IN RE: PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING
W/S of Grave Run Road, 600' SW centerline of Resh Mill Road
5th Election District

3rd Councilmanic District (19406 Grave Run Road)

Stephen J. & Valerie A. Zemanek Petitioners BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* CASE NO. 00-077-SPH

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Administrative Special Hearing filed by the owners of the subject property, Stephen & Valerie Zemanek. The Petitioners seek a waiver pursuant to Sections 26-171, 26-172(b), 26-203(C)(8) and Section 26-278 of the Baltimore County Code to raze an existing structure which is situated on property located at 19406 Grave Run Road in the Hampstead area of Baltimore County. The structure to be razed is contained on the Maryland Historic Trust Inventory as BA-543 and is known as the "Foulk House". The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was marked as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1.

As noted above, the Petitioners filed the instant request through a Petition for Administrative Hearing. The administrative hearing process is similar to the administrative variance process set out in Section 26-127 of the Baltimore County Code whereby the Deputy Zoning Commissioner is permitted to grant variance relief without a public hearing in certain cases. Specifically, that section provides that upon request for an administrative variance from an owner, occupant of residential property, the property in question is posted with notice of the variance relief sought for a period of fifteen (15) days. During that time, any interested party who owns or occupies property within 1,000 ft. of the lot in question may request that a public hearing be held before the Zoning Commissioner to determine the appropriateness of the relief requested. If such a

request is filed, the matter is then scheduled for a public hearing at which time testimony and evidence are taken from all parties present and a decision rendered thereafter.

A similar process has been developed by the Director of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) for special hearing requests. Administrative special hearing relief is available to the owner/occupant of lots zoned residential. The administrative special hearing process is not found in Section 26-127 of the Baltimore County Code; however, its features are similar. The authority for the administrative special hearing process is set out in Section 26-171 and 26-172 of the Baltimore County Code. Those sections actually regulate the development review process in Baltimore County. Section 26-171 of the Code sets out limited exemptions from certain requirements of the development review process (i.e., Divisions 3, 4 and 5). Section 26-172 sets out waivers which might be granted by the Hearing Officer (i.e., Zoning Commissioner) or the Director of DPDM. Section 26-172(b) allows the Director of DPDM to waive the requirements of Section 26-203 (i.e., the development plan) and from the Hearing Officer's Hearing, under certain The Director of DPDM has designated the Hearing Officer to grant waivers and exemptions from Section 26-203 and 26-278. Section 26-203(C)(8) requires that the development plan contain the identification of any building, property or site which is included on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties, the County Preliminary or Final Landmarks List, the National Register of Historic Places, the Maryland Archaeological Survey, or, identification in any County Historic District or National Register District. Section 26-278 states that historic sites or structures identified on any of the lists referred to in Section 26-203(C)(8) must be preserved.

In this case, the Petitioner, Stephen Zemanek has filed a Petition for Administrative Special Hearing seeking approval to raze the historic structure located on his property. The subject property was posted with notice of this request. No hearing was requested on the matter therefore the case stands ready for a decision. The issue of whether to tear down this historic structure was

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brought to the attention of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. On September 9, 1999, the Commission reviewed the proposal to tear down this historic Foulk House. Apparently, the Petitioners are desirous of tearing down the old historic structure so that a new residence can be built on this lot. Inasmuch as the historic structure was once used as a dwelling it constitutes the only dwelling unit permitted to be located on this property. Therefore, in order for the Petitioners to construct a new home on this 16 acre parcel of property he must tear down what use to be the old dwelling.

However, as was suggested by the Landmarks Preservation Commission in their comment dated September 20, 1999, the Petitioners might proceed by simply removing any kitchen or cooking facilities located within the old historic house. This would therefore transform the dwelling into an accessory structure, thereby providing an opportunity to the property owners to construct a new single family dwelling elsewhere on the property. This would enable the property owner to construct his new dwelling while still maintaining the old historic structure as an accessory structure.

Therefore, in an effort to preserve the historic structure and allow the Petitioners a reasonable use of their property, I shall require the Petitioners to remove any and all cooking facilities within the old historic structure which would then cause the house to be an accessory structure and not a dwelling. This then will enable the Petitioners to construct a new house on the property while still preserving the old historic structure.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 15th day of October, 1999 that the Petition for Administrative Special Hearing to raze a existing historic dwelling be and is hereby denied.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners shall be required to remove any and all kitchen facilities from the old historic Foulk House, thereby transforming the structure from that of a dwelling to an accessory structure. There shall be no kitchen facilities in the old Foulk House and the house shall no longer be utilized as a dwelling unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitioners shall have the right to construct a new single family dwelling elsewhere on the subject property.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party has the right to file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

TMK:raj



Suite 405, County Courts Bldg. 401 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 410-887-4386

Fax: 410-887-3468

October 1, 1999

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Zemanek 2091 Gunpowder Road Lineboro, Maryland 21088

Re: Petition for Administrative Special Hearing

Case No. 00-077-SPH

Property: 19406 Grave Run Road

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Zemanek:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above-captioned case.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our appeals clerk at 410-887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Timothy M. Kotroco

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

TMK:raj Enclosure

c: Mr. Paul Lee 522 Holden Road Towson, Maryland 21286

Petition for Administrative Special Hearing NORE CO

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

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Affidavit in Support of Administrative Special Hearing

REV 9118198

The undersigned hereby affirms under the penalties of perjury to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, as follows: That the information herein given is within the personal knowledge of the Affiant(s) and that Affiant(s) is/are competent to testify thereto in the event that a public hearing is scheduled in the future with regard thereto.

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DESCRIPTION

19406 GRAVE RUN ROAD BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND 5TH ELECTION DISTRICT

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CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

RE: CASE #00-077-SPH
PETITIONER/DEVELOPER:
(Stephen J. Zemanek)
DATE OF Closing
(Sept. 13, 1999)

Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 111 111 West Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204

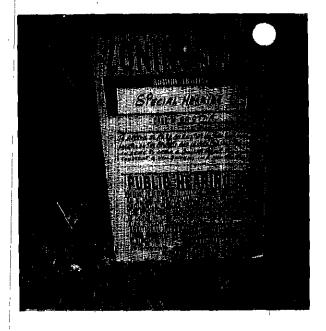
ATTENTION: MS. GWENDOLYN STEPHENS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

This letter is to certify under the penalties of perjury that the necessary sign(s) required by law were posted conspicuously on the property located at 19406 Grave Run Road Baltimore, Maryland 21074______

The sign(s) were posted on______8-27-99 _____

(Month, Day, Year)



Sincerely, Signature of Sign Pester & Date
Thomas P. Ogle, Sr
325 Nicholson Road
Baltimore, Maryland 21221
(410)-687-8405 (Telephone Number)

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING	*
19406 Grave Run Road, W/S Grave Run Rd,	
600' +/- SW of intersection Grave Run and Resh Mill Rds	*
5th Election District, 3rd Councilmanic	*
Legal Owner: Stephen and Valerie Zemanek	
Petitioner(s)	*

- BEFORE THE
- * ZONING COMMISSIONER
- * FOR
- * BALTIMORE COUNTY
- * Case No. 00-77-SPH

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

Peter May Zimmerman
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People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel

Old Courthouse, Room 47

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this _______ day of September, 1999 a copy of the foregoing Entry of

Appearance was mailed to Paul Lee, 522 Holden Road, Towson, MD 21286, representative for Petitioners.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL HEARING INFORMATION SHEET AND DATES

Case Number 00- 77 -SPH Address 19406 GRAVE RUH RD	
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Any contact made with this office regarding the status of the administrative special hearing should be through the contact person (planner) using the case number.)
1. <u>POSTING/COST</u> : The petitioner must use one of the sign posters on the approved list (on the reverse side of this form) and the petitioner is responsible for all printing/posting costs. Any reposting must be done only by one of the sign posters on the approved list and the petitione is again responsible for all associated costs. The zoning notice sign must be visible on the property on or before the posting date noted above. It should remain there through the closing date.	/ r
2. DEADLINE: The closing date is the deadline for an occupant or owner within 1,000 feet to file a formal request for a public hearing. Please understand that even if there is no formal request for a public hearing, the process is not complete on the closing date.	;
ORDER: After the closing date, the file will be reviewed by the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner. He may: (a) grant the requested relief; (b) deny the requested relief; or (c) order that the matter be set in for a public hearing. You will receive written notification (typically within 7 to 10 days of the closing date) as to whether the petition has been granted denied, or will go to public hearing. The order will be mailed to you by First Class mail.) 1
4. POSSIBLE PUBLIC HEARING AND REPOSTING: In cases that must go to a public hearing (whether due to a neighbor's formal request or by order of the zoning or deputy zoning commissioner), notification will be forwarded to you. The sign on the property must be changed giving notice of the hearing date, time and location. As when the sign was originally posted, certification of this change and a photograph of the altered sign must be forwarded to this office.) /
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Petitioner: This Part of the Form is for the Sign Poster Only	
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APPROVED SIGN POSTERS

Stacy Gardner Telephone: 410-781-4000 Shannon-Baum Signs, Inc. Toll Free: 800-368-2295 Fax: 410-781-4673 105 Competitive Goals Drive Eldersburg, MD 21784 Telephone: 410-879-3122 Richard Hoffman 904 Dellwood Drive Fallston, MD 21047 Garland E. Moore Telephone: 410-242-4263 Mobile: 410-382-4470 3225 Ryerson Circle Baltimore, MD 21227 410-687-8405 Telephone: Tom Ogle Mobile: 410-262-8163 325 Nicholson Road Fax: 410-687-4381 Baltimore, MD 21221 Telephone: 410-666-5366 Patrick M. O'Keefe, Sr. Cell: 410-905-8571 523 Penny Lane Hunt Valley, MD 21030 410-628-2574 Fax: 410-882-2469 Telephone: 410-296-3333 Linda M. Jones Fax: 410-296-4705 Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. 200 East Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21286

THE PETITIONER MUST USE ONE OF THE SIGN POSTERS ON THIS APPROVAL LIST. ANY REPOSTING MUST ALSO BE DONE BY ONE OF THESE APPROVED POSTERS. IF YOU WISH TO SELECT A POSTER NOT SHOWN ON THE LIST ABOVE, PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT/ZONING REVIEW IS REQUIRED.

THIS DEPARTMENT IS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE POSTERS, NOR DO WE RECOMMEND ANY SPECIFIC ONE. WE DO SUGGEST THAT YOU CONTACT A NUMBER OF THEM TO COMPARE PRICES SINCE THEIR CHARGES MAY VARY.

WCR - Revised 5/18/99

DEPARTMENT OF PERMITS AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ZONING REVIEW

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONING HEARINGS

The <u>Baltimore County Zoning Regulations</u> (BCZR) require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property (responsibility of the petitioner) and placement of a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, both at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing.

Zoning Review will ensure that the legal requirements for advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements. The newspaper will bill the person listed below for the advertising. This advertising is due upon receipt and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

OPINIONS MAY NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL ADVERTISING COSTS ARE PAID.

For Newspaper Advertising:
Petitioner: STEPHEH J. & VALERIE ZEMAHEK
Address or Location: 19406 GRAVE RUH ROAD
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
Name: STEPHEN J. ZEMANEK
Address: +9406 2091 GUHPOWDER RD LINEBORD, MO 21088
Telephone Number: (40) 239-4094

Revised 2/20/98 - SCJ

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: September 20, 1999

Dept. of Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Arnold F. 'Pat' Keller, III

Director, Office of Planning

SUBJECT: No. 19406 Grave Run Road

INFORMATION

Item Number:

00-77-SPH

Petitioner:

Paul Lee (representative)

Zoning:

RC - 2

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSAL

On September 9, 1999, the Landmarks Preservation Commission reviewed a demolition proposal for a historic log-constructed building called the "Foulk House," MHT # BA 543.

Mr. Lee explained how he obtained DEPRM's approval for a reduction in the forest buffer easement boundaries (as shown on Minor Subdivision Plan #90-165M) to expand the buildable portions of the lot. Mr. Lee also explained that since RC- 2 zoning does not permit two dwelling units on the site, the current property owner would like to be able to market and sell the property without the restriction of "must be preserved" on the existing log structure.

Ms. Meredith Clark, a prospective buyer, testified against the demolition of the historic log building since she was interested in purchasing the lot with the building to either rehab the building as an accessory unit and build elsewhere on the lot, or rehabilitate the log building as the one permitted dwelling unit. Ms. Clark noted some of the unique historic features of the house such as the "summer beam", and the kitchen basement.

The Commission agreed to recommend to the hearing officer that the situation be handled, and conditions be imposed as necessary (such as removal of the kitchen) to prohibit and prevent the use of the historic structure as a dwelling if a new dwelling is constructed on the property (thereby allowing the retention of the historic structure as an accessory building).

Based on site research where similar log buildings in the neighborhood were found to be undergoing rehabilitation, and based on additional information from Jeff Lees, a restoration architect and former LPC commissioner, regarding the historicity of the building in terms of the substantial original materials and distinctive construction methodologies, the Office of Planning also supports the LPC's recommendation. Additionally, the Office of Planning staff believes that the log building may more easily be classified as an accessory building since the well has already been back-filled and there is no existing septic system.

To be consistent with the decisions with previous requests for demolition of historic structures, the Office of Planning recommends that, if demolition is authorized, it be conditioned on a requirement for the submittal of National Register-level photographic documentation, as approved by the County Historian, prior to issuance of the demolition permit.

Section Chief:

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Parris N. Glendening Governor John D. Porcari Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

Date: 9.13.99

Ms. Gwen Stephens
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 077

JRF/LTM

Dear. Ms Stephens:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Larry Gredlein at 410-545-5606 or by E-mail at (lgredlein@sha.state.md.us).

Very truly yours,

In Kenneth A. McDonald Jr.

1. J. Hall

Acting Chief

Engineering Access Permits Division

IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

N/S Old Padonia Road, 1900' W of

York Road

(228 Old Padonia Road)

8th Election District

3rd Councilmanic District

* BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 99-492-SPH

William A. Kraft, et ux, Owners; Ferdinand H. Onnen, Jr., Contract Purchaser*

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner on a Petition for Administrative Special Hearing filed by the owners of the subject property, William A. and Mary H. Kraft, and the Contract Purchaser, Ferdinand H. Onnen, Jr., through their attorney, Edward C. Covahey, Jr., Esquire. The Petitioners seek approval of a waiver, pursuant to Sections 26-171 and 26-172(b) of the Baltimore County Code, of Sections 26-203(c)(8) and 26-278 thereof to raze the existing building, known as 228 Old Padonia Road, which is listed on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory as "BA 1791 Thomas Fortune House". The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence and marked as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

As noted above, the Petitioners filed the instant request through a Petition for Administrative Special Hearing. The Administrative Special Hearing process is similar to the Administrative Variance process set out in Section 26-127 of the Baltimore County Code, whereby the Zoning Commissioner is permitted to grant variance relief without a public hearing in certain cases. Specifically, that Section provides that upon request for an administrative variance from an owner/occupant of a residential property, the property in question is posted with notice of the variance relief sought for a period of at least 15 days. During that time, any interested party who owns/occupies property within 1,000 feet of the lot in question, may request that a public hearing be held before the Zoning Commissioner to determine the appropriateness of the requested relief. If such a request is filed, the matter is then scheduled for a public hearing at which testimony and evidence are received from all parties present and a decision is rendered thereafter.

A similar process has been developed by the Director of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) for special hearing requests. Administrative special hearing relief is available to the owner/occupant of lots zoned residential. The administrative special hearing process is not found in Section 26-127 of the Baltimore County Code; however, its features are similar. The authority for the administrative special hearing process is set out in Section 26-171 and 26-172 of the Baltimore County Code. Those Sections actually regulate the development review process in Baltimore County. Section 26-171 of the Code sets out limited exemptions from certain requirements of the development review process (i.e., Divisions 3, 4 and 5). Section 26-172 sets out waivers which might be granted by the Hearing Officer (i.e., Zoning Commissioner) or the Director of DPDM. Section 26-172(b) allows the Director of DPDM to waive the requirements of Section 26-203 (i.e., the development plan) and from the Hearing Officer's Hearing, under certain conditions. The Director of DPDM has designated the Hearing Officer to grant waivers and exemptions from Section 26-203 and 26-278. Section 26-203(C)(8) requires that the development plan contain the identification of any building, property or site which is included on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Properties, the County Preliminary or Final Landmarks Line, and Vational Register of Historic Places, the Maryland Archaeological Survey, or, identification in any County Historic District or National Register District. Section 26-278 states that historic sites or structures identified on any of the lists referred to in Section 26-203(C)(8) must be preserved.

In this case, the Petitioners, Mr. & Mrs. Kraft, filed a Petition for Administrative Special Hearing seeking approval to raze the historic structure located on the subject property. In accordance with the administrative special hearing process, the property was posted with a notice of the Petitioners' request. Within the 15-day posting period, a letter was received from the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc., a private corporation, requesting a public hearing. In addition to their letter of June 15, 1999, a representative of the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. also completed a document entitled "Formal Demand for Hearing" seeking that this matter be scheduled for public hearing.

Subsequently, the matter was scheduled for a public hearing before me on July 29, 1999. Appearing at that hearing on behalf of the property owners/Petitioners were William A. and Mary H. Kraft, legal owners of the property, and Joshua F. Cockey of B. The Petitioners were represented by Edward C. Covahey, Jr., Esquire. Also appearing at the hearing was John McGrain, a Historian with the Office of Planning. Others present included Paul F. McKean and Judith Kremens, on behalf of the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc., Marcia M. Miller, with the Maryland Historical Trust, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Langrehr, Edith M. Smock, Pati Shaffer and Dean C. Struben.

At that hearing, Counsel for the Petitioners raised a preliminary objection to the request for hearing by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. Citing Section 10-206 of Business Occupations and Professions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Counsel indicated that the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc.'s request for a public hearing constituted the unauthorized practice of law, and should therefore be dismissed. Moreover, Mr. Covahey argued that the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. was not represented by a lawyer at the public hearing, as required, and therefore, could not participate in the proceedings.¹

Section 10-101 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article defines terms used within Title 10, which regulates attorneys. The definition of the phrase "to practice law" includes "a representation of another person, including corporations, before a unit of the State government, or of a political subdivision." Clearly, proceedings before the Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner are encompassed within that definition. Section 10-206 requires that before any individual may practice law in Maryland, the individual must be admitted to the Bar of this State and meet any requirement the Court of Appeals may set by rule. The individuals who made demand for the hearing and appeared thereat (Paul F. McKean, Judith Kremens, and Marcia Miller) are not members of the Bar. Clearly, they must be so licensed in order to represent the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. Additionally, evidence was submitted at the hearing that this entity is a duly authorized and valid corporation existing in the State of Maryland.

¹ It is also clear that the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. owns no property within 1,000 feet of the subject lot; therefore, it has no standing to request a public hearing on that basis.

Based upon the clear import of the Sections referenced above, I find that the request/formal demand for hearing filed by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. is illegal and must therefore be considered null and void. The formal request for hearing is in the nature of a pleading filed with the Clerk of any Court. The request was filed with the Zoning Commissioner's Office, through the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM). As such, the person filing that document must lawfully represent the corporation requesting the action. No such attorney filed the request for hearing. Moreover, Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. could not participate at the hearing before me in that they were not represented by legal Counsel at that hearing.

Finally, it is to be noted that an entry of appearance was filed in this case by the Office of People's Counsel. Although that entry was filed, no one appeared from that agency to participate at the hearing. Moreover, the entry of appearance filed was not in a representative capacity as to the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. That is, People's Counsel apparently entered its appearance on behalf of its office and no one else. The entry of appearance by People's Counsel does not save the otherwise illegal filing by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc., which was done without benefit of legal counsel.

Based on these factors, I will dismiss the request for formal hearing by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. Having dismissed that request, attention is next given to the merits of the Petition for Administrative Special Hearing.

At the hearing held on July 29, 1999, the evidence presented by the Petitioners disclosed that the subject property is roughly triangular in shape, and consists of a gross area of .31 acres in area, zoned B.M. The property is located immediately adjacent to Old Padonia Road in Cockeysville and abuts the MTA Light Rail which runs from Baltimore City to Hunt Valley. Apparently, the Krafts have owned the property for a number of years and reside in the dwelling thereon. That two and one-half story stone dwelling is known as the Thomas Fortune House, as described above. Although the area surrounding this property was originally residential, it has significantly changed over the years. Photographs submitted show that the property is literally surrounded by commercial/retail/industrial uses. As noted above, the property immediately abuts the bed of the MTA Light Rail line.

Construction is currently under way on the other side of that line of a Lowes Home Improvement store. As the zoning of the property suggests, the entire area is business or manufacture in character. Mr. & Mrs. Kraft are under contract to sell their property to Mr. Onnen, who intends to raze the existing dwelling. However, the contract is contingent upon the Petitioners obtaining approval to raze this structure. Thus, the administrative special hearing relief as outlined above is necessary in order to proceed.

The historic value of the dwelling is somewhat dubious. As noted above, the property is listed on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory. It was apparently so listed in December 1978 upon the application of Marion S. Anderson, a then student at Goucher College. Apparently, Ms. Anderson made application for the property to be listed as a result of certain research undertaken by her of the subject property in furtherance of her studies at Goucher. Mr. & Mrs. Kraft were not informed at the time that their property was being listed. Indeed, the process by which properties are listed with the Maryland Historic Trust Inventory raises significant questions as to due process. Nonetheless, it is clear that the property is indeed listed, thus, subject to the requirements of Sections 26-203 and 26-278 of the Baltimore County Code.

The Petitioners' request for administrative special hearing relief was reviewed by the Landmarks Preservation Committee of Baltimore County (LPC). The LPC conducted several meetings during which it considered this issue on June 10, 1999 and August 12, 1999. Ultimately, the LPC issued the following recommendation:

"The LPC stated that they recognized the historical significance of this structure, but given the particular circumstances of the subject case, they would not take a position on demolition. If demolition is approved, the LPC recommends that it be conditioned on the submittal of National Register-level photographic documentation as approved by the County Historian. In addition, the LPC recommends that demolition approval be limited solely to the subject property's current owners, (William and Mary Kraft), and prospective contract purchaser (Ferdinand H. Onnen, Jr.)."

Based upon the testimony and evidence presented, and arguments offered by the Petitioners in open hearing, I am inclined to grant the Petition for Administrative Special Hearing and will adopt the recommendations of the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) as set forth above. In my

judgment, the LPC recommendations are entirely appropriate and represent a proper disposition of this case. The nature of the surrounding locale and unusual circumstances surrounding this property justify the razing of the existing dwelling. Thus, the relief requested by the Petitioners shall be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth herein, the Petition for Administrative Special Hearing shall be granted, and the request for formal hearing filed by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc. shall be dismissed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of August, 1999 that the Petition for Administrative Special Hearing seeking approval of a waiver, pursuant to Sections 26-171 and 26-172(b) of the Baltimore County Code, of Sections 26-203(c)(8) and 26-278 thereof to raze the existing building, known as 228 Old Padonia Road, which is listed on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory as "BA 1791 Thomas Fortune House", in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

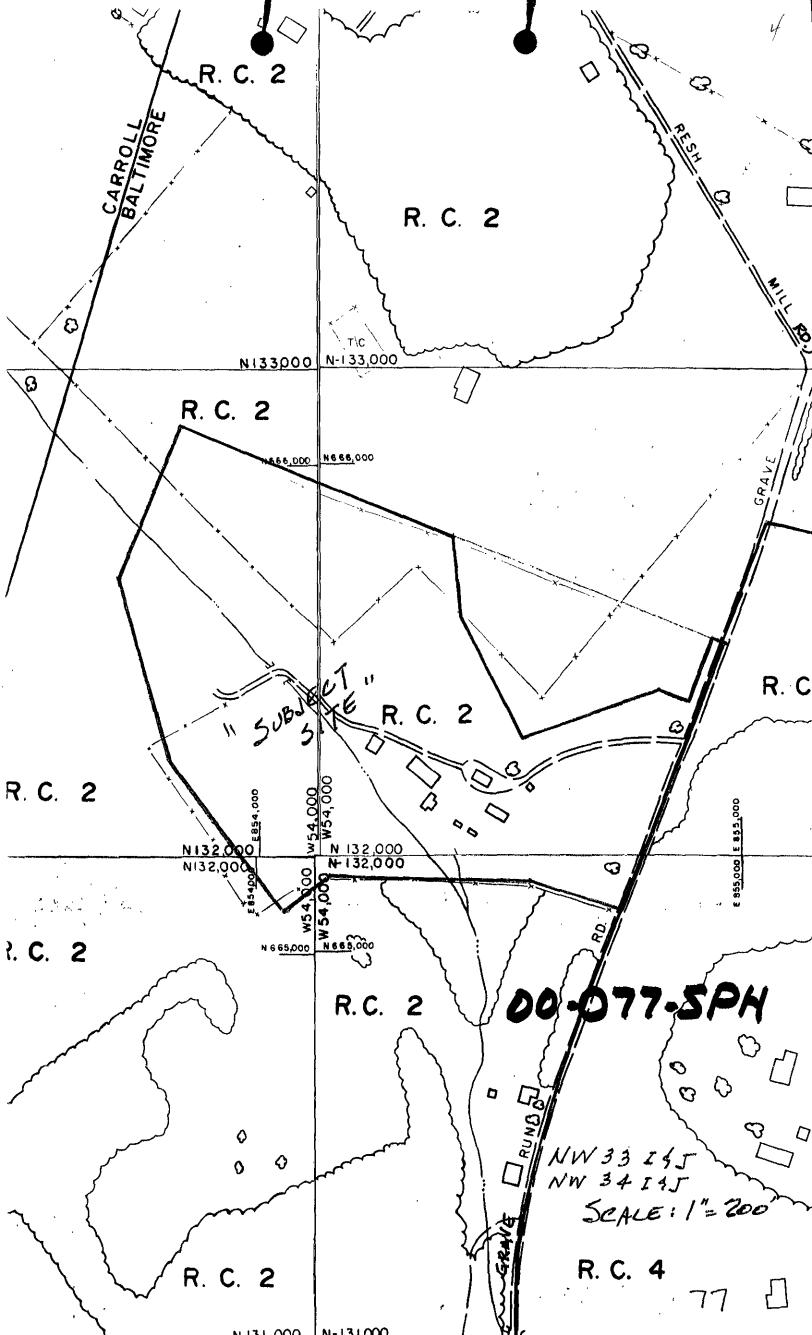
- 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until the 30-day appeal period from the date of this Order has expired. If an appeal is filed and this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.
- 2) Compliance with the Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) comment submitted by the Office of Planning dated June 25, 1999, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 3) When applying for any permits, the site plan and/or landscaping plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

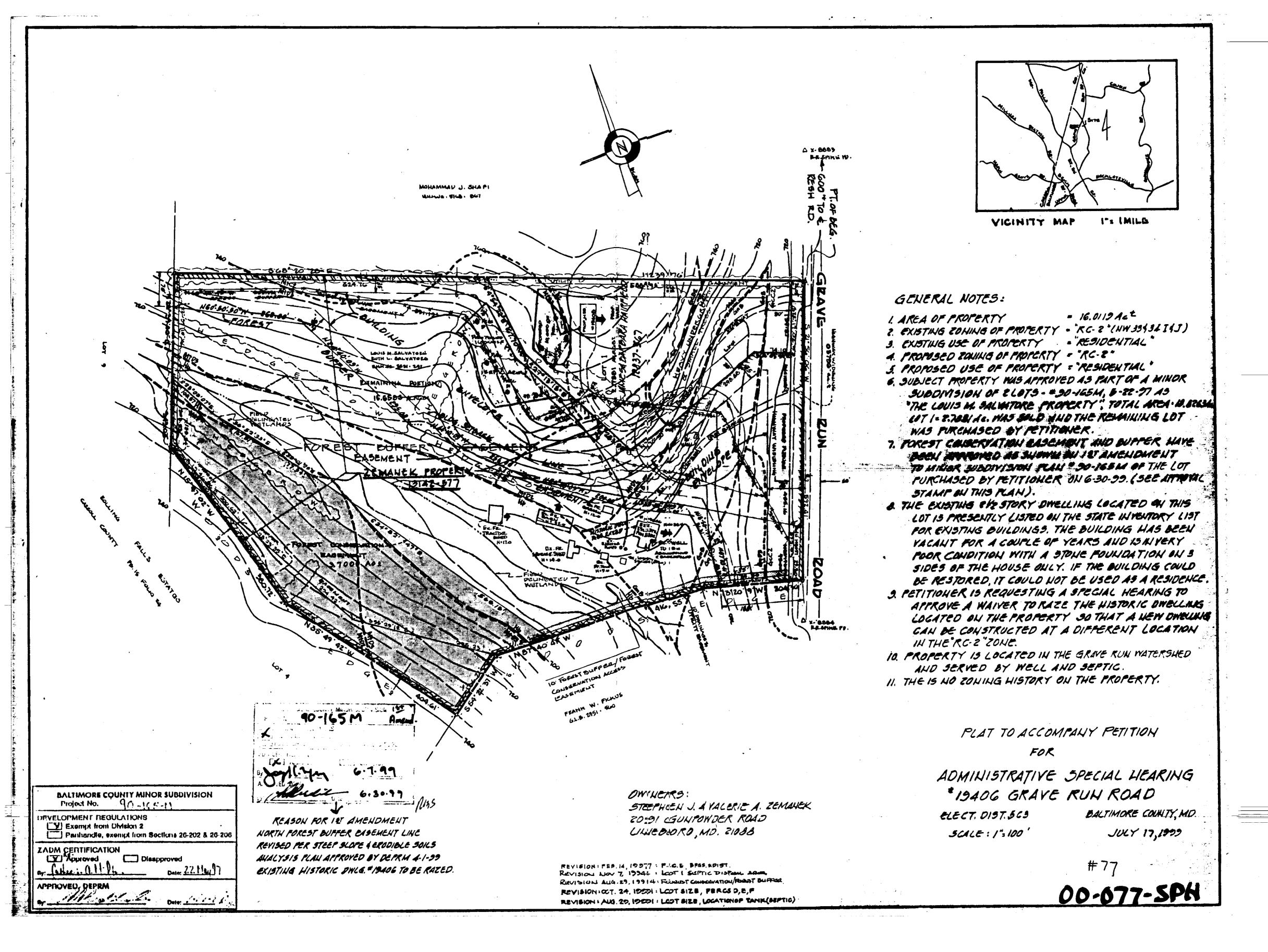
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the demand for formal hearing filed by the Baltimore County Historical Trust, Inc., be and is hereby DISMISSED AS MOOT.

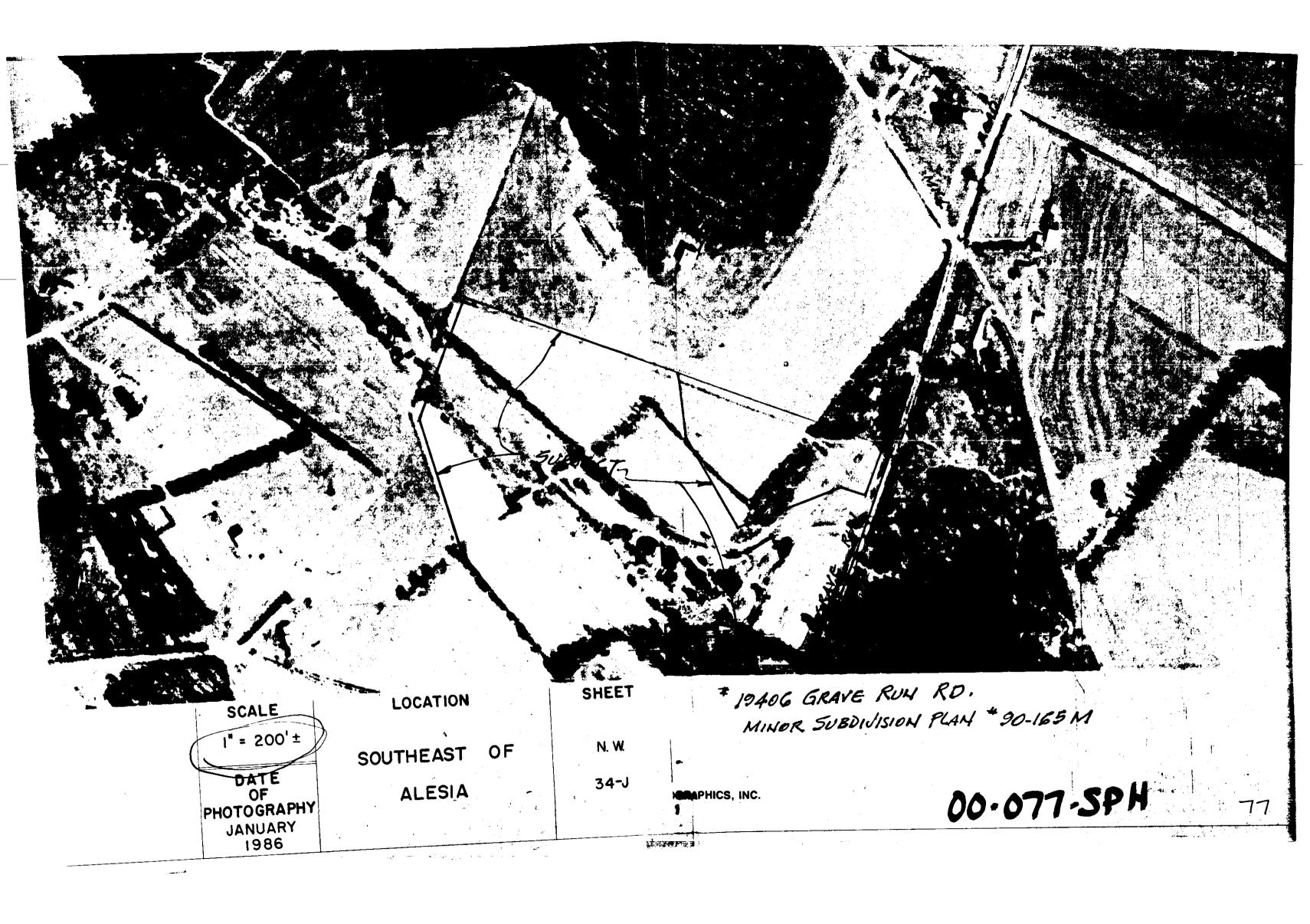
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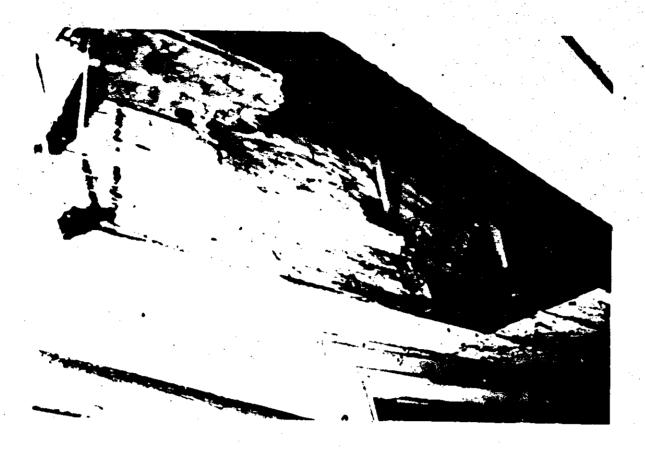
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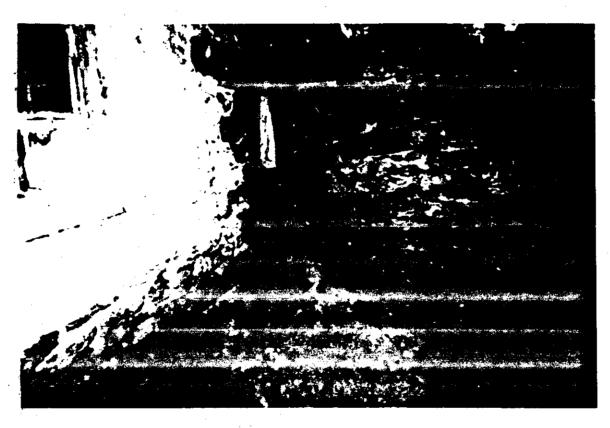
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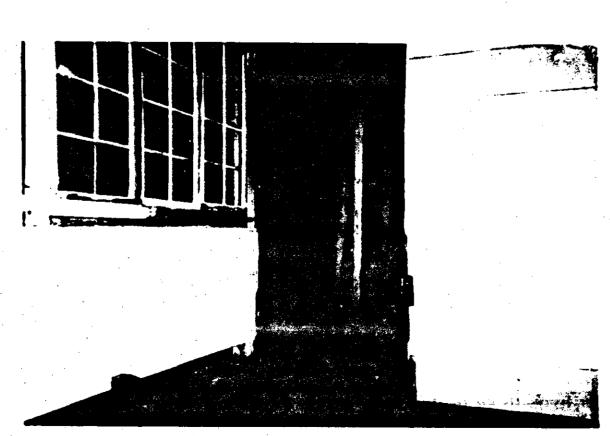
7. LOOKING IN BACK DOOR OF SIDE PORCH



IA. CEILING MISSING-FRONT PORCH



4. INSIDE FOUNDATION - FRONT WALL



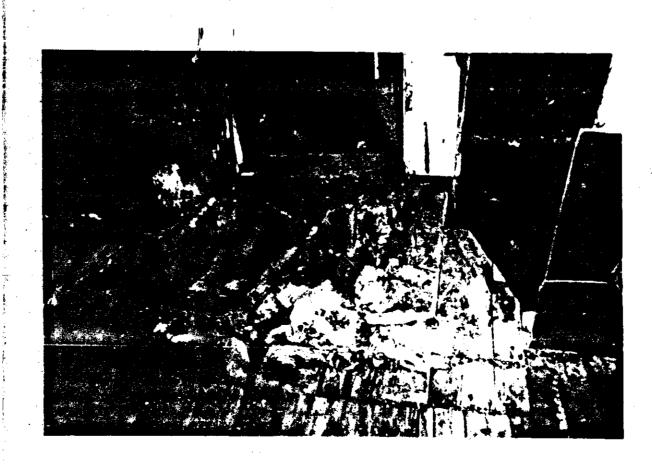
B. LOOKING AT BACK CORNER OF SUMMER KITCHEN & HOUSE LARGE OPENING EXPOSED TO WEATHER FOR MANY YEARS - FLOOR & FOUNDATION GOME.



2. DETERIORATION - FRONT PORCH FOUNDATION



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ZA. ZX S" WALL HOLDING PORTH



6. LOOKING OUT BACK OF SIDE PORCH TO BACK OF HOUSE WHICH CONNECTS SUMMER KITCHEN TO HOUSE



3. LOOKING INTO SUMMER KITCHEN-ALL WALLS! GEILINGS MISSING

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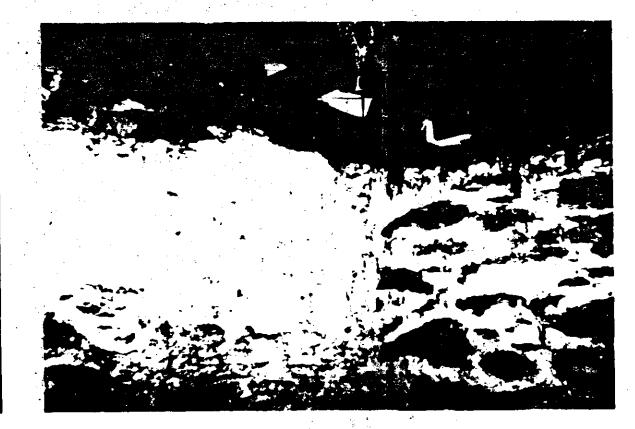
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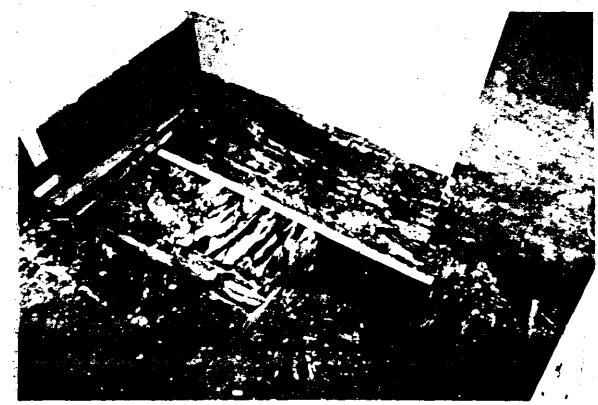
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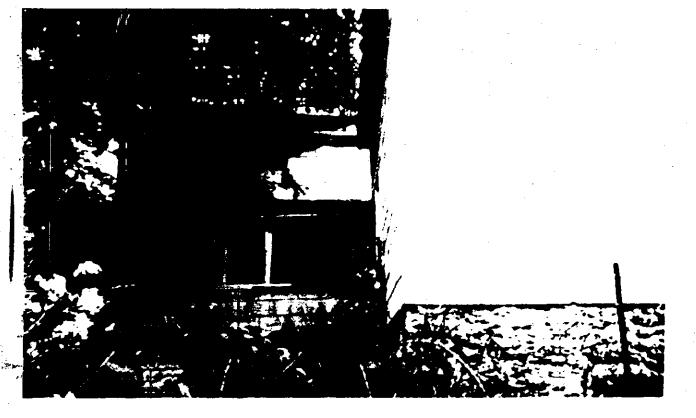
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#11 VIEW FROM BASEMENT UNDER PORCH SHOWING DETERIORATION OF FLOOR & BEAMS EXPOSED TO SLEMBATS FOR YEARS



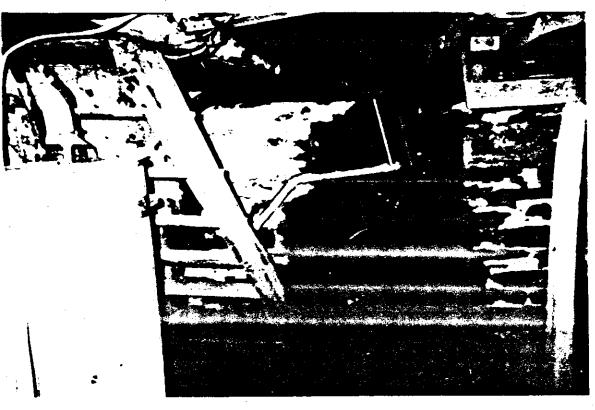
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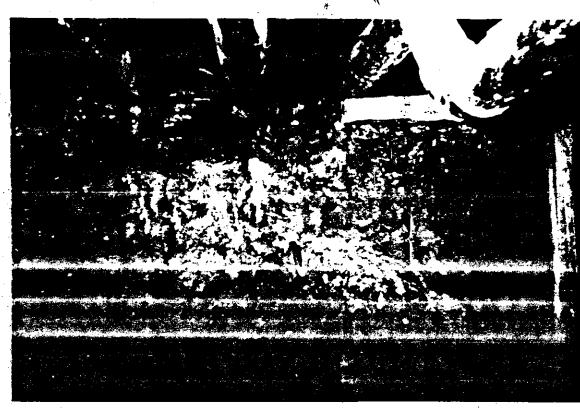
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"12 A CORNER OF PORCH BACK WALL



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13A CLOSE UP OF BACK WALL (#13)



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#15 BIMOR OF HOUSE - CORNERS & FIACTION FACEING OFF



16 BACK WALL WHERE FOUNDATION #161 SAME AS * 16 IS MISSING & PORCH FALING

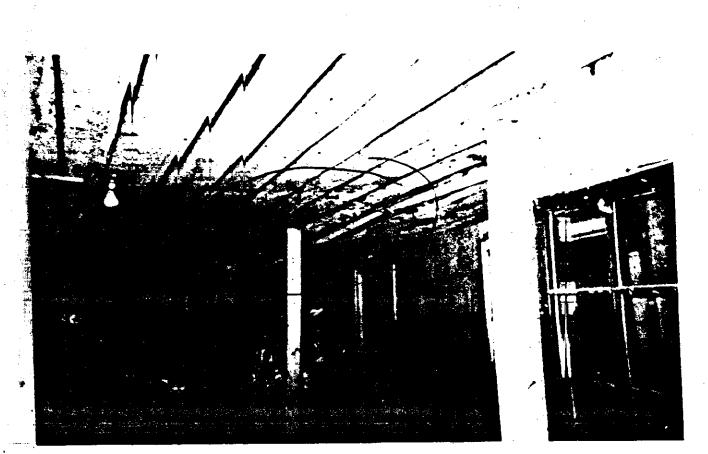




*17 FRONT SHOWING ROOF WITH MOLTI. HOLES & RIST- NEED A NEW ROOF



18 HEATING SYSTEM TOES NOT MEET COPE - CEILING FALLING INSIDE



MAR BIG LEAKIN CEILING

