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Angelo Castle (Angelo Cottage, Castle Angelo)

Architectural Survey File

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Circa 1831

ANGELO CASTLE

Private E

Ellicott City

Angelo Castle is a unique Gothic revival style one story high wooden frame castle-like structure built on a stone foundation in a cruciform plan into the slope of a hill which rises on the west side of the Patapsco River and B&O Railroad tracks. The roof line is bordered by a crenalated parapet along the perimeter of the roof of the chapel, the foyer and the kitchen.

The entrance foyer and stairs and a bedroom, bath and hall form the arms of the cross while the chapel, originally two stories high whose ceiling has been lowered to accommodate a second floor room forms the head of the north-south axis. A dining room, sitting room and kitchen spring from the north wall of the hall and complete the plan.

Reputed to have been built in 1831 by a frenchman, Samuel Vaugh, other newly discovered data reveal a Mr. Alfred S. Waugh, an architect and builder may have constructed it in 1833. In either case both men were admirers of Michelangelo. The castle became such a landmark that the B&O Railroad ran excursion trains from Baltimore so that tourists could view it.

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
Castle Angelo	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 3749 Church Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: Howard	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition:	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
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 type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/>	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Peter and Gerta VanRossum			
STREET AND NUMBER: 3749 Church Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE: Maryland	CODE	STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Hall of Records			
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Courthouse 3450 Courthouse Drive			
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE: Maryland	CODE	COUNTY:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Tax Map 25A, p.18 551-84 1.03 acres			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory			
DATE OF SURVEY: 1977	Federal <input type="checkbox"/>	State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle			
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	21401	CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Angelo Castle is a unique Gothic revival style one story high wooden frame castle-like structure built on a stone foundation into the slope of a hill which rises on the west side of the Patapsco River and B&O Railroad track. It is built in a cruciform plan. See Plan A.

The front door is approached by 31 steps which descend from a Church Road parking lot to the cottage. It is on the west and projects out from the west wall of the chapel which rises to a two story height and now actually houses a second floor room.

An octagon brick chimney rises on the south side of the foyer against the west wall of the chapel. Octagon pillars are located at each corner of the chapel (see plan) and connected by a crenalated wall along the roof line. Two octagon pillars rise on each side of the west wall of the foyer and they too are connected by a crenalated wall along the roof line. An additional grenatated wall runs along the dining-sitting room and the original kitchen wall which has now been extended, enclosing an original porch and creating a frame shake addition on the north wall. A small enclosed porch with north door rests in the northwest corner. The roof lines give a hipped roof effect.

The main entrance door is a double gothic paneled door inset into a gothic arched frame which in turn is inset into a rectangular frame with a triangular side lite on each side of the arched door, which is flanked by a rectangular casement window with six-over-six lites surmounted by a gothic arched transom with three lites featuring two gothic arches.

The west wall also holds two rectangular double-hung windows north of the hall (see plan) holding six-over-six lites.

The south wall of the chapel holds a tripartite rectangular window, each of the three sections holding two 10 lite casement windows, one resting on top of the other, which takes up almost all of the wall of this central projecting bay of the south wall. The newly added second floor above the Chapel contains the gothic arch of this window, the chapel at one time being two stories high.

A large fireplace rests in the west wall of the chapel (living room) which is decorated with blue Delft tiles designed and made by the present owner, Mr. Peter VanRossum. A large ornately decorated mahogany mantle and mirror featuring columns and sculpture has been recently installed and fits and also enhances the interior space. Two square stained glass windows hang in the central section of the south window, also designed and created by Mr. VanRossum.

Throughout the house are wide random width floors and original woodwork featuring fluted pilasters and lintels around the cross and open bible and cross paneled doors.

Off the central hall (see Plan) lies the L shaped dining room whose near north wall holds a wide brick wall with chimney and rough hewn timber mantle which Mr. VanRossum designed and executed.

The dining room east wall holds two rectangular double hung nine-over-

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twelve windows. Doors east and west of the fireplace lead into the kitchen and sitting room respectively where small brick corner chimneys are located side by side. The kitchen's north wall has been extended to take in a previous open porch which has been enclosed with west door leading to a small enclosed northeast corner porch.

The basement or foundation of the building was not finished off until the present owners who also installed central heating and have worked on exposing the original wood of the floors, doors, and woodwork. A lovely staircase in the foyer has also been opened up in the restoration process. Excellently maintained and restored with a sensitivity to what formerly existed, Castle Angelo stands as one of Ellicott City's most outstanding and unique landmarks.

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)

1831

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce	Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-			
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Castle Angelo was built in 1831 by a Frenchman, Monsieur Samuel Vaughn. It is supposedly a copy of a miniature of a French castle but the use of the octagonal towers gives it a more English renaissance air than a French one. The Gothic arched windows flanking the Gothic arched front entrance are representative of the Gothic revival style.

Architecturally Castle Angelo is unique in Howard County. Historically it is tied to St. Paul's Church, the first Roman Catholic Church, in Ellicott City when it served as a rectory for the first two Catholic priests stationed here. Mass was first said in the Chapel of the Castle.

Angelo Castle was also pointed out by conductors of the B&O railroad when passenger service brought tourists to Ellicott City in the 1800's. Trains would stop to allow passengers a chance to gaze on this unique building and fantasize. Legend has it that whenever the original cruciform plan is destroyed, there has been a fire which recreated the original cruciform plan. However, that may be architecturally, historically and religiously Castle Angelo stands in its own right. It should be considered for inclusion into the National Register and any future landmark legislation as well as a site to be designated on the critical areas survey for Howard County.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

American Association of University Women, Howard County Chapter. Mimeo-graphed paper on Ellicott City History. Ellicott City, 1972.

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

Interview with Mrs. Peter Van Rossum at Angelo Castle, February 1, 1977.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Please see Tax Map 25A, p.18 551-84
1.03 acres

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Howard County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN:

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

21043

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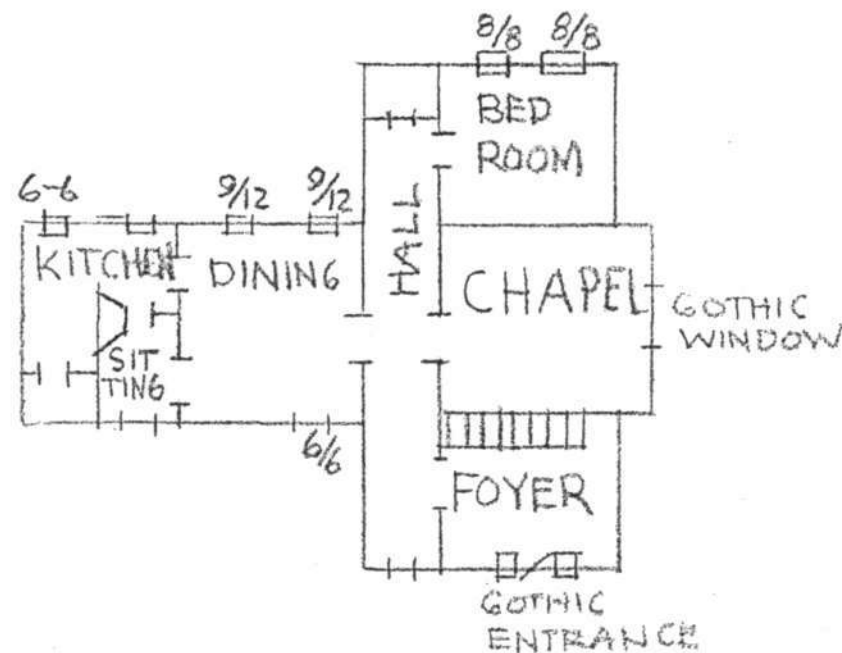
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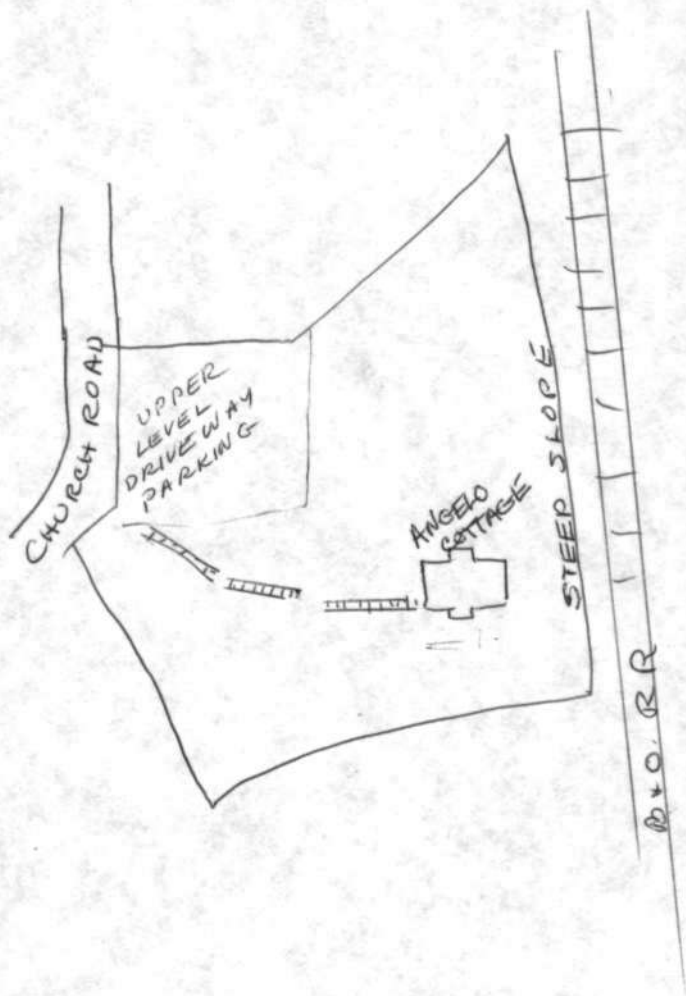
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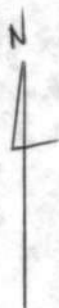
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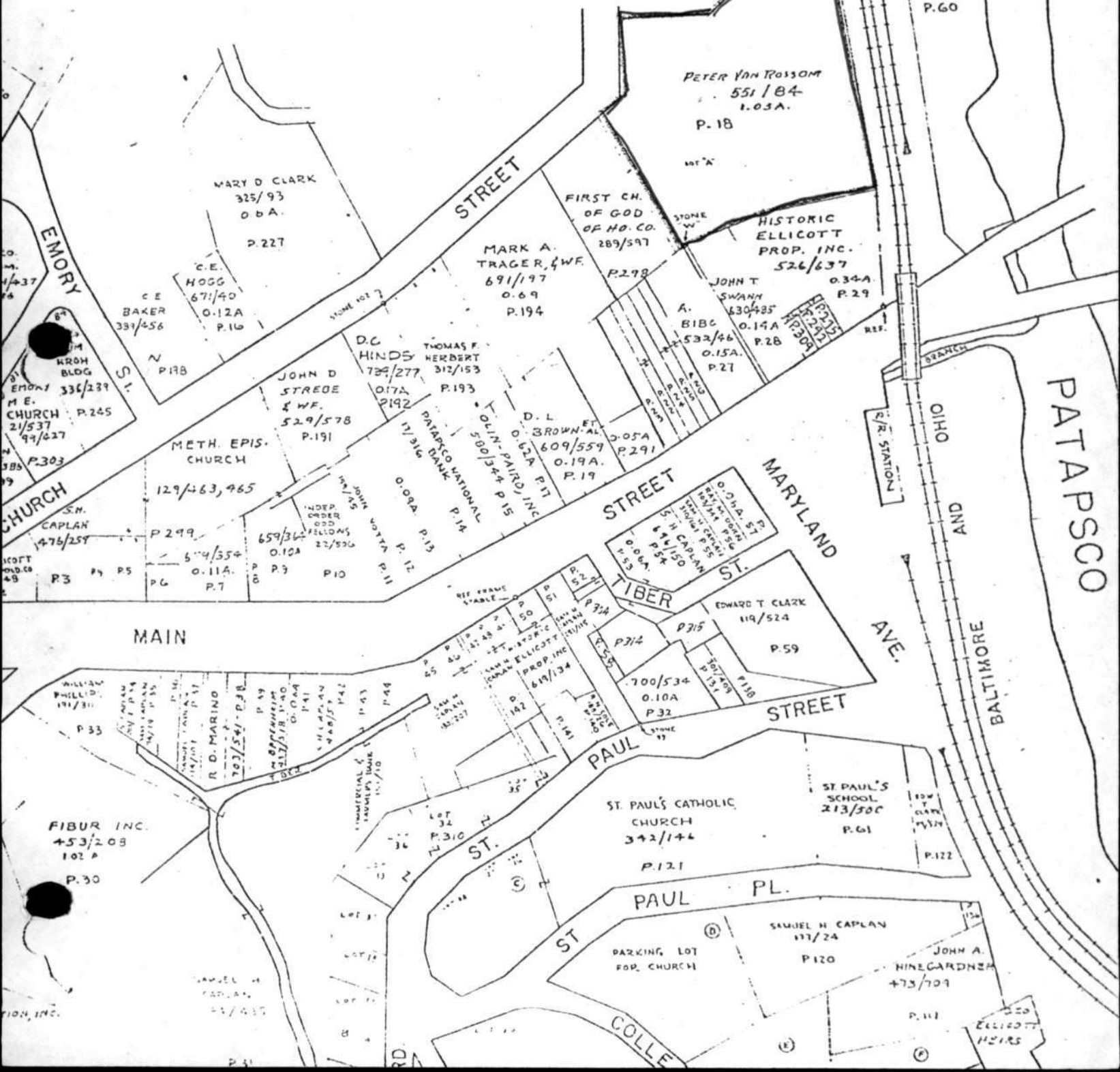
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U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAP
ELLICOTT CITY, MD. QUAD



SCALE 1:24,000

1:24,000 TO MD. 1:25,000
NEAR ELLICOTT CITY, MD.

45

47°30'

45

147000 E

EXPLAN

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

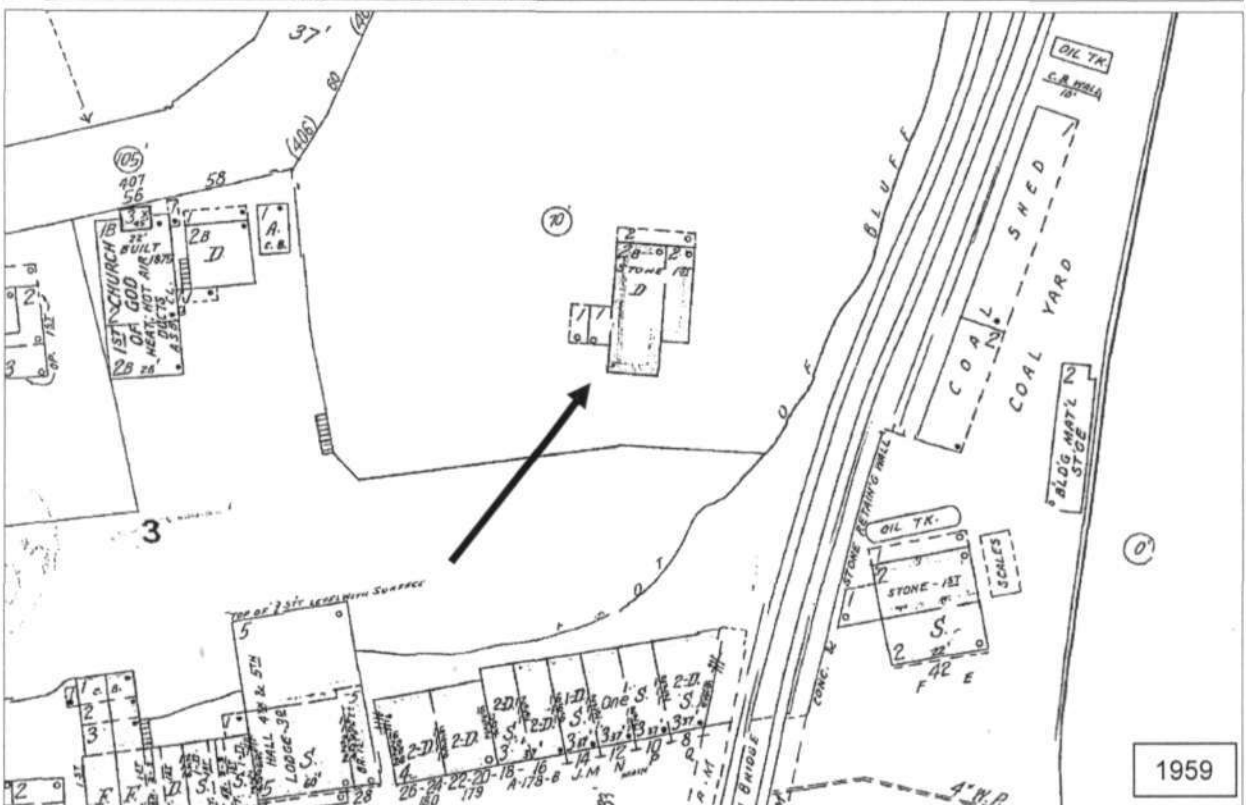
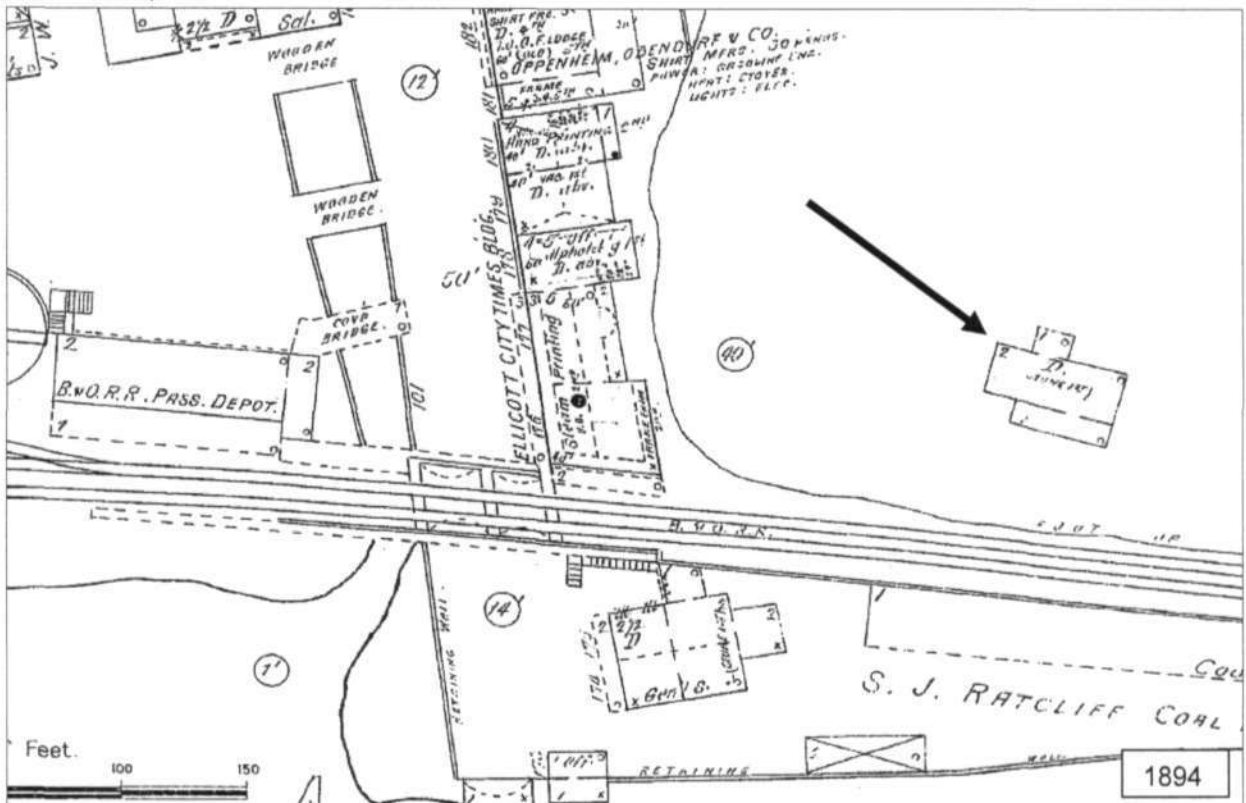
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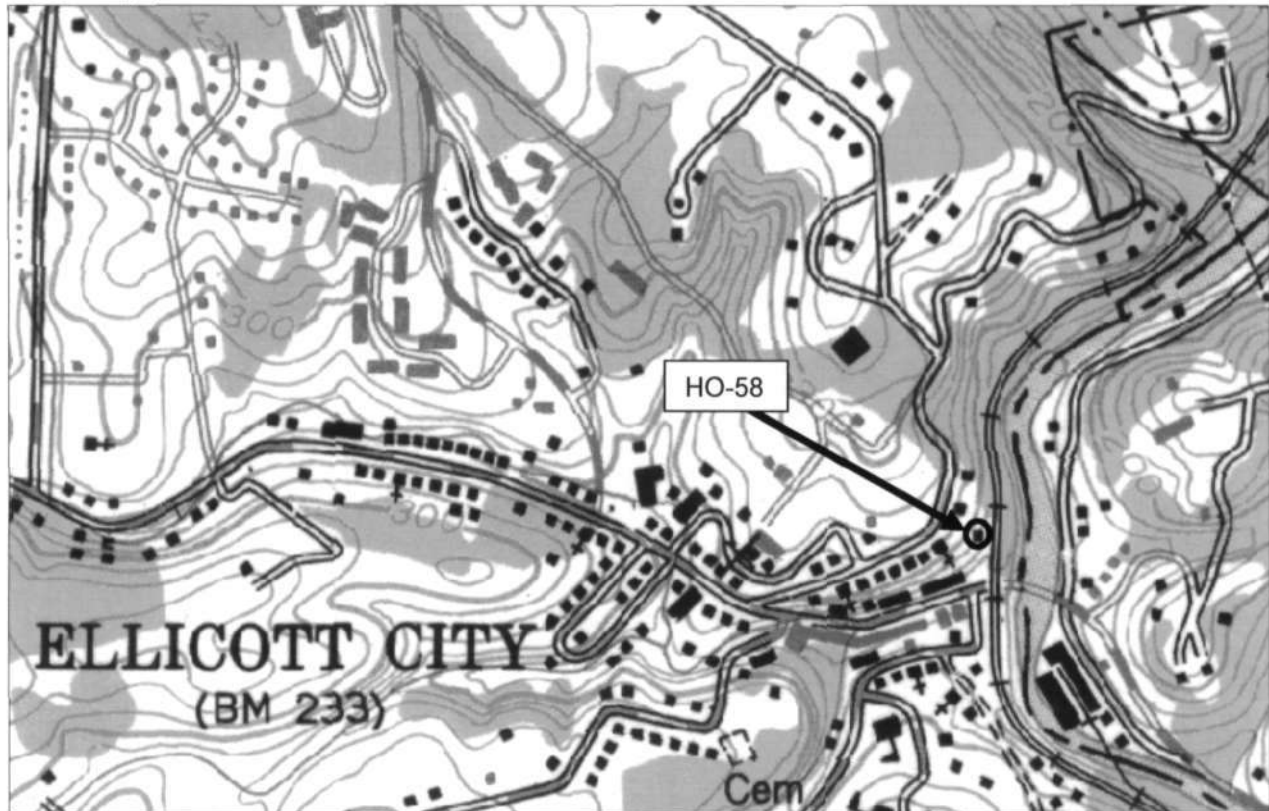


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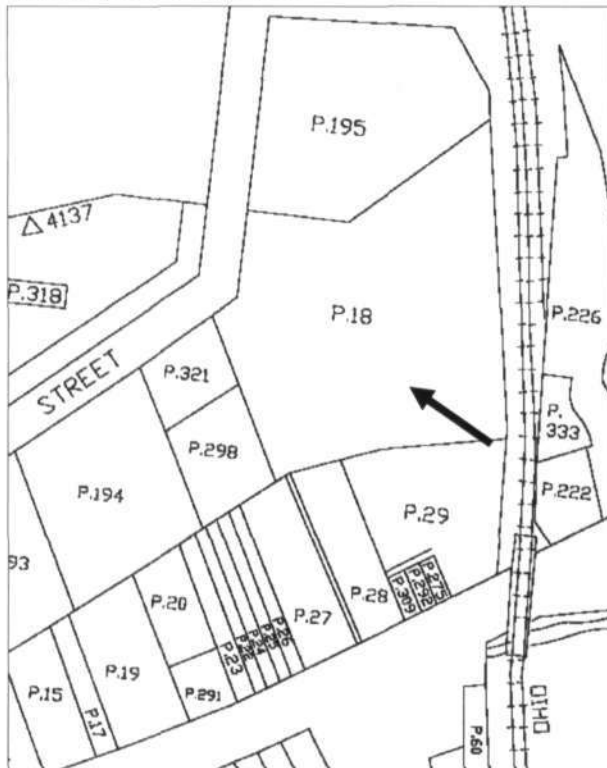
3749 Church Road, Ellicott City

Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 18

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





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J. Hanner

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ANGELO CASTLE WEST SIDE

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE

COUNTY

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ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Angelo Castle

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Church Rd.

CITY OR TOWN:

Ellicott City

STATE:

Md. 21043

CODE

COUNTY:

Howard

CODE

3. PHOTO REFERENCE

PHOTO CREDIT:

J. HANNON

DATE OF PHOTO:

FEB. 1975

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4. IDENTIFICATION

DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.

West side of Angelo Castle (front) showing turrets, parapets,
octagonal chimney (on left) + gothic windows.



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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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STATE	
COUNTY	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: ANGELO CASTLE
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

CHURCH RD

CITY OR TOWN:

ELLCOTT CITY

STATE:

MD. 21043

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COUNTY:

Howard

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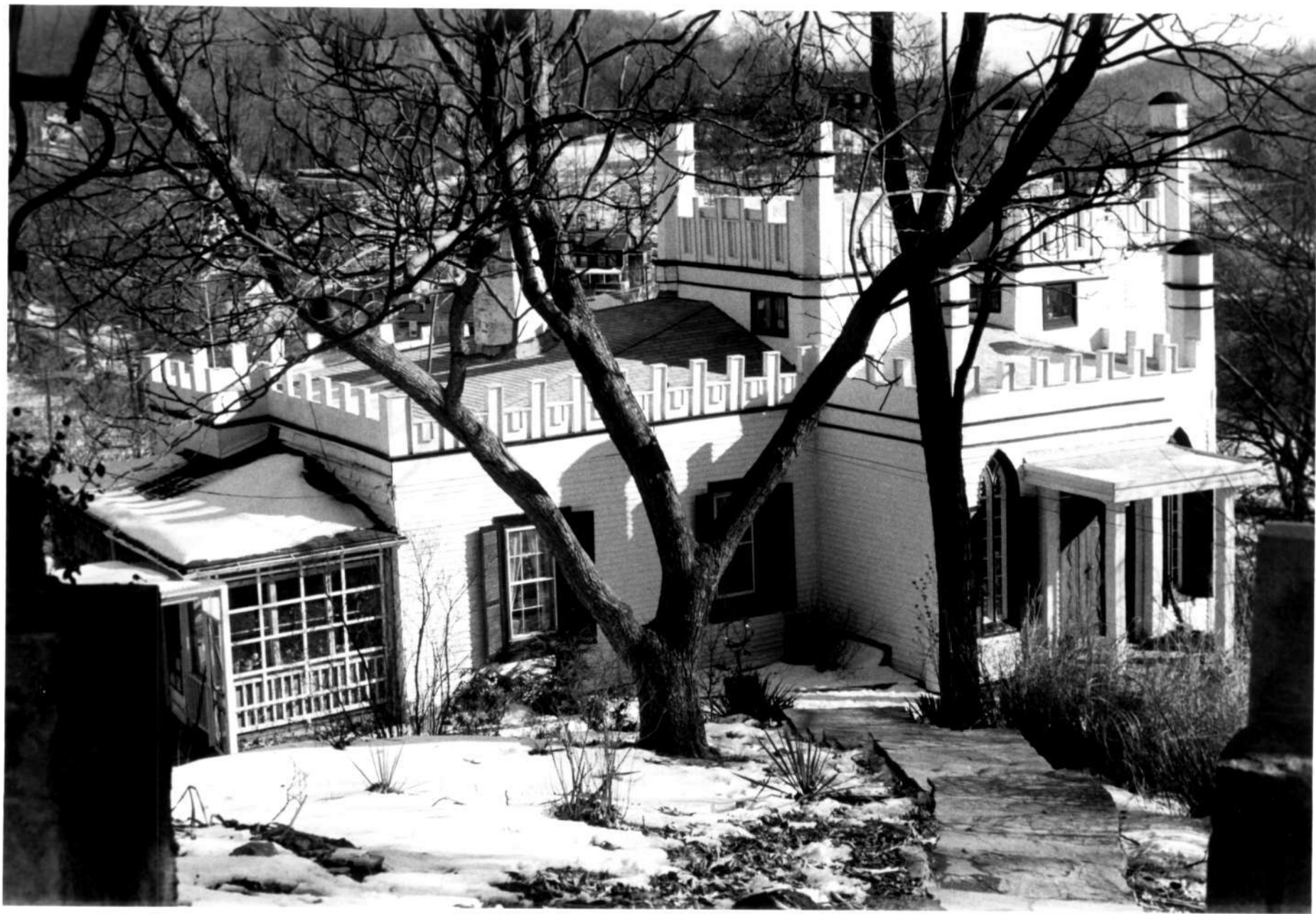
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Angelo CASTLE - EAST SIDE



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CHEORA THOMPSON