

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M22-33

Magi No. 1605054629

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Derwood Railroad District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Redland Road, Derwood Road & Derwood Street not for publication
near the B&O Railroad tracts; off Rt. 355 between Rockville & Gaithers-
city, town Derwood vicinity of congressional district burg.

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Multiple Ownership

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Survey

date 1976 federal ☒ state ☒ county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

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

The community of Derwood was laid out on a grid pattern of lots in August of 1888 (see enclosed plat). Not all of these lots, however, have been developed. The development is centered along the eastern side of Redland Road, the northern side of Derwood Road and along the western side of Derwood Road extended with some houses on the southern side of Derwood Road and the western side of Derwood Street. The B&O Railroad tracts form the western border of the town.

The Derwood Railroad District includes nineteen structures, all dating from the turn-of-the-century. They are vernacular frame buildings typical of the more modest dwellings constructed in Montgomery County during this period. For the most part, they are two stories with gable roofs with a center gable. They are rectangularly shaped with rear wings. Most have frame porches extending across the facade; a few with Victorian jig-sawn trim.

Despite the development springing up around it, Derwood has remained surprisingly intact. It has no infill of structures unsympathetic to the original construction and little alteration of its buildings has taken place. Instead, Derwood has maintained its turn-of-the-century character.

Derwood 31 13 22

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Derwood is significant for its collection of turn-of-the-century structures which are typical of the vernacular architecture constructed in Montgomery County during this period. it is also significant as an example of the importance of the coming of the B&O Railroad and its effects on the trade, transportation and growth of Montgomery County. The railroad provided invaluable services which made possible the development of communities such as Derwood. It supplied fast, easy freight service for the produce from surrounding farmlands. The B&O also provided transportation for commuters working in Washington, D.C., making suburban living possible in Derwood and other areas along the B&O as well. Thus, Derwood is representative of the small towns which resulted from the coming of the railroad and the establishment of a station allowing access to its services. (Towns of this type are still found in Western Maryland). Derwood is a good example of this type of development due to its retention of original structures without the infill of later, nonconforming buildings.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land and Judgement Records
Montgomery County Historical Society Library Files, ect.
Interview with Derwood resident, Mary Schwartz
Plat of Derwood, 1888 (EBP 11/395) & Deets & Maddox Atlas, 1917

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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1. Form Prepared By

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organization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.

date 5/84

street & number

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city or town Rockville

state Maryland

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DERWOOD, HISTORY & SUPPORT

Derwood is a small town community which grew-up along the tracks of the B&O Railroad during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Its earliest history goes back to April 19, 1722, when the tract of land upon which Derwood rests was patented to Ralph Crabbe. It was referred to as "Deer Park" and consisted of 470 acres. (It is possible that "Deer Park" later became "Deer Wood" which local idiom translated into "Derwood"). In 1879 Derwood was merely a crossroads with a blacksmith shop surrounded by farms. A post office was opened in 1883. Then, during the late 1880's a small Victorian Gothic board and batten railroad station was constructed in Derwood. This development was extremely important to the growth of Derwood. The establishment of a station providing access to the services of the B&O Railroad was the basis for the town's growth. The Derwood station supplied freight service for the surrounding farms as far away as Redland. It also allowed for suburban-type settlement by furnishing a commuter transport system for a number of Derwood's residents who worked in Washington, D.C.

Aside from the railroad and farming, the only other industry of any kind Derwood has known was a mill. In 1887 Stephen B. & Robert Lyddane and Charles B. Jones constructed a flour mill near the railroad tracks (on the northeast corner of Redland Road). About 1925, the mill was purchased by Richard T. Schwartz and partner. The mill then produced pure cane molassas and hog & pig feed. As an advertisement which appeared in the Sentinel for the Derwood mill stated, "Molassas is now the world's cheapest and best feed... Derwood 16 percent dairy feed puts milk in the pail; Derwood 20 percent dairy feed fills the pail fuller; Derwood hog and pig meal curls their tails". Pellet feed for horses and laboratory animals was later produced at the Derwood mill. The mill operated until June 7, 1954 when fire claimed it and the Derwood B&O Railroad Station.

Following the establishment of the B&O station and the mill, the town of Derwood was platted out and recorded on August 3, 1888. Lots were sold off and the town developed. The vernacular frame houses that comprise the town were constructed during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In April of 1890, the Sentinel mentions the construction of six new houses taking place in Derwood. According to Everett B. Wilson's "The History of Montgomery County, Maryland" (Historical Society Library), there were about ten houses in Derwood by 1906.

The houses in the Derwood Railroad District for the most part are typical of the more simple vernacular dwellings constructed in Montgomery County during the turn-of-the-century. They are two story frame structures with gable roofs, most with center gables. They are rectangular in shape with rear wings. Some have porches extending across the facade; a few with Victorian jig-sawn trim. Most have not been substantially altered

(though many now have asbestos or asphalt siding). On the whole, Derwood has retained its turn-of-the-century character. Despite the modern subdivisions that are springing up around it, Derwood has so far remained untouched. There has been no infilling of unsympathetic structures into the Derwood Railroad District. This is one of the features that makes Derwood so unique. Upon entering Derwood one is struck by the maintenance of the old town. Its almost as if time has stood still in Derwood.

Other structures significant to the history and development of Derwood (and still standing) are a store and warehouse building, a small frame Baptist church and the old schoolhouse. All three were obviously centers of activity for the town. None, however, presently serve the function for which they were originally built but they do stand in memory of earlier days.

The store and warehouse building is a long, narrow, rectangular shaped structure with a center gable roof, now covered with asbestos shingles. The old front porch has been enclosed to form a room. It sits on the corner of Redland Road and Derwood Road (lot 1 block 4). Construction of this building began in November of 1903 by storekeeper Clarence Hoskinson. The store was run by Ulysses S. Walters from 1912-1914. It was purchased in July of 1914 by John L. Welsh who ran his mercantile business here until his death on November 27, 1921. In 1936 the store building was purchased by Richard and Mary Schwartz. It continued to serve as a store, post office and residence. The post office operated until recent years. The building was later converted to apartments (but is now being used for storage only).

In the middle of Derwood Road extended (lot 5 block 2) is the old Baptist church. It is a small, rectangularly shaped frame structure with a center gable roof with a returned cornice. On the center of the facade is a three part telescope tower with entry, topped by a simple cross. It was constructed sometime between 1893 and 1913 by the Baptist Church of Rockville. In June of 1913 the church was conveyed to the Trustees of the Gaithersburg Methodist Episcopal Church and finally to the trustees of the Church of Derwood in July of 1942. The church was said to provide a place of worship for a number of faiths, and thus was not strictly Baptist. It is presently being used as a Masonic Temple Lodge meeting house.

The old schoolhouse is located outside the district between Rt. 335 and the railroad tracks at 15805 Paramount Drive. It is a small, rectangular, single story frame structure with a gable roof. It has, however, been altered, added to and covered with asbestos shingles. The schoolhouse was constructed in 1892 to replace the original schoolhouse established in September of 1880. The school operated until 1937 when it was closed down and sold at auction. It presently is being used to house the R.V. Barr Plumbing and Heating Company.

Also of particular note is the Hoskinson House at #15919 Redland Road in Derwood. It is significant as a good example of Colonial Revival architecture. As typical of Colonial Revival, the Hoskinson House combines colonial architectural elements with post-Colonial classical forms such as the Palladian window, the pediments and the strong, dentiled cornice. The Hoskinson House is a square shaped three bay by three bay frame residence and has a hipped roof with gable roof dormers (three in front and one at each side elevation). Its scale is quite large and its proportions are low and broad. A porch with a center gable over the entry runs the length of the facade.

The house was built by Clarence H. Hoskinson at the turn-of-the-century on lot #3 block 4 of "Derwood" which Mr. Hoskinson purchased from Ella S. Walker for \$150 on November 18, 1903 (Deed 176/246). That same year Mr. Hoskinson built his store (on lot #1 block 4). Clarence Hoskinson and his wife, Elizabeth, sold the house and the store on November 1, 1912 to Ulysses S. Walters of Fairfax County, Virginia for \$12,500 (Deed 230/313). Ulysses carried on the mercantile business trading under the name of U.S. Walters & Sons. John L. Welsh purchased the house and store on July 28, 1914 for \$9,250 (Deed 246/48). He too ran the store until his death on November 27, 1921. The property was then assessed and described as follows: Lot 1 is improved by a large, two story frame store building and warehouse and is the same property upon which John L. Welsh conducted his mercantile business. Lot 3 is improved by a large, modern frame house of twelve rooms with front and back porches, a cellar and an attic. It is heated by furnace, lighted by electric lights and has a bath with hot and cold water. Also on the property was listed a stable, meat house and hen house. On August 28, 1936, the house and store building were purchased by the town's miller, Richard T. Schwartz and his wife, Mary. The Schwartzs still own and reside in the house which has been nicely maintained.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Derwood RR District				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: off Rte. 355				
CITY OR TOWN: between Rockville and Gaithersburg				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Generally, the houses are two-story, three-bay dwellings with one-story, Victorian-style porches. There once was a blacksmith shop here and a feed mill, also. However, the remaining public structures are early twentieth century and include a small frame country church with a three-part telescoping tower and open belfry. Also remaining, are the old post office and store on the corner.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☒ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a late-nineteenth century community built along the tracks of the B & O railroad. Originally, this was the home of Jeremiah Crabbe, a Revolutionary War hero whose body lies in a cemetery at the south end of the village. Several of the buildings pre-date the railroad era, but most of the structures are simple, late-nineteenth and early-twentieth rural village dwellings.

Almost all of the houses lie east of the tracks and the area is bounded on the north by Redland Rd. and on the south by Derwood Rd.

SEE INST. ACTIONS

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

11. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/13/75

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

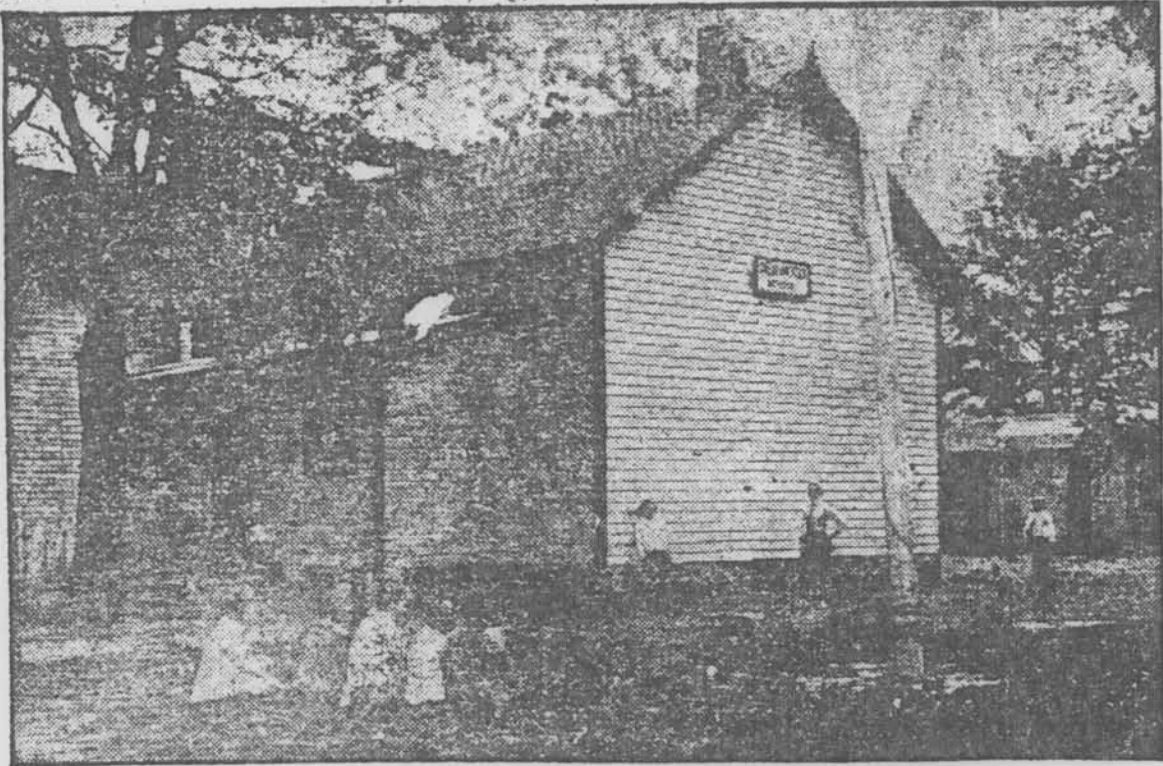
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Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Darwood School



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Faculty of Darwood School

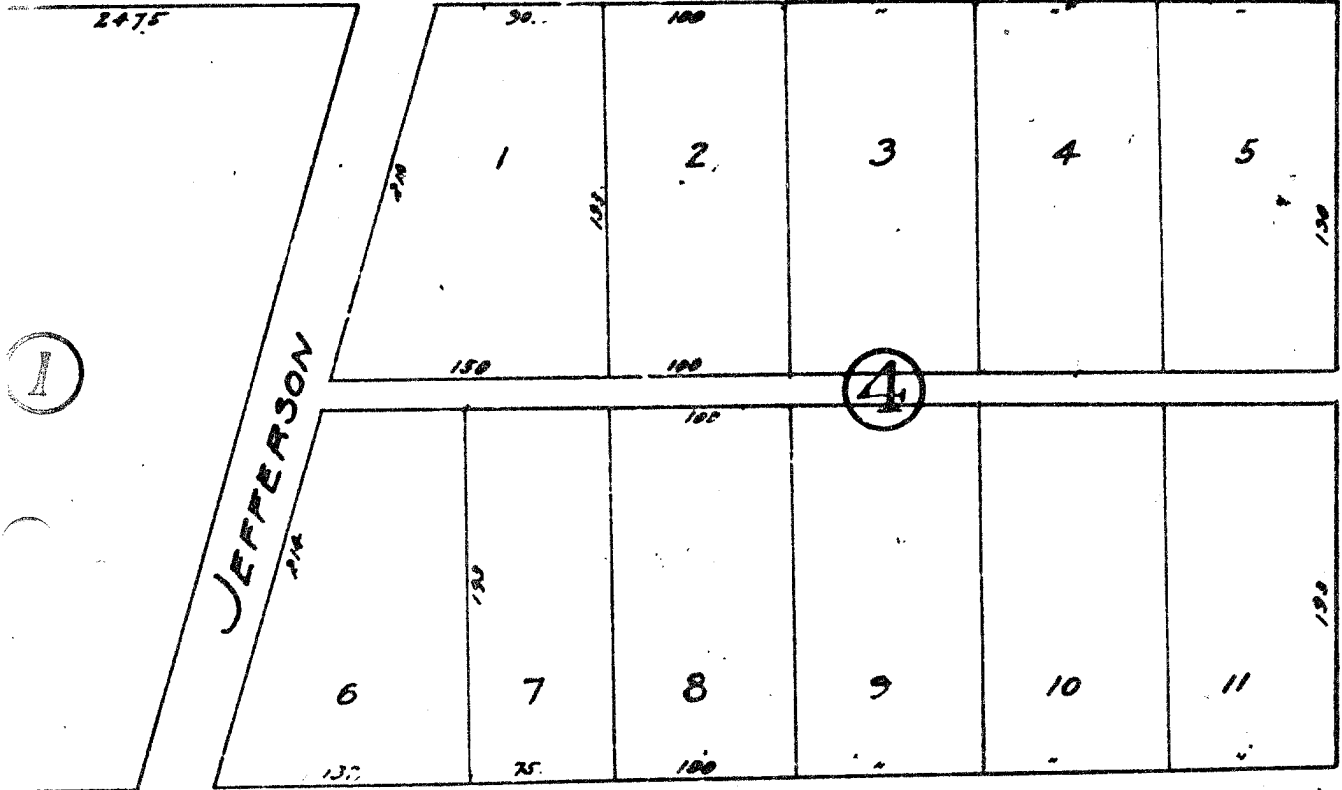


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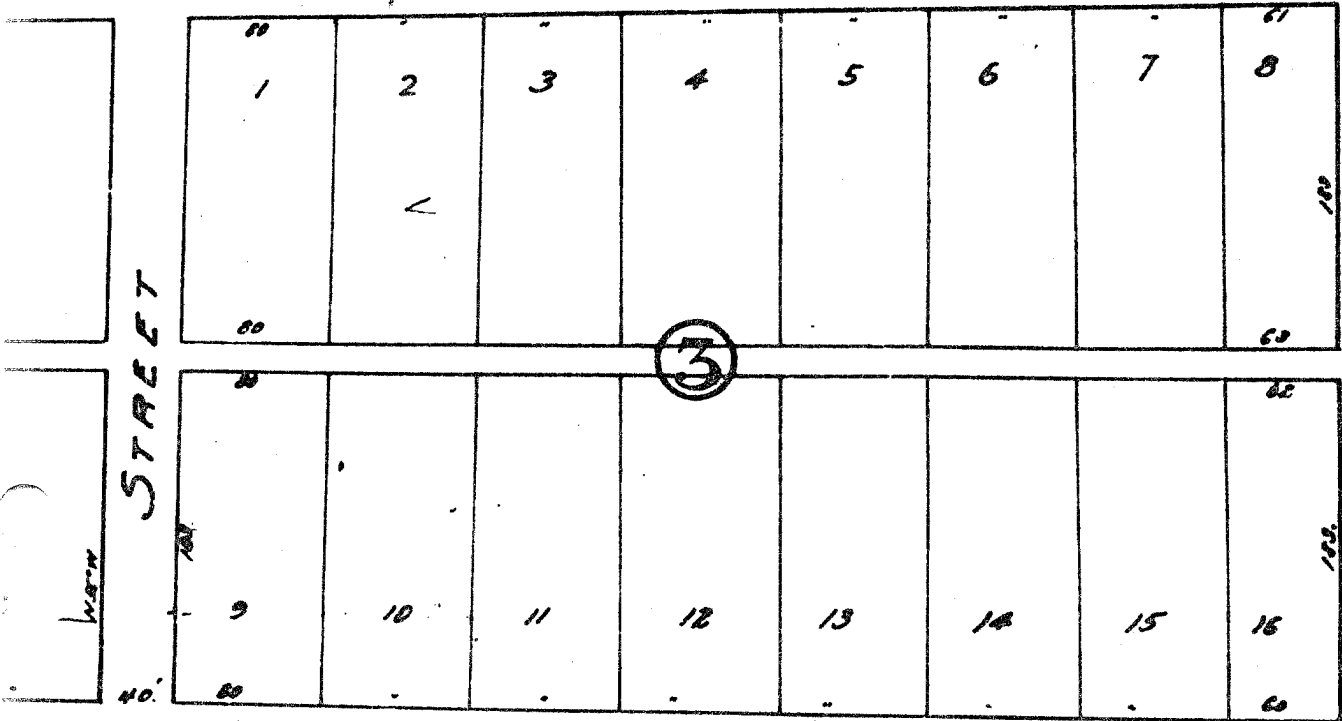
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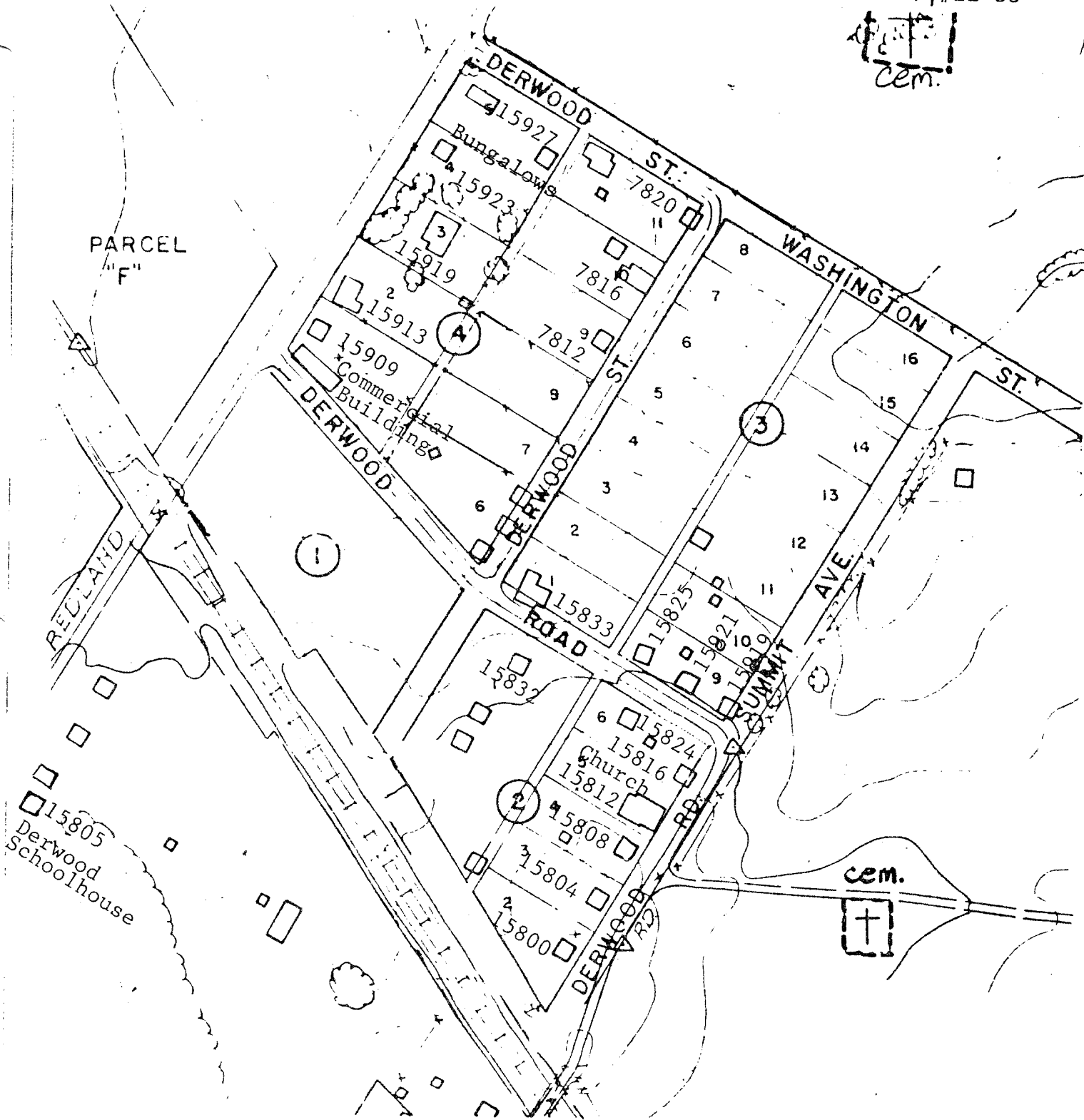
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OF

DERWOOD

Surveyed by G. Mander

DERWOOD RAILROAD DISTRICT

M#22-33



DEETS & MADDUX 1917

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CC Waters

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L. 214 F. 48
147 1/4 ac.

WINNMOBLEY
24.75 ac.

WW MOBLEY
L. 200 F 488
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J.C. WELLIVER

L. 214 F. 164 L. 218 F. 497
179.5 ac 111 ac 2nd.

G M ANDERSON
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R.G. FIELDS
EBP 30/261
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~~DERWOOD~~

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NATHAN

B.D. R.R.

PLATE 5



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NAME DERWOOD R.R. DISTRICT

LOCATION DERWOOD Rd & B&O TRACKS FROM REDLAND Rd

FACADE LOOKING SE DERWOOD, Md

PHOTO TAKEN 5/13/75 MDWVER



M: #22-33

NAME DERWOOD RR HOUSES

LOCATION DERWOOD RD., DERWOOD, MD.

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/13/75

M. DWYER



NEAR THIS SPOT
LIVED AND LIES BURIED

JEREMIAH CRABBE

(1760-1800)

OFFICER, 4TH BATTALION, CONTINENTAL
ARMY DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR;
BRIGADIER GENERAL OF MARYLAND
MILITIA, 1794; MEMBER OF 4TH UNITED
STATES CONGRESS 1795-96.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NAME CRABBE MARKER

LOCATION RTE. 355, DERWOOD, MD.

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NAME DERWOOD CHURCH N: #22-33
LOCATION DERWOOD Rd, DERWOOD, Md
FACADE SE
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