

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Erva & George Frank House Inventory Number: BA-3295
 Address: 600 Maryland Avenue Historic district: yes no
 City: Catonsville, MD Zip Code: 21228 County: Baltimore County
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
 Property Owner: Ernestine C. Russell Tax Account ID Number: 0108002452
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 227 Tax Map Number: 95
 Project: I-695 Southwest Outer Loop Phase 2 Agency: FHWA/SHA
 Agency Prepared By: MD SHA
 Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian Date Prepared: 07/28/2014
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance files
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Erva and George Frank House located at 600 Maryland Avenue, faces north. It is a 3-bay, stone dwelling with a pyramidal roof of slate. Deed research indicates that on January 30, 1931, the Franks purchased Lots 43-48 located on Catonsville Heights Section 6 from the Inter-City Land Company. Harry W. (or W. Harry) Noeth and his wife Henrietta B. Noeth, bought a portion of the property on August 12, 1931 (Baltimore County Land Records Liber 871 Folio 364 and Liber 884 Folio 300). The two-story house was constructed following those purchases, most likely in 1931 and 1932. The initial purchase of the land was by Erva Frank alone. Following construction of the house, the Franks then purchased 8 more lots (Lots 34-42) from Inter-City Land Company on August 22, 1934 (Liber 934, Folio 560) and then from Conrad C. Linder on October 5, 1935, Lots 549-53 (Liber 960, Folio 528). In total they owned 20 lots at the east end of Catonsville Heights near Old Frederick Road. The lots do not seem to have been intended for an estate -- they are configured in an "L" shape and extend from Maryland Avenue to Lafayette Avenue along Lanvale Street.

The house, is an example of a Craftsman style dwelling and has 3 bays with a center entrance. The integral porch roof extends from the pyramidal roof. The porch extends across the front façade and has a random rubble apron railing on three sides. The porch roof is supported by a stone arcade, and the porch floor is of brick. The hip roof is of slate shingles. There is a 2-bay hip roof dormer, faced with slate shingles that meet at the roof's peak on each side of the second floor. Original windows, both 6-over-

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and 8-over-8 double hung sash windows are found throughout the house. Likewise the main entrance is a paneled door with 8 glazed lights. 4 steps lead to the porch and there are stepped banisters on either side. The random rubble stone cladding extends to the foundation of the building. There is one interior chimney leading from the oil furnace in the basement on the east side of the house. All of the basement windows have 6-lights fixed single sash, and there is one door leading to the basement in the south elevation. The rear door is in the southeast bay of the south elevation, and is recessed to form a stair with a landing.

In addition to the house, there are two outbuildings. One is a 1-bay garage constructed of random rubble with a pyramidal slate roof and a narrow exterior chimney. The rolling door is a contemporary example, but the remainder of the building is original to the house's 1932 construction. On the south side of the house, facing Lanvale Street is a 7-bay, one story concrete block building that appears to be tenant housing. The building has a flat roof, one-over-one double hung sash windows, and a entry door.

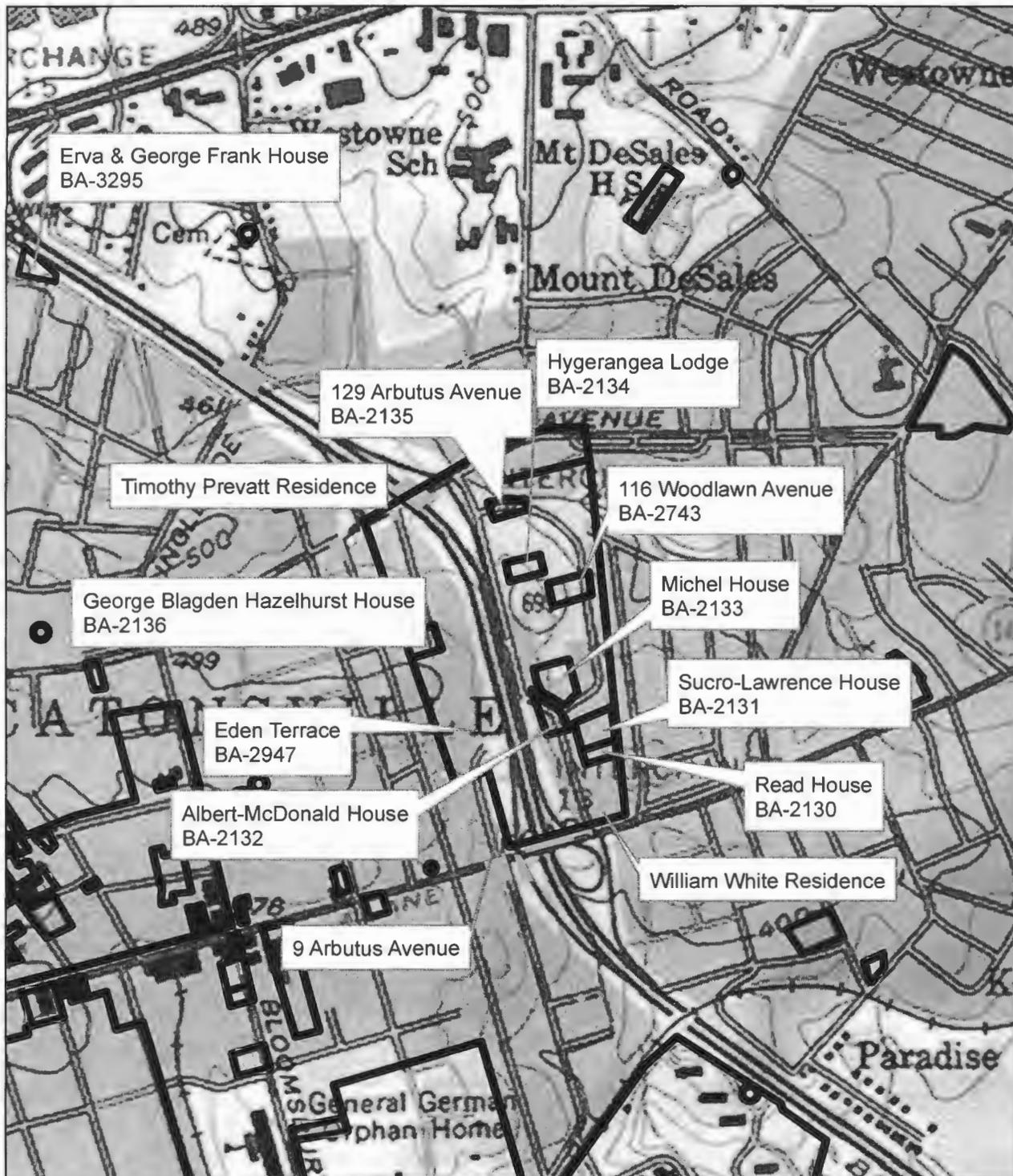
The Franks owned the property at 600 Maryland Avenue until 1943. In 1956, in order to construct the Baltimore Beltway including Ramp G of the Edmondson Road interchange, the Maryland State Roads Commission (SRC) condemned Lots 34-41 and a portion of Lot 53 (SRC Right-of-Way Plat 10683). There are no structures shown on the plat. The owner may have intended additional development of the property, but the 1956 plat does not show the presence of any standing structures or grove of fruit trees.

Catonsville Heights was platted with twenty-seven sections along Maryland, Lafayette, Kent, Dorchester and Virginia Avenue between Arunah and Old Frederick Road in northeast Catonsville. The construction of I-695 in the late 1950s demolished the eastern end of the planned development. Houses near the Frank House are a mixture from the 1920s, 1960s and 1980s. A search of the Baltimore Sun between January 1919 and December 1960 identified a few property sales in the early 1920s, and the buyers were generally purchasing two or three lots at a time. The Franks bought late, following the October 1929 stock market crash. However, their purchase did not presage a large or rapid construction period in the interwar period.

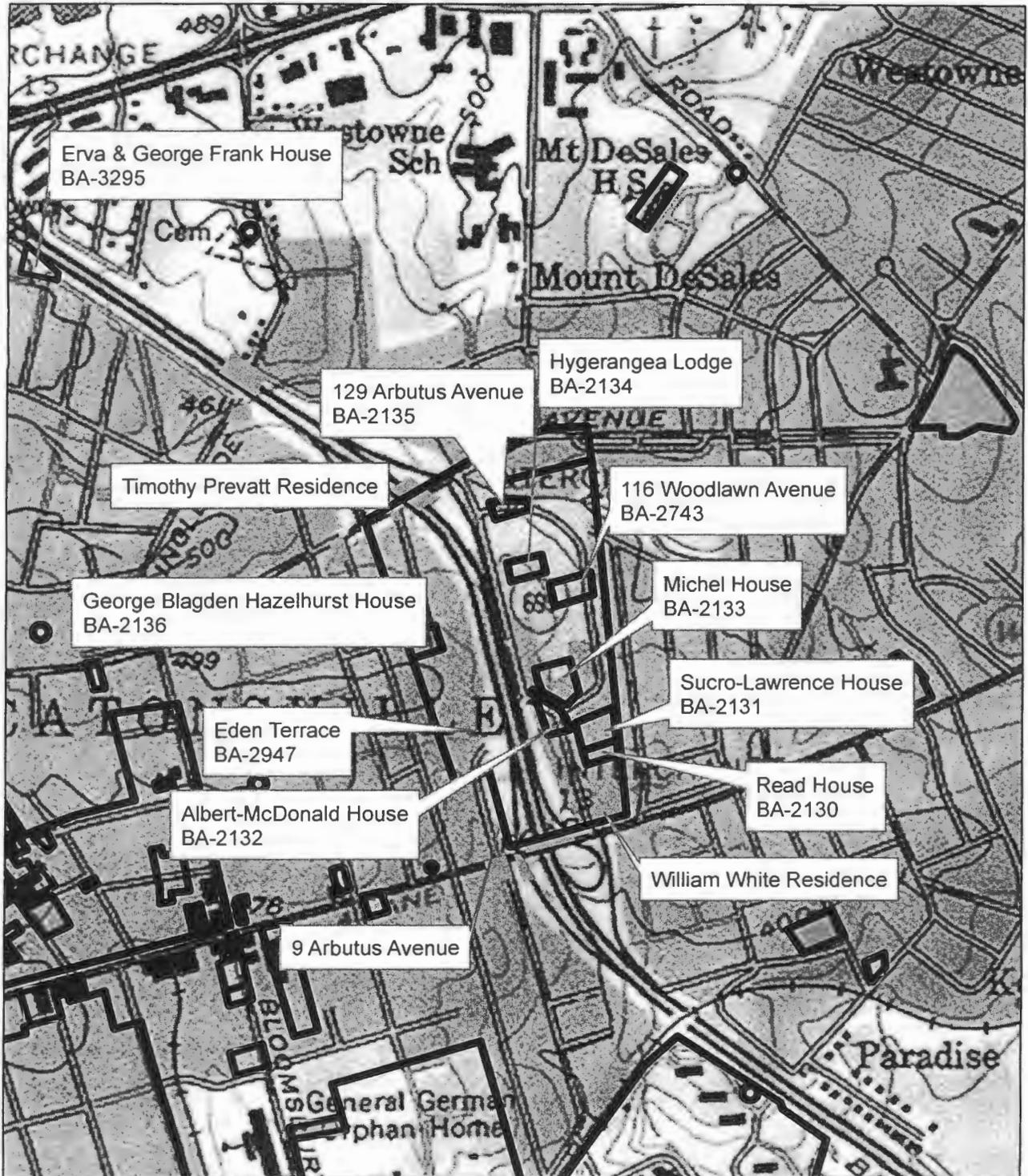
The Erva and George Frank House is an isolated example of a Craftsman style house surrounded by late twentieth century development. The Craftsman style house is common in other areas of Catonsville. Although it retains integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association, its setting has been impacted by the construction of the Baltimore Beltway. The isolated state prevents the Erva & George Frank House from conveying its significance as a Craftsman style dwelling from the 1930s. Additional research conducted as part of this study did not identify events or persons of local, state or national significance, and the Erva & George Frank House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A (events) or B (persons). The Frank House does not meet the requirements of NRHP Criterion C (architecture) since it is not the work of a master, or demonstrate a distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction, and it not eligible under Criterion C. NRHP Criterion D (information potential) was not investigated as part of this study. The historic boundary for the Erva and George Frank House is confined to Baltimore County Tax Map 95, Parcel 227, Block 6, Lot 43-48 (43-52) consisting of 15,000 square feet as shown on the Baltimore County Tax Map (2014).

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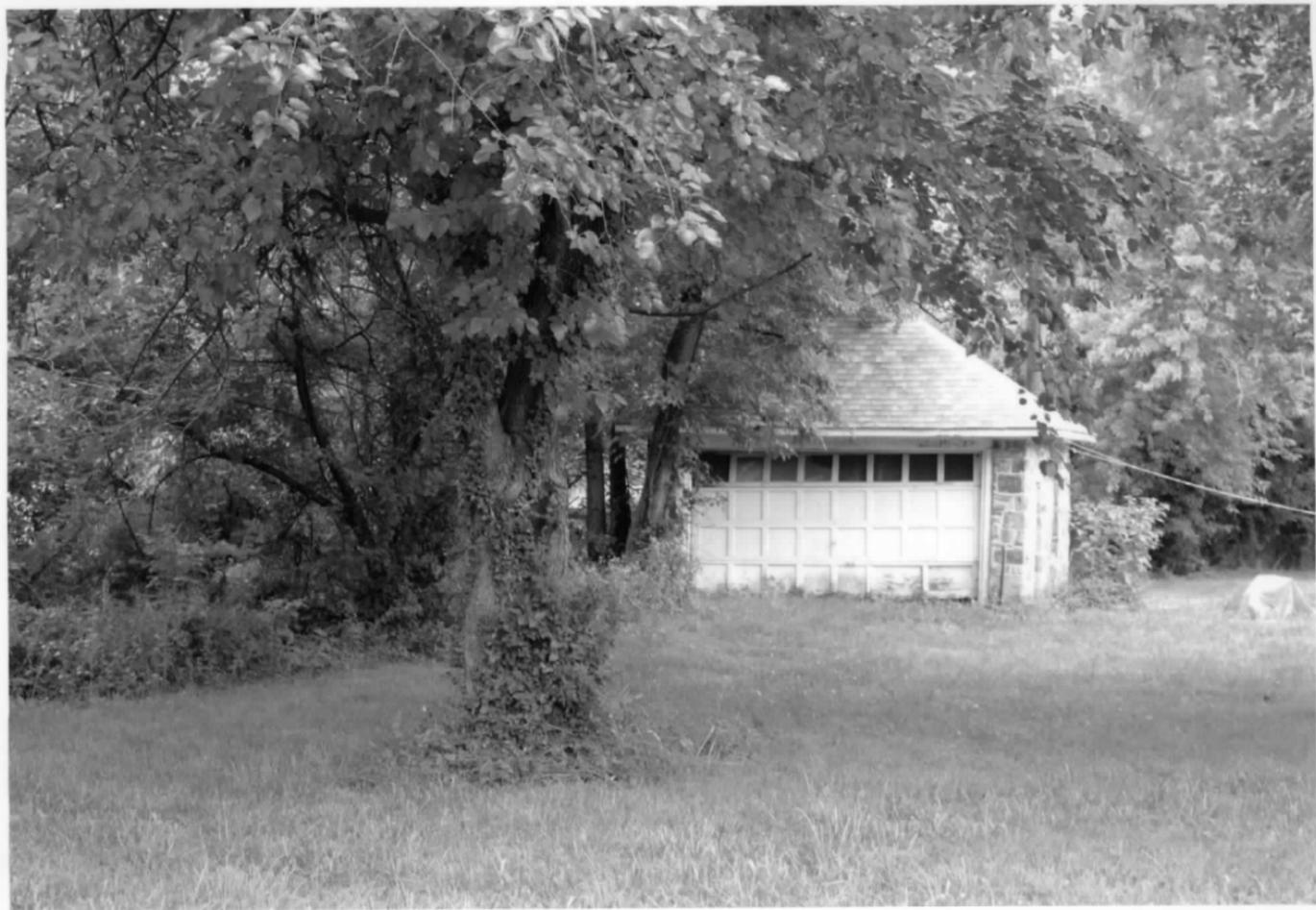
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