

## EASEMENT

BA-3063  
Old Rider Post Office  
8013 Bellona Avenue  
Riderwood  
Private  
c. 1885-1898

The Old Rider Post Office is located at 8013 Bellona Avenue in Riderwood. The building faces northwest toward the road, and is set on a small lot with a hill behind it. It is a 2 ½-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, a gable roof with a southeast-northwest ridge, and asphalt shingle roofing. There is a one-story, one-bay by three-bay wing on the southwest that has a CMU foundation and a shed roof with standing seam metal. On the southeast is a two-story, one-bay by two-bay wing with a concrete foundation and a shed roof with standing seam metal. On the southeast end of this wing is a one-story, one-bay by two-bay addition with a concrete foundation and a shed roof with asphalt rolled roofing. The entire building is covered with asbestos shingle siding. On the northwest elevation, the first story has a door in the north bay with Queen Anne sash. To the west are two double-hung sash with a Queen Anne sash above a two-light sash. There is a one-story, three-bay porch supported by four Doric columns, and it has a pediment over the north bay. The second story has two sash identical to the first story. The gable end is set to the street, and there are wide, overhanging eaves with brackets. The house has three rooms in a straight line from front to rear, with an enclosed stairway between the front and center rooms. There is a single room to the southwest of the front room, in an addition.

The earliest history of the Old Rider Post Office is obscured by a lack of information.

John A. Worley owned the lot on which it stands in 1898, the year in which he died and

the property passed to his daughter Mary Celinda Worley. No deed could be found to explain how and when John Worley acquired the land, however. The house was standing by 1898, and was being used as the Rider Post Office. The house is a simple cube with a cross gable and some Queen Anne details, especially in the windows, and probably dates from sometime in the 1890s. The front room of the building was apparently unheated, and must have functioned as the post office. The room behind it probably served as the kitchen, and the chambers on the second story as sleeping quarters and living space for the clerk. Curiously, the stairway is reached from the front room, making access to the private house much more public than one would expect. Perhaps there was a counter or some other screen that separated the back half of the room with the stairs from the front half. The placement of the stairs may have been a conscious decision by the owner to make the building more flexible, since the post office could move to another location in the future. This is exactly what happened, too, since the 1915 Bromley atlas shows the post office on the opposite side of the street. Effie and William Talbott purchased the property in 1922, and it was they who were likely responsible for the construction of the large, one-story, one-room addition on the southwest side and the enclosure of the rear porch. Those were the last significant changes to the building.

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## Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic Old Rider Post Office  
other

### 2. Location

street and number 8013 Bellona Ave. not for publication  
city, town Riderwood vicinity  
county Baltimore County

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

name Ruxton-Riderwood-Lake Roland Area Foundation, Inc.  
street and number 8013 Bellona Ave. telephone 410-377-4700  
city, town Riderwood state MD zip code 21139

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 69-351  
city, town Towson liber 16583 folio 618

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:		
		Office		0

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" 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.

The Old Rider Post Office is located at a 2013 Bellona Avenue in Riderwood. The building faces northwest toward the road, and is set on a small lot with a hill behind it. It is a 2 ½-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, a gable roof with a southeast-northwest ridge, and asphalt shingle roofing. There is a one-story, one-bay by three-bay wing on the southwest that has a CMU foundation and a shed roof with standing seam metal. On the southeast is a two-story, one-bay by two-bay wing with a concrete foundation and a shed roof with standing seam metal. On the southeast end of this wing is a one-story, one-bay by two-bay addition with a concrete foundation and a shed roof with asphalt rolled roofing. The entire building is covered with asbestos shingle siding.

On the northwest elevation, the first story has a door in the north bay with Queen Anne sash and three lying panels that have quirked ogee and bevel panel moulds. The head cut trim has a beaded interior edge. To the west are two double hung sash with a Queen Anne sash above a two-light sash. They have the same head cut trim, and wood sills. Each window has a pair of two-panel shutters with sunk, flat panels and quirked ogee and bevel panel moulds. The back side of the shutters have bead and butt work. There is a one-story, three-bay porch supported by four Doric columns, and it has a pediment over the north bay. There is a wood deck, beaded-edge-and-center board soffit, and square vertical balusters. The second story has two sash identical to the first story. The gable end is set to the street, and has a four-light sash with no trim. There are wide, overhanging eaves with brackets.

On the northeast elevation, the first story of the southeast wing has a six-light casement. The center wing has a two-over-two sash with a beaded-interior-edge frame. The main block of the house has two typical Queen Anne sash with shutters. On the second story, the center wing has a two-over-two sash with a beaded-interior-edge frame and the main block has two typical Queen Anne sash with blinds. There are exposed rafter ends that are decoratively cut. There is a gabled wall dormer with a bracketed cornice and a small four-light sash. The southeast elevation has a pair of six-light casements in the center of the first story. The second story has a typical two-over-two sash with blinds in the south bay and an interior brick chimney set east of center. The gable end has a bracketed cornice and a four-light sash.

On the southwest elevation, the southwest addition to the main block has three pair of eight-light casements with plain head cut trim and wood sills on the first story. The second story of the main block has two typical Queen Anne sash with blinds, and the rafters and dormer are identical to that on the northeast elevation. The first story of the center wing had a porch that wrapped around on the southeast. This porch has been extended on the southwest end and enclosed on the southeast to make the wing. The first story of the center wing has a typical two-over-two sash with no shutters or blinds, as does the second story.

The northwest room has carpet on the floor and new baseboard. The architrave has a sunken field and is mitered at the corners. The sash are hung on weights. The southeast elevation has a doorway set to the east that leads to an enclosed winder stair. There was never a door in this opening. There is also a doorway on this wall that is set to the south and leads to a small vestibule. It also never had a door. The southwest elevation has a doorway to the south with the same architrave. The door has four lights over two panels, with sunken fields and ovolo panel moulds. It has a mortise lock and butt hinges with loose joints. In the vestibule, the architrave is symmetrical, and is pulvinated in the center with two beads on each side, a field outside of the beads, and a beaded interior edge. There are bull's-eye corner blocks. On the southwest side of the vestibule is a new shallow closet. On the northeast is a four-panel door with sunk double fields and ogee panel moulds. It has a mortise lock and butt hinges with loose joints. There is a closet beneath the steps, inside this door. The flooring here has linoleum over what appears to be pine, and the floor runs northwest-southeast. The baseboard here has an ogee and bevel on top. On the southeast side of the vestibule is a doorway to the center room. There is no evidence of a door ever being in this location, and there is one step up to the floor level of the center room.

The center room has 3 ½-inch-wide pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast and has new baseboard. The architrave has a sunken field with an ogee on each side of the field and a small bead on the inner edge. There are bull's-eye corner blocks. The

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walls and ceiling are an early sheetrock, and the ceiling has narrow wood strips over the joints. The sash are hung on weights. This room is now a kitchen. The doorway on the northwest elevation, to the vestibule, has architrave with a bead on the outer edge. The southeast room has a concrete floor that had tile on it, but the tile has been taken up. There is access in the floor of this room to the cellar. The openings have plain mitered architrave. There is a cornice with an ogee above the cavetto. On the southwest elevation is a door with six lights over two panels. The panels have sunken fields and ovolo panel moulds, and the door has a mortise lock and butt hinges with ball finials.

The southwest room also has carpeting and new baseboard. There is plain mitered architrave and a small cornice moulding with an ogee above a cavetto. The southeast elevation has a door with four lights over two panels, and the door is identical to the door on the northeast elevation that leads to this room, but has butt hinges with ball finials. The glass has been painted. The door leads to a closet that is one step up from the floor level of the southwest room.

There is a basement under the center room only. It has a concrete floor and concrete walls, and a concrete and brick chimney on the southeast that is only large enough for a stove in the room above. The joists are circular sawn 2 by 8s that run northeast-southwest and have cross bracing or bridging that is fastened with wire nails. There is no sub flooring. The joists in the main block are also circular sawn and run northeast-southwest. The flooring there runs northwest-southeast and appears to be 2 ½ inches wide.

The second story has a passage that runs along the southwest, with chambers to the northwest and southeast ends of the passage and a bathroom to the northeast. The northwest chamber has carpeting over three-inch-wide pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast, and the baseboard has an ogee and bevel on top. The architrave is symmetrical and pulvinated, with double beads on each side and beads on both edges. There are also bull's-eye corner blocks. There is a new closet in the east corner. The door to this room has four panels with sunken double fields, a mortise lock, and butt hinges with ball finials.

The passage architrave is identical to that in the northwest chamber, except on the door that leads to the southeast chamber. Here the architrave has a sunken field with an ogee on each side and bull's-eye corner blocks. The door to the center chamber, or bathroom, is identical to the door to the northwest chamber, but has no ball finials. On the southwest elevation is a Queen Anne sash that is hung on weights. The door to the southeast chamber is also identical to that at the northwest chamber, but also does not have ball finials. The center chamber, or bathroom, has a small claw foot tub, and old marble top sink on a new oak base, and an old toilet labeled "Standard," with a new top. The architrave is identical to the northwest chamber. The southeast chamber is one step down from the passage. It is carpeted and has new baseboard. It is set above the center room, or kitchen, below, and the architrave is identical to that room. There is a new closet on the southeast elevation, east of the chimney. The windows are hung on sash weights. The roof of the southeast room slopes into the center and down to the southwest, with a hole in the parapet on the southwest to allow rainwater to escape.

There is an enclosed winder stair in the center chamber that leads to the attic. The door and architrave at the stairway matches that of the doorway into the center chamber. The attic has 2 ¼-inch-wide pine flooring that runs northwest-southeast and has new architrave. It is finished with what appears to be hemasote, and none of the roof framing is visible.

## 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
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<b>Specific dates</b>	n/a	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	n/a
<b>Construction dates</b>	c. 1888-98		

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.)

The earliest history of the Old Rider Post Office is obscured by a lack of information. John A. Worley owned the lot on which it stands in 1898, the year in which he died and the property passed to his daughter Mary Celinda Worley. No deed could be found to explain how and when John Worley acquired the land, however. The 1877 Hopkins Atlas shows this land as part of L. J. Rider's estate, and before that Edward Rider, grandfather of John Worley, owned it so presumably it was given to Worley, but no record could be uncovered. The house was standing by 1898, and was being used as the Rider Post Office. The house is a simple cube with a cross gable and some Queen Anne details, especially in the windows, and probably dates from sometime in the 1890s. The front room of the building was apparently unheated, and must have functioned as the post office. The room behind it probably served as the kitchen, and the chambers on the second story as sleeping quarters and living space for the clerk. The kitchen room could have been added at an early date, or has undergone changes or rebuilding, and the chamber above it has clearly been added. Curiously, the stairway is reached from the front room, making access to the private house much more public than one would expect. Perhaps there was a counter or some other screen that separated the back half of the room with the stairs from the front half. The placement may be indicating that the kitchen room was originally an unsubstantial space, such as an attached shed. Alternatively, the placement of the stairs may have been a conscious decision by the owner to make the building more flexible, since the post office could move to another location in the future. This is exactly what happened, too, since the 1915 Bromley atlas shows the post office on the opposite side of the street. (1)

In 1915 Mary Worley turned the property over to a trustee and four years later it was sold. It is not known whether Mary Worley actually operated the post office and lived here, or whether she simply leased the property to someone who did, but the loss of the post office contract may have compelled her to get rid of the property. Ray and Martha Crumling purchased the property from the trustee for \$1,000.00, but only owned it for three years. It then passed to Effie and William Talbott in 1922, and it was they who were likely responsible for the construction of the large, one-story, one-room addition on the southwest side and the enclosure of the rear porch. Those were the last significant changes to the building, other than the unfortunate addition of a porch with corrugated fiberglass roof at the southeast end of the building. (2)

Notes:

(1) George W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1898, 1915). G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1877). Thomas P. Chifelle, Map of the City of Baltimore and Baltimore County, 1852. John A. Worley Will, HJH 11-216.

(2) Baltimore County Land Records, WPC 446-542, WPC 518-66, WPC 565-98.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .082 A.

Acreage of historical setting .082 A.

Quadrangle name Cockeysville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kenneth M. Short

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date 01/17/2003

street and number 610 Regester Ave.

telephone 410-377-4953

city or town Baltimore

state MD zip code 21212-1915

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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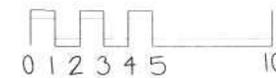
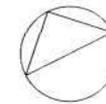
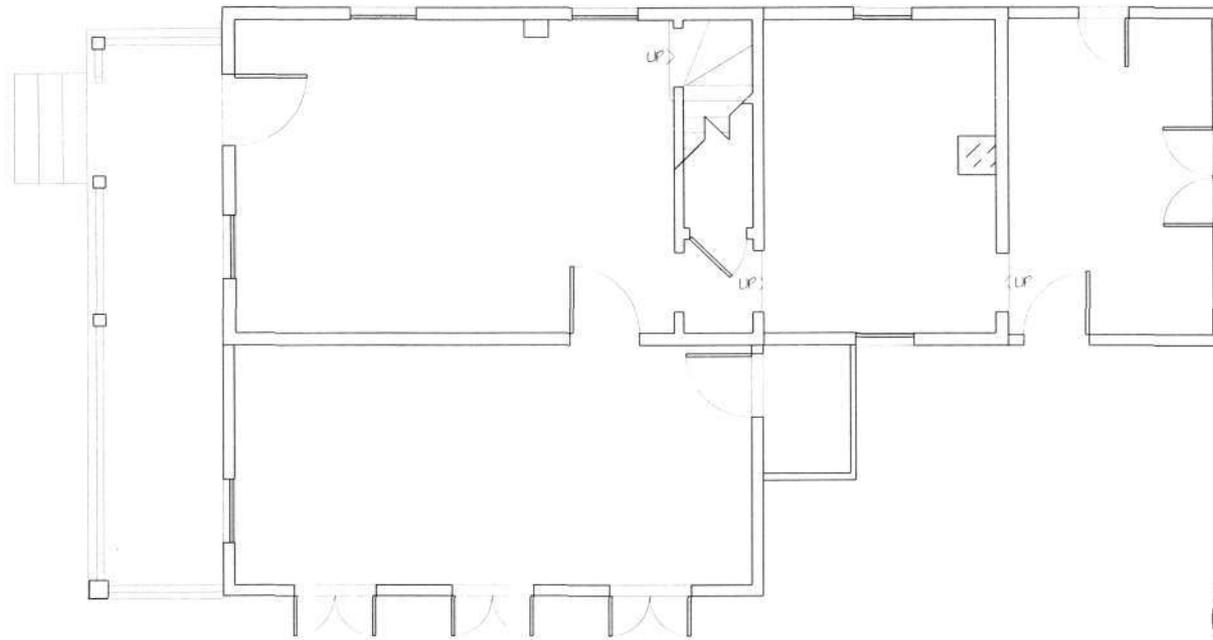
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CHAIN OF TITLE

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Manor Care		RR LRA Found Inc		28 Jun 2002	16583	618	Deed	
William Gary Demhardt	?	Manor Care Health Services, Inc	<del>Delaware</del> Del. Corp	6 May 1999	13745	673	Deed fees	77x133 \$155,000 par. bonds div. 1976
Charles Edward Wentington Hook w/ Charlotte Connelly H.	Balto Co	William Gary Demhardt w/ Jeanne Claire P.	Balto Co	<del>135 Jan 1970</del> 1970	OTG 5248	780	Deed fees	\$5.00
Jeanne Claire Townsend AKA Jeanne H. Demhardt	Balto Co	William Gary Demhardt.	Balto Co	14 Aug 1980	6207	98	Deed fees	\$5.00 #27, c12.34
J. Thomas Phipps	Balto Co	Charles E. W. Hook w/ Charlotte Connelly H.	Balto Co	27 May 1947	JWB 1544	556	Deed fees	\$5.00 9th d. s1
C. Edward Hook Annie R. Hook & Oscar C. Hook, hus	Balto Co	J. Thomas Phipps	Balto Co	27 May 1947	JWB 1544	555	Deed fees	\$5.00
William H. Shand admin. of Effie Talbot est	P.G. Co.	C. Edward Hook Annie R. Hook	Balto Co	30 Apr. 1940	CWB Jr. 1100	273	Deed fees	E. Talbot d. 2 Mar. 1940 had construction, sale to Hook \$2500.00 Wm R. T. deed
Ray H. & Martha E. Crumbling (w/)	Balto Co	Effie & William R. Talbot (hus)	Balto Co	14 Nov. 1922	WPC 565	98	Deed fees	\$5.00 @ Riderwood, 9th d. s1
John J. Dobler, et al trustees	?	Ray H. & Martha E. Crumbling	?	28 Oct 1918	WPC 518	66	Deed fees	\$1,000 [inc. average given pt. of below]
Mary Celinda Werley	Balto Co.	John J. Dobler, et al, trustees	Balto City	8 July 1915	WPC 446	542	Deed of trust	\$1.00

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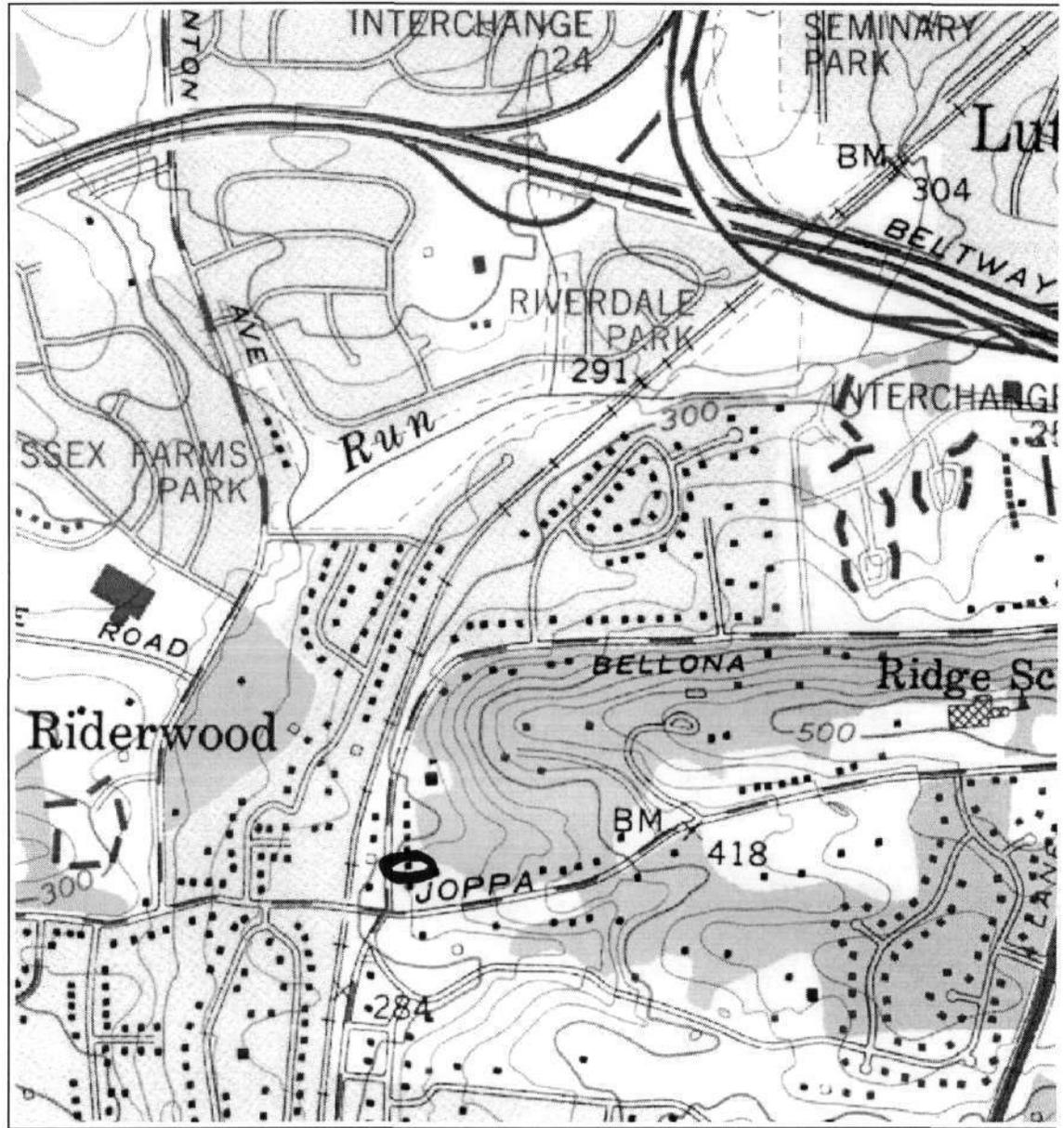
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## Base Maps

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Cockeysville Quad 7.5'  
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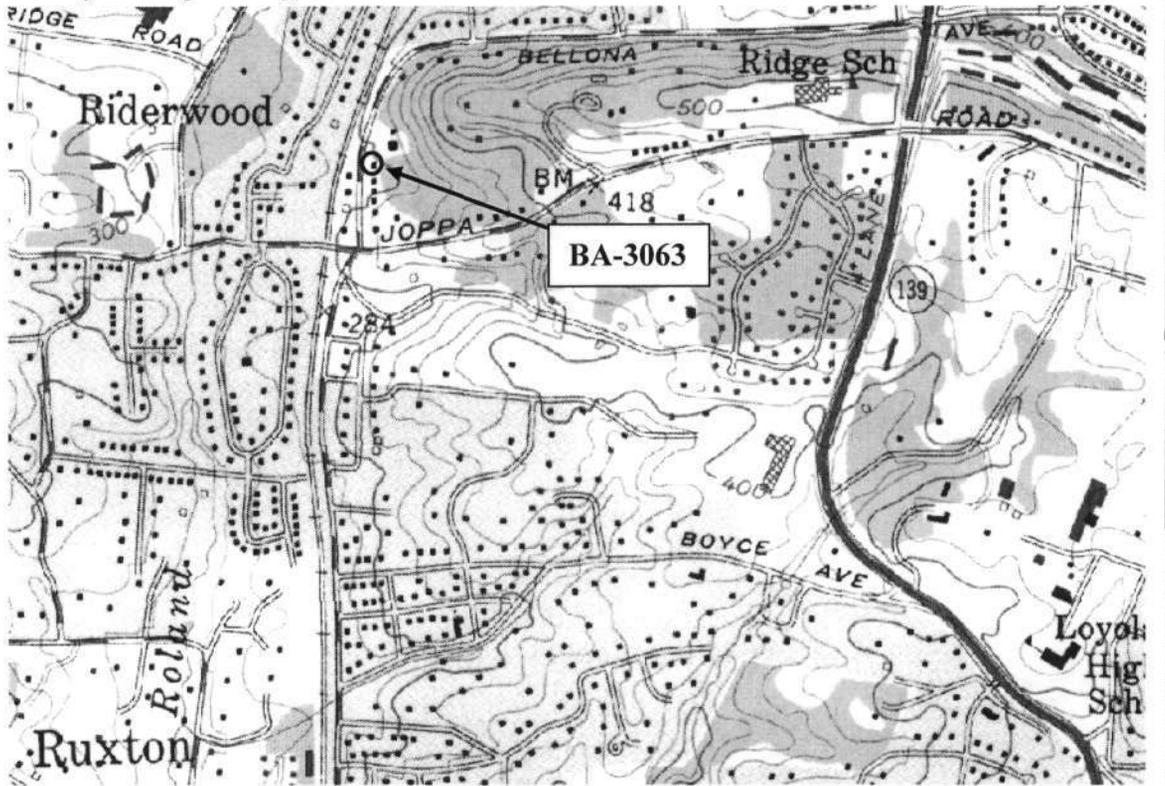
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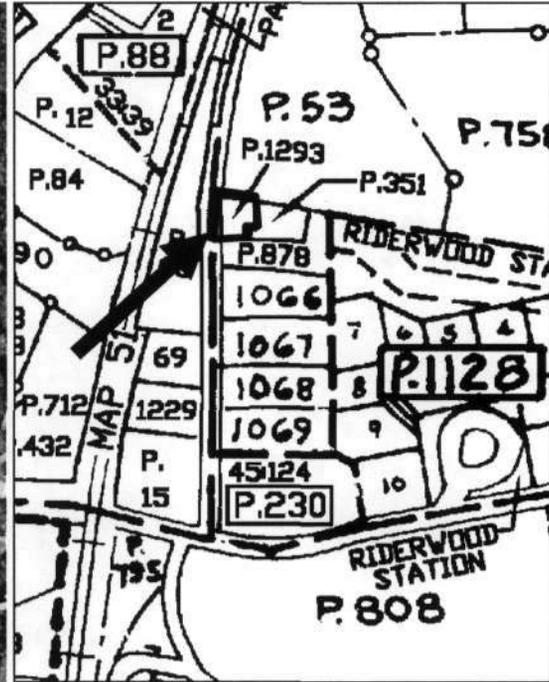
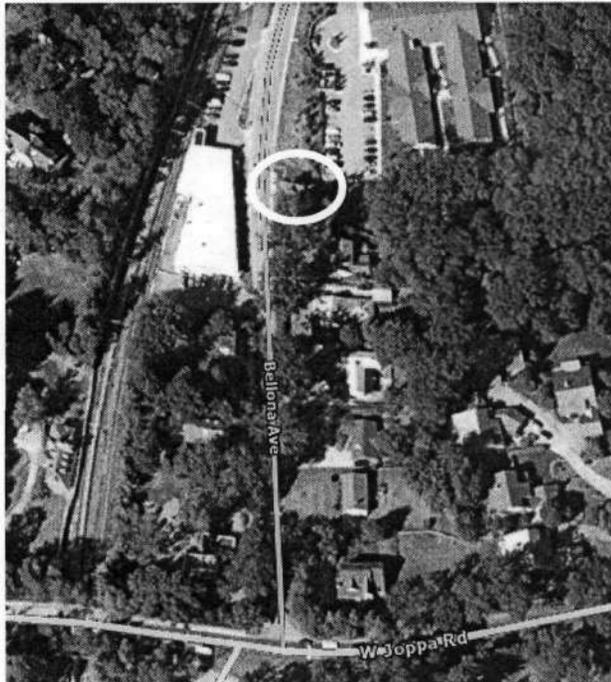
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