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Patapsco Hotel (Thomas' Patapsco Hotel, Stewart's Hotel, Wilson Patapsco Hotel, Ellicott City Times)

Architectural Survey File

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This twentieth century stone building, twelve bays wide and three stories high replaces an earlier hotel which stood on the same site and whose ruins provided the building blocks for the present structure which still retains wall sections of the original four story high stone structure which featured a second and third floor open porch or balcony on its entire south and east elevations. The second floor balcony was level with the railroad bridge, providing easy access for passengers stepping from the train to their hotel. The original building is said to have provided the meeting place between George Ellicott and Indian Chiefs from neighboring tribes.

The present building provides commercial space on its first floor for colorful shops and is important architecturally as a visual anchor to the lower Main Street street scape.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME

HISTORIC

Thomas' Patapsco Hotel/Wilson Patapsco Hotel/Stewart's Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Patapsco Hotel

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8004-8026 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

— DISTRICT
— BUILDING(S)
— STRUCTURE
— SITE
— OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC
— PRIVATE
— BOTH
— PUBLIC ACQUISITION
— IN PROCESS
— BEING CONSIDERED

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE
— COMMERCIAL
— EDUCATIONAL
— ENTERTAINMENT
— GOVERNMENT
— INDUSTRIAL
— MILITARY
— OTHER

STATUS

— OCCUPIED
— UNOCCUPIED
— WORK IN PROGRESS
— ACCESSIBLE
— YES RESTRICTED
— YES UNRESTRICTED
— NO

PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE
— COMMERCIAL
— EDUCATIONAL
— ENTERTAINMENT
— GOVERNMENT
— INDUSTRIAL
— MILITARY
— OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Historic Ellicott Properties, Inc. , 8004 Main St. & land)

c/o Samuel H. Caplan

Telephone #: 465-3500

STREET & NUMBER

Charles L. Roqueta - parcels 275, 292 & 309

8125 Main Street

8016-8020 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

Howard County Court House

Registry of Deeds, ETC

Record's Room

STREET & NUMBER

HOWARD COUNTY COURT HOUSE

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

July 1977

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

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CITY, TOWN

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**DESCRIPTION**

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance.

The original Patapsco Hotel which stood in the same location as the present building was demolished. The present Patapsco Hotel is a twelve bay wide, four bay deep, three story, shed roofed granite building (built with the same building stones as the old hotel) located just west of the B & O Railroad on the north side of Main Street.

Shops are located on the first floor of the building with shops, and/or apartments above. Three varying shed roofed, open and partially closed one story porches each run along four bays of the building and furnish space for first floor central covered entrances flanked by display windows running from east to west and holding respectively twenty-five, twenty-five lights; four, two lights and twelve, twelve lights.

The second and third floor south windows are proportionally scaled, vertically aligned and double-hung with one-over-one lights decorated with flat stone lintels.

The west wall of this structure is attached to the east wall of the Railroad Hotel; while its east wall holds four second floor and two third floor windows similar to those described on the south wall.

The first floor of the building is set into the granite hill along the north elevation, with a second and third floor shed roofed open porch. The ground on the north slopes up to Castle Angelo. A cement retaining wall holds this ground on the second floor.

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The present twelve bay wide building, called the Patapsco Hotel, replaces an earlier hotel called Thomas' Patapsco Hotel which is claimed by some historians to have been a stagecoach center for traffic going west on the National Pike. An article entitled "Ellicott City, Once Gateway to West, A Garden of Memories" by Grace Sherwood (a reprint from the Sunday Sun of 1926 published in 1972 by The Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal) describes the Old Patapsco Hotel, later called Stewart's Hotel as having just been demolished. She goes on with the following description of the original building:

Its main doorways, lovely old paneled things with graceful half moons and transoms above them, stared out upon the street from the second story, mute reminders of the days when they opened onto a balcony on a level with the railroad bridge, so that guests stepping from the train on what was once the longest railroad in America might step into their hotel in ease.

A model of Ellicott City built by Robert Kirchman of 13881 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton, Maryland, depicts Main Street in 1854 from the I.O.O.F building to the Patapsco River. It indicates the Old Patapsco Hotel as a seven bay wide, four story high semi-hipped roof (the west elevation is a gambrel roof) stone structure with open second and third floor porches running along the width of the east and south elevations of the building.

The hotel is reputed to have been in its early days the place of meetings between George Ellicott, son of Andrew Ellicott, the founder, and Indian chiefs of the surrounding area.

The present building, though more simple and direct in its architectural treatment than its forerunner, affords an important visual anchor in the street scape on the north side of Main Street, and blends well texturally and proportionally with its neighbor to the west, the Railroad Hotel, in its use of the original building's stones.

For these reasons the Patapsco Hotel, though only fifty years old should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES
Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal, Vol 1, No. 1, Summer-Fall, 1972.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.34

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION
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Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION
Howard County Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE
July 1977

STREET & NUMBER
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465-5000 x 257

CITY OR TOWN
Ellicott City

STATE
Maryland

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Attachment 1
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The Patapsco Hotel
Tax Map 25-A
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Patapsco Hotel (Thomas' Patapsco Hotel, Stewart's Hotel, Wilson Patapsco Hotel, Ellicott City Times)
8004-8026 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City
Martenet's Map of Howard County Maryland, 1860

G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878
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8004-8026 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City
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South elevation, eastern portion of building

Southeast elevation, western portion of building