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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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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 ****
Badgley House and Site
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Off New Providence Road, in Watchung Reservation (Trailside Museum Area)
CITY, TOWN Mountainside
VICINITY OF
NEW Jersey
COUNTY Union
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 12
CODE 34
CODE 035

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Union Co. Park Commission
STREET & NUMBER Warinanco Park P.O. Box 275
CITY, TOWN Elizabeth VICINITY OF STATE New Jersey

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Union Co. Court House - Registry of Deeds
STREET & NUMBER Broad Street & Rahway Avenue
CITY, TOWN Elizabeth STATE New Jersey

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE New Jersey Historic Sites Inventory (#2110.2)
DATE 1973
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historic Sites Section, Dept. of Environmental Protection
CITY, TOWN Trenton STATE New Jersey

7 DESCRIPTION

	CONDITION	SRR	CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED		<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE 1909
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		SRR	SRR

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Badgley House upon close examination, though deteriorated and with much of its interior fabric removed, can be seen as having been built in two distinct parts of which the construction methods used indicate that this is one of the oldest extant houses in the region.

The western half of the building, roughly 17 feet by 27 feet is most likely the later portion of the building. A 1 1/2 story dwelling built of hewn timber with brick filled walls, it is fairly typical of 18th century frame structures in the region save the steep roof pitch and the larger 6 x 8 inch beaded joists. It contained apparently one large room with a partitioned off stair hall. Most unusual is a chamfer on a ceiling joist creating a slightly bowed flue opening 8 feet long; possibly evidence of a large walk-in fireplace.

The eastern half of the building has features of an earlier date and characteristics of 17th century dwelling of Long Island (the area from which the Badgleys came) and New England. The gunstock seat in the framing and the low beaded beam ceiling of the rear lean-to (apparently part of the original building) are firm evidence of late 17th-early 18th century construction. Further early features are the small windows openings of the first floor and indications that the small 19th century windows of the second floor were originally tiny casement windows divided by a thick center mullion, typical of 17th century construction.

In 1909 this dwelling was uprooted and relocated some 400 feet from its original location. A new foundation was constructed at the time, the first floor removed, and large barn doors were cut into the south from for the storage of tractors and equipment. A new shed was also added to the west end. In addition, a small leanto was tacked onto the rear facade.

Now known as the "Ayres Barn," the house is presently a deteriorating utility shed maintained as part of the Watchung Reservation by the Union County Parks Commission.

The original site of the Badgley House is relatively undisturbed. Approximately 450 feet to the southwest of the present house location, the site is also to be included in this nomination due to its excellent potential for studying late 17th-early 18th century cultural artifacts of New Jersey's early Puritan history.

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC <i>SRR</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, which exhibits 17th and 18th century New England characteristics, was the dwelling of one of the earliest settlers of the Elizabethtown patent.

ARCHITECTURE

Physically, the exterior of the Badgley House resembles a 17th-18th century New England house clearly indicating the origin of Elizabethtown settlers. While the interior has been gutted by renovations, the framing has remained basically intact and presents a good study in early colonial construction techniques.

This building represents one of the oldest extant settlers homes. Identified as belonging to the Badgley family in 1736 in the second general allotment of Elizabethtown lands, there are also references that John and James Badgley settled here long before this allotment of land and very possibly prior to 1699 as James Badgley was a founder of the Clinker Lot division relating to the survey of this land at that time. Richard's History of Union County refers to "James Badgley and Peter Wilcox having located on the mountain before any persons settled below" (prior to 1720).

Further references to people taking refuge in the Badgley house during Indian attacks in 1692 (Richard's History of Union Co.) and again during the Battle of The Short Hills, June 27, 1777, a place of hiding for Scotch Plains residents, resulting in punitive reprisals in 1780 by Loyalist (New Jersey Journal)

Later in its life it provided the first Sunday School for the area recording in 1815-1819.

It remained in the Badgley family until the 1890's when it was sold to Arthur Ayers and eventually the Union Co. Park Commission and established as part of the Watchung Reservation in 1947.

ARCHEOLOGY

The original site of the Badgley House, approximately 400 feet to the Southwest, is also included in this nomination as a site with excellent potential for late 17th- early 18th century cultural artifacts.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 Minutes of the Board of Proprietors 1949
 History of Union Co. F.W. Ricord, editor, 1897 (p. 523-4)
 "The Old Badgley Homestead". Frederic C. Detwiller. Columbia University. Spring, 1972

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ~~building and site~~ *Approx. 1 acre* *SKR*

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
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE *Charles H. Detwiller, Jr. A.I.A.*
 ORGANIZATION *for Mountainside Bicentennial Committee* DATE *May, 1975*
 STREET & NUMBER *c/o Mr. Matthew Powers 335 Longview Drive* TELEPHONE
 CITY OR TOWN *Mountainside* STATE *New Jersey*

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRES. OFFICER SIGNATURE *[Signature]*
 TITLE *Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection* DATE *January 5, 1976*

FOR NPS USE ONLY
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER
 ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION *[Signature]* DATE *9/29/96*
 ATTEST: *[Signature]* DATE *9-17-76*
 KEEPERS OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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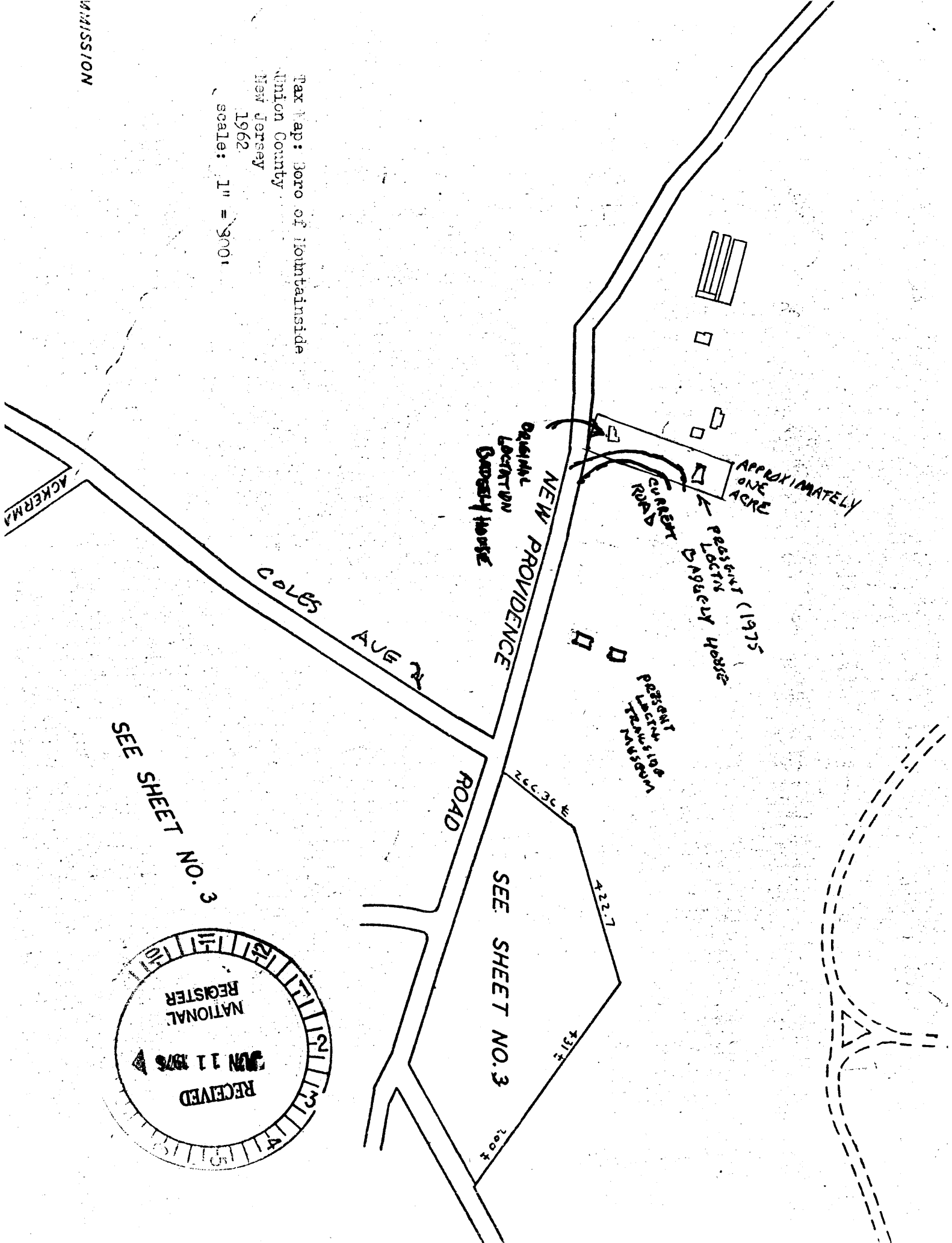
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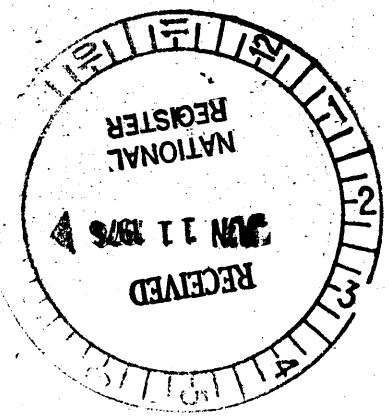
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Union County
New Jersey
1962
Scale: 1" = 300'



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ORIGINAL LOCATION GEORGEY HOUSE

APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE
RESIDENTS (1975) GEORGEY HOUSE

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NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD

COLES AVE 2

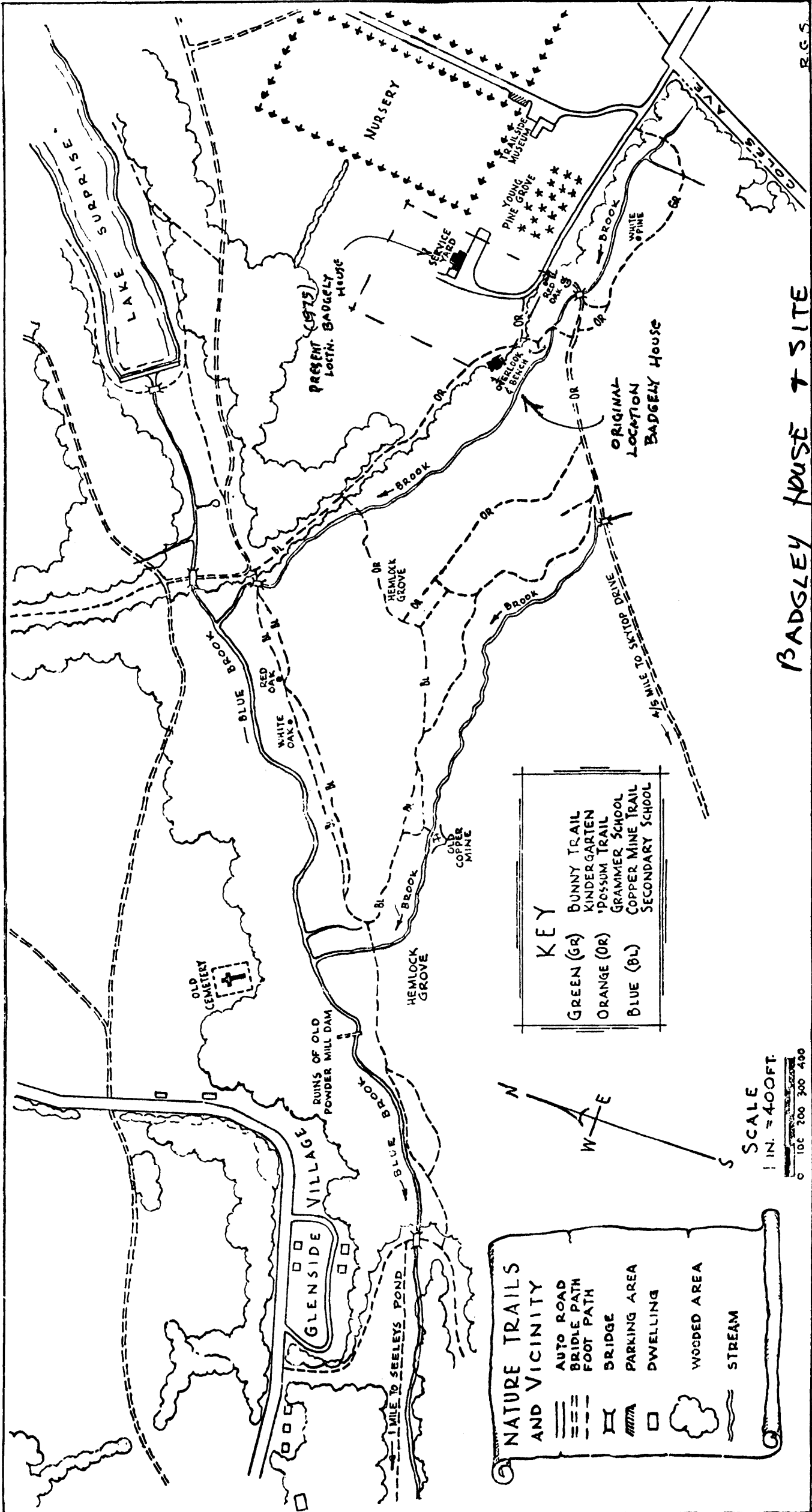
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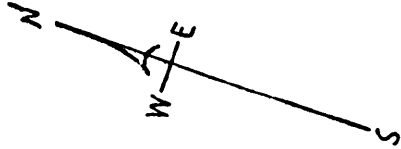
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NATURE TRAILS AND VICINITY	
	AUTO ROAD
	BRIDLE PATH
	FOOT PATH
	BRIDGE
	PARKING AREA
	DWELLING
	WOODED AREA
	STREAM

KEY	
GREEN (GR)	BUNNY TRAIL KINDERGARTEN POSSUM TRAIL GRAMMAR SCHOOL COPPER MINE TRAIL SECONDARY SCHOOL
ORANGE (OR)	HEMLOCK GROVE
BLUE (BL)	BLUE BROOK WHITE OAK RED OAK HEMLOCK GROVE



SCALE
1 IN. = 400 FT.
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BADGLEY HOUSE & SITE

WATCHUNG RESERVATION — UNION COUNTY PARK SYSTEM
SUMMIT • SPRINGFIELD • BERKELEY HEIGHTS • SCOTCH PLAINS • MOUNTAINSIDE

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