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National Register of Historic Places  
Registration Form

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Walker, Mrs. John, House  
other names/site number Morningside (Preferred) (BL-3761)

2. Location

street & number On the Maryville College Campus in Maryville N/A not for publication  
city, town Maryville N/A vicinity  
state Tennessee code TN county Blount code 009 zip code 37801

3. Classification

Ownership of Property		Category of Property		Number of Resources within Property	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>3</u>	<u>      </u> buildings	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> Total	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>			

Name of related multiple property listing: Hist. & Arch. Resources of Blount Co.  
Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
Herbert L. Berger 6/13/89  
Signature of certifying official Date  
Deputy SHPO, Tennessee Historical Commission  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:  
 entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.  
 determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.  
 determined not eligible for the National Register.  
 removed from the National Register.  
 other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_  
Almond Byrum Entered in the National Register 7/25/89  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling  
DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure  

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE/Restaurant  
DOMESTIC/Secondary Structure  

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification  
(enter categories from instructions)Classical Revival  

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick  
walls Weatherboard  

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roof OTHER/Composition Shingle  
other Wood  

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

Morningside is a two-story frame, six bay, asymmetrical plan Classical Revival influenced residence built in 1932. The house has weatherboard siding, a brick foundation, gable roof of composition shingles and two interior stone chimneys. Windows are paired and triple six light casement design. The main entrance has original double doors of ten light glass and frame design and ten light sidelights. The central bay of the main facade projects with a gable roof wing resting on stone piers. This wing forms an open porch below and is enclosed on the second floor. On the main facade is a secondary entrance with ten light double doors of glass and frame. On the north facade is an open porch on the first floor which has original lattice and screening. On the east facade is an open porch and patio on the first story. A two-story wing also projects on the rear facade with ten light double doors.

The house was built in essentially a central hall plan with large rooms for entertaining on both floors. The north wing of the second story is divided into smaller bedrooms and baths. Interior detailing includes oak floors, central hall staircase with round newel post and balusters, simple wood mantles with little embellishment, and original light fixtures. In the downstairs rooms are wall murals with painted floral and landscape designs. At the east facade is a large stone patio.

The property has two outbuildings: a frame and lattice pavilion with a stone fireplace and built in benches constructed in 1932; a two-story frame servant's quarters with a gable roof, weatherboard siding, paired and triple six light casement windows and a brick foundation. The first story contains an open porch area and three bay garage with original overhead doors. The second story was originally a residence for servants and is presently used as an apartment. The property is sited in a wooded area on the Maryville College campus in Maryville. The property is approximately one-half mile to the south of the southern boundary of the Maryville College Historic District.

**8. Statement of Significance**

**Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:**

nationally     statewide     locally

**Applicable National Register Criteria**     A     B     C     D

**Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)**     A     B     C     D     E     F     G    N/A

**Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)**

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Dates**

1932  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Significant Person**

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Architect/Builder**

Walker, Mrs. John - Architect  
\_\_\_\_\_

**State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.**

Morningside is significant under criterion C as a fine example of a Classical Revival influenced residence. The house is the largest and most imposing structures built in the county during the 1930s. The house has a two-story portico on the main facade with gable returns and stone pier columns. Classical detailing is also found in the multi-light windows, square Doric motif porch columns and interior detailing.

Morningside was built in 1932 during the depression by Mrs. John Walker of Pittsburgh so that she could be near her younger sister, the wife of Maryville College chaplain, Dr. W. P. Stevenson who lived nearby at "The House in the Woods." The twenty-six room residence was built entirely from plans sketched by Mrs. Walker. Upon Mrs. Walker's death in 1950 at the age of 98, Maryville College received Morningside through her will and maintained it as the official residence of the Maryville College president. When Dr. Wayne Anderson become president of the College, he chose to live off campus, and Morningside was sold to Dr. Lloyd Langston. Following the death of Dr. Langston, the property returned to Maryville College. Currently it is being leased from the College for the operation of the restaurant Morningside Inn.

Mrs. John Walker's contributions to Maryville College during her life were many. She did extensive work in landscaping the campus, paving walks and drives, and improving the comforts and decorations of the parlors and dining hall for college students. Today her efforts are still enjoyed in the natural amphitheater in the college woods and the botany garden.

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Burns, Inez E. History of Blount County, Tennessee: From War Trail to Landing Strip. Tennessee Historical Commission, Mary Blount Chapter DAR, 1957.

Lloyd, Ralph Waldo. Maryville College: A History of 150 Years, 1819-1969. Maryville, Tennessee: Maryville College Press, 1969.

Previous documentation on file (NPS): N/A

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

See continuation sheet

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of property 5.0 acres.

UTM References

A 17 232310 3959600  
Zone Easting Northing

B \_\_\_\_\_  
Zone Easting Northing

C \_\_\_\_\_

D \_\_\_\_\_

Blockhouse Quad

See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

The boundary of the Morningside Inn is illustrated on accompanying Blount County tax map 58, lot 1.02, which is drawn at a scale of 1" = 400'.

See continuation sheet

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary for the Morningside Inn includes the house, outbuildings and adjacent lot which has been historically associated with the property.

See continuation sheet

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Photographs

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Morningside Inn  
Maryville College Campus, Maryville, Blount County, TN  
Photographs By: Thomason and Assoc.  
Date: Fall, 1988  
Location of Neg: THC

View: Southwest facade.  
Photo # 1

View: Northeast facade.  
Photo # 2

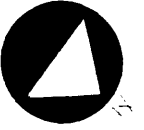
View: Northwest facade.  
Photo # 3

View: Servant's or caretaker's house.  
Photo # 4

View: Interior, staircase.  
Photo # 5

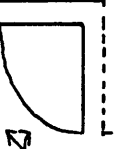
View: Shelter with fireplace.  
Photo # 6

# 3761 — MORNINGSID



SHELTER WITH FIREPLACE

POOLS →



POOLS

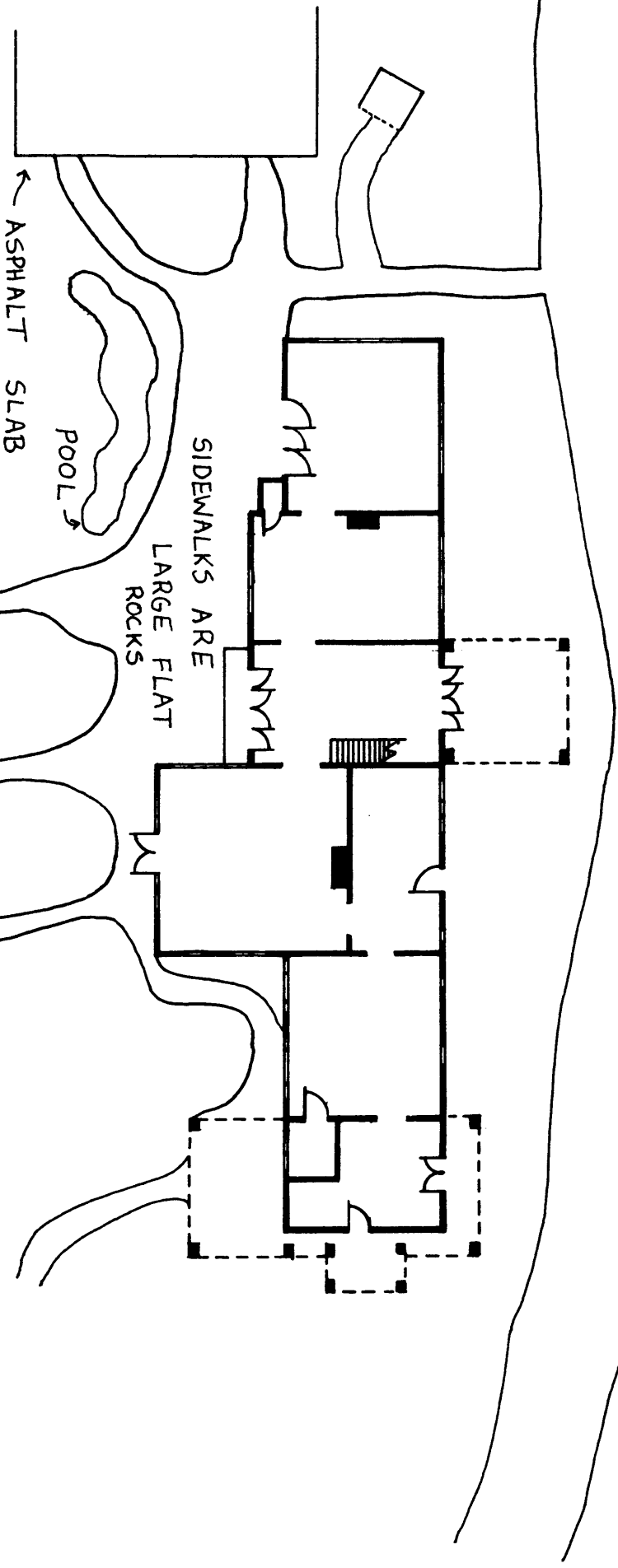
PAVILION



CARETAKER'S HOUSE

(SERVANT'S QUARTERS)

DRIVEWAY



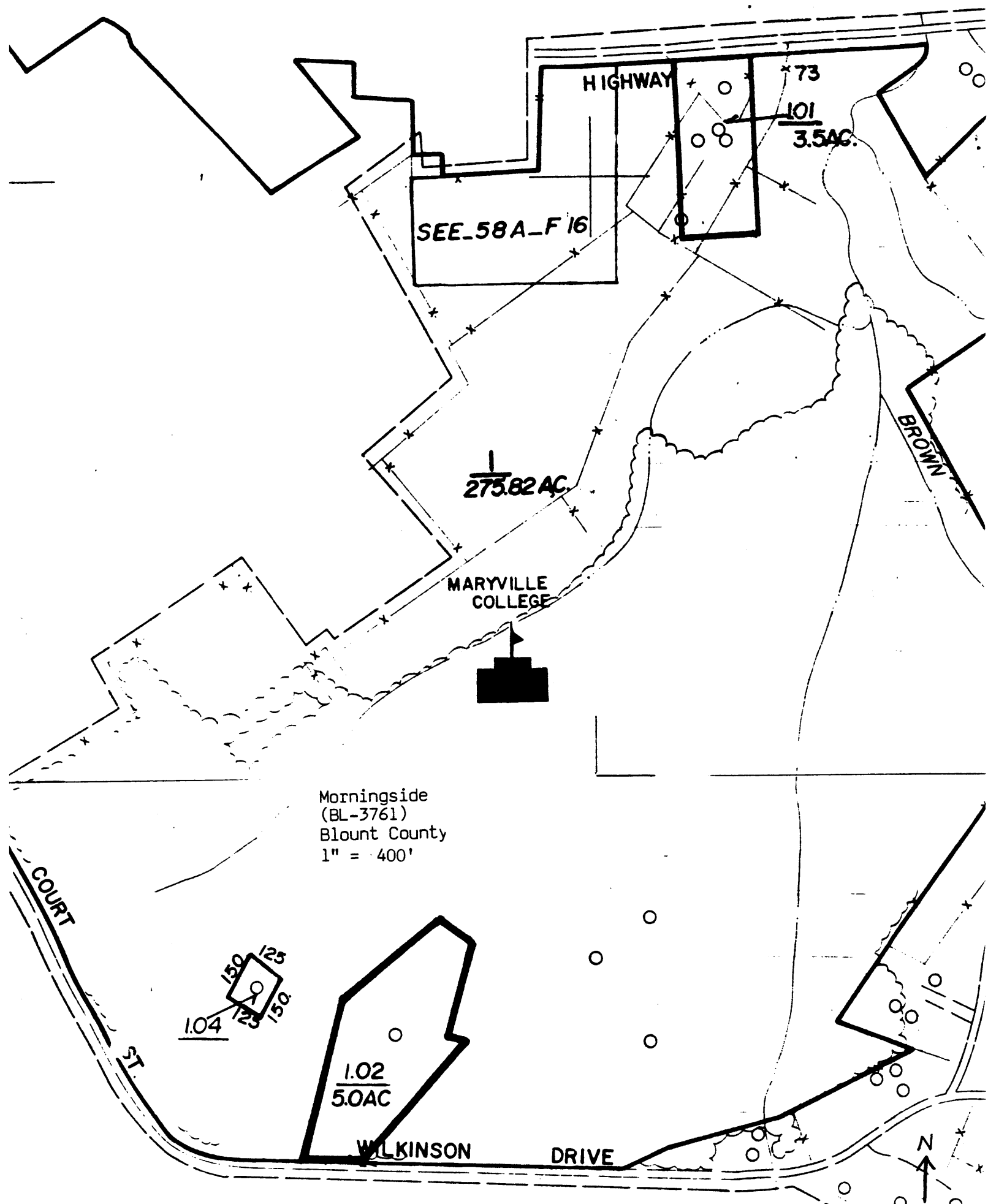
ASPHALT SLAB

POOL

SIDEWALKS ARE

LARGE FLAT

ROCKS



HIGHWAY

\* 73

101  
3.5 AC.

SEE 58A-F 16

275.82 AC

MARYVILLE COLLEGE

BROWN

Morningside  
(BL-3761)  
Blount County  
1" = 400'

1.04  
125  
150  
150

1.02  
5.0 AC

WILKINSON

DRIVE

