

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #67-7 Building Date: 1922

Building Name: Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse

Location: 5814 Ruatan Street, Berwyn Heights, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

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Significance

The Berwyn Heights School is an excellent example of the substantial two-room schoolhouses which were being built in the Prince George's County suburbs of Washington during the 1920's. Although it has been converted for residential use, it retains almost all of its original exterior features. The area which is now Berwyn Heights was platted in 1888 by Edward Graves. The new suburb was called Charlton Heights, but was renamed Berwyn Heights in 1896. Its first school was located at the eastern boundary of the subdivision, on the road to Bladensburg. In 1921 a delegation from Berwyn Heights petitioned the Prince George's County Board of Education to erect a new schoolhouse to replace the old one. A site (Lots 20 and 21 in Block 24) was chosen, a building committee was appointed, and Charles M. Lightbown was selected as architect. The new school opened late in 1922. It was one of the more substantial of the schoolhouses built during this time period. It had two large classrooms and a large basement space. In 1958 a new school was opened in Block 35 and the subject schoolhouse was converted to a day care facility. Since the late 1970's it has been converted into a residence. Changes have been made in the interior of the house, but the exterior retains essentially all of its original character. It is the County's best example of a substantial suburban schoolhouse of the 1920's.

Acreage: .4591 acre

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Berwyn Heights School

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 5814 Ruatan Street not for publication

city, town College Park Berwyn Heights vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Valentino and Mary Bozzelli

street & number 5814 Ruatan Street telephone no.: 345-4433

city, town College Park state and zip code Maryland 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #5790

street & number Main Street folio 567

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse is a side-gabled frame schoolhouse which rests on a high molded concrete block foundation. It faces south towards Ruatan Street (formerly Keleher Avenue). Entrance is in the central bay of the five-bay south facade through plain double doors surmounted by a large single-light transom. The doorway which enters the upper story is sheltered by a gable-roofed entry porch approached by a flight of concrete steps. The porch is supported by tapered square-in-section wooden posts on bases of molded concrete block. Windows across the south facade are 6/6 double hung sash and have plain board surrounds.

The upper story of the building is covered with German siding, painted a cream color. The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and has deeply overhanging eaves punctuated by exposed rafters. There is a corbelled brick chimney roughly centered (perpendicular to the ridge) in the north plane of the roof. A corner stone has been built into the southwest corner of the schoolhouse; it reads "B.H.S. December 19, 1922." The building has been converted into a residence.

Across each of the east and west gable ends is a bank of six large 9/9 double-hung-sash windows with plain board surrounds. The two southmost windows in the west gable end have recently been replaced by high nine-light windows, which now light the kitchen recently installed in the southwest corner of the upper story. Below the gable end windows at lower level, and set into the molded concrete block foundation, are six 6/6 double-hung-sash windows which light the basement space. These lower level windows have concrete slab sills.

Originally there were no windows in the rear (north) facade. Two doors, side-by-side, were centered in the upper level, and approached by a set of wooden steps to a platform supported by cinder-block piers. These doors led separately into the two classroom spaces. A second-level wooden deck has recently been constructed across the westerly part of this north facade, accessible from the interior by a sliding glass door. Two 6/6 double-hung-sash windows have replaced the two north classroom doors. A door at ground level enters into the full basement from the east end of this north facade.

Interior plan of the school consisted of a transverse hall across the front of the building with a staircase descending (toward the east) into the finished basement space. The rest of the upper level consisted of two large classrooms divided by a partition which had replaced the folding doors that originally separated the two classrooms. The classrooms were originally heated by a large centrally-located stove served by the brick chimney.

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Recent interior work has converted the upper level into a four-section living space. A kitchen has been built into the southwest corner, necessitating a change in the two southmost windows of the west gable end. The northerly four windows remain intact, with classical architrave surrounds and crown moldings; they light the large living room which takes up most of the west half of the upper level. The entire east bank of windows remains intact, lighting the two bedrooms on the east side. The high ceiling of this upper level is covered with a pressed metal ceiling typical of the interior decoration of schools of this period.

The schoolhouse, now converted into a residence, stands on two adjoining lots totaling almost one-half acre. It is in excellent condition.

8. Significance

| Period | Area of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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Specific dates 1922 Builder/Architect local history

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse is an excellent example of the substantial two-room schoolhouses which were being built in the Prince George's County suburbs of Washington during the 1920's. Although it has been converted for residential use, it retains almost all of its original exterior features.

The area which is now Berwyn Heights was platted in 1888 by Edward Graves; it consisted of 383 acres of land which Graves had purchased in the previous year. The new suburb, accessible to and from Washington by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, was called Charlton Heights. From 1888 into the mid 1890's, approximately 20 fine Victorian dwellings were built in the new community, most of them from Shoppell pattern-book designs. The first school was located at the eastern boundary of the subdivision, on the road to Bladensburg.¹ In 1896, the new suburb was incorporated and renamed Berwyn Heights. It continued to grow slowly; by 1910 the population was slightly over 150, and there were 38 dwellings.²

In 1921 a delegation from Berwyn Heights petitioned the Prince George's County Board of Education to erect a new schoolhouse to replace the old one. The petition was granted, and a site was chosen on "the Heights", Lots 20 and 21 in Block 24. A building committee consisting of Messrs. Turner, Kleiner and Nicholson was appointed; the architect was Charles M. Lightbown. The new school opened late in 1922; the nineteenth century schoolhouse stood vacant until it burned in the 1930's.³

The Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse was one of the more substantial of the schoolhouses built during this period. It had two large classrooms divided by folding doors, a patterned pressed metal ceiling, a front vestibule for cloakrooms, and, unlike many others of its type, a large basement space. By mid-century, the population of Berwyn Heights had increased to the extent that this two-room school could accommodate only the primary grades; it came to be known as the Old Berwyn Heights Kindergarten.⁴

In 1958 a new school was opened in Block 35 (to the southeast) and the subject schoolhouse was converted to a day care facility. Since the late 1970's it has been converted into a residence. Changes have been made in the interior of the house, but the exterior retains essentially all of its original character.

Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse is the best surviving example of the bungalow style of schoolhouse from the 1920's. The closest parallel is the Forestville School, also built in 1922. The Forestville School was built on the same plan as the Berwyn Heights School, a side-gabled building with two large classrooms separated by a partition perpendicular to the ridge, and a handsome ornamental pressed metal ceiling. The Forestville School has, however, been significantly altered, with a large rear addition, the west part of which covers the bank of windows in the west gable end. The principal facade of the building has been drastically changed by the construction of a high projecting pedimented portico supported by six tall fluted columns. The Forestville School now serves as a surveyor's office.⁵ Six other schools of similar style were documented during the 1982/83 Prince George's County Black History Study; the Bowie, Lakeland, Camp Springs, TB, Clinton, and Brandywine Schools were all built in the 1920's under the Rosenwald funding program for the construction of rural schools for black children. All have been significantly altered, three to serve as offices, and three as residences. None of these schoolhouses is covered by the County Preservation Program.⁶

The Berwyn Heights Schoolhouse is an excellent example of 1920's suburban schoolhouse. It has since 1922 been a focal point in this community, and is still a noticeable visual feature of the neighborhood. It exemplifies the social and educational heritage, and has value as part of the suburban development of Prince George's County.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Plat A-53; see also MHT Inventory Form PG #67-22 Berwyn Heights Survey District.

2 ibid.

3 Journal of the Prince George's County Board of Education, Volume III, 1921-1922; Skarda, D. D., Berwyn Heights - History of a Small Maryland Town, pp. 38-44.

4 Skarda, op. cit.; see also Chain of Title.

5 See MHT Inventory Form PG #75A-7.

6 See MHT Inventory Forms PG #71B-10, #66-13, #76B-15, #85A-26, #81A-13, #86B-21.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. Notes, item #8

Cf. Chain of Title

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .46 acre Tax map #34, lots 20 and 21, Block 24

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Commission

date December 1985, March 1988

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state MD

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Acreage: .4591 acre

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

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2. Location

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city, town College Park Berwyn Heights _____ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Valentino and Mary Bozzelli

street & number 5814 Ruatan Street telephone no.: 345-4433

city, town College Park state and zip code Maryland 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #5790

street & number Main Street folio 567

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

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There are no windows in the rear (north) facade. Two doors, side-by-side, are centered in the upper level, and approached by a set of wooden steps to a platform supported by cinder-block piers. (These doors enter separately into the two classroom spaces, and were probably a late addition.) Another door at ground level enters into the basement space from the east end of this north facade.

The upper story of the building is covered with German siding. (Until 1985 it was painted gray, but it is currently being repainted a cream color). The roof is covered with gray asphalt shingle, and has deeply overhanging eaves. There is a corbelled brick chimney roughly centered (perpendicular to the ridge) in the north plane of the roof. A cornerstone has been built into the southwest corner of the schoolhouse; it reads "B.H.S. December 19, 1922."

Interior plan consists of a transverse hall across the front of the building with a staircase descending (toward the east) into the basement space; this lower level is now set up as an apartment. The rest of the upper level consists of two large classrooms divided by a partition; originally the two rooms were divided by folding doors. The classrooms are effectively lighted by the wide banks of oversize windows across the gable ends. The building was heated by a large centrally-located stove served by the brick chimney.

The schoolhouse, now converted into a residence, stands on two adjoining lots totalling almost one-half acre. It is in good condition and is being carefully renovated.

8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | |
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Specific dates 1922 **Builder/Architect** Charles M. Lightbown

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Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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In 1896, the new suburb was renamed Berwyn Heights. By that time many of its substantial Victorian houses had been constructed.²

In 1921 a delegation from Berwyn Heights petitioned the Prince George's County Board of Education to erect a new schoolhouse to replace the old one. The petition was granted, and a site was chosen on "the Heights", Lots 20 and 21 in Block 24. A building committee consisting of Messrs. Turner, Kleiner and Nicholson was appointed; the architect was Charles M. Lightbown. The new school opened late in 1922; the nineteenth century schoolhouse stood vacant until it burned in the 1930's.³

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10. Geographical Data

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organization Prince George's Co. Historic Preservation Commission
date December 1985

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city or town Upper Marlboro state MD

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Chain of Title
Berwyn Heights School
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3 Nov 1983
Deed

F. Hamer Campbell to Valentino and Mary Bozzelli,
lots 20 & 21, Block 24 in subdivision formerly
known as Charlton Heights (Plat at JWB#10:309),
address of 5814 Ruatan Street, same acquired by
#5454:517.

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15 Sept 1981
Deed

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21 in Block 24 in subdivision formerly known as
Charlton Heights, now known as Berwyn Heights,
acquired by deed recorded immediately prior.

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16 Sept 1981
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Prince George's County to Laurance Cartano,
property formerly known as Old Berwyn Heights
Kindergarten, shown on plat A-52 and A-53 which the
County obtained from the Board of Education by
#4318:603.

#4318:603
25 Sept 1973
Deed

Board of Education together with James
Sensenbaugh, State Superintendent of Schools of
Maryland, to Prince George's County; lots 20 and 21
in Block 24 in the Edward Graves subdivision (no
prior reference).

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Heights requesting new school.

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In 1958 a new school was opened in Block 35 (to the southeast) and the subject schoolhouse was converted to a day care facility. Since the late 1970's it has been converted into a residence.⁴ Changes have been made in the interior of the house, but the exterior retains essentially all of its original character. It is perhaps Prince George's County's finest example of a substantial suburban schoolhouse of the 1920's.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Plat A-53; D.D. Skarda, "Berwyn Heights" pp. 17-22, 38-40.

2 Skarda, op. cit.

3 Journal of the Prince George's County Board of Education, Volume III, 1921-1922; Skarda, op. cit.

4 Skarda, op. cit. pp. 38-40.

Chain of Title
Berwyn Heights School
P.G. #67-7

#5790:567
3 Nov 1983
Deed

F. Hamer Campbell to Valentino and Mary Bozzelli, lots 20 & 21, Block 24 in subdivision formerly known as Charlton Heights (Plat at JWB#10:309), address of 5814 Ruatan Street, same acquired by #5454:517.

#5454:517
15 Sept 1981
Deed

Laurance Cartano to F. Hamer Campbell, lots 20 and 21 in Block 24 in subdivision formerly known as Charlton Heights, now known as Berwyn Heights, acquired by deed recorded immediately prior.

#5454:515
16 Sept 1981
Deed

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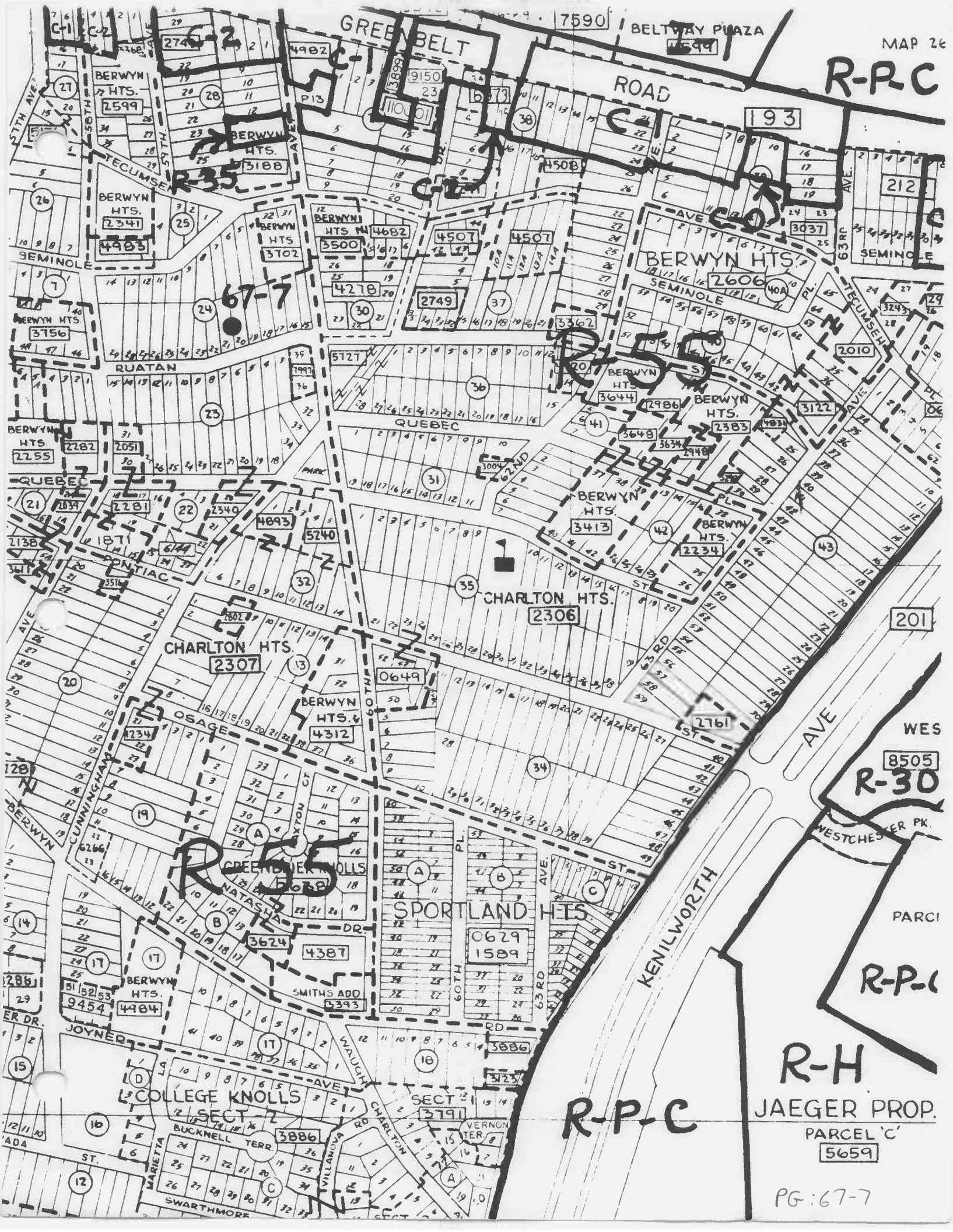
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Berwyn Heights School
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
December 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.

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Berwyn Heights School
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Susan G. Pearl
December 1985
Cornerstone, from south
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Northeast 3/4 elevation
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Berwyn Heights School
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Southwest 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.