

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Tenth Precinct Station House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 750 Park Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Washington

N/A vicinity of congressional district: Walter E. Fauntroy

state District of Columbia code 11

county District of Columbia code 001

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Recreation Administration

4. Owner of Property

name District of Columbia Department of Recreation

street & number 3149 Sixteenth Street, N.W.

city, town Washington

N/A vicinity of

state District of Columbia

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder of Deeds

street & number Sixth and D Streets, N.W.

city, town Washington

state D.C.

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title None has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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 Tenth Precinct Station House was built in 1901. The station is two stories high on a full basement. It measures approximately 46' wide across the facade, 58' across the rear, and is about 83' deep. The facade is faced with red-orange brick, glazed brick, and red terracotta. A prominent metal bracketed cornice is distinguished by egg-and-dart and rope moldings. Windows are one-over-one double hung sash below segmental arches and narrow divided transom lights.

The tripartite facade is divided into two horizontal zones by a molded terracotta cornice that incorporates the sills of the second story windows. The first story is articulated with projecting brick banding incorporating corner quoining and window voussairs; the quoining continues through the second story. Swagged consoles surmount the windows and doors. The watertable is faced with rusticated sandstone. The facade is distinguished by two terracotta string courses that continue the classical molding motifs embellishing the window surrounds. Below the cornice is a wide band of flemish diagonal bond in which headers have been glazed in a diaperwork pattern.

The segmental-arched entrance is set in a slightly projecting banded frontispiece surmounted by a cornice embellished with dentil, egg-and-dart, acanthus, guilloche, and astragal moldings. An ornate terracotta panel, edged with foliated designs and displaying the words "10th Precinct Police Station" in high relief, is surmounted by a large oculus window in a cartouche. The horizontal brick banding and the ornamental use of terracotta on the string courses and windows serve to unify the facade composition and integrate the two materials.

The plan of the station is arranged in four "zones" that are readable on the exterior principally on the east side, where they are defined as projections or recessions of the wall planes. The front zone comprises a single large room on each floor. Behind this, the second zone consists of smaller rooms flanking a center hall that has round arches at either end. The third zone is largely occupied by the stairhall, oriented parallel to the facade. The rear zone is divided into cellblock and stable areas on the first floor, and four rooms, bisected by a hall, on the second.

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The station interior is functionally finished, with plastered walls and ceilings, and wood and linoleum flooring. The extreme height of the first floor ceilings (13 feet) is emphasized by the doorways, framed in wide, strongly-molded architraves culminating in projecting cornices 11-1/2 feet above the floor.

The building has retained a high level of integrity. Although original windows have been removed, the replacement sash is similar. A low platform on the west side of the main front room that once served as a dais for a desk sergeant remains, although the railing has been removed. Steel cells have also been removed, but the brick walls convey the original function. The ceiling height has been retained throughout. An enclosed vestibule was erected inside the main entrance in the early twentieth century; the vestibule walls are glazed tile above a panelled dado.

8. Significance

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1901 **Builder/Architect** A.B. Mullett & Co.

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Tenth Precinct Station House, designed by A.B. Mullett and Company and built in 1901, is significant for its architectural character and its historical association with the police department of the District of Columbia in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The designation of the Tenth Precinct and the construction of the police station in 1901 were responses to the expansion of the city limits and urban population into this area. Reforms in the D.C. police department in the latter decades of the nineteenth century had led to the enlargement of the force and creation of new precincts.

The street system in the area north of Florida Avenue (formerly Boundary Street) had been surveyed by 1901, but few buildings had been constructed. By 1910, the block from Sherman Street to Georgia Avenue, in which the station house is located, was almost fully occupied by tradesmen and workers. The station house, assessed at \$13,000, was by far the most imposing building on the block in which most of the properties were assessed at less than \$1,000. Its imposing character in relation to the residential environs as well as its architectural quality suggest the importance of symbolic expression of authority. This expression is characteristic of the City Beautiful movement, a growing belief at the turn of the century that public structures should be imposing, monumental and of classical style.

Until 1886, the D.C. police department had been charged with corruption, political partisanship and venality. Subsequent reforms led to the enlargement of the force and creation of new precincts. Each station house was staffed by a captain, a lieutenant and several sergeants. The station house was the first facility to which an arrested man or woman was brought. At the station house, the arrest was recorded, and the prisoner was confined there until released on bail or removed to police court for trial or to jail to await grand jury testimony. Misdemeanors were handled at the station house; felonies were dealt with in D.C. Supreme or Police Court.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

(See continuation sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .1 acre

Quadrangle name Washington West, D.C.-MD-VA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References

A

1	8	3	2	4	4	5	0	4	3	1	0	9	5	0
Zone		Easting				Northing								

B

Zone		Easting				Northing								

C

Zone		Easting				Northing								

D

Zone		Easting				Northing								

E

Zone		Easting				Northing								

F

Zone		Easting				Northing								

G

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H

Zone		Easting				Northing								

Verbal boundary description and justification

The resource at 750 Park Road is defined on the north by the present sidewalk and on the south by the building and by the (continued)

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

state District of Columbia code 11 county District of Columbia code 001

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Amy Friedlander, Ph.D., Historian, and Martha Bowers, Architectural Historian
Cultural Resource Group

organization Louis Berger & Associates, Inc. date August 31, 1986

street & number 1730 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W. telephone (202) 466-4000

city or town Washington state D.C.

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature Carol B. Thompson
title State Historic Preservation Officer date September 29, 1986
for the District of Columbia

For NPS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register
Patricia Anderson date 11/10/86
Keeper of the National Register
Attest: _____ date _____
Chief of Registration

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The Tenth Precinct Station is an outstanding example of a public building designed for a neighborhood environment. The necessary authoritative presence is denoted by the scale and ornamentation of the building while the rectilinear, two-story, three-bay brick facade is in keeping with the brick rowhouses characteristic of the block.

The station was designed by the firm of A.B. Mullett and Company, a Washington firm established in 1889 by Alfred B. Mullett and his sons, Frederick and Thomas. The senior Mullett (1834-1890) was supervising architect of the U.S. Treasury from 1866 through 1874 during which period he was in charge of the design and construction of the State, War, and Navy Building and some forty other government buildings. In 1884, after a ten-year hiatus in his career, Mullett established a private practice in Washington, which his sons joined five years later. Mullett committed suicide in 1890, but the firm remained active in Washington for nearly fifty years thereafter.

No other buildings by Mullett have been identified in the vicinity of the precinct house, nor have buildings of similar architectural quality and character been identified in this area. However, the architectural excellence of the building suggests the reformist mindset that characterized the police department policies at the turn of the century and the construction of the station house testifies to the expansion of municipal services that accompanied the spatial expansion of Washington.

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brick walls defining the property lines on the east and west sides of the lot. These walls date to the construction of the building and include within the bounds of the property the alley that historically served the precinct house to the west of the building.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Substantive Review

Tenth Precinct Station House
Washington
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Working No. SEP 30 1986
Fed. Reg. Date: 2/2/88
Date Due: 11/186 - 11/14/86
Action: ACCEPT 11-10-86
 RETURN
 REJECT

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Federal Agency: _____

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

*Historically & architecturally significant
police station - early precinct house in expanding
N.W. Wash. D.C.*

Recom./Criteria accept A+C
Reviewer Patrick Andrews
Discipline Historian
Date 11/10/86
 see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition	Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	
	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	
	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period _____ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect _____
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification _____

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____

title _____ date _____

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____



10th Precinct Station House
Washington, D.C.

Martha Bowers, Photographer


August 2, 1984

Negative on file at Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.
Cultural Resource Group
100 Halsted Street
East Orange, N.J. 07019

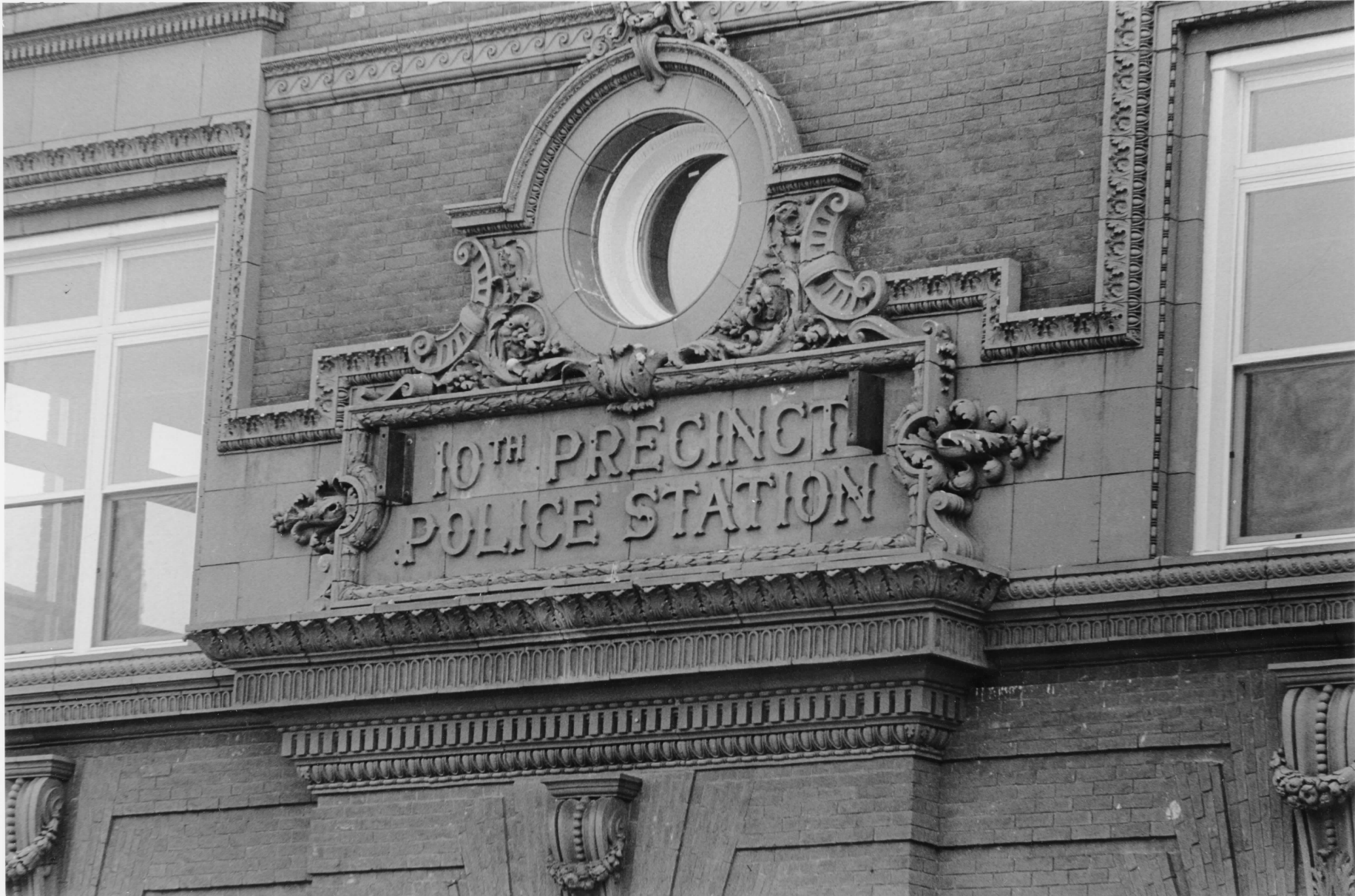
View facing south of alley west of building; note
brickwork on first floor exterior and decorative
keystone above window.

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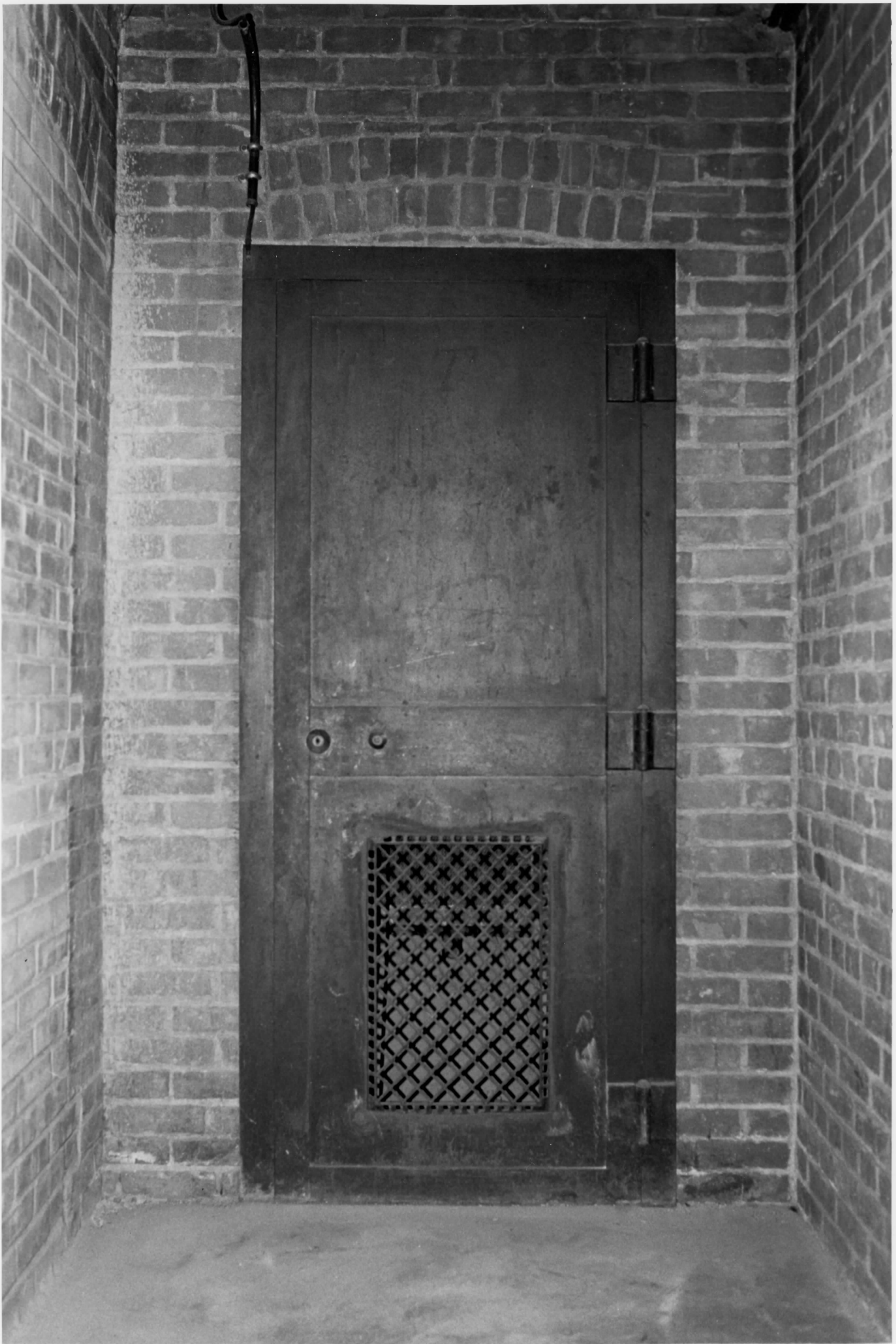


Facade facing Southeast, D.C.
Department of Recreation field
office, 750 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 1985



10TH PRECINCT
POLICE STATION

Major decorative elements of facade including rectangular building name with fasces surround topped by an oculus with floral motif. D.C. Department of Recreation field offices 750 Park Road, N.W., Washington, D.C., 1985



View of Iron Door in Basement
Cell Block, 750 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 1985



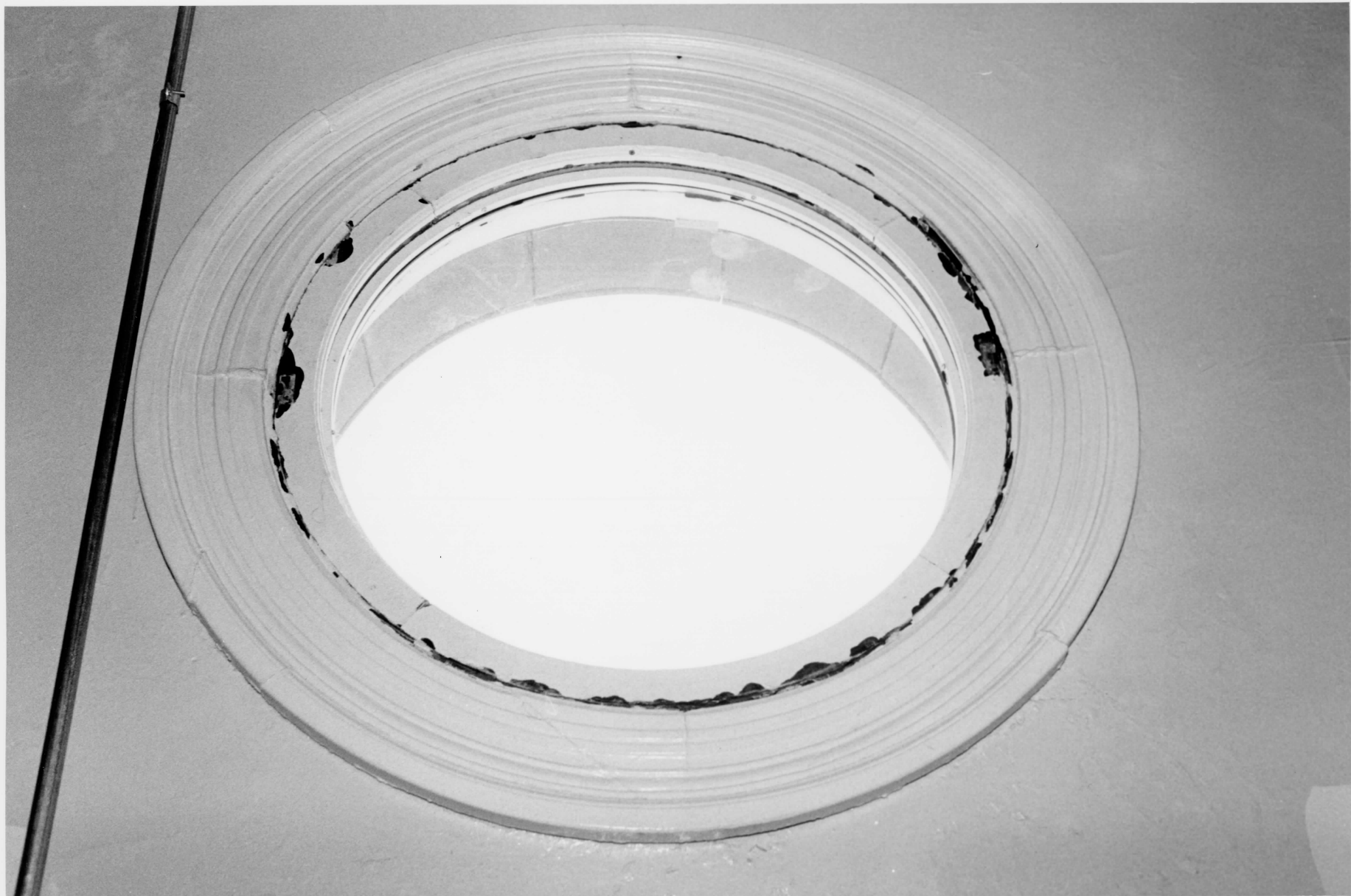
Detail of bracketed cornice
with twisted rope above and egg
and dart moldings below brackets.
Band of patterned brick work be-
neath cornice, window lintel with
ard egg and dart molding. D.C.
Department of Recreation field
offices 750 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 1985



Carved Stair Post, First Floor,
750 Park Road, N.W., Washington,
D.C., 1985.



Carved Stair Post, First Floor,
75C Park Road, N.W. Washington,
D.C., 1985



Oculus Second floor, front
elevation, D.C. Department of
Recreation, 750 Park Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C., 1985

Missing Core Documentation

Property Name

Tenth Precinct Station House

County, State

District of
Columbia

Reference Number

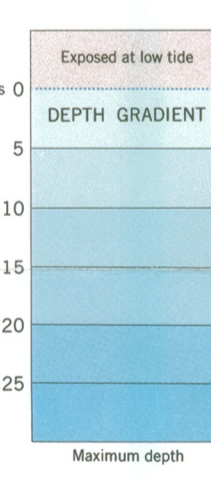
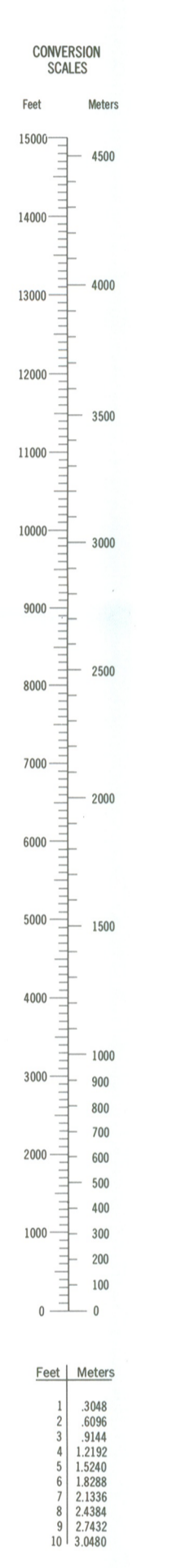
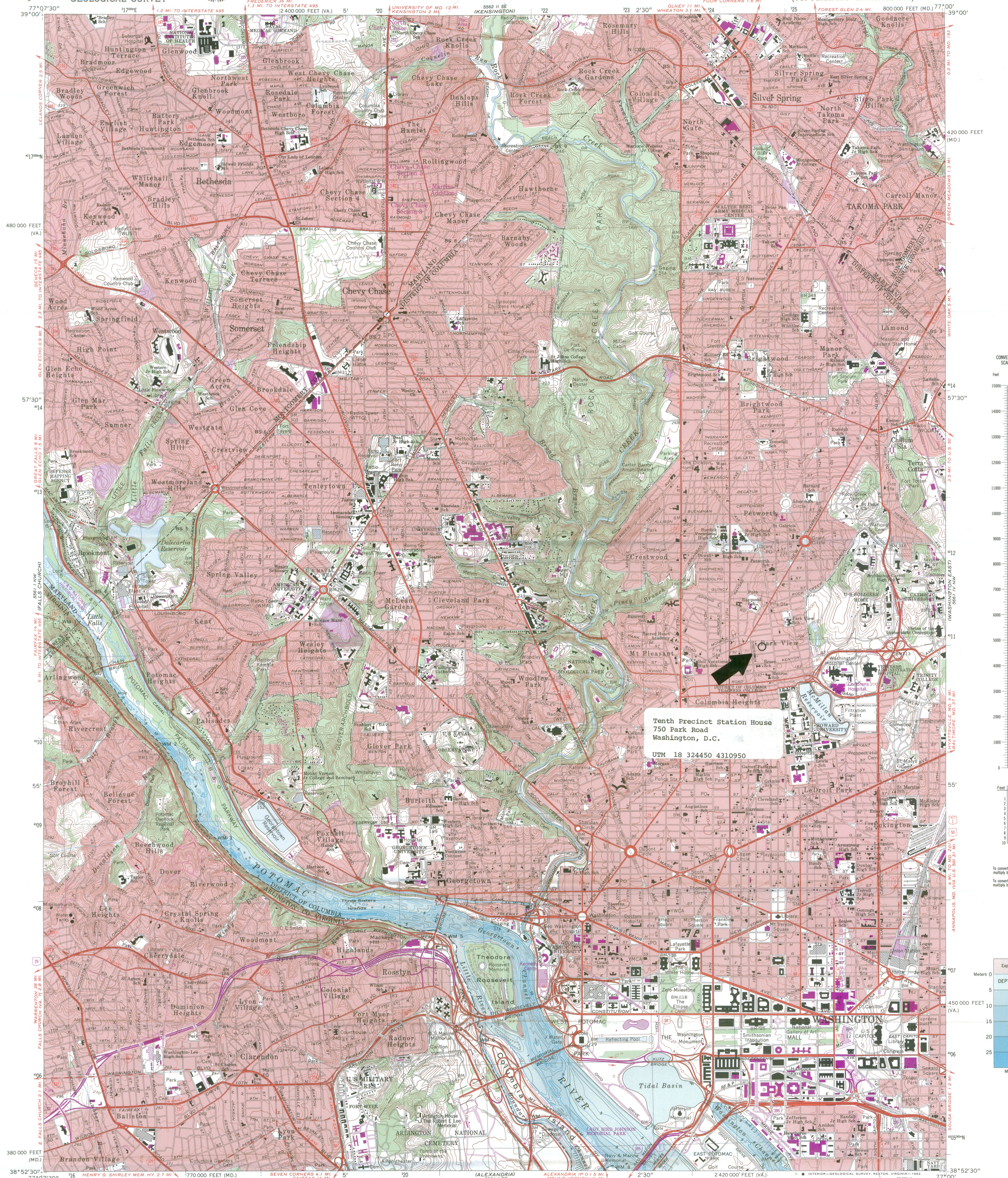
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The following Core Documentation is missing from this entry:

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Photographs (missing #1, 3-4)

USGS Map



Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey and the National Ocean Service
Control by USGS, NOS/NOAA, NCPs, and WSSC
Compiled by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1955. Field checked 1956. Revised 1965
Bathymetry compiled by the National Ocean Service from tide-coordinated hydrographic surveys. This information is not intended for navigational purposes
Mean low water (dotted) line and mean high water (heavy solid) line compiled by NOS from tide-coordinated aerial photographs. Apparent shoreline (outer edge of vegetation) shown by light solid line
Polyconic projection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on Maryland coordinate system, and Virginia coordinate system, north zone 1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid, zone 18 1927 North American Datum
To place on the predicted North American Datum 1983 move the projection lines 8 meters south and 26 meters west as shown by dashed corner ticks
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown. There may be private inholdings within the boundaries of the National or State reservations shown on this map
Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled in cooperation with Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from aerial photographs taken 1981 and other sources. This information not field checked
Map edited 1983
Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas

NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY INDEX

Survey Number	Survey Date	Survey Scale	Survey Line spacing (Naut. Miles)
H-9478	1977	1:5,000	01-08
H-9488	1976	1:5,000	01-05

SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 10 FEET
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929
BATHYMETRIC CONTOUR INTERVAL 1 METER WITH SUPPLEMENTARY 0.5 METER CONTOURS-DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 0.4 METER

BASE MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
BATHYMETRIC SURVEY DATA COMPLIES WITH INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION (IHO) SPECIAL PUBLICATION 44 ACCURACY STANDARDS
AND/OR STANDARDS USED AT THE DATE OF THE SURVEY
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092,
NATIONAL OCEAN SERVICE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20852,
AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA 22903
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty
- Light-duty
- Medium-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route
- U.S. Route
- State Route

WASHINGTON WEST, D.C.-MD.-VA.
38077-H1-TB-024
1965
PHOTOREVISED 1983
BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
DMA 5561 I NE-SERIES V833

UTM GRID AND 1983 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUILDING AND LAND REGULATION ADMINISTRATION



Ms. Carol Shull
Chief of Registration
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
U. S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Ms. Shull:

I am pleased to nominate the following properties for listing in the National Register of Historic Places--

1. Asbury United Methodist Church
11th & K Streets, N. W.
2. Embassy Building No. 10
3149 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
3. Evans-Tibbs House
1910 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
4. McLachlen Building
1001 G Street, N. W.
5. Southern Aid Society/ Dunbar Theatre Building
1901-1903 Seventh Street, N. W.
6. Tenth Precinct Station House
750 Park Road
7. 1644-1666 Park Road, N. W.

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The D. C. Historic Preservation Review Board has designated these properties Landmarks of the National Capital and recommended that I nominate them to the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Tanya Beauchamp of the Historic Preservation Division at 727-7360.

Sincerely,

Carol B. Thompson

Carol B. Thompson
State Historic Preservation Officer
for the District of Columbia

Enclosures