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K-32 William Barroll House c. 1743
Chestertown
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Originally a monumental five-bay brick Georgian dwelling on Lower High Street in the heart of Chestertown's Historic District, the Barroll House was expanded to seven bays in the early nineteenth century and is ~~t~~ today a double dwelling with one half in declining condition. Half of the house ~~has recently been~~ is hoped to be ~~jp~~ purchased for restoration. Prominent local attorney, William Barroll, and his family owned the house ~~for~~ from 1797 to 1857 and were presumably responsible for its expansion. Its original owner was William Dougherty.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: K-31 + 32

AND/OR COMMON: Barroll House ~~K-32~~

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 108-110 High Street

CITY, TOWN: Chestertown — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED 108	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED 110	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: 108: Lawrence P. Strong see title search
110: Christian Havemeyer (Sale in progress)

Telephone #: 778 1537
778 1389

STREET & NUMBER: Strong: 108 High Street
Havemeyer: Reward Farm, RFD 3

CITY, TOWN: Chestertown — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: 108: WHG 7/340
110: EHP [redacted] 3

Folio #: Smyth. 110 Liber 43-31

STREET & NUMBER: Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN: Chestertown

STATE: Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: There is a plot on RRA 2 347 which was drawn when the ownership of the property was split in 1923.

DATE: 1923

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: same as deed above.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD 108	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR 110, in process of restoration	X UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The William Barroll house is located on the northeast side of High Street in the middle of the block between Queen and Water Streets in Chestertown. It is situated on Town Lot 34.

It was originally a 2½-story, 5-bay brick Georgian house with symmetrical facade, an "A" roof with gabled dormers, and large brick chimneys within the gable ends. At some point--perhaps under the ownership of John Scott when the price rises from £1000 to £1400 in four years--a 2-bay addition was made to the northwest (left) end of the building and continuous with it. The addition amounts to a window and door on the first story (door in the inside bay), two windows on the second story, two dormers on the roof (added to three already there), and another large brick chimney within the new gable end.

The combined general appearance of the house today is a 7-bay, double house with two entrance porches, the original occupying the second and third bays in from the southeast (right) end, the new one occupying the second and third bays in from the northwest end. There are two sets of dormers, a set of three over the original 5-bay section and set from off from them a pair over the 2-bay addition. There are three chimneys, two marking out the original structure and the third at the northwest end.

The brickwork of the entire house is laid in Flemish Bond; that of the old section only has glazed headers. There is a molded water table whidh jogs over the basement windows and a 2-brick belt course over the first story, both of these features limited to the original 5-bay section. Each entrance has an entrance porch: that of the original door has a wood floor which sits on brick piers and has brick steps. There are wood balusters around it, three round columns, and a flat roof. The door is 8-paneled, has a 3-pane transom, and is framed by full-length shutters. The porch on the addition matches its mate, though there is no transom and the porch steps are wood.

All of the windows on the facade are double hung sash 6/6; all first and second story windows have louvered shutters. The basement and first story windows have brick segmental arches. There is a plain wood box cornice with moldings at the top and bottom, which is continuous over both sections. The lower molding extends down nearly to the wood lintels over the second story windows. The roof of 108 is covered with asbestos shingles, that of 110 temporarily with tar paper.

At present the owner of 108 owns only three bays of the original five. The four remaining bays which comprise 110 have just been purchased for the purpose of restoration. It is expected that some aspects of the restoration, especially the roof, will affect both 108 and 110.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1740's BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the building lies partly in its being a part of an immediate neighborhood in which there are several houses of its style and period: 103 Queen Street, 116 High Street, and the Wickes House at the corner of High and Water Streets. Architecturally, its significance would increase if it could be restored to its original 5-bay form, an unlikely prospect. Restored in its present form, it would still be an extremely handsome Georgian residence.

The house was probably built soon after 1743 when the land it is on, the southeast half of Town Lot 34, was purchased by Walter Doughherty from Jonothon Page, mariner. Page had purchased all of Lot 34 from Simon Wilmer in 1733 for £10, and the deed sounds as if the only building on it then was some sort of frame "messuage or tenement." When Dougherty bought the southeast half from Page, no messuage or tenement was mentioned, though the purchase price had climbed to £90. When Walter's son, Henry Dougherty sold the property to Joseph Nicholson in 1770, a "messuage or tenement" is mentioned as being on the half-lot, and the price has jumped to £550.

Nicholson's wife and son inherited the house from him and sold it to John Scott in 1793 for £1000 (post Revolution pounds). Scott turned it over for £1400, ~~perhaps after modifying it~~, to its principal owner and the man from whom it takes its popular name, William Barroll: this transaction took place in 1797. The house remained, more or less, in the Barroll family until 1857. The Wickes family owned the house from 1860 until 1884. The house began its split ownership in 1923.

and may well have been modified at some early stage in their ownership, perhaps in the 1820's when William H. Barroll bought the adjacent (or adjoining) 106 High Street and turned it into his office.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Attached.

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

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STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION DATE
Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown March, 1976

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN STATE

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.

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Summary of Title Search on 108-110 High
Barroll House

Simon Wilmer to Jonothon Page Liber 4 Folio 343 (1733)
(all of lot #34) "tenement or messuage"

Jonothon Page to Walter Dougherty Liber 5 Folio 585 (1743) £90
(southeast half of lot #34)

Henry Dougherty to Joseph Nicolson, Jr. Liber DD 3 Folio 262 (1770) £550
(southeast half of lot #34 with messuage or tenement)

Elizabeth Nicolson and Joseph Hopper Nicolson to John Scott BC 3 476 (1793) £1000
(wife and son of J. N., Jr.)

John Scott to William Barroll BC 4 546 (1797) £1400

Deed JFG 4 356 says that Sarah Barroll probably inherited it from William, that she conveyed it to a Catharine Pearce and then got it back again in 1834. Sarah finally left it to Rebecca Barroll.

Rebecca Barroll to Rebecca Ringgold JFG 4 356 (1857) $2235

Rebecca Ringgold to George W.T. Perkins and wife JFG 4 459

George W.T. Perkins and wive to Joseph Wickes JKH 1 795 (1860) $2800

Joseph A. Wickes and Ann R. Wickes to Emma P. France SB 5 145 (1884) $3500
(inherited from father)

Emma P. France leaves it to Adele France, Emma France Porter, and her husband, Albert H. Porter.

Adele France, Emma F. Porter, and Albert H. Porter to William G. Smyth and Thomas B. Kilbourn APR 4 534 (1919)

110: Wm. G. Smyth & Tho.B. Kilbourn to Lizzie M.C. Smyth RRA 2 347 (1923)

Lizzie Smyth & Wm. G. Smyth to Scott Beck, Atty. RAS 31-202. (1943)

Scott Beck to Lizzie Smyth & Wm. G. Smyth RAS 31 203 (1943)

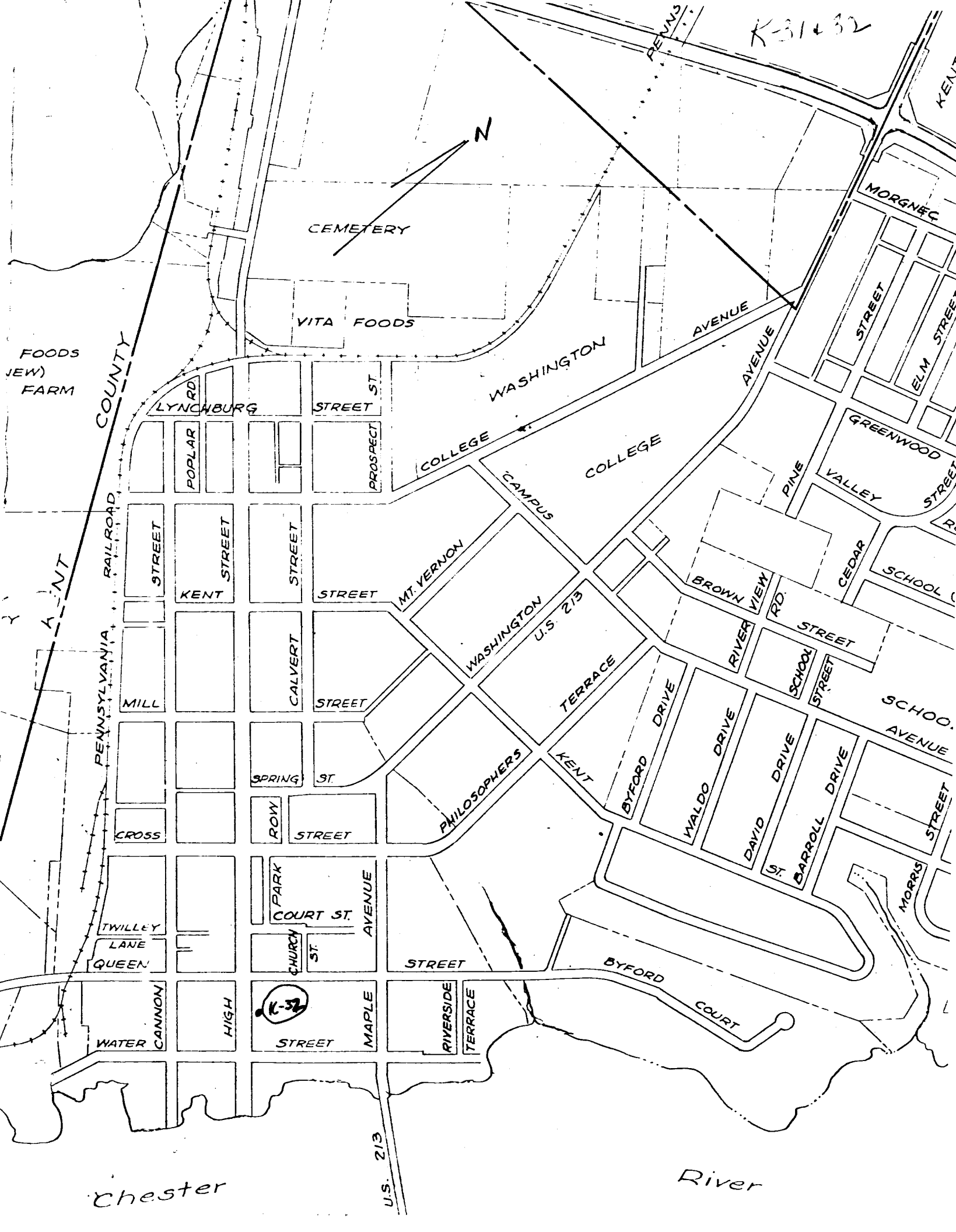
Wm. G. Smyth to Eliz. C. Rollison WHG 43 29 (1956)

Eliz. C. Rollison to Wm. G. Smyth & Evelyn Smyth WHG 43-31 (1956)

108: Wm. G. Smyth & Tho. B. Kilbourn to Eva Kilbourn RRA 2 349 (1923)

Eva Kilbourn, widow, to Lawrence P. Strong and Olive Strong WHG 7-340 (1948)

Wm G. Smyth died and willed house to his wife, Evelyn. In spring of 1976 Mrs. Smyth entered into a contract to sell with C. Havemeyer, then later would not sell. This matter is presently in the Courts to be decided.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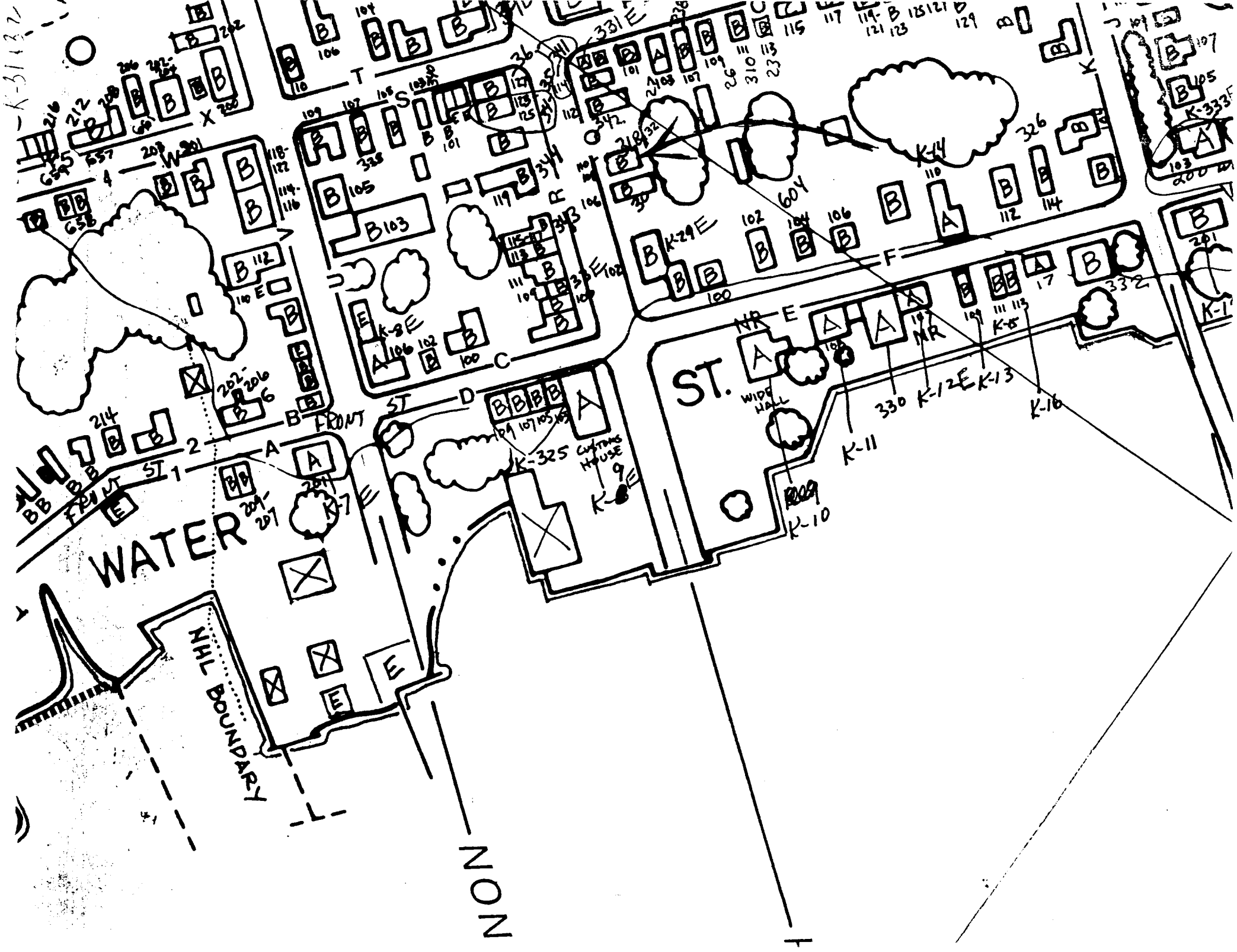
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