

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-3027**  
**Poultney House**  
**508 Sudbrook Road**  
**Pikesville, Baltimore County**  
**1889**  
**Private**

This Shingle-style dwelling at 508 Sudbrook 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. 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. This dwelling at 508 Sudbrook Road was the second cottage to be built in Sudbrook Park. The dwelling was purchased by Arthur Emmett Poultney in 1910. Him and his wife had been residents of Sudbrook Park since 1893. His wife, Mrs. Emily Blackford Poultney was the daughter of Eugene Blackford, the manager of Sudbrook Park.

The Poultney House, constructed 1889, rises two-and-a-half stories in height, measures three bays wide, and rests on a solid random-rubble parged stone foundation. The wood-frame dwelling is clad with wood shingles and is capped with a cross-gable roof. Rising above the asphalt shingle roof is one interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. The inset porch is supported with wood posts and turned balusters. The entrance contains a single-leaf 1-light/1-panel wood door. The façade is pierced with 2/2 wood-sash windows with square-edged surrounds. One gable inset dormer with French doors adorns the roof. Features of the house include a cut-away corner on the projecting gable bay, and a molded wood cornice with returns. The circa 1920 garage is wood frame clad with wood shingles.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3027

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Poultney House

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 508 ~~Sudbrook Road~~ - Sudbrook Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Pikesville \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Mark I. Cantor & Deborah A. Javins

street and number 508 Sudbrook Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21208-4725

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 78, 576

city, town Towson liber 15024 folio 276

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category		Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
					Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>_____</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
<input type="checkbox"/>	object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total
			<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
			<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
			<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
			<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
					<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
					<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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.

This Shingle-style dwelling, constructed circa 1891, is sited on a sloping grassy lot surrounded by trees and shrubs. A paved driveway leads to a garage to the rear. Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, this dwelling measures three bays wide and rests on a solid random-rubble parged stone foundation. The wood frame dwelling is clad with wood shingles and is capped with a cross-gable roof. Rising above the asphalt shingle roof is one interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap. The inset porch is supported with wood posts and turned balusters. The entrance contains a single-leaf 1-light/1-panel wood door. The façade is pierced with 2/2 wood-sash windows with square-edged surrounds. One gable inset dormer with french doors adorns the roof. Features of the house include a cut-away corner on the projecting gable bay, and a molded wood cornice with returns. The circa 1920 garage is wood frame clad with wood shingles. It features a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and holds a double-leaf 6-light/cross-braced door.

## 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

<b>Specific dates</b>	1889	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Cabot, Everett and Mead
<b>Construction dates</b>	1889		

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.)

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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) This dwelling at 508 Sudbrook Road was the second cottage to be built in Sudbrook Park. The dwelling was purchased by Arthur Emmett Poultney in 1910.(2) Him and his wife had been residents of Sudbrook Park since 1893. His wife, Mrs. Emily Blackford Poultney was the daughter of Eugene Blackford, the manager of Sudbrook Park.(3)

### ENDNOTES

1. Sudbrook Park Historic District Nomination, National Register of Historic Places (Washington, DC: NPS, 1973).
2. Melanie D. Anson, Olmsted's Sudbrook The Making of a Community (Baltimore, MD: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 125.
3. Beryl Frank, Way Back When, (Baltimore: Sudbrook Park, Inc., 1997). p. 32.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.39 acresAcreage of historical setting 1.39 acresQuadrangle name Bel Air or Washington WestQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Poultney House is located at 508 Sudbrook Road in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 576 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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General Plan of  
**SUDBROOK**

July 28, 1982

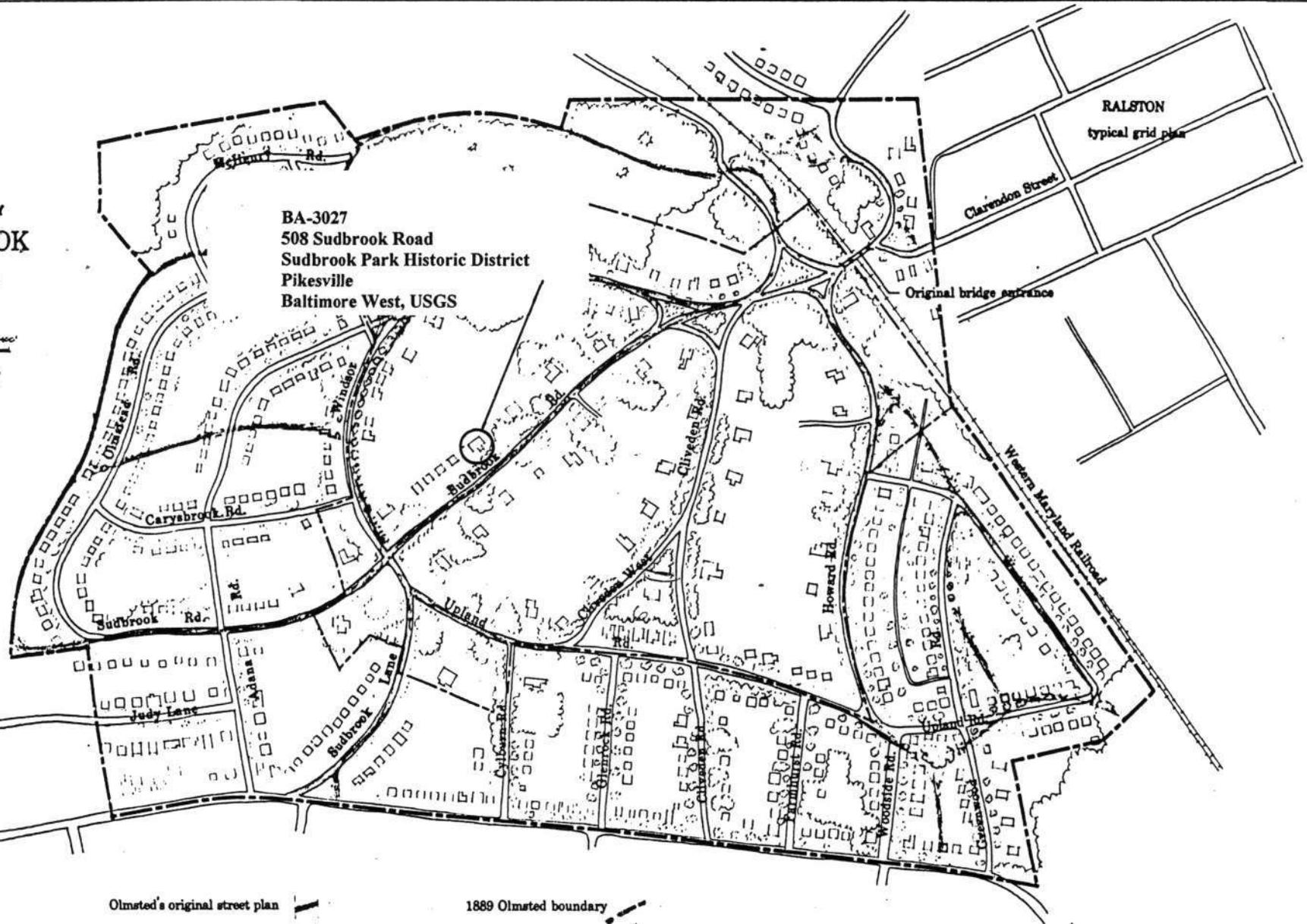
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508 Sudbrook Road  
Sudbrook Park Historic District  
Pikesville  
Baltimore West, USGS

RALSTON  
typical grid plan

Original bridge entrance



Olmsted's original street plan

Existing street street plan

1889 Olmsted boundary

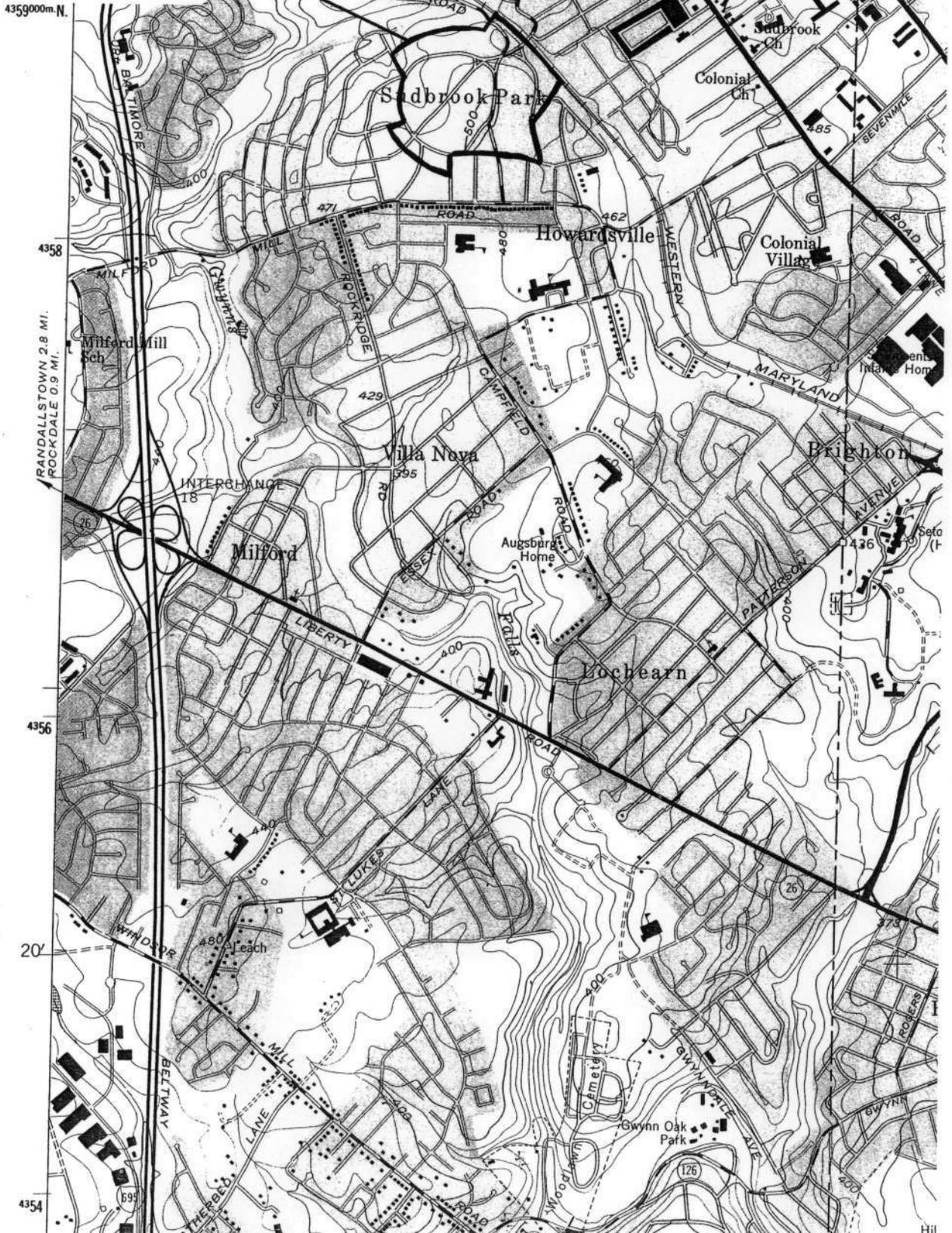
1973 Historic district boundary

5662 (V NE)  
(REISTERSTOWN)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

76°45' 39°22'30" INTERCHANGE 20 (U.S. 140) 1 MI. WESTMINSTER 21 MI. REISTERSTOWN 8.8 MI. 352000m.E. 42'30"

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**Sudbrook Park Historic District**  
**Pikesville, Baltimore County**  
**Baltimore West, USGS Map**





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HOUSE, SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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GARAGE, EAST CORNER

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