

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Welsh's School Survey Number: HO-703

Tax Parcel#: 31

Project: Maryland 216/29 Project Planning Study Agency: MDOT-SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended  \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Highridge School at 10623 Scaggsville Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Colonial Revival style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form  
and Maryland 29/216 Project Planning Report

Prepared by: Tracerics, 5420 Western Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815 November 1997

Concun - [Signature] Date 2/10/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

[Signature] Date 3/31/99  
Reviewer, NR Program

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**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
Welsh's School  
10623 Scaggsville Road  
(HO-703)

The circa 1890 vernacular building at 10623 Scaggsville Road was originally constructed as Welsh's School, a one-room schoolhouse serving the rural residents of the area. Renovated to serve as a single dwelling, the building is one-and-one-half-stories in height with a side gable roof sheath in standing seam metal. It is constructed of wood frame that has been reclad in aluminum siding. The modest building is set upon a solid parged foundation. There is an exterior chimney constructed of concrete block at the west end of the original house. A wood frame hood set on wood brackets on the northeast side marks the main entrance of the house.

The Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County purchased the property in 1890 from Lemuel A. Welsh, whose was initially associated with the erection of the school. The school was locally known as the Welsh's School, later becoming known as the Highridge School. Between 1893 and 1894, Emmanuel United Methodist Church held services in the school building, while their first church was under construction at 10755 Scaggsville Road. The school property continued to be owned by the Board of Education until 1939, when it sold to Charles M. and Edna M. Ridgely. After the Ridgely's purchase of the property, the building was converted into a private residence.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. HO-703

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Welsh's School

common/other name Highridge School

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2. Location

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street & number 10623 Scaggsville Road not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Laurel vicinity \_\_\_\_\_ state Maryland code MD

county Howard code 027 zip code 20723

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private  
 public-local  
 public-State  
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)  
 district  
 site  
 structure  
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing		
<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		objects
<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_  
No

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: EDUCATION Sub: SCHOOL  
DOMESTIC SINGLE DWELLING

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: SINGLE DWELLING

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Concrete, Parged  
roof Side Gable: Standing Seam Metal  
walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
Education  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance ca. 1890-1947  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates ca. 1890  
1939-1940  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation Undefined  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References  
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Howard County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Howard County, Ellicott City, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 22,084 Square Feet

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 10623 Scaggsville Road is designated as Parcel 31, Map 46, Grid 12.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

The property at 10623 Scaggsville Road has historically been associated with Parcel 31 since the building's construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kristyna G. Olsen, Architectural Historian  
organization Traceries date October 28, 1997  
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

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12. Property Owner  
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name Gilbert Otis and Pauline A. Wheeler  
street & number 10623 Scaggsville Rd. telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Laurel state MD zip code 20723  
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Howard County, Maryland  
county and state

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The circa 1890 vernacular building at 10623 Scaggsville Road was originally constructed as Welsh's School, a one-room schoolhouse serving the rural residents of the area. Renovated to serve as a single dwelling, the building is one-and-one-half-stories in height with a side gable roof sheath in standing seam metal. It is constructed of wood frame that has been reclad in aluminum siding. The modest building is set upon a solid parged foundation. There is an exterior chimney constructed of concrete block at the west end of the original house. A wood frame hood set on wood brackets on the northeast side marks the main entrance of the house.

Since its renovation for use as a dwelling, the building has been altered to feature two front gable dormers subsequently added on the northeast roof plane. A one story, front gable ell addition of wood frame with a poured concrete foundation has been constructed on the west side of the building.

The building is set on a deep corner lot at the east intersection of Scaggsville Road and Harding Road. The property is level and grassy with scattered mature trees. A large tree on the west side of the main house dominates the landscape. The house sits ten feet to the southwest of Scaggsville Road, and a chain-link fence surrounds the majority of the property. A wood fence lines part of the northwest edge of the property.

**EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:**

The northeast elevation, or the facade of the building, fronts directly on the road. It is divided into four bays with a central entry marked by a wood frame hood set on wood brackets. Not historically an opening, the entry is filled with a wood paneled door with lights and a metal surround. It is flanked by paired 6/6 windows with wood sills, square-edged surrounds, and thick mullions. A set of paired half-size windows cut into the southern end of the elevation. The roof is pierced by two non-original front gable dormers, proportionally out-of-scale to the building. Each has a 1/1 metal sash windows with metal surrounds.

The northwest elevation consists of a one story, shed roof addition. This addition contains a 6/6 metal sash window and a single entry opening with an aluminum door. The elevation of the original block of the building has a single opening in the gable end, filled with a 1/1 replacement sash of metal. The concrete block exterior end chimney, present when the building was used as



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a school, projects through the overhanging eaves to rise above the  
roofline.

Dominated by the ell addition, the southwest elevation has two  
original window openings, one of which has been enlarged. Despite  
the difference in opening size, each contains a 6/6 metal sash.  
The ell is pierced on the southwest and southeast elevations by two  
identical 1/1 metal sash windows. The northwest elevation has a  
similar 1/1 window set north of the single entry opening.  
Accessible by a wood deck, the opening has an aluminum door.

The southeast elevation of the main block appears to most intact.  
The first story has a single-leaf entry with a glass and wood door  
flanked by a 6/6 window. Although the door and window sash are  
replacements, the openings are original. The gable end has a  
single window with a 1/1 metal sash trimmed with metal surrounds.

**OUTBUILDINGS:**

To the west of the main house is a small one story, pre-fabricated,  
metal shed with a side gable roof, constructed in the 1960s.

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Erected circa 1890, the building at 10623 Scaggsville Road was originally erected as Welsh's Schoolhouse, a one-room schoolhouse which served the surrounding rural community. Later known as the Highridge School, the school was closed in the late 1930s when the construction of modern, larger schools funded by the federal government became prevalent. Subsequently, the building was converted into a single-family dwelling.

The Board of County School Commissioners of Howard County purchased the property in 1890 from Lemuel A. Welsh, whose was initially associated with the erection of the school. The school was locally known as the Welsh's School, later becoming known as the Highridge School. Between 1893 and 1894, Emmanuel United Methodist Church held services in the school building, while their first church was under construction at 10755 Scaggsville Road. The school property continued to be owned by the Board of Education until 1939, when it sold to Charles M. and Edna M. Ridgely. After the Ridgely's purchase of the property, the building was converted into a private residence.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:**

Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Industrial/ Urban Dominance (1870-1930)  
Modern Period (1930-present)

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

Architecture, Landscape, and Community  
Planning

Social/ Educational/ Cultural

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** EDUCATION/School  
DOMESTIC/ Single Dwelling

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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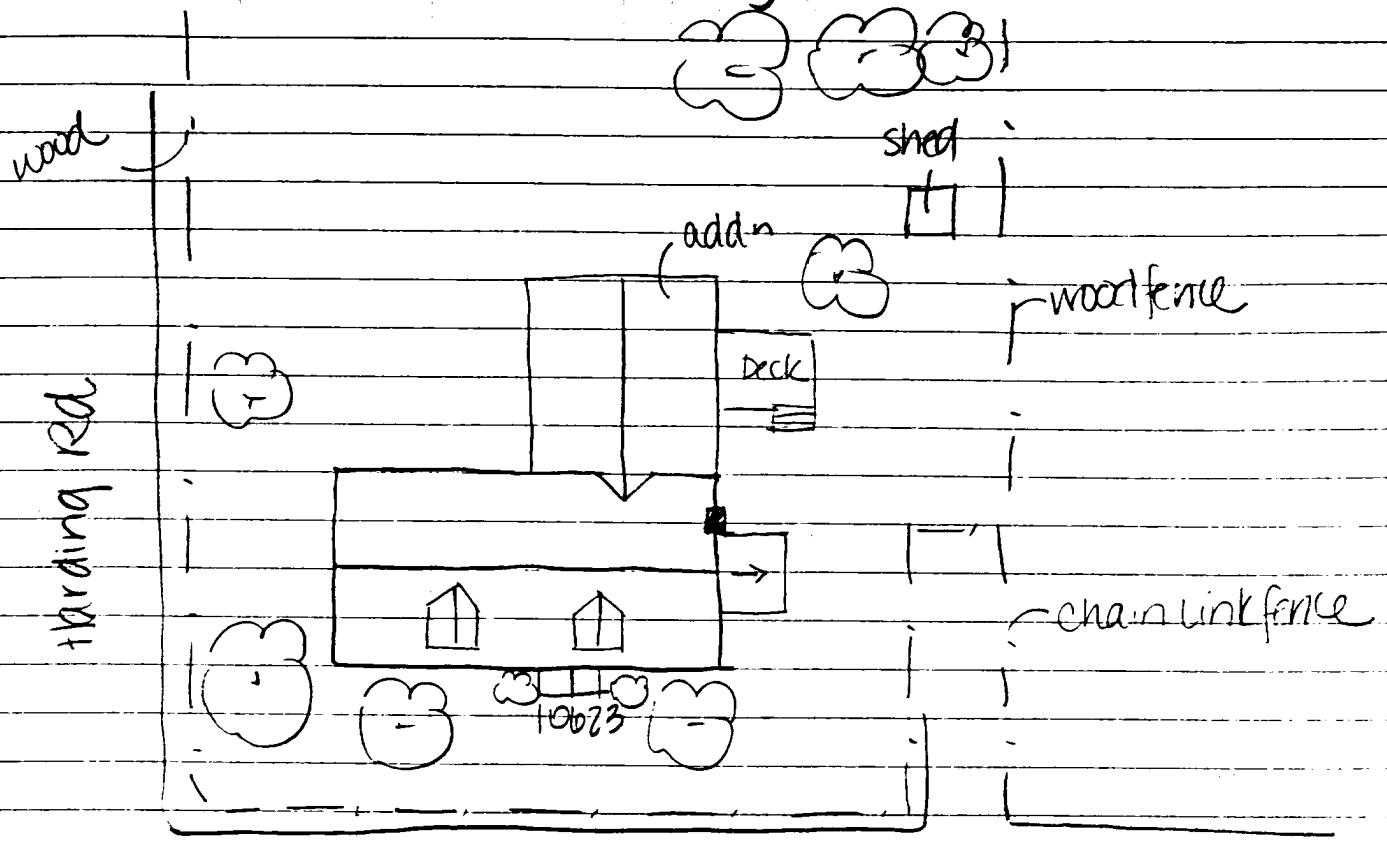
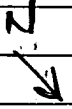
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November 24, 1890	Lemuel A. Welsh and wife to Board of School Commissioners of Howard County Land Records of Howard County Liber JHO 56 Folio 550
December 20, 1939	Board of Education to Charles M. and Edna M. Ridgely No longer needed for education Land Records of Howard County Liber BMJr. 165 Folio 378
July 13, 1953	Edna M. Ridgely to Maurice Charles Ridgely Land Records of Howard County Liber MWB 246 Folio 137
November 22, 1960	Maurice Charles and Leona Fay Ridgely to John L. Clark Land Records of Howard County Liber RHM 362 Folio 168
November 22, 1960	John L. Clark to Maurice Charles Ridgely and Leona Fay Ridgely Land Records of Howard County Liber RHM 362 Folio 170
February 20, 1962	Maurice Charles and Leona Fay Ridgely to Gilbert Otis and Pauline A. Wheeler Land Records of Howard County Liber WHH 380 Folio 80

# RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

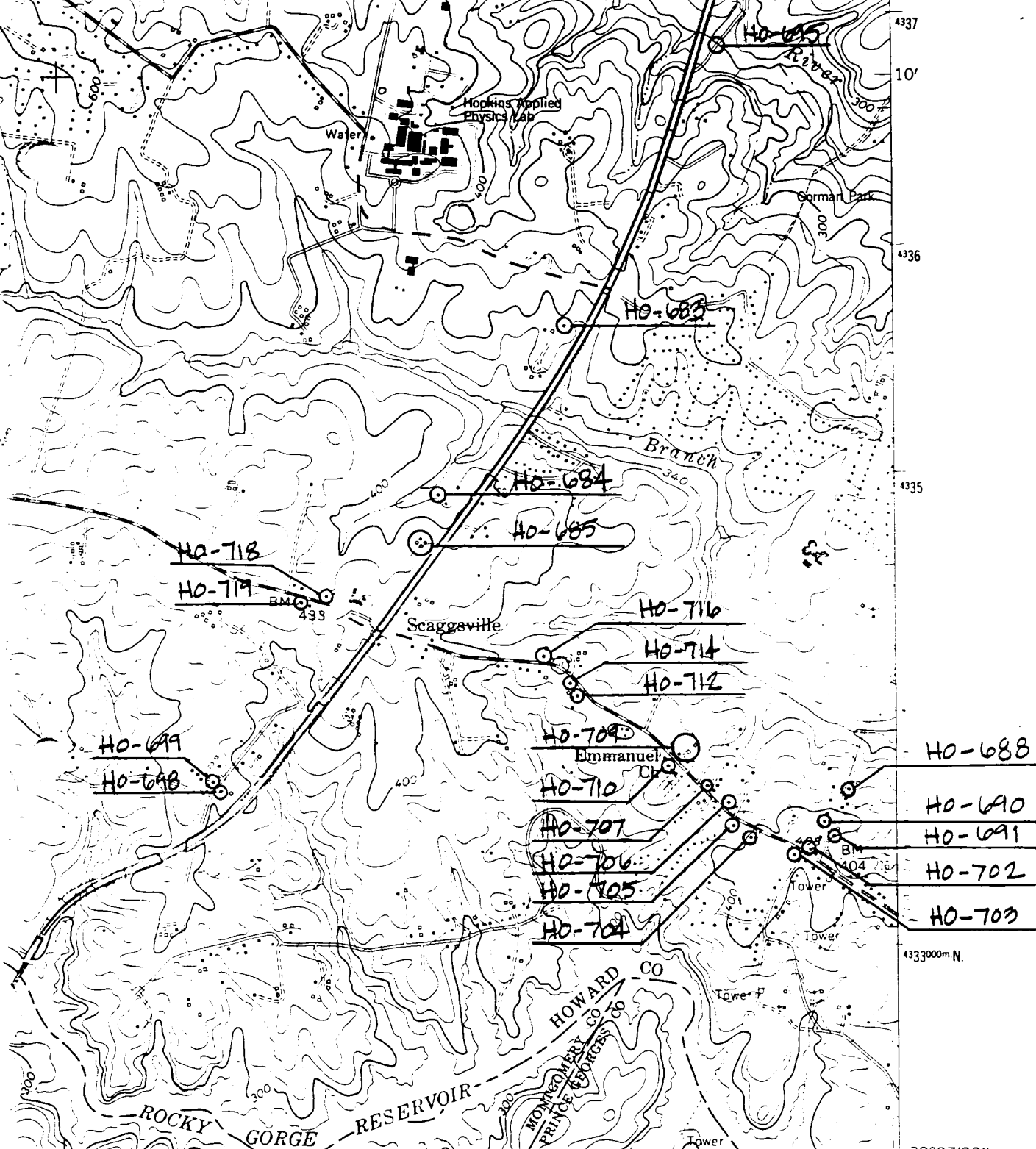
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Scaggsville Rd.

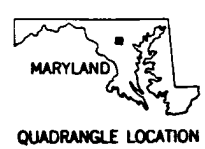


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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	—————
Medium-duty	—————	Unimproved dirt	-----
	U. S. Route		State Route



To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983  
 move the projection lines 8 meters south and  
 26 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks

**CLARKSVILLE, MD.**  
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 39076-B8-TF-024  
 1957  
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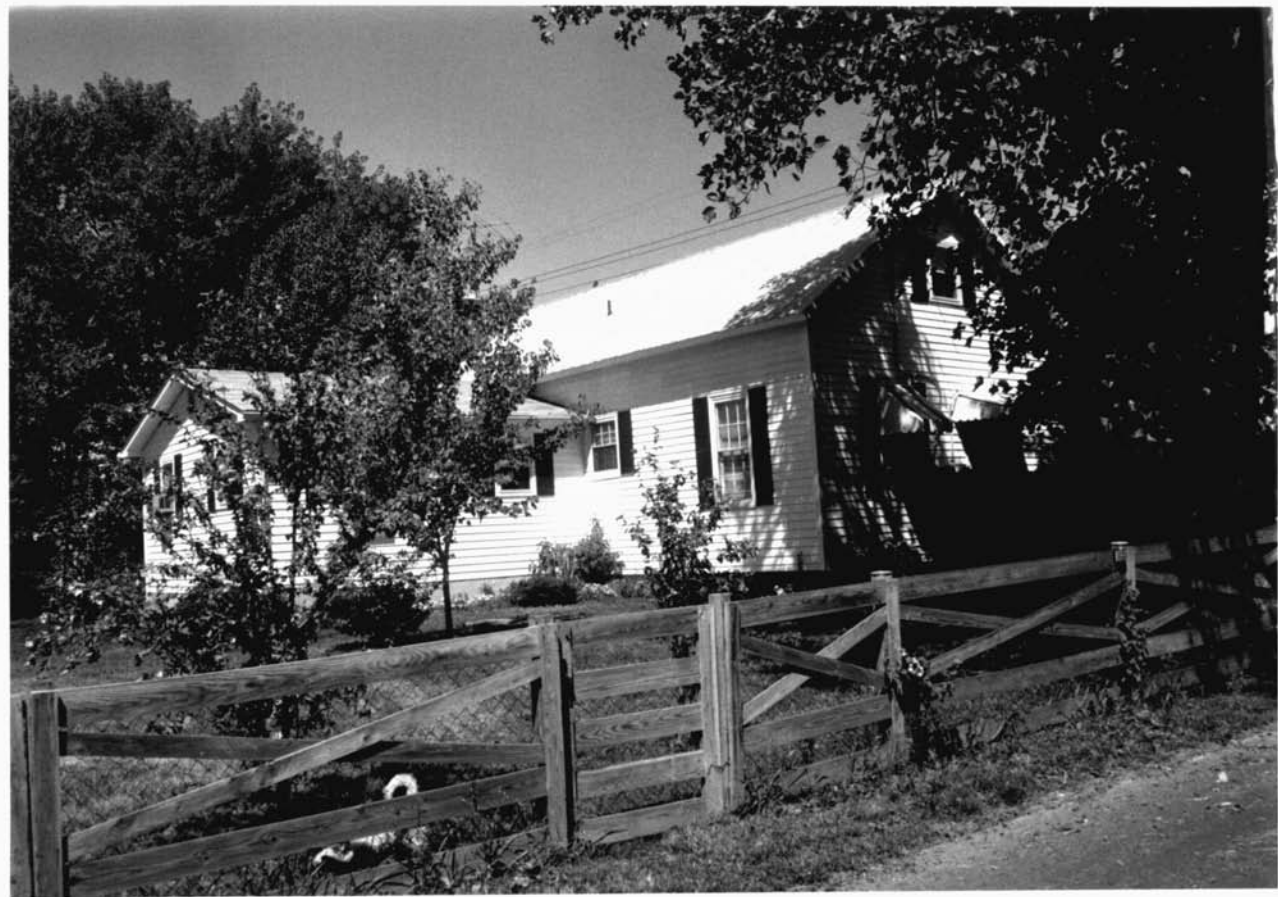
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House, NE Elevation

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House, S corner

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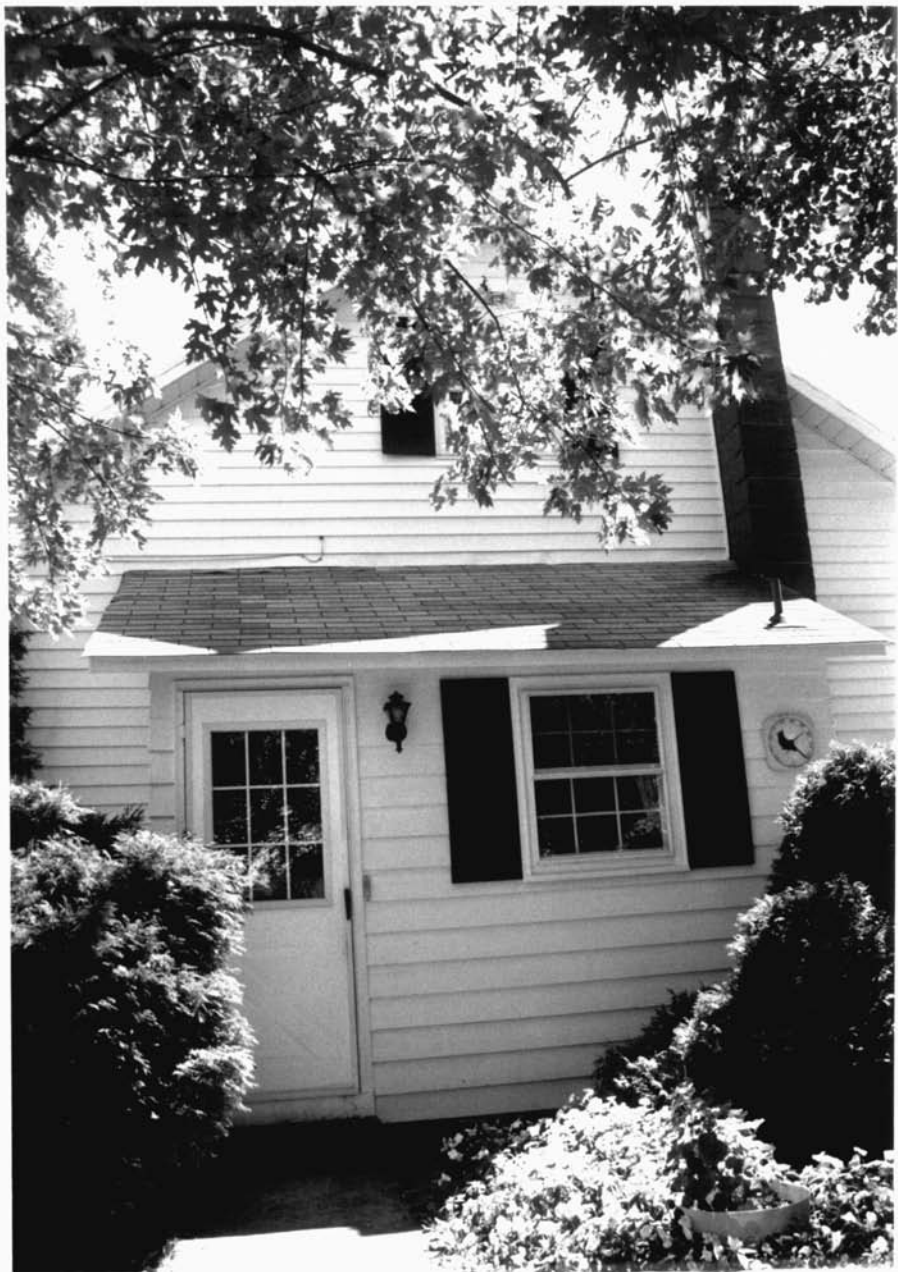
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House, NW Elevation

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Shed, looking north

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