Capsule Summary

Survey No.: BA-2879

Name/Address: Multiple Dwelling/Former Saloon, 6103-6107 Falls Road

Construction Date: ca. 1860s-1870s

Town/Vicinity: Bare Hills

County: Baltimore County

Access: Private

Summary Description:

The multiple dwelling at 6103-6107 Falls Road was built in the mid- to late nineteenth century. The frame structure housed a saloon in the early twentieth century prior to its reversion to residential occupation. The dwelling sits below Falls Road, which was reengineering in 1931 with a bridge over the railroad grade crossing. 6103-6105 comprises the main block of the dwelling, and consists of two, two-story units under a continuous side-gable roof with two intersecting gablettes. 6103 is two bays wide while 6105 is three bays wide. The dwelling sits on a solid, raised rubblestone foundation stuccoed with cement. The foundation is nearly a story in height at the rear of the houses as lot slopes away from road. There is a remnant of a foundation extension to the rear of 6105. Windows are 1/1 metal sashes. 6103 retains its two brick interior slope chimneys, one with a corbelled cap. A one-and-one-half-story, two-bay-wide addition is appended to the south elevation of 6103. 6103 is clad in vinyl siding, while 6105 is clad in aluminum on the second floor, and unsided (under alteration) on the first.

6107 is frame, two-stories-high, two-bays-wide, side-gabled with an interior ridge chimney of brick with a corbelled cap. The single-leaf paneled wood door may have been surmounted by a transom, which is now boarded over. Windows are 6/6 wood sashes. This multiple dwelling has suffered much alteration and deterioration. The dwelling appears to date to the 1860-1870 period, with later alterations.

Statement of Significance:

This multiple house dates to ca. 1860-1870 a time at which the Bare Hills was enjoying the benefits of a successful quarrying economy. The dwelling served as a saloon in the early twentieth century. It has been drastically altered in the twentieth century, destroying the architectural integrity of this mid-nineteenth century multiple dwelling. No significant events or people are known to have been associated with the dwelling. It does not appear to satisfy the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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Magi No.

DOE __yes _X_no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Multiple Dwelling/Former Saloon

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6103-6107 Falls Road ☐ **not for publication**

city, town Baltimore ☐ **vicinity of** **congressional district**

state Maryland **county** Baltimore

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 Shirley Brown and John Cole [6103]/Clay Kerin [6105]/Thomas Harmon [6107]

street & number 6103 Falls Road/6105 Falls Road/5922 Smith Avenue **telephone no.:**

city, town Baltimore **State and zip code** MD 21209-2205/21209-2205/21209-3614

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maryland Department of Real Estate and Taxation **liber** 9213/13683/13475

street & number accessed online at <http:// www.DAT.state.md.us> **folio** 542/721-717/266

city, town **state**

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track, North Half, Central Light Rail, Baltimore & Baltimore Co., MD

date 1999

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust ☐ **federal** ☒ **state** ☐ **county** ☐ **local**

city, town Crownsville **state** MD

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.

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General Description

6103-6107 Falls Road is a multiple dwelling and former saloon located on former the alignment of Falls Road, now situated below the viaduct carrying Falls Road over the light rail and the Jones Falls valley.

6103-6105 comprises the main block of the dwelling, and consists of two, two-story units under a continuous side-gable roof with two intersecting gablettes. 6103 is two bays wide while 6105 is three bays wide. The dwelling sits on a solid, raised rubblestone foundation stuccoed with cement. The foundation is nearly a story in height at the rear of the houses as lot slopes away from road. There is a remnant of a foundation extension to the rear of 6105. Windows are 1/1 metal sashes. 6103 retains its two brick interior slope chimneys, one with a corbelled cap. A one-and-one-half-story, two-bay-wide addition is appended to the south elevation of 6103. 6103 is clad in vinyl siding, while 6105 is clad in aluminum on the second floor, and unsided (under alteration) on the first.

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In 1931, the grade crossing at Fall Road was eliminated, and an overhead bridge was installed, bypassing these houses on the old Falls Road alignment and leaving them below the new road. The bridge was replaced in 1991. In the back yard of the dwelling are two late-twentieth-century frame and plywood outbuildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance-	Check and justify below	
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature
☐ 1600-1999	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government
		☐ invention	

Specific dates: ca. 1860-1870s **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

Statement of Significance

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History

The Bare Hills area was named for the barren landscape formed from the outcroppings of iron and chromite laced serpentine beds. Quarrying was a major economic activity in this area, and the Bare Hills chrome mines of Isaac and Jesse Tyson fueled the first chrome processing facility in the United States, the Baltimore Chrome Works. Iron was smelted in local forges, and serpentine was used in local architecture. The Falls Road Turnpike traversed the Bare Hills and provided a means of transport for quarried stone and ore; products from county mills (like those in Rockland, just north on the Falls Turnpike); and travelers. The Baltimore & Susquehanna Railroad out of Baltimore served the Bare Hills since the 1830s, at which time the line's terminus was at Relay House, northeast of Bare Hills. The advent of the railroad enabled more efficient shipment of the county's and area's products to processing facilities, market, and port. Traffic continued on the Falls Road even after its decommissioning as a turnpike in the early twentieth century. In 1931, the railroad grade crossing of Falls Road was eliminated, and an overhead bridge was installed, bypassing the houses on the old Falls Road alignment and Railroad Avenue, and leaving them below the new road. The bridge was replaced in 1991. Today, Falls Road remains one of the main roads, second to I-83, leading from Baltimore to central Baltimore County. Modern office parks encroach on the historic houses of the old Falls Road and Railroad Avenue in Bare Hills.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

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

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR Program Date

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: .33 acre

Quadrangle name Cockeysville 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries correspond to the legal parcel associated with the building. Map 79, Grid 3, Parcels 26, 25, 128.

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 Kerri Culhane/Project Architectural Historian

organization John Milner Associates, Inc. **date** 10/1999

street & number 5250 Cherokee Avenue, Suite 410 **telephone** 703/354-9737

city or town Alexandria **state** Virginia

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Crownsville, MD 21032

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PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ 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:

- ☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- ☒ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- ☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- ☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- ☐ Unknown Period (☐prehistoric; ☐historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

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

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC: multiple dwelling

Known Design Source: none

scale: horizontal 1"=50'
vertical 1"=10'

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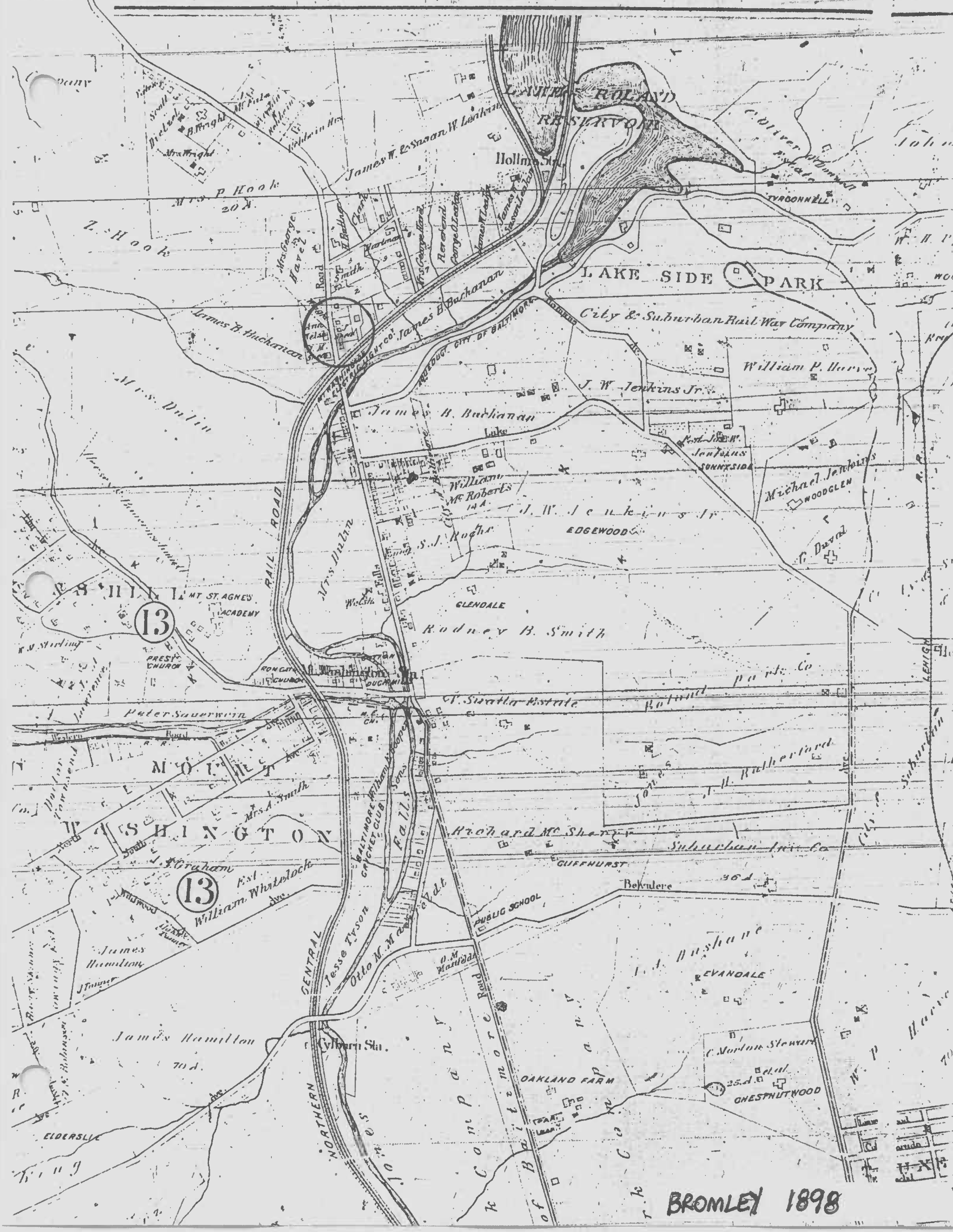

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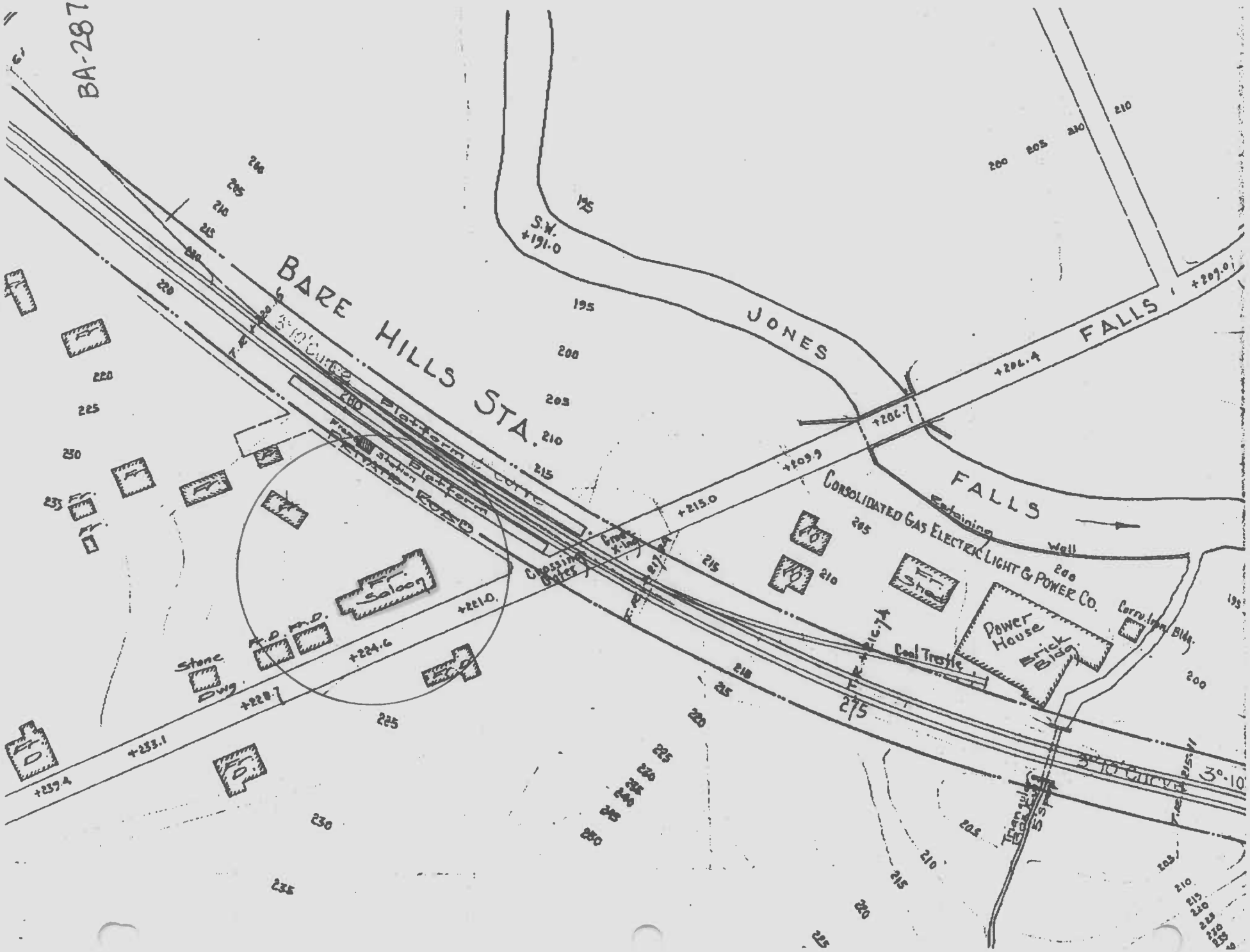

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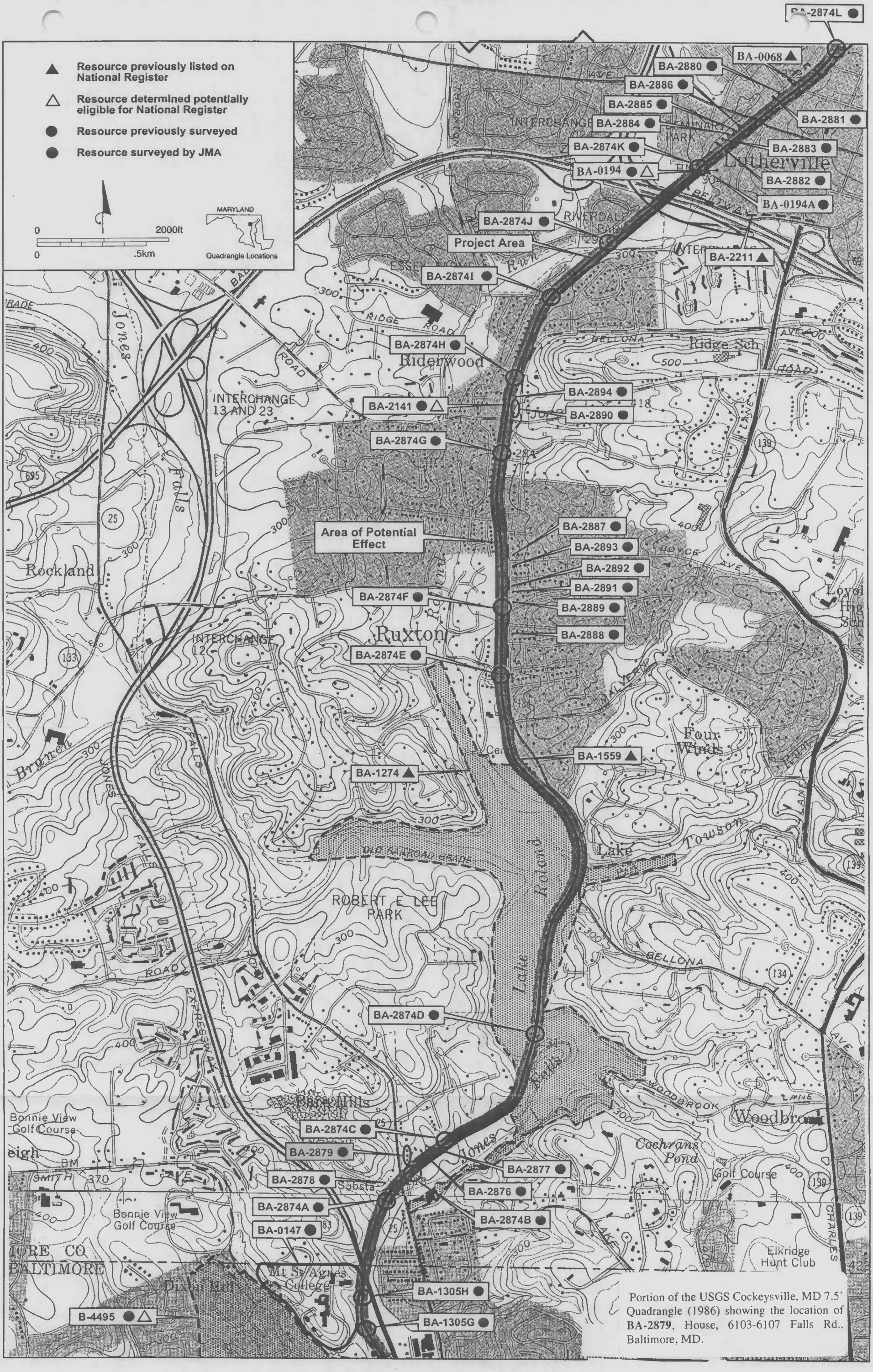

Portion of the USGS Cockeysville, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1986) showing the location of **BA-2879**, House, 6103-6107 Falls Rd., Baltimore, MD.

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OBLIQUE VIEW, FACADE (W) ELEVATION VIEW TO NE

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OBLIQUE VIEW, W. (FACADE) ELEVATION VIEW TO SE

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General view, outbuildings east of main dwelling.
view to north

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