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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 Cloverdale  
other names/site number Pierce Shoemaker House

2. Location

street & number 2600 & 2608 Tilden Street N.W.  not for publication N/A  
city, town Washington  vicinity  
state District of Columbia code DC county N/A code DC 001 zip code 20008

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<u>6</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>1</u>	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> objects
		<u>7</u>	<u>1</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing:  
N/A

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.

Carol P. Thompson  
Signature of certifying official STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER Date 6/21/90

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. Patricia Andrews 8/9/90  
 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:) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

## 6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/ Single Dwelling

## 7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th or 20th Century Revival:

Colonial Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone

walls Wood

roof Slate, Asphalt shingles

other

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

### A. General Description

The property is situated in a prestigious residential and diplomatic section of the District of Columbia which borders on the west side of Rock Creek Park. The area is distinguished by the heavily wooded, hilly terrain which marks both the western and eastern sides of the Rock Creek valley. FIGURE # 1. All information is based only on off-site observations because the Owner indicated no interest to have the property nominated to the National Register and would not allow access to the site or to the building.

### B. Site

The large site contains the main house and six outbuildings. The site and all but one (the stone garage) of the outbuildings are in excellent exterior condition. The site slopes down significantly from west to east providing the main house with both a view out over the park and an imposing setting. Except for low shrubbery planted next to the main house, the site is without any distinguishing landscape features, having a large lawn area with an abundance of mature native trees. Most of the site is fenced with a modern chain link fence except for a portion of the northern boundary adjoining the house. A three foot high, cut stone wall has three driveway entries marked by large stone posts. The two most easterly entries, servicing the asphalt driveway which services the main house, have double wood picket gates (painted white). The rear gate entry serves as the driveway to the caretaker's residence.

The main house is situated near the center of the site, close to Tilden Street. The later widening of Tilden Street has likely placed the street closer to the main house than it was at the time of its construction. FIGURE # 2.

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**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

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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1910-1938  
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1910  
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Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Not known

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

A. Introduction

The present house and its outbuildings are locally significant as a representative example of a large, pre-World War I, suburban residential complex in the District of Columbia which retains a very high degree of site and architectural integrity. Based on current known information, the current standing property has no known historical associations with significant individuals or events. The current house has served as a private domestic dwelling since its construction by Mr. E. S. Neuman in 1910 [1].

B. Historic Context

1. History of the Property

The site has historical associations with Isaac Pierce, an early 19th century settler and major property owner who developed and owned the surviving nearby Pierce Mill, a National Park Service property entered in the National Register, on Rock Creek [2]. His original house, built around 1800, was reportedly located on this nominated property. Isaac Pierce died in 1841, leaving the bulk of his estate to his son Abner Pierce. Upon Abner's death in 1851, the property passed on to Pierce's nephew, Pierce Shoemaker, who built the 1876 house to replace the Isaac Pierce house. It is reported, but not documented, that the present 1910 house is a result of the remodeling by Mrs. Clara Neuman

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

Interviews

National Park Service:

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**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location of additional data:**

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

Specify repository: National Archives, NPS.;  
The Historical Society of Washington D.C.  
Martin Luther King Library, Washington D.C.

**10. Geographical Data**

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**UTM References**

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

Cloverdale occupies Square 2231, Lot #800, #801 & #802 in Northwest Washington D.C. It is bounded on the east by two parcels of property, a historic private residence, known as the Still House and the Hungarian Embassy.

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**Boundary Justification**

The boundary selected for Cloverdale is the current property line and includes the entire surviving city lots that have historically been associated with the property, "Cloverdale", and its outbuildings.

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All of the outbuildings are to the south and west of the main house. Immediately to the southwest of the main house is a one story, brick (painted white), gabled asphalt shingled roofed, three car garage (3). The building evidences alteration of the garage door openings and may have originally served as a stable building. Beyond this garage is a one story, wood frame (painted white), gabled asphalt shingled roofed, one room building (5) with an open wood porch across the east elevation. Its historical or current use is not known. To the southwest of this building is a more recent, modern, non-contributing, one story, wood frame (painted white), gabled asphalt shingle roofed, two car garage (7). To the west of the main house is located a small caretaker's residence (2), one and one-half stories in height, with a "T" plan, wood frame (painted white), Dutch gambrel roof with asphalt shingles, with three red brick chimneys and a brick foundation. To the south of this residence, is located a stone spring house built into the grade. The low, gable asphalt roofed structure has a simple wood door on the east elevation and one window on the south elevation. To the west of the small house is a one story, stone, gable asphalt shingled roof, one car garage (4).

The two story with a full attic, wood framed (painted white), Dutch gambrel roofed, main house has a basic "T" shaped plan with large open porches on the east, north and west elevations. It is set on a raised stone foundation (1).

The primary facade of the main house, the east elevation facing Rock Creek Park, consists of three large bays with a central, two story, projecting portico, all set on a large open porch. The wood decked porch is edged by simple wood railings mounted in both large stone and boxed wood piers. The portico has four, two story, wood, plain, circular columns with Corinthian capitals, grouped in two pairs which carry the wood triangular pediment with a small fan light. The flat portico roof is accessed by the third story central dormer windows and has a simple wood balustrade on the north and south sides. The central, second floor window under the portico has a narrow, wood balcony supported on iron

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brackets and has an ornamented iron railing. All of the wood windows are double-hung, 2/2 sash and have wood shutters (painted blue-grey). The single main entry door is flanked by sidelights and has a rectangular transom. A wide, projecting, wood cornice with carved corner brackets and wood dentils surrounds the entire roof. The third floor roof level has three, peaked, window dormers with 2/2 sash.

The north elevation of the main house has a central, two story, projecting, bay with three windows at each level. The gable end of the roof has paired third story windows, double hung, 2/2 wood sash. An attic ventilator is positioned above these windows. The "T" wing is two bays in length with wood, 2/2 double hung windows at each floor level. The first floor of the wing has an open wood porch with an entry door to the first floor. The porch roof is carried on large, square stone piers.

The west elevation of the wing is marked by a large, centrally positioned, stone chimney, flanked by one set of windows at each floor level. A large, centrally positioned, wood framed porte cochère, supported on two large stone corner piers extends out beyond the porch over the driveway. It would appear that the south end of the porch, beyond the first floor entry door, had been enclosed at a later date.

The south elevation of the main house has a first floor, glass enclosed sun porch. The flat roof has a simple wood balustrade and what appears to be a small, rectangular, later bathroom addition to the second floor. The gable end of the roof is identical to that of the north elevation. A two story, one bay wide, gabled roofed, wing appears to have been added to the "T" wing. This wing also has a large stone chimney.

The roof is covered with slate. The main block has a central stone chimney.

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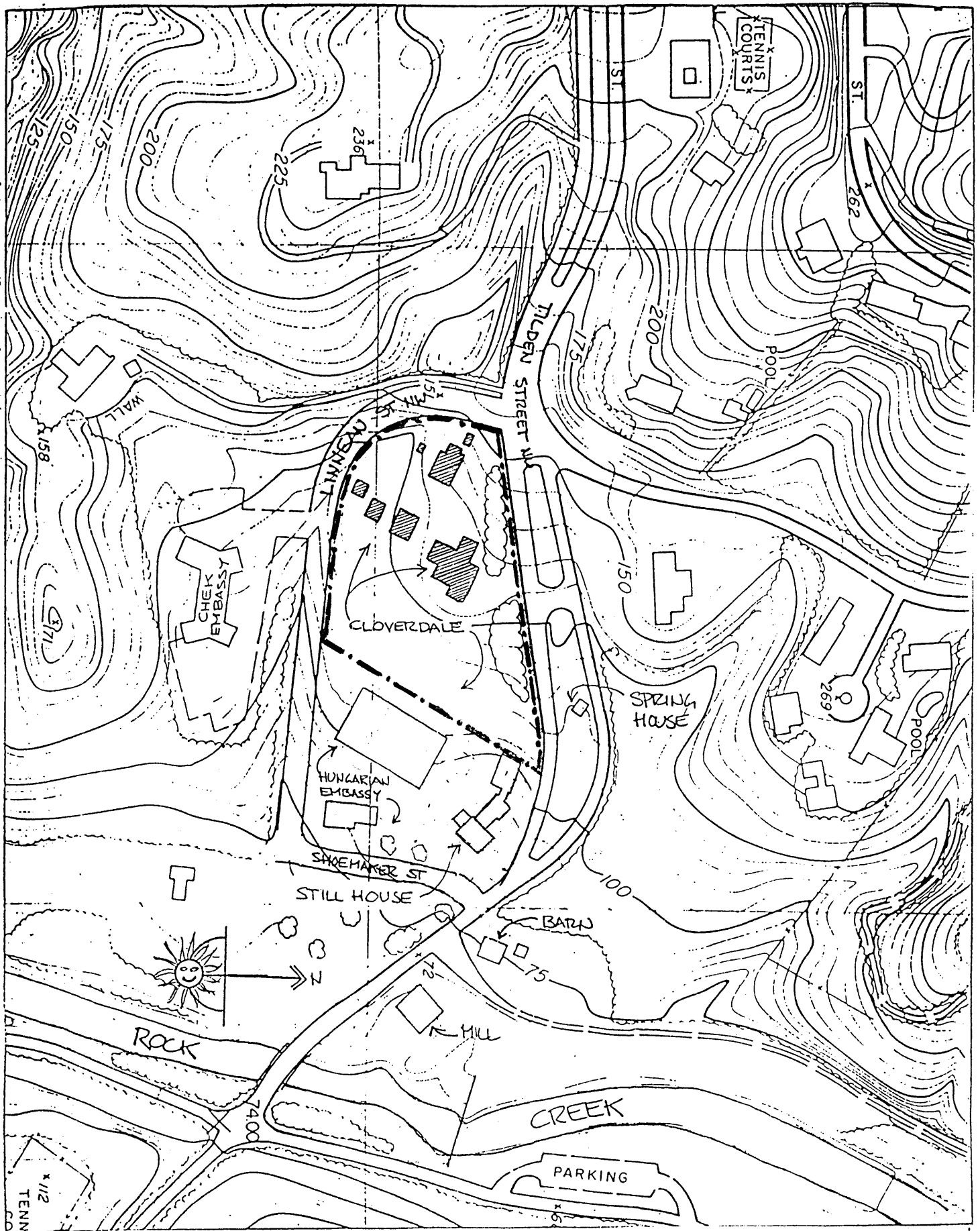
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E. Conclusion

Todate, only two newspaper photographs, dating from 1934 and 1935, have been located. They evidence no major changes in the exterior appearance of the east and southern facades of the main house.

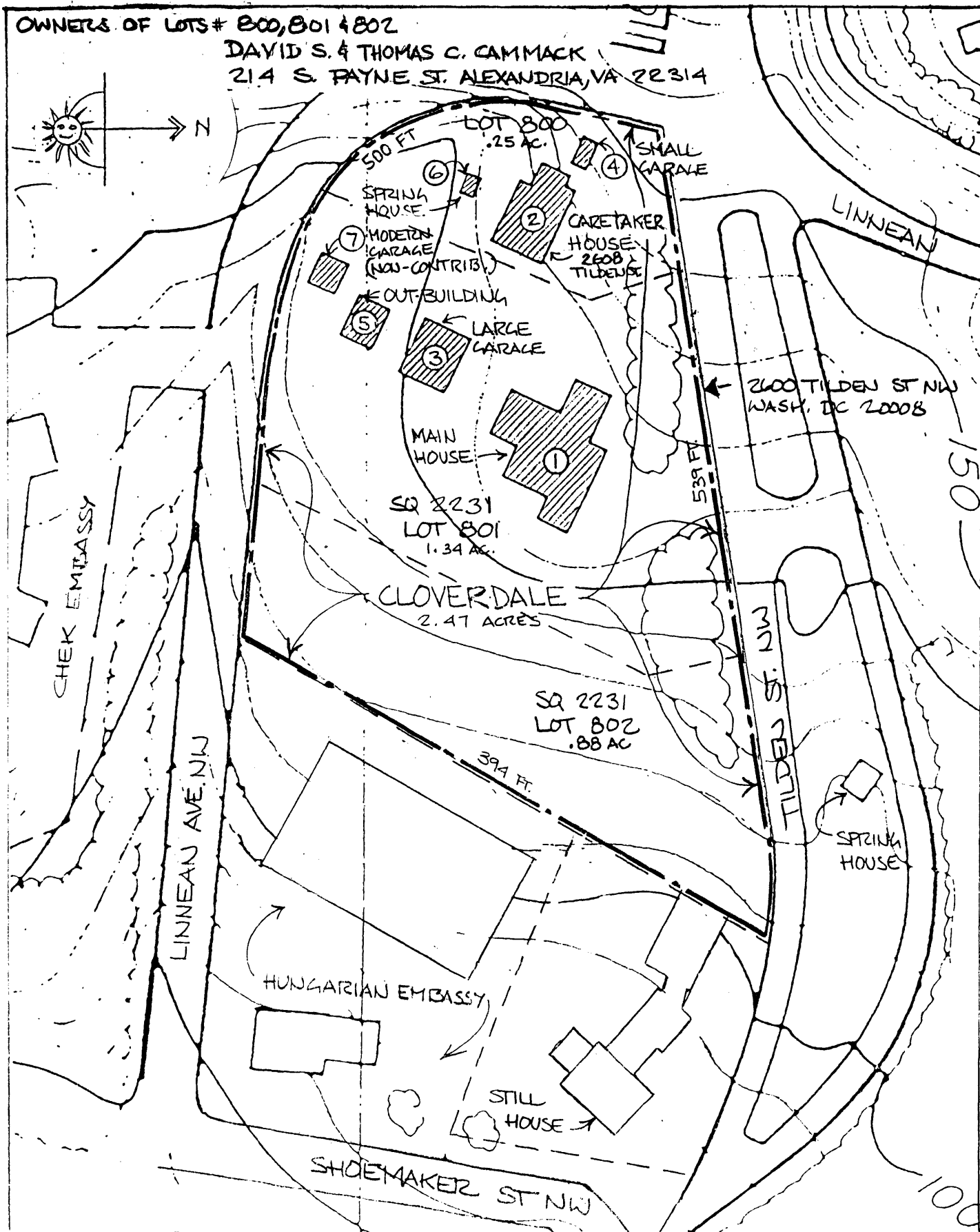
Based on a distant visual inspection, there appear not to have been major alterations to the over-all physical appearance of the site, main building and early outbuildings.



SITE LOCATION MAP

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SITE PLAN

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(Pierce Shoemaker's daughter) of this 1876 house [3]. FIGURES #3,4,5 & 6. Louis Pierce Shoemaker, son of the builder of the 1876 house, was instrumental in the creation of Rock Creek Park through the support of the park concept and by his sale of large family land holdings to the Federal Government to create the Park [4]. All the land upon which the Pierce Shoemaker house now stands remained with the Shoemaker descendants until 1924, when the land containing the "Still House" to the east was sold.

2. Criteria "C": Style

The property meets Criteria C as a building by virtue of its retaining a high degree of integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a large, early 20th century, Colonial revival suburban house with its supporting outbuildings.

C. Additional Significance

Because of the site's direct historical association with the earliest recorded owners of this property and the early industrial development of the Rock Creek, it is likely to contain significant domestic archeological resources from the 19th century. No known investigation of these resources has been made.

The property, identified as the "Pierce Shoemaker House," was designated as a Category III Landmark of the National Capital by the Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital in June, 1979. However, the entry provides no acknowledgement of the existing property name, "Cloverdale," or the date of construction, 1910, of the current main building.



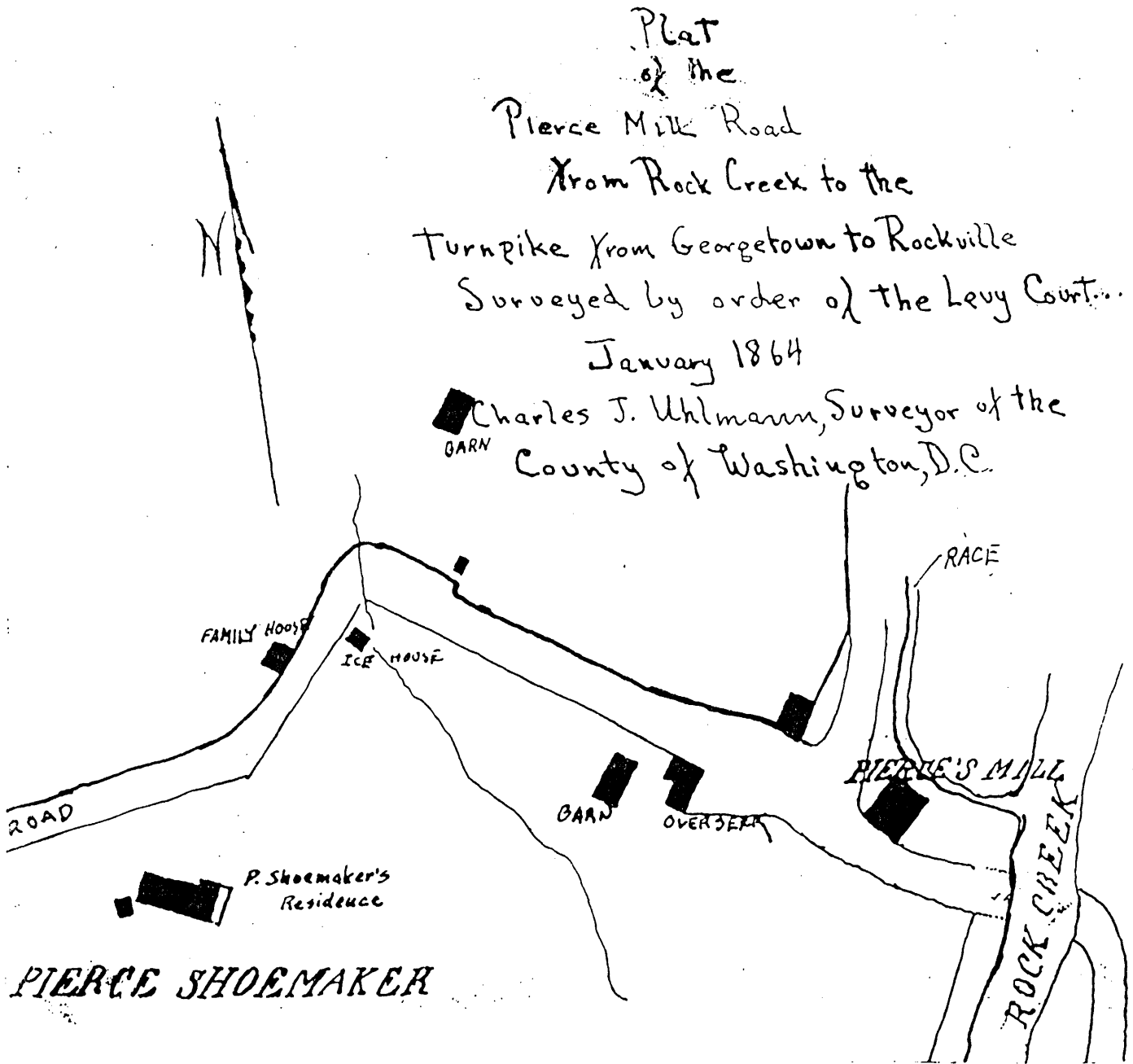
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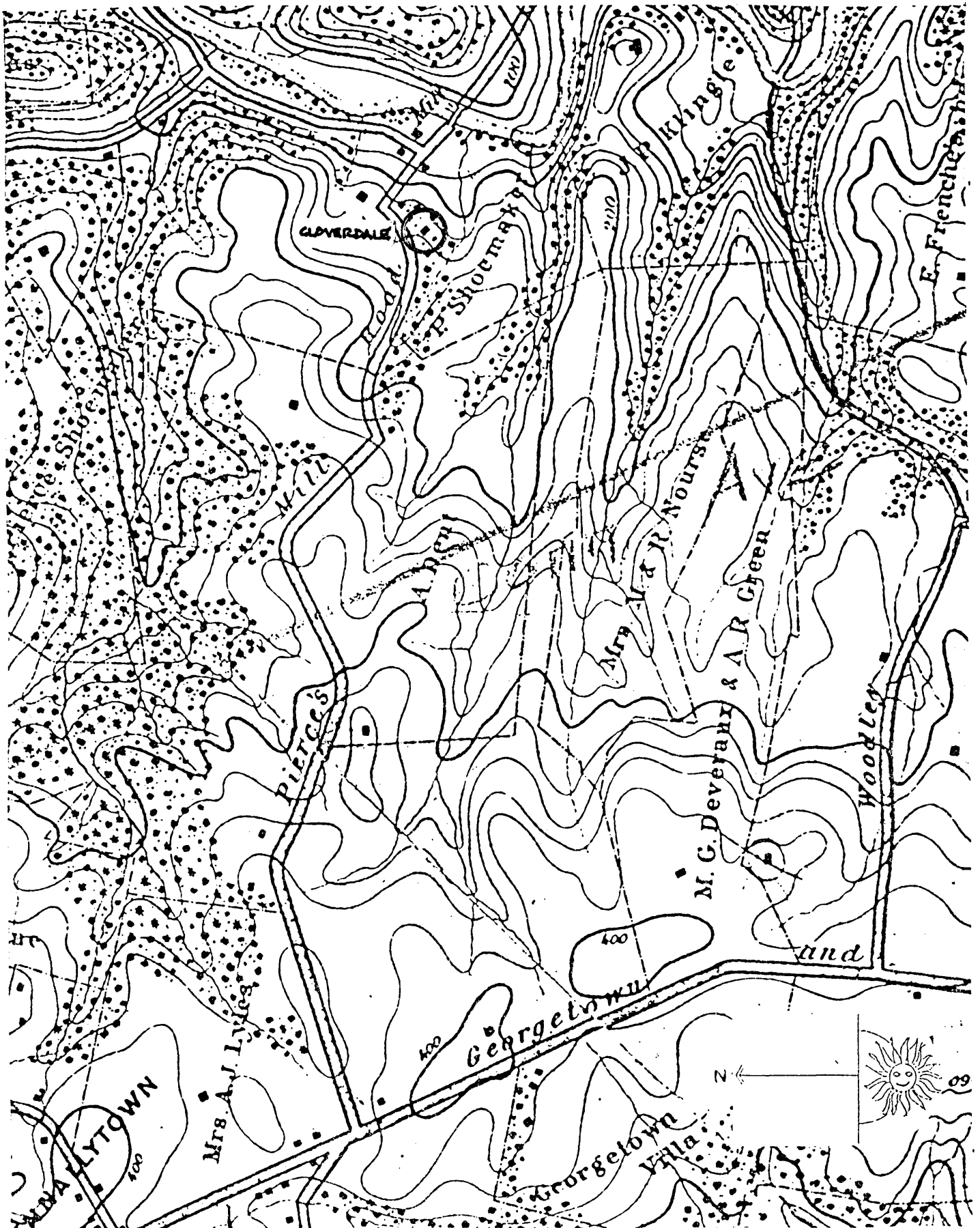
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FIGURE # 4



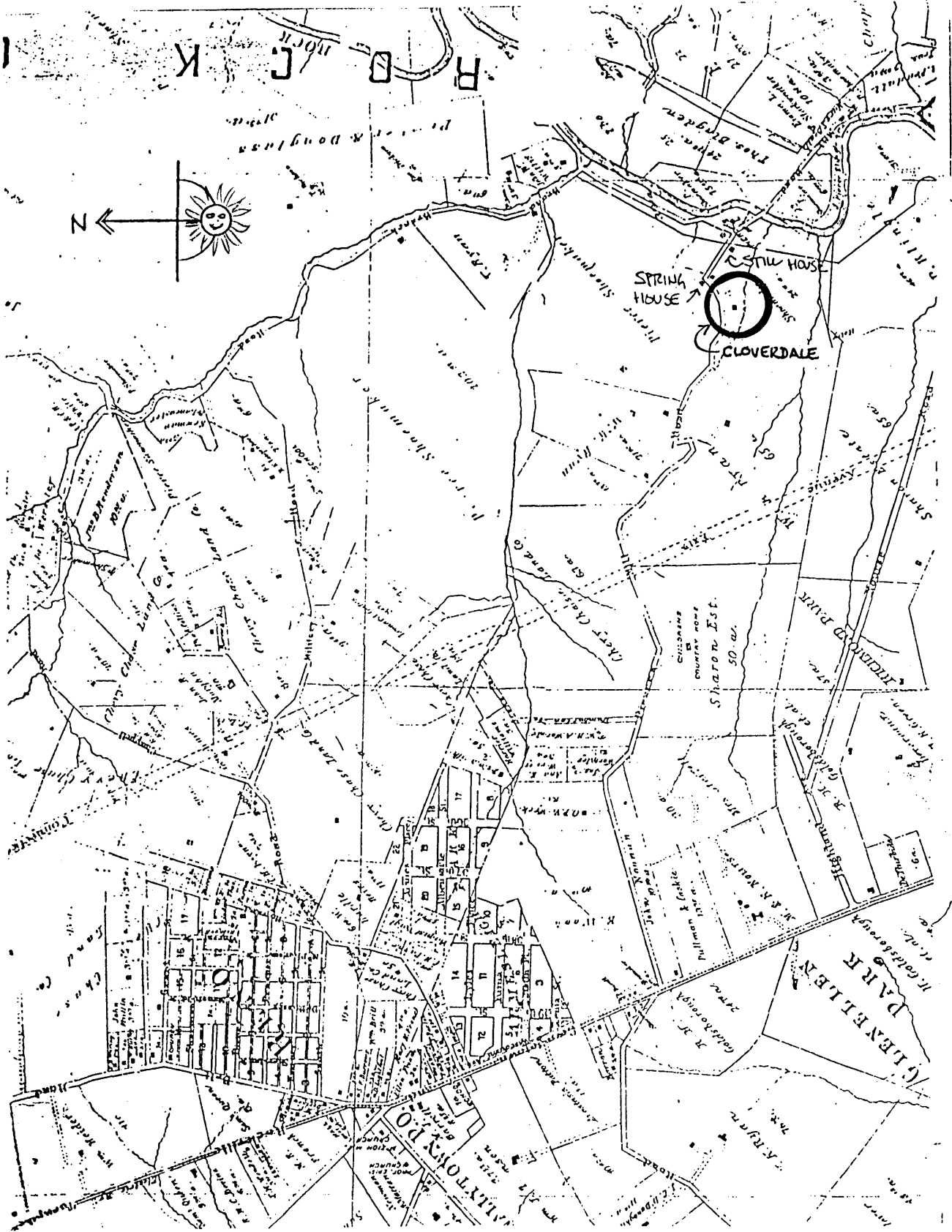
Location Map - 1864

Derived from Plat of Pierce Mill Road by Charles J. Uhlmann, Surveyor, 1864  
in the collection of the Pierce Mill file, Nat. Park Serv. Wash. DC



LOCATION MAP -1884

Excerpt from the Map of the District of Columbia, 1884; by Major Lydecker & Capt. Greene in the collection of the National Archives, Cartography Div. Alexandria, Va.



LOCATION MAP - 1891

Derived from the Map of the District of Columbia, by G.M. Hopkins C.E., Publisher Philadelphia, Penn. 1891; from the collection of the National Archives, Cartographic Div., Alexandria, Va.

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<u>PHOTO</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u> (in which camera is pointed)
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#2	SOUTHWEST
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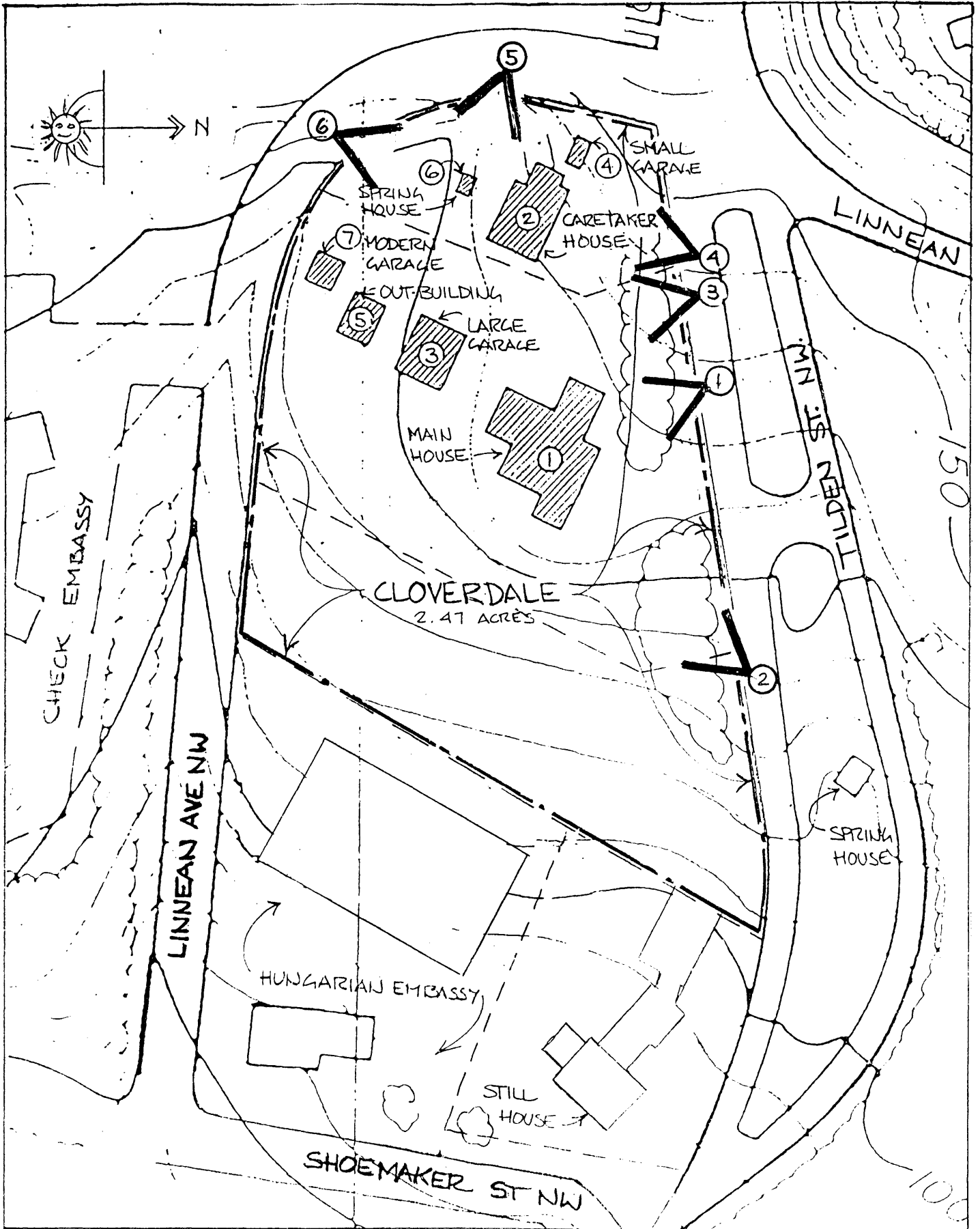


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