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3926 Old Columbia Pike  
HO-628

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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

Region: Piedmont

Period: Modern Period

Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular

Site Types: Standing structures



# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The house is three bays wide and two bays deep. The fenestration on the facade is symmetrical with pairs of windows flanking the door and a single window on the second story. A hipped roof gable dormer holds a pair of windows. A two-bay by one bay sun room with a flat roof extends from the west side.

A solid wood door is surmounted by a projecting round arched hood supported by scrolled brackets which covers the brick entry steps. All of the windows are double hung 1/1 sash and, with the exception of the dormer windows, are flanked by panelled shutters. A shed roofed vestibule with a sliding glass door which is not original extends from the east corner of the north side.

There are three other openings on the north side, a pair of windows on the first floor and two evenly spaced windows on the second floor. The window on the westernmost corner of the north side was probably removed.

There is a recently added slender exterior brick chimney on the north end of the west side a door and window flank the chimney. The house rests on a stuccoed cement-covered concrete foundation and has a slate roof.

There is also a two-bay gabled-roof garage and a wood frame gazebo north of the house that are not original. The rear of the property is heavily wooded with mature trees where the hillside drops down to the stream valley.

# 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
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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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.

### SIGNIFICANCE

Although aluminum siding covers the wood frame, the house retains its overall integrity and is a significant example of vernacular Prairie Box design.

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Like many prosperous merchants in downtown Ellicott City, August Stigler, a wholesale flour dealer, moved outside of town to the hillside along Columbia Pike in the early 1920s. After purchasing 20 acres from Caleb Rogers in 1928, Stigler subdivided his land into 12 lots of nearly equal size--roughly 1/3 of an acre. The lots were all 70 feet wide and about 200 feet deep abutting the Cat Rocks Branch stream valley.

According to his son, August Stigler Jr., Stigler capitalized on the success of the street car line which connected Ellicott City with Baltimore. He believed that families would purchase lots and build medium sized homes within walking distance of the Ellicott City station.

Construction on these lots began in 1928, but at least three lots remained empty for many years because of the Depression. Land Records indicate this house was built in 1930. Although no documentation has been found to confirm their origin, Stigler's son believes a number of the houses eventually built were ordered from popular catalogues of the period and their styles suggest that this is a valid theory.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Howard County Land Records  
Interview with August Stigler, Jr.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .83

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

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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