

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-3017
Dr. Herbert Harlan House
722 Howard Road
Pikesville, Baltimore County
1896
Private

Constructed in 1896, this dwelling at 722 Howard Road is located in Sudbrook Park in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. In June 1896, the house at 722 Howard Road was rented by the Sudbrook Company to Mifflin Coulter. It was a rental property until Dr. Herbert Harlan and Carrie C. Harlan purchased it in 1910. Dr. Harlan worked in ophthalmology at the Presbyterian Eye, Ear and Throat Charity Hospital. Dr. Harlan's younger brother, Judge Henry Harlan lived in Sudbrook Park at 708 Cliveden Road. In 1924, the house was bought by T. Newell and Dorothy G. Cox.

This Shingle-style dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height, and measures three bays wide. It rests on a solid random-rubble stone foundation and is clad with wood shingles. It is capped with a cross-hipped roof and is covered with slate tiles. The entrance contains a single-leaf paneled wood door with an elliptical fanlight above and flanked by 4-light/1-panel sidelights. Covering the entry is a porch with a rounded roofline supported with square wood posts and square-cut balusters. The first story replacement windows are 1-light fixed and casements. The second story is pierced with 2/2 wood sash windows. The façade has one hipped-roof dormer with a 1/1 wood sash window. Rising above the roof are four brick chimneys with corbeled caps. There are three interior chimneys and one exterior-end shouldered chimney. Other features of the house include exposed roof rafters, a molded cornice, flared corners, corner brackets, and overhanging eaves. A one-story addition on the rear elevation features a roof balcony.

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed circa 1896, this Shingle-style dwelling is sited on a sloping grassy lot and is surrounded by several trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. A paved driveway is associated with the property. Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, this wood-frame dwelling measures three bays wide. It rests on a solid random-rubble stone foundation and is clad with wood shingles. It is capped with a cross-hipped roof and is covered with slate tiles. The entrance contains a single-leaf paneled wood door with an elliptical fanlight above and flanked by 4-light/1-panel sidelights. Covering the entry is a porch with a rounded roofline supported with square wood posts and square-cut balusters. The first story replacement windows are 1-light fixed and casements. The second story is pierced with 2/2 wood sash windows. The façade has one hipped-roof dormer with a 1/1 wood sash window. Rising above the roof are four brick chimneys with corbeled caps. There are three interior chimneys and one exterior-end shouldered chimney. Other features of the house include exposed roof rafters, a molded cornice, flared corners, corner brackets, and overhanging eaves. A one-story addition on the rear elevation features a roof balcony. Associated with this property is one in-ground concrete pool (circa 1980), and two non-historic sheds. One circa 1960 shed is clad with vertical board siding and features exposed roof rafters. The 1990s shed is capped with a gambrel roof and is clad with vertical board siding.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1896 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates 1896

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973, Sudbrook Park Historic District is significant as a small community designed and planned by Frederick Law Olmstead. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20th century. In 1890, the Sudbrook Company purchased a 204 acre tract just south of Reisterstown Road in Pikesville. During the hiatus of his career, Olmstead was commissioned to design Sudbrook Park. One acre of land was set aside by the company for a depot for the Western Maryland Railway.

Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmstead designed Sudbrook Park with importance on curvilinear streets, large lots, and an abundance of mature trees and vegetation. The houses in Sudbrook Park were designed with several deed restrictions. The structure was required to be sited forty feet back from the street and ten feet from neighboring property lines. The height of each property was to be three stories and the styles allowed were rural and not urban.(1)

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ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).
2. Beryl Frank, Way Back When, (Baltimore: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 25.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.15 acresAcreage of historical setting 1.15 acresQuadrangle name Baltimore WestQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling located at 722 Howard Road is in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 420 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared By

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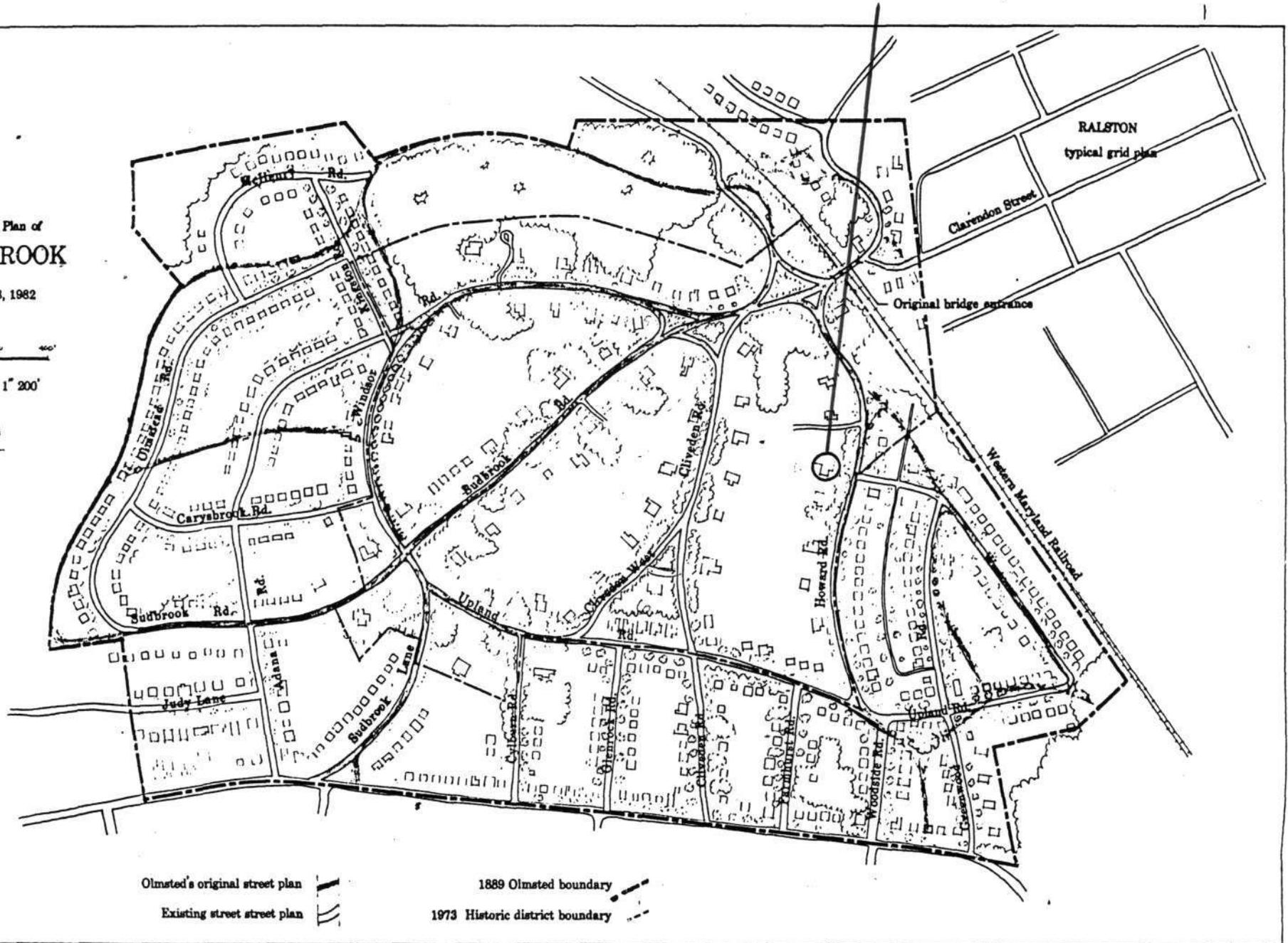
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722 Howard Road
Sudbrook Park Historic District
Pikesville
Baltimore West, USGS

General Plan of SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

1889 Olmsted boundary

1973 Historic district boundary

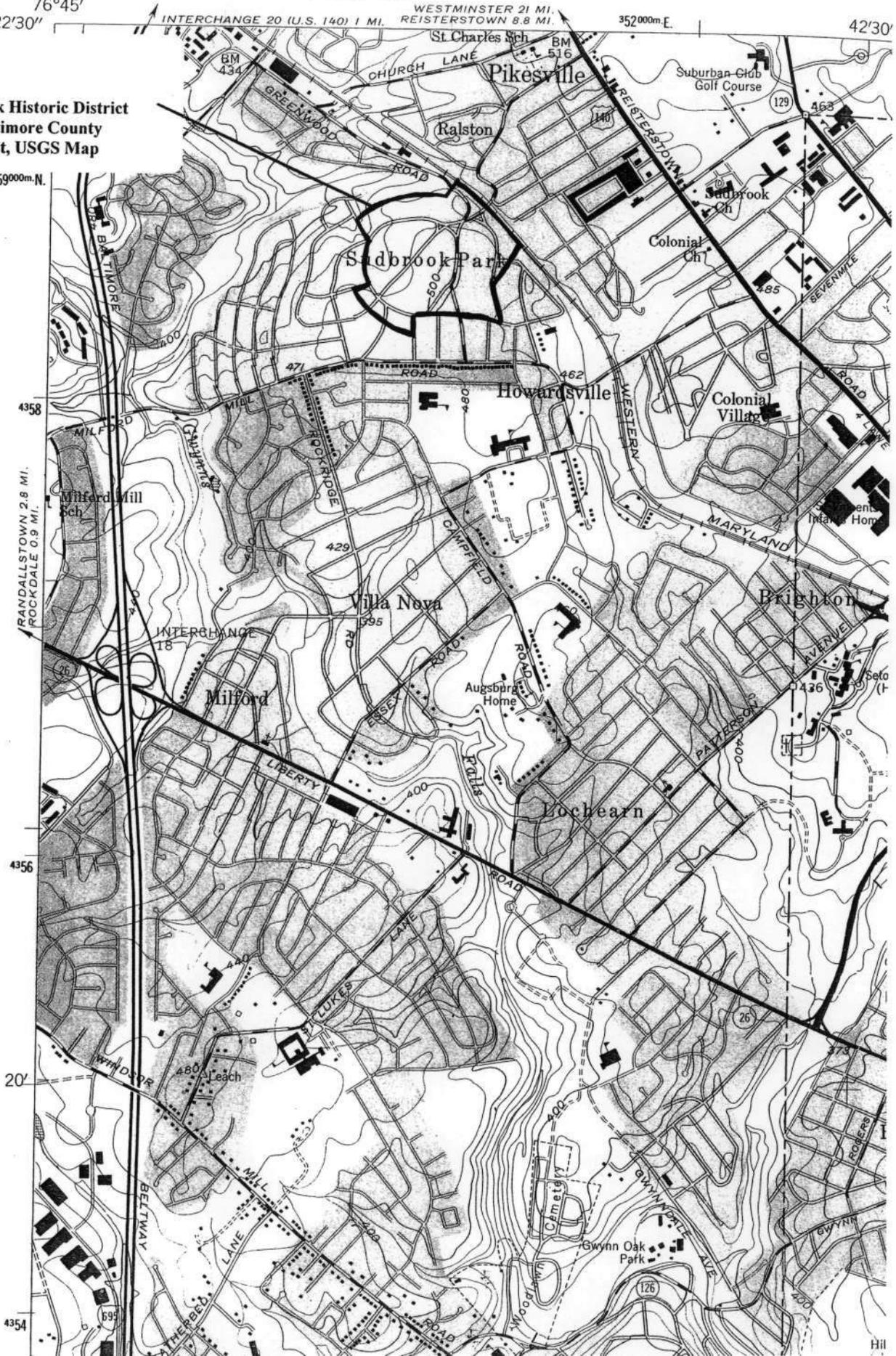
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(REISTERSTOWN)

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Sudbrook Park Historic District
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Baltimore West, USGS Map

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