

Moxley House  
2965 Rogers Avenue  
HO-618

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The house is an important 20th century example of a late-Victorian era farm house style popular in this region, a traditional I-house shape with centered gable dormer. The two story house either replaced or is built around an earlier log house. There is some disagreement whether or not the log structure remains as part of the larger house.

The existing house is one of several in this area built by members of the Moxley family during the 1920s. The original log house was probably built about 1840 by Rezin Jones, for whom Jonestown was named.

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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

Region: Piedmont  
Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance  
Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community  
Planning  
Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular  
Site Types: Standing structures

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-618

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name) Moxley House

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common Moxley House

**2. Location**

street & number 2965 Rogers Avenue (MD 99) \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Sixth

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Howard

**3. Classification**

| Category  | Ownership  | Status                                       | Present Use   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied          | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both                      | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    | <input type="checkbox"/> educational                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                            | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 | <input type="checkbox"/> in process                | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted     | <input type="checkbox"/> government                   |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered          | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted   | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial                   |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no       | <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:                       |

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

name E. Russell Moxley

street & number 3965 Rogers Avenue telephone (410) no.: 465-2233

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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|  |                                       |   |   |                    |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                         |                                       | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site |                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input type="checkbox"/> moved                    | date of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed    |   |   |                    |

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

Located east of Rogers Avenue, this house sits in a shallow hollow north of the intersection with High Ridge Road. An I-house in form, it has a gabled roof and is four bays long and one bay deep. Built in 1927, the house is banked slightly in the hillside and sits on the site of an earlier log house which might be incorporated in the present structure. The shingled house has an eaves front orientation and a centered gable dormer with a square louvered window. An enclosed full-length front porch with a low hipped roof runs along the south side of the house. The windows have prominent wood surrounds and are arranged symmetrically while the porch has an asymmetrical arrangement with a bank of three windows and two pairs flanking a single window. There is a small three-light casement window north of the door which is located on the west side of the porch. There is also a three bay by one bay shed-roofed porch running along the east side of the rear of the house and a wood stairway on the west side leads to the second floor. The house has an asphalt roof and double-hung 6/1 sash windows. The house rests on a concrete foundation which is exposed in the front.

Just southeast of the house is a gable-roofed stone pumphouse constructed of random uncoursed dark granite with large quoins of a contrasting light brown fieldstone which predates the existing structure. There is also a gabled-roof shingled two bay garage which matches the house in style and is located west of the pumphouse.

# 8. Significance

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| 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        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499        | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic     | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation           | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599        | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics              | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> theater         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government    | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| Specific dates  | Builder/Architect |
|---|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D<br>and/or   |                   |
| Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G |                   |
| Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local   |                   |

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The house is an important 20th century example of a late Victorian era farm house style popular in this region. Built in 1927, the house is one of the county's most recent examples of an earlier traditional I-house shape with centered gable dormer. The two story house either replaced or is built around an earlier log house. There is dispute about whether or not the log structure remains within the larger house.

The original log house was probably built by Rezin Jones about 1840. Jones was a major landowner in the area that by 1860 had taken his name: Jonestown. According to the 1860 Martinet map the Jones residence was located at this site on a 100 acre property. He also owned a log house on the west side of Rogers Avenue, which still exists under a 1920s era bungalow built around it. Deed records show that Jones also owned most of the property between High Ridge Road and I-70 on both the east and west sides of Rogers Avenue during the mid-1800's.

The 2-story shingled house was built by Edgar Russell Moxley on property that was part of his father Ezekiel Moxley's farm, Mount Aetna. Moxley's father purchased the 145 acre farm in 1891 and later bought four nearby farms totaling 300 acres along what is now US 40 between Normandy Woods and High Ridge Road. Russell Moxley was one of a number of Moxley family members who upon marriage built houses along what is now Rogers Avenue during the 1930s. The Moxley's farm was among half a dozen large-scale farming operations around Jonestown. The Moxleys grew corn, wheat and raised beef cattle which they drove down Frederick Road to stockyards at Baltimore.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HO-618

Howard County Land Records

Interviews with E. Russell and Norman Moxley

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Ellicott City, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 17  
Parcel 352  
Lot 3

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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|       |      |        |      |

# 11. Form Prepared By

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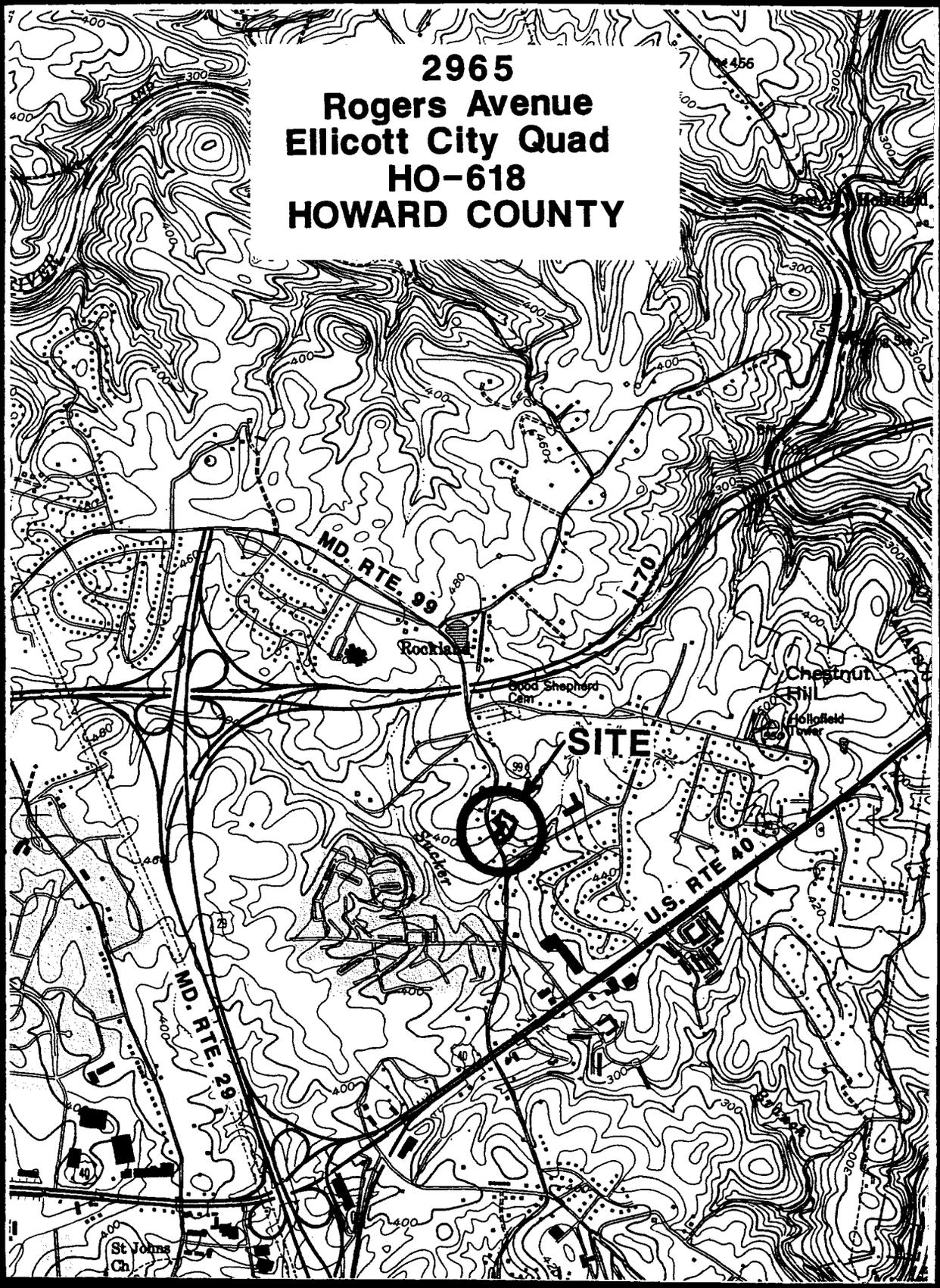
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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