

AA-1055  
Elvaton House  
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Private

late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century

Elvaton House is a simple late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century vernacular frame dwelling associated with the growth and development of the small town of Elvaton, following the 1887 establishment of the Baltimore & Annapolis Shortline Railroad. The size, style, and location indicate this house indicate it was occupied by persons of limited economic means.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community  
Planning

Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-1055

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Elvaton House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8450 Elvaton Road  not for publication

city, town Elvaton  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Leonara P. Gary

street & number 7908 S. Ritchie Highway telephone no.:

city, town Glen Burnie state and zip code: MD 21061

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2315

street & number Church Circle folio 054

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

ository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Elvaton House is an east-facing, two-story, gable-roofed, frame dwelling. Walls are sheathed in board and batten siding and rest on a brick pier foundation. Built with a three-bay front facade, the main body of the house is built with a center-hall, single-pile configuration. This plan is augmented by a one-story, full-width, shed-roof section on the rear, and on the west side, by a one-story, gable-roofed section. Both are collapsing. Differences in the foundation suggest these sections of the building are later additions, but they are historic and are clad in the same exterior wall covering as the rest of the house. The roofline features slightly overhanging eaves with exposed rafter ends. The roofline is pierced at the gable's apex, on the west side, by a short, corbelled stove chimney, which is disintegrating.

Spanning the front of the main block and situated at grade level, is a badly deteriorated porch. It is supported by three remaining square posts; a fourth post, located at the south end, is missing, compromising the porch's structural integrity. In addition, the floor is rotted and collapsed. All windows are boarded. The only unaltered opening is the front entrance, which retains its original five-horizontal-panel door.

Elvaton House sits on a small lot, fronting Elvaton Road. It is surrounded by a number of mature trees. It is immediately adjacent a parking lot associated with the neighboring store.

# 8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect						
Check: Applicable Criteria: _____ A _____ B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C _____ D and/or							
Applicable Exception: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G							
Level of Significance: _____ national _____ state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local							

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Elvaton House is a late 19th/ early 20th century vernacular frame dwelling associated with the development of the railroad town of Elvaton. The buildings limited size, low level of architectural finish, as well as its proximity to the railroad tracks associated it with persons of limited economic means.

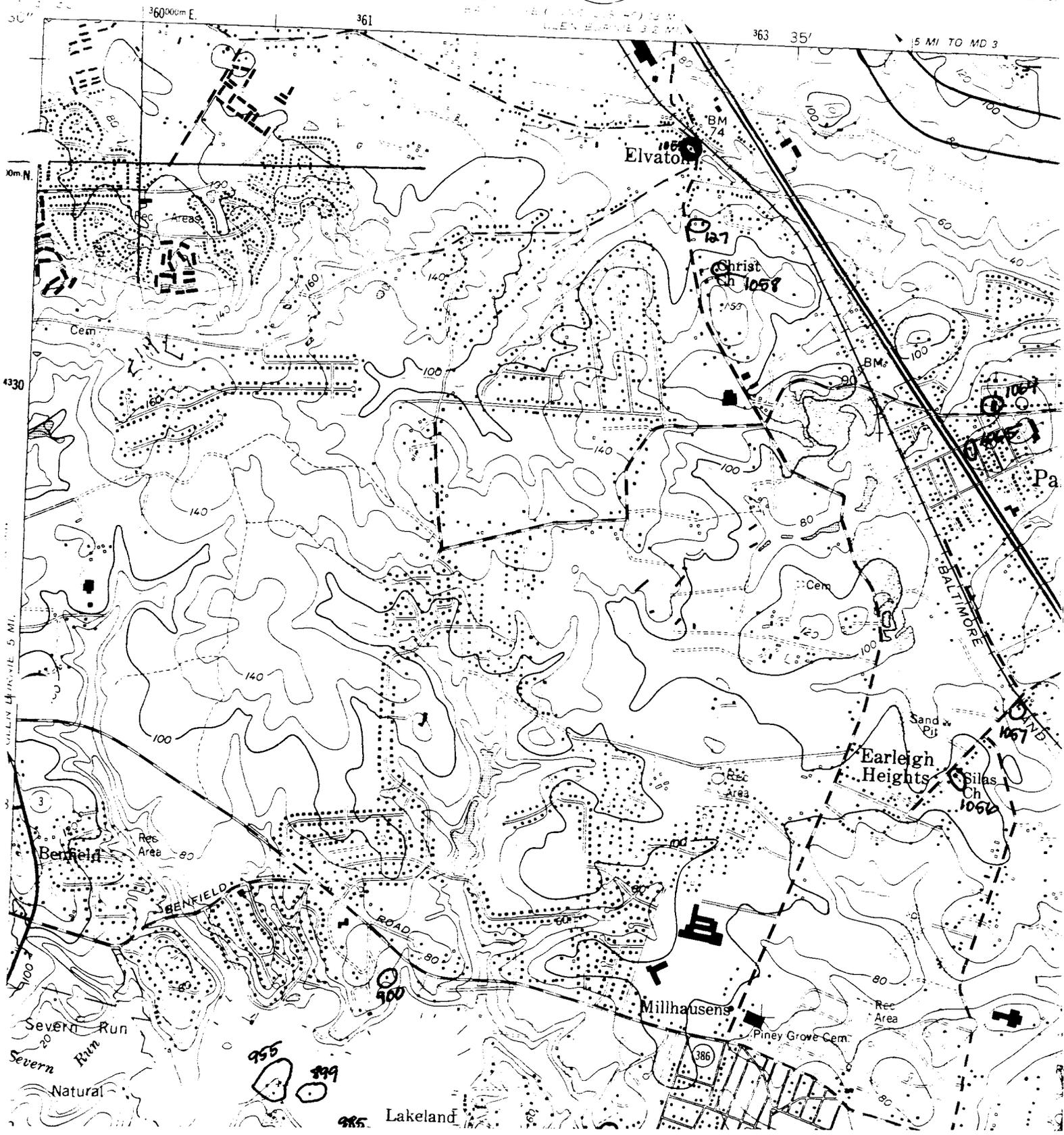
The community of Elvaton developed in response to the establishment of the Baltimore and Annapolis Shortline Railroad which began operation in 1887 and spurred the growth and creation of towns along its route. The house, as well as most of the community of Elvaton exists on part of a 353 acre tract patented as Piney Grove. In the 3rd quarter of the 19th century Piney Grove was owned by Osburn S. Pumphrey, an relatively affluent area truck farmer. Pumphrey rented and sold parts of his holdings as Elvaton developed. No evidence suggests Pumphrey lived in the dwelling known as Elvaton House. It is believed that the dwelling was used as a tenant house, probably by railroad workers or employees of Elvaton Station, which was located across the road from this house.





Elvaton as shown on  
USGS Map 1907

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**ROUND BAY**  
**USGS 7.5 minute series**  
**Scale: 1:24,000**  
**1956, photo revised 1979**

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ELEVATION HOUSE

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

EAST Elevation

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S.W. PERSPECTIVE

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