

Howard Hall
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Montgomery County, MD

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-62

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Belmont
common/other name Howard Hall

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2. Location

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street & number 19019 Gold Mine Rd. Not for publication _____
city or town Brookeville vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code _____ zip code 20833

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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>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____ No X

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

Cat: Domestic Sub: 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)

Colonial Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Cross gable: slate

walls Brick

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

Period of Significance 1747-1938

Significant Dates 1747
1938

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder _____

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.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property less than one acre

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

Howard Hall occupies Lots 29 and 74 of the Tanterra Subdivision. The cemetery, on Parcel 728 is owned by a different owner.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

Howard Hall is located on the site of the historic Belmont house and incorporates part of the structure into its walls.

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11. Form Prepared By
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organization M-NCPPC date _____
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910
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12. Property Owner
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name Richard H. Kolb et al
street & number 19019 Gold Mine Rd. telephone _____
city or town Brookeville, MD state MD zip code 20833
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The original house on the site, Belmont, was built circa 1747 as a two-story, five-bay, central-passage-plan structure with partially engaged brick end chimneys. The principal elevation of the house faced south, with a single-bay, Tuscan-columned entry portico on center. This building stood on the site until 1938, when its shell was incorporated into a new, larger dwelling, dubbed Howard Hall.

Howard Hall was built using the exterior walls of Belmont as one wing of a new and much enlarged structure. Generally L-shaped in plan, the house today consists of two principal wings, including the shell of Belmont, a new wing to the north of this shell, and several extensions off of the shell. The new wing, which extends perpendicular to the shell and faces east, forms the principal elevation of the house. It is defined by the semi-circular, double-story entry portico.

Exterior Description

The east elevation of Howard Hall, therefore, includes this new portico entry wing and the end wall of the original Belmont. The semicircular portico is supported by two fluted Doric columns, purchased at an auction in Ellicott City.² The entry itself is enhanced by a fanlight and sidelights and a second story balconied door above. The original end wall of Belmont retains its exterior end chimney, including the brick shoulder tiles and its corbeled cap.

The south elevation of Howard Hall includes the original south wall of Belmont, off of which projects a single-bay, two-story wing (a single-story, hipped-roof sun room then projects from this wing).

¹ Tradition holds that Belmont was erected ca. 1747. However, historic photographs of the house before 1938 show federal influences in the building and would thus indicate a later date of construction.

² "Mansion in Brookeville is design showcase," *The Gaithersburg Gazette*, May 6, 1982.

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All of the window openings of the original south elevation have been enlarged and the windows replaced. The two-story wing cuts into the front slope of the original gable roof, forming a cross gable wing on its east end. This wing is one-bay deep and one-bay wide with single window openings on both stories. The sun room wing abutting the two-story ell is three bays long and one bay wide. Each bay is defined by round-arched openings with French doors and fanlights.

The interior of the house contains 24 rooms, which during the property's heyday under the ownership of Captain von der Heide, were sumptuously appointed with massive mantels, crystal chandeliers and wall sconces.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property known as Howard Hall is located west of Georgia Avenue, and north of Olney in Montgomery County. The property includes a large brick dwelling, constructed in 1938, that incorporated into its structure the shell of a mid-18th-century dwelling on the site, historically known as Belmont. Designed in a mid-20th century Colonial Revival/Jacobean style, the 24-room Howard Hall was built by Captain Erik von der Heide, a German of high social standing. The house, which was built with custom-designed and hand-crafted interior details, including a stained-glass window with family crests and coats of arms, fell into disrepair in the 1960s, but was restored in the 1980s. Because the property provides neither a pure example of its mid-18th century period of construction, or its mid-20th-century period of construction, it lacks the requisite integrity to meet the criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties or the National Register of Historic Places.

Historic Context:

Howard Hall was erected in 1938 on the site of a mid-18th-century dwelling called Belmont. Belmont was constructed in 1747 on a 800-acre tract of land by William Waters, who inherited the land from his father, Samuel Waters. Belmont was a two-story, five-bay, central-passage-plan, brick dwelling with brick end chimneys.

The house and the property, which was productive farmland, remained in the Waters family for several generations. In 1831, one of the first reapers, invented by Cyrus McCormick, was apparently tested at Belmont, and in the years following the Civil War, Belmont was noted for producing some of the heaviest crops in the area.³

In 1842, at the death of Ignatius, Sr., a son of William Waters, his extensive estate was divided into three parcels, and bequeathed to three sons. In addition, several acres were set aside for St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, on which the denomination erected a church building and started a cemetery. From 1842 until 1910, the church paid one cent per annum rent for the property; after 1910, the Waters family executed a deed giving the land outright to the church.

Basil Worthington Waters inherited the Belmont house, its several hundred acres of surrounding farmland, and its agricultural and domestic outbuildings, including slaves quarters. Basil Waters

³ Farquhar, 107.

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lived at Belmont with his wife, Margaret Dorsy Sollers of Frederick County, until his death in 1864. Basil left Belmont to his son, Thomas Worthington Waters, then only fifteen years old. One of the Waters uncles managed the farm until Thomas finished school. Upon taking over the reigns, Thomas remained at Belmont until his death in 1929. Following his death, the house and 300 acres passed to his heirs, who, in 1938 sold it to Captain Erik von der Heide.

Upon purchasing the Belmont property, Erik von der Heide remodeled and enlarged the 18th-century house beyond recognition, and redubbed the property Howard Hall. Captain Erik von der Heide, a German of high social standing, spared no expense in building Howard Hall. Designed in a Colonial Revival/Jacobean style, the house contains 24 rooms, custom-designed and hand-crafted interior details, including a stained-glass window with family crests and coats of arms.

In the late 1960s, developer Carl Freeman purchased the property, converting the former agricultural land into a residential subdivision called Tanterra. The house was left uninhabited, and fell into disrepair until it was purchased by Ralph Duane in 1972. Ralph Duane, president of Duane Real Estate in Wheaton, purchased the house and 2-1/2 acres of land with the intention of renovating the house and then selling it. The renovation was extensive and included faithfully reproducing the von der Heide stained glass window from the original templates.⁴

Duane completed the renovation and put Howard Hall on the market, but was still the owner in 1982. That year, the house became the site of the "Interiors 82" design show house presented by the Potomac Chapter of The American Society of Interior Designers.

In 1984, Christopher Reynolds, III and his uncle, Dr. Stewart Gordon purchased Howard Hall from the bank. Reynolds, heir to the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco fortune, and Gordon, director of music at the University of Maryland, envisioned transforming Howard Hall into a "Maryland version of Dumbarton Oaks."⁵ The following year, however, the duo moved to Long Island, putting the house again up for sale. Howard Hall is currently owned by Richard H. Kalb, et al.

⁴ "Mansion in Brookeville is design showcase," *The Gaithersburg Gazette*, May 6, 1982.

⁵ "Stately Howard Hall Retains Its Dignity," *The Sentinel*, August 15, 1985.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification;
Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s): Architecture, Landscape
Architecture, and Community Planning.

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Standing Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source:

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Belmont Site & Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Georgia Ave. (Rte. 97) (in "Tanterra" Subdivision)

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph W. Duane-Duane Real Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Wheaton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey

DATE

1936

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The present brick mansion here is a recent rebuilding of a ~~1750s~~^{1750s} country estate. The 18th Century brick house was razed about 1950 by Cap't. Van Der Heide. However, immediately to the north of this house is an old brick structure that was allegedly a slave quarters for the original house. It is two-stories in height, and has old brick, laid in common bond, and is now attached to a mid-20th Century brick house. Just beyond this is the old Waters family graveyard, that sits under a large fir tree.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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pp. 185-187.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/15/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

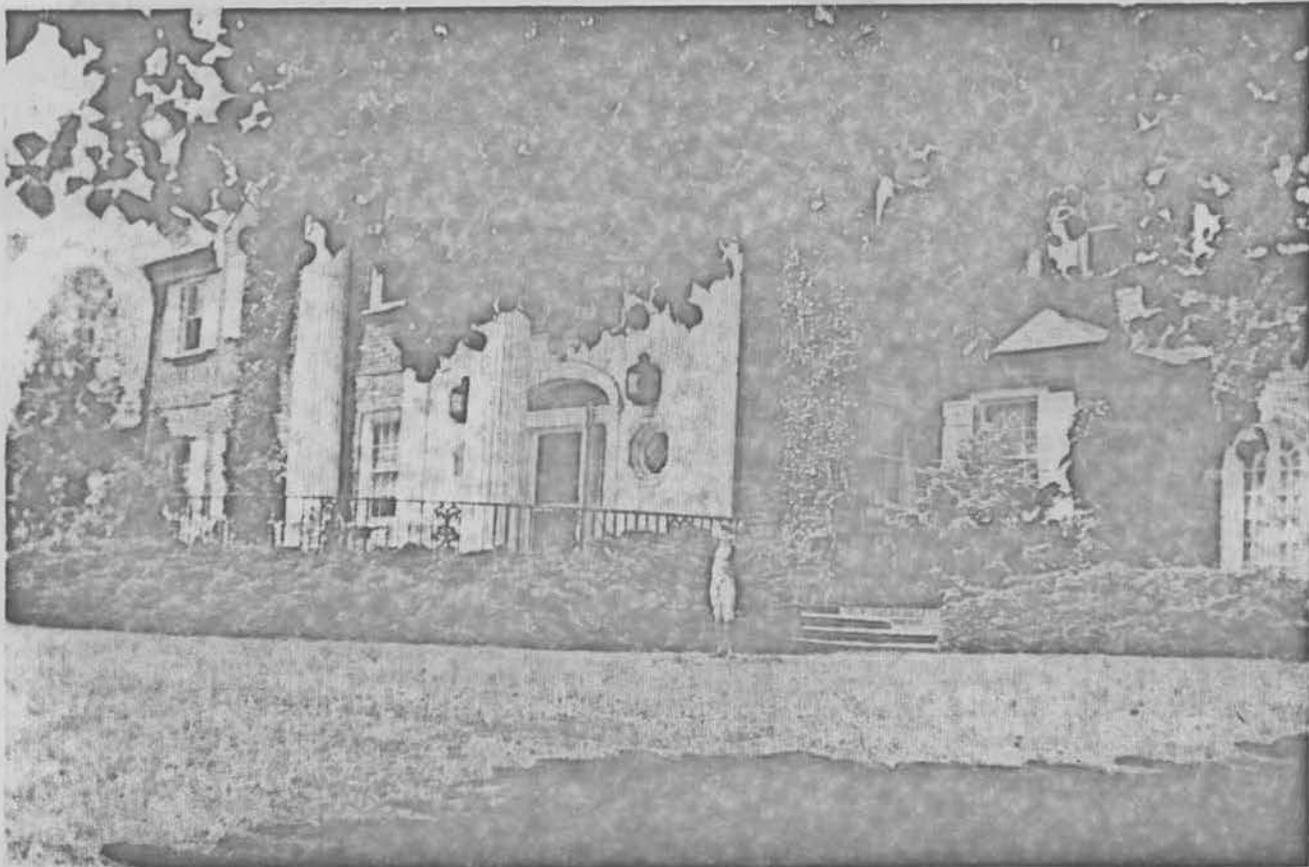
Maryland

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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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NO. 8 D-9 CAPT. ERIK VON DER HEIDE ■ BRICK

THE estate which Ignatius Waters, Sr., inherited after the death of his father, William Waters, in 1788 was really a principality in value and extent, containing about 800 acres of some of the most productive land in the County. Located in a choice section twenty miles north of Washington, it included both sides of a main north-and-south highway, reaching from Olney for over a mile to Brookeville. On it William Waters built in 1747 a commodious brick manor house he named Belmont. Waters married Mary Harris of Prince George's County, and brought his bride to Belmont.

William Waters received the following grants from his father Samuel, parts of Charles and

Benjamin, containing 152 acres, in consideration of the sum of five shillings, and also—"for the love, good will and affection which I have and bear toward my beloved son William Waters." This deed is dated March 21, 1746/7.¹

By another deed dated June 19, 1737, Samuel conveyed to William Waters 404 acres, part of Charles and Benjamin, for the sum of Sixty Pounds Sterling.²

When Ignatius, Sr., a son of William, died in 1842, one hundred years after the estate had come into the family, the acreage was divided into three valuable estates, and bequeathed to his three sons, with a few acres to the church at Olney. Belmont, with about 400 acres and the brick manor house, went to Basil Worthington Waters; the oldest son, Ignatius, Jr., received 204 acres named Oak Grove, on the east side of

¹ Liber B B Folio 159 Prince George's County Land Records.

² Liber T Folio 470 Prince George's County Land Records.

the highway. There he built a handsome brick manor house in 1848. And about 150 acres, also on the east side of the road, opposite Belmont; went to Zacharia Waters, who built a frame house.

Basil Worthington Waters married Margaret Dorsey Sollers of Frederick County. Upon his death in 1864, Belmont was left to Thomas Worthington Waters, his son, then only fifteen years of age. One of the uncles managed that farm until young Thomas finished his schooling.

In later years, Thomas Waters always had beautiful riding horses. Some people alive today can recall seeing him on a handsome brown gaited horse, with a long flowing tail, riding up to Olney for the mail or galloping around the Fair Grounds at Rockville, with his marshal's sash around his shoulders.

Thomas Waters married Mary Emma Magruder who died in 1927; and following his death in 1929, the home which then contained 300 acres passed to his heirs, who sold it in 1938 to Captain Erik von der Heide. The old brick manor house was removed, and a twenty-four room brick mansion erected on the site.

There is a Waters family burial plot near the lawn, but the present owners do not seem to object to this ancient feature with a dozen or so marble markers. They attend it and keep the grass mowed as neatly as their own lawn.

The Waters family of Belmont were always regular and faithful members of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church at Olney. The church was built on Belmont property in 1842. Ignatius Waters, Sr., had donated one acre of land for a cemetery.

As the church did not own the land on which the building stood, it was agreed that a rental of one cent per annum would be paid for the use of the land. This agreement was in force from 1842 to 1910, and it is understood that the Waters owners during that time promptly put the penny rental into the collection.

After 1910 a deed was executed by the Belmont family giving the land which had been rented to the church. Additional land was also donated to increase the size of the cemetery and churchyard, a few lots being reserved for the use of the Waters family. Some of the family held Sunday school and taught the scriptures to their slaves, of whom they had a few.

Two of the Waters family, the last to live in the old brick house, are living in 1961. They

are Basil Worthington, 87, who lives with his son and wife in a new brick house half mile east of Redland, on the Muncaster Road, and Margaret, who lives in Silver Spring near Four Corners.

The daughter, Margaret (Waters) Beall, in Silver Spring has some treasured possessions which came to her from her grandmother, Margaret (D. Sollers) Waters. A book of Common Prayer, printed in England in 1767, is twenty inches by ten inches by two inches thick and was usually carried to church on Sunday by a slave. Also, she has an illuminated-type Bible, printed in 1751, a spinnet made in Philadelphia in 1793, by "Charles James, Instrument Maker," and a grandfather's clock, said to have been made in England in 1732, which stood in Belmont from the time the house was built until 1938, when the house was torn down.

The present owner of the former farm of the Waters family is Mrs. Erik von der Heide, widow of the Captain, who had living with her in 1961, a sister, Mrs. Amalia de Murguiondo, nee Amalia de Murguiondo, and a brother, Jose de Murguiondo. Capt. von der Heide died in March 1959.

Capt. von der Heide had an illustrious ancestry in Germany, where his family line dates back to the 10th century, although his widow is proud to claim residence in America for 27 years.

The old brick slave quarters building has been modernized into a comfortable guesthouse.

This sumptuous manor house, may be judged by the beauty of the photograph here. It contains fourteen rooms in all, in its two stories, with an unfinished attic. There are five bedrooms on its second floor and five full baths, and five fireplaces throughout.

The spacious living room, or really a formal parlor, to the left of the entrance, is a delight, with symmetrical ends, filled by fireplaces with handsome mantels. It is furnished with splendid furniture, much of it antique, of European origin.

As one enters the east doorway, from the portico, upon which the fluted round columns are featured, there is a small vestibule, on the right off of which is an ante-room and powder room. Back of that is a small breakfast room. Moving straight ahead, from the front vestibule, one comes to the trophy room, upon the panelled

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walls of which are ELEVEN (11) life size mounted heads of big game animals, many native to Africa, and some from Germany. Remarkable display.

On through this room, in which is a fireplace with rough stone mantel front, we emerge from the house onto a terrace covered with flag-

stone. The view from here toward the west is very rural, and restful.

Through a passage, going to the right from hall is the kitchen and dining room, of moderate size, with bright light from windows toward the setting sun. Most of the floors are walnut highly polished.

Hungerford Tavern

THE quaint old tavern which stood for nearly a century and a half on a quiet village street corner in the thriving town now known as Rockville has at last received the belated acclaim it so richly deserves in the archives of Montgomery County. On a bronze tablet placed on the site of this historical building, future generations will be sure to read of its glory. They will see, cast in metal, the names of those bold patriots whose acts have consecrated the humble walls and made the memory of the old tavern imperishable.

The sparks of rebellion against oppression and the aspirations for freedom and liberty kindled in the little tavern will always be a treasured memory to citizens of Maryland. The ringing words of the Governor of our beloved state while unveiling the tablet praised the marking of historical sites. He urged all citizens to cooperate with their governments, federal, state and local, and to "think and act as Marylanders." The action of early citizens of our free state in calling for cessation of trade with an aggressor was stressed by him as an example to be emulated.

Governor McKeldin warned that we must never let the fires of patriotism which activated our ancestors go out. He illustrated his admonition by a story of an old mountaineer in Tennessee who refused several times to sell his little log cabin in the valley to a public utility which tried to buy it so the valley could be flooded. The engineers, after his repeated refusals to sell, built for him a fine new stone house on a nearby hill and offered it to him as an even trade. The old man continued his refusal to move. He said "my grandfather built this cabin and he told my father never to let the fire in the hearth go out. My father told me the same thing and I have told my son to keep that



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CA. 1760 TO 1700

fire burning as long as he lives and to tell his son to do the same." Finally the engineers filled a bucket with coals from the humble hearth stone of the cabin and when a fire from them was moved to the new house the old man agreed to follow.

Judge Stedman Prescott, associate justice, Sixth Judicial Circuit, in outlining the history of the tavern to the large assemblage of citizens at the unveiling ceremonies said he knew no one who had definitely determined the date the tavern was built. He expressed the belief after his study of available records that it was built sometime between 1755 and 1771.

The most outstanding event memorialized by the plaque occurred on June 11, 1774.

The exact wording cast into the bronze is as follows:

"HUNGERFORD TAVERN SITE
JUNE 11, 1774

On above date aroused patriots here resolved that every lawful means be used to procure relief from oppressions of the English Parliament, and that the most effectual way to secure American freedom would be to break off all commerce with Great Britain.

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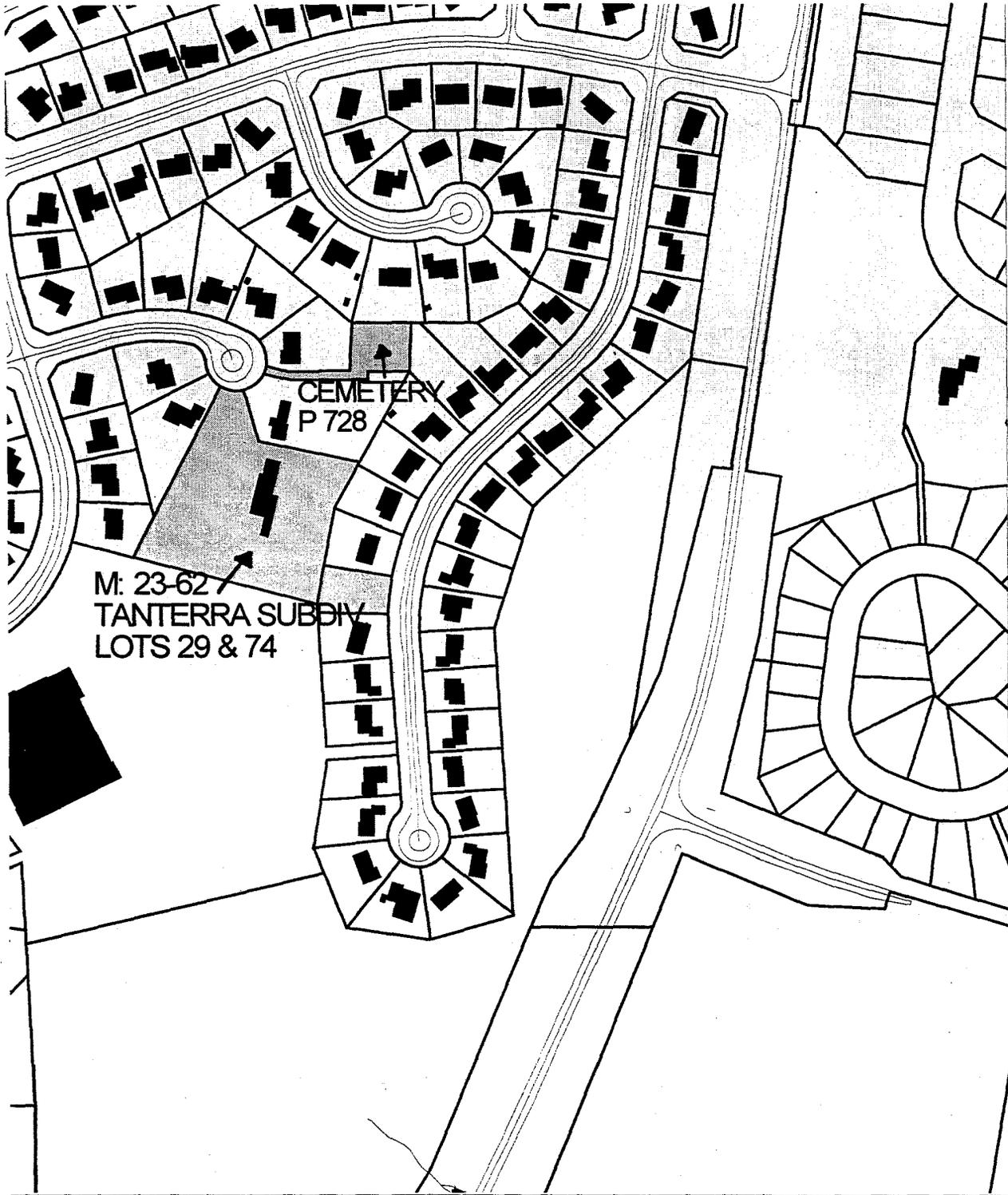
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Chain of Title:

1747 William Waters built "Belmont".

1938 "Belmont" mansion torn down, "Howard Hall"
mansion erected on the site.

"Heirs of Thomas W. Waters sold the old
home 'Belmont' to Mr. and Mrs. Van der
Heide of Washington. They tore down the
brick house and erected a larger and more
modern dwelling, including 7 bath-rooms."
(Annals V, p 143)

BELMONT SITE & CEMETERY (M 23-62)



Public User Application



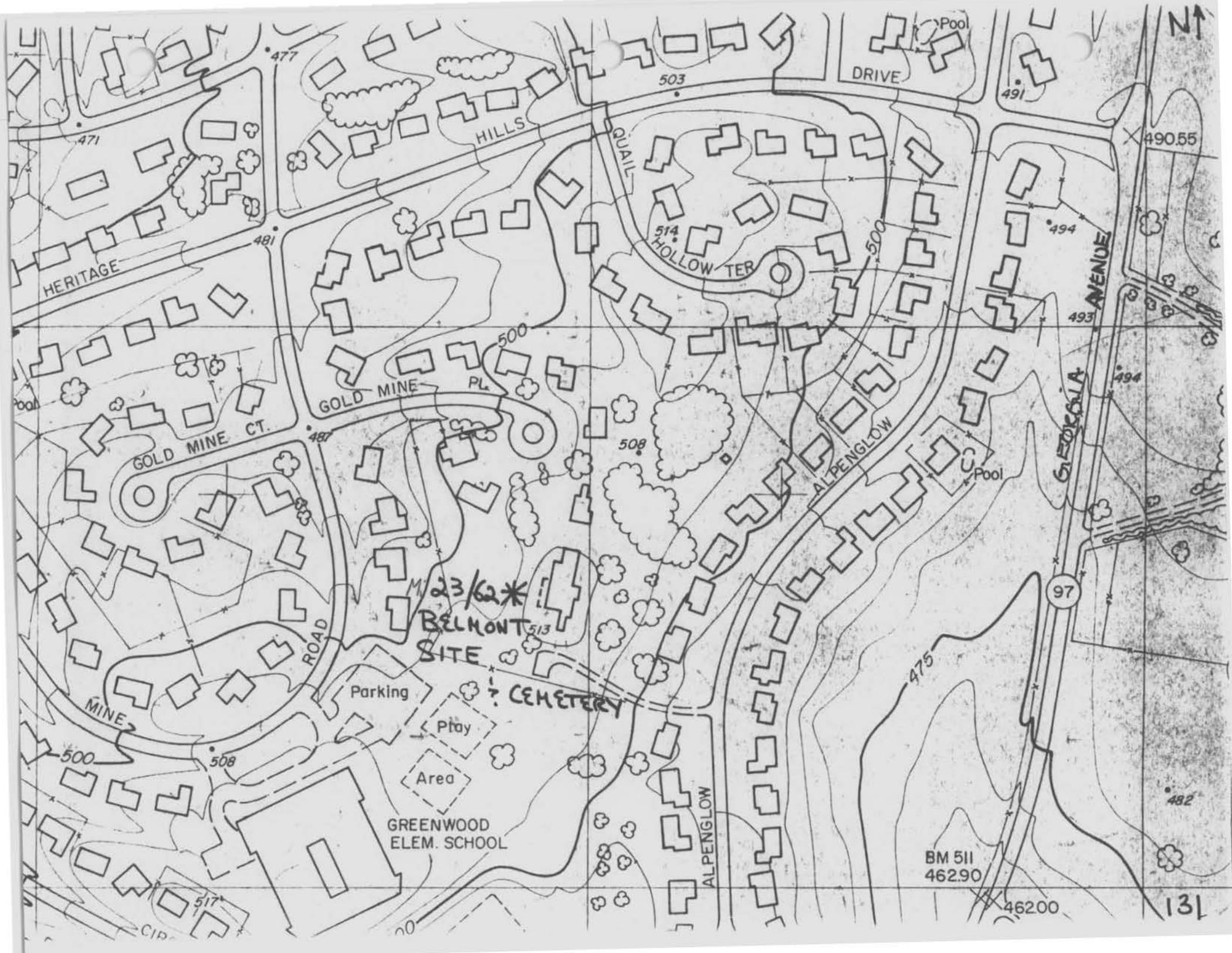
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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Scale 1" = 295'



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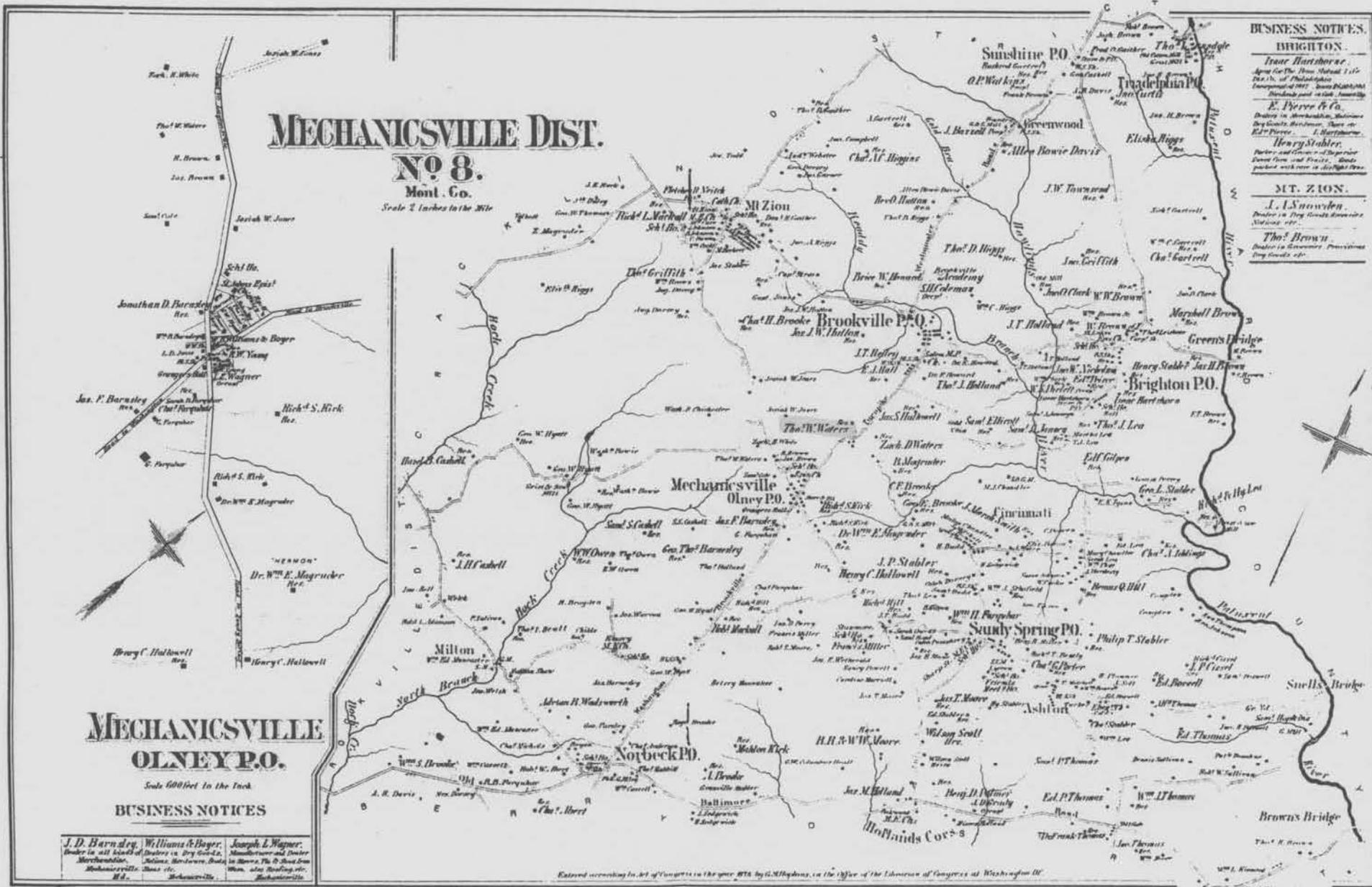
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 Agent for the Free Patent 11/16
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 Incorporated in 1877. Some Rights Reserved
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E. P. Boyer & Co.
 Dealers in Merchandise, Stationery
 Dry Goods, Hardware, etc. at
 11/16 Street

Henry Stabler,
 Stationery and Printing, etc. at
 11/16 Street

MT. ZION.
J. L. Snowden,
 Dealer in Dry Goods, Hardware
 Stationery, etc.

Thos. Brown
 Dealer in Groceries, Provision
 Dry Goods, etc.

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Hopkins, G.M., comp. Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including the County of Montgomery, Maryland, 1879. Reprint. Rockville, MD.: Montgomery County Historical Society, 1975.



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Date: 7/13/99
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

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19019 Gold Mine Place
18900 Alpenglow Lane



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