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The Red Hill House
Elkridge
Private

Early Twentieth Century

Facing west, Red Hill House is composed of an east and west wing; a two and a one and a half story, gabled roof (running east-west) white frame building, resting partially side by side.

The west wing has a gabled roof portico which covers the cross paneled west entrance door leading into the living room, then eastward into the dining room and kitchen. This section is characterized by proportionally scaled and vertically aligned casement windows with a one story high, shed roofed, screened in porch which runs along almost the entire south elevation. Sometime in the third or fourth decade of this century a conservatory-den west wing was added which repeated the gabled roof of the east wing and formed a well integrated and unified architectural complex. In this context it was representative of the Bungaloid style of American domestic architecture, in that it presented two broad gables on its west elevation. The gable of the west wing was echoed by that of the new conservatory-den east wing behind and to one side of it.

The use of wood as a building material, the almost horizontal line created by the broad pitch of its gable roofs and the manner in which it fits into its site, surrounded by subtly planned landscaping and woods; all assist Red Hill House in its total work of integration and unity complemented by varied stylistic elements which characterizes the whole Lawyer's Hill area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
HISTORIC Red Hill House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER 6053 Old Lawyer's Hill Rd. 6th Dist.
CITY, TOWN Elkridge VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Howard
STATE Maryland COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME David H. Buswell Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER 6053 Old Lawyer's Hill Road
CITY, TOWN Elkridge VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Tax Map 32 Liber #: 390 P. 39 Folio #: 305
STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory
DATE 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust
CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Red Hill House is located on the southside of Old Lawyers Hill Road 1/10 of a mile east of the intersection of Lawyers Hill Road.

It is composed of an east and west wing; a two and a one and a half story, gable roof (running east - west) white frame building, resting partially side by side. See Plan.

The west wing is a two bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof, two story high frame structure with wide brick chimney set into its east wall and entrances located on its south and west walls. A gabled roof portico supported by wooden columns and holding north and south benches, covers the west rectangular, cross paneled door which is located in the south bay of the west wall.

A first floor double casement window rests in the north bay of this wall, each component holding ten-ten lights, separated by a flat pilaster and flanked by green wooden shutters. Two second floor, ten-ten light casement windows rest above as well as a four light, square attic window.

The south elevation of this wing holds a twelve-twelve light french door in the east bay and a ten-ten light casement window in its west bay with two second floor, casement windows holding eight-eight lights. A one story high, shed roofed screened in porch runs along the entire south elevation of this wing.

From the east wall of this section of the house the gabled roof of the gabled roof extension eastward slopes southward creating a salt box effect on its south wall. Its south wall holds two first floor casement windows with ten-ten lights. Two gabled roof casement dormer windows with eight-eight lights are set into its gabled roof. Resting next to the eastern half of this south wall is the five bay wide, two bay deep, one and a half story high, low pitched gabled roof (running east - west) white frame east wing of the house.

Its south wall holds a nine light rectangular entrance in the second west bay. The remaining four bays of this wall hold ten - ten light casement windows. The gabled roof dormers are set into the roof line above, holding eight-eight light casement windows.

The west wall of this east wing holds four continuous casement windows, each holding ten - ten lights. Above lie two second floor casement windows; that on the north holds six - six lights, that on the south holds ten - ten lights.

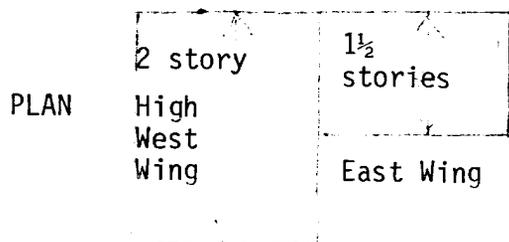
Along the east wall of this section of the house, just south of center rests an exterior brick fire place with a ten - ten light casement window on its south side and a rectangular entrance door on its north side. Three first floor six light windows lie northward. The second floor holds two ten-ten light casement windows, with a four light square attic window above.

The north wall of the west wing extends eastward and holds a one story high,

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shed roofed enclosed vestibule with entrance on its east wall and a square, one light window on its north wall. East of this vestibule lies a tripartite three light picture window and westward lies two ten-ten light casement windows. The second floor of this north wall holds three eight-eight light rectangular casement windows, decorated with wooden shutters.

The entire house presents a unified and charming appearance, presenting variety in its alternative massing which creates interesting and semi-enclosed outside spaces south of the house.



8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES second decade of 20th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Red Hill House was built by Mr. James Hemphill in the second decade of the Twentieth century. It is representative of American cottage style and Bungaloid style architecture. Originally, the house consisted solely of the west wing, a two story gabled roof frame house whose porticoed west entrance leads into a living room, thence to dining room and kitchen. This house was representative of the Cottage style with a colonial feeling. As the Hemphills became more firmly established, a conservatory-den east wing was added south of the kitchen, creating an interesting architectural composition whose gable roof (running east-west) repeated that of the original west wing and formed a semi-enclosed interior court. The house presents two broad gables to the driveway west of the house and thus is representative of the Bungaloid style. The scale of the east wing blends well with that of the west forming an integrated and unified architectural complex offering a feeling of cheeriness with a reminiscence of New England colonial charm.

Located on the south side of Old Lawyer's Hill Road, its architecture blends harmoniously with that of its Nineteenth century neighbors, "Maycroft" and the Thomas Dobbin House. The use of wood as a building material, the almost horizontal line created by the broad pitch of its gable roofs and the manner in which it fits into its site, surrounded by subtly planned landscaping and woods; all assist Red Hill House in its total work of integration and unity complemented by varied stylistic elements which characterizes the whole Lawyer's Hill area.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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District 1

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.291

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records
Liber #: 390
Folio #: 305

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

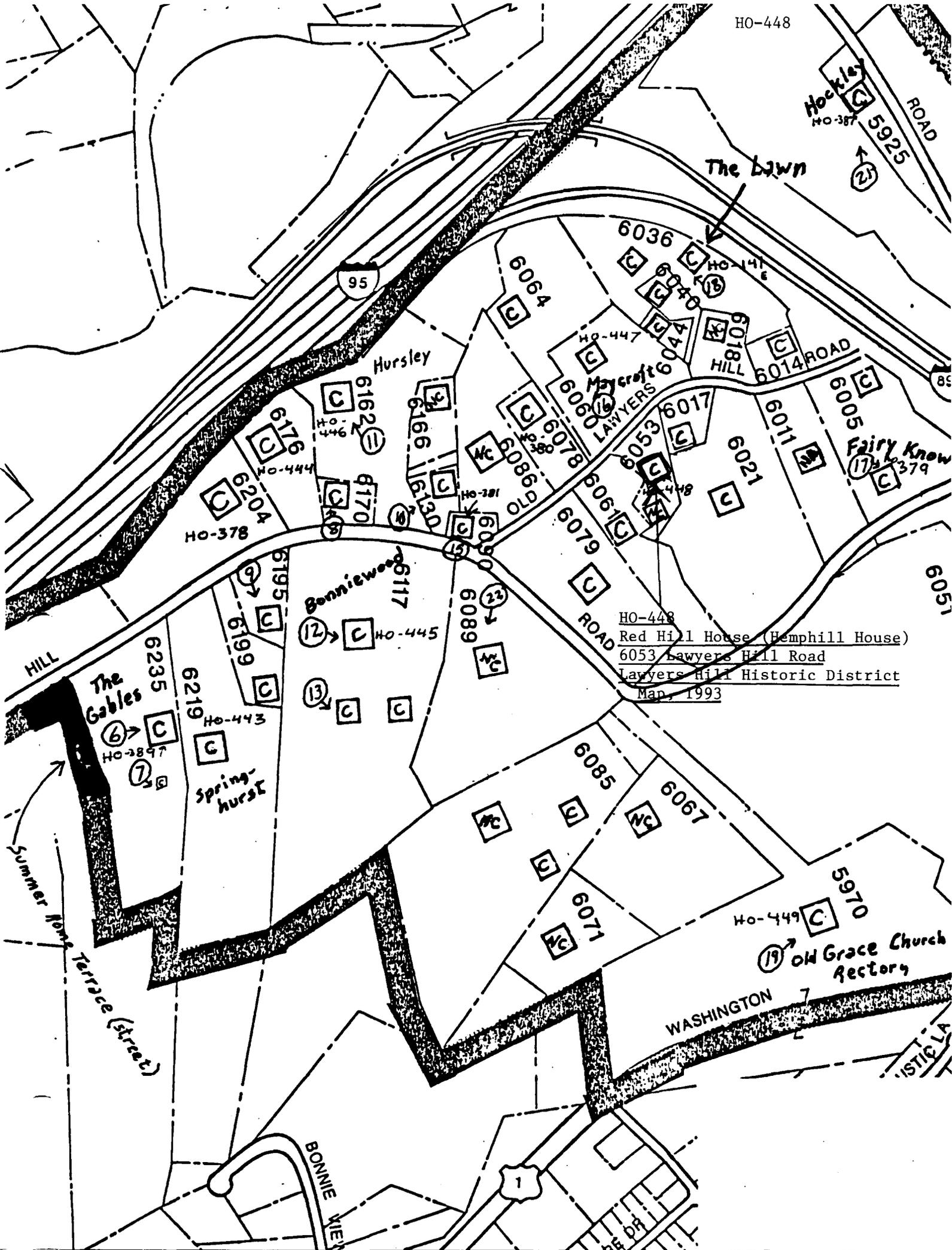
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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 Red Hill House (Hemphill House)
 6053 Lawyers Hill Road
 Lawyers Hill Historic District
 Map, 1993

Hockley ROAD
 HO-387
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The Lawn

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Hursley

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The Gables

Summer Home Terrace (Street)

Springhurst

Bonnieview

WASHINGTON

BONNIE VIEW

Old Grace Church Rectory

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 HISTORIC DISTRICT

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