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Howard County Jail

Architectural Survey File

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Howard County Jail
3709 Park Avenue
Private

DESCRIPTION:

The Howard County Jail is a two-story, five-bay by three-bay structure of a coarse granite ashlar that faces southeast and has a gable roof with slate and a southwest-northeast ridge. There is an ell on the rear that is two stories tall, with a raised basement that is banked into the hill on the southwest, and is three bays by two bays. It is of rubble stone on the basement and first story and frame with German siding on the second story. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The site is a hill that has been excavated, with two-story tall rubble stone retaining walls built to the northwest, southwest, and northeast of the jail. The main block of the jail, on the southeast elevation, has a pavilion front in the center bay that has finely-cut quoins and a cross gable roof. The first story has double doors of iron bars. The second story of the center bay has a large, round-arched window with a finely-cut, plain granite surround and iron bars. Above it is a marble date stone with "John Laing C. E., Architect; James Rowles, Robert Wilson, Builders; 1878." Flanking each side of the pavilion front are two two-story window openings that have concrete sills, finely-cut lintels, and two recessed windows covered by metal grilles. There is concrete parging between the first- and second-story windows.

SIGNIFICANCE:

Contracts for a new jail were awarded in February 1851, with Charles Timanus getting the masonry contract and Samuel R. Powell the carpentry contract. The building was completed and accepted in December 1851, and it survives as the rear, stone ell of the existing jail. Apparently, the need for additional accommodations at the jail prompted the commissioners to request proposals again in 1878. It was noted at the time that the new jail would be built "upon the grounds, and immediately in front of the old one. The old one will be repaired for the warden, after the new jail is finished." John Laing a native of Edinburgh, Scotland and civil engineer, served as the architect. Robert Wilson and James Rowles were selected to build the new structure the jail was completed and accepted by the commissioners in early December, 1878. The conversion of the original building to the warden's house apparently entailed the addition of another story, in frame, on top of the original structure. The jail has undergone substantial alterations that appear to have removed the floors and built new ones in different locations. This necessitated alterations to the windows, all of which (except that in the center pavilion) have had the sills dropped and two shorter windows and a floor inserted where there was one tall window. The building continued in use as a jail until the early 1980s, when a new detention center was opened in Jessup, and the jail continued to be used by the Sheriff's Department until recently.

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Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Howard County Jail
other

2. Location

street and number 3709 Park Avenue not for publication
city, town Ellicott City vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Board of Commissioners of Howard County
street and number 3430 Courthouse Drive telephone
city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 12 folio 57
city, town Ellicott City tax map 25A tax parcel 243 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	1	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	1	0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<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	
			1	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

SUMMARY:

The Howard County Jail is a two-story, five-bay by three-bay structure of a coarse granite ashlar that faces southeast and has a gable roof with slate and a southwest-northeast ridge. There is an ell on the rear that is two stories tall, with a raised basement that is banked into the hill on the southwest, and is three bays by two bays. It is of rubble stone on the basement and first story and frame with German siding on the second story. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The site is a hill that has been excavated, with two-story tall rubble stone retaining walls built to the northwest, southwest, and northeast of the jail. The main block of the jail, on the southeast elevation, has a pavilion front in the center bay that has finely-cut quoins and a cross gable roof. The first story has double doors of iron bars. The second story of the center bay has a large, round-arched window with a finely-cut, plain granite surround and iron bars. Above it is a marble date stone with "John Laing C. E., Architect; James Rowles, Robert Wilson, Builders; 1878." Flanking each side of the pavilion front are two two-story window openings that have concrete sills, finely-cut lintels, and two recessed windows covered by metal grilles. There is concrete parging between the first- and second-story windows.

DESCRIPTION:

The Howard County Jail is located at 3709 Park Avenue, at the north end of Emory Street in Ellicott City, in northeastern Howard County, Maryland. The jail is a two-story, five-bay by three-bay structure of a coarse granite ashlar that faces southeast and has a gable roof with slate and a southwest-northeast ridge. There is an ell on the rear that is two stories tall, with a raised basement that is banked into the hill on the southwest, and is three bays by two bays. It is of rubble stone on the basement and first story and frame with German siding on the second story. It has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. The site is a hill that has been excavated, with two-story tall rubble stone retaining walls built to the northwest, southwest, and northeast of the jail.

The main block of the jail, on the southeast elevation, has a pavilion front in the center bay that has finely-cut quoins and a cross gable roof. The first story has double doors of iron bars, hung on strap hinges. The pintels are set into a finely-cut granite surround, with a label mould above and a cornice on top of the label mould that consists of three large fillets. The second story of the center bay has a large, round-arched window with a finely-cut, plain granite surround and iron bars. Above it is a marble date stone with

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Samuel Brown
John Laing C. E. Architect
James Rowles
Robert Wilson Builders
1878

Flanking each side of the pavilion front are two two-story window openings that have concrete sills, finely-cut lintels, and two recessed windows covered by metal grilles. There is concrete parging between the first- and second-story windows. There is a wood box cornice that follows the pitch of the rafters. Centered on the roof is an octagonal lantern with louvers in each face and a bell-cast roof covered with gold leaf.

The southwest elevation of the main block has a two-story window opening in both end bays, with concrete sills, finely-cut lintels, and two recessed windows covered by metal grilles. There is concrete parging between the first- and second-story windows, and above the second-story windows. The center bay has paired openings cut through the stone, with the bottom of the openings set below the eave line and the openings rising into the gable end. The western opening has paired metal fire doors with a catwalk attached, supported by the stone retaining wall and a tall CMU pier.

The northeast elevation of the main block has a two-story window opening in both end bays, with concrete sills, finely-cut lintels, and two recessed windows covered by metal grilles. There is concrete parging between the first- and second-story windows, and above the second-story windows. The center bay has a short opening at ground level with a finely-cut lintel. The gable end has an opening cut through the stone, with bars on it.

The northeast elevation of the ell is set back from the plane of the main block by about five feet. There is a flush metal door in the center of the basement, and the ground here is excavated several feet, with brick retaining walls and brick steps down. The east bay has a six-over-six sash with metal grille over it, and the north bay has no opening, with wood steps up to the porch above. This porch has square wood piers at the lower level, a wood deck, and chamfered wood posts on the first story. The soffit is open, exposed rafters. The shed roof has asphalt shingles and beaded edge and center boards on the northwest end that have a saw-tooth pattern on the bottom ends. The first story has a center door of flush metal with a small one-light window cut into it. To either side is a six-over-six sash with metal grille over it. The second story has three six-over-six sash with metal grilles over them, with the center sash being smaller than the other two. There is a wood box cornice with returns.

The northwest elevation of the ell has two six-over-six sash on the basement, first, and second stories, with metal grilles over them on the basement and first stories. There is no opening in the gable end.

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There is a rectangular block of stone projecting from the foundation at the north corner, of unknown function.

There is a shed-roofed porch added to the southwest elevation of the ell, with a CMU foundation, concrete deck, shed roof with asphalt shingles, and German siding on the northwest end. It covers the basement and has infill on the first story that covers much of the first story, but there is a flush metal door in the center bay. The second story has three six-over-six sash, and an exterior brick chimney between the west and center bays.

The interior has been completely altered, with concrete floors, new metal cells, and a commercial kitchen in the ell. The only historic feature found was a barred door between the ell and the main block on the basement level.

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates	N/A	Architect/Builder	/Chas. Timanus & Sam. Powell (1851)
Construction dates	1851, 1878		John Laing/ Rowles & Wilson (1878)

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.)

SUMMARY:

Contracts for a new jail were awarded in February 1851, with Charles Timanus getting the masonry contract and Samuel R. Powell the carpentry contract. The building was completed and accepted in December 1851, and it survives as the rear, stone ell of the existing jail. Apparently, the need for additional accommodations at the jail prompted the commissioners to request proposals again in 1878. It was noted at the time that the new jail would be built "upon the grounds, and immediately in front of the old one. The old one will be repaired for the warden, after the new jail is finished." John Laing a native of Edinburgh, Scotland and civil engineer, served as the architect. Robert Wilson and James Rowles were selected to build the new structure the jail was completed and accepted by the commissioners in early December, 1878. The conversion of the original building to the warden's house apparently entailed the addition of another story, in frame, on top of the original structure. The jail has undergone substantial alterations that appear to have removed the floors and built new ones in different locations. This necessitated alterations to the windows, all of which (except that in the center pavilion) have had the sills dropped and two shorter windows and a floor inserted where there was one tall window. The building continued in use as a jail until the early 1980s, when a new detention center was opened in Jessup, and the jail continued to be used by the Sheriff's Department until recently.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The creation of any new county in Maryland required the construction of three buildings: a courthouse, jail, and almshouse. Plans for a courthouse were initiated in 1840, with the creation of Howard District out of Anne Arundel County, but plans for a custom-built jail lagged, for unknown reasons, until ten years later. The first jail was in a private house leased from Israel McKenzie from 1840 to 1852. By May, 1850 the county commissioners were advertising for proposals from contractors, noting that "the plan and specification, may be seen on application to the subscriber, at the Commissioners Office,

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Ellicotts Mills." A copy of these plans and specifications has not been found, as yet. The building survives as the rear, stone ell of the existing jail. Contracts were awarded in February 1851, with Charles Timanus getting the masonry contract and Samuel R. Powell the carpentry contract of \$600. The building was completed and accepted in December 1851, though the house serving as the original jail was rented through 1852. In August 1854 a well was dug for the jail and a kitchen built for the building, and in July 1855 it was ordered "to have cut another door at the jail so as to improve ventilation." It is not known where this door was located. Two years later a small building was constructed near the pump to better preserve butter and meats.¹

Apparently, the need for additional accommodations at the jail prompted the commissioners to request proposals again in 1878. Once again, plans and specifications could be seen at the commissioner's office. It was noted at the time that the new jail would be built "upon the grounds, and immediately in front of the old one. The old one will be repaired for the warden, after the new jail is finished." The cost of the jail was not to exceed \$8,000. Robert Wilson and James Rowles were selected to build the new structure, and had begun construction by the beginning of August, with completion expected by November. By early October the builders had begun the second story, and the roof was going on by the end of the month. The roof was covered with metal, and during construction tinner Frank Wilson almost lost three fingers when a piece of the metal was blown out of his hands by the wind. Despite this setback, the jail was completed and accepted by the commissioners in early December, 1878.²

The new jail was thoroughly described right after its opening:

"The new structure is situated immediately in front of the old jail; is built of dressed granite, with trimmings around windows and door of the same material. In size it is fifty by forty-eight feet, with a height of twenty four feet to the square and forty feet to the gable. Two windows, seven by three feet, enter the jail on each side, and five in front, ten by three feet. A door, six by ten feet, affords an entrance in the front.

"The interior has sixteen cells, eight by ten feet, with iron grated doors, all of which are lighted by windows entering the end corridors. There are five halls. The centre one is ten feet wide running the

¹ Joseph H. Nichols, Jr., "Patriots and Pioneers of Howard County, Maryland: The Courthouse and the Jail." Howard County Genealogical Society, Special Publication 98-1, pp. 19-20. *Howard (Maryland) Gazette & General Advertiser*, 11 May 1850, Vertical File, "Ellicott City Buildings," Howard County Historical Society.

² *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 6 July 1878, p. 3, col. 7. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 13 July 1878, p. 3, col. 7. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 3 August 1878, p. 3, col. 6. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 17 August 1878, p. 3, col. 5. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 5 October 1878, p. 3, col. 4. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 26 October 1878, p. 3, col. 5. *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 2 November 1878, p. 3, col. 5.

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entire depth of the buildings; the others, ten by sixteen feet, the length of the front on each end from which the cells are entered. Gratings of strong iron bars from floor to roof, face the four end corridors and cut off communication from the main hall. Inside of these latter, iron stairways lead to a balcony from which entrance is made to the second tier of cells. Between the first and second cells are iron girders with brick circular ceilings, sealed by cement and stone, the whole covered with a wooden floor. The same plan is carried out overhead on the top tier and in the ground floor. The whole inside is built with brick, whitewashed, which aids materially in giving light. The main hall extends clear to the roof and separates the cells on either side. The jail is heated by a large cone stove situated in the centre of main hall, and water is distributed throughout the building by pipes. Under the roof is a tank which receives the rain water, which is utilized to the purposes of the jail. A pump to replenish the reservoir in dry seasons is connected with a well in the yard. The old departments of the prisoners, in the basement of the jailer's residence, have been transformed into a kitchen, pantry, etc., from which entrance is had to the jail.

"... Outside of the jail many substantial improvements have been made which add to the convenience of all connected with the institution. In the apex of the front gable is a marble stone bearing the names of Samuel Brown, Jerome Berry, William Rowles, County Commissioners; John Laing, C. E., Architect; Robert Wilson, James Rowles, Contractors. The mason work was done by Robert Wilson and the carpentering by Mr. James Rowles, both the contractors. The iron work was performed by Truman & Devans, of Laurel; the plumbing by Robert Kirkwood; and the painting by Owen Mercer. . . ."³

John Laing was a native of Edinburgh, Scotland and was educated at the Royal College of Engineers at Chatham, England. He worked as a civil engineer for several cities in England and as the chief engineer of the St. Paulo and Juandetai Railroad in Brazil before moving to Baltimore in 1867 to act as assistant engineer of the Western Maryland Railroad. Laing worked for several other railroads in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, in addition to having his own office where he apparently handled individual commissions such as this jail. It is not known at this time whether he was involved with other jail projects in the region. The conversion of the original building to the warden's house apparently entailed the addition of another story, in frame, on top of the original structure. The jail has undergone substantial alterations that appear to have removed the floors and built new ones in different locations. This necessitated alterations to the windows, all of which (except that in the center pavilion) have had the sills dropped and two shorter windows and a floor inserted where there was one tall window. Photographs from 1944, in the collection of the historical society, illustrate the original configuration. The building continued in use as a jail until the early 1980s, when a new detention center was opened in Jessup, and the jail continued to be used by the Sheriff's Department until recently.⁴

³ *Ellicott City (Maryland Times)*, 14 December 1878, p. 3, col. 6.

⁴ *Baltimore Sun*, 29 November 1897, p. 7, col. 1. Nichols, "The Courthouse and the Jail," p. 18.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 9,975 sq. ft.
Acreage of historical setting 9,975 sq. ft.
Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 25A, parcel 243, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

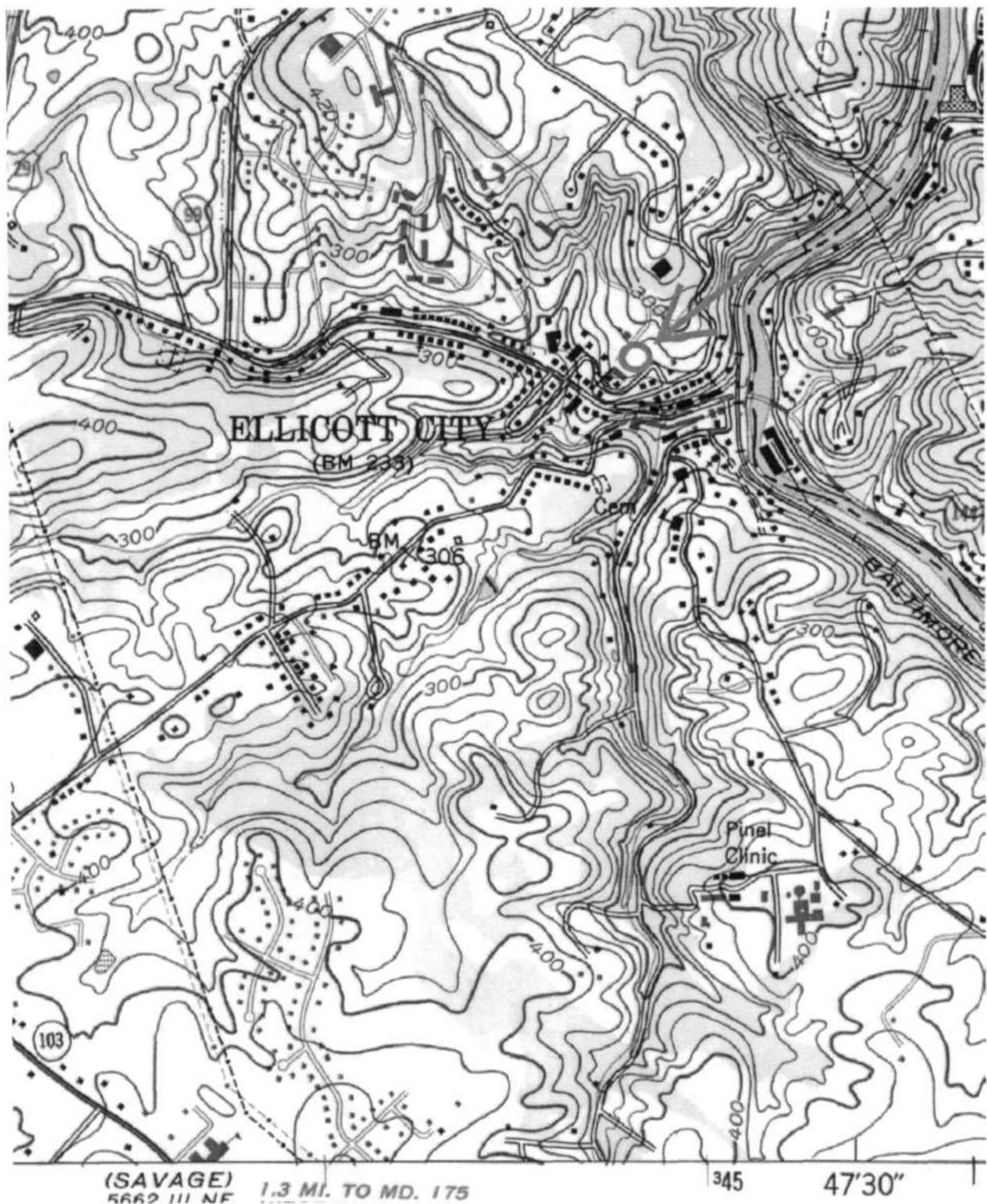
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2011
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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Howard County Jail
3709 Park Avenue, Ellicott City
Ellicott City quad

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3709 Park Avenue, Ellicott City
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Southeast elevation

HO-0054_2011-10-18_02
Southeast elevation, front door

HO-0054_2011-10-18_03
Southeast elevation, date stone

HO-0054_2011-10-18_04
Northwest & southwest elevations

HO-0054_2011-10-18_05
Northeast & northwest elevations

HO-0054_2011-10-18_06
Interior door between main block and rear
wing



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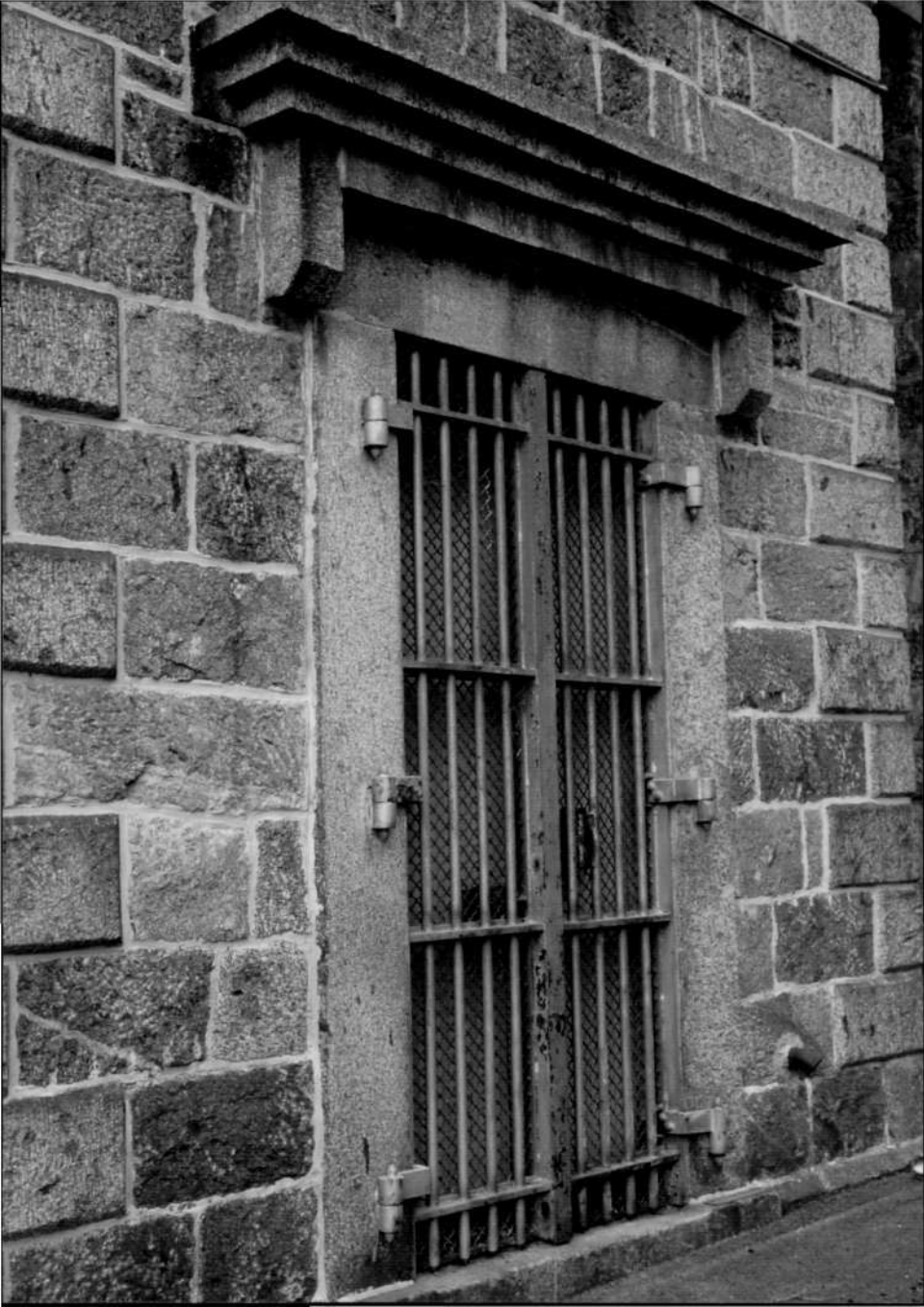
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Southeast elevation

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Southeast elevation, front door

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A black and white photograph showing the upper portion of a stone building. The image is dominated by a large, light-colored triangular gable roof with a dark shingled edge. Below the roofline, a stone wall features a plaque with inscriptions. Below the plaque is a large, semi-circular stone archway containing a dark, barred opening. The stone masonry is rough and textured.

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James Rowles Builders
Robert Wilson
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Southeast elevation, date stone

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Northwest + Southwest elevations

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Northeast + northwest elevations

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Interior door between main block
and rear wing

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THE EMORY JAIL OR WILLOW GROVE

1878

Public

Ellicott City

The Emory or Howard County Jail, known as Willow Grove is a five bay wide, four bay deep two and a half story granite block structure with intersecting gable roofs, projecting central south bay holding a central rectangular entrance door surmounted by a tall Roman arched second floor window and fenestration set into rectangular recesses which run from first to second floors on the south, east and west walls which are surmounted by flat stone lintels.

Built in 1878, executions took place between the jail and the court house with local men as witnesses until 1916.

Presently still in use, it is hoped that when new correctional facilities are constructed by Howard County and/or the State, that the building will be utilized as an annex or recycled for further use and preservation.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Howard County Jail				
AND/OR HISTORIC: The Emory Jail or "Willow Grove"				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1 Emory Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City,				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Howard		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: County Commissioners of Howard County				
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House				
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 Court House				
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		21043
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 25A, p.243				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The Howard County Jail is a five bay wide four bay deep, two and a half story granite block structure with intersecting gabled roofs, projecting central south bay holding a central rectangular entrance door surmounted by a tall Roman arched second floor window. The entrance is decorated with a projecting corbeled stone lintel held by two brackets. Fenestration is set into rectangular recesses which run from first to second floors on the south, east and west walls and are surmounted by flat stone lintels. Bars and/or protective screens are located at each door and window. A central octagonal copula with molded curvilinear roof is placed in the center of the gable roof which runs east-west. Originally the east and west walls were identical, holding two deeply set rectangular recesses which run from the ground floor to the second floor, each holding first and second floor rectangular double-hung windows with 15-over-15 lites. In 1959 a central third floor rectangular window was added to the east wall. The 1959 alteration created space on the third floor for the Central Alarm Headquarters.</p> <p>A double glass and aluminum door in the north central bay and a 9 lite rectangular window in the south central bay were added while the west window of the extreme north bay was elongated, utilizing the original lintel. An iron walkway and railing leads from this west door to the Courthouse parking lot.</p> <p>From the north wall springs a three bay wide, two bay deep three story high granite (for two stories) and frame (top story) addition whose gable roof runs north-south and intersects with that of the main south wing. A shed roofed semi-enclosed porch rests on the west wall of this addition.</p> <p>The north wall holds two barred first floor windows and two second and third floor rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lites. Two shed roofed porches are placed along the east wall of this addition, one on the ground floor, another on the second floor. A first and second floor rectangular east central entrance is flanked on the second floor by rectangular double-hung six-over-six lite windows and on the ground floor by a flight of stairs on the north and a similar window on the south.</p>			

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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/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Emory Jail, known as Willow Grove was constructed in 1878 and is a unique architectural landmark with its element of the Romanesque revival style seen in the central bay tall roman window above the main entrance on the south elevation. The stone work is particularly fine with the rectangular recesses which run from ground level to second floor providing window insets on the south, east and west elevations, decorated with fine stone lintels.

Executions by hanging took place between the Courthouse and Jail with local men acting as witnesses. No hangings took place after 1916.

The need for a new jail is extreme at this time. It is hoped that this building will be preserved and recycled for another use or as an annex to additional correctional facilities.

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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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning		DATE
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House 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 ☐

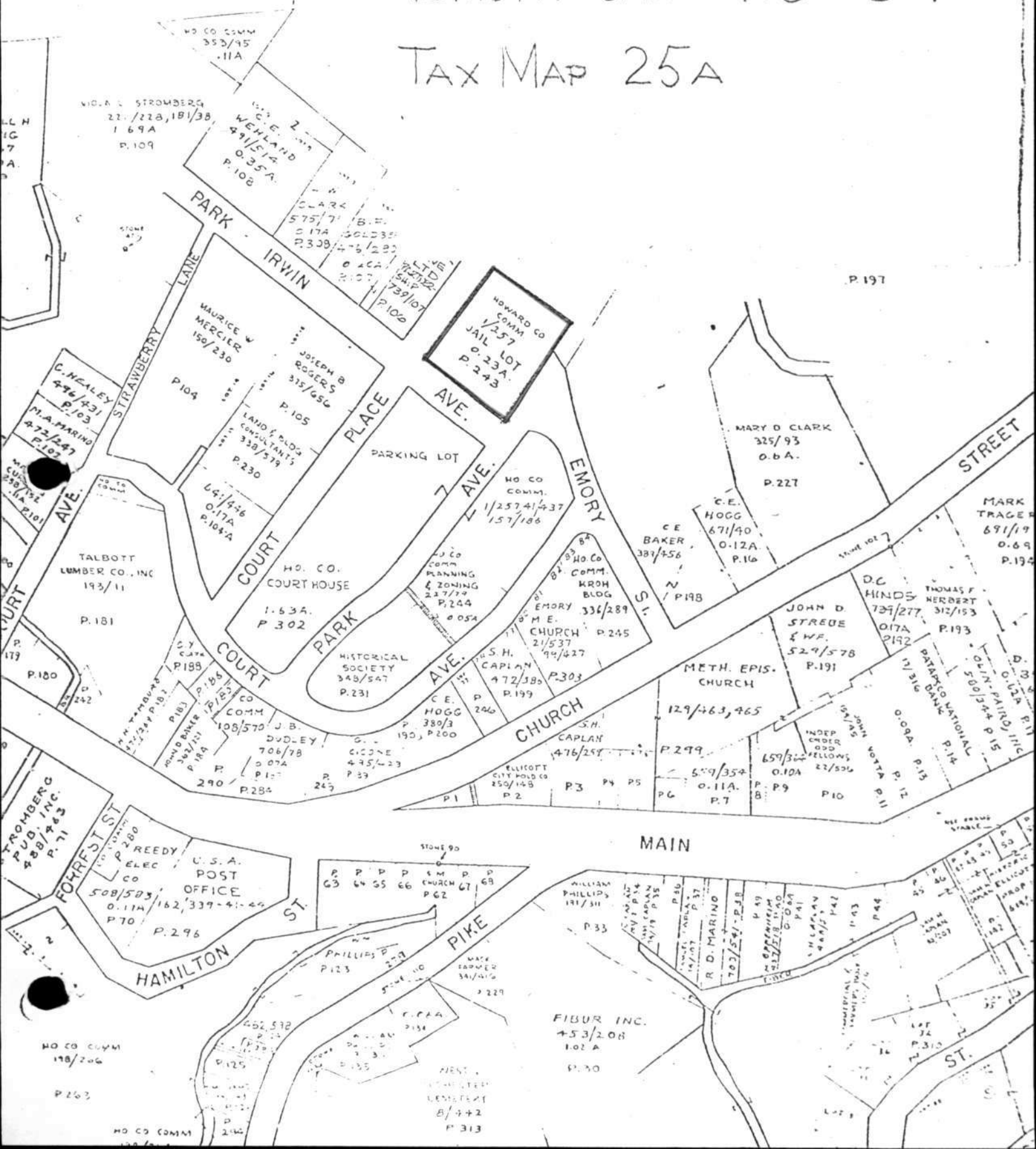
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MAIN

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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
MAP - ELLICOTT CITY, MD. QUAD



EXPLAN

Flood boundaries with
Regional stage

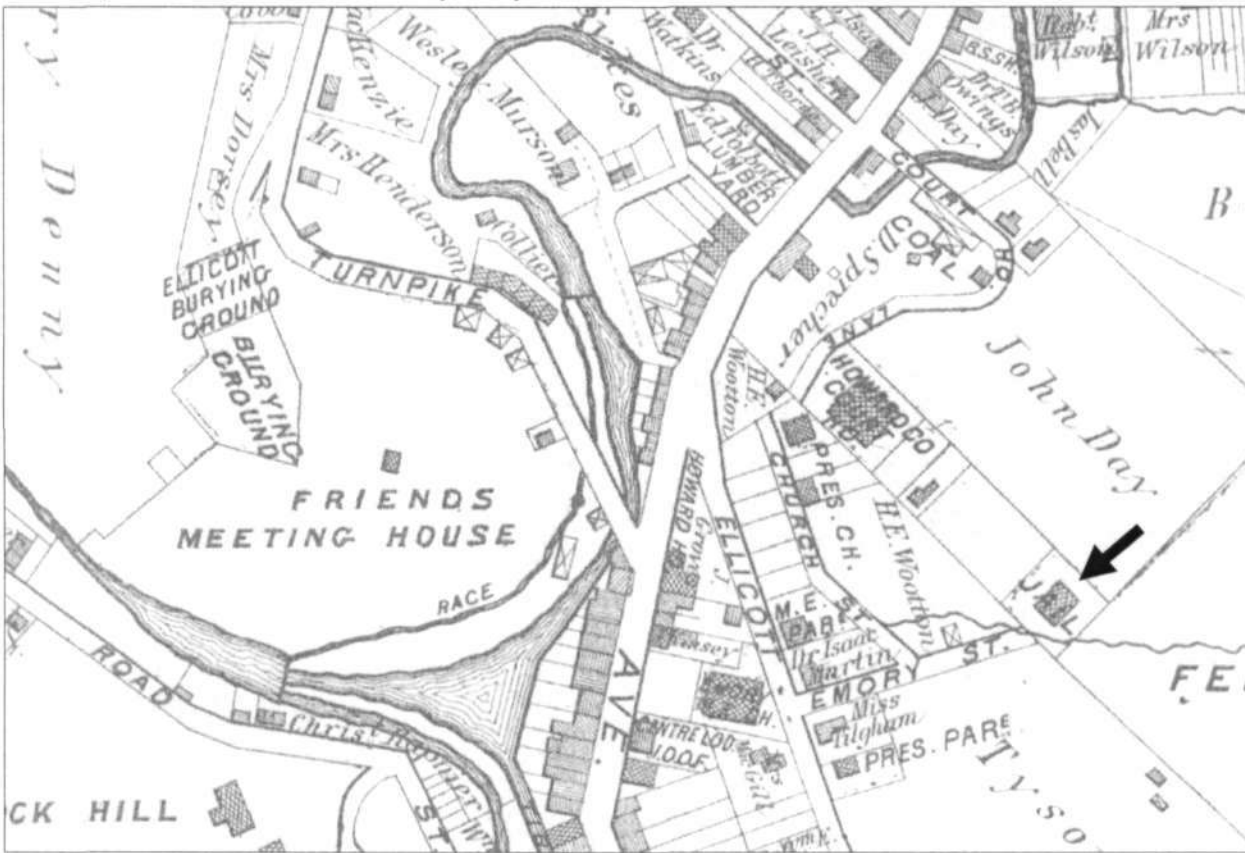
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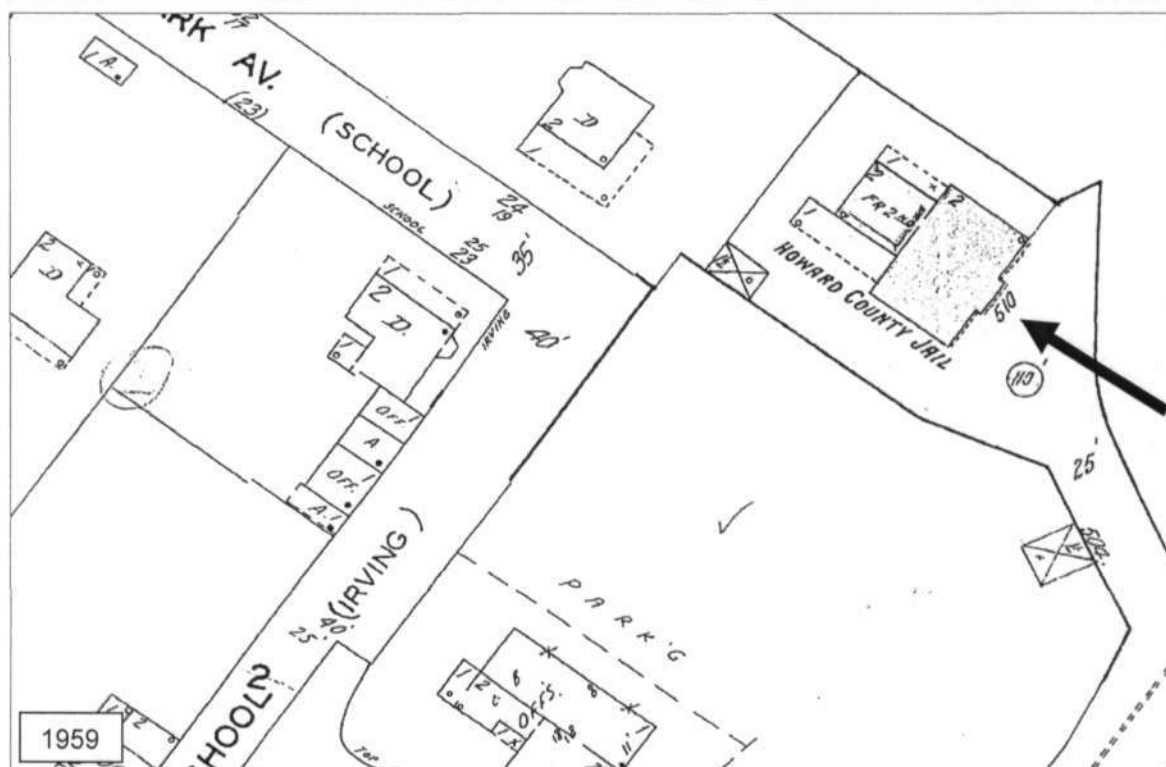
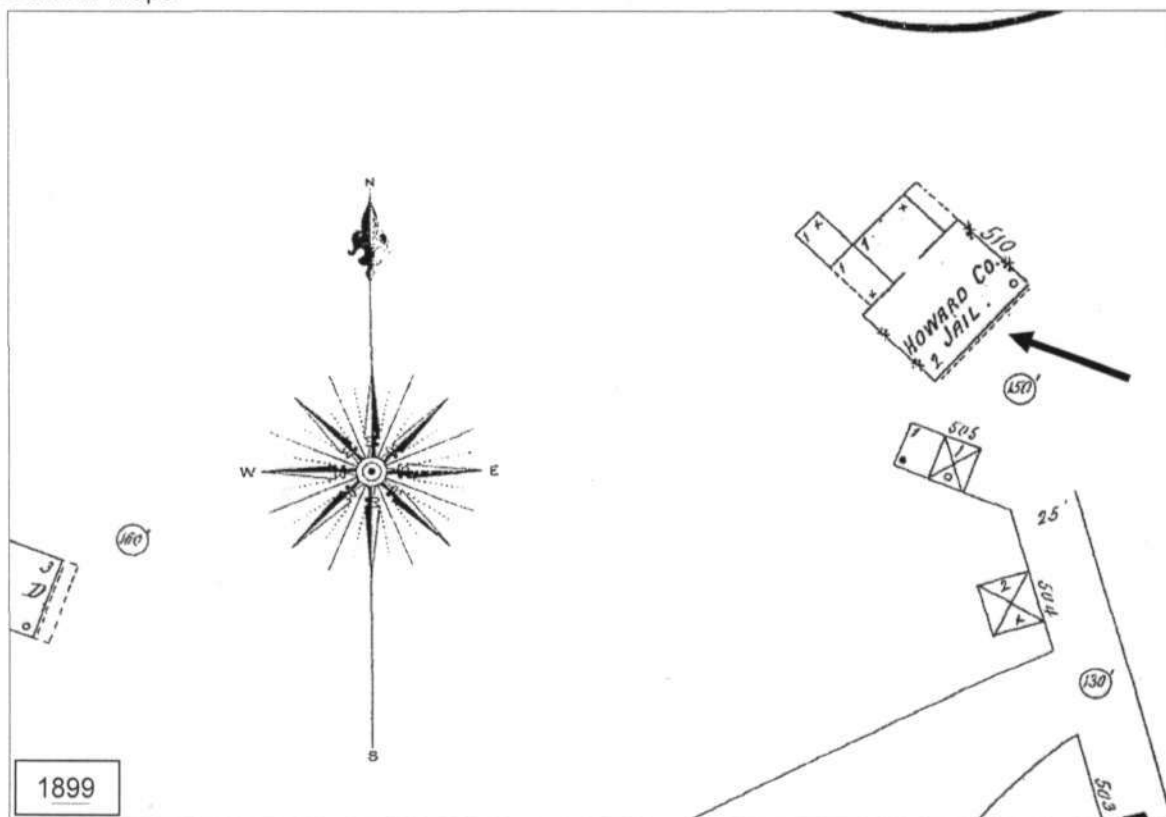
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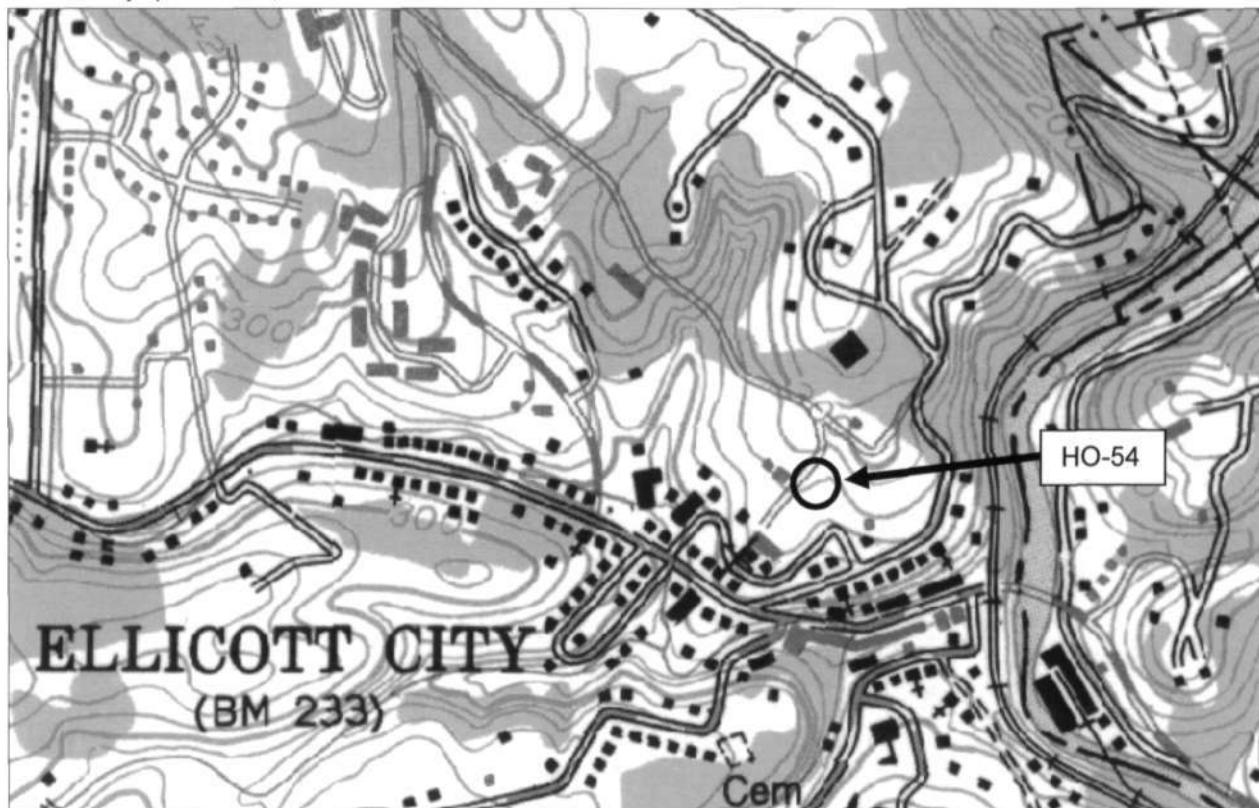
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Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 243

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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Howard County Jail
1 Emory Street, Ellicott City
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East elevation



Northeast elevation



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Howard County Jail
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West elevation





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