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## Harry and Fulton Gordon Property (Perone Performance Products Company)

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The Harry and Fulton Gordon Property  
10128 Washington Boulevard  
Laurel, vicinity

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The significance of this portion of the Gordon Property is in its association with the development of US Route 1 and its representative architectural merit. The site illustrates the way residential properties and communities were developed as entrepreneurial ventures by developers along bustling US 1, the so-called "Main Street" of the East Coast. The site documents a period of twentieth century taste and building style as the residence is mostly intact as a traditional Arts and Crafts style bungalow residence. The home embodies characteristics, while not necessarily unique, that lend significance for architectural merit. The Gordon Property, today known as the Perone Performance Products Company, also is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history by virtue of its association with the development and use of US 1.



## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent     deteriorated  
 good         ruins  
 fair          altered

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

### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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### COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

This portion of the Gordon Brothers Property is sited on a slight rise above the adjacent Washington Boulevard. There is a stone wall along the property boundary with the historic roadway. The wall continues in front of the neighboring properties as well. The low wall is roughly three stones in width and is constructed of natural, possibly local, granite. The color is gray and mottled. At the outer two wythes of stone, along the top of the wall, the stones are set with what appear to be natural angles, oriented upward, giving the wall a scalloped and uniform design.

The site is completely open with minimal vegetation and plantings. Virtually all the site is covered with impervious materials including some stone and gravel surfaces as well as concrete paving. The site is used for vehicle storage and exterior service areas.

The historic residence on the site is a simple one and a half story frame bungalow with a single gable roof. The **East (front) facade** of the building is situated approximately thirty feet off of Washington Boulevard. The first floor level is approximately four to five feet above the site level. The front porch is accessible by way of wooden stairs. The porch is centered on the mass of the building, with returns approximately four feet short of each end of the structure. While it appears that the porch roof structure itself is original, the brick pilasters and cheek walls of the stairs seem to have been reconstructed at a much later date. The porch is open to the grade below the floor framing. The porch railing too is not original. The materials of this facade, as well as those of the entire building, are horizontal lapped wood siding from the top of the parged foundation wall to the head of the first floor windows. The remainder of the wall surfaces are clad in wood shingles. The roof is a standing seam metal roof that appears to be original and has been reasonably well maintained. At the center of the front roof is a single dormer with a three part wood window. At the larger center window, a unit air conditioner has been placed. The window frames appear to be original. The dormer has a metal roof similar to the remainder of the building and is sided in wood shingles with exposed rafters extending under the eaves. At the first floor level, below the porch roof, there are two window openings and a single door. The two windows are symmetrical to the facade. The left hand window is a 1/1 double hung window while the window to the right has been boarded up, with only the exterior trim being visible. The door, which has been placed off center, is a contemporary aluminum and glass storefront. To the right (north) side of the building and set back a distance from the front of the building a small one-story extension of the building exists. It is clad with horizontal wood siding and has a metal roof similar to the remainder of the building. On the front of this extension is a single window opening that has been boarded up with only the exterior trim being visible.

The **North (side) facade** is the gable end of the structure. The wall materials are lapped wood siding and wood shingles as described above. At the side of the building there is an extended portion of the building with a smaller gable roof. The planes of the metal roofs coincide at the rear of the building. At the first floor level, the main body of the building has a pair of windows. These have been covered up with only the exterior trim being visible. At the extension, there is a triple window configuration at the first floor level. These appear to be original 1/1 double hung wood windows. A unit air conditioner is placed in the upper sash of the left hand window opening. Just below the ridge of the extension there is a single window opening with an angled head, to match the slope of the roof above. The second floor level contains two 1/1 wood windows with exterior metal storm windows. There is an air conditioning unit placed in the wall to the right of the two window openings. At the ridge, there are two small rectangular wooden louvers that ventilate the attic spaces.

The **West (rear) facade** of the building is sided with lapped wood siding and wood shingles consistent with the remainder of the structure. There is a single dormer at the center of the roof area that is somewhat smaller than the front dormer. This dormer contains

# 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
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**Specific dates** N/A **Architect/Builder** not known

**Construction dates** Circa 1900

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 OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this portion of the Gordon Property is in its association with the development of US Route 1 and its representative architectural merit. The site illustrates the way residential properties and communities were developed as entrepreneurial ventures by developers along bustling US 1, the so-called "Main Street" of the East Coast. The site documents a period of twentieth century taste and building style as the residence is mostly intact as a traditional Arts and Crafts style bungalow residence. The home embodies characteristics, while not necessarily unique, that lend significance for architectural merit. The Gordon Property, today known as the Perone Performance Products Company, also is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history by virtue of its association with the development and use of US 1.

### NARRATIVE HISTORY

This portion of the Gordon Property, today known as the Perone Performance Products Company, is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history by virtue of its association with the development and use of US 1 (also known as: Washington Blvd., the Washington Road and following the Baltimore Washington Turnpike.) Historically the route between Baltimore and Washington dates back two centuries. Originally constructed under the 1704 Act requiring 24 foot cart paths, the first section was constructed in 1741 connecting Baltimore and Elkridge. By 1749 the road continued to Georgetown and the banks of the Potomac River. According to many period accounts, the State of Maryland was not successful in maintaining the road. During the turnpike movement of the late-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, several different turnpike companies tried to construct a successful turnpike. Only one company, succeeded in 1820. Their success was short lived, as the State condemned the road in 1865. In 1906 the State responded to the public's request for rebuilding the roadway and US Route 1 was officially born. The military used the road heavily during WWI and in 1918 and 1919 the road was laid in concrete and expanded by twenty feet in width. In 1925, State Route 1 became part of US 1, the so-called "Main Street" of the East Coast, from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida.

The development of the property by the Gordon Brothers relates directly with the development and use of the historic US 1 north of the Town of Laurel. Deed research indicates the property was owned by John and Elizabeth Water prior to 1870. In December of that year the property, known as "Sappington's Sweep" (acreage unconfirmed) as a large tract of land was sold to William and Mary Cissel of Washington DC. It was in September of 1891 that the Cissel's sold the same large tract of land to Harry and Fulton Gordon, brothers. In the same year, the Gordon Brothers also of Washington DC, filed their Subdivision Plat for the land, calling the area "North Laurel" (see copy of attached plat plan.)

The deed research indicates the property remained in ownership by the Brothers until sometime later in the twentieth century. As the deed copy is illegible and incomplete, research is unable to clearly document the chain of title from this time onward. The number of transfers and the ownership record is unknown until the property was sold to Mr. John T. Perone on May 11, 1982. The records indicate that transaction was "not at arms-length," implying the property may have been in the Perone family for some time. While the

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .6 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting .6 Acres  
Quadrangle name Laurel Quad

Quadrangle scale: 1 : 24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 50, Grid 10, Parcel 425

See legal metes and bounds description in Deed: Liber 1101, Folio 11, dating to May 11, 1982.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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a pair of double hung wood windows. The roof is of metal and the dormer is sided with wood shingles. The ends of the rafters are exposed and extended below the eaves. The left hand portion of the rear elevation is the extension previously described. There are two window openings in this facade and both have been boarded up with only the exterior trim being visible. The right hand side of the rear elevation (the rear of the main building) contains two windows. Both the larger left hand window and the smaller right hand window have been boarded up with only the exterior trim being visible. There are two low concrete retaining walls extending perpendicular from this facade to the rear of the site. This raised paved area brings the adjacent grade up to the first floor level of the building along this entire elevation.

The **South (side) facade** of the building is the gable end of the structure, but the fenestration is not particularly similar to the north side. An open one story high, low pitched gable roof structure has been added perpendicular to the side of the building. The gable end of the roof structure is plywood and the roof surface itself appears to be asphalt shingles. This roof structure is supported by eight steel pipe columns and serves as a shelter for the raised concrete work area adjacent to the building. At the first floor level there is a small projecting rectangular bay at the center of the facade with a shed roof. This bay contains a single 1/1 wood double hung window with a unit air conditioner in the upper sash. The sides of the bay do not have any openings and are sided with horizontal wood siding consistent with the remainder of the building. To the rear of the bay, there is a single window opening that has been boarded up with only the exterior wood trim being visible. To the front of the bay (below the wood roof structure) there is a pair of window openings that have been boarded up and the heads have been concealed (or perhaps modified) to accommodate the wood roof structure. These windows have been boarded up in a fashion similar to the others described above. At the second floor level there is a pair of 1/1 double hung wood windows centered below the ridge. There is an air conditioner placed in the lower sash of the left hand window. There is a single rectangular louver placed at the ridge to ventilate the attic space.

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records are not available to confirm the history, an interview with Mr. Anthony McMillan of the neighboring property indicated the Perone's had been there for over thirty years.

The development of the property as part of the neighborhood of North Laurel in 1893 and following into the twentieth century speaks for the importance of the location of the area along this historic roadway. The Gordon Brothers envisioned the development and growth of the Town of Laurel in planning "North Laurel."

The economy of the Town of Laurel, in the nineteenth century was focused on the growing textile mill established initially as a textile mill in 1835 by the O.C. Tiffany Company of Baltimore and the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Industrial buildings were constructed along the river as the textile industry grew in the area. "Laurel became the largest town in the county. ... When textile output began to decline early in the (twentieth) century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located half way between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1." (Prince George's County, 1974:284/ PAC Spero and Company, Laurel DOE, 1998.).

The subject building is representative of the type of residential construction common during the earlier twentieth century along the famed roadway. The building appears to be in fair condition. The substantial residence is stylistically contributing to the significance of roadside architecture along this historic corridor.

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[www.mdp.state.md.us/webcom/index.html](http://www.mdp.state.md.us/webcom/index.html)



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39°07'30"

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See ADC's "PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MD STREET MAP" For Continuation

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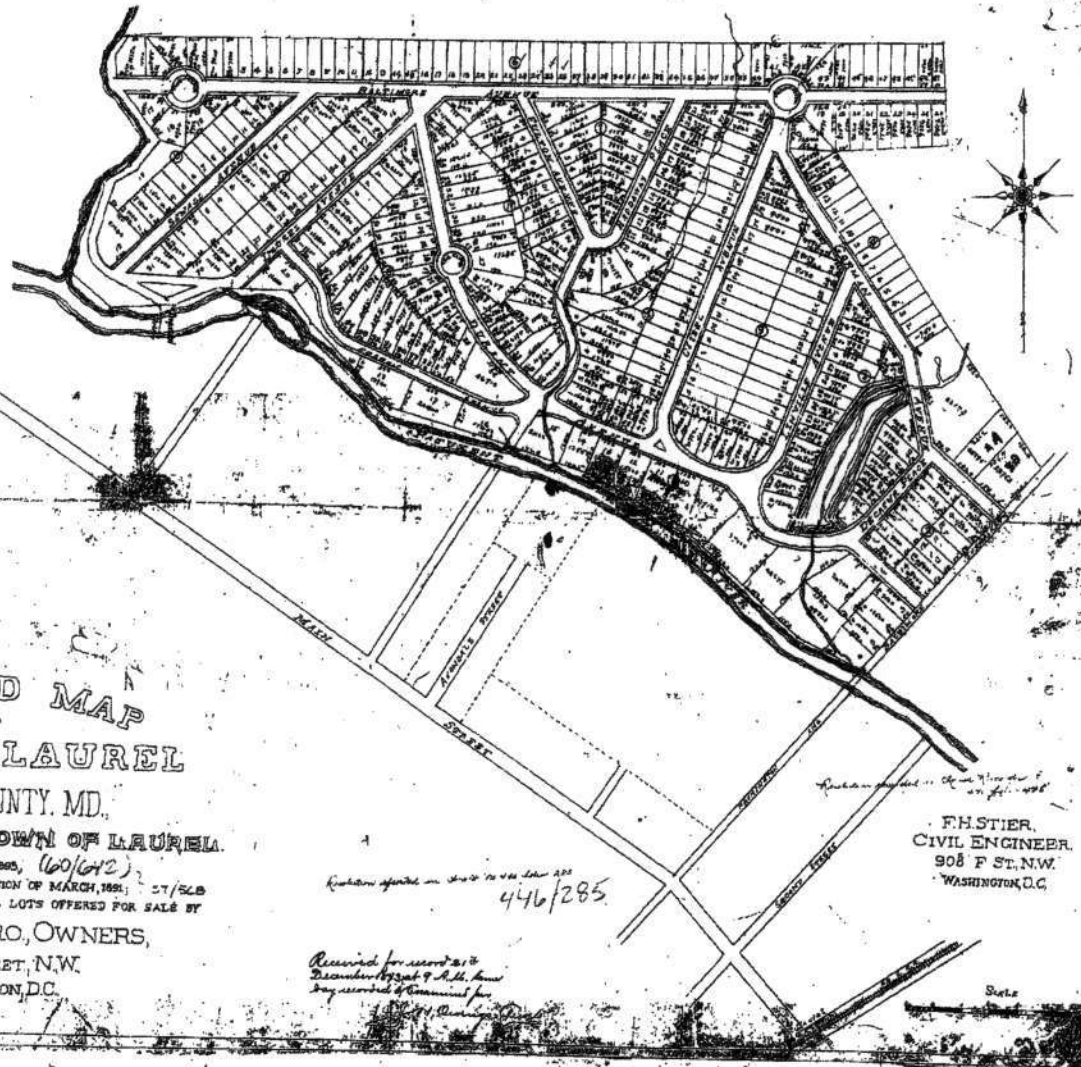
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SCALE: 1" = 2,000 FT.



Pl. 3/53  
(1894)

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REVISED MAP  
OF  
NORTH LAUREL  
HOWARD COUNTY, MD.  
ADJOINING THE TOWN OF LAUREL  
SHOWING EXTENSIONS MADE JUNE, 1895, (60/642)  
TO THE ORIGINAL SUBDIVISION OF MARCH, 1891, 57/528  
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GORDON & BRO., OWNERS,  
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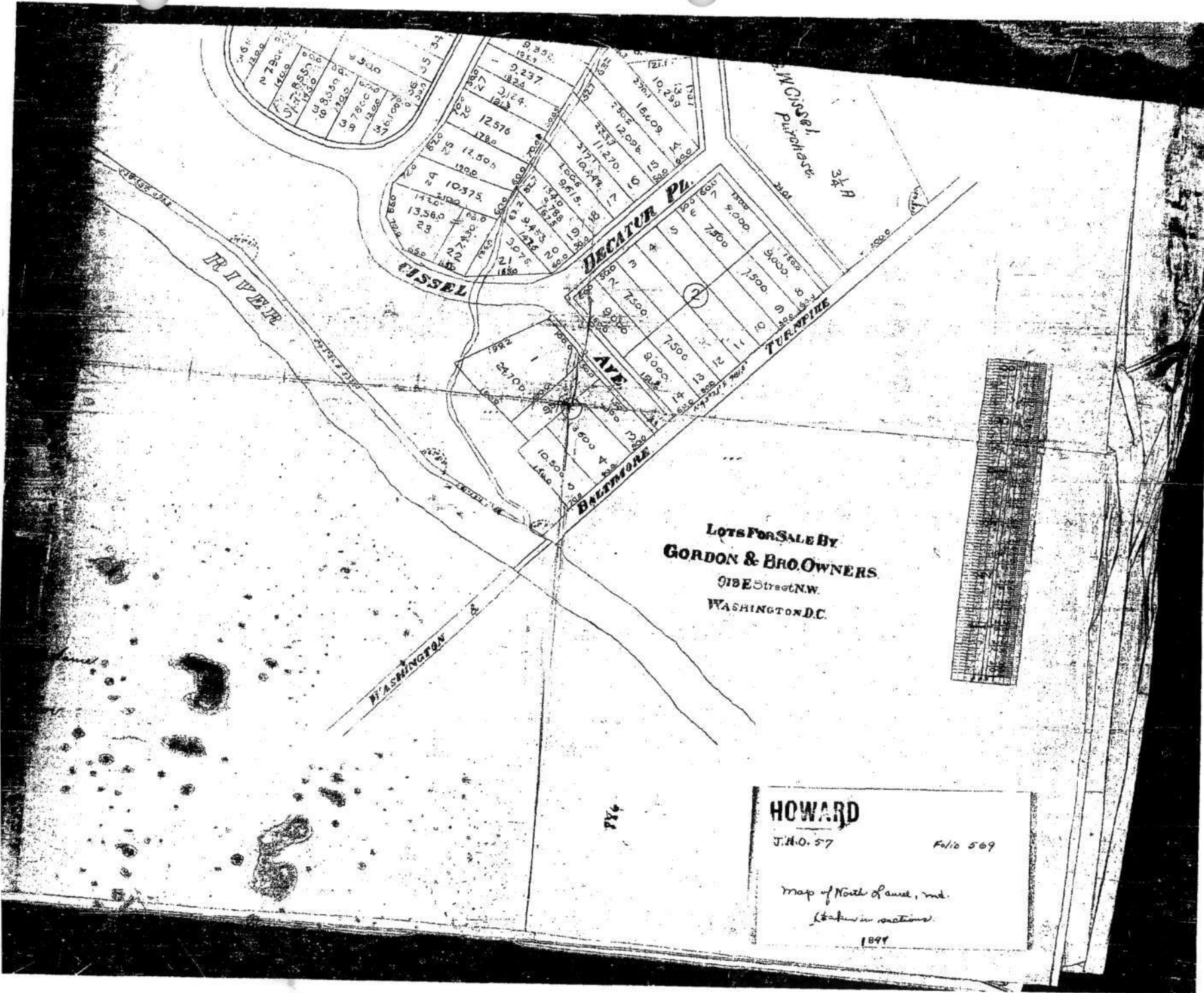
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Gordon subdiv. 8  
North Laurel PLAT 3/53  
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LOTS FOR SALE BY  
GORDON & BRO. OWNERS  
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WASHINGTON D.C.

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J.H.O. 57 Folio 569  
Map of North Lane, md.  
(shown in sections)  
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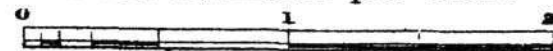
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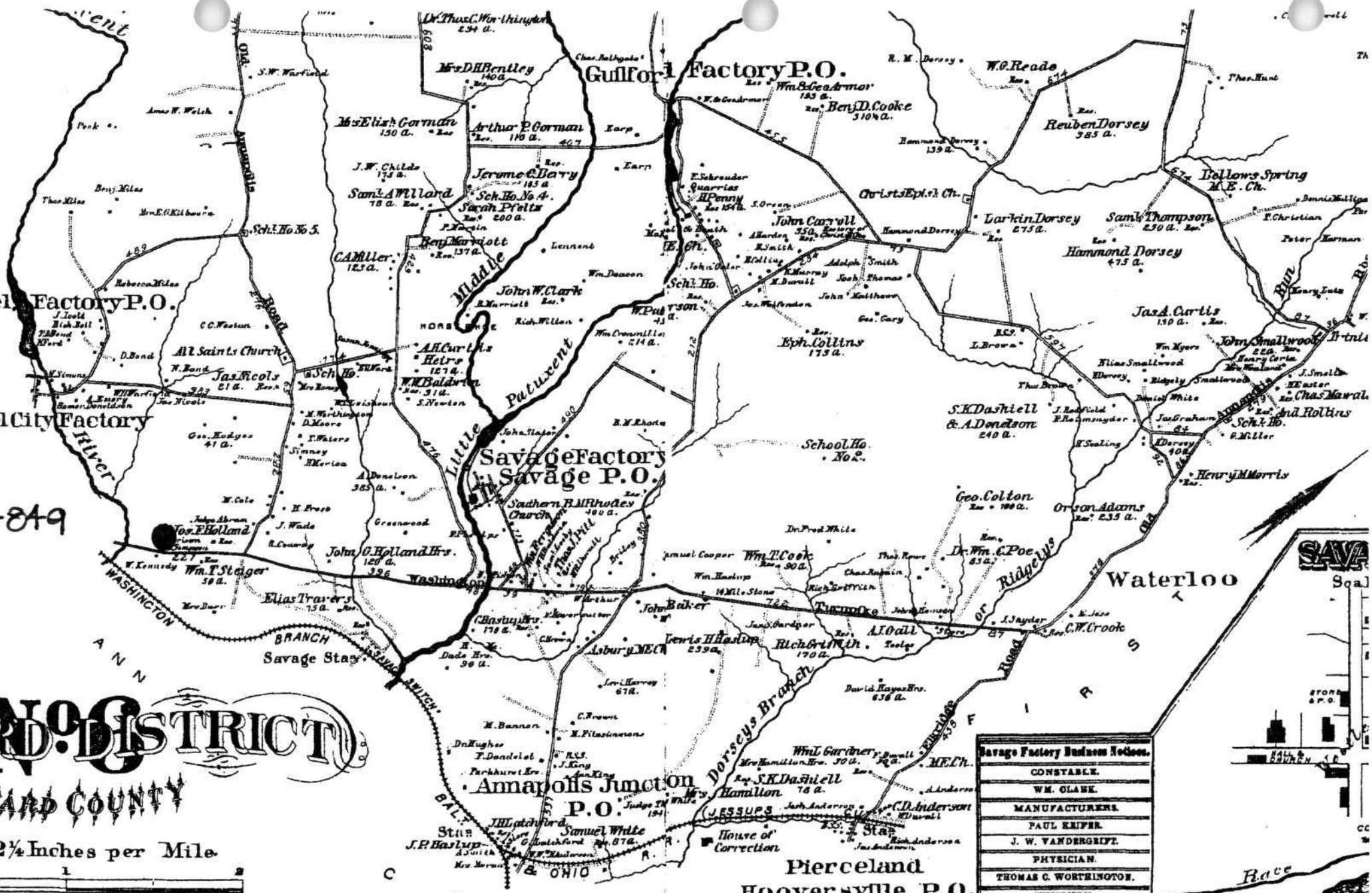
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## HOWARD COUNTY

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**EXPLANATIONS**  
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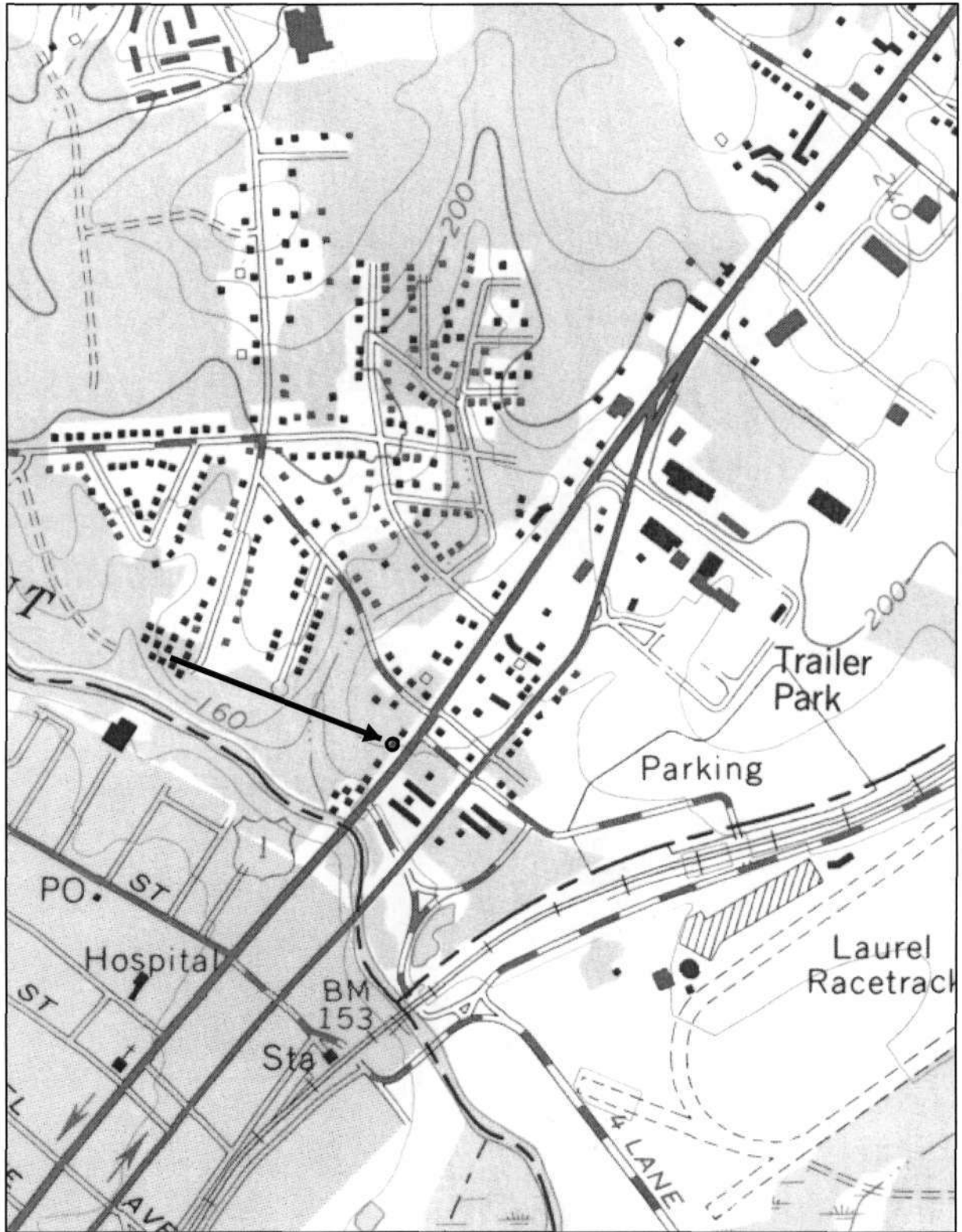
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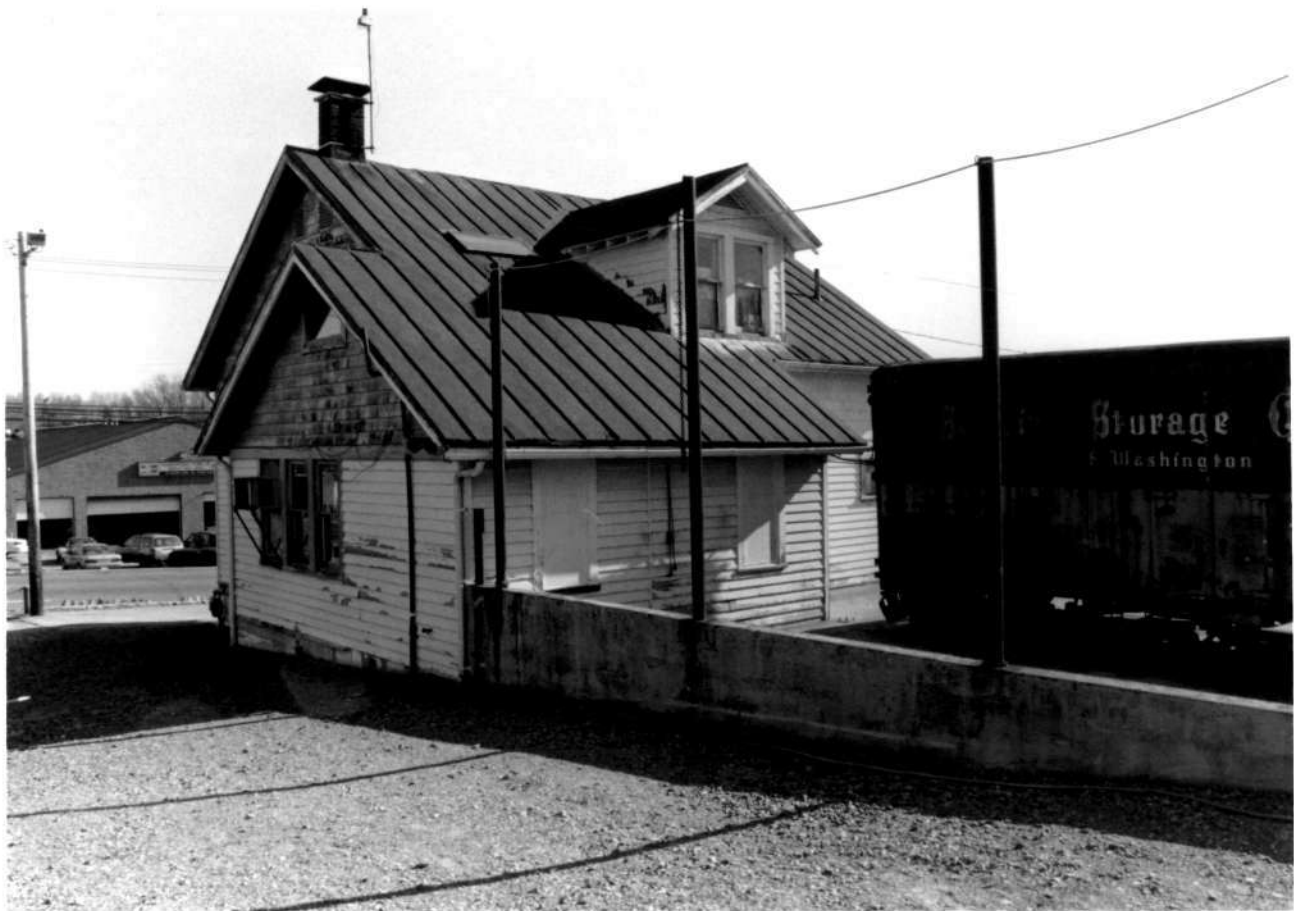
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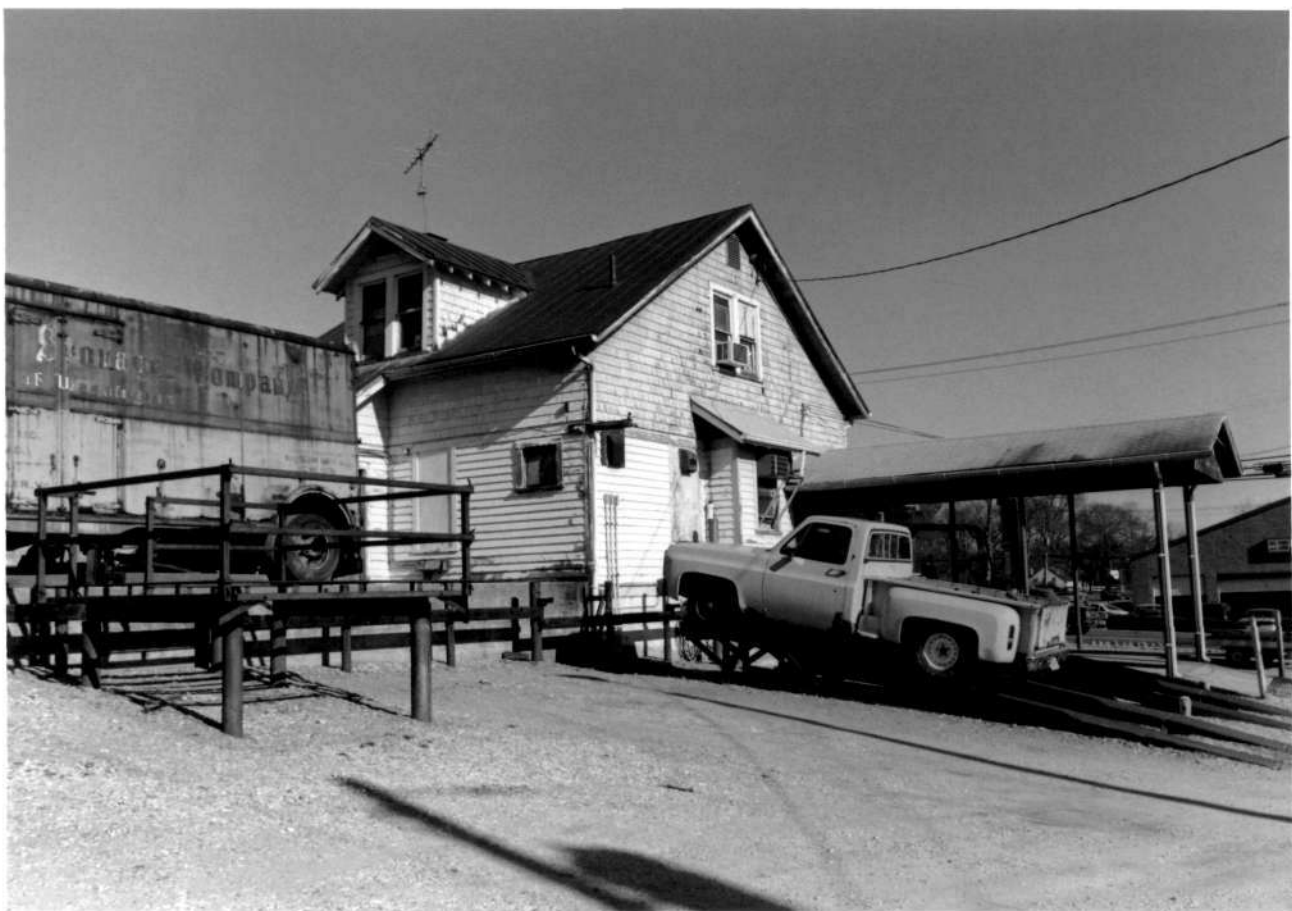
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