



Montgomery Planning

Historic Preservation Office

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WORTHMILLER HOUSE — 8104 WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD

Listing in the Locational Atlas & Index of Historic Sites



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Historic Preservation Ordinance Purpose

Identify, designate, and regulate for the purposes of protection sites of architectural, archaeological, and/or cultural value

Preserve the quality of life, safeguard historical and cultural heritage, strengthen the local economy, and stabilize and improve property values

Foster civic beauty and to preserve continued utilization of the site for the pleasure of our citizens

Historic Preservation Designation Criteria

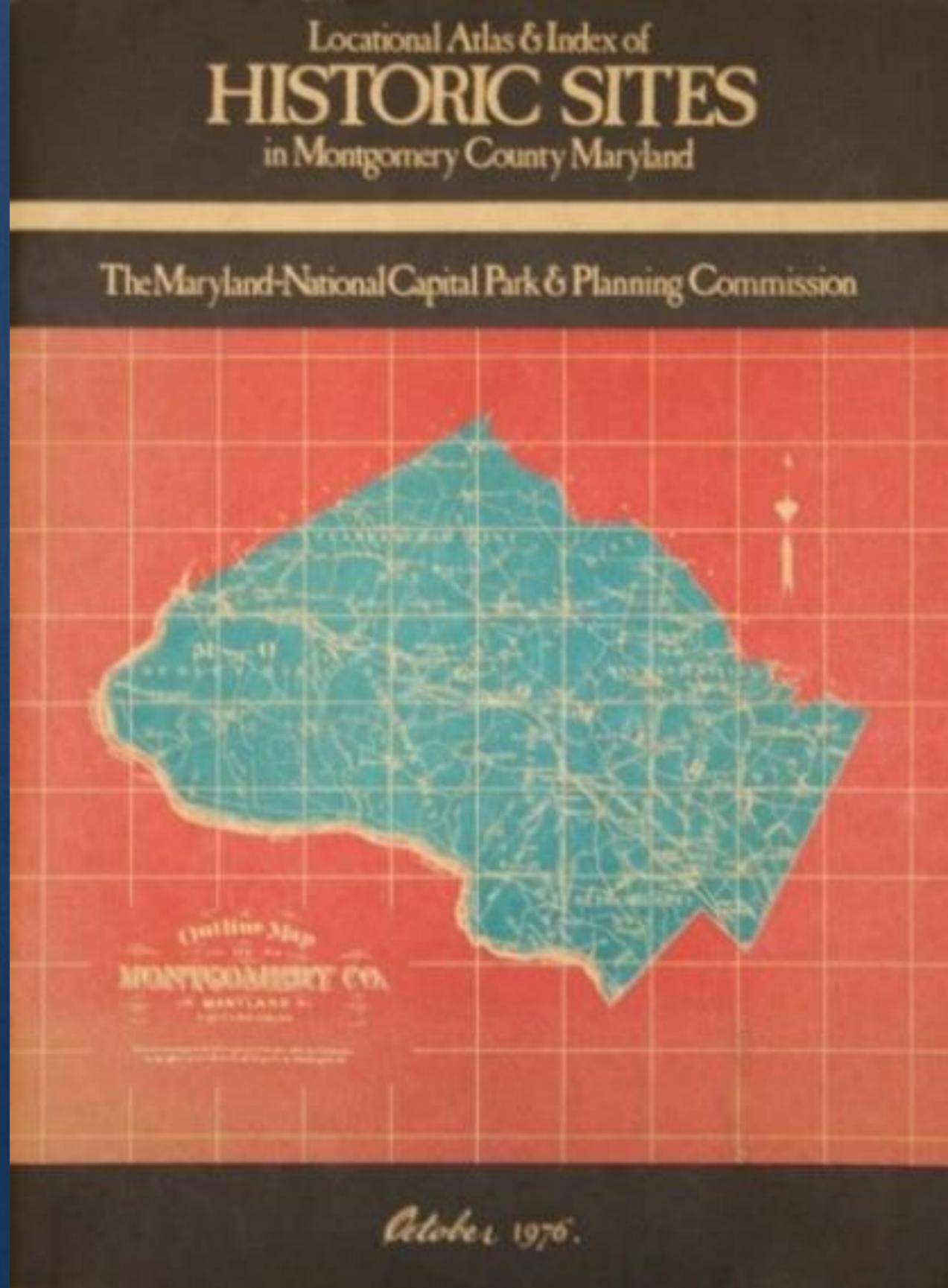
Historical and Cultural Significance

Architectural and Design Significance

Designation Process

Historic Preservation Commission

Planning Board – Public Hearing

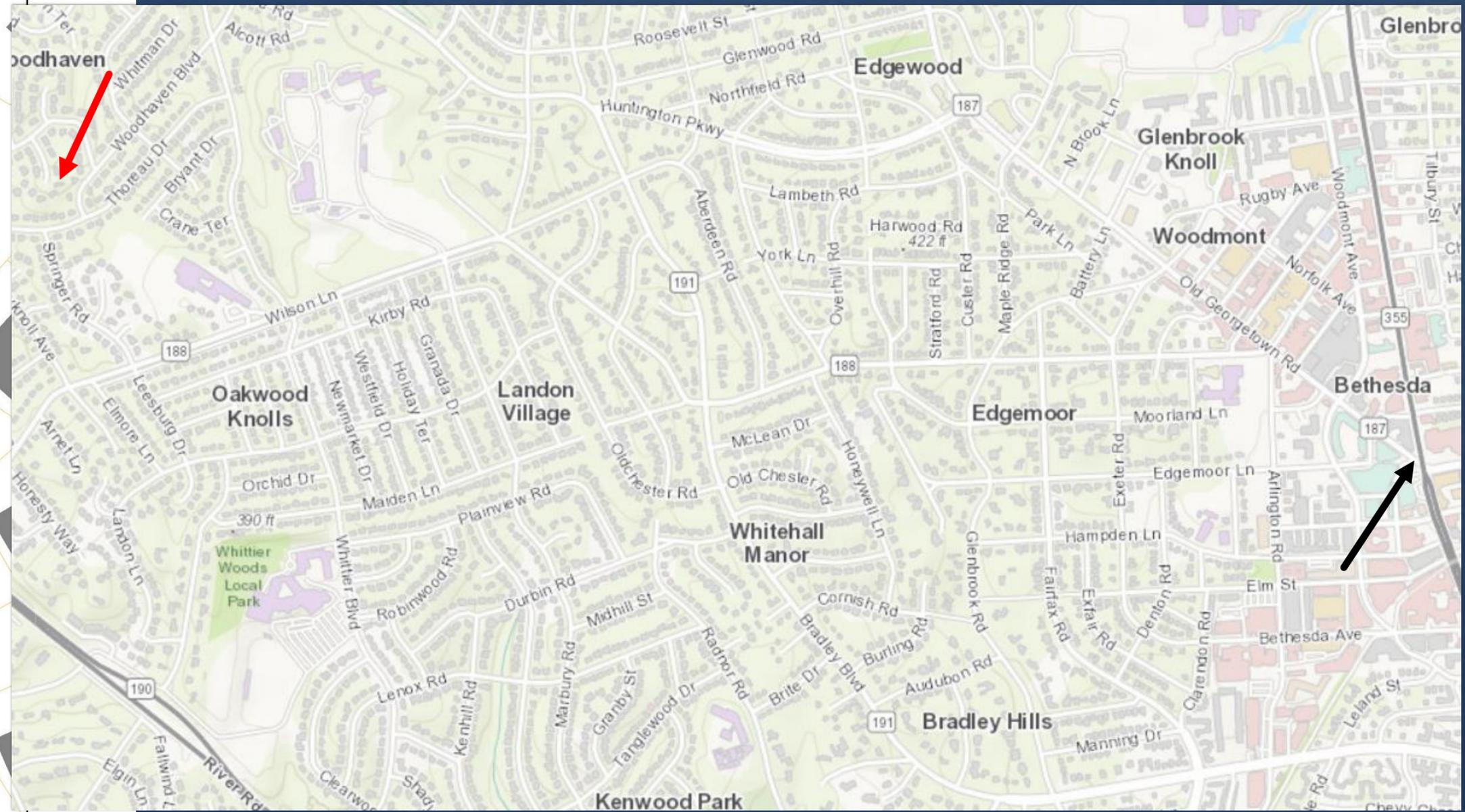


Architectural Description

Figure 1: Environmental Setting



Location

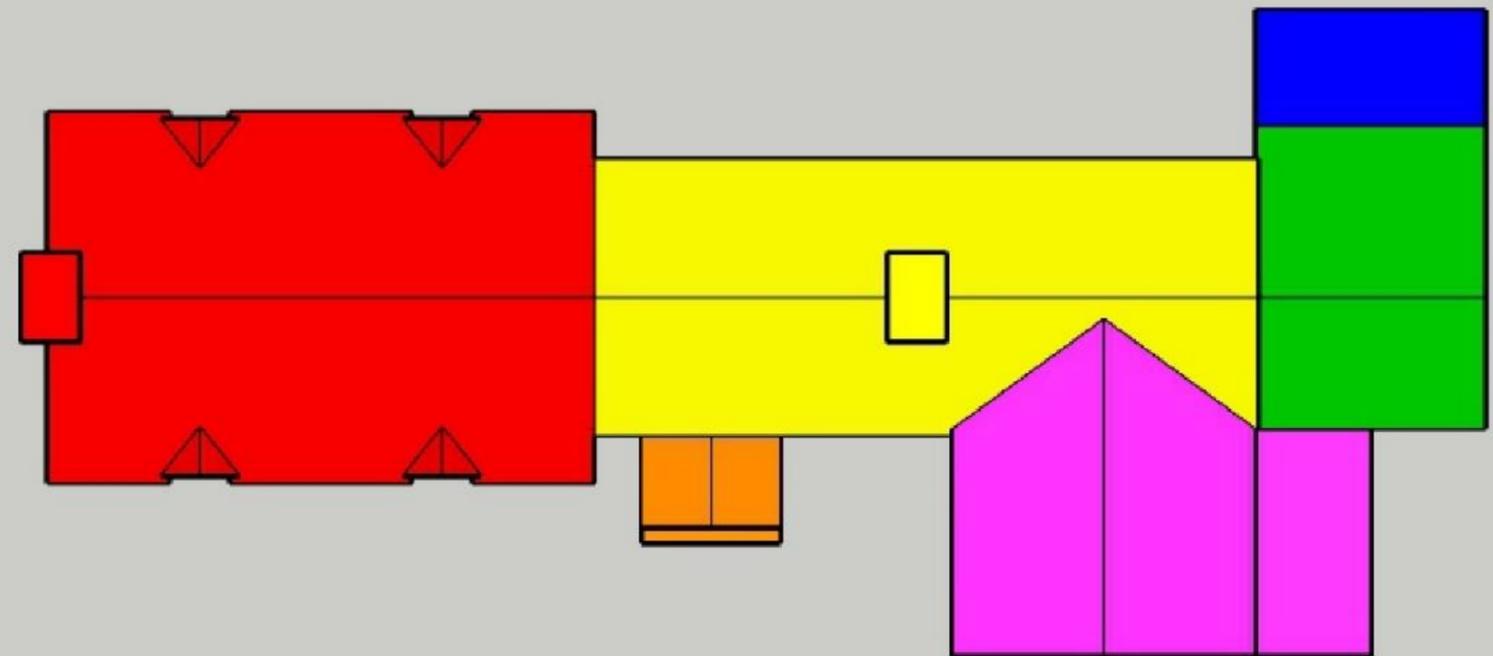


Source: M-NCPPC GIS



North and South Elevations

Plan View



- Ca. 1857 two-story, wood-frame house
- Ca. 1937 two-story, brick-veneer addition
- Ca. 1937 two-story, wood-frame addition with a first-story screened in porch later enclosed.
- Ca. 1937 two-story, gable-ell addition
- Ca. 1937 one-story portico
- Late twentieth century, one-story addition

Historic Context and Evolution of the Building

John & Ann Amelia Worthmiller

- ❖ Married on July 31, 1855.
- ❖ Subject dwelling is constructed ca. 1857.
- ❖ 10-acre property conveyed to Ann A. Worthmiller (nee Austin) in 1874.
- ❖ John Worthmiller died in 1894.
- ❖ Ann A. Worthmiller owned the property until 1924.

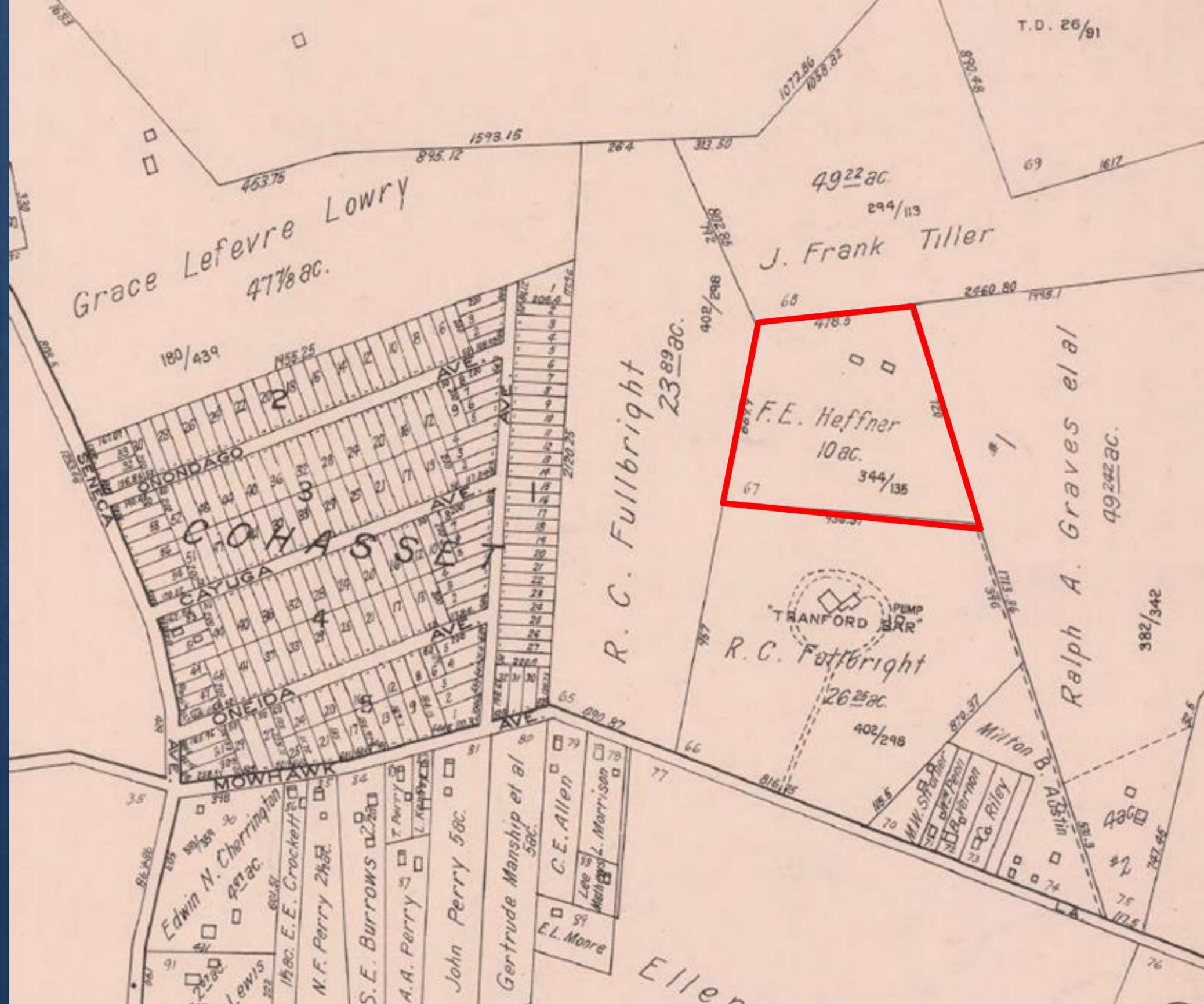




Worthmiller House

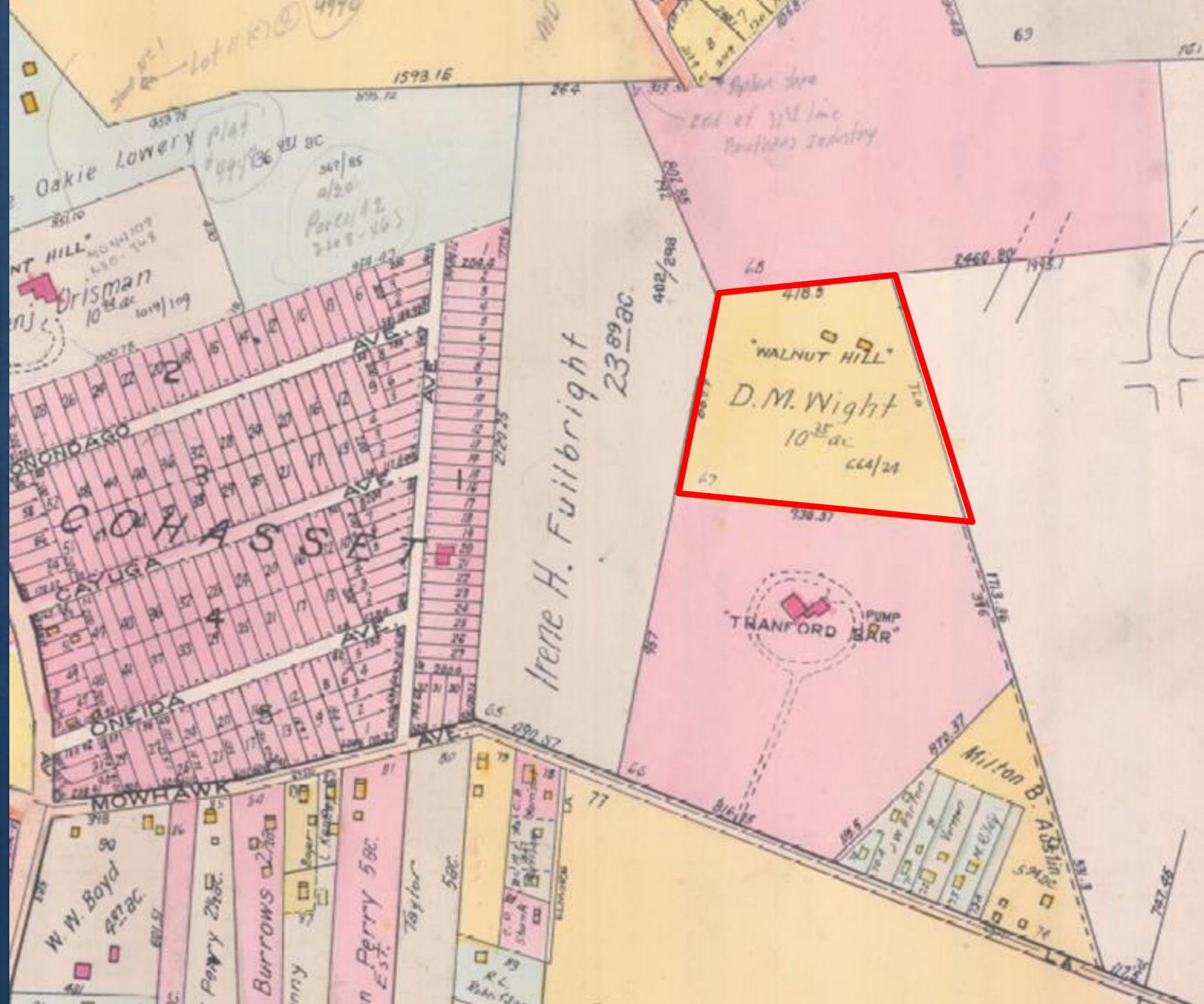
Francis and Jane Rebecca Heffner

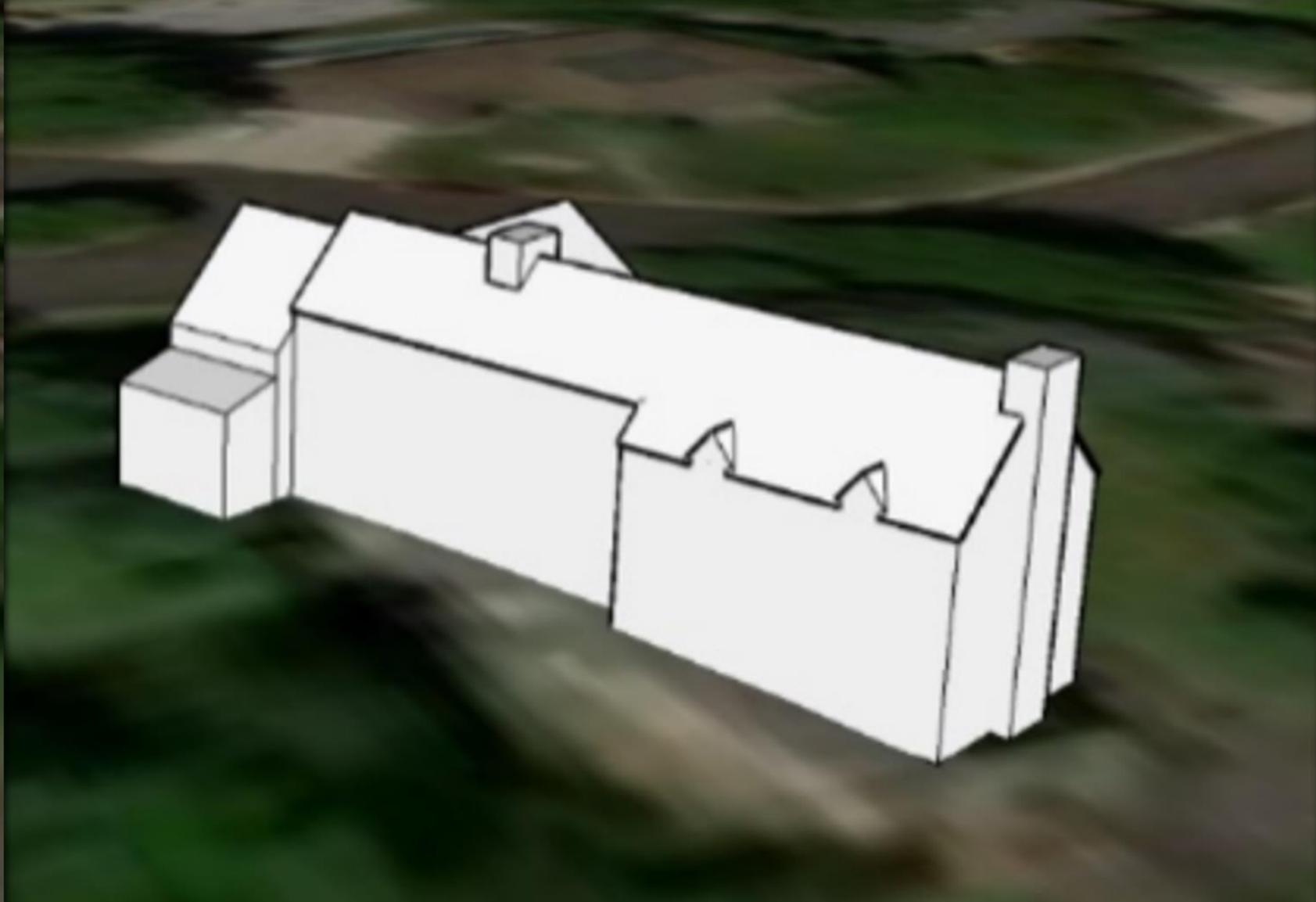
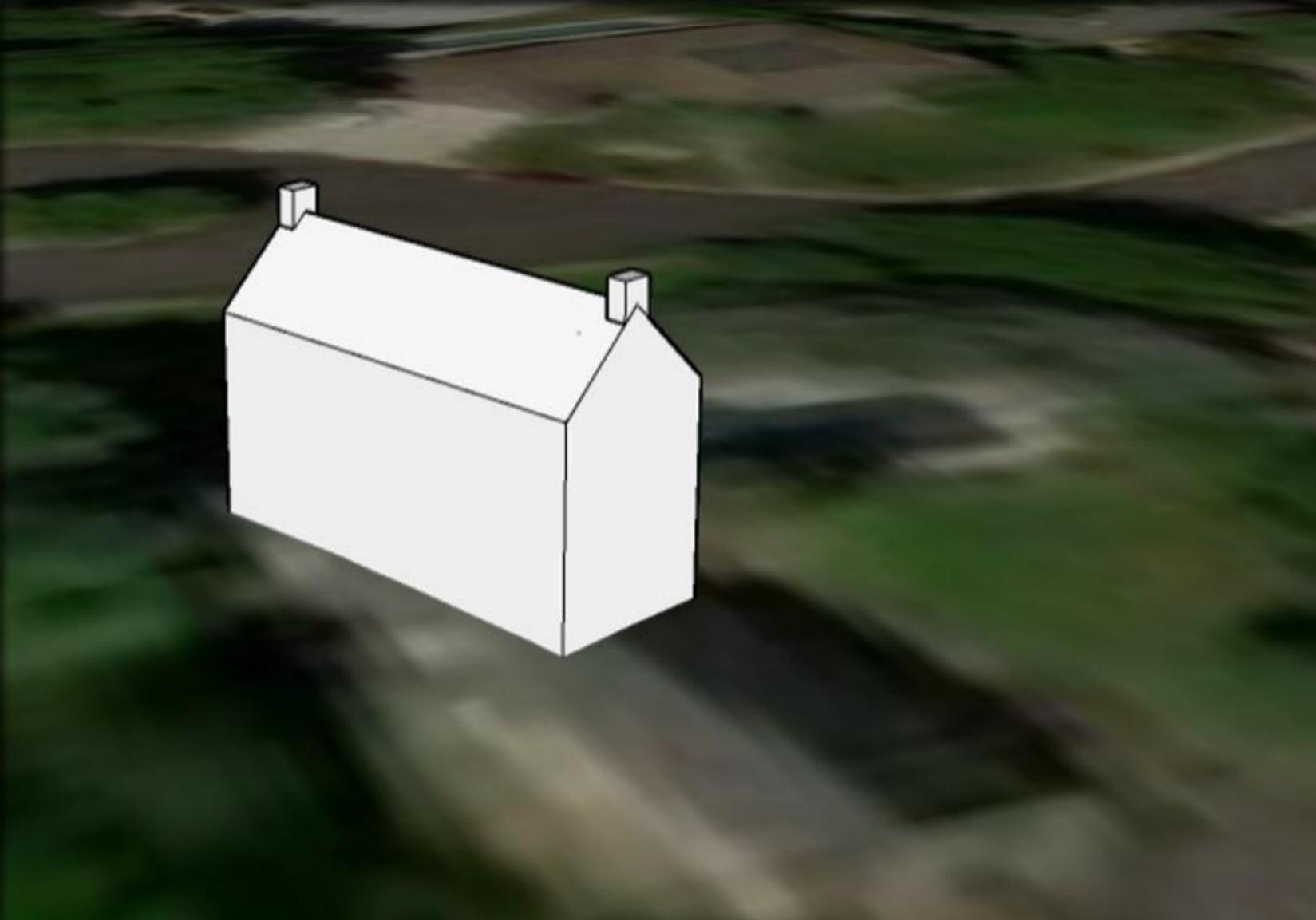
- ❖ Rented the property from Austin from the 1890s to 1924.
- ❖ Owned the property from 1924 to 1937.



Donald M. & Virginia Wight

- ❖ Purchased the property in 1937.
- ❖ Hired Robert T. Rohrer to renovate the dwelling and construct additions.
- ❖ Tax assessment of the dwelling increased from \$500 to \$4,000.

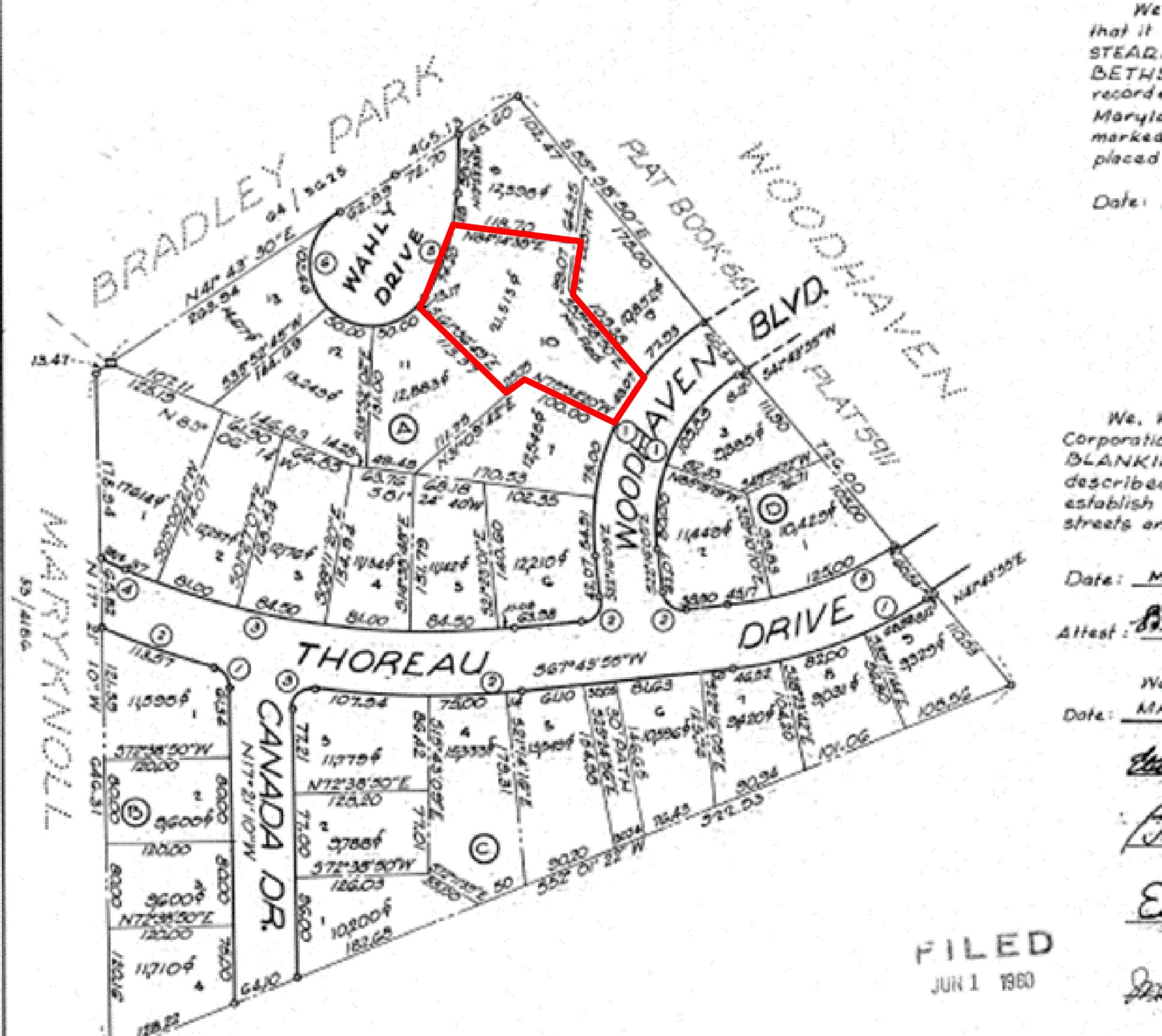




Evolution of the Building

West Bethesda Park

- ❖ Subdivided in 1960.
- ❖ 10-acre property became 1/2-acre lot.
- ❖ Original point of access from Wahly Drive.
- ❖ First addressed as 8203 Wahly Drive.



Integrity Assessment



Seven Aspects of Integrity

- ◆ Location and Setting
- ◆ Design, Materials, and Workmanship
- ◆ Association and Feeling



Staff Recommendation

Evaluation Criterion (1):
Historical and Cultural
Significance

Evaluation Criterion (2):
Architectural and Design
Significance

The building lacks historic integrity to convey its period of significance and does not meet the criteria outlined in the Montgomery County Ordinance.

Staff Recommendation: That the HPC does not recommend that the Planning Board list 8104 Woodhaven Boulevard in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites

Questions/Comments

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