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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Allegany	
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ENTRY NUMBER 71.1.24.0002	DATE 1/25/71

1. NAME

COMMON:
La Vale Toll Gate House

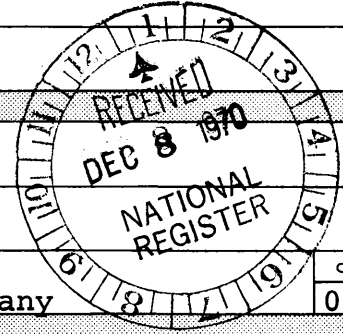
AND/OR HISTORIC:
LaVale Toll Gate House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
U. S. Route 40

CITY OR TOWN:
La Vale

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Allegany CODE: 001



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: State of Maryland for the State Roads Commission
(contact: Maryland Historical Trust, P.O. Box 1704, Annap., /Md.)

STREET AND NUMBER: 300 West Preston Street

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore City STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Allegany County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of historic sites and landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1704 (50 State Circle)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The La Vale Toll Gate House is located on the south side of U. S. Route 40 about three-fifths of a mile west of the intersection of U. S. Route 40 and Braddock Road. The intersection is about six miles west of Cumberland, Maryland.

This common bond brick, two-story structure has seven sides--a basic polygon plan. The five northern sides, of equal length, form equal angles, one to the other. The two south adjacent sides are longer and they meet at a right angle.

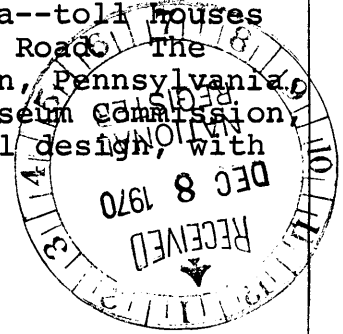
A one-story brick addition is appended to each of the longer sides. A later frame one-story wing at one time filled in the square space between these additions. It was demolished in the mid-twentieth century and a reconstructed structure for utilities will again fill in the "square space."

The polygon portion of the building contains one unheated room on each floor. The stair winds upward from the west wing. A one-story porch extends around the five outer sides of the polygonal portion and a decorative, non-functional wood cupola tops the peaked roof. Six over six sash in shuttered windows are on each outer side of the polygonal portion, and on each wing, except for the north side of the polygon at the first story level, where double doors form the main entrance. For each adjacent diagonal side, at the first story level only, stuccoed panels, the size of window masonry openings, provide space for the toll rate sign. Originally, it is believed, the first floor brick walls at the porch level were stuccoed, and all exterior walls were whitewashed including the stucco area.

In 1969 the toll house restoration construction was started by the Maryland Historical Trust. The office of Orin M. Bullock, Jr., FAIA, is the consulting restoration architect, and Carl Belt, Inc., (P.O. Box 1210) Cumberland, Maryland, is the contracting firm. The La Vale Century Club, of La Vale, Maryland, has been, and will continue on as the custodian for the building. It will furnish the interior, administer the housekeeping, and arrange for the guiding of visitors through the building.

The architecture of the La Vale Toll Gate House is almost identical to similar architecture in Pennsylvania--toll houses within the Pennsylvania sections of the National Road. The Searights Tollhouse [sic.] northwest of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is of similar polygonal design, with a wing extended from the rear.

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SIGNIFICANCE

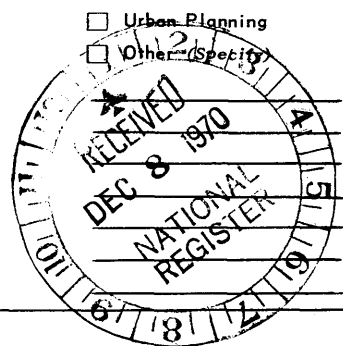
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1835-1836

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The La Vale Toll Gate House is a design oddity outmoded as a transportation necessity, important for its proximity to the original "United States Road," more commonly known as the National (or Cumberland) Road. The National Road from the 1830's through the early 1850's was one of the principal transportation arteries connecting the East Coast with the burgeoning Midwest. Pioneers, immigrants and cattle drivers as well as national figures, such as Henry Clay, William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, James K. Polk and Andrew Jackson, traveled over the road.

Completed in 1836 the La Vale Toll Gate House was the first, and for six years the only, toll house within the Maryland section of the National Road.

The La Vale Toll Gate House and all other tollhouses beside the National Road are related to the national debate, from the 1820's through the 1830's, on the constitutionality of Federal involvement in "internal improvements." Those congressmen who felt that those who used the road should help defray the maintenance costs, also felt their constitutional scruples prevented them from charging tolls on the National Road. (In 1822 a bill providing for tolls on the National Road passed Congress, but President James Monroe vetoed the measure.) Congress circumvented the constitutional question by turning the ownership of the National Road over to the states through which sections of it passed.

In 1835 Maryland accepted ownership of her section of the National Road. Within twelve months the state legislature turned the "freeway" into a toll road establishing an elaborate system of rates and fares (a replica of the tariffs is still visible on the north wall) and provided for the construction of tollgates and houses.

The Federal government, following the terms of the transfer of the National Road to the State of Maryland, simultaneously provided the funds for the construction of the La Vale Toll Gate House, according to the 1836 report of the Superin-

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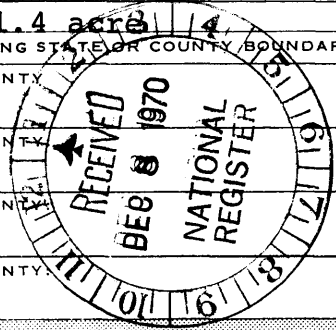
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "				
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.4 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



NO UNIT

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Dec. 4, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Post Office Box 1704 (50 State Circle)

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
 Orlando Ridout IV
 Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland
 Date DEC 4 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connelly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 JAN 25 1971

Date _____
 ATTEST: William J. Murtagh
 Keeper of the National Register
 Date JAN 5 1971

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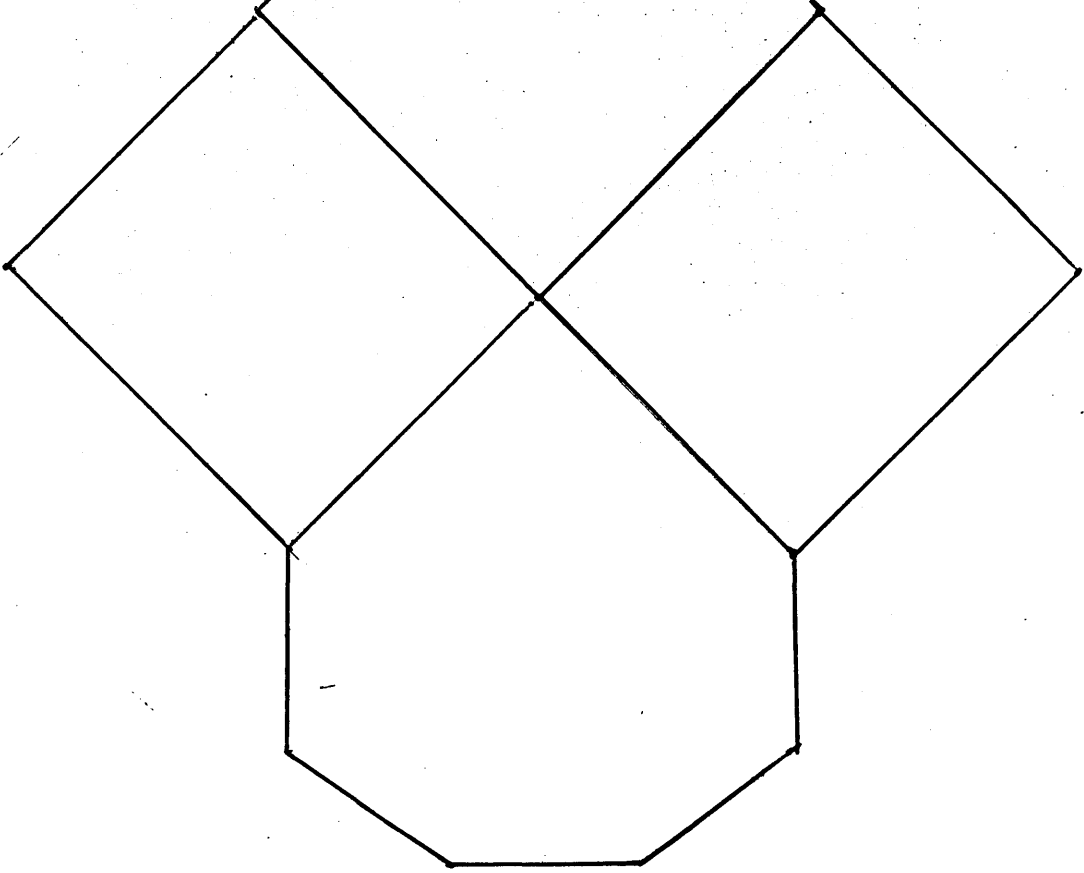
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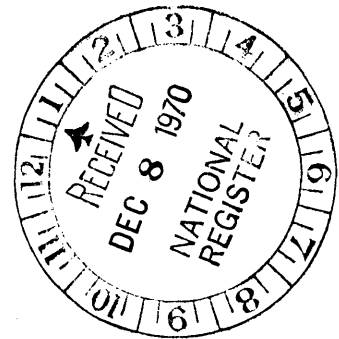
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#7. DESCRIPTION

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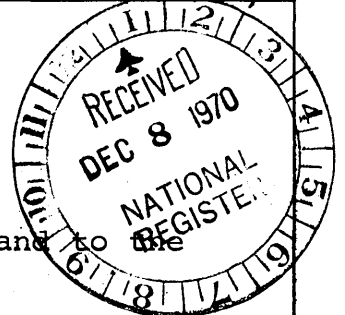
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tendent of the National Road in the State of Maryland to the Governor.

During 1837, its first year of operation, \$9,745.90 in tolls were collected at the La Vale Toll Gate House. The State of Maryland continued to receive tolls until 1878 when the National Road and the tollhouse at La Vale became the property of Allegany County (later to be repurchased).

Eclipsed in importance for several decades by the westward expansion of the railroads, the National Road returned to national prominence when, in 1925, portions of it became U. S. Route 40. The La Vale Toll Gate House did not, in the twentieth century, return to its original use. Local appreciation of the significance of this tollhouse has existed, at least since Mr. Robert W. Young purchased the building. Just before his death in 1957 he convinced the State of Maryland to purchase the property. Since that time interested Allegany countians and the Maryland Historical Trust have combined their efforts to restore the La Vale Toll Gate House.

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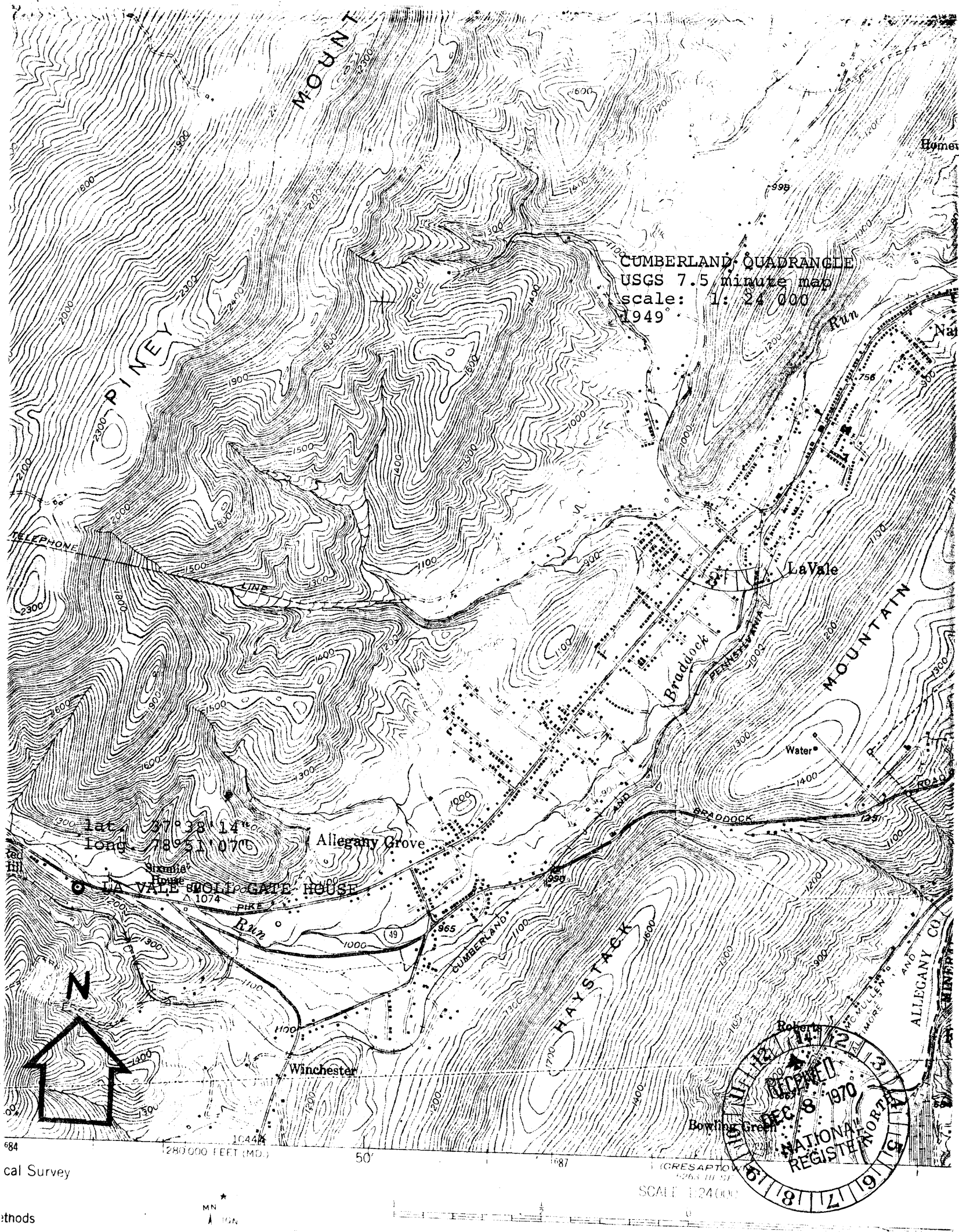
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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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La Vale			
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Maryland	24	Allegany	001
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
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4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
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