

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property WARFIELD - DYE RESIDENCE

historic name: \_\_\_\_\_

other name/site number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number: 318 BUFFALO STREET not for publication: N/A  
city/town: ELKINS vicinity: N/A  
state code: WV county: RANDOLPH code: 083 zip code: 26241

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this x 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 x meets     does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant     nationally     statewide x locally.  
(    See continuation sheet.)

William C. Luman  
Signature of Certifying Official

10/11/97  
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

Date

In my opinion, the property     meets     does not meet the National Register criteria. (    See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Keeper

Date  
of Action

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property:  
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property  
(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property  
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	0	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing  
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)  
N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling	DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification: (Enter categories from instructions)	Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
LATE VICTORIAN: Queen Anne	Foundation Sandstone
	Walls Brick/Wood Shingle
	Roof Asphalt Shingle
	Other

Narrative Description  
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

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**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- ☐ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions)

COMMERCE

TRANSPORTATION

ARCHITECTURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Period of Significance**

1901-1944

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Significant Dates**

1900

1904

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Warfield, Harry R.

Dye, Idellus

**Cultural Affiliation**

N/A

**Architect/Builder**

N/A

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**9. Major Bibliographical References**

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**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**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

Name of Repository: Owners: Paul & Connie Garnett

Name of Property

County and State

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**10. Geographical Data**

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**Acreage of Property:** Less than one acre

**UTM References** (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

17      600110      4309240  
Zone      Easting      Northing

Elkins Quad Map

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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**11. Form Prepared By**

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Name/Title: Connie Garnett, with Katherine Jourdan, WV SHPO

Organization: WV SHPO      Date: March 17, 1997

Street & Number: 1900 Kanawha Blvd East      Telephone: 304/ 558-0220

City or Town: Charleston      State: WV Zip: 25305-0300

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**Property Owner**

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(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

Name: Connie and Paul Garnett

Street & Number: 318 Buffalo Street      Telephone: 304/636-4555

City or Town: Elkins      State: WV Zip: 26341

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The Warfield residence is located on the corner of Buffalo and Sycamore Streets, a flat lot across from Elkins City Park. The large Queen Anne residence was the earliest home along the streetscape, which has later Bungalow, and Colonial Revival homes. The yard is shaded by oak trees along Buffalo Street, with pines to the south. An iron fence is across the west side of the property and partially to the south and north, before changing to a wooden fence. A small parking area is in the rear; there is no garage on the property.

The two-and-a-half story home is brick on the first level with the upper stories having flat wooden shingles. The front facade has three bays with a two story angled bay. A large wraparound porch dominates the front facade with wooden rail, Tuscan column supports, and a balustrade along the roof edge. The windows are all original 1/1 double-hung sash in openings on the first floor with stone lintels and sills. The upper stories have 9/1 windows, except for the front bay which has a 18/1 double-hung sash. The large hip roof has dormers to each side with paired windows and a rear gable end. The large corbelled brick chimney has Queen Anne characteristics. The cornice of the home has dentil trim and a flat fascia.

The south side has a two-story bay for the dining room and bedroom, and a gable end with fanlight. There is a two-story stained glass window indicating the interior stairwell. A rectangular stair tower has butterfly cutouts, and a cellar trap door below, and a glass enclosed sunporch is on the south side.

The north and east side has a succession of evenly spaced double-hung windows. From this angle the rear two-story kitchen wing is visible, with its gable roof. A lattice enclosed porch is off the north side of the house, with a lattice skirt.

The interior of the home is reminiscent of Queen Anne designs, with a built-in wooden bench in the foyer, formal stairway with stained glass window on the landing, and paneled pocket doors. The library has a large brick fireplace with red brick egg and dart trim, and a brick "zigzag" design in a round arch. Brick pilasters with Corinthian capitals flank the fireplace opening and tiled hearth. The woodwork is cherry in this room, with moulding and baseboards, wooden floor, and a separate exit door to the porch with a transom.

The dining room has similar elements as those found at nearby Graceland, with a light color paneling. Period lighting fixtures having an acanthus shape leaf pattern ring the room near the ceiling. The wiring for the fixtures is controlled by two switches, turning on every other light. Original wallpaper was found which had a red wine color background, and purple and yellow floral Art Nouveau designs.

Closets in the home have automatic lights, and a Wells-Bock light fixture with Steuben glass is on the landing, and in the front parlor. A house fire in the late 1920s caused the remodeling of the back portion of the house, and two unusual Art Deco bathrooms with marlite walls in a black, grey, and yellow theme were created. The pantry has floor to ceiling wooden cabinets, repeated in the kitchen. A maids room is accessed

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by a rear stairway, and is located over the kitchen. The second floor has four bedrooms, with two bedrooms and a office on the third floor. The third floor was finished with vertical beaded trim, window seats, and grained doors with transoms. There are five and a half bathrooms in the house.

Constructed just at the turn of the century, the Warfield's Queen Anne residence was a high style for Buffalo Street. The home has maintained its architectural characteristics, incorporating the popular style of Art Deco for the bathrooms after a fire.

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The Warfield-Dye Residence is significant under Criterion B for the association of the property with Harry R. Warfield (a relation of the Davis family), and his banking and commerce connections in Elkins. The house is also associated with Idellus Dye, and his work for the Davis family interests in transportation, mainly the management of the Coal and Coke Railroad. The Queen Anne residence is also significant under Criterion C for Architecture.

The residence was originally known as Wayside, and was constructed at the bottom of the hill opposite a gatehouse to the properties of Senator Elkins and his father-in-law, Senator Henry Gassaway Davis in 1901. Senator Elkins owned much of the land surrounding his summer home "Halliehurst" and the Davis home, "Graceland". Railroad engineers surveyed and laid out the town of Elkins under the direction of Senator Davis. Elkins did not have company housing, but instead sold lots to individuals and employees who built their own homes. This promoted stability in the community and strengthened the local banks.

Senator Elkins established the Elkins National Bank in 1892. It was located at the corner of Third Street and Davis Avenue and was the first bank in Randolph County. He brought Harry R. Warfield to Elkins to run the bank and act as cashier. Senator Davis' mother was a Warfield and it is believed that Harry R. Warfield was a cousin. While employed at the Elkins National Bank, Warfield delved into statewide banking activities. He was named president of the West Virginia Bankers Association at their annual meeting in Grafton, WV, in 1900. The following year the association met in Wheeling where he was appointed delegate to the National Convention to be held in Milwaukee. Warfield also owned interest in two downtown buildings until 1903.

Lots close to the Davis' and Elkins' estates were sold to family members or high level managers. Susan Elizabeth Stadtler Warfield, wife of H.R. Warfield, purchased from Stephen B. and Hallie Elkins two lots: the first in 1897 and the second adjoining lot in 1901. The 1901 tax records assessed the value of the two lots at \$20.00. After purchase of the adjoining lot in 1901 work commenced immediately on their home.

According to the weekly Republican newspaper, the INTER-MOUNTAIN, Thursday, July 18, 1901, the Warfield's "handsome new residence near the park and Senator Elkins' Gate House" was nearing completion and "will add considerable to the appearance to that part of town. It is partly built of brick and is a nicely arranged dwelling". The 1902 tax records show the property assessed at \$1,820.00. The house first appeared on a Sanborn Map in 1923. This map indicated that the house was frame with a brick facade, two stories, and a shingle roof. The Warfield's lived in this grand house, which has many similarities to Graceland, and Halliehurst, until 1904.

The home is Queen Anne in style, with a large wraparound porch facing the park across the street. Angled bays and repetitious windows add great light to the interior. The large hip roof, dormers, and large corbelled brick chimney elaborate the Queen Anne design. The interior has an entry with bench, stained glass windows on the landing, and a panelled stairway which complements the Queen Anne foyer. It is perhaps the dining room which bears the closest resemblance to Graceland, with the light woodwork and acanthus leaf lighting fixtures which ring the room.



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In 1904, Senator Davis went to Washington, D.C., to run as vice-president on the democratic ticket. That same year, Harry and Susan Warfield moved to Morgantown, where Harry represented Senator Elkins' interests there until the Senator's death in 1911. Warfield was involved in the purchase of franchises for construction of trolley lines which would connect Morgantown with a system already in operation to Pittsburgh. He was a stockholder and later President of the Union Utilities Company which was incorporated to provide electric, gas, water, and trolley service along with an authorization to engage in ice, brick, tile, glass, pottery, quarrying and mining. When Senator Elkins died in 1911, his financial interests disappeared from Morgantown and so shortly thereafter did the Warfields. When Senator Davis died in 1916, H.R. Warfield returned from Baltimore to be a pallbearer at the funeral. He was at that time vice-president of the Baltimore Trust Company.

In November 1904, Susan Stadtler Warfield conveyed the house "opposite the S.B. Elkins Lodge House" to Nellie R. Dye. The 1910 census indicates the house was inhabited by Nellie Record and Idellus Knott Dye along with their 19 year old son Preston. The Dyes had two other sons Percival and Hanford. Nell and I.K. had eloped in 1881 from Hamlet, NY, when I.K. Dye was 18 years old and assistant station agent at Forestville, NY. From there they moved to Punxatauney, PA, and then Parkersburg, WV, where he eventually became a superintendent with the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railroad.

In 1902, the WV Central & Pittsburgh Railroad was sold and the proceeds helped Senator Davis start the Coal and Coke Railroad which opened service from Elkins to Charleston. This connected with the Western Maryland Railroad in Elkins and provided service to Cumberland, Maryland.

I.K. Dye became the general manager of the Coal and Coke Railroad and his primary job was to purchase locomotives for the line. Family members have stated that Dye loved the Art Deco designs often incorporated into railroad car designs during the 1930s. The Dye's were responsible for the design of the two Art Deco bathrooms which are said to be reminiscent of the railroad designs. Mr. and Mrs. Dye resided in the home from 1904 until their deaths; hers in 1939, his in 1944. A dispute arose among the Dye heirs concerning disposition of the property so the house was eventually sold at public auction to coal magnate Sam Polino.

The residence was home to the Warfields during their early married life and Harry Warfield's budding career in banking and commerce. It also served the Dye's who were influential in the railroading interests of the Davis family and town of Elkins. The residence reflects the design characteristics popular in the Queen Anne style of the period, and some of the interior decorative elements found in the neighboring homes of Graceland and Hallihurst.

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Thursday, March 5, 1903

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**Boundary Description**

Located at the corner of Buffalo and Sycamore Streets and bounded on the north for 120 feet by Sycamore Street, bounded on the east for approximately 100 feet by a 15 foot alley, bounded on the south for 120 feet following the line of property, bounded on the west for approximately 100 feet by Buffalo Street.

**Boundary Justification**

As recorded in Deed Book No. 439, page 369, Clerk of the County Commission of Randolph County, WV.

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Address: 318 Buffalo Street  
City: Elkins, WV  
County: Randolph County

Photographer: Paul Garnett

Date: July 30, 1997

Negatives: Paul Garnett

Photo 1 of 23: Southwest elevation or front side (Buffalo Street)  
Camera looking Northeast

Photo 2 of 23: West corner elevation (corner Buffalo & Sycamore Sts)  
Camera looking East

Photo 3 of 23: Northwest elevation (Sycamore Street)  
Camera looking Southeast

Photo 4 of 23: North elevation - rear and north side  
Camera looking South

Photo 5 of 23: North elevation - rear  
Camera looking South

Photo 6 of 23: Northeast elevation (Alley)  
Camera looking Southwest

Photo 7 of 23: East Elevation - South side and rear  
Camera looking West

Photo 8 of 23: East elevation - rear porch; later addition  
Camera looking Northwest

Photo 9 of 23: Southeast elevation - side bay  
Camera looking Northwest

Photo 10 of 23: South elevation - front side  
Camera looking North

Photo 11 of 23: South elevation - porch  
Camera looking North

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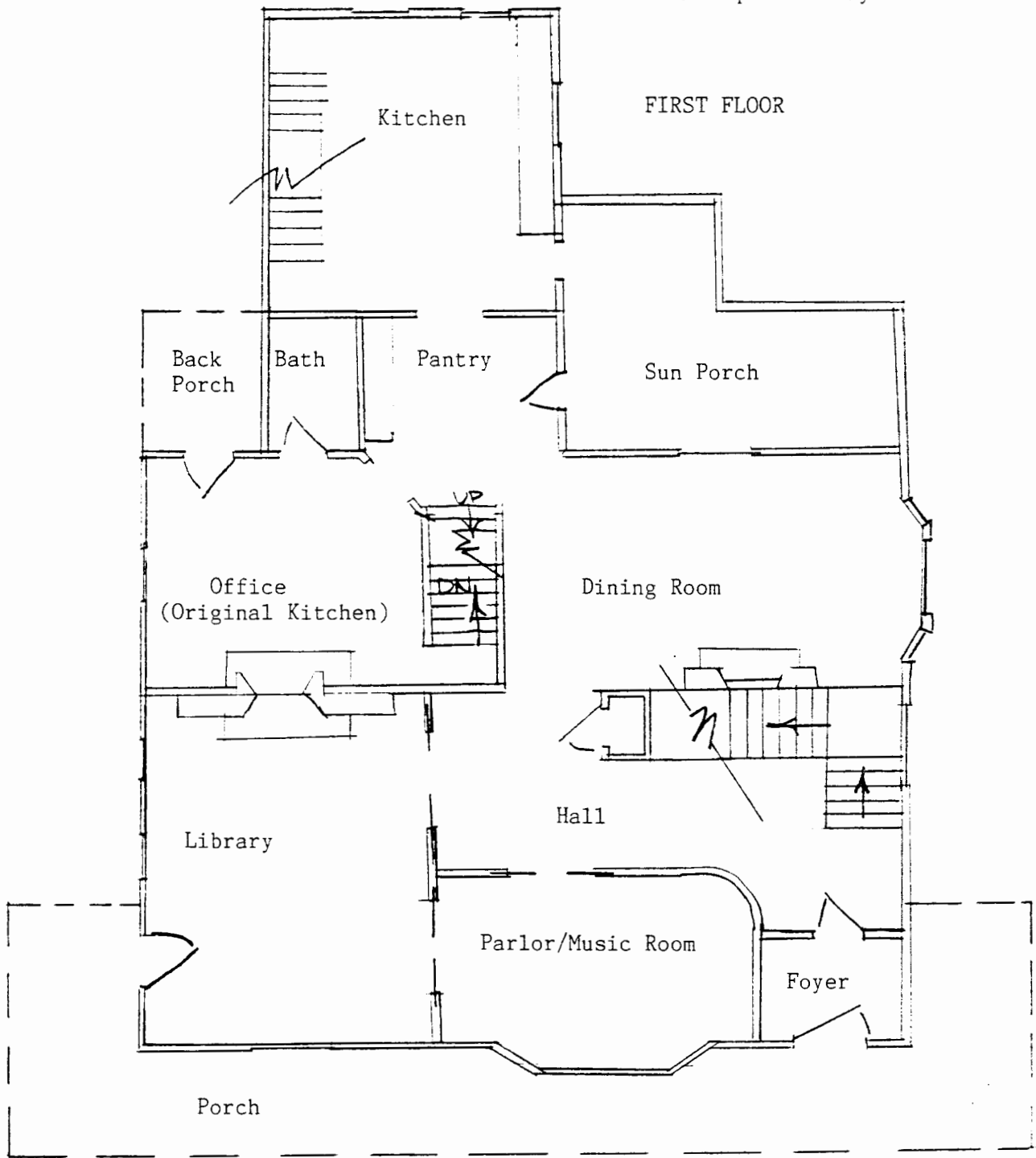
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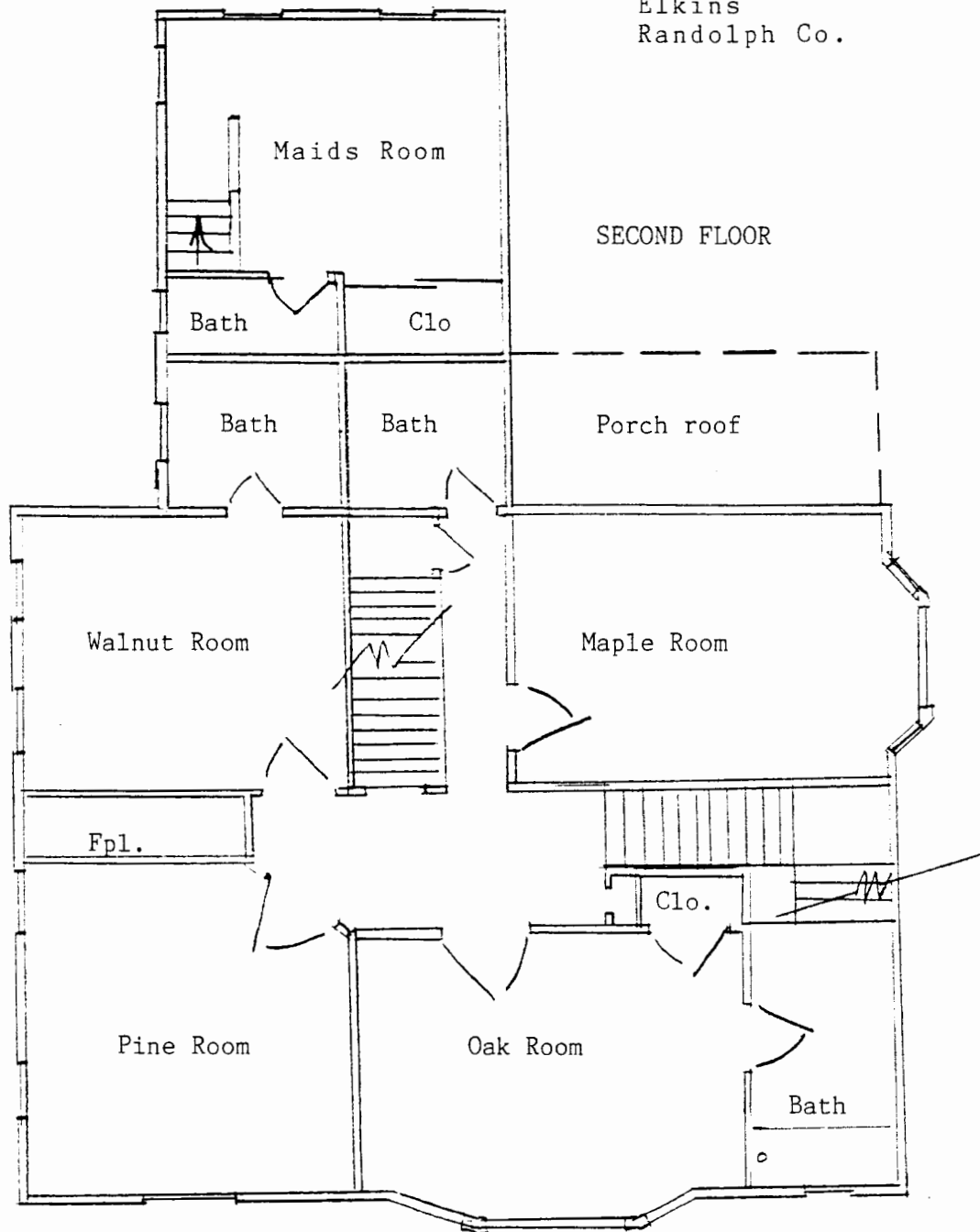
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Camera looking East
- Photo 16 of 23: Dining Room  
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- Photo 17 of 23: Den - Office  
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- Photo 18 of 23: Kitchen  
Camera looking Northeast
- Photo 19 of 23: Maple Bedroom  
Camera looking South
- Photo 20 of 23: Walnut Bedroom  
Camera looking North
- Photo 21 of 23: Pine Bedroom  
Camera looking West
- Photo 22 of 23: Oak Bedroom  
Camera Looking Southwest
- Photo 23 of 23: Bath room - Art Deco & Black Marlite  
Camera looking East

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Site and Photo Map



DAVIS & ELKINS  
COLLEGE

ELKINS  
CITY PARK

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PARCEL 53

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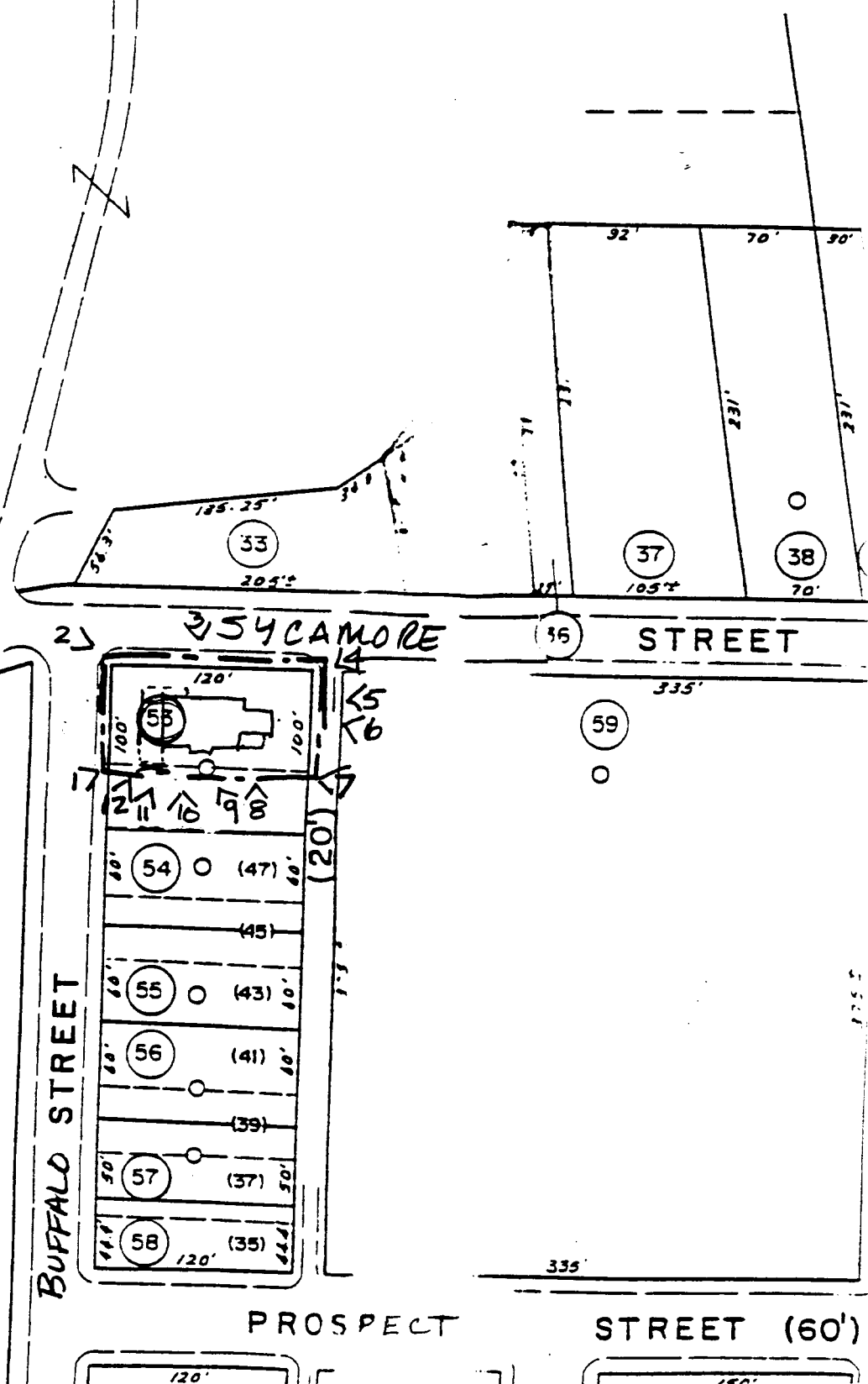
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354 CAMORE

STREET

PROSPECT

STREET (60')



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RESIDENCE  
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ELKINS QUAD  
MAP

