prepared by the State Highway dministration and Maryland Historical Trust in 1977, however this form did not provide architectural descriptions and significance statements for individual buildings. The Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places determined in 1978 that the area is too altered to constitute a historic district, but that the significance of individual buildings, including White's Hardware Store, should be considered.

8. Significance (Continued)

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

White's Hardware Store and Residences are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A as an example of a late nineteenth century and early twentieth century commercial/residential complex. White's Hardware Store is the earliest remaining building located at the Norbeck crossroads, one of the oldest crossroads in Montgomery County. The Norbeck crossroads was an important commercial center in eastern Montgomery County. The oldest section of White's Hardware Store is a blacksmith and wheelwright's shop constructed circa 1880. As the nature of development in the Norbeck area changed from agricultural to residential, the building form and merchandise of White's Hardware Store changed. Large additions were made to the building beginning in 1917 to accommodate the sale of hardware and the servicing of automobiles. The building continues to function as a hardware store and represents a continuum of commercial use at this crossroads. The period of significance for the property extends from 1880 to 1947. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, due to a loss of setting. Its setting has been severely compromised through adjacent development and roadway widening. A shopping center has been built along the rear property line within meters of the store and first residence. The residences do not appear to be currently used for domestic purposes and two large metal storage/workshop buildings are located nearby. Although the building has had several additions, it retains sufficient integrity to convey its historical associations. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility Not Recommended _____

Comments: Criterion A

Reviewer, OPS: E. Hannold/K. Williams Date: 11/25/1996

Reviewer, NR Program: [signature] Date: 3/4/02

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .31 hectares (.77 acres)
Quadrangle name Kensington
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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rganization P.A.C. Spero & Company date December 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore 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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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"White's of Norbeck Is Now Run By Third Family Generation," Sentinel, 29 September 1955.

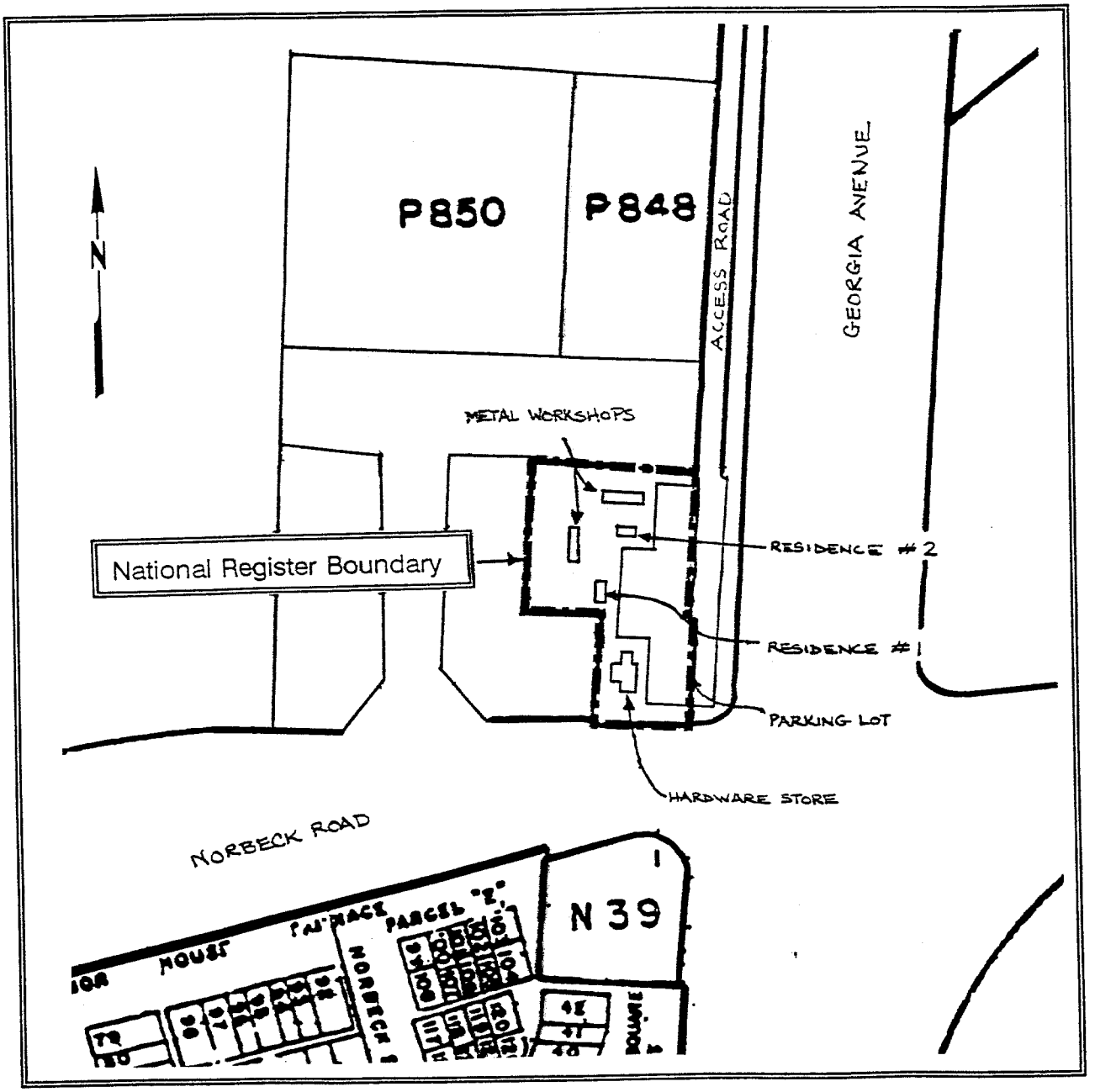
10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundary of White's Hardware Store and Residences follows the current property lines of Parcel P935 and P956 on Tax Map HS 342. This parcel is bounded on the east by Georgia Avenue and the Georgia Avenue access road, on the south by Norbeck Road, and on the north and west by commercial property. The boundary includes the hardware store, adjacent parking lot, two residences and two metal workshop buildings, all of which contribute to the significance of the property. The parcel was originally 2.83 hectares (7 acres) in 1871, but by 1896, the size of the parcel was .31 hectares (.77 acres). The size of the parcel has remained the same since 1896.

10. Geographical Data

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period	A.D. 1930-present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic
Social/Cultural

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Commercial
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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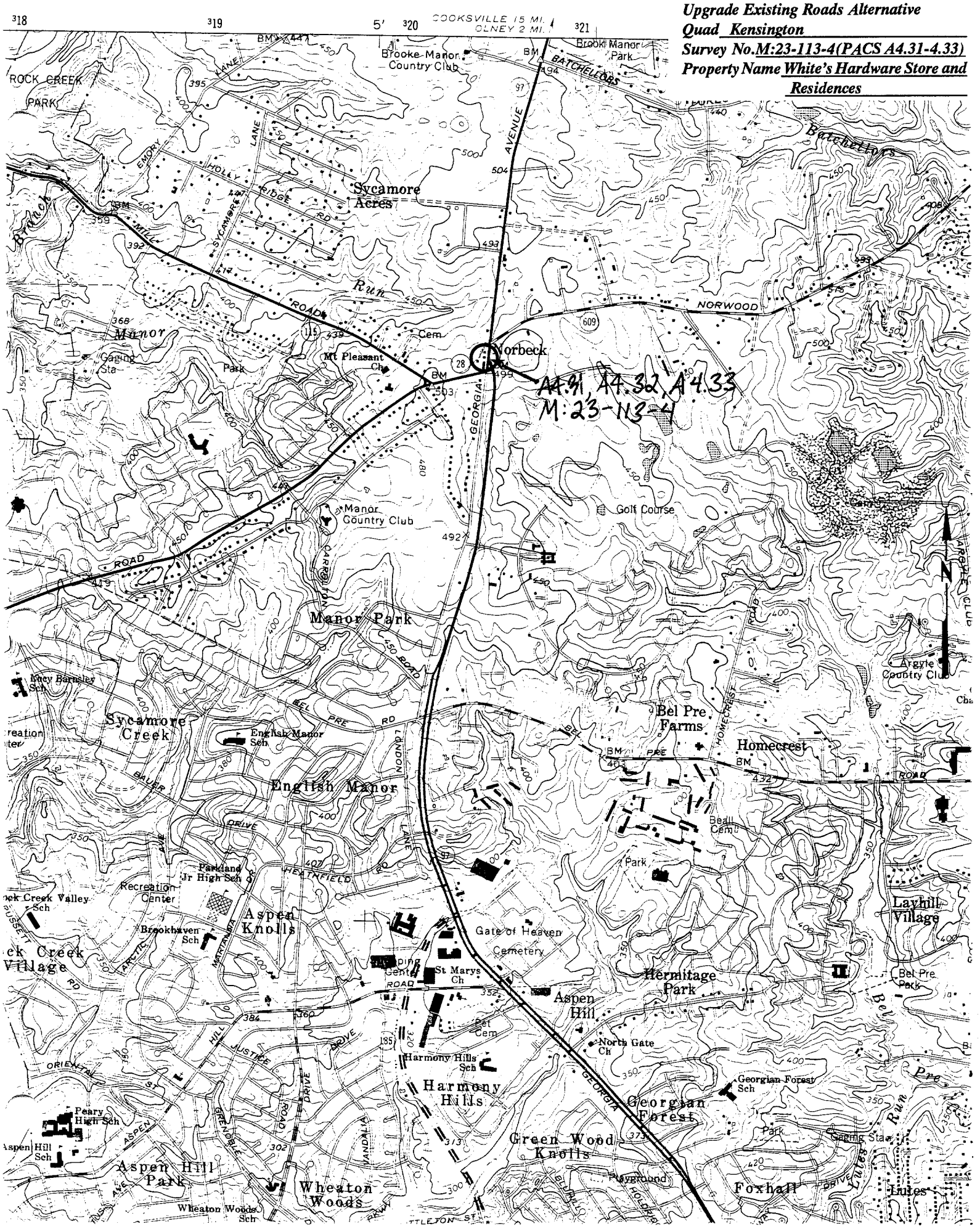

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7 15512 Georgia Ave, general view

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