

Elisha Riggs House
M:23-40
Montgomery County, Maryland

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The Elisha Riggs House was built circa 1865 by Elisha Riggs, a member of the prominent Riggs family of Montgomery County and Washington, D.C. (founders of Riggs National Bank). Although the extant house is only one section of the original dwelling on the site, the property is significant for its associations with the Riggs family and serves as a visual reminder to the area's rich history and architecture. In addition, the property includes a 1930s Sears and Roebuck Company bungalow, a distinctive residential building form of the second quarter of this century. The Elisha Riggs House property meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-40

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Elisha Riggs House
common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 21601 New Hampshire Ave. Not for publication _____
city or town Sunshine vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code _____ zip code 20833

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	<u>1</u>	structures
_____	_____	_____	objects
<u>4</u>	_____	<u>1</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____ No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE Barn; Equipment Shed

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Standing Seam Metal
walls Stone
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance circa 1865-1930

Significant Dates circa 1865
circa 1930

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder Sears and Roebuck Company

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 25 acres

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The Elisha Riggs Property occupies future lots 1N and 2N of Montgomery County Tax Map K-8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This 25-acre tract of land is part of a larger tract historically associated with the Elisha Riggs property and including the circa 1865 dwelling and its associated buildings.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians
organization M-NCPPC date _____
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910
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12. Property Owner
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name Nation's Bank Trust Co.
street & number 2 North Charles St. telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21203
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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The Elisha Riggs House:

The Elisha Riggs House is a two-story, two-bay stone structure covered with a gable roof, clad with standing seam metal, and featuring an inside end chimney with a brick stack. The house is the surviving rear wing of a two-story, L-shaped log and frame structure with large, external stone chimneys, as shown in circa 1940 photographs.¹ In circa 1968, the main block of the house--the five-bay frame structure--was removed and the rear wing was renovated and enlarged by a single-bay, two-story frame addition into the single family residence it is today.

The south elevation of the house consists of the two-bay stone house and its single-bay frame addition. The first story of the stone section has a side entry door and a 6/6 window, while the second story has two evenly placed 6/6 windows. The frame wing, recessed slightly from the stone facade on the west end, has single 6/6 windows on both the first and second stories. A shed roof porch with plain wood posts supporting the roof extends across the full width of the stone section. Both the stone section and the frame wing have boxed wood cornices.

The east end elevation is unfenestrated save for two, four-light casement windows to either side of the inside end chimney at the attic level. The chimney shaft, above the roofline, is constructed of brick. The stone wall surface displays well-crafted stonework, including large corner quoins.

The north elevation includes the two-bayed stone section and the single-bay frame addition, recessed slightly from the stone wall. A shed-roofed frame wing clad with vertical boards and battens, extends off this elevation and spans the western half of the stone section and the eastern portion of the frame addition. The stone section of the house has three exposed window openings, including a 6/6 window on the first story with a large stone lintel and two, asymmetrical 6/6 windows on the second story. The frame addition

¹ The frame structure appears to have been built in two sections.

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to the west has single windows in the first and second stories.

The west end elevation consists of the end wall of the two-story frame addition to the stone structure. This wall has paired 6/6 windows on both the first and second stories.

Tenant House:

The Elisha Riggs Tenant House, built in the 1930s, is a 1-1/2-story frame bungalow located east of the Elisha Riggs stone house. The house closely resembles "The Kilbourne" house, available through Sears and Roebuck house catalogs in 1921, 1925, 1926, 1928 and 1929 and available from \$2,500 to \$2,700.²

Built into a hillside, the L-shaped bungalow is set upon a raised, rusticated concrete foundation, is covered with a cross gable roof and features the character-defining low profile, projecting gables, gabled dormers, integrated porch and multi-sash windows of the typical craftsman house.

The south elevation of the house is four bays wide with a projecting gable and integrated porch spanning the three western bays, including the entry, with the wing of the L-shaped house extending to the east. The front gable covering the porch is supported by squat wood columns atop rusticated concrete piers and features wide, overhanging eaves with brackets. The porch is reached by a set of steps in the eastern bay, while a flat-sawn balustrade spans the central pier and west end pier. A single entry door and two, 6/1 windows open onto the porch, while a pair of 6/6 windows light the attic level of the projecting gable. The east wing of the house features a group of three, 3/1 windows in the raised first story and a gabled dormer with paired windows in the half story. The gabled dormer features broad, overhanging eaves and wood brackets.

The west end of the house is defined by three windows on the first story (two, large 6/1 with a smaller window between), and a pair of 6/1 windows in the gable end of the half-story. The west end of the house rises above the

The north elevation consists of the fully exposed, raised foundation level and the first and half-stories above. A brick chimney is located towards the front of this elevation, and pierces

² Katherine Cole Stevenson and Ward Jandl, *Houses By Mail: A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company* (Washington, D.C.: The Preservation Press, 1986), 211. Also, *Sears, Roebuck Catalog of Houses, 1926* (An unabridged reprint, New York: Dover Publications, 1991), 79.

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the eaves of the overhanging roof. Several 6/1 windows, grouped single, and in pairs, pierce this wall.

Bank barn:

The bank barn is located southeast of the Elisha Riggs house, across the entry drive and overlooking fields. Built into a slight incline, this barn is a large, three-bay, frame structure with vertical board walls raised upon a stone foundation, thereby adding a lower story. The main entry to the upper level of the barn is via an earthen ramp leading to the centrally placed, double, hanging trolley doors. The interior of the barn is divided into three bays, used for the storage and threshing of grain, and is constructed of timber frames with mortise-and-tenon joints.

The basement level of the barn is reached on the downside slope of the hill. It is similar to a Sweitzer barn in that the basement is recessed from wall of the upper barn; it differs however, in that the upper barn does not have an overhanging forebay, but is instead supported by wooden piers and the stone foundation walls. The basement level is divided into five bays, each bay being an animal stall that extends the depth of the barn at this basement level. The bays are constructed of timber posts and beams and mortise-and-tenon joints.

Drive-thru Corn Crib and Attached Stable and Equipment Shed:

The drive-thru corn crib is located south of the Elisha Riggs house and northwest of the basement barn. It is a drive-thru frame structure covered with a gable roof with cribs to either side of the central drive. A loft level is located above the central drive, while a shed wing extension and animal shed is located to the east. A long, one-story frame stable connects the crib barn at its northwest corner to a gable-roofed frame equipment shed.

Privy:

A frame privy building in deteriorating condition and overgrown with vegetation is located between the basement barn and crib barn.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Elisha Riggs House was built circa 1865 by Elisha Riggs, a member of the prominent Riggs family of Montgomery County and Washington, D.C. (founders of Riggs National Bank). Although the extant house is only one section of the original dwelling on the site, the property is significant for its associations with the Riggs family and serves as a visual reminder to the area's rich history and architecture. In addition, the property includes a 1930s Sears and Roebuck Company bungalow, a distinctive residential building form of the second quarter of this century. The Elisha Riggs House property meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

Historic Context

The land on which the Elisha Riggs House stands was originally part of a 1763 land patent to Stephen Gartrell and owned, in the early 19th century, by Edward Penn. In 1841, Elisha Riggs purchased 122 acres of the tract, dubbed "Resurvey of Little Worth and Beggar's Purchase." That same year, Elisha Riggs acquired 113-1/2 acres from his father, Thomas Riggs, who had previously purchased the land from Stephen Gartrell (via Edward Penn).

The Riggs family first established itself in the area in 1723 when John Riggs (1687-1762) came to Maryland and acquired Riggs Hills, a large tract of land between Laurel and Brookeville in what is today Howard County. John Riggs continued to acquire land in the area, and upon his death in 1762, left a large estate, along with a large family, many of whom rose to great prominence. In particular, the Riggs name in The Washington Banking firm of Corcoran, Riggs and Company, and predecessor of the Riggs National Bank of Washington, D.C., traces its roots to John Riggs.

Tradition holds that Elisha Riggs lived on his property during this time and that he (or his son) was in the Confederate Army and hid out here during the Civil War.³ However, the 1861 Assessment of Elisha Riggs shows 242 acres of "Little or Nothing and Beggar's Purchase," \$200 assessment for household goods, but no assessment for any improvements on the entire parcel of land.⁴ The 1865 Martenet and Bond map of Montgomery County, Maryland, however, clearly identifies the Elisha Riggs residence at that location.

³ This is based upon information recorded on the 1974 Maryland Historical Trust Inventory form, as related to the author of the 1974 form by the Poole sisters of the Montgomery County Historical Society.

⁴ Tax Assessment Records of Montgomery County, 1861.

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Elisha Riggs lived at the property until his death. In 1883, Elisha Riggs' estate was divided, and his heirs sold Lot 2 in the division of the Elisha Riggs Estate to William Downs. Lot 2 contained 113.5 acres, including the Elisha Riggs house. In 1897, William Downs foreclosed on his mortgage and the property was put up for sale. An equity suit involving the foreclosure described the house at that time as a "large house part frame and part stone, two stories high plus attic with 9 rooms and front porch." The grounds contained a stable, granary, cornhouse and others."⁵

Henry and Mattie Marsh of Baltimore purchased the property at the sale, holding onto it until 1915, when they sold it to Arthur and Mary Gray. In the 1930s, Arthur and Mary Gray built the Sears and Roebuck bungalow on the property, adjacent to the 19th-century dwelling. The old house was left abandoned and began to deteriorate until the frame section was in ruins and the stone section in poor repair. In 1968, Washington developer Helen Denit purchased the property, and commenced renovation of the historic house. The deteriorating frame sections were removed, but the stone section was retained and added onto.

In 1975, the property came under the possession of the National Bank of Washington, as appointed by a representative of Helen Denit's Estate. The present owner is Nation's Bank, currently proposing a residential subdivision on the property, with the retention of the two dwellings.

⁵ Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Equity Case #1483.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Agricultural/Industrial Transition(1815-1870)
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Standing Structure

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

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Chain of Title:

1763 This parcel of land was originally part of a patent to Stephen Gartrell. (Referred to in Deed Book Y liber 40; April)

Early 1800s Edward Penn bought the property.
Edward Penn died.

1841 Edward Penn's heirs sold the property to Elisha Riggs. Tract of land called "Resurvey of Little Worth and Beggar's Purchase". Containing 122 acres. (Deed Book BS 10 Folio 413)

August, 1841 Elisha Riggs bought 113.5 acres of adjoining land from his father Thomas Riggs. (Thomas had purchased this land from Samuel Gartrell (via John Penn) in 1825.) (Deed Book BS 10 Liber 477)

February, 1842 Elisha Riggs bought acres of land from (Deed Book BS 11 Folio 39)
Elisha Riggs Died

May, 1884 Elisha Riggs heirs sold the property to William Downs. 148.5 acres of "Little Worth and Beggar's Purchase."--Lot 2 in the division of the Elisha Riggs Estate (Deed Book EBP 32 Folio 231)

1897 Mortgage Foreclosure on William Downs. Estate is put up for sale. (Equity Case #1483)

May, 1897 Henry and Mattie Marsh purchase the property. (Deed Book JA 58 Folio 272)

March, 1915 Henry and Mattie Marsh to Arthur and Mary Gray. (Deed Book 248 Folio 399)

1930 Arthur and Mary Gray build the Craftsman Sears & Roebuck House adjacent to the Elisha Riggs House.

June, 1968 Arthur and Mary Gray to Helen Denit (Deed Book 3793 Folio 803)

October 5, 1975

Helen P. Denit's estate to National Bank of Washington (Appointed representative of H.Denit's Estate.) (Deed Book 4731 Folio 516)

December 5, 1975

Maryland National Bank is appointed the successor trustee by National Bank of Washington. (Referenced in Deed Book 12950 Folio 457)

October 20, 1989

Maryland National Bank substituted Security Trust Co. (Presently Nation's Bank, present owner) as successor fiduciary. (Referenced in Deed Book 12950 Folio 457)

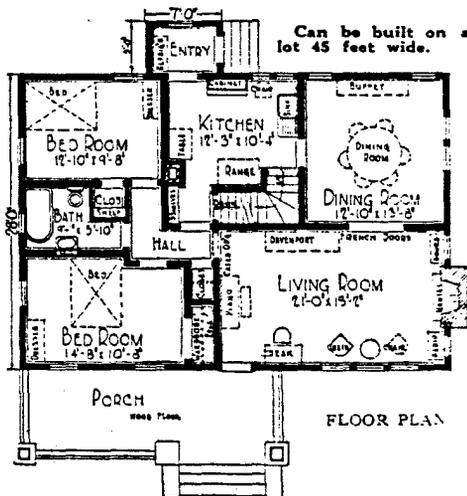
FIVE OR EIGHT ROOMS AND BATH



A CUSTOMER who built The Kilbourne bungalow recently wrote us as follows: "Our house has been the object of much admiration, not only from our friends, but strangers, who in passing by will stop to look at the artistic front. Many have remarked about the 'homey' porch. We have no hesitancy whatever in recommending Sears-Roebuck lumber, which came in plenty of time, and in splendid condition. Also must thank you for the courteous treatment and helpful suggestions you have given us. We know we saved nothing less than \$1,500.00."

The Kilbourne bungalow satisfies every family that has built it. Judge for yourself! The photograph and floor plan reproduced on this page shows the reason why The Kilbourne is such an outstanding value. See its sloping roof, the dormer, the overhanging eaves, the fireplace chimney, the large porch and the massive porch pillars!

The Living Room. Size, 21 feet by 13 feet 2 inches. Interest is centered on the fireplace and mantel, at each side of which is a window. There are three additional windows overlooking the front lawn. The large size of this room allows for a pleasing arrangement of furnishings.



Honor Bill
The Kilbourne
 No. P17013 "Already Cut" and Fitted
\$2,700.00

The Dining Room. French doors connect the living room and dining room. Floor size of the dining room, 12 feet 10 inches by 13 feet 8 inches, just the right size for the modern home. A double window and two high sash windows provide light and air.

The Kitchen. From the dining room a swinging door opens into the kitchen. Size of kitchen, 12 feet 3 inches by 10 feet 4 inches. It has a built-in cabinet, Nos. P9260 and P9261 shown on pages 110 and 111, space for sink, range, table and chairs. A double window affords light and ventilation.

In one corner of the kitchen there are five shelves, and on the opposite side a door opens to stairway leading down to the basement. At another end a door opens to stairway leading to the second floor. A door leads to the rear entry, which has space for a refrigerator, and door to grade stairs.

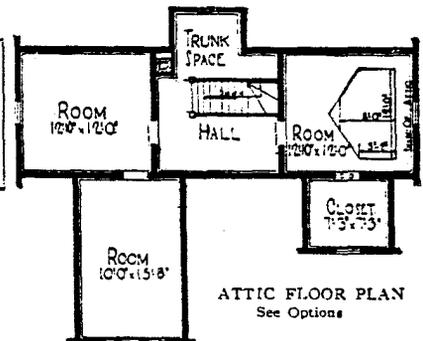
The Bedrooms. A hall connects the living room, the kitchen, the two bedrooms, the bathroom, and the hall coat closet. The front bedroom, 14 feet 8 inches by 10 feet 8 inches, has a big combination wardrobe, No. P9265, as illustrated on pages 110 and 111. Two front windows and one side window provide light and cross current of air. The rear bedroom, 12 feet by 9 feet 8 inches, has a clothes closet, and a window on each outer wall.

The Bathroom has a built-in medicine case.
 The Basement. Room for furnace, laundry and storage.

Height of Ceilings. First floor, 9 feet from floor to ceiling. Basement, 7 feet from floor to joists.

What Our Price Includes

At the price quoted we will furnish all the material to build this five-room bungalow, consisting of:
 Lumber; Lath;
 Roofing, Best Grade Clear Red Cedar Shingles;
 Siding, Clear Cypress or Clear Red Cedar, Bevel, Best Grade of Clear Red Cedar Shingles on Porch Gable Wall;
 Framing Lumber, No. 1 Quality Douglas Fir or Pacific Coast Hemlock;
 Flooring, Clear Oak and Maple;
 Porch Flooring, Clear Edge Grain Fir;
 Porch Ceiling, Clear Douglas Fir or Pacific Coast Hemlock;
 Finishing Lumber;
 High Grade Millwork (see pages 110 and 111);
 Interior Doors, Two-Panel Design of Douglas Fir;
 Trim, Beautiful Grain Douglas Fir or Yellow Pine;
 Windows, California Clear White Pine;
 Medicine Case; Wardrobe;
 Kitchen Cabinet; Brick Mantel;
 Eaves Trough and Down Spouts;



40-Lb. Building Paper; Sash Weights;
 Chicago Design Hardware (see page 132);
 Paint for Three Coats outside Trim and Siding;
 Stain for Two Brush Coats for Shingles on Porch Gable Wall;
 Shellac and Varnish for Interior Trim and Doors;
 Shellac, Paste Filler and Floor Varnish for Oak and Maple Floors.
 Complete Plans and Specifications.
 We guarantee enough material to build this house. Price does not include cement, brick or plaster. See description of "Honor Bill" Houses on pages 12 and 13.

OPTIONS

Furnished with three rooms in attic, with single floor, \$300.00 extra. See attic plan above.
 Sheet Plaster and Plaster Finish to take the place of wood lath, first floor, \$132.00 extra; for first floor and attic, \$293.00 extra. See page 109.
 Oriental Asphalt Shingles, guaranteed 17 years, instead of wood shingles, \$57.00 extra.
 Oak Doors and Trim for living room and dining room, \$84.00 extra.
 Storm Doors and Windows, galvanized wire, \$46.00 extra; with attic, \$63.00 extra.
 For prices of Plumbing, Heating, Wiring, Electric Fixtures and Shades see pages 130 and 131.

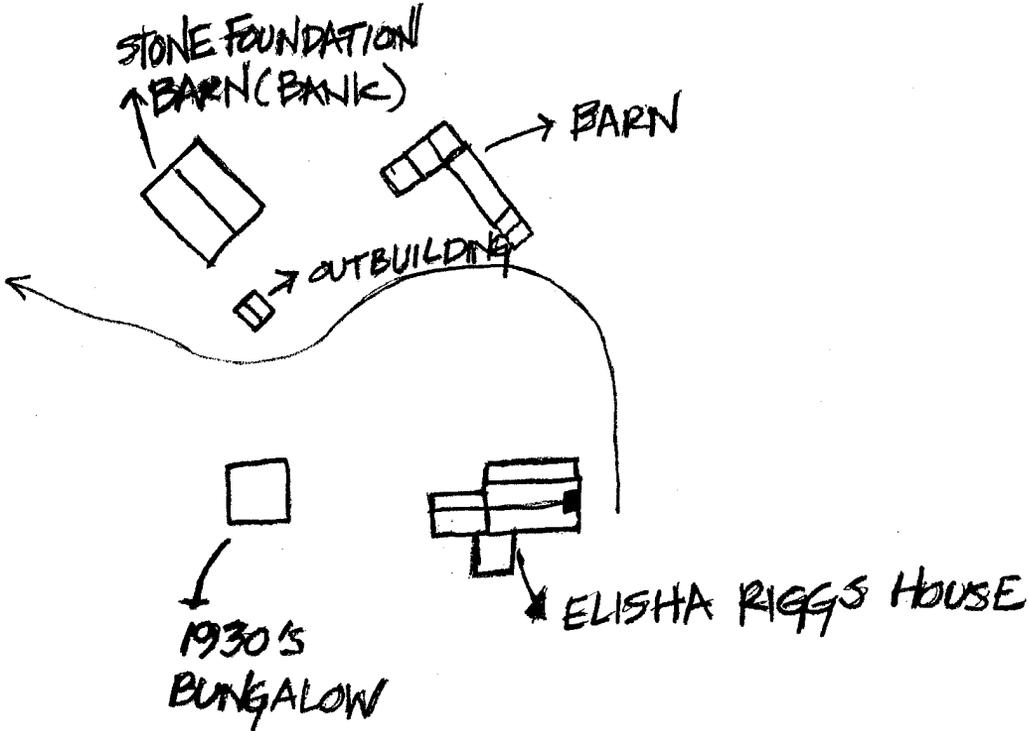


View of front bedroom showing wardrobe.

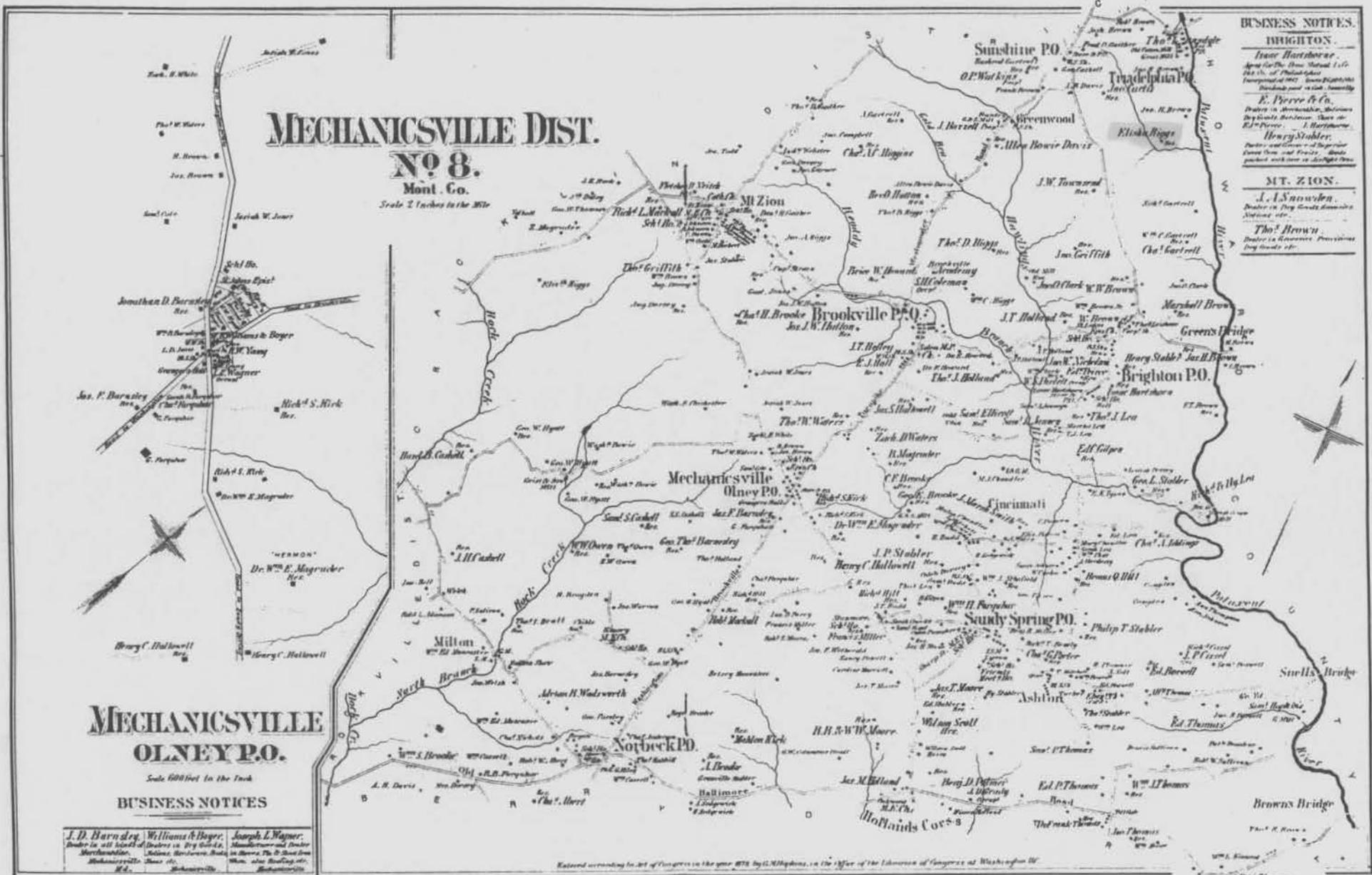
For Our Easy Payment Plan See Page 144

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TO NEW HAMPTIRE AVE
(050)



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MECHANICSVILLE DIST.

No. 8.

Mont. Co.

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

MECHANICSVILLE

OLNEY P.O.

Scale 600 feet to the Inch

BUSINESS NOTICES

J. D. Barnley Dealer in all kinds of Merchandise, Mechanicsville, Md.	Williams & Bager Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Books, Mechanicsville, Md.	Joseph L. Wagner Manufacturer and Dealer in Hardware, Tin & Sheet Iron Wares, also Building etc., Mechanicsville
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BUSINESS NOTICES

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Isaac Hartshorn
Agent for the Iron Natural Gas
Pipe Co. of Philadelphia
Incorporated 1862. Iron Pipe, Gas
Fittings, etc. in stock. Monthly
E. Pierce & Co.
Dealers in Merchandise, Hardware,
Dry Goods, Notions, etc. Also
Retailers in
Henry Stabler
Dealers and Carriers of Superior
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packed with care at short notice.

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Dealer in Fine Goods, Hardware,
Notions, etc.
Thos. Brown
Dealer in Hardware, Provisional
Dry Goods, etc.

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Visual User Application

MNCPIC



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



Scale 1" = 1125'



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Account Identifier: District - 08 **Account Number -** 03317294

Owner Information

Owner Name: PRETTY PENNY LLC **Use:** RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: NO
Mailing Address: C/O N G SHERWOOD
 11249 FERN ST **Deed Reference:** 1)
 WHEATON MD 20902-4643 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 21601 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE **Zoning** RC **Legal Description** DENIT ESTATES

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	
JV22				57		E	2	82	Plat Ref:	21659

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	
	42	

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		2.77 AC	910

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

Value Information

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of	As Of	As Of
Land:	125,770	01/01/2003	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Improvements:	0	195,770		
Total:	125,770	195,770	125,770	149,103
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
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Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

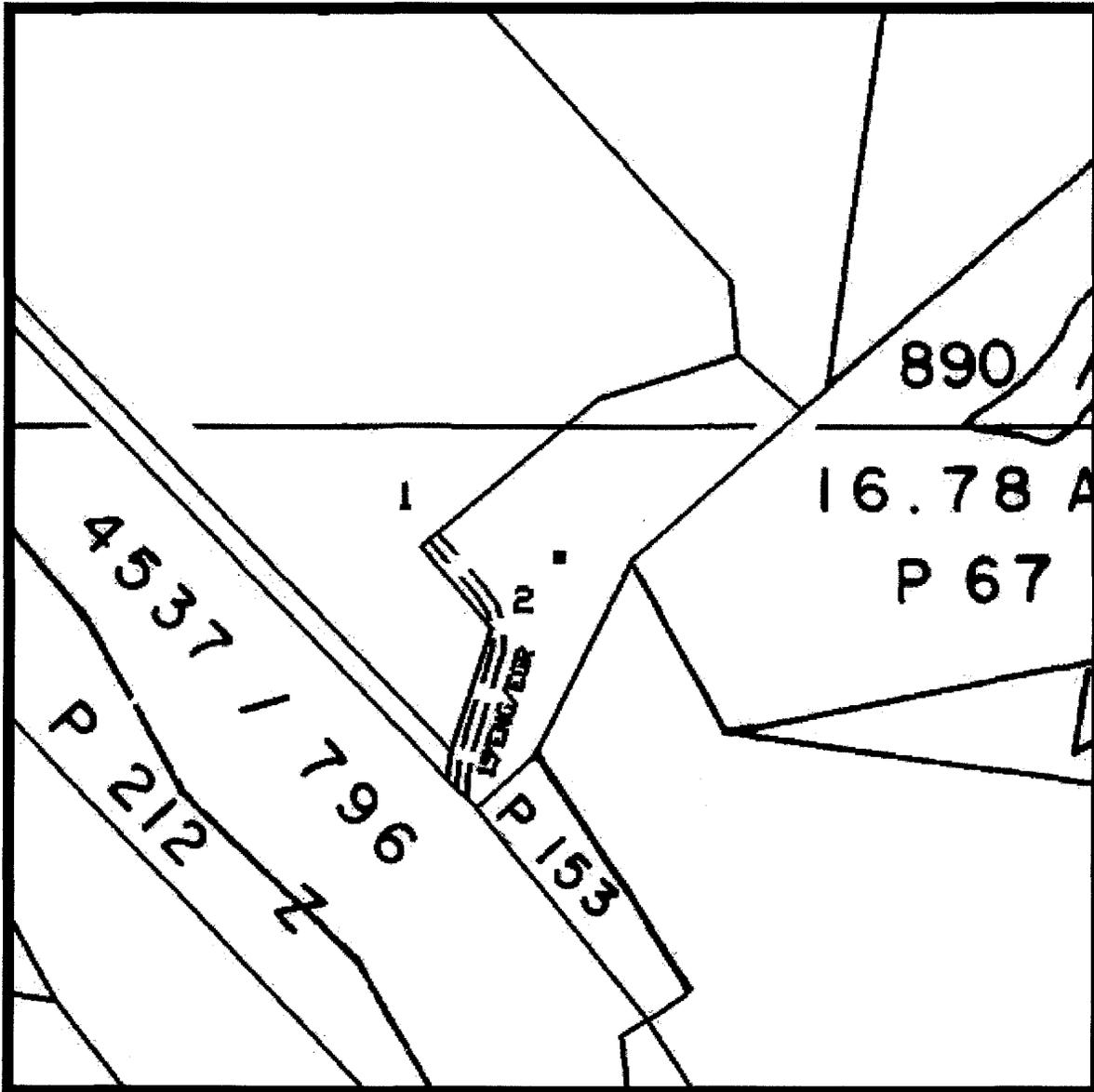
Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO **Special Tax Recapture:** AGRICULTURAL TRANSFER TAX
Exempt Class:

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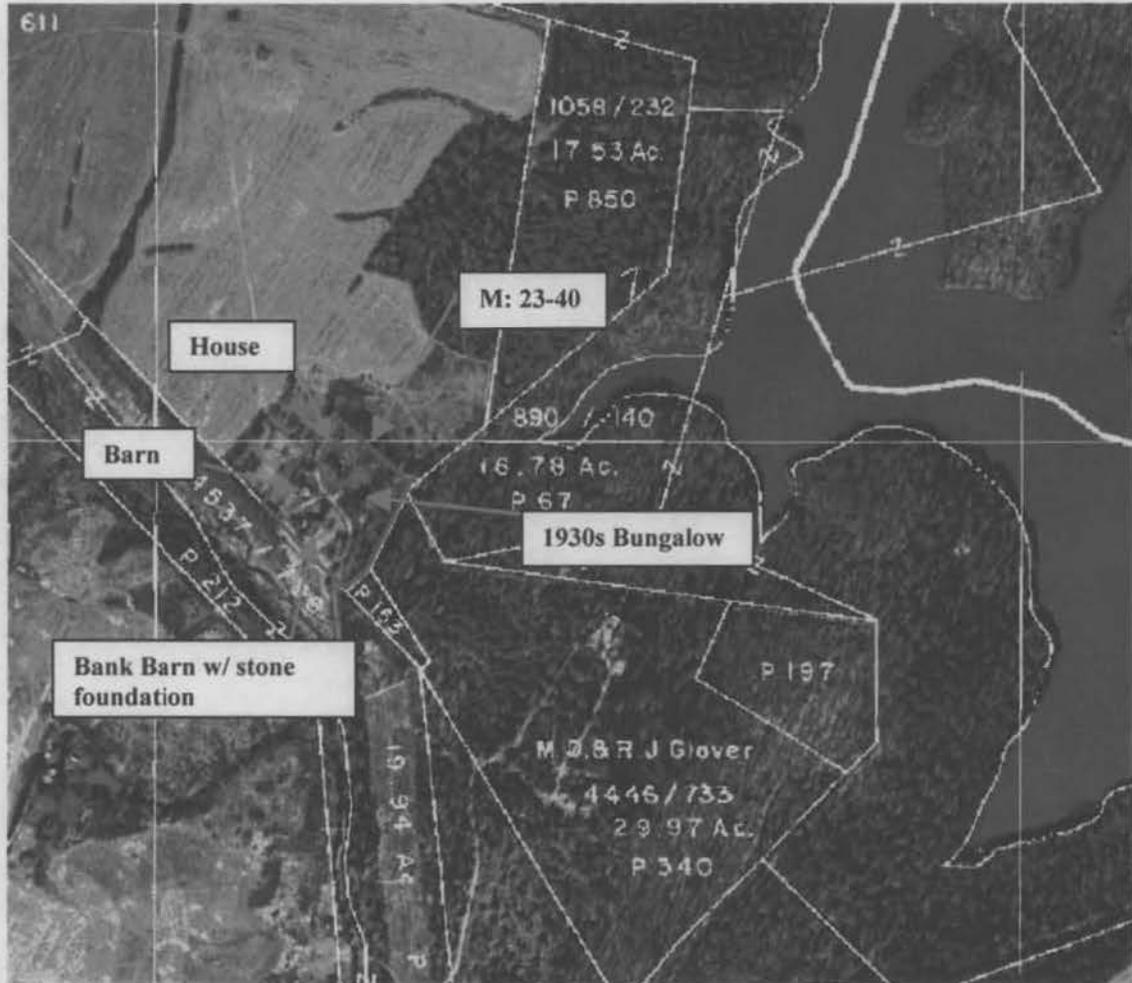
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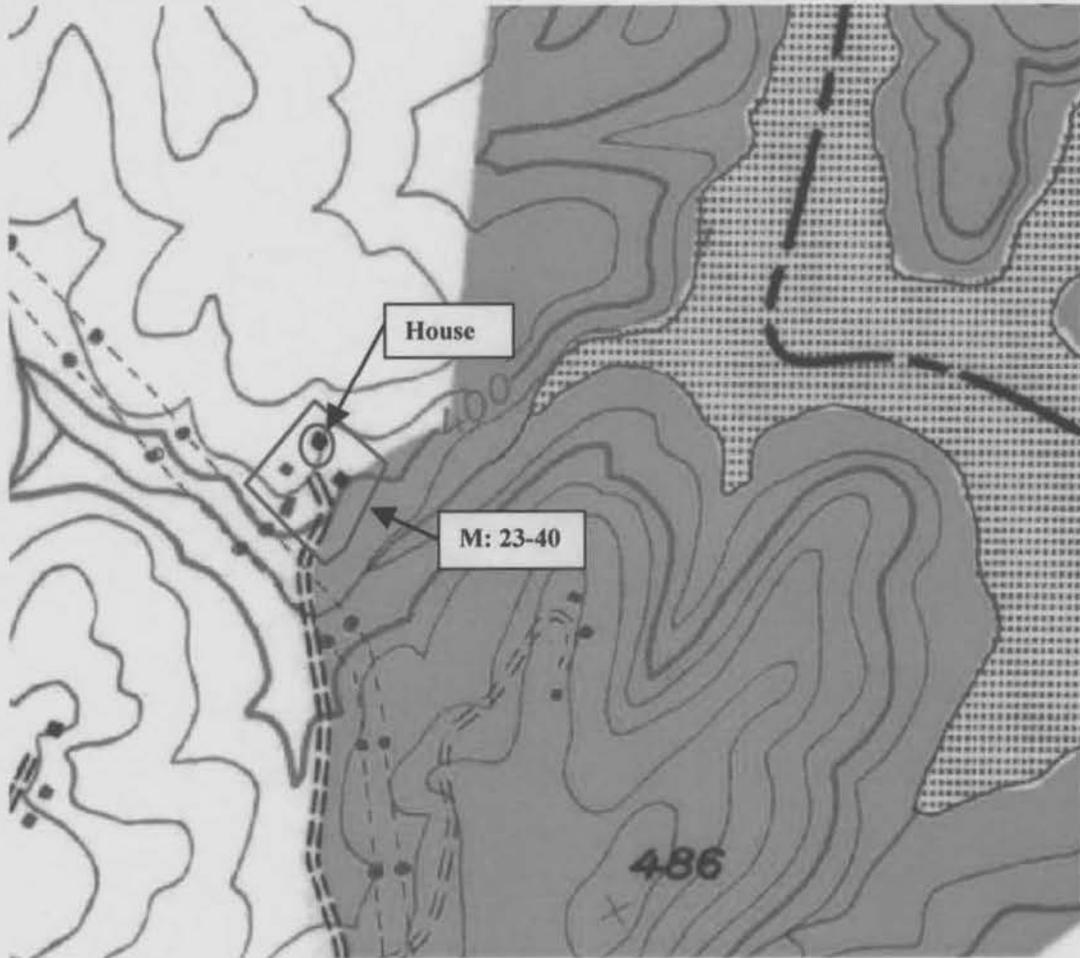
Name: SANDY SPRING
Date: 7/13/99
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 13' 06.9" N 077° 02' 20.0" W
Caption: ELISHA RIGGS HOUSE (M: 23-40)
21611 New Hampshire Av.

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Elisha Riggs House
21601 New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
1993 Aerial Photo and tax map JV22



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Elisha Riggs House
21601 New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
Sandy Spring Quadrangle





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MONTGOMERY CO., MD

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MARYLAND SHPO

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ELISHA RIGGS HOUSE

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KIM WILLIAMS

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SOUTHWEST OBLIQUE LOOKING NORTHEAST
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SOUTH ELEVATION OF BARN

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MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION OF BANK BARN

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MONTGOMERY CO, MD

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MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION OF BANK BARN

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EUSHA RIGGS HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIM WILLIAMS

3-19-99

MARYLAND SHPO

OUTBUILDING, LOCATED ON NORTH
SIDE OF BANK BARN

13 OF 13

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Elisha Riggs (Stone) House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

off New Hampshire Ave. extended

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Helen P. Denit

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Pretty Penny Farm

CITY, TOWN

Sunshine

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to a ca. 1930 photo, this place was once an L-shaped farmhouse, with the earliest portion being a large, two-story log and frame house with large, external stone chimneys. This part has since been torn down; the later stone wing that completed the L-shape remains.

This latter section is an unusual, small, two-bay structure of two stories. The door is in the east end bay, and a one-story open porch crosses the main (south) facade. The walls are of local fieldstone, and have quoin blocks at the corners. There are small, gable-end windows in the attic, and the internal fireplaces have a brick chimney stack on the west end. There is a lower, one-bay frame section attached to the east end of the house. This probably does not include any of the old frame/log house that sat here in the 1930's photo.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
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<input 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the Poole sisters of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Elisha Riggs (or his son) was in the Confederate Army and hid out here during the Civil War.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

BLOCK (ARCS) _____ SECTION & CORNER _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

July, 1974

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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(ELISHA RIGGS HOUSE)

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