

**BA-3097**  
**Oscar Webb House**  
**709 Cliveden Road**  
**Pikesville, Baltimore County**  
**1898**  
**Private**

Built in 1898, the dwelling at 709 Cliveden 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 Olmsted. It was planned as a summer resort for wealthy Baltimore residents at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Known for his emphasis on nature, Olmsted 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. The dwelling at 709 Cliveden Road was designed by architect George Archer for Oscar Webb and his family.

The dwelling at 709 Cliveden Road is set back from the road on a level grassy landscaped lot amongst mature trees, shrubs, foundation plantings, and a paved driveway. The Shingle style dwelling, built in 1898, is two-and-a-half stories in height and four bays wide. It has a solid random rubble stone foundation supporting a wood-frame structural system clad in German weatherboard. The gambrel roof is covered with slate shingles. The dwelling features two interior and one interior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps. The off-center single-leaf wood paneled door has a 1-light transom and is set next to a set of paired wood sash casement windows with leaded lights. Paired sets of 1/1-light aluminum sash windows flank the entry. The upper story features a central gabled dormer flanked by projecting polygonal dormers with tent roofs. The gabled dormer contains one 1/1-light wood sash window while the polygonal dormers each feature three. The dormers have molded wood cornices. The gable dormer has a closed tympanum and the peak is clad with wood shingles. The one-story, seven-bay wrap porch rests on a brick pier foundation and features wood posts with inset panels. A stable, also constructed in 1898, is located at the rear of the property. It has a wood-frame structural system clad in German weatherboard and wood shingles, a molded wood cornice, and a side gable roof covered with asphalt shingles.



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## 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.

The dwelling at 709 Cliveden Road is set back from the road on a level grassy landscaped lot amongst mature trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. A paved driveway lies to the northeast of the house and leads to a stable located at the rear of the property. The Shingle style dwelling, built in 1898, is two-and-a-half stories in height and four bays wide. It has a solid random rubble stone foundation supporting a wood-frame structural system clad in German weatherboard. The gambrel roof is covered with slate shingles. The dwelling features two interior and one interior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps. The off-center single-leaf wood paneled door has a 1-light transom and is set next to a set of paired wood sash casement windows with leaded lights. Paired sets of 1/1-light aluminum sash windows flank the entry. The upper story features a central gabled dormer flanked by projecting polygonal dormers with tent roofs. The gabled dormer contains one 1/1-light wood sash window while the polygonal dormers each feature three. All the windows on the façade feature lug wood sills. The dormers have molded wood cornices. The gable dormer has a closed tympanum and the peak is clad with wood shingles. The one-story, seven-bay wrap porch rests on a brick pier foundation and features wood posts with inset panels.

The stable, built circa 1898, is one-and-a-half stories in height and three bays wide. It has a wood-frame structural system clad in German weatherboard and wood shingles, a molded wood cornice, and a side gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. One interior-end brick chimney with a corbeled cap is visible. The garage entrance features a two-leaf wood sliding door. There is one 3-light fixed wood sash window. The two other openings, one on the ground floor and a second in the dormer, are concealed behind wood louvered shutters. The gabled wall dormer is clad in wood shingles and features a molded wood cornice with returns. Part of a pulley system projects from the wall above the shuttered opening.

## 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 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:

**Specific dates** 1898 **Architect/Builder** George Archer

**Construction dates** 1898

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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### 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: Sudbrook Park, Inc, 1997), 98.

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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 0.164

Acreage of historical setting 0.164

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling, 709 Cliveden Road, is located in Sudbrook Park Historic District in Pikesville in the Third District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 78, parcel 262 since its construction.

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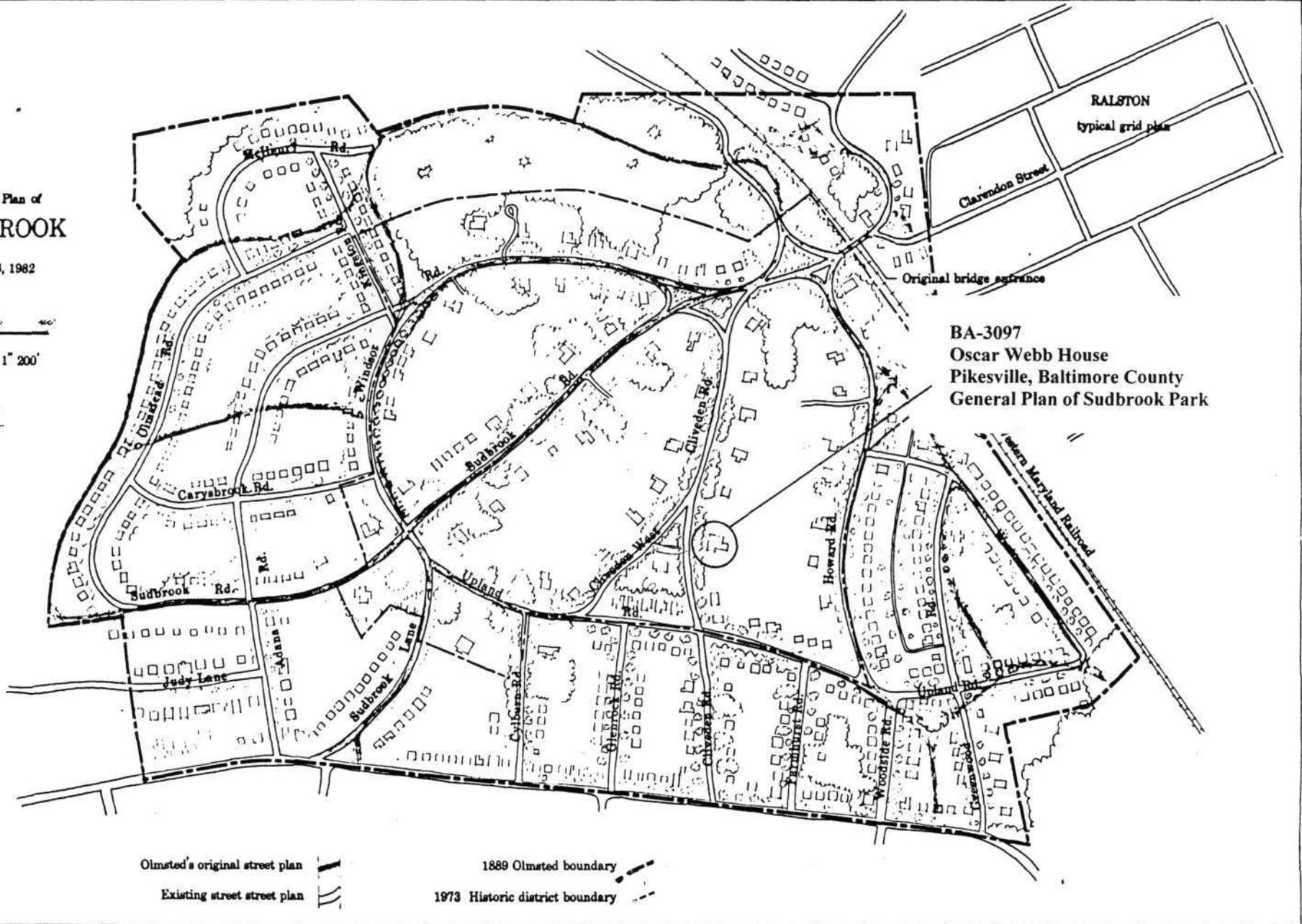
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General Plan of  
SUDBROOK

July 28, 1982

Scale: 1" = 200'



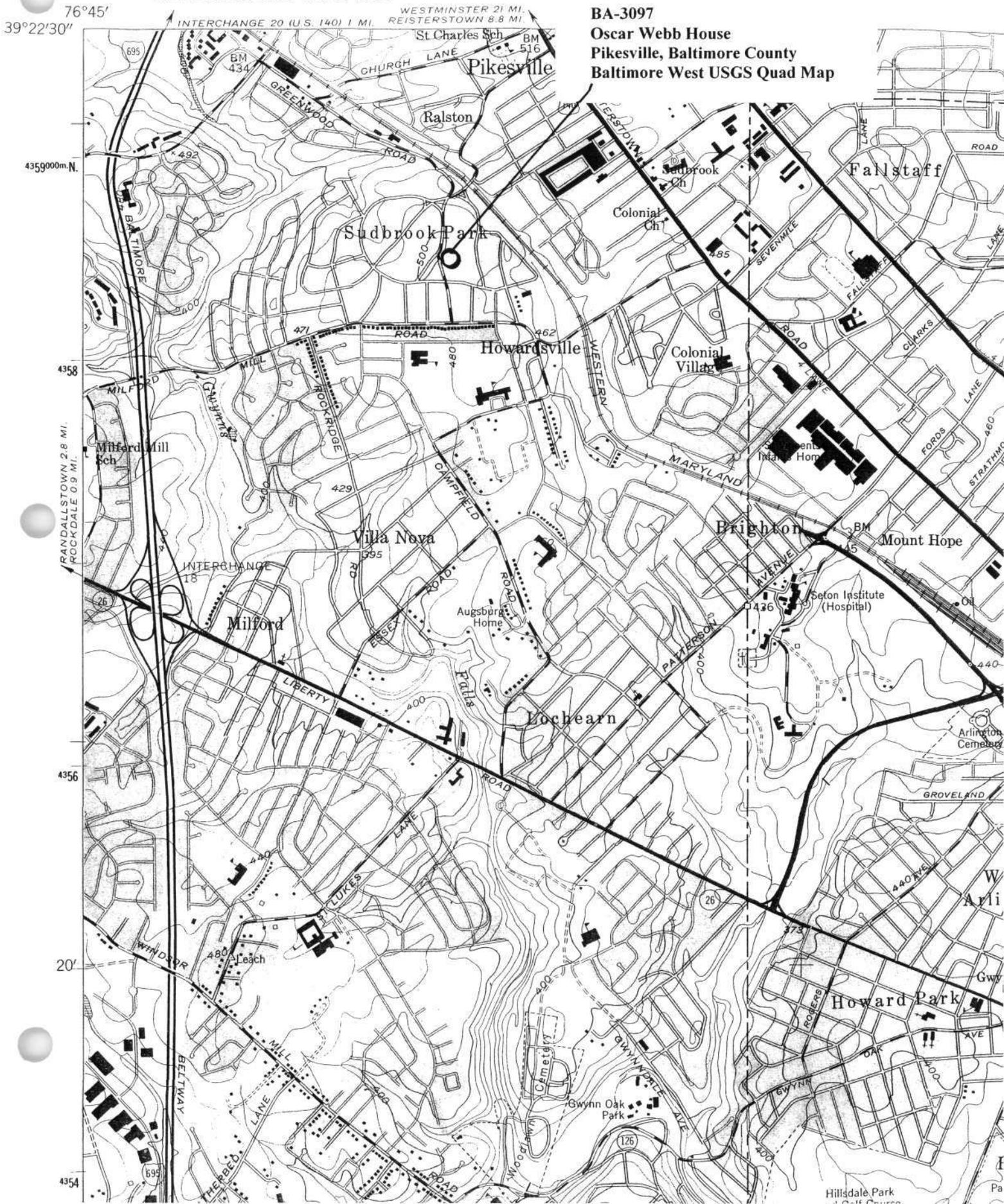
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typical grid plan

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General Plan of Sudbrook Park

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Baltimore West USGS Quad Map





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HOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, NE CORNER

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STABLE, WEST ELEVATION

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