HO-1003
Joseph and Virgile McAllister House
3675 College Avenue, Ellicott City
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1003

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph & Virgile McAllister House

other

2. Location

street and number 3675 College Avenue __ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City __ vicinity

county Howard

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

name St. Paul's Church & Annex

street and number 3675 College Avenue telephone

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 342 folio 146

city, town Ellicott City tax map 25A tax parcel 121 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
____district
_X_building(s)
____structure
____site
____object

Ownership
____public
_X_private
____both

Current Function
____agriculture
____commerce/trade
____defense
____domestic
____education
____funerary
____government
____health care
____industry
____landscape
____recreation/culture
_X_religion
____social
____transportation
____work in progress
____unknown
____vacant/not in use
____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	0	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
X_ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

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Exterior
On the south elevation the first story has two center doors, neither one of which appears to be original, and they both have a fanlight of four lights at the top of the door and four panels below the fanlight. The bottom two panels are very tall. There are paired one-over-one double hung sash to each side of these doors. All of the openings on the house have head-cut trim. There is a one-story hipped-roof porch with four square boxed posts, with square balusters and a moulded handrail between the posts. The porch has a tongue-and-grooved wood deck and bead-board on the soffit. The second story has two one-over-one sash. There is a box cornice with a plain fascia board below it. There is a hipped-roof dormer that is covered with wood shingles and has a one-light sash. The east elevation, on the foundation, has a short boarded-up window in the south bay and a typical one-over-one sash in the north bay. The first story has a one-over-one sash in the south bay and just north of center is a patch in the wall with new shingles. This patch extends from the foundation to the first story ceiling and is approximately 5 feet wide. The second story also has a one-over-one sash in the south bay. The center and north bays have four three-light sash with jalousies outside of them. These sash are short and are set high on the wall.

On the north elevation the foundation has no openings. The first story has a one-over-one sash in the east, east-center, and west bays. The second story has a similar sash in the east-center and west bays. On the west elevation the foundation has a flush door set in an original opening in the north bay. In the center is a large one-over-one sash, while the south bay has a three-light casement. The first and second stories each have a one-over-one sash in both the north and south bays. There is a one-over-one sash in the center, set between the first and second stories.

Interior
The basement has a concrete floor, rubble stone walls with drill holes in some of the stones, and a stairway that descends along the west wall to the south. There is a summer beam that runs north-south, with three posts beneath it, and the joists are circular-sawn 2 by 10s that run east-west and have bridging with wire nails.

The first story has rooms in the northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest corners, with two small rooms off the east side of the northeast room. The flooring throughout is 2 ½-inch tongue-and-grooved pine that runs north-south. The baseboard has a quirked ogee. The architrave is plain with bulls-eye corner blocks, and the trim was originally naturally varnished and was dark. The walls have plaster on lath. The southwest room has a dog-leg stair on the west side that ascends to the north. It has an open stringer and square newel post with stacked blocks on top of it. There is a moulded handrail that matches the porch railing, and similar square balusters. The north elevation has a wide opening for double doors that are now stored in the basement. These doors have fifteen lights each of pressed glass. There is also a doorway on the east elevation that leads to the southeast room. The northwest room has a doorway on the east that leads to the northeast room. The northeast room is a modern kitchen with a pantry and bathroom on the east side. The doors to these latter two rather small rooms have five lying panels. The rest of the doors are stored in the basement, but match these. The doors have butt hinges with ball finials and mortise locks. The southeast room has carpeting on top of a foam padding that is glued down to the floor. There is paneling on the walls, over top of dry wall. It appears that the lath and plaster have been removed from this wall. There are doors on the west and north elevations leading to the other rooms, and a door on the south to the exterior that appears to be an original opening.

The second story has a passage that runs east-west, with two rooms to the south, one in the northwest corner, back-to-back bathrooms in the center, and a sleeping porch in the northeast corner. The trim and doors match those of the first story. The bathrooms have all new fixtures. There is a door at the east end of the passage, leading to the sleeping porch, that has one light of pebble glass over two lying panels. It is hung on butt hinges with ball finials and has a mortise lock that dates to the circa 1920s. This door appears to be original. The sleeping porch has four three-light casement windows on the east elevation, all of which were originally hinged at the bottom, but the end windows have now had their hinges shifted to the side. The ceiling is bead-board. The southeast end of the sleeping porch has 2 ½-

inch pine flooring that runs east-west. The northeast end has plywood infill on the floor beneath the carpet. The southeast chamber has a closet in the northeast that has a typical door. The southwest chamber has a closet on the west wall, over top of the stairs, also with a typical door. The northwest chamber does not have a closet, but connects to a bathroom on the east, at the north end. This bathroom has a full window on the north elevation. All of the window sash are hung on cords.

There is a hatch in the ceiling of the passage that gives access to the attic. The attic is not floored, and is low, with little head room. There are 2 by 4 rafters and 2 by 6 hip rafters that are circular-sawn and wire-nailed. They support board sheathing. None of the lumber is labeled or stenciled.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	X architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	X commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other: ____

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates c. 1925

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ___X___not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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indication that it could have functioned as two side-by-side dwellings without the changes already noted, at the very least.[1]

The McAllister House is a good example of the adoption on national building types in Howard County and its adaptation to needs in a small town, combining dwelling space and commercial space. Throughout the nineteenth century there was a move toward separating the two types of space, but at the McAllister House indicates, the move was never complete. While the residents of the house often operated the commercial enterprise in their dwelling, this was not always the case, as the McAllister House also shows, and this fact made it possible for families to provide a little additional income by renting out space. This is a building type, and a pattern of living, that has been little studied in this country. Unfortunately, the McAllister House is scheduled to be demolished in 2010 to make room for a large annex for the church.

[1] Joetta Cramm, *Howard County: A Pictorial History* rev. ed. (Virginia Beach, VA: The Donning Company, 2004), P. 156. Howard County Land Records, HBN 118-118. U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 2, Howard County, Maryland, 1930. Sanborn Map Company, "Ellicott City, Maryland," 1919, updated to 1959.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	41,817 sq. ft.		
Acreage of historical setting	41,817 sq. ft.		
Quadrangle name	Ellicott City	Quadrangle scale:	1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 25A, parcel 121, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	December 2009
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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3675 College Avenue
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU-MENT	CONSIDE R-ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Grace M. Dorsey/Balto. Co. Ruth M. & George E. Schlipper (H/W)/Franklin Co., PA Joseph B. McAllister/Wash. DC	Rev. Francis P. Keough, archbishop of Balto. Roman Catholic Church	10/23/1959	RHM 342-146	Deed – Fee Simple	$5.00	?	Parcel C on plat in land records HBN 118-73 lots 26, 27, &28, plat of George Ellicott Division in LJW 41-245 & CJW 50-50 1st parcel below VCMcA d. 1 Feb. 1959
Lawrence T. Doyle/Balto. City	Virgile C. McAllister, for life Grace M. Dorsey Ruth m. Schlipper Rev. Joseph B. McAllister	7/9/1956	RHM 285-94	Deed - Fee Simple	$5.00	1. ? 2. ?	
Virgile C. McAllister, widow/Balto. City	Lawrence T. Doyle/Balto. City	7/9/1956	RHM 285-92	Deed – Fee Simple	$5.00	1. ? 2. ?	
Virgile C. McAllister, widow/Balto. City	Rev. Joseph B. McAllister/?	5/11/1955	RHM 267-576	Deed – Fee Simple	$5.00	1. ? 2. ?	Reserve life estate JBM d. 12/20/1954 2. Bought 1937
Rock Hill College/MD Corp.	Joseph B. & Virgile C. McAllister (H/W)?	10/22/1925	HBN 125-254	Confirm. Deed – Fee Simple	$1.00	?	
Rock Hill College/MD Corp.	Joseph B. & Virile C. McAllister	8/11/1924	HBN 120-483	Deed – Fee Simple	$10.00	?	Parcel C on blueprint attached to deed dated 5/1/1923 between grantor & Board of Education on Howard County

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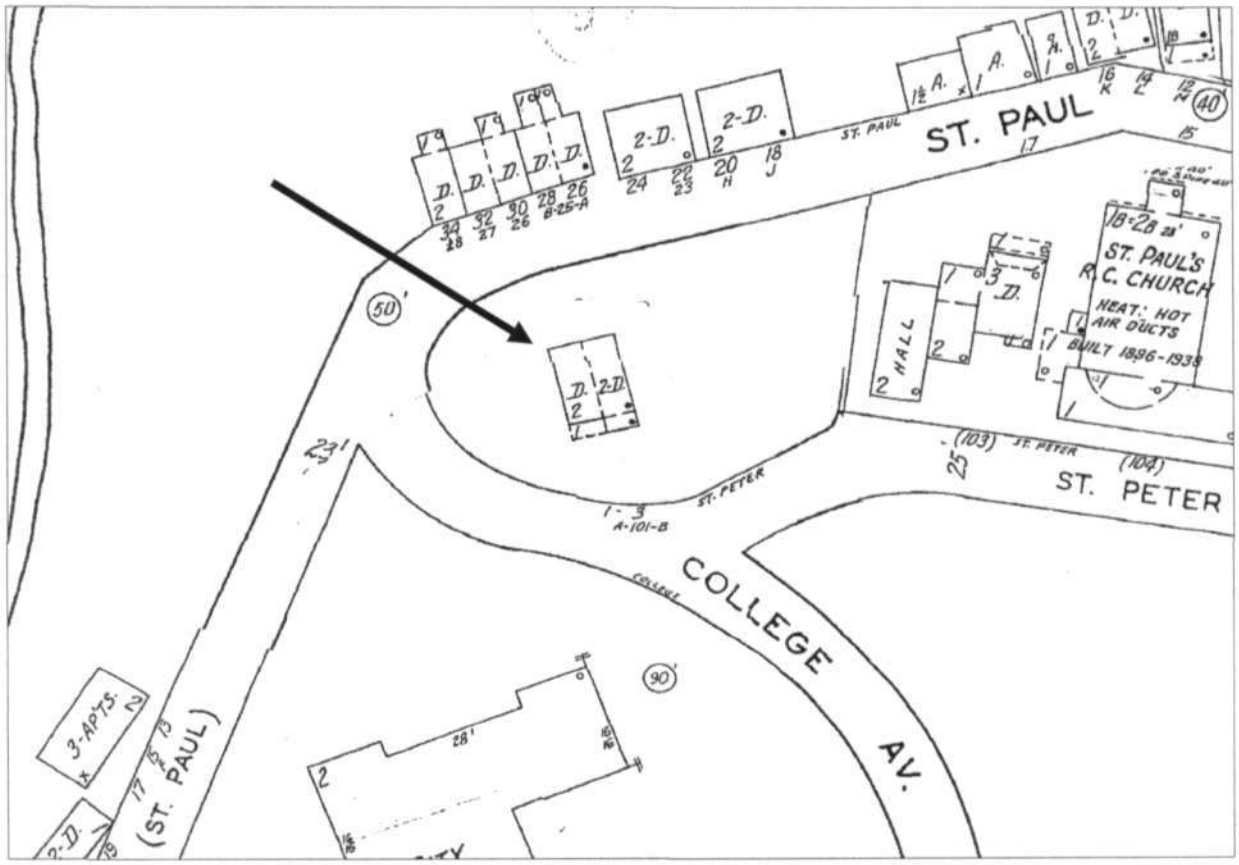
Joseph and Virgile McAllister House, site
3675 College Avenue, Ellicott City
Sanborn Map, 1959, Sheet 4



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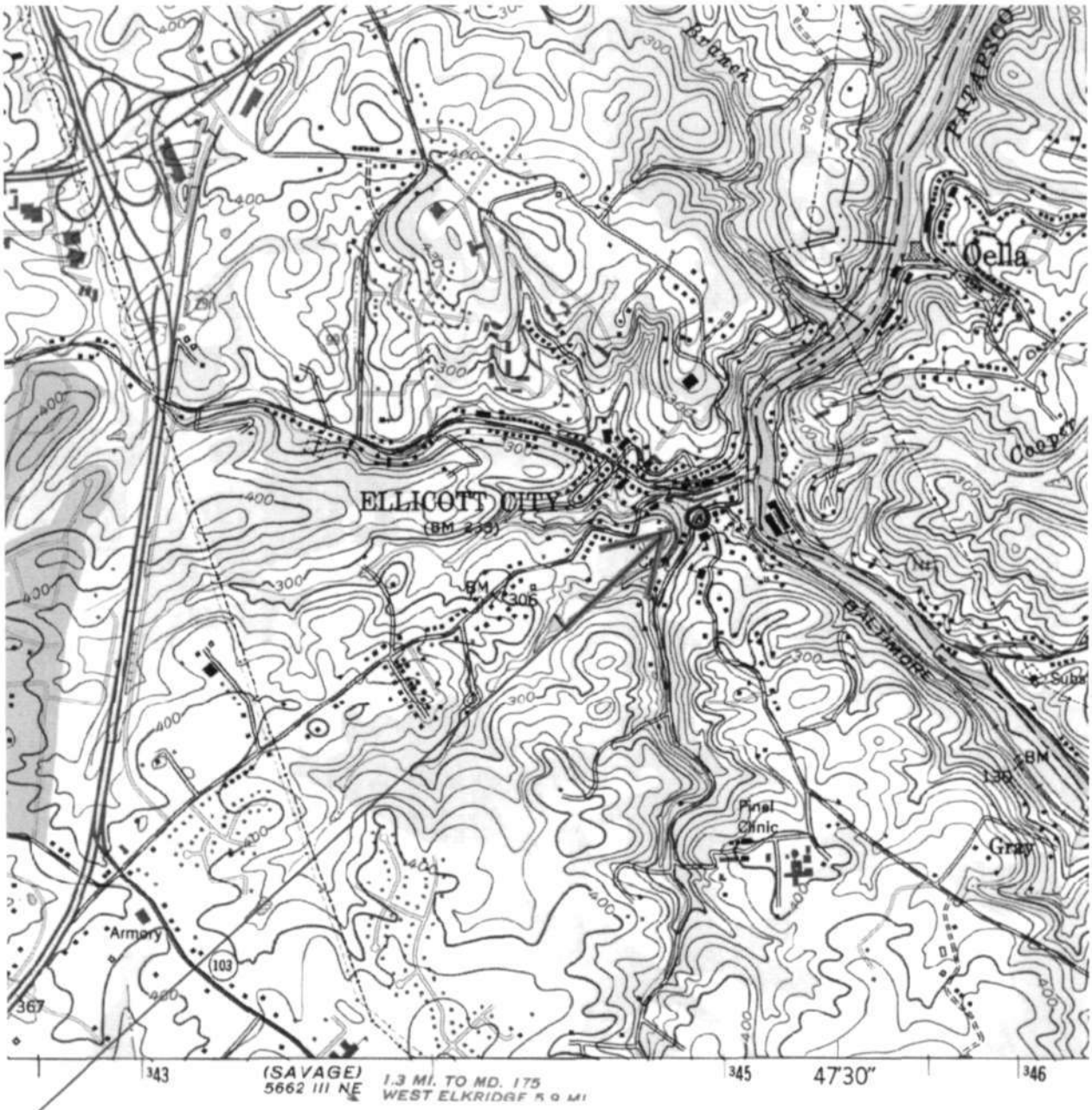
Joseph and Virgile McAllister House, site
3675 College Avenue, Ellicott City
Bing Maps Bird's Eye images, c. 2009
Facing east

Facing west



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Joseph & Virgile McAllister House
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Ellicott City quad

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3675 College Avenue, Ellicott City
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log
Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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South elevation

HO-1003_2009-12-03_02
North & west elevations

HO-1003_2009-12-03_03
Interior, southwest room, vw. northwest

HO-1003_2009-12-03_04
Interior, northeast chamber, vw. north

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South Elevation
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North & West Elevations

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Interior, southwest room, view northwest
3/4

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Interior, northeast Chamber, view north
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