

HO-1126  
Gall-Wolle Property  
8087 Washington Boulevard  
Private

**Description:**

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**Significance:**

This tract was purchased by Adolf Gall in 1873 for only \$150, suggesting that at that time there were no substantial buildings on the site. Gall mortgaged the property the following year for \$3,000, almost certainly to raise money for construction. Gall, a native of Württemberg, Germany, was living in Baltimore in 1870 and working as an engraver. The 1878 Atlas of Howard County records that Gall had a store at this location, and the 1880 census describes him as a retail grocer. In 1879 Gall took out another mortgage, so he was either adding another building or enlarging the existing one. The surviving building could have been built by Gall in the 1870s, or added a little later. All of the materials and construction techniques are consistent with the last quarter of the nineteenth century except for the foundation, but this could have been part of a repair/replacement, or the building could have been moved at a later date. The Galls defaulted on their mortgages and the property was sold in 1889 to Martin Kesmodel for \$3,000. Kesmodel probably leased the property to tenants before selling it in 1900. In 1904 it sold again, to John and Vara Pickering of Baltimore, for \$3,000. The following year the Pickerings sold it to Alexander and Elizabeth Wolle for only \$1,500, suggesting that some substantial improvement on the property had disappeared. The Wolles were also natives of Germany and operated Wolle's Hotel on Eutaw Street in Baltimore in the 1880s. By 1890 Wolle was running a saloon, but the Wolles definitely moved to Howard County after purchasing the Gall property and ran a store here.

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

historic Gall-Wolle Property  
other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 8087 Washington Boulevard \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication  
city, town Waterloo X vicinity  
county Howard

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

name Raymond & Tieng Doan Bly  
street and number 8087 Washington Boulevard telephone 410-799-3516  
city, town Jessup state MD zip code 20794

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 737 folio 232  
city, town Ellicott City tax map 43 tax parcel 534 tax ID number \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 at MHT  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

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

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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.

### Summary:

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### Description:

The Gall-Wolle Property is located at 8087 Washington Boulevard, just south of Waterloo, in eastern Howard County, Maryland. The building is on the southeast side of the road, faces northwest toward the road, and is set extremely close to it. The building is 2 ½-stories tall and three bays by one bay, with aluminum siding that imitates German siding and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on each gable end.

The northwest elevation has a center doorway with a wood six-over-six sash to each side. There is a new porch with corrugated metal roof over the doorway. The second story has a wood six-over-six sash in each end bay and no opening in the center. There is a cross-gabled dormer in the center with an oculus with cloverleaf muntins, but there is no glazing (or it is painted over). The boxed cornice is covered with aluminum.

The northeast and southwest gable ends do not have any openings. There is a large, one-story gabled addition attached to the northwest that has no historic features on the exterior. The southeast elevation is covered by a shed-roofed addition on the first story. The second story has a wood six-over-six sash in the end bays.

The first story has a lobby entry plan with an enclosed stair that ascends to the southeast and one room to each side. The doorways to these rooms have been opened up and the flooring has been replaced. The southwest room has board half-wainscot with plain chair rail. There is a stove chimney on the southwest wall with a built-in cupboard on the west side of it that has a board door. A cupboard was added to the south of the chimney by the current owner. The wall to the southeast has a wide arched

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opening with a passage along the back wall and a kitchen and bathroom in the addition to the southeast. The northeast room has all new trim and has a stove chimney centered on the northeast wall.

The second story has a stair landing in the center of the southeast end, with one chamber to each side. The doors have four panels with sunken fields and ogee panel moulds, and are hung on butt hinges with two knuckles. The baseboard has a bead on top. There is mitered architrave with a bead on the inner edge. The wood window sash have ovolo muntins, 9-inch by 12-inch lights, and no parting beads. They are not pinned together. The floors are random-width tongue-and-grooved wood that is painted. The boards range from 3 ½ to 5 ½ inches and run northeast-southwest. The walls are paneled and the ceiling has textured plaster. Both chambers have a closet over the lobby entry.

The attic is unfinished and not floored. The rafters are circular-sawn 2 by 4s that are mitered at the ridge and fastened with cut nails. The rafter feet are nailed to the sides of the joists. The rafters support narrow board shingle lath.

The basement has a poured concrete foundation and the southeast wall has been cut through and has granite rubble in the concrete. The joists are circular-sawn, are 2 ½ by 7 ½ inches, and run northwest-southeast. Bricks are corbelled out of the top of the basement wall to support the chimney above. The southeast addition has a CMU foundation.

Within the large addition on the northeast is part of an earlier, twentieth-century structure built of dimensional lumber, which has some wood shingle siding. The southeast addition is built with round log posts. The ground behind the building originally dropped off steeply to the southeast, but up to 33 feet of fill was brought in by the current owner. There is a modern automotive repair garage behind the house.

# 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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates                      N/A    Architect/Builder      N/A

Construction dates      c. 1874-79

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

**Summary:**

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**Significance:**

According to local tradition recounted by the current owner of the Gall-Wolle Property, this building dates to the early nineteenth century, if not earlier, and was reportedly on the Underground Railroad. The existing building, however, based on its materials and construction techniques, dates to the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Thus, while it may replace an earlier building that functioned as a stop, it could not have housed any runaway slaves.

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The building sits on one of two parcels that were owned by Elizabeth Wolle at her death in 1934. Wolle and her husband, Alexander, purchased one tract in 1905 for \$1,500. This consisted of two parcels, one of  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre and one of 23 acres. Some years later the Wolles sold the 23-acre tract and in 1920 Elizabeth, now a widow, bought one acre for \$1,400. This second tract had been sold to a neighbor, Henrietta Slunt, in 1913 for only \$245, suggesting that there was no substantial building on the property at that time. Since the Gall-Wolle Property clearly predates 1913, it must have been built on the Wolle's  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre tract. This tract was purchased by Adolf Gall in 1873 for only \$150, suggesting that at that time there were no substantial buildings on the site. Gall mortgaged the property the following year for \$3,000, almost certainly to raise money for construction of a building on the site. Gall, a native of Württemberg, Germany, was living in Baltimore in 1870 and working as an engraver. His wife, Anna, was a native of Bavaria, and in addition to several children there were two other engravers living with them (one of them likely Adolf's younger brother). The 1878 Atlas of Howard County records that Gall had a store at this location, and the 1880 census describes him as a retail grocer. In 1879 Gall took out another mortgage, so he was either adding another building or enlarging the existing one.<sup>1</sup>

The surviving building could have been built by Gall in the 1870s, or added a little later. All of the materials are consistent with the last quarter of the nineteenth century except for the foundation, but this could have been part of a repair/replacement, or the building could have been moved at a later date (it is very close to the existing, widened road, but could have been close to the earlier turnpike originally). Presumably, the Galls chose to open a business here because the real estate was cheaper than in Baltimore and there was steady business on the turnpike, as well as a German expatriate community that had settled in the area in the middle decades of the nineteenth century.

The Galls defaulted on their mortgages and the property was sold in 1889 to Martin Kesmodel, who held the mortgages, for \$3,000. Kesmodel was in insurance in Baltimore and probably leased the property to tenants before selling it in 1900. In 1904 it sold again, to John and Vara Pickering of Baltimore, for \$3,000. The following year the Pickerings sold it to the Wolles for only \$1,500, suggesting that some substantial improvement on the property had disappeared. The Wolles were also natives of Germany and operated Wolle's Hotel on Eutaw Street in Baltimore in the 1880s. Alexander's father, of the same name, was a taxidermist, and the son also was trained in the field. By 1890 Wolle was running a saloon, but the Wolles definitely moved to Howard County after purchasing the Gall property. The 1910 census lists Alexander as a farmer, but at age 63 he was probably doing little of that. A better glimpse of his activities comes from a 1918 report: "Alexander Wolle, about 70 years old, also pleaded guilty before the Commissioner of selling intoxicating liquor at his store at Waterloo, Howard county, within five miles of Camp Meade." The Gall property seems to have continued to function as a local store at least

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<sup>1</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 6, Howard County, Maryland, 1870, 1880. G. M. Hopkins, *Atlas of Howard County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, 1878).

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into the first few decades of the twentieth century. However, the Wolles also kept their house in Baltimore, where they lived in the winter. Alexander died in 1919 and Elizabeth in 1934, and their children finally sold the property in 1939 to Willie and Vivian Simpson. It remained in the Simpson family until 1962, but it is not known how the building and land was used during their ownership. The current owner acquired the property in 1975 and has had an automobile repair shop and an appliance repair business on the property.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Baltimore City Directories, 1880, 1890. "Thefts at a Hotel," *Baltimore Sun*, 3 November 1884, p. 6. "Civilian Wore U. S. Uniform," *Baltimore Sun*, 13 March 1918, p. 14. "Jessups," *Baltimore Sun*, 12 January 1913, p. SS2.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .262 A  
Acreage of historical setting .262 A  
Quadrangle name Savage Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 43, parcel 534, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	April 2013
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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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return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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**CHAIN OF TITLE**

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Eleanor Peters / Howard	Raymond Jaeger Bly & wf Tieng Doan Bly / MD	16 September 1975	CMP 737-232	Deed - fee simple	\$10.00	11,390 sq ft	J.P. d. 1974
W. Earl Simpson & wf Verra / Howard	James Peters & wf Eleanor / Howard	8 October 1962	WHH 391-334	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	11,390 sq ft	
Alexander Wolle & wf Anna, et al / Balto. City	Willie E. Simpson & wf Vivian S. / Howard	16 December 1939	BM Jr. 165-330	Deed - fee simple	\$1.00	1.618 A.	E. W. d. 19 May 1934 Will probated 20 June 1934 in Balto. City JHB 180-101 Left property to all her kids A. W. Sr. dec'd See Wolle to Green, HBN 111- 43, 25.1 A 2 deeds
Henrietta Slunt / Howard & Charles P. Slunt, single / Emmittsburg, MD	Elizabeth Wolle / Howard	?? September 1920	BM Jr. 149-275	Deed - fee simple	\$1,400	1 A.	(A)
Harry P. Carey & wf Bertha M. / Balto. City	Elizabeth Wolle & hus. Alexander, Sr. / Howard	19 August 1915	WWLC 99-524	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$10.00	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	1) p/o Browns Purchase 2) p/o Warfields Contrace (B)
Elizabeth Wolle & husb. Alexander, Sr. / Howard	Harry P. Carey & wf Bertha M. / Balto. City	19 August 1915	WWLC 99-522	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$10.00	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	Mortgage of \$1,000 against property (B)
John M. Pickering & wf Vera B. / Balto. City	Alexander Wolle & wf Elizabeth / Balto. City	14 October 1905	WWLC 81-42	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$1,500	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	1) & 2) are both on Wash.- Balto. Tpke (B)

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Charles A. Polton & wf Alice V. / Balto. City	John W. Pickering & wf Vera B. / Balto. City	8 January 1904	JHO 78-165	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$3,000	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	(B)
Martin Kesmodel, widower / Balto. City	Charles A. Polton & wf Alice V. / Balto. City	16 November 1900	JHO 72-539	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$3,000	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	(B)
William V. Warfield, vendor (attorney) / Balto. City	Martin Kesmodel	19 August 1889	JHO 55-390	Deed - 1) Annual Rent 1¢ 2) fee simple	\$3,000	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	Public sale 18 June 1889 2 mortgages by Adolf & Anna Gall to Kesmodel, 1874 & 1879 Defaulted on (B)
Adolf J. Gall & wf Anna / Howard	Martin Kesmodel / Balto. City	28 April 1879	LJW 41-46	Mortgage		1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	Grantors owe M.K. \$1500 - \$537 unsecured, \$962.28 loaned in cash this day (B)
Adolf J. Gall & wf Anna / Howard	Martin Kesmodel / Balto. City	30 June 1874	LJW 34-40	Mortgage	\$3,000	1) 3/4 A. 2) 23-1-33 ARP	2 yrs. (B)
John Hill Hanson, admin. of Johanna Henrietta Hanson, dec'd / Howard	Adolph J. Gall / Howard	24 June 1873	WWW 32-479	Deed - Annual rent 1¢	\$150.00	3/4 A.	(B1)
Richard Griffith & wf Maria / Howard	Adolph J. Gall & wf Anna / Howard	30 April 1873	WHW 32-401	Deed - fee simple	\$980	23-1-33 ARP	[no prev. ref.] (B2)
Bernard W. Dixon & wf Elizabeth / Jessups	Henrietta Slunt Charles P. Slunt, her son	22 September 1913	WWLC 96-44	Deed - fee simple	\$245	1 A.	(A)

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Photo Log

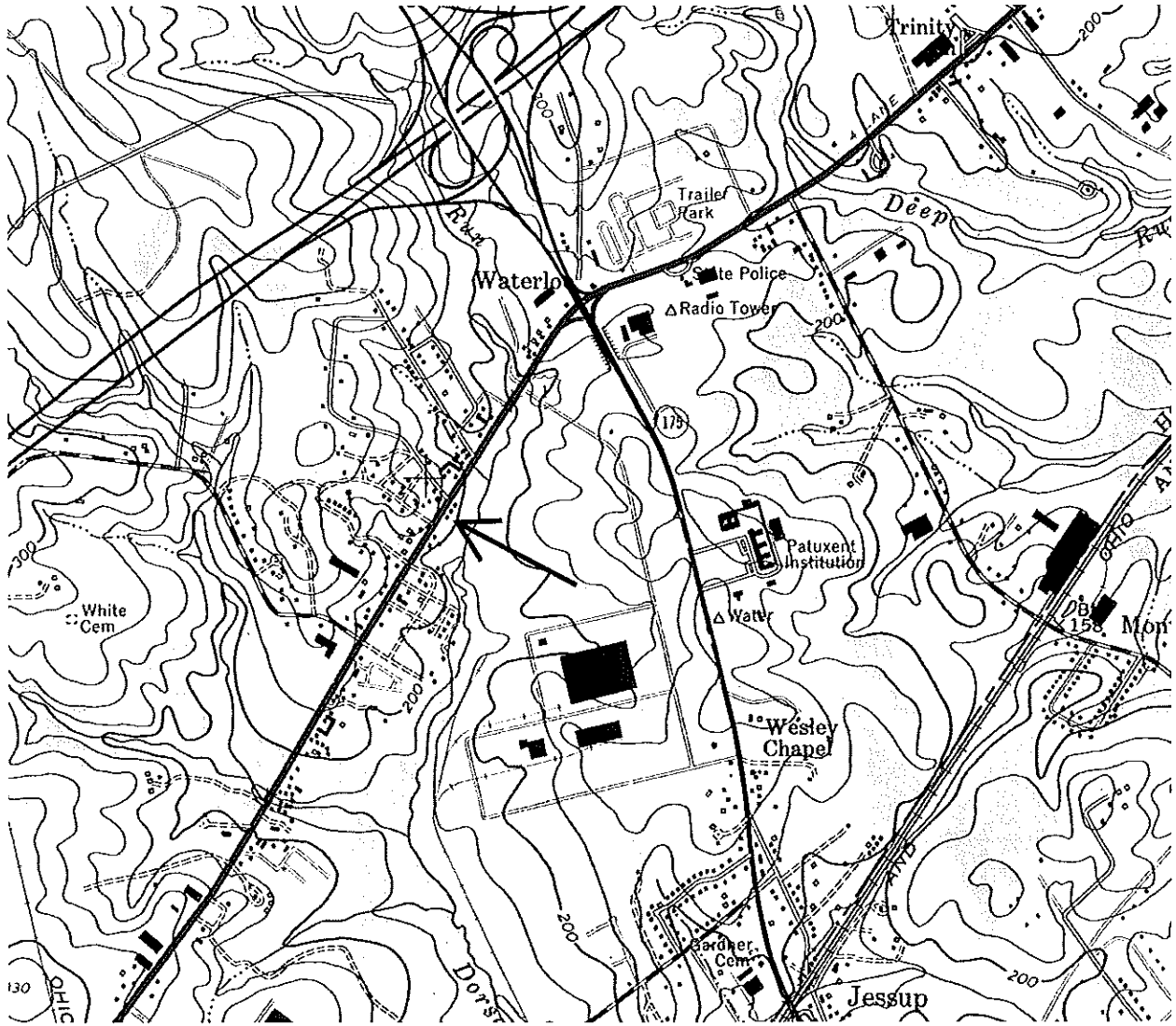
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Northeast & northwest elevations

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Northwest elevation, cross gable detail

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Southwest elevation

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Southeast & northeast elevations



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