HO-1107
Muhlbauer-Ramsburg House
11850 Ramsburg Road
Private

Description:
The Muhlbauer-Ramsburg House is a one-story, four-bay by two-bay brick Cape Cod with rubble stone foundation and a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. It has an interior brick chimney just east of the ridge and set south of center. There is a four-bay by one-bay brick ell on the rear with a gable ridge that runs east-west, and a modern frame addition attached to the south side of the ell. The east elevation has a partially exposed foundation, since the ground slopes down to the east. The two southern bays are covered by an enclosed porch. The front door is located in the south-center bay. The north-center bay has a projecting cellar entrance with brick walls and a shed roof that extends up into the first story. The north bay has a six-over-one sash. The west elevation has a recessed porch in the northern half with a brick corner pier and brick balustrade. To the southeast of the house, in the middle of a circular drive, is a frame outbuilding that is one story tall and two bays by one bay. It has vertical board siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge.

Significance:
The Muhlbauer-Ramsburg House sits in the middle of the development of Henryton Heights, but the house predates the development. Aerial photographs show that this section of the development contained a group of farm buildings that were surrounded by fields, and this farm had been in the Shipley family for a long time. The 1952 aerial seems to show this house. The assessments record states that the house was built in 1922, which would be very early for a brick Cape Cod. More likely, it was built by Carl and Rosa Muhlbauer in the 1940s or early 1950s to replace an earlier farmhouse. The Muhlbauer’s purchased the property in 1942 and presumably farmed it, though a deed from 1943 states that they lived in Baltimore County. Carl Muhlbauer died in July 1951 and his widow subsequently sold the property, about 89 acres, to William and Madeline Moore. The Moore’s sold the property in 1963 to Everett and Elizabeth Ramsburg. They apparently lived in this house and were responsible for creating the Henryton Heights subdivision around them in the 1970s.
Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property
   (indicate preferred name)
   historic Muhlbauer-Ramsburg House
   other

2. Location
   street and number 11850 Ramsburg Road
   city, town Henryton
   county Howard

3. Owner of Property
   (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   name Elizabeth T. Ramsburg, c/o Ronald Hogg
   street and number 4102 Hogg Ct
   city, town Ellicott City
   state MD
   telephone
   zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description
   courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse
   liber 4711 folio 401
   city, town Ellicott City
   tax map 10
   tax parcel 278
   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
   ______ building(s)
   ______ structure
   ______ site
   ______ object
   Ownership
   ______ public
   ______ private
   ______ both
   Current Function
   ______ agriculture
   ______ commerce/trade
   ______ defense
   ______ domestic
   ______ education
   ______ funerary
   ______ government
   ______ health care
   ______ industry
   ______ landscape
   ______ recreation/culture
   ______ religion
   ______ social
   ______ transportation
   ______ work in progress
   ______ unknown
   ______ vacant/not in use
   ______ other:
   Resource Count
   Contributing 2
   Noncontributing 1
   buildings
   sites
   structures
   objects
   Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
0
The Muhlauer-Ramsburg House is located at 11850 Ramsburg Road, on the north side of the road, about two miles south of Henryton in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is set back from the road at the end of a short drive on a site that slopes down to the north and east, and faces east.

The house is a one-story, four-bay by two-bay brick Cape Cod with rubble stone foundation and a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. It has an interior brick chimney just east of the ridge and set south of center. There is a four-bay by one-bay brick ell on the rear with a gable ridge that runs east-west, and a modern frame addition attached to the south side of the ell.

The east elevation has a partially exposed foundation, since the ground slopes down to the east. The two southern bays are covered by an enclosed porch with rubble stone foundation and shed roof. The front door is located in the south-center bay. The north-center bay has a projecting cellar entrance with brick walls and a shed roof that extends up into the first story. The north bay has a six-over-one sash.

The south elevation has two paired six-over-one sash on the first story, with brick sills and steel lintels. The gable end has a one-over-one sash. The west elevation has a paired six-over-one sash in the southern half, and a recessed porch in the northern half with paired six-over-one sash on the west elevation. The porch has a brick corner pier and brick balustrade. The gable end has a one-over-one sash.

The north elevation of the ell, under the porch, has a door with six lights over two tall panels. The north elevation of the main block is heavily overgrown with vines, totally obscuring any openings.

To the southeast of the house, in the middle of a circular drive, is a frame outbuilding that is one story tall and two bays by one bay. It has vertical board siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The only openings are a doorway and window opening on the northeast elevation. There is also a modern garage to the southeast of this outbuilding.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property: 3.884 A
Acreage of historical setting: 3.884 A
Quadrangle name: Sykesville

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 278, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

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