

HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Private

Description:

The house at 5847 Trotter Road is a one-story, five-bay by three-bay rancher with a parged foundation, brick veneer, and a gable-on-hip roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. On the west elevation the west-center bay has a three-sided bay window. The three eastern bays are recessed slightly back from the plane of the western bays, with the roof overhanging here. The center bay has a six-panel door with a short porch here. The east elevation north-center bay has a five-sided bay window. The north bay is recessed, with a brick pier at the northeast corner and a low brick wall on both the north and east sides. There is a door with 15 lights on the east elevation. The north elevation has the recess in the east bay, with an exterior brick chimney on the south wall of the recess. To the east and northeast of the east elevation recess is a flagstone patio with a brick and pierced block wall on the west and north sides. The wall runs to the east and abuts the freestanding garage, which is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay brick veneered structure with a hip roof that has asphalt shingles. The east elevation has two new roll-up metal garage doors.

Significance:

The house at 5847 Trotter Road is a moderately-sized rancher, but finished with brick on all four sides, and with two chimneys, giving it a higher level of finish than most such dwellings. Like many such ranchers, it is divided in half by a center entrance, with the public rooms to one side and the bedrooms to the other, and the living room is given a bay window and fireplace. Hipped roofs seem to have been very popular with this form of dwelling and probably reflect the influence of Prairie Style architecture. The small rear porch subsumed under the bulk of the house roof, and the strong, broad chimney here are other features that seem to derive from the Prairie Style. The house is dated to 1959 by the tax assessments, and there is no reason to question this date. Ranchers became popular in the 1950s and especially in the 1960s. This one is unusual in having a free-standing garage; while they were common before World War II, after the war attached garages became very popular, making this a late example. This house was scheduled to be demolished in early 2012.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1088

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

### 2. Location

street and number 5847 Trotter Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Clarksville X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Lee & Patricia Childs

street and number 5847 Trotter Road telephone

city, town Clarksville state MD zip code 21029

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 2432 folio 610

city, town Ellicott City tax map 35 tax parcel 202 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	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	2	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	0	

## 7. Description

Inventory No. HO-1088

### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 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.

The house at 5847 Trotter Road is located on the east side of the road, about 1 mile east of Clarksville in south-central Howard County, Maryland. The house sits on the top of a slope, back from the road, and faces west toward the road, with a driveway on the north side. The house is a one-story, five-bay by three-bay rancher with a parged foundation, brick veneer, and a gable-on-hip roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge.

On the west elevation the north bay has a one-over-one sash, and the west-center bay has a three-sided bay window with one light in each side. The three eastern bays are recessed slightly back from the plane of the western bays, with the roof overhanging here. The center bay has a six-panel door with the top two panels glazed, and a narrow one-over-one sash, with aluminum siding here. There is a short porch in the center bay, with a metal post at the southwest corner. The south-center bay has a narrow one-over-one sash, and the south bay has paired one-over-one sash. All of the sash have fake shutters.

The south elevation has an exterior brick chimney at the southwest corner and a one-over-one sash in the center and east bays. The east elevation has a one-over-one sash in the south and center bays, and no opening in the south-center bay. The north-center bay has a five-sided bay window with a one-light sash in each side. The north bay is recessed, with a brick pier at the northeast corner and a low brick wall on both the north and east sides. There is a door with 15 lights on the east elevation.

The north elevation has the recess in the east bay, with an exterior brick chimney on the south wall of the recess. The center bay has a one-over-one sash and the west bay a 15-light door. There is a new wood deck in front of the west bay.

To the east and northeast of the east elevation recess is a flagstone patio with a brick and pierced block wall on the west and north sides. There is an opening in the north wall, with flagstone steps. The wall runs to the east and abuts the freestanding garage.

The garage is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay brick veneered structure with a hip roof that has asphalt shingles. The east elevation has two new roll-up metal garage doors with segmentally-arched transoms. The north and south elevations each have a two-over-two sash.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. HO-1088

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

Specific dates      N/A      Architect/Builder      N/A

Construction dates      c. 1959

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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.)

The house at 5847 Trotter Road is a moderately-sized rancher, but finished with brick on all four sides, and with two chimneys, giving it a higher level of finish than most such dwellings. Like many such ranchers, it is divided in half by a center entrance, with the public rooms to one side and the bedrooms to the other, and the living room is given a bay window and fireplace. Hipped roofs seem to have been very popular with this form of dwelling and probably reflect the influence of Prairie Style architecture. The small rear porch subsumed under the bulk of the house roof, and the strong, broad chimney here are other features that seem to derive from the Prairie Style. The house is dated to 1959 by the tax assessments, and there is no reason to question this date. Ranchers became popular in the 1950s and especially in the 1960s. This one is unusual in having a free-standing garage; while they were common before World War II, after the war attached garages became very popular, making this a late example. This house was scheduled to be demolished in early 2012.

---

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

---

Inventory No. HO-1088

---

## 10. Geographical Data

---

Acreage of surveyed property 22,677 sq. ft.  
Acreage of historical setting 22,677 sq. ft.  
Quadrangle name Clarksville Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

---

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 35, parcel 202, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

---

## 11. Form Prepared by

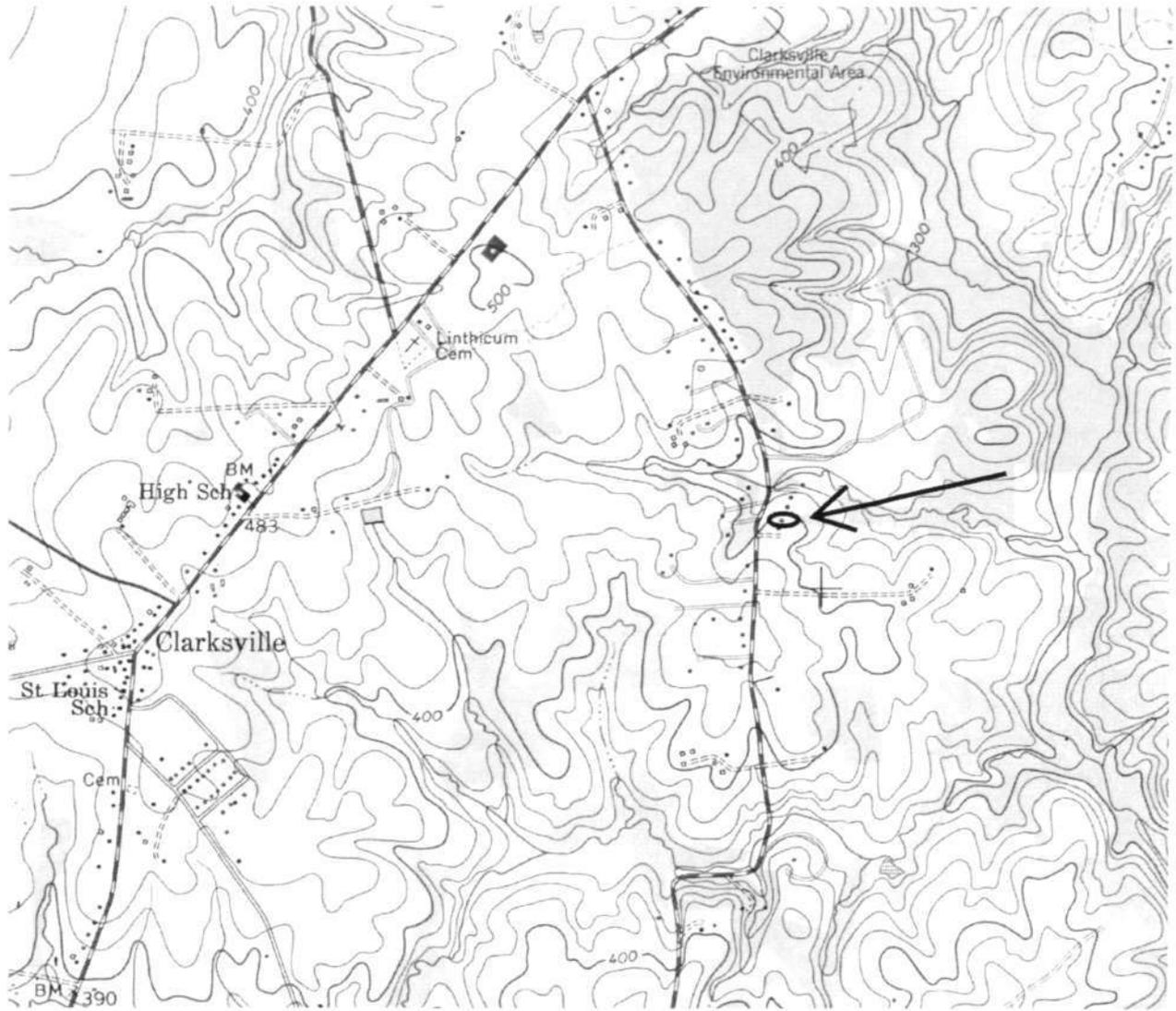
---

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	May 2012
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Clarksville quad

HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

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

HO-1088\_2012-02-27\_01  
House, west elevation

HO-1088\_2012-02-27\_02  
House, east elevation

HO-1088\_2012-02-27\_03  
House, view from northeast with garden wall

HO-1088\_2012-02-27\_04  
Garage, east & north elevation





HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

2012-02-27

MD SHPO

House, west elevation

1 of 4





HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

2012-02-27

MD SHPO

House, east elevation

2 of 4



HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road  
Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

2012-02-27

MD SHPO

House, view from northeast with  
garden wall

3 of 4



HO-1088

5847 Trotter Road

Howard County, Maryland

Ken Short

2012-02-27

MD SHPO

Garage, east + north elevation

4 of 4