

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

Inventory No. HO-1107

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

historic                      Muhlbauer-Ramsburg House

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 11850 Ramsburg Road                      not for publication

city, town Henryton                      X vicinity

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 telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Ellicott City state MD 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	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Muhlbauer-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.

# 8. Significance

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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: _____	

<b>Specific dates</b>	N/A	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	N/A
<b>Construction dates</b>	c. 1943-51		

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.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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### 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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## 11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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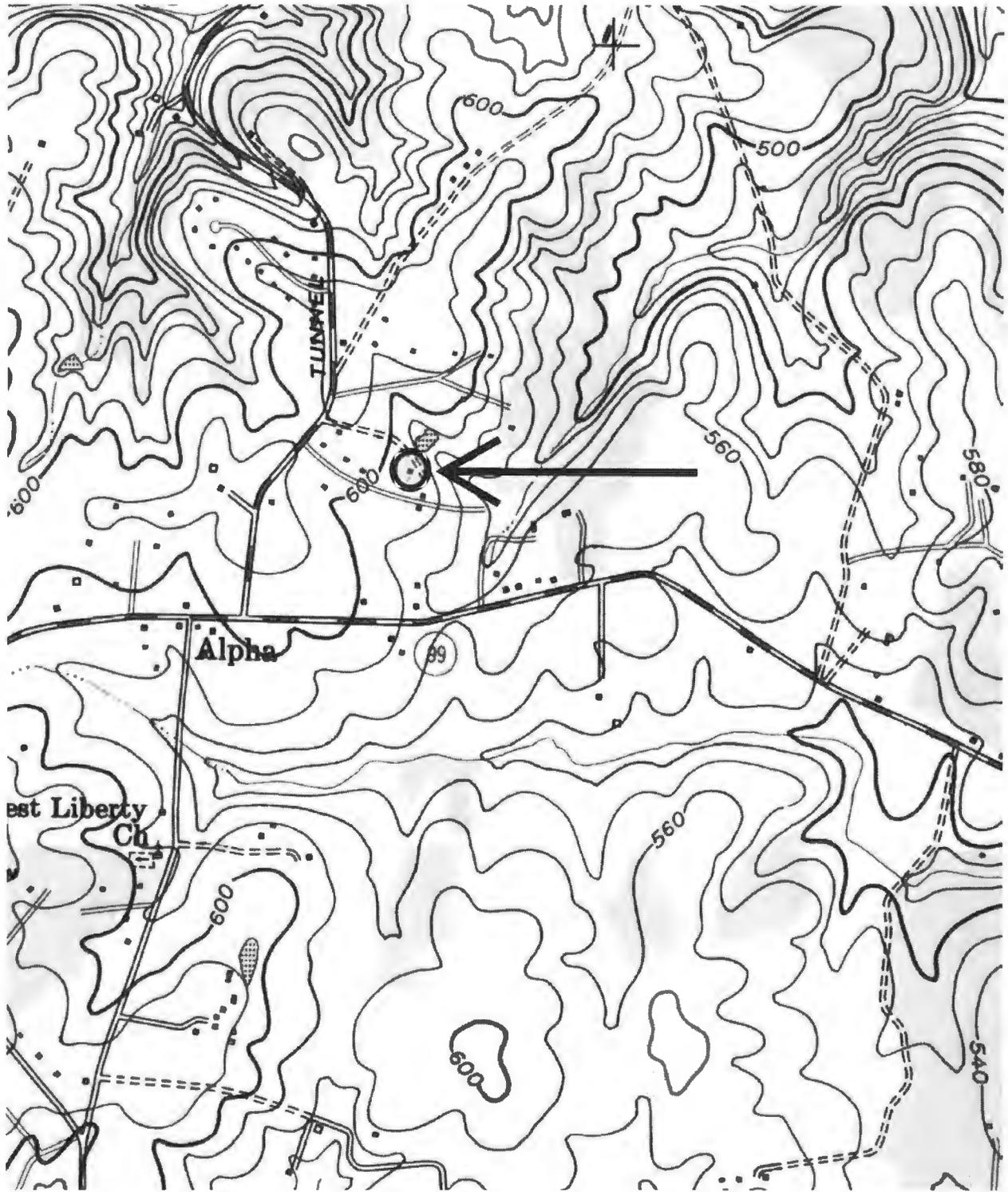
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Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
Epson Premium paper  
Epson Photo Black UltraChrome ink cartridge

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