

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 28-7-3
Herbert S. and Sarah Adams Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:28-7-3 (PACS 9.21) Construction Date: 1914, circa 1940
Name: Herbert S. and Sarah Adams Property
Location: 17836-17838 Hidden Garden Lane, Ashton, Montgomery County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Yes:restricted

Description:

The house on the Herbert and Sarah Adams Property is a 2-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival-style house at the southwest corner of Olney-Sandy Spring Road and Hidden Garden Lane in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed in 1914, the building is rectangular in plan and is oriented to the east. The house, originally oriented to face north toward Olney-Sandy Spring Road, was moved approximately 30 meters (100 feet) from its original location in 1993. The house and a former guest house were part of an early twentieth century farmstead and were incorporated into a new residential house development of neo-traditional design.

Significance:

Herbert and Sarah Adams purchased 3.1 hectares (7.7 acres) of land on the south side of Olney-Sandy Spring Road from the estate of Charles G. Porter in 1914. That same year, the house was constructed on the property. Circa 1940, the guest house was constructed on the land. The guest house is identical to a house constructed by Herbert H. and Mary Adams, adjacent to the east side of Herbert S. and Sarah Adams' farmstead in 1937 (100 Olney-Sandy Spring Road). Upon the death of Sarah Adams, the house and 1.7 hectares (4.324 acres) were transferred to Mary Bentley. The property was referred to as lots 2 and 3 of the subdivision of Herbert S. Adams' land. Mary Bentley sold the property to William and Audrey Treadaway in 1953. The property remained in the Treadaway family until 1981, when sold to Francis and Vicki Gocal. The property size was reduced to .4 hectares (1 acre) at the time of the sale. Upon the Gocal's divorce, the property was transferred to the Potomac Investments Associates and the Sandy Spring Land Company. In 1993, the house, .4 hectare (1 acre) lot and additional undeveloped land were sold to Ashton Development. When the house was sold to Brian and Jeanne Stone in 1994, it was located on lot #1, Block B in a subdivision known as Wyndcrest. The guest house is now located on an adjacent lot, known as lot#2, Block B. The total size of both lots is .28 hectares (.7 acres).

Preparer
P.A.C. Spero & Company
May 1998

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE yes no**1. Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Herbert S. and Sarah Adams Property (preferred)

and/or common Sinclair-Cobb Property

2. Location:

street & number 17836-17838 Hidden Garden Lane N/A not for publication

city, town Ashton ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

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"/> education	<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 checked="" 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"/> other:
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name D. Neil and C. Sinclair / Francis E. Cobb

street & number 17838 Hidden Garden Lane / 17836 Hidden Garden Lane telephone no.:

city, town Ashton state and zip code MD 20861

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Records Office of Montgomery County liber 12420

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center folio 656

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

The house on the Herbert and Sarah Adams Property is a 2-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival-style house at the southwest corner of Olney-Sandy Spring Road and Hidden Garden Lane in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed in 1914, the building is rectangular in plan and is oriented to the east. The house, originally oriented to face north toward Olney-Sandy Spring Road, was moved approximately 30 meters (100 feet) from its original location in 1993. The house and a former guest house were part of an early twentieth century farmstead and were incorporated into a new residential house development of neo-traditional design.

The structure is of wood-frame construction with a side-gable roof covered with pattern metal shingles. The building has a parged concrete block foundation and wood clapboard siding which has been stuccoed on the front, north and part of the rear elevations. The windows are wood 8/1 double-hung with wood shutters. The north gable end has a brick exterior chimney. A full-width hipped roof porch is located on the front elevation and a 1-story flat roof section extending to the south is located on the south elevation. The rear elevation has a 1-story addition covered with standing-seam metal.

The porch on the east, or front facade has a standing-seam hipped roof supported by four wood posts on a wood porch floor. The entrance is centrally located on the elevation. The entrance is a 6-light wood panel door with stained glass sidelights. The first story has two 8/1 double-hung windows. The second story has three 8/1 double-hung windows vertically-aligned over the first story opening. The attic level has a shed roof dormer with three pairs of 2-light casement windows.

The south elevation has two vinyl windows on the basement level and an 8/1 double-hung window on the first story. Also on the first story projection is a with a flat roof, balustrade and cut-away porch. This section has an 8/1 double-hung window on the south elevation. Within the cut-away porch is a wood panel door. The second story has two 8/1 double-hung windows and an 8-light wood panel door which opens onto the flat-roof 1-story projection. The attic level has two 8/1 double-hung windows. The south elevation of the rear addition had a triple 6/1 double-hung window.

The rear elevation has an 8/1 double-hung window on the first story and three 8/1 double-hung windows on the second story. The basement level of the rear addition has a vinyl 1/1 double-hung window. The first story has an 8-light wood door with a shed roof hood supported by wood brackets, an 8/1 double-hung window, a 9-light casement window and a pair of 6/1 double-hung windows.

The north elevation has two vinyl windows on the basement level, and two 8/1 double-hung windows on the first, second and attic levels. The north elevation of the rear addition has a single 6/1 double-hung window.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

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7. Description (Continued)

Associated with the farmstead is a guest house located at 17836 Hidden Garden Lane. Constructed circa 1940, the 1½-story building has a side-gable roof covered with wood shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with a parged concrete foundation, asbestos shingle siding and an interior brick chimney on the rear roof slope. The house has a cut-away porch at the southeast corner and two gable dormers on the front elevation. The rear elevation has a shed roof dormer. The windows are wood 6/6 double-hung.

The houses are located on the west side of Hidden Garden Lane, south of Olney-Sandy Spring Road. The main house of the farmstead (17838 Hidden Garden Lane) was moved in 1993 and incorporated into a modern single-family residential development.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates 1914, circa 1940 Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exceptions: 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 Herbert and Sarah Adams Property is located in Ashton. The community of Ashton in northern Montgomery County was, until 1890, a part of neighboring Sandy Spring and shares that town's early Quaker roots. Ashton centers roughly on the intersection of MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) where early Quaker farmers brought their produce to be weighed. The crossroads also attracted Caleb Stabler and Charlie Porter who opened a store around 1860 and named it Ashton. The actual significance of this name is uncertain. In 1889 Alvin G. Thomas, a Quaker, took over the Ashton store. This community commenced its official existence when it received a post office in 1890, taking its name from Stabler and Porter's store.

Twentieth century development in Ashton featured the community's rural character. In fact the first "development" in 1934 consisted of six "farmettes" complete with a small orchard and barn, and room for gardening and animals. Further developments undertaken since World War II, such as Ashton Pond and Ashmead, often took shape as planned communities under the supervision of Gocal, as well as outside developers. Current county zoning, which requires lots of 2 hectares (5 acres), has helped preserve the rural nature of Ashton.

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8. Significance (Continued)

The house on the Herbert and Sarah Adams Property was constructed in the Colonial Revival-style. Popular in the years from 1880 to 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from a rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival dwellings were drawn predominantly from Georgian and Federal styles; secondary influences included Dutch Colonial and English Postmedieval types. Late nineteenth century examples of Colonial Revival were often asymmetrical and exhibited a combination of Queen Anne features, such as turrets and wide porches, and Colonial features such as Palladian windows and Adamesque swags or urns. Examples built from 1915 to 1935 reflected colonial precedents more closely, while those built after World War II simplified the style, with details which only suggested rather than duplicated the original examples. Various sub-styles, such as the Dutch Colonial Revival, were popular during the early to mid-twentieth century.

Colonial Revival houses are usually strictly rectangular in plan with few projections and have symmetrical facades. They range from one to three stories with hipped, side-gable, cross-gable, or gambrel roofs. Clapboard is the most popular sheathing material, although brick is not uncommon. After World War II, colonial homes frequently featured a brick-sided first story with an overhanging wood-sided second story. In more elaborate homes, a hipped roof is often topped with a flat deck and balustrade or a cupola. Pedimented doorways and fanlights are common. Some pediments evolved into porticos with slender columns. The typical form of the windows is rectangular with double-hung sash. Palladian windows are common on more sophisticated dwellings. The addition of side porches, terraces and sunrooms are modern features common to Colonial Revival homes (McAlester 1984, 321-6).

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

The Herbert and Sarah Adams Property, constructed in 1914, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C and the property meets Criteria Consideration B, as a moved property which retains enough historic features to convey its architectural significance. The main house is an excellent example of early twentieth century Colonial Revival-style residential architecture. The property possesses excellent architectural integrity, and retains such character-defining features as side-gable roof with cornice returns, symmetrical fenestration pattern and full-width front porch. Other features, such as a second story porch over an interior room on a gable end and 6/1 double-hung windows, were commonly found on Colonial Revival houses of the early twentieth century.

The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. 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. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended _____

Comments

Reviewer, OPS: _____ Date: _____

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No.M:28-7-3(PACS 9.21)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .28 hectares (.7 acres)
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Attached

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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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.

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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Herbert and Sarah Adams Property follow the current property lines of 17836 and 17838 Hidden Garden Lane (Tax Map JT 342/Block B/Lots 1 and 2). This .28 hectare (.7 acres) boundary is bordered on the east by a 1926 single family residence, and on the south and west by modern houses. The boundary includes the main house and guest house, both contributing structures on the property. According to deed research, the property was originally part of a 3.1 hectare (7.7 acre) parcel which was purchased in 1914 by Herbert and Sarah Adams. By 1981, the size of the parcel containing the main house had been reduced to .4 hectares (1 acre). When the property was subdivided and developed in 1993, the house was moved to a lot at the corner of Olney-Sandy Spring Road and Hidden Garden Lane. The guest house was not moved. The recommended National Register boundary includes both lots on which the main house and guest house are now located, a total of .28 hectares (.7 acres).

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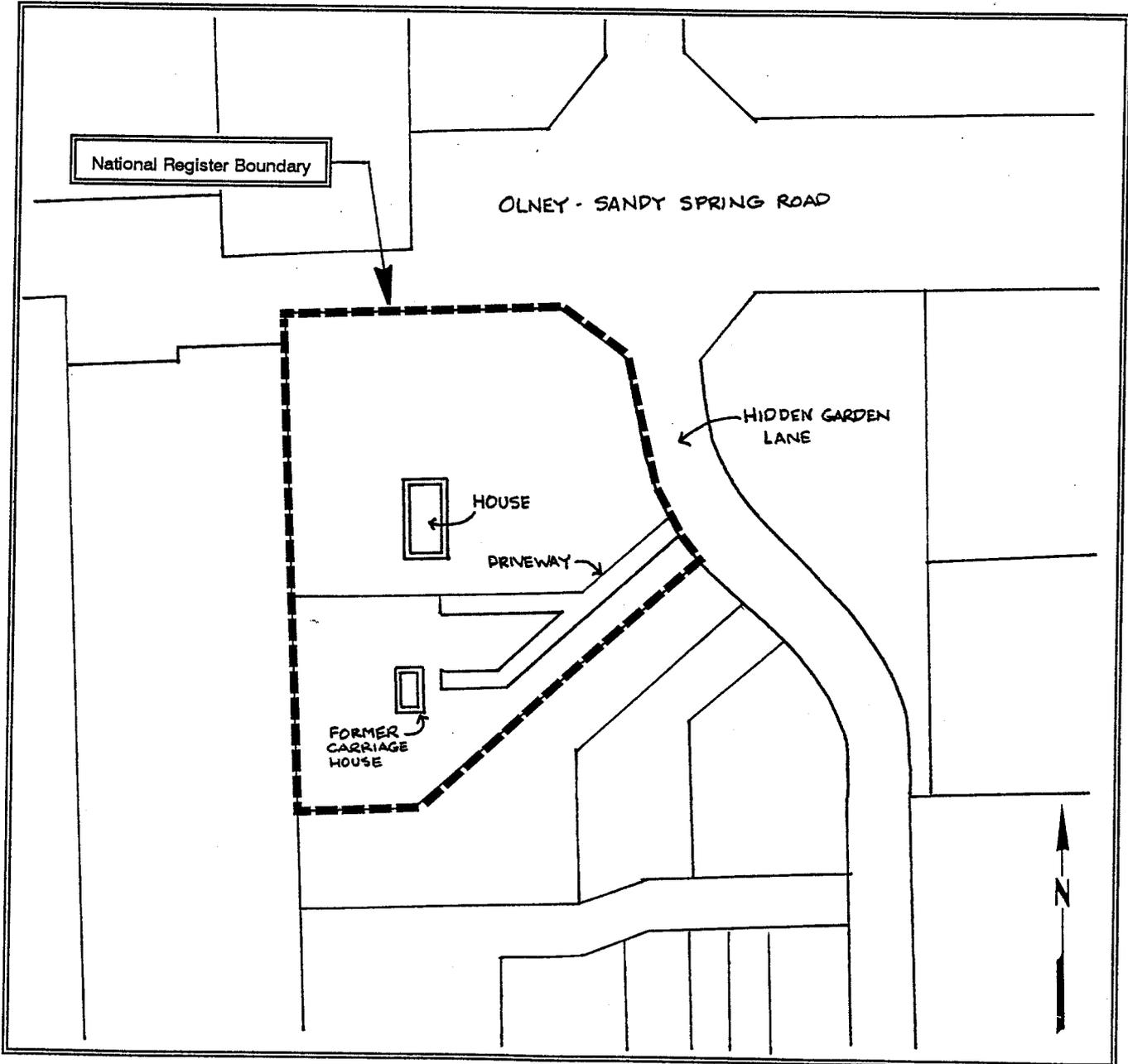
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

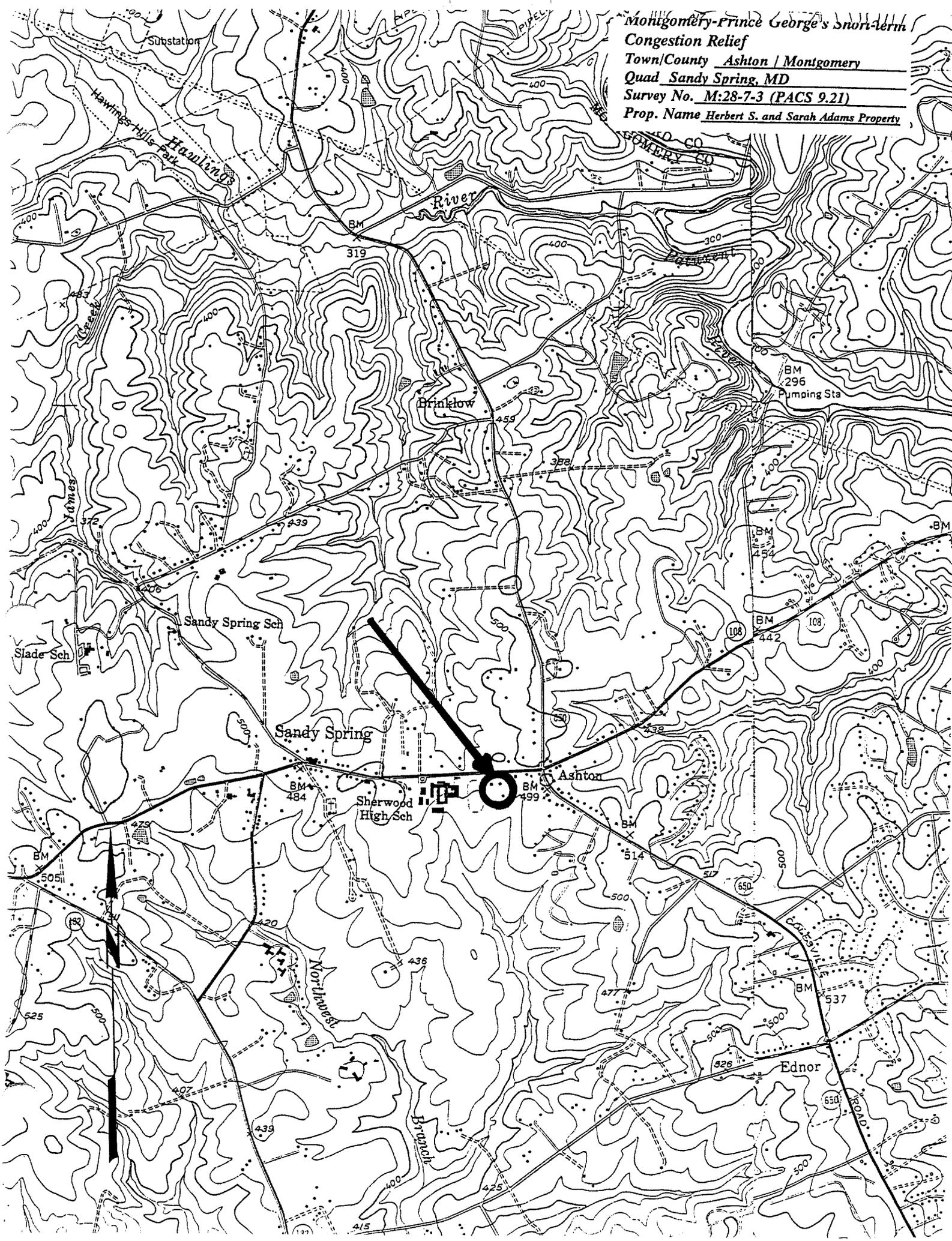
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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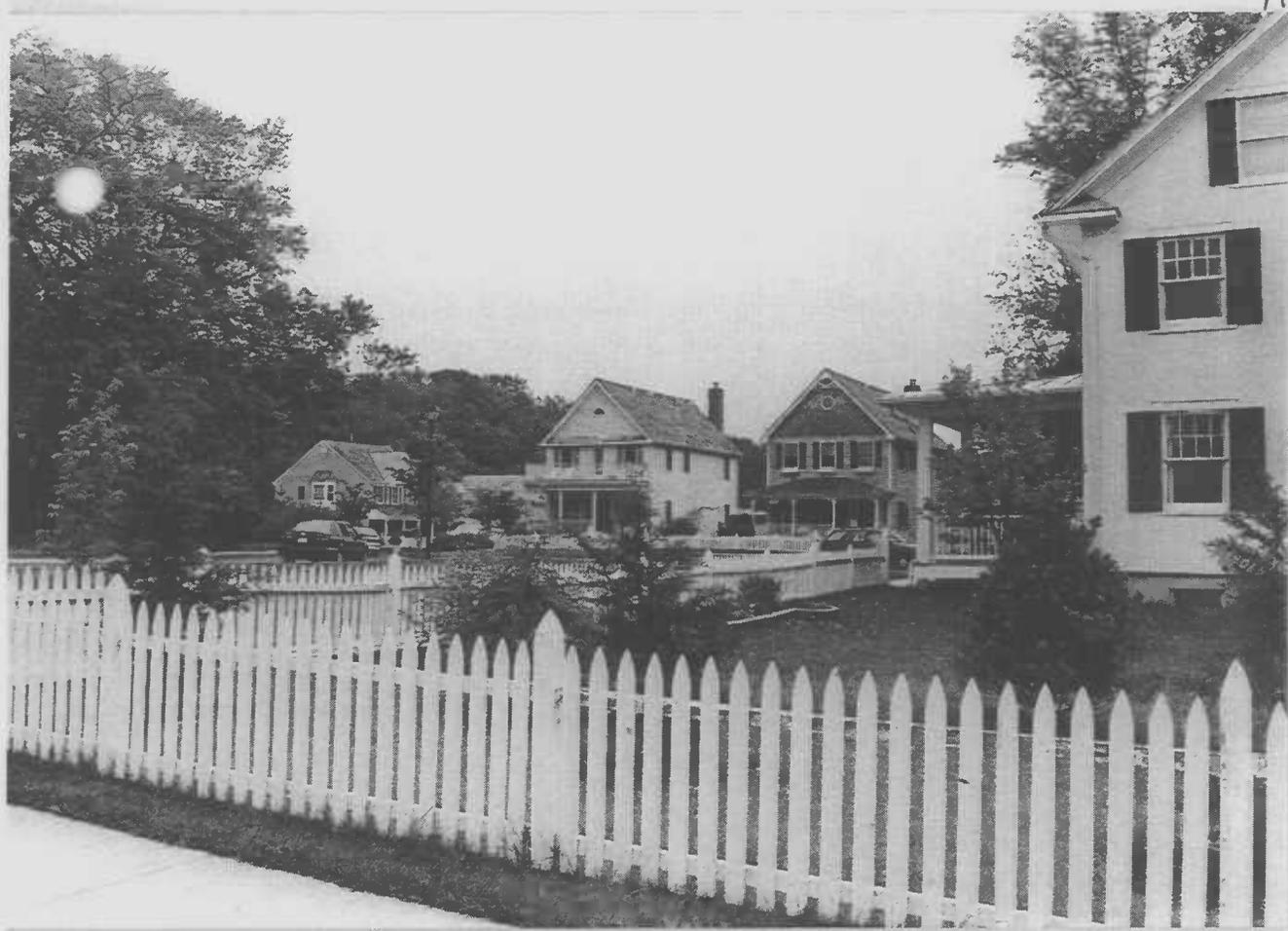
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