

Flurrie House  
4065 Old Columbia Pike  
HO-621

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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-621

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

historic

and/or common Flurrie House

**2. Location**

street & number 4065 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)  not for publication

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

state Maryland county Howard

**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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name James Flurrie

street & number 4065 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.: (410) 465-5455

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 1036

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 156

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

This two-story house is located on 0.16 acres on the south side of Old Columbia Pike, about 15 feet from the right of way. Built in a popular type of rural Mid-Atlantic vernacular architecture, with its eaves front orientation center cross gable and ell, the house dates from the mid-19th century. The main block has an I-house form, three bays long by one bay deep, and the ell is two bays by one bay and is covered with clapboard siding. The cross gable is decorated with fishscale shingles surrounding a roundarched double-hung window. A full-width hipped roof porch wraps around the west side and is supported by eight chamfered posts. Ornate scrolled brackets, paired at the corners embellish the cornice.

The fenestration is symmetrical with a central entrance. Windows are all 6/6 double hung sash and those on the main block are framed by louvered shutters. A small brick end chimney is located on the gable ridge on the west side. The house has a rolled asphalt roof and a random fieldstone foundation.

A later shed-roofed addition which is two bays long extends from the west side of the ell. A contributing one-story board and batten barn with a hayloft is located south west of the house.

The house retains its architectural integrity as a mid-19th century Victorian farm house and is in fair to good condition.

# 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

This house is significant as an intact example of mid 19th century vernacular Italianate architecture and as one of the last remaining houses that made up the community of Hilton, a turnpike village that existed along Old Columbia Pike until 1900.

Statement continued. See attached.



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Significance Statement Continued

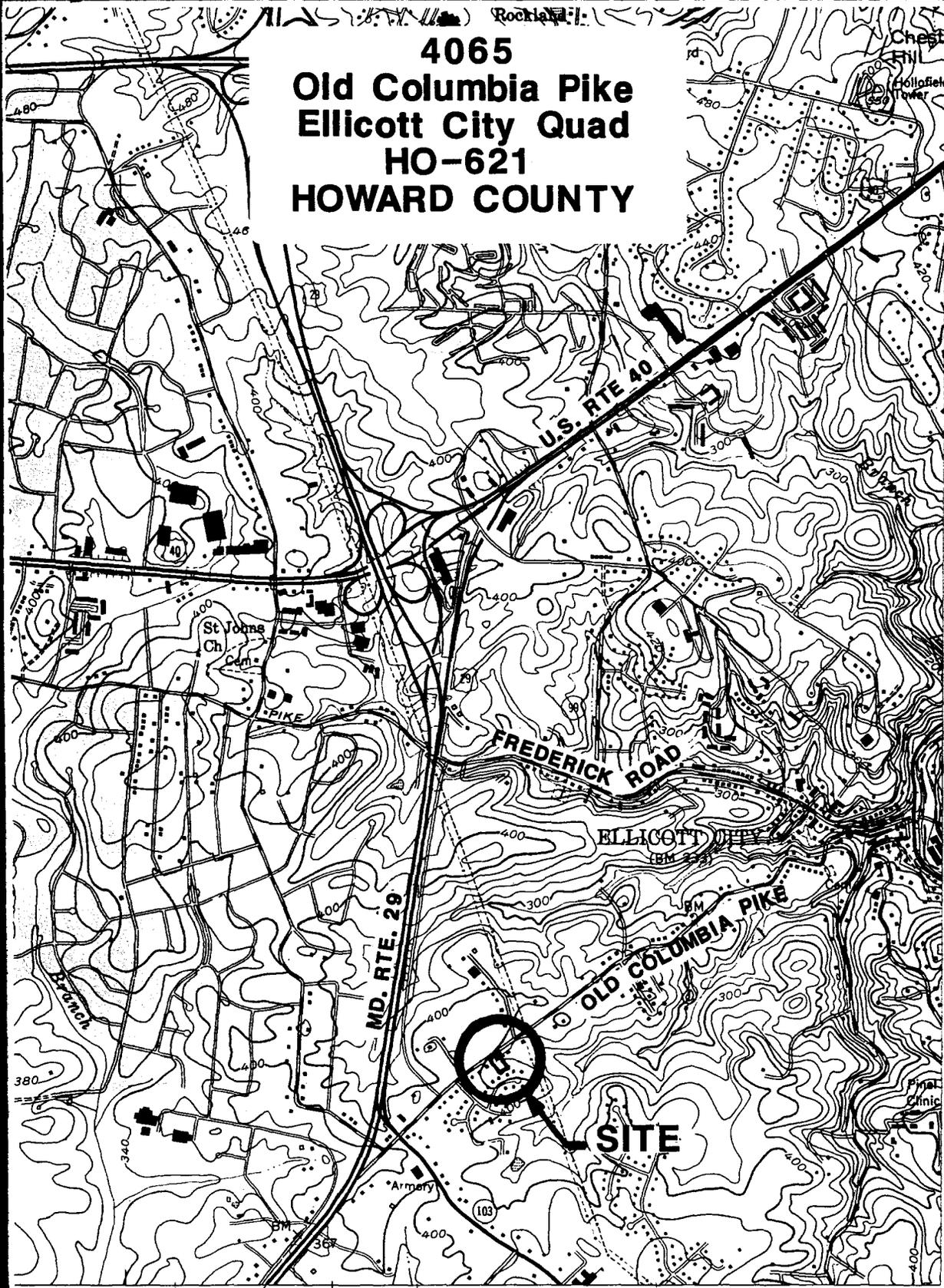
Although this is not one of the oldest houses built in Hilton, this house outlasted at least five other buildings which stood along the south side of Old Columbia Pike. The oldest of these houses probably dated to 1860. Hilton appears on Griffiths 1795 map of Maryland and functioned as a crossroads town near where Old Columbia Pike met Montgomery Road. Hilton was a center of commercial activity in the 19th century and served travelers on the Columbia Turnpike that connected Ellicott City with Rockville in Montgomery County and with Georgetown. The Martinet Map of 1860 shows a blacksmith shop, a wheelwright shop and a store clustered near the present intersection of Old Columbia Pike and Montgomery Road.

The arrival of the automobile and the end of the turnpike system in the first decade of the 20th century made Hilton businesses obsolete. Today only four buildings from the village remain. Modern development claimed the crossroads, now fully developed with gas stations and convenience stores. Large post- World War II housing developments line both sides of Old Columbia Pike. The Flurrie house is one of two frame buildings that survive. The other building, located just east of the house, has a six-bay front resembling an early 19th century inn, but it has been dramatically altered. The house's neighbor to the west, the Omar Jones House, is one of two stone houses that still stand. The other, located a few hundred yards west, is "Search Enclosed," believed to have once been a toll station on the turnpike.

Originally part of a 1732 land grant called "Talbot's Last Shift," the property on which this house stands was later part of Pleasant Fields, a grand Italianate estate owned by Edward Talbot who founded E.A. Talbot Lumber in Ellicott City. Pleasant Fields was subdivided in 1852 and this lot was sold to William Davis who owned the stone house to the west and a large tract of land called "Cowicks Hall" on the south side of Old Columbia Pike, east of Montgomery Road. Davis sold the lot where the house stands to Thomas Gosnell in 1860. The Hopkins Atlas of 1878 shows a house on the site.

The house is in fair condition, but is unaltered and retains its historic integrity in character and setting.

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West Elevation