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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William H. Welch House

AND/OR COMMON

935 St. Paul Street

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

935 St. Paul Street

\_\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

3rd

STATE

Maryland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE  
02

COUNTY

CODE  
510

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John George

STREET & NUMBER

937 St. Paul Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore City Registry of Deeds

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

935 St. Paul Street, a residence of William H. Welch in Baltimore, Maryland, is a three story brick row house. The date of its construction and its builder are unknown. Although the house is a good example of a Baltimore row house, it does not appear to be of any major architectural importance in itself. The house is characterized by a flat front, a cornice with scrolled bracketing, and a double door entrance with pediment. The interior has been divided into seven small apartments.

William H. Welch lived at 935 St. Paul Street from approximately 1891 to 1908. (He lived at 807 St. Paul Street from 1908 until his death, but this building has been faced with permastone.) Welch, a life long bachelor, occupied the second floor. According to his Dictionary of American Biography biographer, his rooms were, "...overfilled with books, even the chairs being piled with them." <sup>1</sup> He took his meals at the Maryland Club or the University Club and the activities of the clubs were his chief source of entertainment.

The exterior integrity of 935 St. Paul Street is whole. A first floor small balcony with railing may have been added after the Welch period. The interior consists of apartments. The building is well maintained.

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<sup>1</sup>"William H. Welch," Dictionary of American Biography, 19, (New York, 1936), p. 623.

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# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1891-1908

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

William Henry Welch was born April 8, 1850, in Norfolk, Connecticut. Both his grandfather and father were physicians. At first the young William did not want to study medicine. After attending the Winchester Institute, he entered Yale in 1866 to study the classics. He graduated from Yale in 1870. After teaching Latin and Greek for a year, he decided to follow in his father's footsteps and study medicine. Welch first attended Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons and then transferred to the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale to study chemistry for a year. In 1872 he returned to Columbia and in 1875 received a degree in medicine. During his years at Columbia and Yale Welch's teachers stimulated his interest in research. At the time Europe was the center of research in the biological disciplines related to medicine. Like others before him Welch decided to spend several years in Europe studying at the major universities. Between 1875 and 1878 he studied at Strassburg, Leipzig, Breslau, and Vienna and in addition attended lectures in Paris and London. It was a "grand tour" for an aspiring medical scientist. In Germany and France Welch had the opportunity to meet and study with some of the greatest names in 19th century physiology and medicine including Paul Ehrlich and Robert Koch.

After returning to New York in 1878 Welch spent the next five years conducting research and teaching out of a small laboratory at Bellevue Hospital. The small facility was the first pathological laboratory in the United States. Declining an offer to teach pathology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Welch spent these years diagnosing pathological material discovered during autopsies and demonstrating anatomy.

In 1883 on the recommendation of John Shaw Billings Johns Hopkins University invited Welch to join its faculty as professor of pathology. Welch's acceptance symbolized the beginning of a new era in American medicine. Before assuming his new responsibilities, Welch in 1884 traveled to Europe for a second time to study the new advances in bacteriology and immunization being made by Koch, Ehrlich, and Karl Flugge. His exchanges with these men

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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"William Henry Welch," Dictionary of American Biography, 19, (New York, 1936).

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mr. James Sheire, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Historic Sites Survey - National Park Service

DATE

8/6/75

STREET & NUMBER

1100 L Street NW.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL XX

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.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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so stimulated him that Welch decided to make the study of bacteriology his central research interest. Back in Baltimore he went to work on building a research center on the German model. Among the first scientists he attracted to the school were William S. Halsted and George H. F. Nuttall. As the program grew with the opening of a hospital in 1889 and the beginning of the school of medicine in 1893, Welch helped attract to Johns Hopkins such other outstanding medical figures as William Osler and John J. Abel. By the turn of the century Johns Hopkins was the country's finest medical institution.

Welch served as professor of pathology at Johns Hopkins from 1884 to 1916 and as pathologist to the Johns Hopkins Hospital from 1889 to 1916. When in 1918 the university established the famous Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Welch became its first director. He served in this capacity until his retirement in 1926. Retirement did not mean the end of Welch's interest in medicine. In 1926 the General Education Board endowed a chair of the history of medicine at Johns Hopkins and Welch was appointed its first occupant. From 1926 to 1931, when he retired for a second time, Welch devoted his energies to developing the William H. Welch Medical Library that housed the department of the history of medicine. After retiring in 1931 he continued to work with the library's collections until he was hospitalized with a terminal illness in 1933. He died in the Johns Hopkins Hospital on April 30, 1934.

In addition to his administrative, teaching, and research duties at Johns Hopkins, Welch also served medicine in numerous other ways. In 1900 when the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research being created, Welch played an influential role in determining its organization and policies and to the end of his life was chairman of its board of scientific directors. He also served as an advisor to the Carnegie Foundation. He was active in most of the prestigious medical societies and scientific organizations. He served as president of: the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons (1897), the Association of American Physicians (1901), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (1906), the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists (1906), the American Medical Association (1910), and the National Academy of Sciences (1913-16). In 1896 Welch established and until 1906 edited the Journal of Experimental Medicine,

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a new periodical created for the purpose of publishing papers dealing with research related to medical subjects. In 1915 he and other American scientists traveled to China to help draw up plans for the Peiping Union Medical College. Finally, Welch was active in the medical concerns of Maryland. From 1898 to 1922 he served as president of the state board of health and he often advised the city of Baltimore on matters of public health.

In his pioneering history of medicine in the United States, Richard H. Shryock says simply that William H. Welch, "...became the unofficial dean of American medical science."<sup>1</sup> As dean of American medical science Welch is remembered, first, for his work in pathology and bacteriology, and, second, for his contributions to the organization and institutionalization of medical research and education.

When Welch returned from Europe in 1878 after his first period of foreign study he was enthused with the idea of establishing in the United States European research methods and subjects. In his laboratory at Bellevue Welch combined the pathological anatomy of Rudolf Virchow with experimental pathology of Julius Cohnheim and the bacteriology of Robert Koch. Welch did pursue research and taught classes while at Bellevue and published numerous papers on pathological subjects. He did not, however, make any major or important scientific discoveries. In 1885 upon returning from more study in Europe, he turned his attentions to bacteriology. In this field he published many papers and reports and made an important contribution to bacteriology in the discovery of bacillus associated with gangrene. He also published several books of a textbook nature. These included General Pathology of Fever (1885), Bacteriology of the Surgical Infections (1895), and Thrombosis and Embolism (1899). In these works he demonstrated a remarkable knowledge of medical literature and the ability to present the most recent findings in a comprehensive and orderly fashion.

Welch's most significant contributions to American medicine were not the result of research in a laboratory or clinic. His major significance rests in his transmission of European research technique to the United States and in his planning and organization of institutions for both conducting

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research and educating a cadre of trained medical investigators. At Johns Hopkins he established a system of research and study within which specialized areas of investigation such as pathology and bacteriology became disciplines in their own right. Welch recognized the ever increasing specialization of all scientific research and applied it to the study of medicine. Above all at Johns Hopkins with its school of medicine, and through his work with the Rockefeller Institute, he helped shape the basic institutions for studying and teaching medicine in the United States. Both the introduction of new research techniques and the creation of new institutions marked a very significant qualitative improvement in American medicine.

Welch illustrated the final phase of America's dependence on Europe for scientific stimulation and guidance. From approximately 1860 to 1895 Americans were dependent on Europe and especially Germany for the major advances in medicine. Beginning in 1895 the United States emerged on a cultural level of equality and mutual interdependence with European medicine. William H. Welch began his career during the period of dependence. By the time of his death in 1934 Americans were making contributions to medicine on a par with their European colleagues. As unofficial dean of American medical research Welch helped in a major way to bring about this transformation in the quality of physiology and medicine in the United States.

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William H. Welch House, Baltimore, Maryland

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935 St. Paul Street

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN  
Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Baltimore

**3 PHOTO REFERENCE**

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DATE OF PHOTO 1975

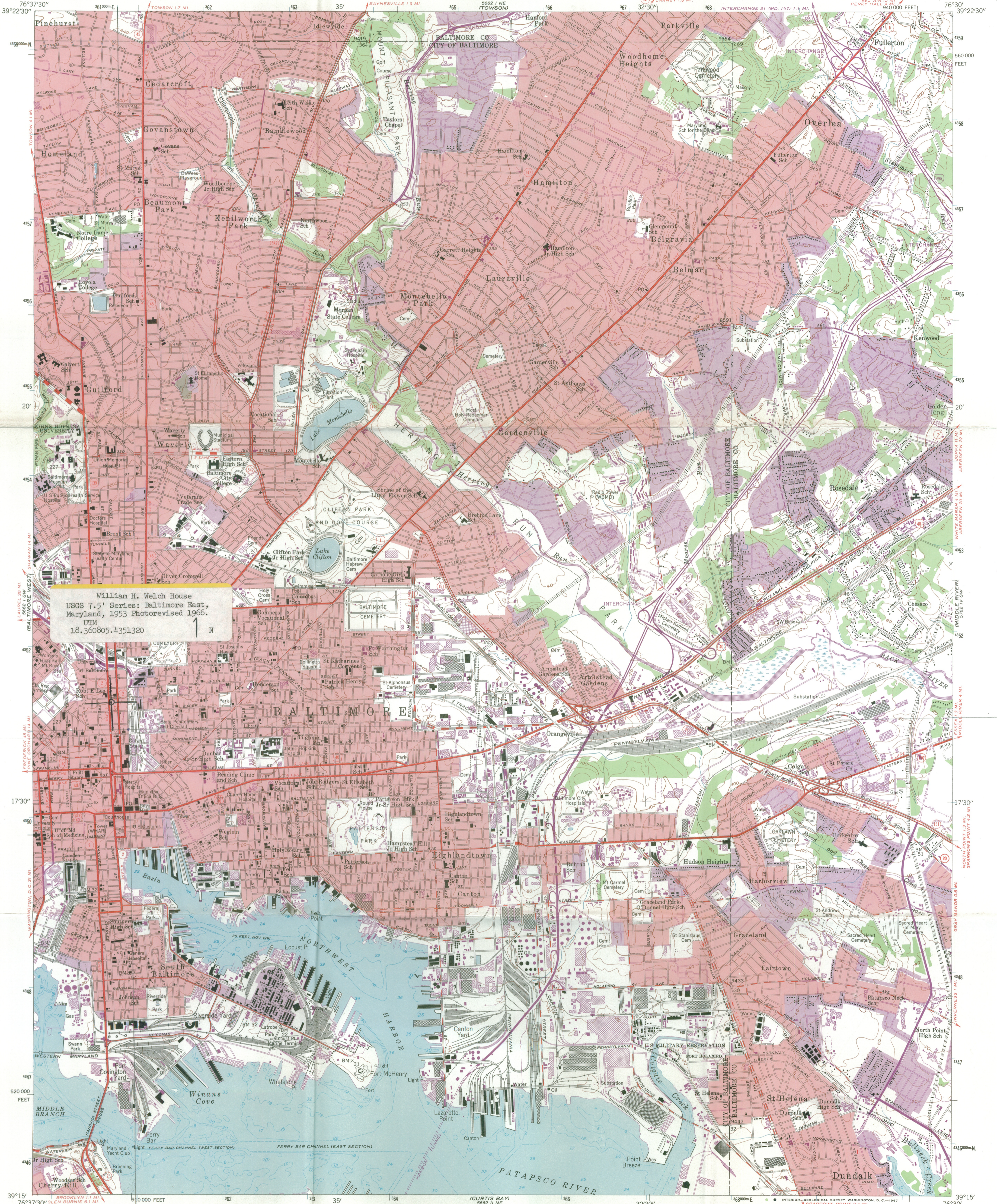
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**4 IDENTIFICATION**

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. IF DISTRICT, GIVE BUILDING NAME & STREET

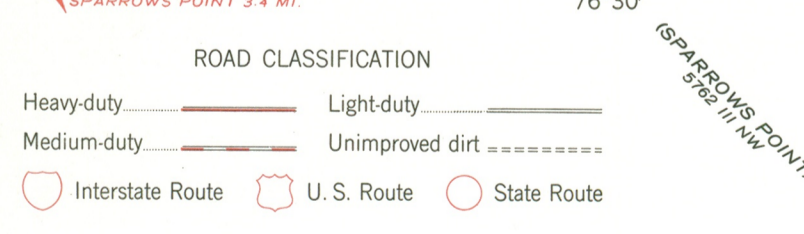
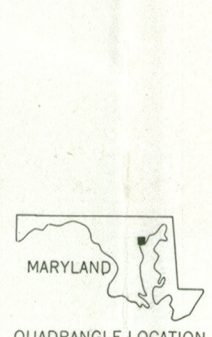
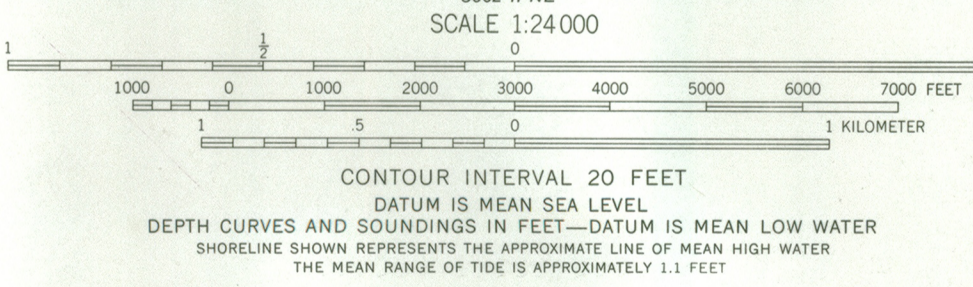
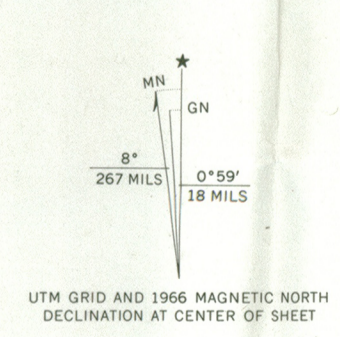
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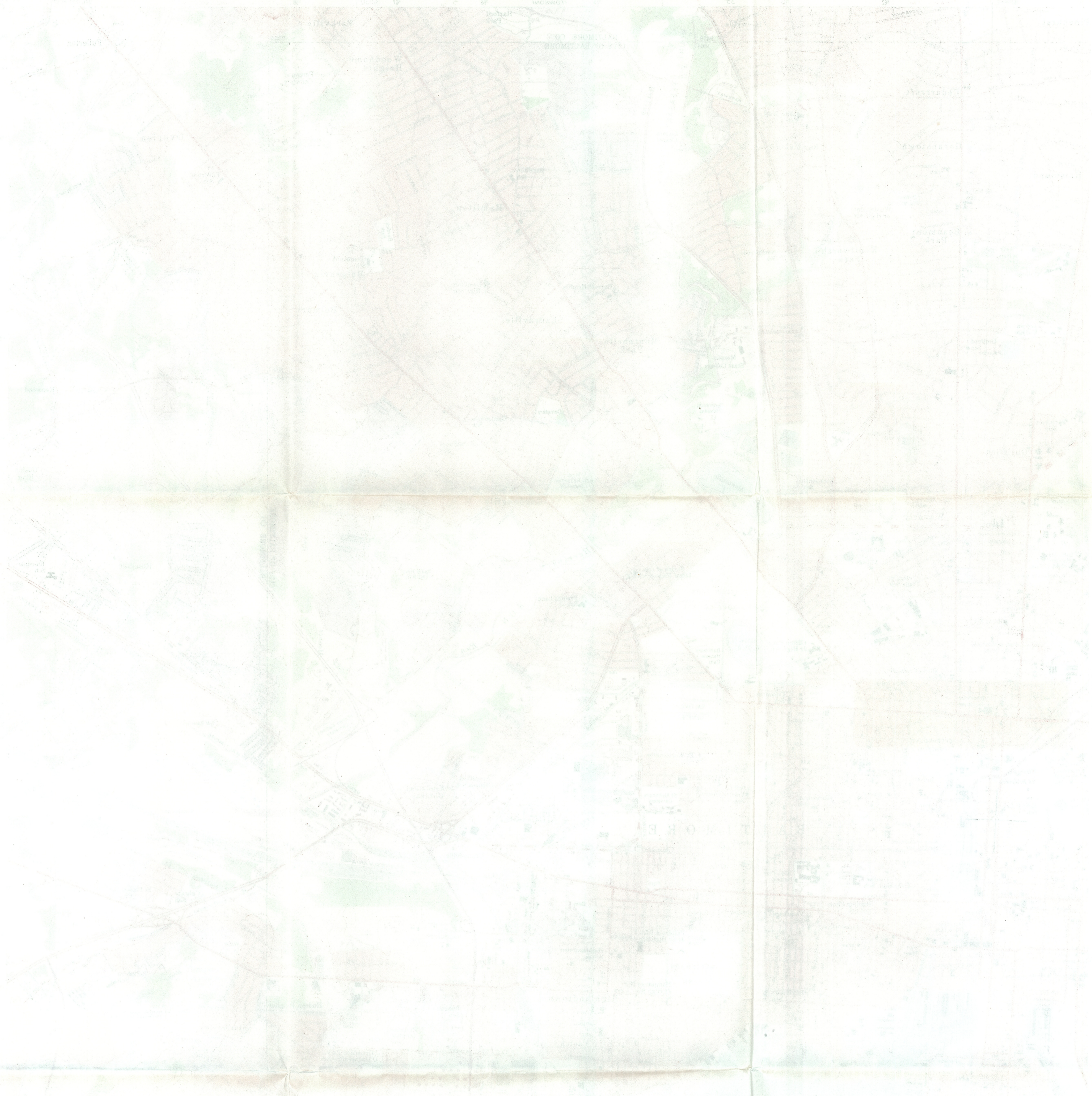
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 18, shown in blue  
Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown  
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Purple tint indicates extension of urban areas



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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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HISTORIC William H. Welch House

AND/OR COMMON 935 St. Paul Street

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF COUNTY STATE  
Baltimore Baltimore Maryland

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE USGS 7.5' Series: Baltimore East Quadrangle

SCALE 1:24,000 DATE 1953 Photorevised 1966

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

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*H. J. Sheely 1/9/76*



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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The Secretary of the Interior

Thomas S. Kleppe

is pleased to inform you that the historic properties in your State described in the enclosed brief summaries have been found to possess national significance in commemorating the history of the United States. On the recommendation of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments these properties have been designated national historic landmarks. We hope this action will be of interest to you and your constituents.

Also enclosed are leaflets explaining in detail the historic preservation programs of the National Park Service. National historic landmark status automatically enrolls the property on the National Register of Historic Places and extends to it the safeguards provided by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Recognition of the property's significance as a landmark is accorded by certificates and bronze plaques which are provided free of charge to the owners or administrators of these properties upon their agreement to adhere to simple preservation practices. The Director of the National Park Service will shortly notify the owners about these benefits and provide them with the appropriate agreement forms.

The owners of these properties are to be commended for preserving these significant examples of our Nation's cultural heritage for the education and enjoyment of all our citizens.

Enclosures

Hon. Charles McC. Mathis, Jr.  
Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr.  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM H. WELCH HOUSE, MD.  
ELMER V. McCOLLUM HOUSE, MD.

Hon. Parren J. Mitchell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM H. WELCH HOUSE  
ELMER V. McCOLLUM HOUSE

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FNP:HJ Sheely:kr 11/26/75  
bcc: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region  
PS-Sheely



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

The Director of the National Park Service

Gary Everhardt

is pleased to inform you that the historic property described briefly in the enclosure has been found to possess national significance in commemorating the history of the United States and has, therefore, been designated a national historic landmark.

The purpose of landmark designation is to recognize nationally significant sites and to encourage their owners to preserve them. Landmarks are chosen through studies prepared by the National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings; evaluated by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments; and approved by the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with the Historic Sites Act of 1935.

Recognition of the property's significance as a landmark is accorded by certificates and bronze plaques which are provided free of charge to the owners or administrators of these properties upon their agreement to adhere to simple preservation practices which would satisfy the criteria for continuing eligibility. These are set forth in the enclosed leaflet. We will be pleased to provide a certificate and bronze plaque. Enclosed are copies of the agreement. The form should be completed in triplicate and two copies returned to the National Park Service. The third copy may be retained for your records.

National historic landmark status automatically enrolls the property on the National Register of Historic Places. Under the provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, entry on the National Register provides each property with safeguards against damage by Federal undertakings and fulfills one qualification for participation in a grant-in-aid program to assist in its preservation. Further information is contained in the enclosed leaflet describing the National Register.

We are pleased to include this property among the sites already designated national historic landmarks.

Mr. John George  
937 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

WILLIAM H. WELCH HOUSE, MARYLAND

FNP:HJ Sheely:kr 12/17/75  
bcc: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region  
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15 Jan 1976  
(Date)

Mr. Gary Everhardt  
Director  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Everhardt:

As the (owner, owners) of William H. Welch House  
(Name of site)

located in Baltimore Maryland  
(City) (County) (State)

(I,we) hereby accept your offer of a certificate  and a bronze plaque, 17" x 18" , formally marking this historic property a national historic landmark. (Check one or both as desired.)

1. Fully conscious of the high responsibility to the Nation that goes with the ownership and care of a property classified as having national significance and worthy of national historic landmark status, (I,we) agree to preserve, so far as practicable and to the best of (my,our) ability, the historical values that will satisfy the criteria for continuing significance.
2. Toward this end, (I,we) agree to continue to use the property only for purposes consistent with its historical character.
3. (I,we) agree to permit an annual visit to the property by a representative of the National Park Service, as a basis for continuing landmark status.
4. If, for any reason, the three conditions mentioned above cannot continue to be met, it is agreed that the national historic landmark status shall cease and that until such status is restored by the Secretary of the Interior, neither the national historic landmark certificate nor the plaque will be displayed.

Sincerely yours,

*John M. George*

J. GEORGE  
935 ST PAUL STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD.  
21202



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January 22, 1976

Mr. John M. George  
935 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. George:

Thank you for the agreement of January 15, 1976, requesting the certificate and plaque designating the William H. Welch House, Baltimore, Maryland, as a national historic landmark. We are proceeding with the preparation of the certificate and plaque.

Our Mid-Atlantic Regional Office administers the National Historic Landmarks Program in Maryland. The Regional Director will inform you when the certificate and plaque for the William H. Welch House have been completed. Should you wish the help of the Service in arranging ceremonies for the presentation, he will be glad to assist you. His name and address is: Mr. Chester L. Brooks, Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, National Park Service, 143 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

We are pleased to know that you plan to accept designation as a national historic landmark for the William H. Welch House.

Sincerely yours,

Horace J. Sheely, Jr.  
Horace J. Sheely, Jr.  
Chief, Historic Sites  
Survey

**Enclosure**

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bcc: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region w/c application form  
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April 13, 1976

Mr. John M. George  
935 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. George:

The bronze Registered National Historic Landmark plaque and certificate, signed by Secretary of the Interior and Director of the National Park Service, for the William H. Welch House are now ready and in this office.

We would be happy to present them to you formally, perhaps on some appropriate occasion, mailing the plaque in advance of any ceremony. If I can be of assistance to you in planning the program please let me know. I may be reached by telephone at 215-597-9970.

Please let us know your wishes in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

John W. Bond  
Chief, Division of Resource  
Preservation

cc:  
Superintendent, Ft. McHenry  
Mr. H. Sheely, OAHP, WASO

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April 26, 1976

Mr. John M. George  
935 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. George:

It was good to hear from you with regards to your interest in obtaining the plaque and certificate for the William H. Welch House. We are sending both the certificate and plaque to you under separate cover. Ordinarily, only the plaque is mailed in advance for the recipient to have it mounted prior to a ceremony, if that is his wish, and the certificate is usually hand carried by the National Park Service Representative who is present for any official dedication service which is held for the Landmark recognition. In your case, both are being sent in advance of the ceremony. Should you desire an official presentation, the certificate would just need to be available for ceremony purposes. We would be glad to join you in whatever type of celebration you and the Hopkins Hospital may wish to have. At such time as your plans become finalized just let me know and I shall arrange for National Park Service representation.

If I can be any assistance please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

John W. Bond  
Chief, Division of  
Resource Preservation

Enclosures

under separate cover

cc:

Fort McHenry  
Mr. Sheely, OAHP-WASO

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July 9, 1976

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Mrs. Janet Martin  
624 North Broadway  
Room 433  
Baltimore, Maryland 21205

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I enjoyed talking to you the other day about the landmark dedication service for the William H. Welch House tentatively planned for September 23, 1976. Enclosed are materials relating to the house and Dr. Welch. As indicated in the copy of the enclosed letter to Mr. John M. George, owner of the company, both the plaque and certificate have been mailed to Mr. George. The certificate should be made available to the National Park Service representative at the time of the ceremony, so that he can officially present it to Mr. George or whomever Mr. George may select.

As soon as the details for the program have been worked out I will appreciate hearing from you so as to plan for the National Park Service participation in the program. As I mentioned on the phone, these ceremonies vary considerably in their elaborateness; some are very informal while others are more structured and involve the participation of a broader range of Government and local officials.

If I can be of further assistance to you in planning the ceremony please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Signed

John W. Bond  
Chief, Division of  
Resource Preservation

Enclosures

cc:  
Mr. John M. George  
Mr. H. Sheely, OAHP- WASO

K.P. Ross 9/20/76  
N.J. Sheely for P.S.  
9/20/76

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# United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
H3417-PS

September 20, 1976

The Director of the National Park Service

Gary Everhardt

is pleased to inform you of a ceremony formally marking the national landmark listed below. A National Park Service representative will present the landmark certificate and bronze plaque recognizing this as a nationally significant property in our Nation's heritage, and it will be listed automatically on the National Register of Historic Places. Plans and arrangements for the landmark presentation program are the prerogative of the owner of the property. The National Park Service is glad to cooperate in such activities when requested to do so. Pertinent facts about the ceremony follow. Please let us know if we may supply further information.

Name of property:	William H. Welch House
Location:	935 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Maryland
Date of ceremony:	September 23, 1976
Time and place:	10:00 a.m., at the site
Presentor:	Mr. Dennis McGinnis, Superintendent, Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine
Recipient:	Mr. John George, owner of landmark
Guests:	Dr. Richard Ross, Director, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland
Remarks:	Ceremony is to be very informal.

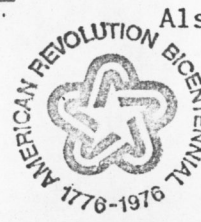
Also notified: Senators Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. and J. Glenn Beall, Jr.

SIMILAR LETTER BEING SENT TO:  
Hon. Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. Hon. Parren J. Mitchell  
Hon. J. Glenn Beall, Jr. House of Representatives  
United States Senate Washington, D.C.  
Washington, D.C.

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HP - Maryland - William H. Welch House  
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FNP:KP Ross:mdw 9/20/76  
bcc: FW-Mr. Richard Rodgers, Room 3144  
Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region  
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In Reply Refer To:

Memorandum

To: Director  
Attn: Associate Director, Professional Services

From: Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region

Subject: Landmark Presentation, William H. Welch House,  
Baltimore, Maryland

Date: September 23, 1976

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: 935 St. Paul Street

Presentor: Dennis McGinnis, Superintendent,  
Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine

Presentee: Mr. John George, owner of Landmark

Plaque: at site

Certificate: at site

Guests: Dr. Richard Ross, Director, School of Medicine,  
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Remarks: Ceremony is to be very informal, held in the  
historic house, itself.

*Chester L. Brooks*

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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service  
 Department of the Interior

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK STATUS REPORT: 1978

I. General Background

1. Official Landmark name: WILLIAM H. WELCH HOUSE  
 Address: 935 ST. PAUL ST. (Within Mt Vernon Place)  
BALTIMORE, MD. 21202 (Historic District)
2. Name, address, phone number of the Landmark owner: MR. JOHN GEORGE  
937 ST. PAUL STREET 301-685-1504  
BALTIMORE MD. 21202
3. Name, title, address, and phone number of person responsible for the management of the Landmark: (If same as person in number 2, write 'same').  
SAME
4. Name, title, address and phone number of additional person(s) contacted about this Landmark: MRS NANCY MILLER (301-269-2438)  
OVER DEPUTY STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER  
21 STATE CIRCLE ANNAPOLIS MD 21401
5. Name, region and phone number of HCERS official preparing report:  
KATHLEEN GROSS NORTHEAST 597-7387
6. Date of this report: 20 JUNE 1978

II. Condition and Maintenance of Buildings, Sites and Historic Districts  
 (If Landmark is visited, provide photographs (or slides) of serious problems or possible threats)

1. Architectural or Engineering Features

- a. What is the general physical condition? \_\_\_ excellent ✓ good  
\_\_\_ needs repairs (explain)
- b. Are there any obvious structural problems or water related problems?  
✓ no \_\_\_ yes (describe)
- c. Are there planned future building alterations or new construction?  
✓ no \_\_\_ yes (explain)
- d. Are there historic interior furnishings present? \_\_\_ yes ✓ no  
 Are they well cared for? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (explain)  
 Will they be retained? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (explain)
- e. Is there historic machinery or equipment present? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no  
 Is it well cared for? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (explain)  
 Will it be retained? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no (explain)

2. Environmental, Battlefield, Natural and Archeological Features

- a. What is the general condition of the site?  excellent  good  
 needs repairs (explain)
- b. Are there visible archeological ruins, remains or artifacts?  yes  no  
Are they well cared for?  yes  no (explain)
- c. Has there been recent site disturbance, digging, or construction?  
 no  yes (explain)
- d. Are there plans for future site work or construction?  
 no  yes (explain)

3. Historic District Features

- a. What is the general physical condition of the buildings, roadways, and other historic features of the district?  excellent  good  
 needs repair (explain)
- b. In general, what is the level of construction activity in the district?  
 high construction activity  moderate  low
- c. Is there a local design review board, historic district commission, or other governmental body which reviews construction activity in the district?  yes  no

III. Building, Site, or Historic District Integrity

- 1. Are there any conditions on the lands adjacent to the Landmark that might result in serious impairment, diminishment, or destruction of Landmark resources, character, and/or significance?  no  yes (explain)
- 2. Has there been an introduction of visual, audible, or atmospheric elements that are out of character with the property and its setting?  
 no  yes (explain)
- 3. Are there any potential threats (i.e., highways, adjacent construction, zoning changes, etc.) likely to occur in the future?  no  yes (explain)
- 4. Is there any urgency regarding any of the threats?  no  yes (explain)

5. Does the owner show interest in the long term preservation of the landmark?  
 no  yes (explain)

IV. Supplementary Information

1. Does the Landmark have a plaque?  yes  no  
Is it displayed?  yes  no *unknown*
2. Has an agreement form been submitted?  yes  no  
If no, does the owner wish to sign an agreement with HCRS?  yes  no

V. Comments

# NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

1 NAME as it appears on federal register: Welch, William H., House 2 OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 date of entry: 1-7-76 4 county code: 510

5 LOCATION street & number 935 St. Paul St. city / town Baltimore vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ state MD county Balt. city 6 NPS REGION: Mid-Atlantic

7 OWNER  PRIVATE  STATE  MUNICIPAL  COUNTY  MULTIPLE  FEDERAL (agency name) \_\_\_\_\_ 8 ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_

9 EXISTING SURVEYS  HABS  HAER  NHL 10 FUNDED?  YES  NO 11 CONGRESS. DISTRICT 3 12 SOURCE of NOMINATION  STATE  FEDERAL NPS if state who prepared form? NPS

13 WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO 14 WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK?  YES, NAME \_\_\_\_\_  NO 15 ACREAGE 2.1  LOCAL  PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

16 CONDITION  excellent  deteriorated  altered  original site  ruins  unaltered  moved  good  unexposed  reconstructed  unknown  fair  unexcavated  excavated

17 features: INTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-4  NOT APPLICABLE-7 EXTERIOR  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-5  NOT APPLICABLE-8 ENVIRONS  SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3  NOT INTACT-0  UNKNOWN-6  NOT APPLICABLE-9

18 ACCESS  YES - Restricted  YES - Unrestricted  No Access  Unknown 19 ADAPTIVE USE  YES  NO 20 SAVED?  YES  NO IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT?  yes  no

21 AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:  ARCHEOLOGY - prehistoric-2  COMMERCE-6  ENTERTAINMENT-26  LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15  POLITICS / GOVT.-21  RECREATION-28  ARCHEOLOGY - historic-1  COMMUNICATIONS-7  EXPLORATION-12  LAW-16  RELIGION-22  SETTLEMENT-29  AGRICULTURE-3  CONSERVATION-8  HEALTH-27  LITERATURE-17  SCIENCE-23  URBAN PLANNING-31  ARCHITECTURE-4  ECONOMICS-9  INDUSTRY-13  MILITARY-18  SOCIAL / HUMANITARIAN-24  OTHER (SPECIFY) \_\_\_\_\_  ART-5  EDUCATION-10  INVENTION-14  MUSIC-19  SOCIAL / CULTURAL-30  TRANSPORTATION-25

22 CLAIMS: explain 'first'  'oldest'  'only'  23 functions WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT: private residence CURRENTLY: (apartments) 24 dates of initial construction: 3rd quarter 19th C major alterations: Late 19th C historic events: 1891 - 1908 Residence of Welch 25 ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION \_\_\_\_\_

26 architectural style(s): Italianate (row house) 27 architect: \_\_\_\_\_ 28 master builder: \_\_\_\_\_ 29 engineer: \_\_\_\_\_

30 landscape architect / garden designer: \_\_\_\_\_ 31 interior decorator: \_\_\_\_\_ 32 artist: \_\_\_\_\_ 33 artisan: \_\_\_\_\_ 34 builder / contractor: \_\_\_\_\_

35 NAMES give role & date PERSONAL: William Henry Welch (1850-1934) - noted physician whose contributions to Am. medical science included the extensive work in pathology + bacteriology, the development of both the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene + Public Health and the Wm H. Welch Medical Library, and the transference of European medical research + education techniques to the U.S. EVENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ INSTITUTIONAL: \_\_\_\_\_

36 NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP Brick, 3 stories over basement, rectangular, flat roof, 1st story paired entrances with console hood raised over <sup>7/16 in</sup> stone stoops, stone sills and molded lintels, projecting cornice with attenuated scroll brackets, iron railing at 1st story windows. Italianate row house. Residence of William Henry Welch whose vast contributions to American Medical Science included extensive work in pathology and bacteriology, the development of both the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health and the William Henry Welch Medical Library, and the transference of

36) European medical research and education techniques to U.S. medical institutions. W.H.L.