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Jenkins-Powell House (Jonathan Ellicott House, MacGill House)

Architectural Survey File

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JENKIN'S RESIDENCE
Private
Ellicott City

circa 1775, 1840

Reputed to have been the first house belonging to Jonathan Ellicott, son of Andrew, the founder of Ellicott Mills, the Jenkins residence was inhabited for some 75 years by members of the Ellicott family. Suprisingly, the roof line of the three story high north wing, three bays wide and two bays deep, was altered by Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins in the middle of the 20th Century giving the north wing facing Church Road the appearance of ante dating the older gabled roof two story high south wing which is three bays wide, two bays deep and supposedly built by Jonathan Ellicott at age nineteen. The gambrel roofed cottage is seen in many of the older homes of Howard County such as Cherry Grove, H0-1 and Peacefields, H0-9 and exemplifies the transitional experiments between the medieval style and the Georgian architectural style in Maryland. Beautifully maintained by the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. John Strebe, the granite block house features rectangular fenestration, fine proportions and excellent stone masonry as exemplified in it's quoining, flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills. Ivy covers most of the east and west walls of the 1840 north wing.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 1. NAME | | | | |
| COMMON: Jenkins Residence | | | | |
| AND/OR HISTORIC: Ellicott House | | | | |
| 2. LOCATION | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 3791 Church Road | | | | |
| CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City | | | | |
| STATE Maryland | | COUNTY: Howard | | |
| 3. CLASSIFICATION | | | | |
| CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object | | OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | | STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| | | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC 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"/> Government | <input type="checkbox"/> Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | | |
| 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY | | | | |
| OWNER'S NAME: Mr & Mrs. John D. Strebe | | | | |
| STREET AND NUMBER: 3791 Church Road | | | | |
| 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 25A p. 191 | | | | |
| 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS | | | | |
| 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 |

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

The Jenkins House, originally belonging to Jonathan Ellicott is located on the south side of Church road east of Emory United Methodist Church. *It was built in two sections, a low pitched gabled roof granite block south wing, three bays wide, two bays deep and two stories high with entrances on the east, west and south elevations and rectangular windows with six-over-six lites (nine lite first floor windows are also featured) and a three bay wide, two bay deep gambrel roof, three story high granite block structure which features rectangular double-hung fenestration with six-over-six lites, central west brick chimney, deeply cut rectangular north and south entrance doors surmounted by four lite transoms and flat stone lintels and a gabled roof dormer window holding a double rectangular window, each composed of a double hung window with one-over-one lites divided and flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by a single open pediment centered into the roofline of the north elevation.

The granite block quoining is outstanding as well as the flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills which decorate the windows. A simple wooden cornice lies along the north and south elevations of this gambrel roofed north wing which faces Church Road.

The west wall of the original structure holds a rectangular entrance door in the north bay, a first floor nine lite window and a second floor six-over-six lite window while seven steps on the north wall lead to a rectangular entrance door with nine lites and a second floor window above. The east wall of this house has a stone ground floor and a frame second floor. Six cement steps lead up to the open shed roofed porch, and wooden railing which runs along the east wall of this house. The ground floor windows have nine lites, while the two second floor windows have six-over-six lites and an entrance door in the north bay.

The gambrel roof addition, built in the 1840's, has an east wall holding one first floor south bay window, one second floor middle bay window and two third floor windows. The north or front elevation holds a rectangular entrance in the east bay and two first floor windows with three second floor windows vertically aligned above.

The building is in excellent condition and maintained beautifully.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☒ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1775 1840

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <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) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jenskins House, known also as the Macgill House is believed to have been built in 1775 by Jonathan Ellicott, son of Andrew the founder of Ellicott Mills, who was nineteen at the time.

Later, in 1782, he built another house for his family and other members of the Ellicotts inhabited this house for some seventy-five years.

In the mid 1800's Marion P. Macgill acquired the property. The 1868 Atlas lists his wife as owner. Later, their daughter Grace inherited the property and lived here. It was during the tenure of the Macgills that the house was enlarged and the south wing added. Later Caleb Dorsey Rogers acquired the property and in 1947 sold it to Mr. & Mrs. J. Carroll Jenkins who altered the roofline to its present gambrel form and added the central double window dormer which we see today on the front elevation.

The house is a charming and well integrated architectural composite whose deeply set windows and doors are decorated with flat arched lintels. Its association with the Ellicott family who were instrumental in changing the tobacco fields of Howard County into wheat fields, creating a national road from Baltimore to Ellicott City and on to Frederick and the Ohio River as well as providing leadership in religious, social and governmental affairs gives this house great historical significance and insures it a place in the National Register of Historic Places.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland, Celia. Ellicott City, Maryland 1772-1972. Bladensburg, 1972.

American Association of University Women. Mimeographed paper on Ellicott City History. Ellicott City, 1972.

Man of Historic Ellicott City, compiled by Mrs. Jean Hannon, 1972.

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 | | | | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please See Tax Map 25A p. 191 .22 acres 529/578

11. FORM PREPARED BY

| | | |
|--|-------------------|-------|
| NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist | | |
| ORGANIZATION Howard County 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

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HOWARD COUNTY
 Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 246724

Owner Information

Owner Name: NOBLE WENDY
 STAFFORD SEAN J T/E Use: RESIDENTIAL
 Principal Residence: YES
 Mailing Address: 3791 CHURCH RD
 ELLICOTT CITY MD 21043-4501 Deed Reference: 1) / 3958/ 271
 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address: 3791 CHURCH RD
 ELLICOTT CITY 21043 Zoning: RVH Legal Description: LOTS 132 -135 P/O 40
 3791 CHURCH RD
 ELLICOTT CITY

| Map | Grid | Parcel | Sub District | Subdivision | Section | Block | Lot | Group | Plat No: |
|-----|------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------|-------|-----|-------|-----------|
| 251 | | 191 | | | | | 132 | 82 | Plat Ref: |

Special Tax Areas: Town Ad Valorem Tax Class A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

| Primary Structure Built | Enclosed Area | Property Land Area | County Use |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1800 | 3,060 SF | 9,583.00 SF | |
| Stories: 3 | Basement: YES | Type: STANDARD UNIT | Exterior: STONE |

Value Information

| | Base Value | Value As Of 01/01/2003 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003 | Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2004 |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Land: | 69,580 | 99,580 | | |
| Improvements: | 216,550 | 265,400 | | |
| Total: | 286,130 | 364,980 | 312,413 | 338,696 |
| Preferential Land: | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Transfer Information

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Seller: MCAFEE PATRICK M | Date: 04/21/1997 | Price: \$275,000 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 3958/ 271 | Deed2: |
| Seller: LIGGETT PETER ETAL | Date: 05/31/1984 | Price: \$170,000 |
| Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH | Deed1: / 1254/ 741 | Deed2: |
| Seller: | Date: | Price: |
| Type: | Deed1: | Deed2: |

Exemption Information

| Partial Exempt Assessments | Class | 07/01/2003 | 07/01/2004 |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|------------|
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| State | 000 | 0 | 0 |
| Municipal | 000 | 0 | 0 |

Tax Exempt: NO
 Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

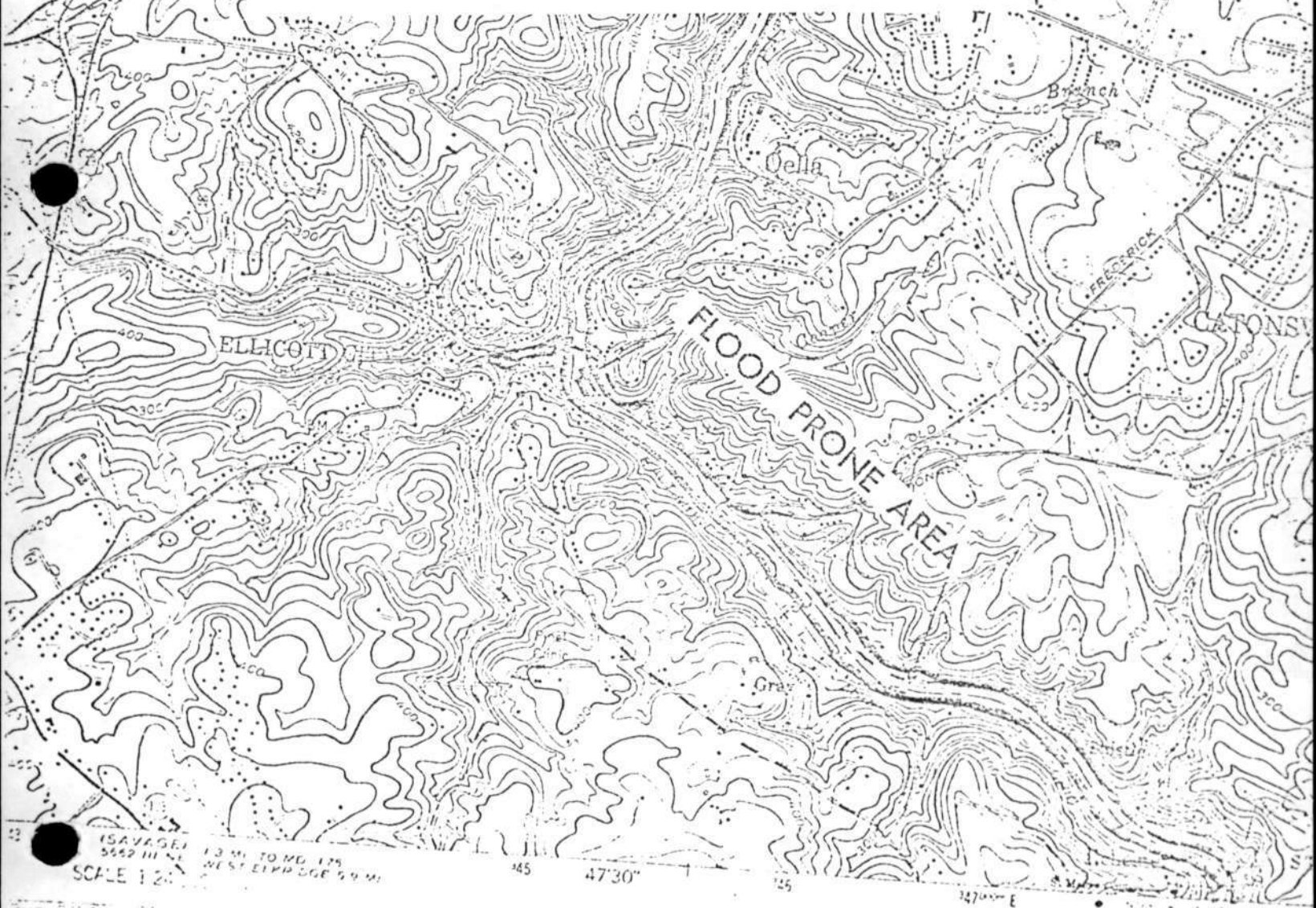
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JONATHAN ELICOTT HOUSE

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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

MAP-ELICOTT CITY, MD QUAD



SCALE 1:24,000

13 MI. TO MD. 175
WEST ELEV. 59 M.

45

4730'

125

14700' E

EXPLAN

Flood boundaries were
Established

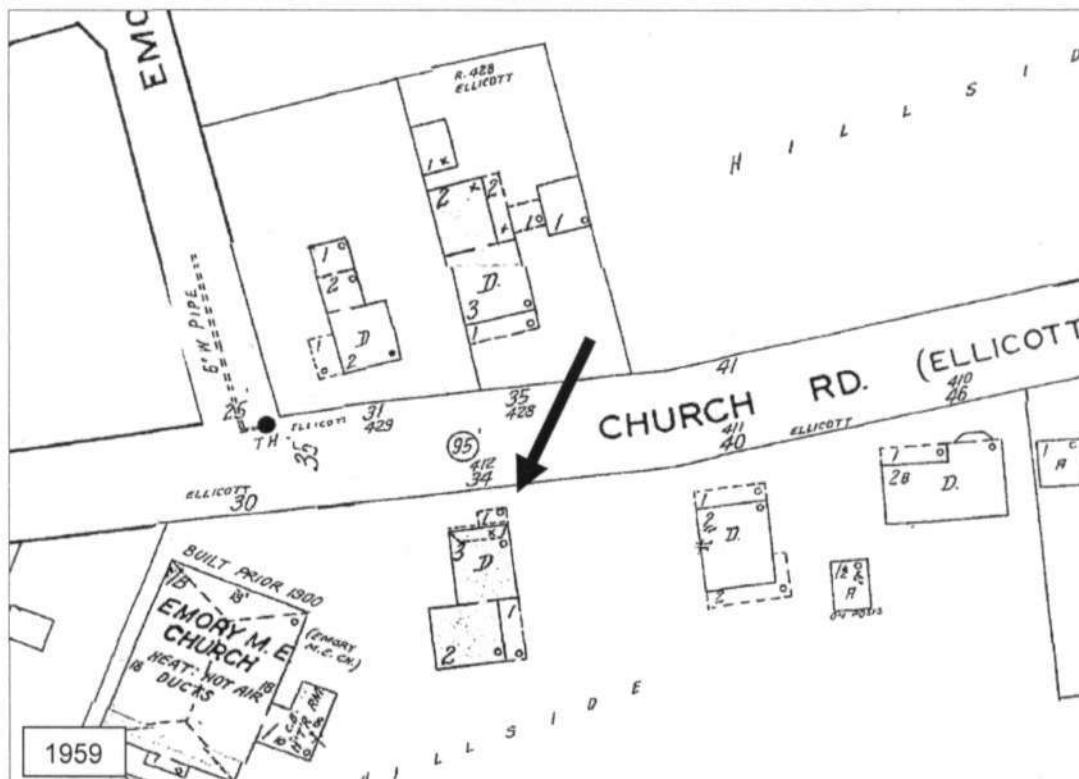
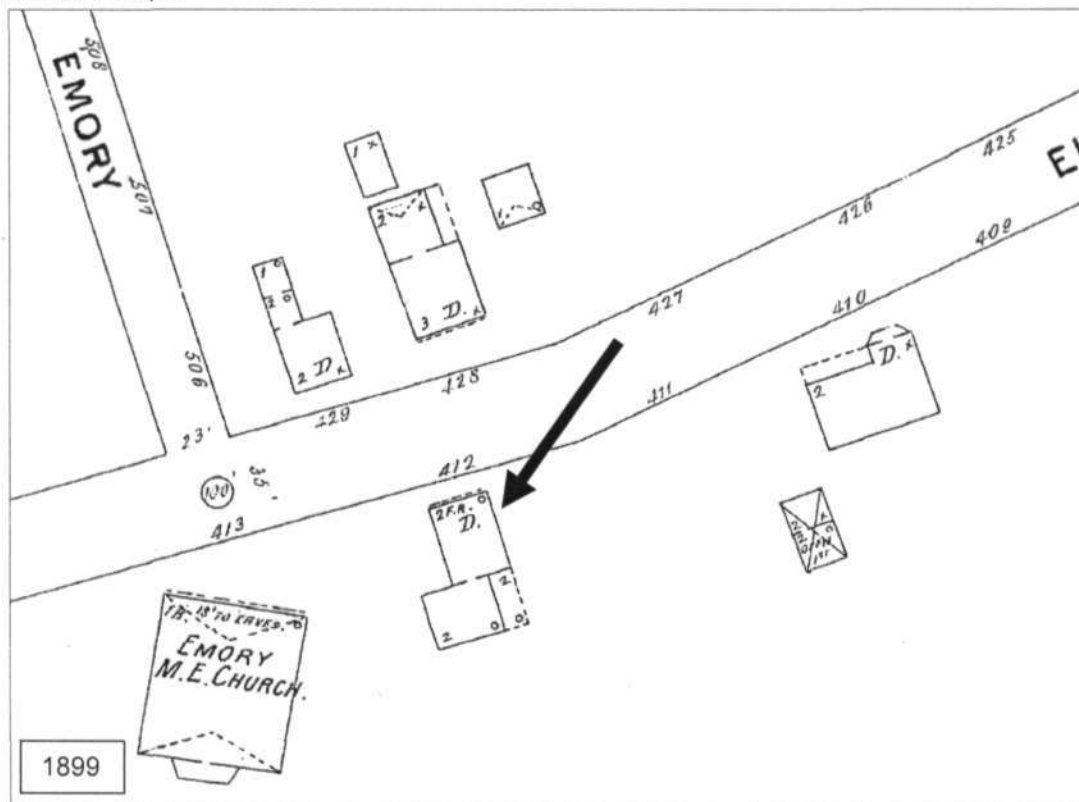
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DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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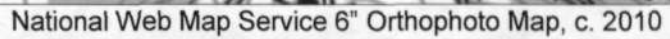
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3791 Church Road, Ellicott City

Sanborn Maps



Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



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Jenkins-Powell House (Jonathan Ellicott House, MacGill House)

3791 Church Road, Ellicott City

Photos by Jennifer K. Cosham, 11/28/2012

Northwest elevation



Northeast elevation





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Ellicott City

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Jenkins - Powell hse 3776 Church St



JONATHAN ELLICOTT HOUSE
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CHEORA THOMPSON