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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Ashton Bungalow Survey Number: HA-1979

Project: SHA--US 1: MD 152 to MD 147 Agency: ~~Harford County~~ SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: _X_ no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended _X_

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Ashton Bungalow property, located ~~at~~ south of Bel Air, near the intersection of US 1 Business, the Bel Air Bypass and MD 147 (Harford Road), and including the main residence and its associated domestic buildings, is not located in an historic district, nor is it eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built ca. 1930, shortly after then-owners, St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton purchased the property in 1929 and is the only surviving one of a group of three bungalows, which lined this side of Harford Road. It is a 1-1/2-story structure raised upon a rusticated concrete block foundation and features a broad, overhanging gable roof with a central gable dormer. The house features the primary characteristics of a bungalow, including integrated front porch with exposed rafter ends and squat, tapered porch columns t upon rusticated concrete piers. The walls are stuccoed and the windows feature their original 6/1 sash.

Although the Ashton Bungalow contains the character-defining features of a bungalow and stands as a representative example, the bungalow was a prominent residential building form from the period and is well represented in the area. Given the prominence of the dwelling type and the condition of the Ashton bungalow (missing porch columns, unoriginal porch railing), it no longer retains the integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, April 1997

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 5, 1997
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ~~X~~ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Finney 6/9/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

X	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
X	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

	Subsistence
	Settlement
	Political
	Demographic
	Religion
	Technology
	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

	Agriculture
X	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
	Government/Law
	Military
	Religion
	Social/Educational/Cultural
	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

HARFORD COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1979

BUILDING NAME: Ashton Bungalow

LOCATION: 1700 MD 147 (Harford Road) Benson, Maryland

BUILDING DATE: ca. 1930

DESCRIPTION:The Ashton Bungalow is a poorly maintained, typical residential building type of the 1930's. Built near the intersection of US 1 Business with MD 147 just south of Bel Air, the county seat of Harford County, it has been increasingly hemmed in by heavy commercial construction on all sides, especially mammoth car dealerships. The dwelling is a simple frame structure on a concrete block foundation, exhibiting the typical bungalow features of deep, gently sloping roof, dormers, and integral porch.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Ashton Bungalow is an undistinguished example of the architectural form which was the dominant style of the middle and working class people in the early decades of the twentieth century. Well represented and widespread in Maryland, there are innumerable examples which are better examples and more illustrative of the more imaginative embodiments of the standard features: low, horizontal lines, integral porch, broad gables, craftsman-style detailing, etc.

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BENSON, MARYLAND

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

GEOGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION: Piedmont

CHRONOLOGICAL/DEVELOPMENTAL PERIOD (s): Modern - 1930 to Present

PREHISTORIC/HISTORIC PERIOD THEME (s): Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE

CATEGORY: Building

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT: Suburban

HISTORIC FUNCTION (s) AND USE (s): Domestic/Residential/Dwelling

KNOWN DESIGN SOURCE: None

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common ASHTON BUNGALOW

2. Location

street & number 1700 HARFORD ROAD N/A ___ not for publication

city, town BENSON ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MARYLAND county HARFORD

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	✓ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
✓ building(s)	✓ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	✓ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	✓ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	✓ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name STEPHEN AND SUSAN QUICK

street & number 2719 PULASKI HIGHWAY telephone no.:

city, town EDGEWOOD state and zip code MARYLAND 21040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 1067

street & number folio 344

city, town BEL AIR state MARYLAND

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	✓ original site
___ good	___ ruins	✓ altered	___ moved date of move _____
✓ fair	___ unexposed		

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1 & 7.2

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-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	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
✓ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates 1930 **Builder/Architect** UNKNOWN

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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1 & 8.2

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA 1979

ORAL INTERVIEW, MRS. WILLARD ARCHER
LAND RECORDS, HARFORD COUNTY

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .89 ACRE

Quadrangle name BEL AIR

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title RITA SUFFNESS, LEADER, CULTURAL RESOURCES GROUP

organization MD STATE HWY. ADMINISTRATION date APRIL 18, 1997

street & number 707 N. CALVERT STREET telephone 410 545 8561

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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1
DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Archer Bungalow is a poorly maintained, typical residential building of the 1930's. A simple frame structure on a concrete block foundation, it exhibits the typical bungalow features of a deep, gently sloping roof, dormers and integral porch. The only other structure on the site, a concrete block garage off the northwest corner, contributes to the significance of the historic site.

DESCRIPTION

The Ashton Bungalow is located south of Bel Air near the intersection of US 1 Business, the Bel Air Bypass and MD 147 (Harford Road). It is oriented to the south and faces the latter road, centrally placed on the approximately 1 acre parcel and adjacent to a liquor store and the 84 Lumber Company to the west. According to a long time resident, it was originally part of a row of three identical bungalows, but is currently the only one that survives in an area heavily commercialized as the result of the recent construction of car dealerships, gas stations, fast food restaurants, etc.

There are two contributing resources on the property: the large one and one-half story bungalow, constructed in ca. 1930, and a concrete block garage, likely constructed around the same time as the house. This stuccoed concrete block, very poorly maintained dwelling, exhibits a general bungalow form with its broad gable roof (with an integral porch), paralleling the south (principle) elevation of the narly square structure. The building is supported by a rusticated concrete block foundation, with ashlar-faced block interspersed among the rusticated ones. It is built into a slight rise on the rear (north) thus the entire facade (south) is above grade with a portion of the basement exposed under the porch (although almost half of this section is replacement block). A lattice screen remains in the west portion between the porch steps and corner support. The porch is reached by nine steps.

Two canted concrete porch posts on either end of the porch surmount large square plinths also constructed of rusticated concrete block. The entry is centered between two one-over-one lights, sheltered by the full width one story porch. Directly above the door in the forward plane of the gable roof is a large gable roof dormer with exposed rafter ends. The forward plane of this dormer is the location of three six-over-six windows.

The east elevation is nearly bilaterally symmetrical around a centrally located entrance at the basement level, with a small, nearly centered window at the first level between two larger six-over-six light sash windows. On either side of the door at the basement level are two sets of three window ensembles. These windows have concrete sills, with the upper architrave integral with the wooden drip mould.

The basement entrance is sheltered by a gable-roofed wooden hood. At the roof level are two six-over-six sash windows. All of the principle windows on this east side have wooden shutters and wooden surrounds. The rear of the basement level is the location of raised concrete planter troughs built into the wall.

The rear is divided into three unequal bays, with two small windows on the west of the centrally placed door, and one large window on the east. The entrance is the location of a jalousied screen/storm door, protected by a shed roofed porch.

CONTINUATION SHEET 7.2
DESCRIPTION

The west elevation is the location of a large exterior brick chimney offset to the south, which rises in two sections. Two rowlock courses demarkate the sections. A centrally placed, shallow, rectangular, shed roofed bay projects from the center directly below the gable end and two six-over-six light sash windows and directly above two three-light windows at the basement level. Another window, at the first floor level, is located to the north of the projection and above a three-light basement window.

The garage is a pyramidally roofed concrete block structure which has a treatment similar to the basement of the dwelling: rusticated block for the wall planes contrasting with a smooth faced block, to resemble ashlar stone, located around the garage door and the east and west facing windows, and at the corners. The roofing material utilized on both the house and garage is composition shingle.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE
CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

SGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Ashton Bungalow, in its poor condition in a largely heavily commercialized area south of Bel Air, Maryland, has little historical association with the past, and minimal architectural merit, as it is not a noteworthy example of its type. It was built by St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton shortly after they acquired the property from Anna N. W. Hayes in 1929.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ashton Bungalow has been analyzed under applicable National Criterion A (association with a significant event); Criterion B (association with a significant person); and Criterion C (the work of a master or architectural merit). It has no known significance association with an historical event, an historical person, and is an undistinguished example of the bungalow style, which exhibited many variations, thus it would not meet the requirements of Criterion C. With no information potential, it would not meet the requirements of Criterion D.

A dilapidated structure, leased to tenants for many years and subject to bouts of vandilization, is located in an area of intensifying commercial development, characterized by mammoth car dealerships, lumber companies, etc. It conveys little association with the past. It was constructed for St. Clair and Elizabeth Ashton shortly after their purchase of the land from Anna N.W. Hayes in 1929. The original lot of I 3/8 acres has been reduced to the current .89 acres because of numerous sales transactions. The current owners are the fourth since the building was constructed.

The Ashton house was designed as a variant on the popular bungalow style. The bungalow became the dominant style of middle and working class housing in the period between 1900 and 1920. It was a style spread primarily by plans sold in popular catalogues, rather than by architects. Bungalows are typically one-and-a-half story structures, with low, horizontal lines and an integral porch on the front of the house. They are also characterized by a series of broad gables that form contiguous and receding planes. Gables often are bracketed and have wide projecting eaves. Roofs are gently pitched and often have either gable or shallow shed dormers. Windows are either sash or casement with many lights or single panes of glass. Bungalows are also notable for their earth-tone stains and use of natural materials such as stones, shingling, or stucco. The bungalow form frequently features Craftsman-style detailing, such as exposed rafter tails, wood brackets under eave overhangs, three-over-one double-hung sash windows, and wide wood frames around doors, and windows. There are numerous variations to the bungalow style such as the Colonial, Swiss, and Spanish. Bungalows were enormously popular in the early years of the twentieth century because they were inexpensive to design and build. Their emergence coincided with the rise in the number of working and middle class Americans who could afford to purchase a house.

The Ashton Bungalow is an undistinguished example of this architectural style, which exhibited many variations.

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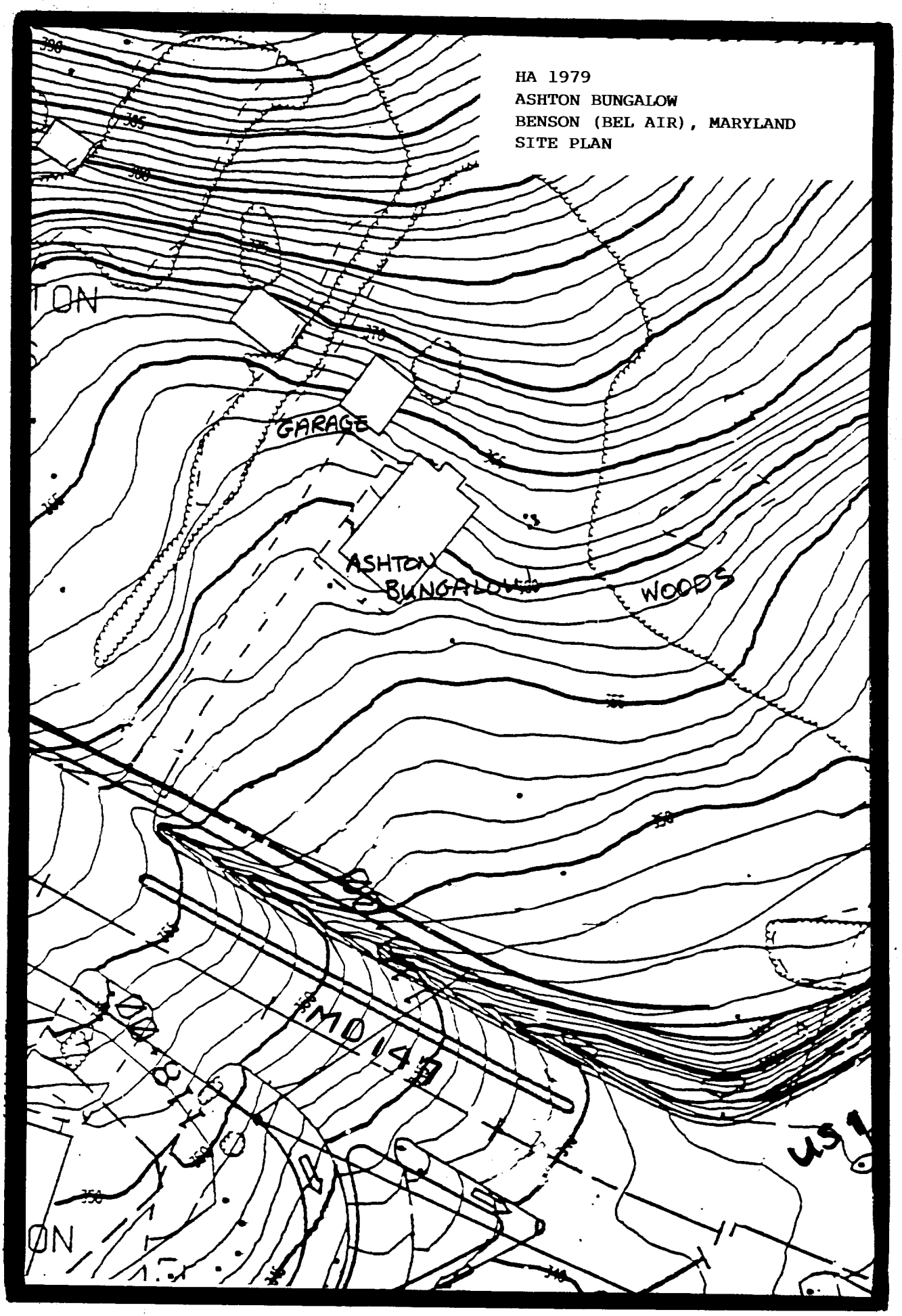
CHAIN OF TITLE

Morton Miller er.al	to	Stephen Quick	1067/344 6/29/78
Charles Burns	to	Morton Miller	896/321 4/26/72
Jane Anderson	to	Charles Burns	GRG745/262 6/6/67
Elizabeth Ashton	to	Albert Anderson 1 3/8 acre	GCB265/175 3/17/41
Anna N.W. Hayes	to	St. Clair Ashton	DGW213/66 7/3/29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BENSON (BEL AIR), MARYLAND
SITE PLAN
GARAGE
ASHTON BUNGALOW
WOODS
MD 147
US 1

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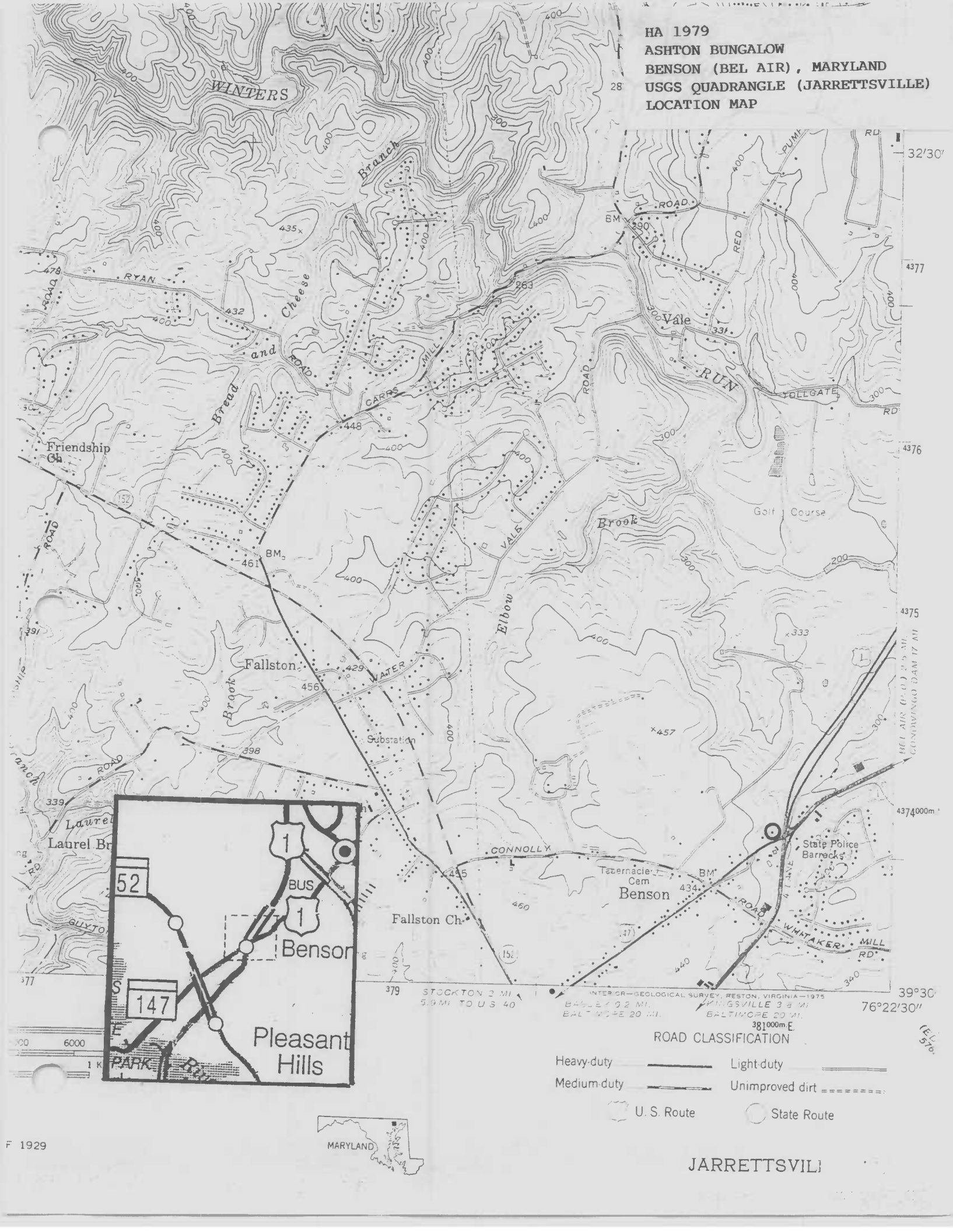
USGS QUADRANGLE (JARRETTSVILLE)
LOCATION MAP



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