

HO-937
Anderson Family House
7909 Old Jessup Road, Jessup
Howard County, Maryland
Private
c. 1876-1880

Description:

The Anderson Family House sits on the east side of the road, is set well back from the road on a rise, and faces west toward the road. It is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, brick-pattern asphalt shingles over weatherboards fastened with cut nails, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The west elevation has the remains of a one-bay porch in the south bay. The porch is carried around from the west on both bays of the south elevation. The southwest corner framing is exposed and is sash-sawn. The joists are sawn, are lapped over the sill, and are toe-nailed to it with cut nails. The cellar was excavated at a later date and has CMU walls. The first story has two rooms with a partition in the center that runs east-west. This partition has a wide Tudor-arched opening in the center of it. The north room has an enclosed stair on the east that ascends to the north. The second story has a passage that runs north-south along the east wall, with chambers to the west and south.

Significance:

In the mid-nineteenth century Joshua Anderson had a 500-acre farm in Jessup, along the B. & O. Railroad tracks, that by 1876 had been reduced to 66 acres. He apparently divided this among his children in 1881, with son Andrew P. Anderson receiving 30 1/2 acres. Joshua's 66 acres had improvements valued at \$1,000, and later he was assessed for additional improvements of \$300 that would pass to Andrew along with the 30 1/2 acres. Thus, the records indicate that the Anderson Family House was built between 1876 and 1880. Though the finishes in the building do not suggest a date that is this early, certain details of the construction seem to corroborate this. Andrew's son, Harry, purchased one acre in 1900 and built a house for himself there. After Andrew's death, Harry acquired the remaining 23 acres of the land, along with the old house, in 1907. Harry apparently moved to the old house, and his new one became a tenant house. In 1928, after his death, Harry's son, Harry Anderson, Jr., and his daughter, Mabel Kunst, split the property. Mabel took the tenant house and Harry, Jr. the house he had been living in. It was probably around this time that Harry's house was renovated. The history of the property is an extreme example of small farms in Howard County that were continually subdivided among children until they were so small that they could not really support a family on agriculture. The Andersons remained here until 1944, when the small farm was sold to the Shifflet family. The Anderson Family House was bought by a developer in 2000 and sat vacant for several years before being slated for demolition in June 2007.

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input 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 Anderson Family House is located at 7909 Old Jessup Road in Jessup, in southeastern Howard County, Maryland. The house sits on the east side of the road, is set well back from the road on a rise, and faces west toward the road. It is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, brick-pattern asphalt shingles over weatherboards fastened with cut nails, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge.

The west elevation has two boarded-up openings on the first story, and the remains of a one-bay porch in the south bay. The porch had a tongue-and-grooved wood deck that is rotted, the roof is gone, and the nails for the ceiling joists are all wire. The southwest corner framing is exposed. The west sill is sash-sawn. The corner post is sawn, but there are no clear tool marks. This post has a tenon on the foot into the sill, and this joint is pegged. The west face of the sill is rotted away, as are the south end and south face of the south sill. The south sill has a center tenon into the west sill, and this appears to also have been pegged. It is not possible to determine if the tenon was set back from the south face, or in an open faced mortise because of the deterioration. The studs are sash-sawn, are 3 inches by 4 inches, and are spaced about 16 inches on centers. They have a center tenon on the foot that rests in a mortise on the top of the sill. The joists are sawn, are lapped over the sill, and are toe-nailed to it with cut nails. One of the joists has what appear to be sawn marriage marks. The joists run east-west. The second story has two two-over-two double-hung sash. There is a board soffit on the eave that follows the pitch of the rafters.

On the south elevation the first story has a boarded-up door opening to the west. Beneath the plywood is a doorway, but the door is missing, and there is a two-light transom. The east bay is covered by a large plywood sheet. The porch is carried around from the west on both bays, and part of the tongue and grooved desk survives. Some of the studs are circular-sawn, and some are toe-nailed to the girt with cut nails. The girt is sash-sawn and appears to be tenoned into the corner post. There is a one-inch board down brace on the second story that is lapped to the girt and nailed with cut nails. The second story has two two-over-two sash like those on the west elevation. There are no openings in the gable end.

On the east elevation, the south bay has a two-over-two sash in both the first and second stories. There is a CMU chimney just north of the windows, and a one-story, one-bay addition on the north bay. This addition is one-bay square and has a CMU foundation, dimensional lumber in the framing, and a gable roof with an east-west ridge and asphalt shingles. The north bay has no opening on the second story. The north elevation has the remains of a porch deck to the east, with CMU cellar cheek walls to the west. The first story has a four-panel door in the east bay and a two-over-two sash in the west bay. The second story has two two-over-two sash, and there are no openings in the gable end.

The cellar was excavated at a later date and has CMU walls.

The first story has two rooms with a partition in the center that runs east-west. This partition has a wide Tudor-arched opening in the center of it. The south room has a two-over-two sash on the west and east elevations. The south elevation of the south room has a pair of windows in the east bay. Each side has one eight-light casement window that opens into the room. These sash are mortised and tenoned and pegged, with two pins at each corner. The two-over-two sash are not mortised and tenoned and pinned. The walls have plaster on circular-sawn lath. The baseboard is plain, the floor is carpeted, and the architrave is mitered, with a beaded interior edge. The north room has a window on the west elevation and an enclosed stair on the east that ascends to the north, with stairs to the cellar beneath it. There is a doorway to the south of the stairs that leads to the addition on the east.

The second story has a passage that runs north-south along the east wall, with chambers to the west and south. The west chamber has a four-panel door with sunken fields and no panel moulds. It has plain butt hinges with pins and a plain cast-iron rim lock with mineral knobs. The ceiling follows the rafters and collar beams. The rafters are 2 by 4s with board collars nailed to the sides of them with cut nails. The south chamber door is missing. The architrave matches that of the first story. The stair railing has square balusters.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
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| <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 |
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| | <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

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

c. 1876-80

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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Andrew's son, Harry, purchased one acre in 1900 and built a house for himself there. After Andrew's death, Harry acquired the remaining 23 acres of the land, along with the old house, in 1907. Harry apparently moved to the old house, and his new one became a tenant house. In 1928, after his death, Harry's son, Harry Anderson, Jr., and his daughter, Mabel Kunst, split the property. Mabel took the tenant house and Harry, Jr. the house he had been living in. It was probably around this time that Harry's house was renovated, with the wide, Tudor-arched opening created between the two first-story rooms. The house was always a hall-parlor plan, but with the entrance on the gable end, putting the kitchen behind the parlor. The history of the property is an extreme example of small farms in Howard County that were continually subdivided among children until they were so small that they could not really support a family on agriculture. The Andersons remained here until 1944, when the small farm was sold to the Shifflet family. They were probably responsible for the asphalt shingle siding added to the house as well as the addition on the rear and the excavation of the cellar.

The Anderson Family House was bought by a developer in 2000 and sat vacant for several years before being slated for demolition in June 2007.

Notes:

(1). Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 1, 1876-96, Maryland State Archives.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet~~ *footnotes.*

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 11.5 acres
Acreage of historical setting 12.3 acres
Quadrangle name Savage Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 43, p. 108, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

11. Form Prepared By

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|-------------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| name/title | Ken Short | | |
| organization | Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning | date | 2/20/2008 |
| street and number | 3430 Courthouse Drive | telephone | 410-313-4335 |
| city or town | Ellicott City | state MD | zip code 21043 |

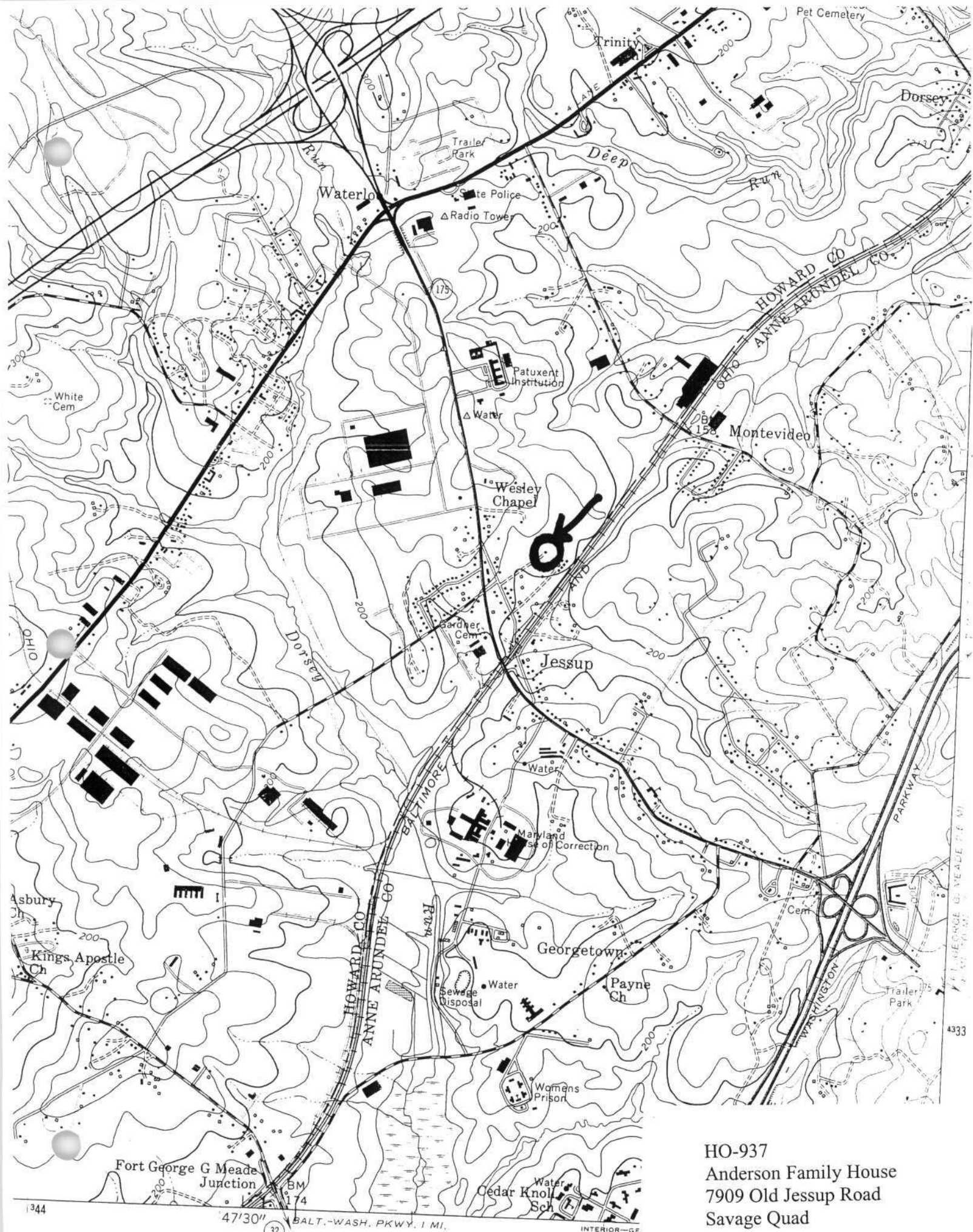
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Crownsville MD 21032
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CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR/HOME | GRANTEE/HOME | DATE | LIBER/ FOLIO | INSTRU- MENT | CONSIDER- -ATION | ACREAGE | NOTES |
|---|---|------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Florence S. Iffert pers. rep of estate of Ruby Lynn Shifflet/Howard | Jessup Park, LLC/? | 12.11.2000 | 5287-683 | Deed - fee simple | \$286,000 | 12.3 A - 2 tracts | RLS d. 9.15.1992 HCS d. 10.24.1985 |
| Harry S. & Elizabeth A. Anderson Jr. (H/W)/Howard | Herbert Carroll & Ruby Lynn Shifflet (H/W)/Howard | 4.6.1944 | 181-235 | Deed - fee simple | \$5.00 | 12.3 A. | On east side of road from Jessup to Waterloo |
| E. Marie Carr/Howard | Harry S. & Elizabeth A. Anderson, Jr. (H/W)/? | 9.26.1928 | HSK 134-436 | Deed - fee simple | \$1.00 | ? | |
| Harry S. & Elizabeth A. Anderson, Jr. (H/W)/Howard | E. Marie Carr/? | 9.26.1928 | HSK 134-435 | Deed - fee simple | \$1.00 | ? | |
| Mabel & Herman E. Knust (H/W)/A. A. Co. | Harry S. Anderson, Jr. | 9.26.1928 | HSK 134-433 | Deed - fee simple | \$1.00 | 12.3 A. | Harry S. Anderson, Sr., d. 2.18.1928 - owned 24.6 A. Will MFB 7-84 leaves it to Mabel & Harry - only heirs Harry gets house where he resided & 12 A. Mabel gets tenant house & 12 A. (no previous reference) |
| Ann M. Anderson, et al, heirs of Andrew P. Anderson /Howard | Harry S. & Ida M. Anderson (H/W)/Howard | 4.9.1907 | WWLC 83-547 | Deed - fee simple | \$932.80 | ? - 7-1/2 A. | |
| Joshua Anderson/Howard | Andrew P. Anderson s/o Joshua/Howard | 3.24.1881 | LJW 43-198 | Deed - fee simple | \$5.00 & love & affection | 31-1/2 a - 1 A. | Plat Feb.1870. On Balto. & Wash. RR & public rd. fr. Waterloo to Jessup -1a. on NW to ME church south |
| Louis Gassaway, trustee, Annapolis | Joshua Anderson/ A.A. Co. | 1.31.1852 | WWW 13-32 | Deed - ? | \$2,000 | 500 A. - land for RR | Chancery Ct. decree 7.19.1823 John W. Dorsey <i>et al</i> v. Samuel Howard <i>et al</i> property of Sarah Dorsey private sale 8.22.1848 |



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 Savage Quad

1344 47'30" 32 BALT.-WASH. PKWY. 1 MI. INTERIOR-GE 2.7 MI. TO MD. 6C WASHINGTON MONUMENT 23 A

F.T. GEORGE G. MEADE 27.8 MI.
 1 MI. TO MD. 6C

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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West elevation

HO-0937_20070614_02
West elevation, corner post/sill detail

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South elevation

HO-0937_20070614_04
South and east elevations

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North elevation



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West Elevation

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West Elevation, corner post / sill detail

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South Elevation

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South and East Elevations

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North Elevation

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