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- Location: 4700 Harford Road, City of Baltimore, Maryland (Lots 1 and 2 of the List Tract)  
USGS Baltimore, Maryland East Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
18.364780.4355840
- Significance: 4700-4702 Harford Road, comprised of two early 20th century Queen Anne-style wood frame houses (4700 and 4702 Harford Road) joined by a mid-20th century two-story streetfront addition, represents the evolution of buildings along Harford Road within the National Register-eligible Lauraville Historic District.
- Description: 4700-4702 Harford Road faces east onto Harford Road, a major thoroughfare in Baltimore. 4700 Harford Road occupies the northwest corner of the intersection of List Avenue and Harford Road. Both 2-1/2 story frame Queen Anne-style houses rest on raised basements and are surmounted by cross-gabled roofs. The two buildings are joined by 2 story concrete block additions that extend across the front of 4702 and the rear of both buildings. The rear addition to 4700 dates to ca. 1950; the addition to the rear of 4702 postdates 1951. The original form and shape of the two houses is clearly visible despite recent alterations and additions. 4700 is the most intact displaying a wrap-around porch with Doric columns, hexagonal bays, Palladian windows within gables, and a pyramidal roof with finial above a former corner tower. A random ashlar retaining wall extends across the street frontage of the lot. While the streetfront addition infills the porch of 4702 and an exterior stair has been added on the north, 4702 retains its hexagonal bays and round-arched windows within gables. Both buildings have been sheathed with mid-20th century shingles. The original floor plans of both buildings have been altered. The interiors exhibit recent finishes although some bulls-eye molding remains around window and door openings. The buildings are in good condition.
- History: 4700 Harford Road was constructed between 1908 and 1915; 4702 Harford Road, between 1915 and 1929 (Sanborn Maps and 1908 Map of List Tract). The two houses were originally part of a group of five similar Queen Anne-style residences along Harford Road, a major arterial on which streetcar tracks were located. After World War II several of the larger houses in the early 20th century suburb of Lauraville were converted into apartments, rooming houses, and convalescent homes. Sanborn Maps show that both houses had been converted to nursing homes by 1951. The two buildings were joined together after that date. The low streetfront addition is typical of alterations in the commercial area along Harford Road. The present building is currently occupied as the Harford Gardens Nursing Home.

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The building is slated for demolition in to clear the site for construction of a new, larger nursing facility. HABS documentation was produced in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Harford Nursing Home, Inc.

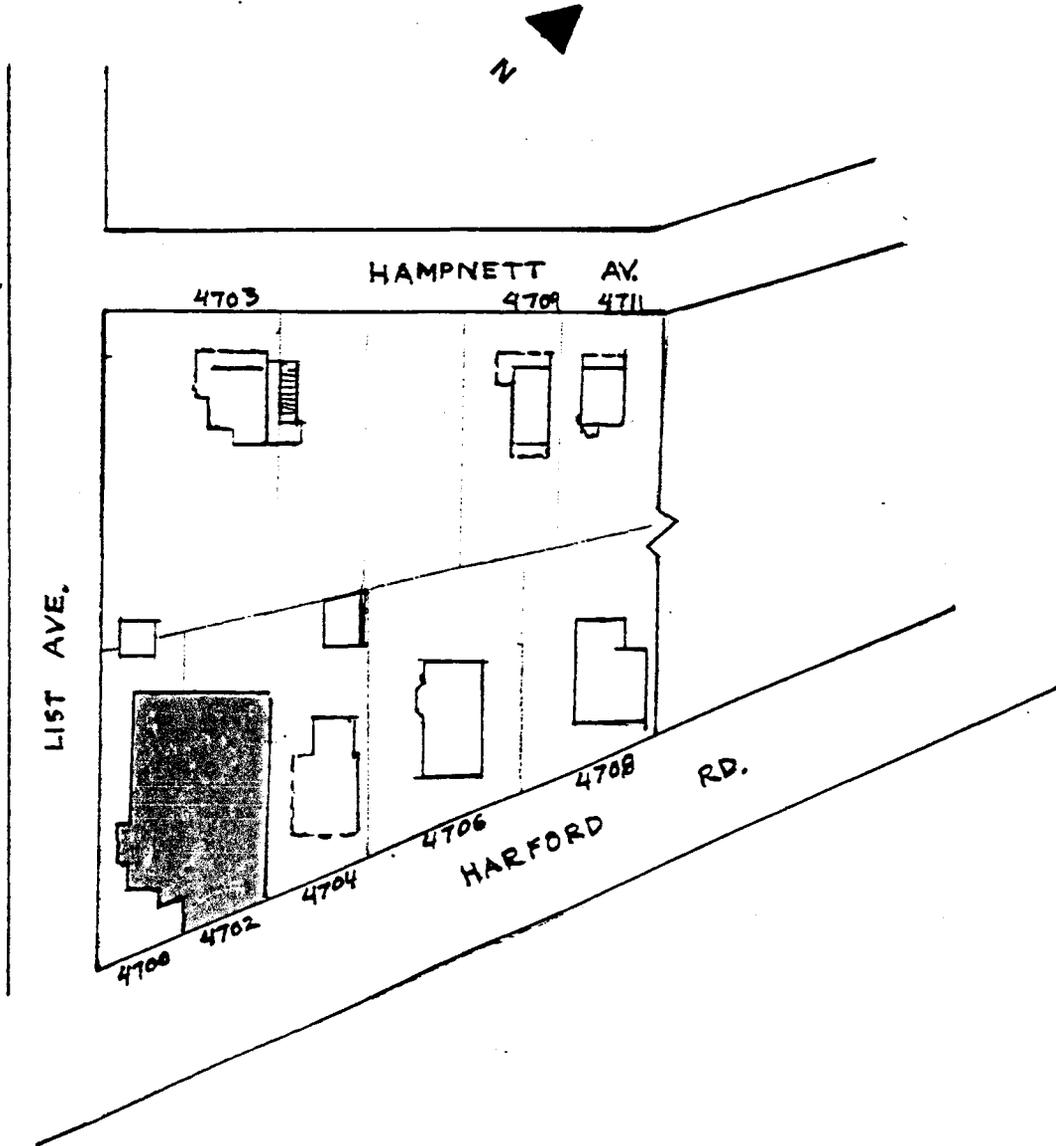
Sources:

1915, 1929, and 1951 Sanborn Maps; 1908 Subdivision Map of List Tract, Plat Book JWS No. 2, f. 340.

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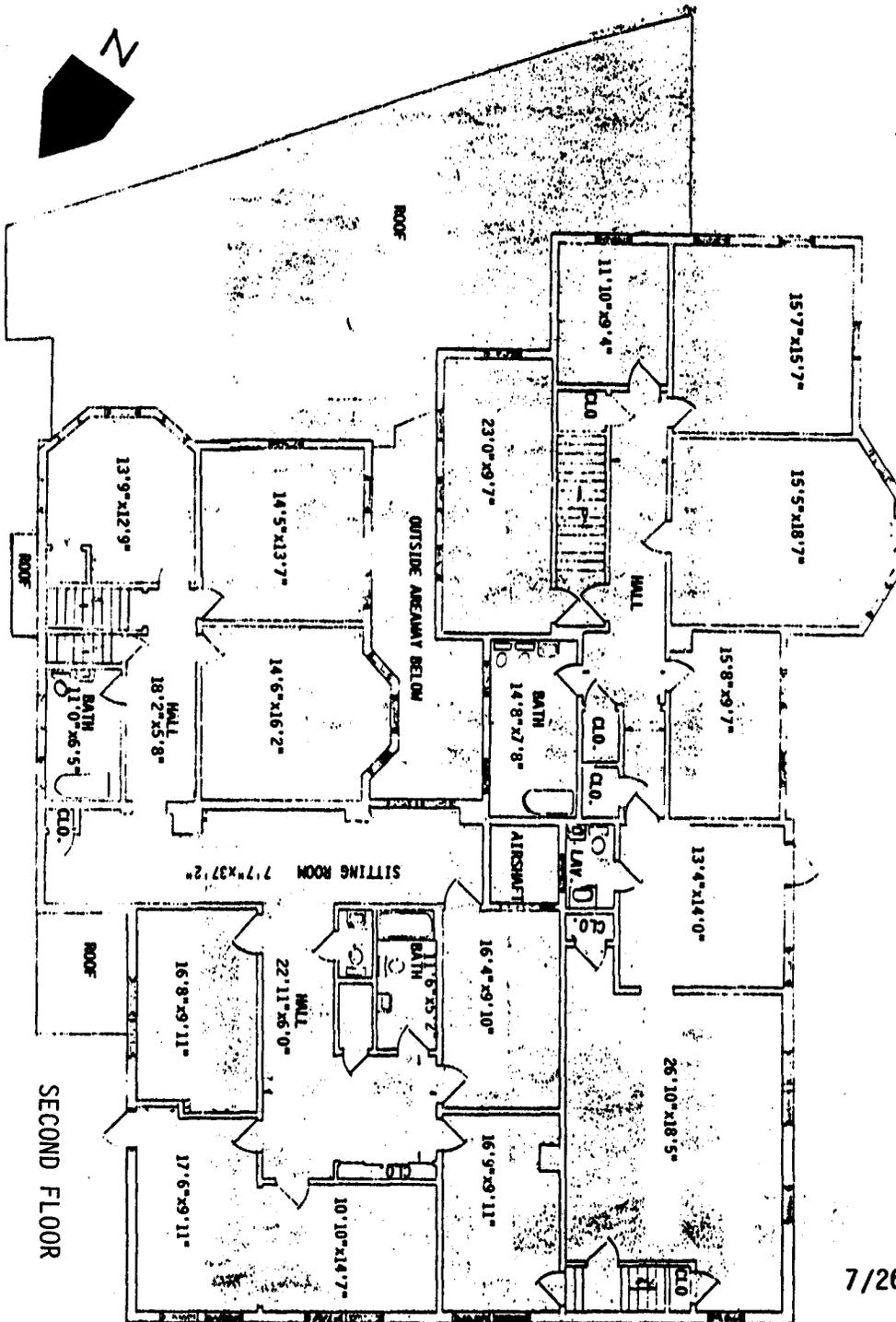
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