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St. John's Cemetery Lodge

Architectural Survey File

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St. John's Cemetery Lodge
Ellicott City
Private

circa 1880

St. John's Cemetery Lodge was built between the years 1871 when St. John's Cemetery was established through a gift from Sallie Elizabeth Dorsey and 1886 when it was used as a marker for the property deed conferring the old St. John's Rectory from Reuben Dorsey to the vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church. The by-laws of the Act of Incorporation in 1877 are noteworthy. No smoking, large assemblies, unaccompanied children or noise are allowed within the grounds.

Architecturally Cemetery Lodge is one of the most unique and charming buildings in Howard County, reminiscent of the English Cottage with its high pitched intersecting jerkin roofs. This Lodge is composed of a north and south wing with entrances located on the east and south facades of the north wing and centered into the south wall of the south wing.

Central high pitched, slate, gabled roof dormer windows are centered into the roof at each elevation of each section holding similar rectangular casement windows.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: St. John's Cemetery Lodge					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rebecca's Lot					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: St. Johns Lane					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: St. John's Cemetery of Howard County					
STREET AND NUMBER: St. Johns Lane					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		
			21043		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			STATE: Maryland		
			21043		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 24, Blk 10					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
/p. 759, 162-240 20.037 Acres					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1977 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland		
			21401		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. John's Lodge is the home of the caretaker for St. John's cemetery. It is situated east of St. John's church and is built of granite and rests on a stone foundation. The building features fine stone quoining and twelve twelve lite first floor rectangular casement windows decorated with flat stone lintels and projecting wooden sills, and high pitched gabled roof dormer windows on each elevation decorated with scrolled barge boards and holding 10-10 lite casement windows.

It is constructed in two sections, a north and south wing with eighteen inch thick walls, and intersecting high pitched hipped roofs.

The south elevation holds a central entrance door, approached by three stone stairs and covered by a shed roof which drops from the roof line. A central rectangular high pitched gabled roof dormer window decorated with scrolled barge boards rests above with a 10-10 lite casement window. This south section provides for the large living room. The north section springs from the north wall and its intersecting patterned slate hipped roof runs north-south.

The east and west facade of this section holds single first and second floor casement windows, holding twelve -12 and 10-10 lites respectively, centered into the east and west walls of the south section. A main rectangular entrance door rests in the south bay of the north section with a first floor two-two lite casement window resting in its north bay. A steeply pitched gabled roof dormer window rests between, holding separate 10 lite casement windows decorated with scrolled barge boards.

The north elevation of the north section of the house which holds the large dining room and kitchen holds two first floor two-two lite casement windows with gabled roof dormer windows lying above. A cellar door rests under the window of the east bay while a tall square corbeled brick chimney is centered between the dormers providing flues for kitchen stove.

The west wall of the north section is similar to the east wall with a single first floor 2-2 lite casement window centered into the wall and a 10-10 lite rectangular high pitched gabled roof casement window lying above.

* A one baywide, two bay deep, one story high shed roofed addition is used as an office in the south west intersection of the two sections. A double rectangular window, each with one-over-one lites rests in the west wall, while a rectangular entrance lies in the west bay of the south wall.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1871, Sallie Elizabeth Dorsey offered to St. John's one and a half acres to be used as a cemetery. She reserved the privilege of selecting a lot of her own. The vestry accepted her offer.

In 1877 St. John's Church turned the cemetery over to a corporation whose first president was Henry R. Hazelhurst with James MacKubin as Secretary and Treasurer, Trustees were also Samuel K. George, Thomas R. Gaither, and John G. Rogers.

Some of the regulations stipulated for visitors forbid smoking, no loud noises, no children unaccompanied by adults and no large assemblies.

These bylaws were amended in 1904 when the cemetery became a separate organization, still keeping the name of St. John's Cemetery at Howard County, but no longer requiring three vestry men on the five man board of directors.

In an old deed dated 1886, Cemetery Lodge is used as a marking stone. It was therefore constructed between the years 1871 and 1886.

Architecturally it is of exceptional merit as an example of the English cottage style of the Cotswolds, although its roof is of patterned slate design while the roof of the English cottage is often of sod.

For these reasons Cemetery Lodge should be included in the National Register as a unique example of the English cottage style. It is also associated with historic St. John's Church and adjacent to it. Any future local landmark legislation should include this outstanding structure as well as the State Critical Areas Program.

SEE INSTR. ACTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

St. John's Cemetery of Howard County, Maryland Acts of Incorporation.

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. James Ashley at St. John's Lodge, April 27, 1977
 Hewett, Elva Trueblood. A Chapel of Ease- St. John's Episcopal Church Ellicott City, 1977
 Interview with the Reverend E. Albert Rich at St. John's Church, April 27, 1977

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 29, Blk 10 p. 759 162-240
 20.037 Acres.

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section		DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

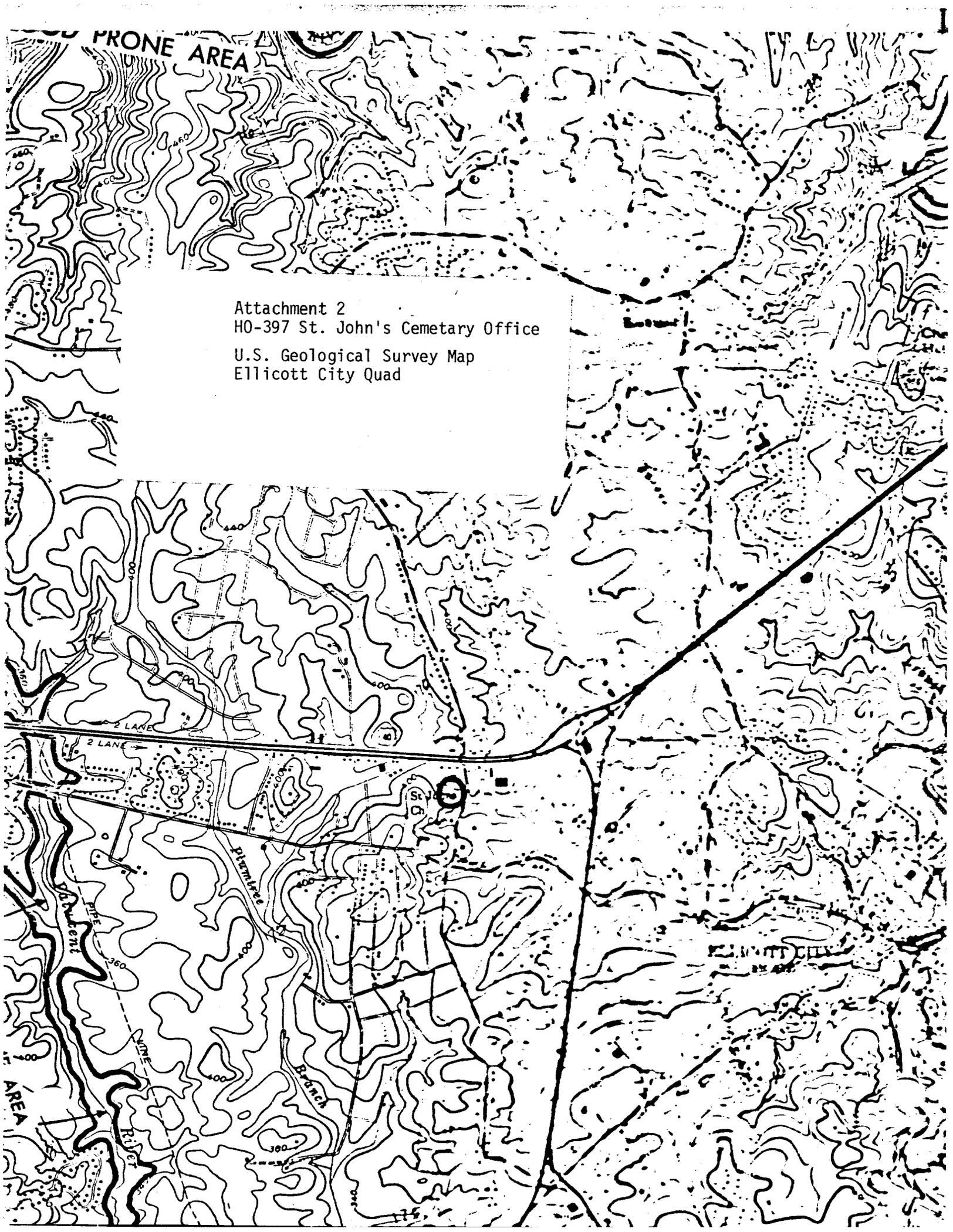
Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

PRONE AREA

Attachment 2
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U.S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City Quad





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St Johns Cemetery groundskaper



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ST. JOHN'S CEMETARY
LODGE
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