

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: 99 Poplar Avenue Inventory Number: BA-3178
 Address: 99 Poplar Avenue City: Catonsville Zip Code: 21228
 County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West
 Owner: BURLEIGH ENTERPRISES LIMITED PARTNERSH Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 110 Tax Map Number: 101 Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: _____ Agency: HUD
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes X no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___ yes X no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
 The single-dwelling at 99 Poplar Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland, was built circa 1890 and is two and a half stories high and five bays wide. It is exemplary of the vernacular interpretation of the Gothic Revival style popular throughout the United States and Baltimore County from 1840 to 1880. Sitting on a coursed stone foundation, the frame structure is clad in wood shingles and is capped by a side-gabled standing seam metal roof with overhanging eaves. A centered gable is located on the front (south) elevation. The façade is dominated by a two-bay porch, not original to the house, with square posts and a shed roof. Fenestration includes elongated 4/4 windows and rounded-arched casement windows located in the gables. Interior-end brick chimneys flank the main block of the house. A two-story frame ell, original to the house and expanded between 1915 and 1930, is located on the western portion of the rear elevation and a one-story frame addition is attached to the eastern portion. A second-story bathroom addition, constructed of frame, is also visible from the rear elevation. The wood shingle cladding was added after the additions were constructed. Other major alterations include the enclosing and removal of the interior fireplaces and surrounds.
 The single-family dwelling at 99 Poplar Avenue is currently part of a larger parcel containing 5741, 5743, and 5745 Edmondson Avenue and is located on the southern portion of the parcel. A gravel road leads to the property from Poplar Avenue and encircles the house. The gravel road extends north to the buildings on the northern section the parcel, which is accessible by

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended ___
Criteria: ___ A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments: <i>Comparatively well-preserved representative example reflecting Gothic Revival influence</i>	
<i>Andrew Lewis</i>	<u>4/18/05</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<i>Peter Z. Kuntz</i>	<u>4/19/05</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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Edmondson Avenue. According to the 1915 Bromley Maps of Baltimore County, the house at 99 Poplar Avenue was originally part of a two-and-a-half acre parcel named Summitt. A stable originally located northwest of the house and several later outbuildings are no longer extant. In the 1850s, the town of Catonsville (established in the early nineteenth century) became a resort destination for wealthy Baltimoreans seeking refuge from the summer heat of the city and by the 1870s Catonsville was transitioning into a suburb for the wealthy. Large mansions in the most fashionable architecture styles date from this time. When a commuter railroad extended from Baltimore in the 1880s and the streetcar began to service the town in 1895, Catonsville gradually became a middle-class commuter suburb. The house at 99 Poplar Avenue reflects this period of development with its modest form and ornamentation. In comparison, several houses in the immediate area, including 5741 Edmondson Avenue (ca.1898), contain high-style elements. Illustrated on the 1958 Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, the property later became the annex for the Ridgeway Manor Rest Home (5741 Edmondson Avenue). Currently the house is used as rental property for the Glynn Taff Assisted Living (5741 Edmondson Avenue) and Ridgeway Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (5743 Edmondson Avenue). The property is not associated with events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, therefore, the house at 99 Poplar Avenue is not eligible under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, and nation. Therefore, 99 Poplar Avenue is not eligible under Criterion B. The house at 99 Poplar Avenue does not embody distinctive characteristics of the late-nineteenth century or of Gothic Revival single dwellings in Baltimore County, rather it is a vernacular interpretation of a popular architectural style common to Baltimore County. Further, the building has been altered by the application of wood shingle cladding, rear additions, and the reconstitution of the front porch. This dwelling also does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore 99 Poplar Avenue is not eligible under Criterion C. The house at 99 Poplar Avenue was not evaluated under Criterion D. Thus, it has been determined that the residence at 99 Poplar Avenue is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

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Date Prepared: 3/7/2005

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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SINGLE DWELLING,
99 POPLAR AVE.

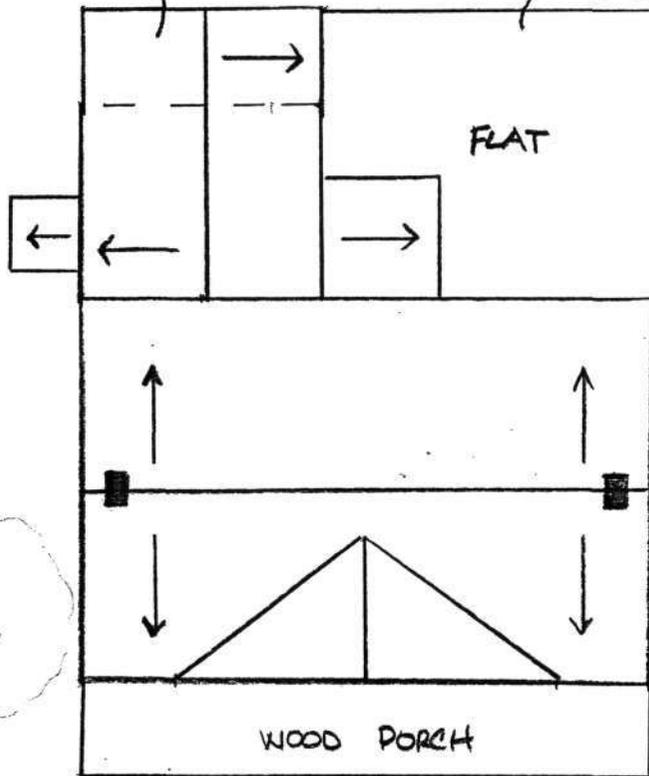
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5741 - 5745
EDMONDSON
AVENUE

2 STORY ADDITION

1 STORY
ADDITION



GRAVEL ROAD

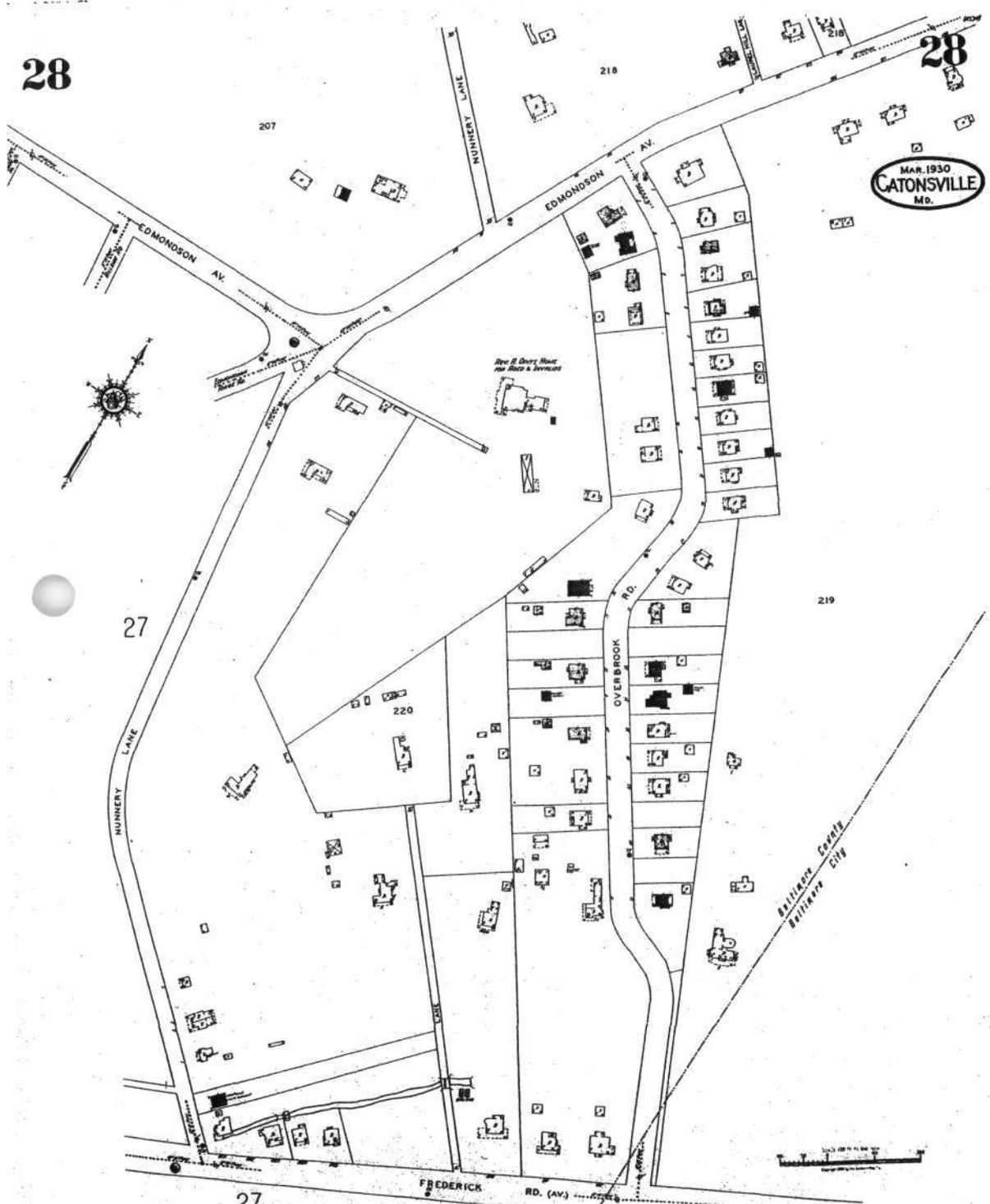
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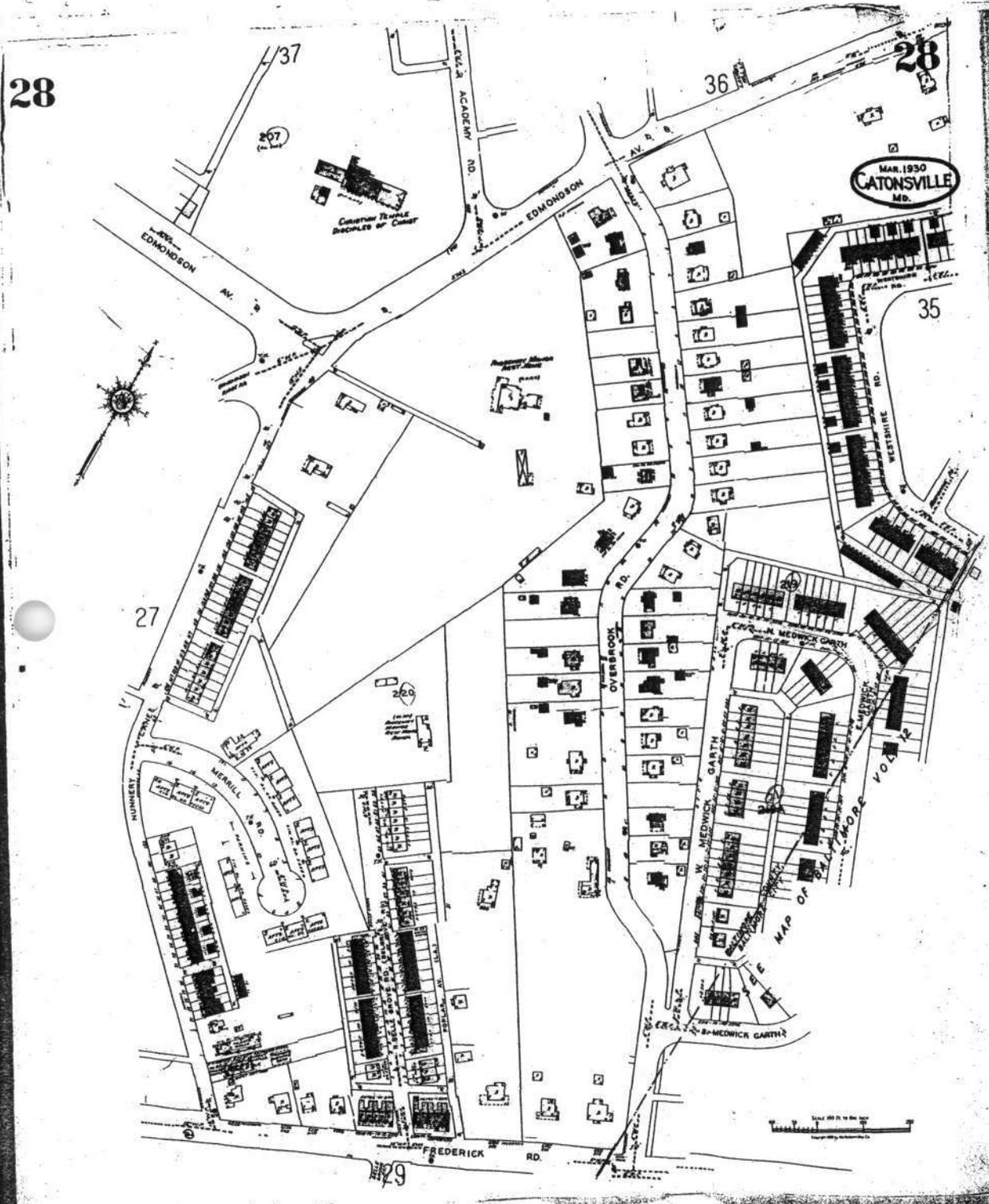


Sanborn Map 1930

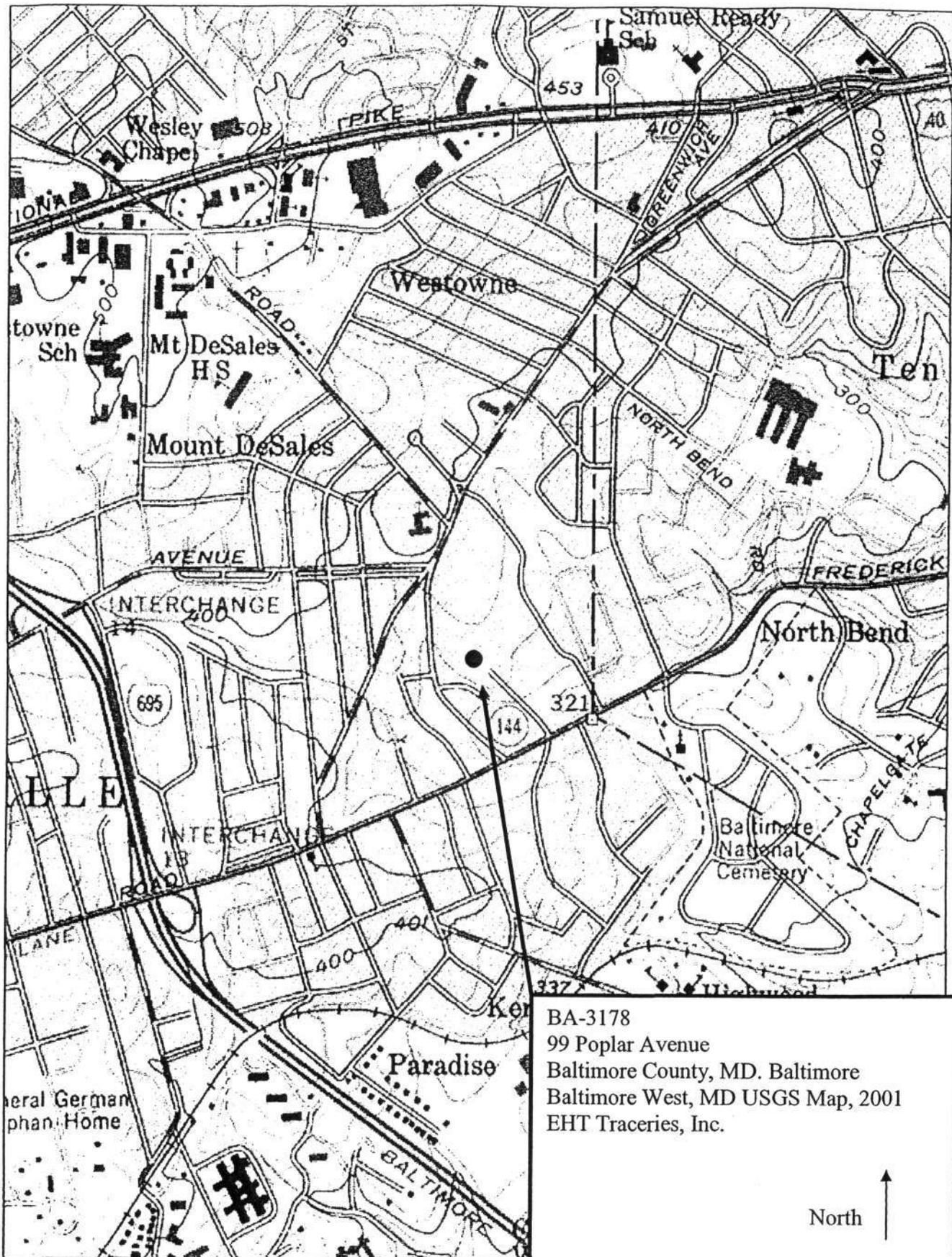
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Sanborn Fire Insurance Map
Catonsville, Baltimore County
1930

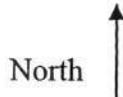
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 99 Poplar Avenue
 Baltimore County, MD. Baltimore
 Baltimore West, MD USGS Map, 2001
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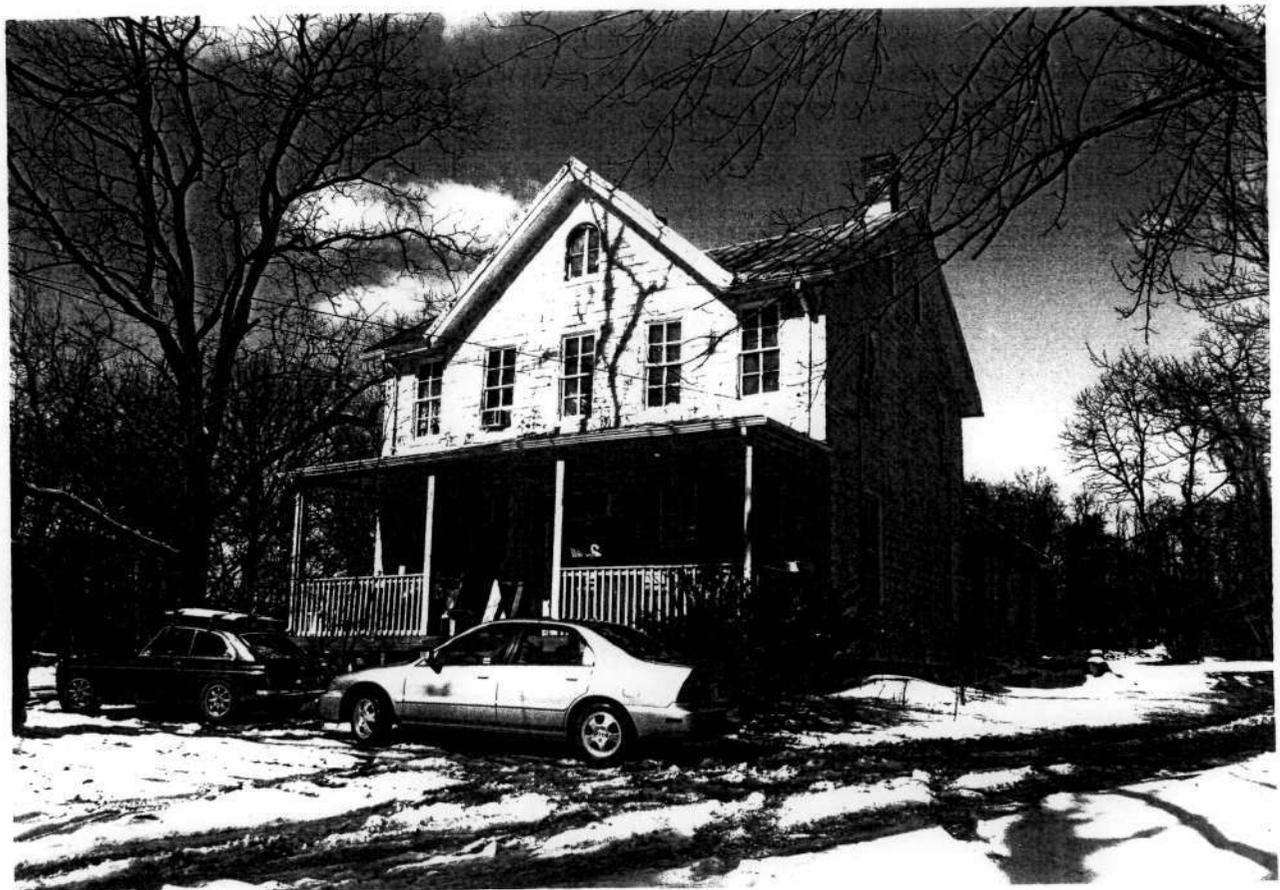


3. View of the foursquare-style dwelling located in the southern portion of the subject site



4. Side view of the foursquare-style structure onsite

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