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Powell/Crutchfield House

22A Martin's Lane, Rockville

Private

Built: 1882-1897

This house was constructed somewhere between 1882 and 1897 on property which at that time had been in the Ross-Powell family for a generation. Enlarged in the 1920s, the house is a well-preserved example of a late-nineteenth century homestead originally in a semi-rural setting but now urban. Heirs of Jane Carroll and Alfred Ross still occupy the property.

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DOE ☐ yes ☒ noNR eligible: ☒ yes ☐ no
Contrib. element in H.D. ☒

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Powell/Crutchfield House

and/or common Crutchfield House

2. Location

street & number 22A Martin's Lane ☐ not for publicationcity, town Rockville ☐ vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

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

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crutchfield

street & number P.O. Box 282 telephone no.: 762-2932

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

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 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

date Historic Sites Inventory 1976 federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Derwood 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.

This property is a well-preserved example of a late-nineteenth century homestead house originally in a semi-rural area, but now in an urban setting. Although the outbuildings are now gone, the berry patch, old orchard and fruit trees, and garden are extant and the location of the well, chicken house and hog lot are marked on a survey map. (See Attachment 7.2)

The subject, a well maintained vernacular house, faces east to North Washington but is accessed from a parking apron and lane west of the house and yard which proceeds north to Martin's Lane. The house is sited on an interior lot, a part of the generational enclave of the Carroll/Ross/Powell/Crutchfield family. The original 1860s family house, currently unoccupied, is to the north of 22A. Related modern family residences, primarily one-story brick ramblers and ranch houses, are to the north and south. The house is sited at the rear of the narrow, deep half-acre lot at the crest of a hill, formerly creating a sweeping view of lawn, garden, and orchard from North Washington Street. The view is now obscured by a townhouse development.

Built in the late 19th century, this 2-1/2 story frame four-bay by one-bay vernacular house with rear kitchen wing is L-shaped. The main block north bay is an early 20th century addition. The tri-gabled roof is clad in composition shingles and the exterior finish is a large-pebbled stucco painted white. There are two plain brick chimneys, an interior one at the junction of the blocks and an exterior chimney on the northwest facade of the main block. The foundation is rusticated concrete block which is exposed on the east side.

Typical of vernacular houses, 22A's character is formed by its simple block mass and (original) symmetrical fenestration rather than ornamentation. The windows vary, but 2/2 double sash windows flanked by wooden louvered shutters, are original and first story windows are longer than second story windows. Door and window surrounds are plain unmitred stock, now nearly flush with the stucco.

The four-bay east (front) second story facade has four evenly-spaced windows. There is an exterior six-light wooden door with a two-light

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Architectural Description
22A Martin's Lane

transom in the south bay, a longer window in the south center bay, a six-light wood exterior door in the north center bay and another window in the north bay. There is a full-width shed-roofed one-story porch supported with six turned wooden columns on brick piers. The posts are now covered with plain stock boards which form frames for screen panels. There is no balustrade or steps. Lattice panels fill the area between the piers.

The one-bay main block north facade is quite simple. The attic gable has one four-light sash, and there is one 2/2 window centered on both second and first story. There are two three light basement lights in the foundation.

The one-bay south facade is like the north. It has a small four-light sash in the attic peak, and one window centered on each story. There is a very small opening to the west of the first floor window which may have had another small sash. There is one basement window in the foundation.

The three-bay west (rear) facade is formed from the north bay of the main block, the 2-1/2 story kitchen wing, and a two-story porch (now enclosed), on the north facade of the kitchen. The main block has an exterior brick chimney near the north corner, followed by a window on both first and second floor.

The kitchen wing has an enclosed two-story porch on the north side. The two-bay porch north facade, second story, has one 6/6 window and the first story has two 6-light single sashes of different sizes in the east bay. The porch sashes and windows have a slightly arched surround over the lintel, as does the modern exterior door in the west bay. The west facade has a two-light sash with arched surround in the second story porch and a six-light sash in the first story. The kitchen wing proper has a small four-light sash in the gable peak, one 2/2 window centered on the second story and a pair of small 6/6 windows slightly north of center on the first story. A door-sized area north of the pair appears to have been filled, as does the area around the windows. The south facade of the kitchen wing has one window first and second story with a very small opening, probably a small sash window, east of the main window on the first story.

Outbuildings

Garage: There is a one-bay frame garage southwest of the house opening to the east, accessed by the asphalt lane and parking apron.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
☐ prehistoric	☐ archeology-prehistoric	☐ community planning	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 1400-1499	☐ archeology-historic	☐ conservation	☐ law	☐ science
☐ 1500-1599	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ literature	☐ sculpture
☐ 1600-1699	☒ architecture	☐ education	☐ military	☐ social/
☐ 1700-1799	☐ art	☐ engineering	☐ music	☐ humanitarian
☒ 1800-1899	☐ commerce	☐ exploration/settlement	☐ philosophy	☐ theater
☐ 1900-	☐ communications	☐ industry	☐ politics/government	☐ transportation
		☐ invention		☒ other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1882-97 local history
Builder/Architect None

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.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was constructed somewhere between 1882 and 1897 on property which at that time had already been in the Ross-Powell family for a generation.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.2
ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.2

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Alfred Ross and his wife Jane Carroll Ross had both been slaves or servants in the Beall household on Commerce Lane, purchasing the house in which they resided from Margaret Beall in 1871 (see MHT form M:26/16/1, 22 Martin's Lane). They had five children born between 1855 and 1861, one of whom was Flora, who was born in 1856. 1/

Flora Ross married Adam J. Powell in 1882; 2/ in that year and in 1885 the Powells purchased two parcels of land from Margaret Beall just south of the Ross family property. 3/ They constructed the south section of the subject house somewhere between that time and 1897. 4/

Adam Powell died on May 14, 1898, and was buried in Haiti Cemetery nearby. Flora Powell remained in the house, earning a living by taking in laundry. Sometime in the 1920s, 5/ Mrs. Powell doubled the size of the house with a large north addition; the contractor was a white man named Lambert who lived near First Street.

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Statement of Significance/ History (continued):
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Flora Powell appears to have been a shrewd businesswoman. By the division of her father's estate in 1893, she received a 7943.8 square foot lot. 6/ Later she purchased several lots in Rockville, some with buildings on them; she owned a parcel on North Washington Street at Middle Lane. In 1926 Mrs. Powell purchased her parents' old home at 22 Martin's Lane from the heirs of her sister Maria Elizabeth Ross Scott; she sold it with an acre of land to her daughter Gertrude and husband George N. Prather the following year. 7/ Flora Powell died on September 19, 1945. Mrs. Prather, later Mrs. McKnight, lived at #22 Martin's Lane and then a new brick rambler constructed in 1967 nearby (409 McLane Court) until she died in 1974.

Gertrude and George Prather's daughter, Frances, and her husband Henry Crutchfield were married in 1931. Mr. Crutchfield had grown up on Middle Lane in Rockville; he worked for a family on Falls Road, then at Judd & Detweiler's print shop in Washington for many years before his retirement. 8/ Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield and their family lived at 22 Martin's Lane until Flora Powell died in 1945. They then moved from 22 to 22A Martin's Lane, living with Mrs. Crutchfield's mother, Gertrude Prather McKnight, until she moved next door to 409 McLane Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crutchfield continue to live in the house constructed by Mrs. Crutchfield's grandparents, on land which has been in this Rockville family for four generations.

Footnotes:

1. U.S. Census Records.
2. Montgomery County Marriage Records.
3. Montgomery County Land Records, EBP27/255 (1882)-cost \$60 for 1/2 acre; JA3/91 (1885) - cost \$11.25 for 9 square perches (2025 square feet).
4. Montgomery County Assessment Records, 1885-1897; The first explicit reference is 1897: "Adam J. Powell, col'd, Martin's Lane 1/2 A. \$75 land \$250 improvement" also "\$65 livestock, \$50 furniture, \$40 other property."
5. Ibid, 1923, Adam J. Powell's heirs - \$1200 dwelling.
6. Land Records, op.cit., JA40/332 (1893).
7. Montgomery County Equity Records, Equity 4635; Land Records, 434/288.
8. Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crutchfield, 1988.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Tax, Marriage and Equity Records. U.S. Census Records. Interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crutchfield, 1988. Deets and Maddox Atlas, 1916.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____ c. 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of "Exchange and New Exchange Enlarged".

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

organization	Eileen McGuckian / Judy Christensen	date
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city or town	P.O. Box 4262	state
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Rockville	Maryland, 20850
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Settlement/Political
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:

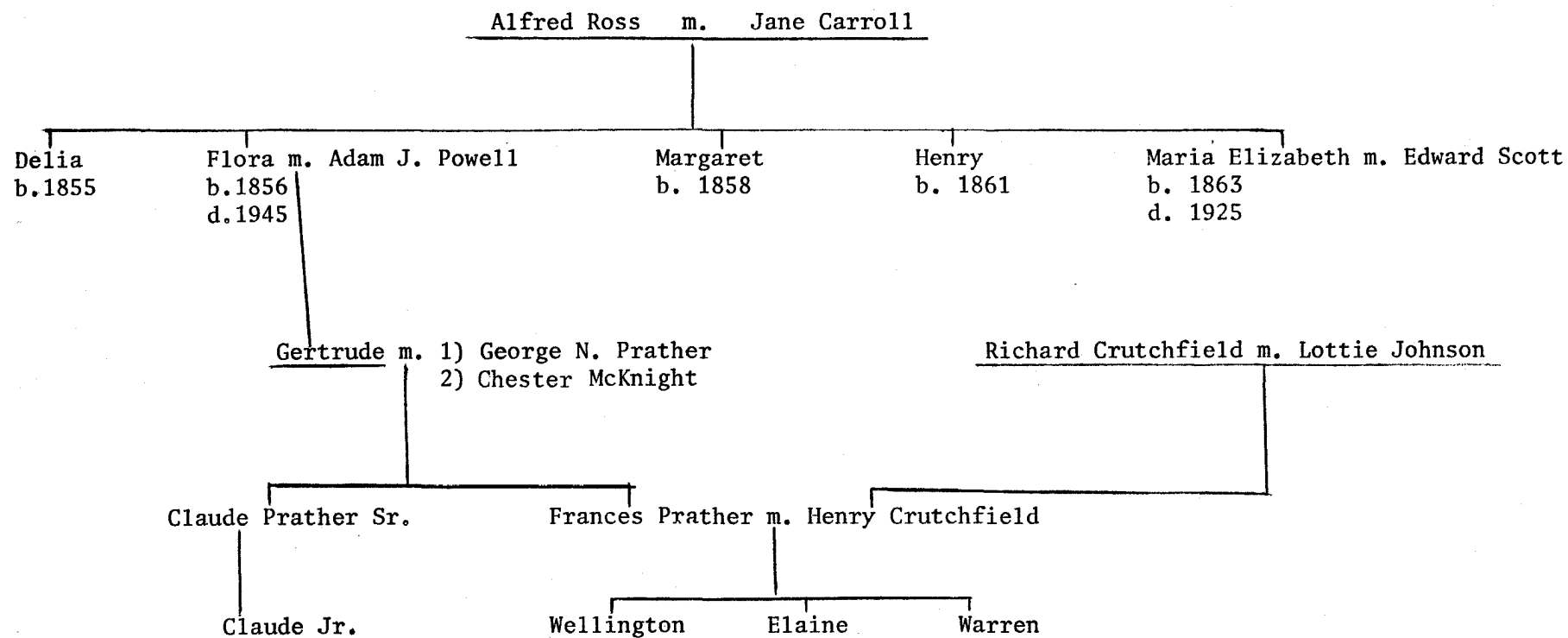
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Setting: Urban
Historic Function(s) or Use(s): Domestic/Single Family/Residence
Known Design Source: None

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, Rockville
2. Chronological Period(s):
Maturation and Expansion of the County Seat A.D.1873-1931
3. Historic Context Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
Community Planning (Black History); Social/Educational/Cultural
4. Resource Type:
Category : Building
Setting: Urban
Historic Function(s) or Use: Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence
Known Design Source: None

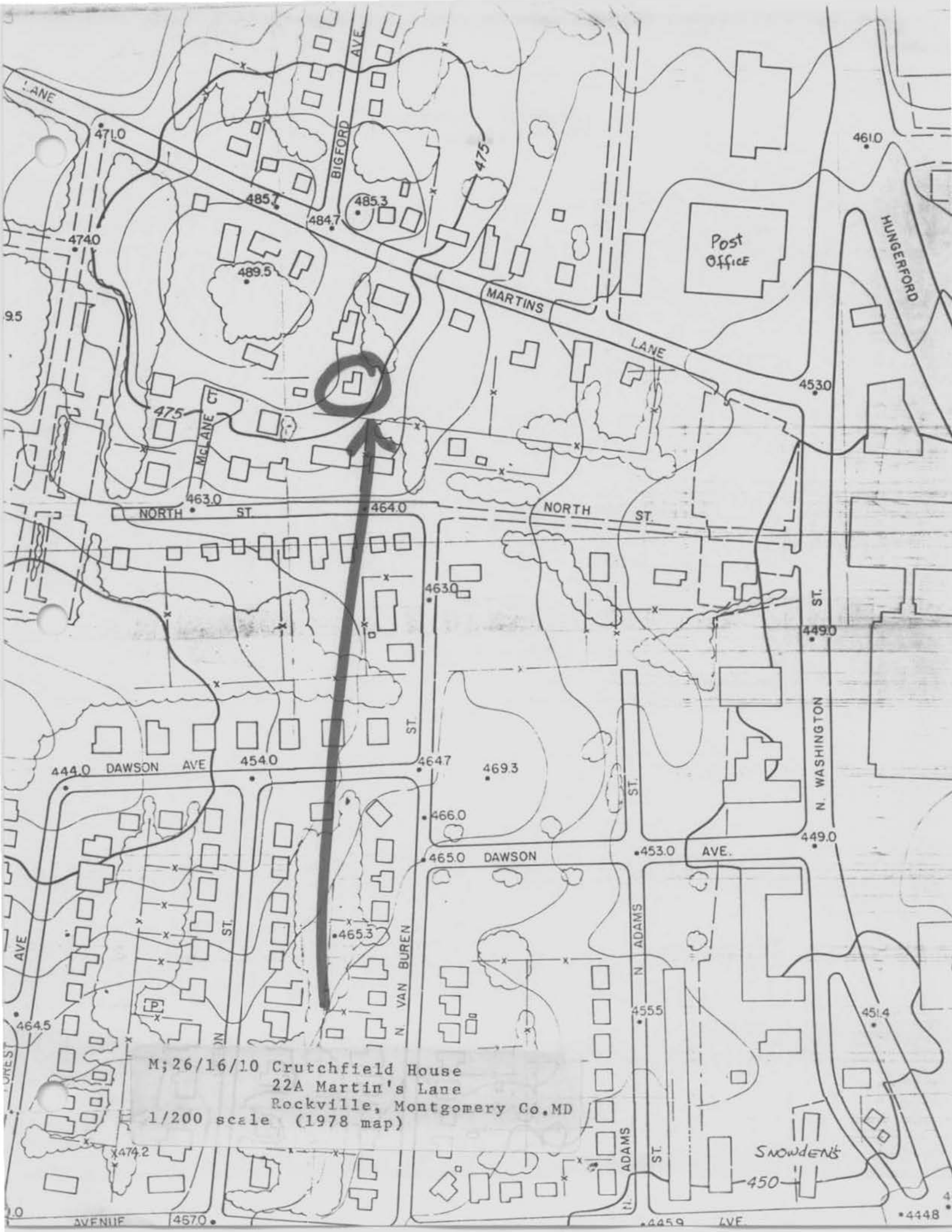
ROSS - POWELL - PRATHER - CRUTCHFIELD FAMILY

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Attachment 8.3



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22A Martins Lane
East (front) facade

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22 A Martins Lane
Rockville Md.

West elevation

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