

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. BA-2769

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic McKinnell House

and/or common Eisenhardt (Preferred)

2. Location

street & number 42 Ridge Road not for publication

city, town Catonsville vicinity of _____ congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name George Michael Eisenhardt, Jr. & Donna Lee Eisenhardt

street & number 42 Ridge Road telephone no.: (410) 744-6306

city, town Catonsville state and zip code Maryland 21228

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10729

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 536

city, town Towson state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
7.1-7.4 DESCRIPTION

DONNA EISENHARDT
DOCUMENTING HISTORIC PROPERTIES
December 14, 1995

The Eisenhardt House at 42 Ridge Road in Catonsville, Maryland is a detached, one-and-one-half story frame dwelling on a concrete foundation and is of the Bungalow form. The house, located approximately two tenths of a mile east of Frederick Road and two tenths of a mile west of Edmondson Avenue, sits atop a single, hilled lot with a setback of approximately fifty feet from the west side of Ridge Road. An uncoursed rubble stone retainer wall fronts the approximately three quarter acre lot, a 3.5 foot high concrete block retainer wall runs along the lot's front east side and an eight inch high concrete wall defines the lot's west side. Two large evergreen shrubs flank each side of a flight of eight concrete steps. All that remains of the rear garage is an 18' x 20' poured concrete foundation.

The 44'x 26' house was built circa 1926 on a high rock faced, concrete block foundation. The entire facade is currently painted, square edged, cedar shingles and the entire roof is of asphalt shingles. The principal facade faces southeast toward the road and is symmetrical. A gable roof tops the 8' x 22' wooden floored porch and is supported by two posts that are each atop an elephantine pier and are located at either end of the porch. Above the porch roof, in a shed roofed dormer, are two, four lite casement windows. An entrance door is located in the second bay, to the right of a six over one window and to the left of two adjoining six over one windows. The door is a single wide wood and glass door. A three lite transom tops the entrance door. All window

and door architraves on the house are identical, unornamented wood.

The west gable facade contains five bays arranged in four sections. The first section contains two bays: two, four lite casement windows. The main floor's second section is comprised of a cantilevered box bay projection with two, 6/1 windows. The projection is topped by a shed roof. Above the shed roofed projection, close to the apex of the gable, is a 6/1 window. The third section lies beyond the bay projection and also contains a 6/1 window. Two thirds of the way down the gable roof, the roof line changes pitch to accommodate a rear section, which gives the appearance of a shed roof. The fourth section is stepped back from the third section, contains no window and is topped by a shed roof.

The north facade has a small porch that contains a four lite casement window and is also sheltered by a shed roof. To the left of the porch is a single 6/1 window and below-grade of this bay is an eight lite, two panel wood entrance door that leads to the basement. The chimney, constructed of rock faced concrete block, is centrally located in the shed portion of the roof.

The east gable facade is three bays wide, each bay has a 6/1 window. There is no bay projection or stepped back fourth section, on this facade. Like the west gable facade, the east gable facade also contains a six over one window near the apex of the gable roof.

Interior

The rectangular floor plan of the Eisenhardt house is characteristic of bungalows built during the 1920s. The open floor

plan allows an unobstructed view from the entrance, through three rooms, to the back pantry. The first floor is similar to a hall-parlor plan and includes an offset stairway. The most striking features of the house are consistently evident throughout: All window and door architraves are unornamented four inch mouldings topped with a one-and-one-half inch crown moulding. Baseboards are seven inch high with an ogee basecap. Flooring throughout the first floor, except in the kitchen and bathroom where flooring is glazed ceramic tile, is hardwood oak with inlaid accent stripe of darker oak. All windows, unless otherwise noted, are five foot tall and the ceiling height is nine feet. All interior doors are five panel wood. All walls and ceilings on first floor were originally plaster but drywall was hung over these surfaces in 1988.

The main entrance opens directly into the front parlor. The most distinguishing feature in this room is a non-functioning, decorative fireplace, flanked on either side by a four lite, 20" x 20" casement window. The current owner built this fireplace to replace the original, non-functioning, precast, concrete block fireplace. The current fireplace hearth is black marble, the fire box is black painted sheetmetal. The fireplace has a rectangular opening with marble surround, mantel is wood with dentil crown moulding at the mantel shelf. To the right of the front parlor, through a six foot wide opening lies the family room. There are no distinguishing features in this room.

Directly behind the parlor, through another six foot wide

opening, lies the dining room. The stair rises along the east wall of this room and is a closed string stair with square section ballusters and a square newel. The space below the carriage is finished with a large skirt board embellished with moulding similar to the baseboards and architrave crowns. The steps are oak and the risers are painted wood. Directly behind the parlor and to the right of the parlor lie the kitchen and bathroom respectively, both remain in their original locations but have been modernized with new plumbing, fixtures, wiring and cabinets.

On either side of the second floor landing lies a bedroom. At the present time all plaster, insulation and moulding has been removed exposing the house's original knob and tubing wiring. The second floor has no heat supply and the present owners are in the process of modernizing this area.

The basement is unfinished, with concrete floor and concrete block walls and can be reached interiorly by way of the offset stairway or through the entrance in the rear facade. Attic space is a small crawl space area located under each of the second floor's gabled ends.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1926 **Builder/Architect** Welsh Construction Company

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

See Continuation Sheet
8.1-8.2 Significance

CONTINUATION SHEET
8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

The Eisenhardt house is typical of the Bungalow style of building that was popular during the 1920s, a style that reflects the changing local and national social patterns of that era. The nation's economic boom years 1900-1917 resulted in increasingly large numbers of working and middle class families that could afford new housing. In addition to an improved economy, the early twentieth century also saw changes in transportation that made land more accessible. As automobile ownership increased nationwide and streetcar lines extended into the country, city residents moved permanently to outlying areas.

Catonsville experienced the same social changes as other communities across the nation. One source describes the streetscape of Catonsville's main thoroughfare as being dominated by "double tracks down the center of Frederick Road and tall overhead electric lines....by the beginning of the new century."¹ For Catonsville, increased transportation and an improved economy shifted the building focus from seasonal occupancy of houses by the wealthy to the development of permanent housing for the working class. Gone from the community's newspaper, The Argus, were "notices of summer home openings replaced with articles announcing the subdivision of former estates."² In fact building escalated so quickly throughout Catonsville that the population "jumped from

¹Arnold, Joseph and Edward Orser. Catonsville 1880 to 1840 From Village to Suburb. p 61.

²Ibid, 62.

approximately 5,000 in 1920 to over 9,000 in 1930 as almost 900 new dwellings were built in the old town and in the new subdivisions."³

A significant number of the nearly 900 new dwellings built in Catonsville during the 1920s were of the Bungalow style. The land "between, what is now, the Baltimore Beltway and the land annexed by the city in 1918, became densely populated by cottages and bungalow style housing."⁴ Not only did bungalows, an economical method of building, enable the working class- Henry McKinnell, the first owner at 42 Ridge Rd. was an electrician by trade who migrated from the city,⁵ to fulfill the American dream of home ownership, but bungalows also "brought many innovations in design and household convenience to mass housing."⁶ Some of the innovations included the latest in wiring and plumbing, improved interior arrangements-meaning more open floor plans that featured ease of circulation, and the latest in bathroom and kitchen equipment.⁷

³Ibid, 124.

⁴Ibid, 124.

⁵Oral interview with Ruth McAleer, resident of 40 Ridge Road at her home on November 11, 1995, 2:00 pm.

⁶Prosser, Daniel J. "Chicago and the Bungalow Boom of the 1920s". Chicago Historian., 86.

⁷Ibid, 86.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

10.1 BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

personal representatives/~~successors~~ and assigns, in fee simple, all that lot of ground situate in the County of Baltimore, State of Maryland

and described as follows, that is to say:

BEGINNING for the same on the West Side of Ridge Road, at the distance of eleven hundred and thirty-five and thirty-three one-hundredths feet Southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the West side of Ridge Road with the South side of Edmondson Avenue (as now laid out and widened); thence running Southerly binding on the West side of Ridge Road eighteen and thirty-three one-hundredths feet to a curve in Ridge Road; thence still running Southerly binding in a curve on the West side of Ridge Road twenty-nine and six-tenths feet; thence running North eighty-four degrees fifty-seven minutes West one hundred and twenty-three and ten one-hundredths feet; thence running North five degrees fifty-seven minutes East thirty-six and ninety-four one-hundredths feet; and thence running Easterly at right angles to Ridge Road one hundred and twenty feet to the place of beginning. The improvements on said lot of ground being now known as No. 42 Ridge Road.

BEING the same property which by Deed dated June 17, 1970 and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber 5101, folio 551 was granted and conveyed by Lillian May McKinnell and Robert L. McKinnell unto Clarence William Nazelrod, Jr. and Millicent Ellen Nazelrod, the within Grantors. The said Clarence William Nazelrod, Jr. and Millicent Ellen Nazelrod were divorced AVM on November 9, 1982. SEE Baltimore County Case No. 82E-2767.

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Assessments & Taxation
for Baltimore County

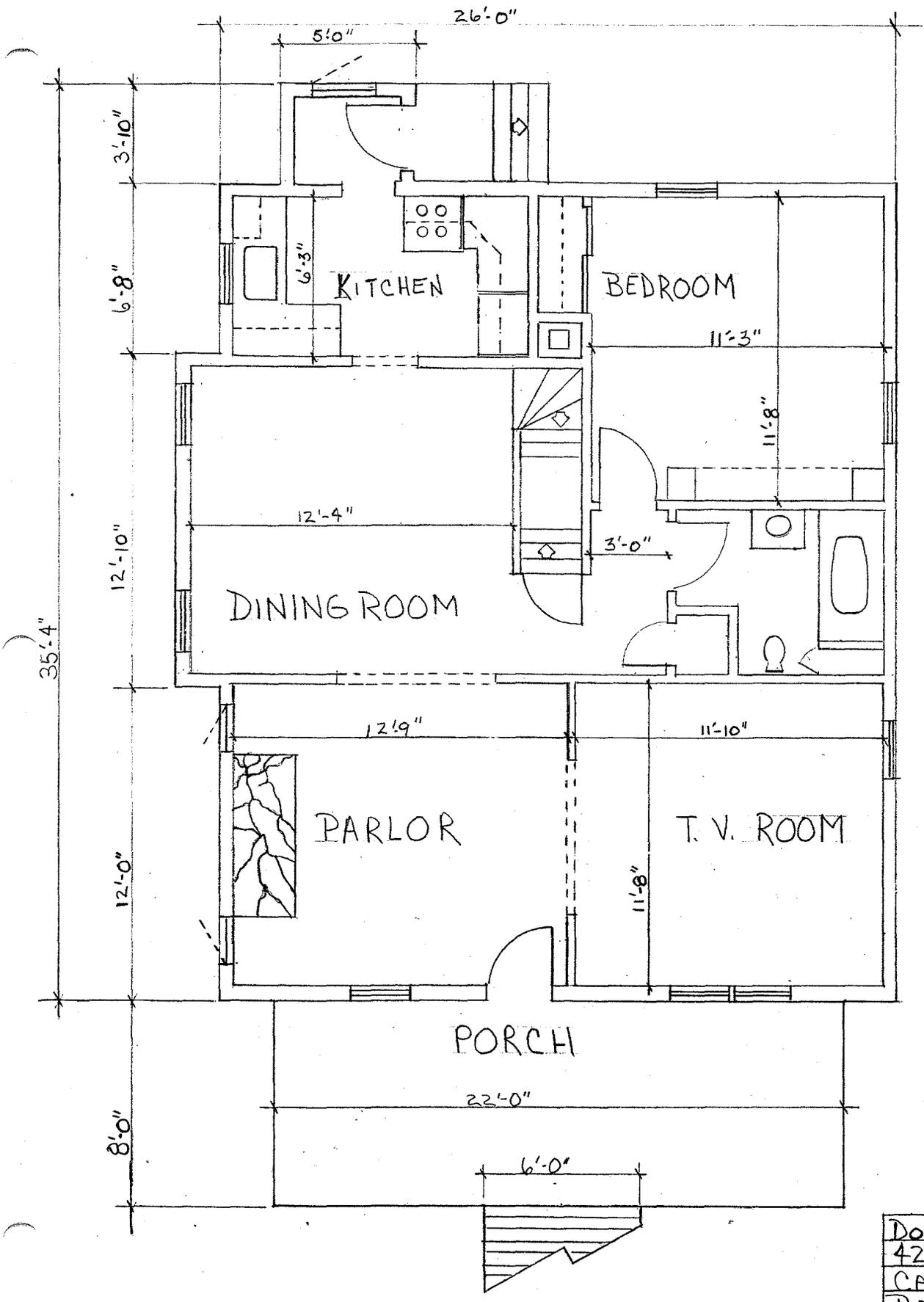
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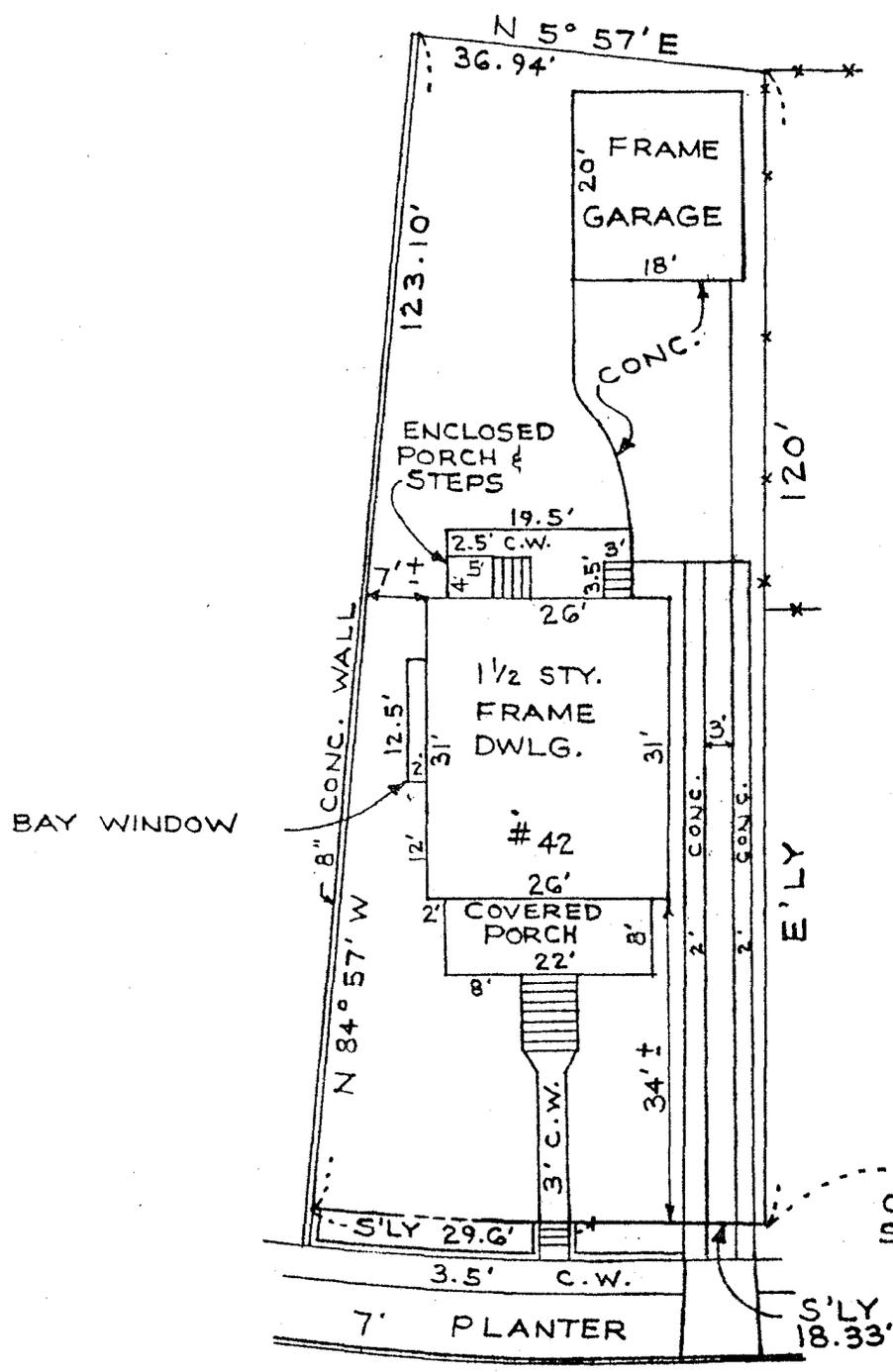
FIRST FLOOR



42 RIDGE ROAD

DONNA EISENHARD
 42 RIDGE ROAD
 CATONSVILLE
 BALTIMORE, MD
 NOVEMBER, 1995
 3/16" = 1'-0"

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1135.33' S'LY FROM INTERSECTION
 OF WEST SIDE OF RIDGE RD. & SOUTH
 SIDE OF EDMONDSON AVENUE.

RIDGE ROAD.
 21' PAVING

LOCATION SURVEY
 #42 RIDGE ROAD.
 1ST ELECT. DIST. BALTO. CO, MD
 SCALE: 1" = 20' 11/12/87
 DEED: 5101 - 551

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LOT HAS BEEN SURVEYED
 FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING THE IMPROVEMENTS
 THEREON AND THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE
 LOCATED AS SHOWN.

M. & H. DEVELOPMENT ENGINEERS, INC.
 200 EAST JOPPA ROAD
 ROOM 101, SHELL BUILDING
 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

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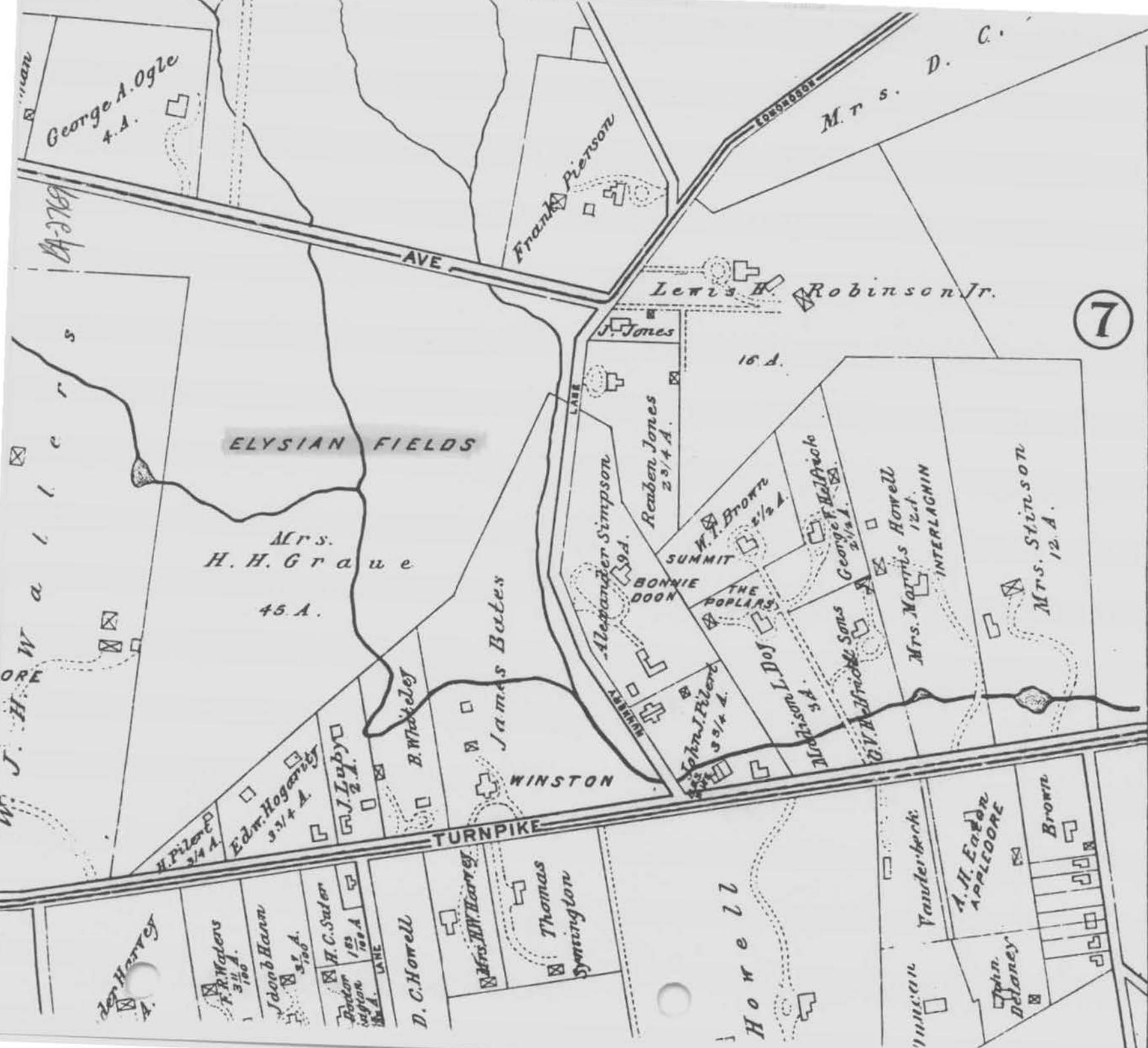
Eisenhardt
42 Ridge Road
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	REMARKS
Chesapeake Federal S&L Assn.	George M. & Donna L. Eisenhardt, Jr.	8/31/94	10729	536	Deed of Trust	Refinance
Clarence & Millicent Ellen Nazelrod Jr.	George Michael Eisenhardt, Jr. & Donna Lee Decker	12/14/87	7760	256	Fee Simple	
Robert L. & Lillian M. McKinnell	Clarence & Millicent Ellen Nazelrod Jr.	6/17/70	5101	551	simple	\$ 12,000 Divorced AVM 11/9/82 See Balto. Co. case #82E-2767
Title Conveyancing, Inc.	Lillian May McKinnell Widow	9/30/69	O.T.G 5039	533	simple	\$5.00 Straw Conveyance
James P. Walsh Widower	Henry & Lillian M. McKinnell	2/21/68	4851	508	Ground rent redemption deed	Henry McKinnell d. 9/1/69
Wm. S. & Emma B. Hoffmeister	James & Katherine C. Walsh (d. 8/5/60)	5/23/57	GLB 3164	88	Simple	Ground rent deed \$5.00
J. Royall Tippet, Jr. Unmarried	Wm. S. & Emma Hoffmeister	9/25/48	TBS 1692	172	Simple	Ground rent deed \$1.00 & of other goods & valuable considerations "Being [one of 3] lots which were conveyed in fee w/ the right to collect the clear & separate annual rent of \$84.00....being payable in equal semi-annual installments on the 1st days of Feb & Aug in ea. year."

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Eisenhardt
 42 Ridge Road
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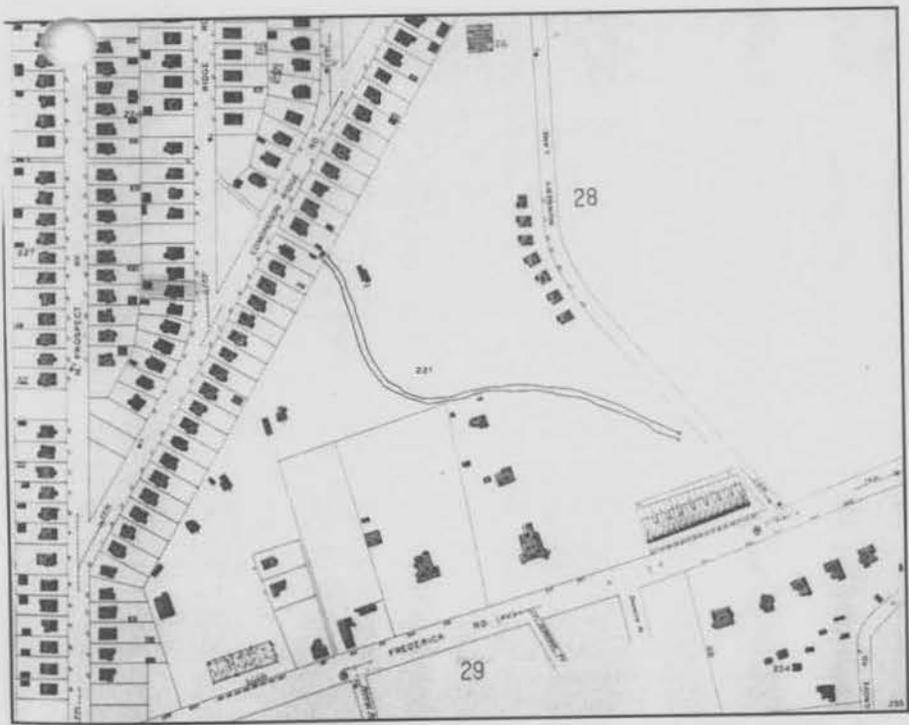
GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	REMARKS
Sterling Realty Co. of Baltimore City	Henry & Lillian May McKinnell of Balto. City	8/6/26	WPC 634	387		\$5.00 & other valuable considerations
Welsh Construction Company	City Real Estate Co.	8/5/26	635	283		
City Real Estate Co.	Sterling Realty Co.	7/30/26	WPC 635	286	Lease	\$84.00 Ground rent for 99 years renewable forever
City Real Estate Co.	Welsh Construction Company	11/21/24	598	502		
Mercantile Security & Finance Co. of Delaware	City Real Estate Co.	11/9/23	583	408		
Mercantile Security & Finance Co. of Delaware	City Real Estate Co.	4/23/23	570	297		Sum of \$5.00. Land as surveyed by S.J. Martenets & Co. Surveyor & Civil Engineers 7/1896.
Wm. D. Pinkerton	Joseph E. Muse	1/24/20	522	25		41 acres & 375-one-thousandth acres
Justus E. W. Graue & George Graue trustees	Wm. D. Pinkerton	3/18/18	493	593		Sum of \$22,000. "Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court #2 of Balto. city dated 12/15/02 & passed in a cause in said court between Meta A. Muller et al, plaintiff & Adolph R. Graue et al, defendant (Docket No. A-11 folio 305)"



1898 Bromley
Atlas
"Catonsville
Room" @ Balto.
County Public
Library, Catons-
ville Branch.

Elysian Fields-
before 1920s
subdivision
for lots includin
42 Ridge Rd.

Catonsville Fire Insurance Maps, March 1930



*New bungalows line Prospect Avenue and Edmondson Ridge Road in the North Paradise section, developed during the 1920s on the east side of Catonsville. In the same decade, Mohler Brothers built a commercial row along the 6400 block of Frederick Road.
 Maryland Department, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland College Park*

Source: Arnold, Joseph and Edward Orser. Catonsville 1880 to 1940
 / From Village To Suburb, p 129.



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BALTO, MD

DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

11/16/75

MARYLAND SHPC

VIEW NW Oil Ridge Rd

FROM Edmondson Ridge Rd

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DONNA EISENHARDT

11/16/95

MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW NE ON Ridge Rd

WEST FACADE

2/20



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- DONNA EISENHARDT

- 11/6/95

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VIEW NE ON PROSPERITY
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View from

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Lorna Eisenhardt

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WARM AND SUPO

VIEW SE FIRST FLOOR
BEDROOM:

13/20



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11/20/95

ARC

VIEW: NW 1ST FLOOR
BEDROOM

1A/20



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BALTO MD

DONNA EISENHART

11/6/95

MARYLAND SHIP

VIEW South Down

1ST Floor. Bedroom

INTO OFFSET HALLWAY

15/70



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BALTO MD

DONNA EISENHARDT

1976/95
MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW FROM Dining Room
(into Kitchen)

16/20



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BALTO MD

DONNA EISENHARDT

11/6/95

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VIEW FROM DINING ROOM
INTO KITCHEN SHOWING
PANTRY BEYOND

17/20



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BALTO MD

DONNA EISENHARDT

11/16/95

MARYLAND SHIP

VIEW WEST in kitchen

18/20



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DONNA EISENHARDT

11/10/95

MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW FROM DINING ROOM
ENTRANCE, PAST KITCHEN
INTO PANTRY

19/70



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DONNA EISENHARDT

11/16/95

MARYLAND SHPO

VIEW EAST EAVE, 2ND
FLOOR

NOTE KNOB, TUBING

20/20

↓ DOWN

↑ UP