

HO-1125

5770 Trotter Road
Private

Description:

The house at 5770 Trotter Road is a one-story, four-bay by two bay frame rancher with a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The house is banked into the hill on the north, with the foundation exposed on the south. The east elevation has brick veneer on the two southern bays, below the window sills. These bays have paired one-over-one sash that are separated by a wide mullion to create a bank of four windows. The two northern bays are recessed by several feet, with a modern metal door in the north-center bay and a three-sided bay window in the north bay. There is a large exterior brick chimney on the east bay of the north gable end. About 5 feet southwest of the house is a two-car garage built of concrete blocks that have a beveled face in imitation of weatherboard siding. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge.

Significance:

The house at 5770 Trotter Road is a very simple version of a rancher, with a small band of brick veneer to add a touch of refinement, and several common motifs for a rancher, including a horizontal bank of short windows above the veneer, an all-encompassing roof, part of which is cantilevered over the entrance to provide shelter, and a wide slab of brick chimney to provide a strong vertical counterpoint to the horizontality of the building. All of these features were commonly taken from prairie-style buildings and applied to ranchers, though here they are more rudimentary than in many other ranchers in Howard County. Of greater historical interest is the garage, which was built out of concrete blocks that have a beveled face that imitates weatherboards. The house was reportedly built in 1958, which seems to be a reasonable date. Both buildings were slated to be demolished in early 2013 for redevelopment on the site.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 5770 Trotter Road not for publication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 Trotter Point LLC

street and number 9695 Norfolk Ave. telephone 410-792-2565

city, town Laurel state MD zip code 20723

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 13370 folio 119

city, town Ellicott City tax map 35 tax parcel 165 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>2</u> Total
		<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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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 5770 Trotter Road is located on the west side of the road and faces east toward it, about 1 ¼ miles northeast of Clarksville in south-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is set back from the road on a site that slopes down to the south and east, and contains a house and detached garage. The house is a one-story, four-bay by two bay frame rancher with a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The house is banked into the hill on the north, with the foundation exposed on the south.

The east elevation has brick veneer on the two southern bays, below the window sills. These bays have paired one-over-one sash that are separated by a wide mullion to create a bank of four windows. The two northern bays are recessed by several feet, with a modern metal door in the north-center bay and a three-sided bay window in the north bay; the latter has a large light in the center flanked by one-over-one sash.

There is a large exterior brick chimney on the east bay of the north gable end. The west bay has a door with a porch roof over it that is an extension of a one-story wing addition on the west side. This wing is not historic. The west elevation of the main block, south of the wing, has a door and three one-over-one sash. The south elevation has two pair of one-over-one sash in the basement and two one-over-one sash on the first story, with a framed chimney at the west corner.

About 5 feet southwest of the house is a two-car garage built of concrete blocks that have a beveled face in imitation of weatherboard siding. There is a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. The gable ends have T1-11 siding. The east elevation has two new roll-up garage doors. The north elevation has a door with three lights over three lying panels set near the east corner. The west elevation has a modern frame addition on the north bay and a two-over-two sash in the south bay. The south elevation has two two-over-two sash.

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: _____

Specific dates	N/A	Architect/Builder	N/A
Construction dates	c. 1958		

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

Acreage of surveyed property 2.67 A
Acreage of historical setting 2.67 A
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 165, 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	April 2013
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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 DHCD/DHCP
 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600

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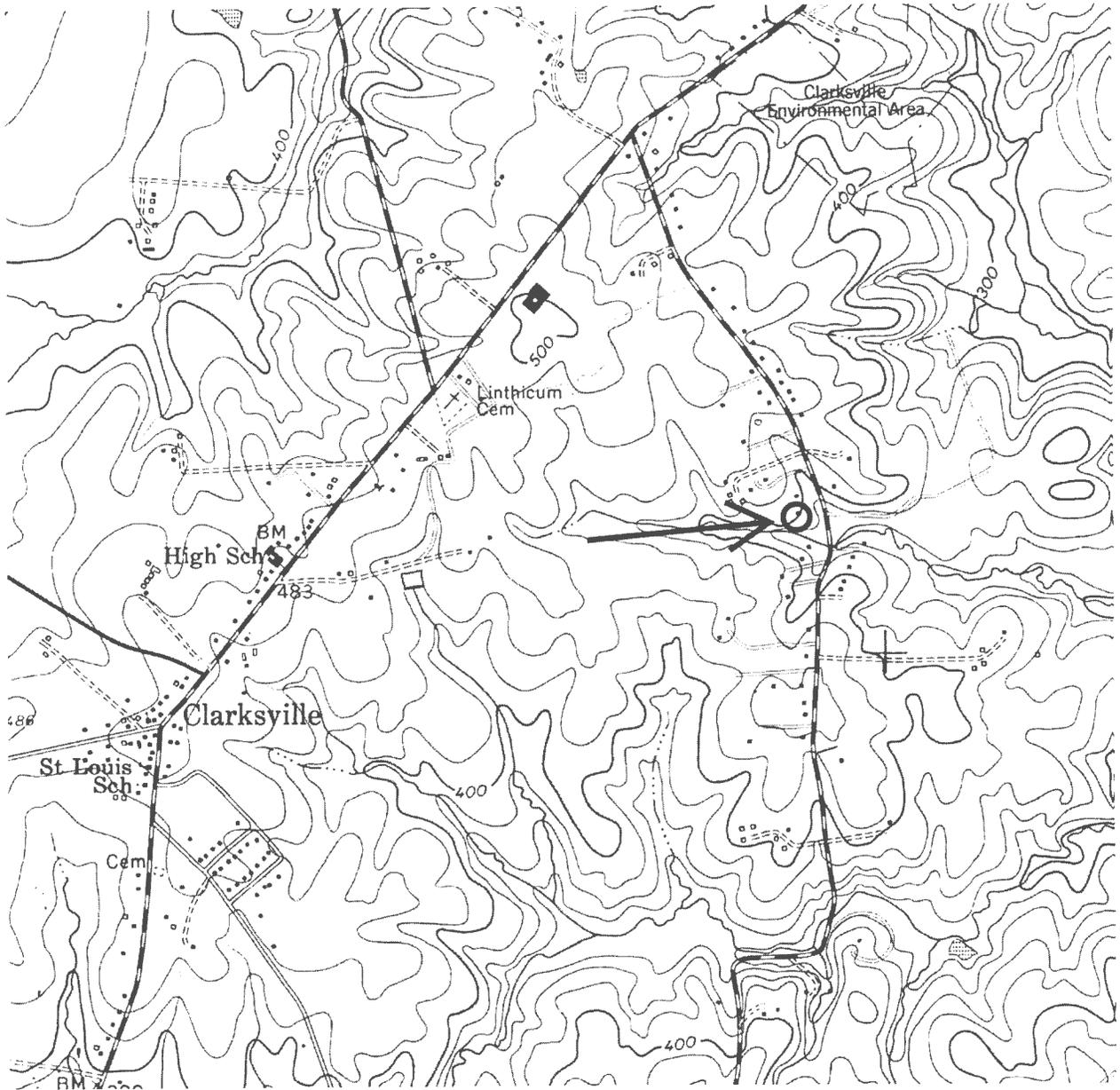
5570 Trotter Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

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

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House, east & north elevations

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Garage, west & south elevations



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5770 Trotter Road
Clarksville quad



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House, east + north elevations

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Garage, west + south elevations

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