

Site M:26/11/5

Lamar House

101 South Washington Street

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Built: 1884, remodeled 1909 - replaced pre-1789 house

The remodeling of the 1884 house on this site resulted in this Georgian Revival facade with its balanced form, Palladian window and enlargement to twelve rooms. For 100 years the two houses on this lot were connected with the family of Dr. E.E.Stonestreet. The original house had served as Sheriff's office and jail before 1790 and was later the birthplace of Mrs. Stonestreet. The 18th century house was razed to build this home for Dr. Stonestreet's daughter, Mrs. George Lamar. Since 1958 it has been a law office and remains in original (1909) condition.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lamar House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 101 South Washington Street ___ not for publication

city, town Rockville ___ vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery

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 checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Sunderland Ltd. Venture - Albert E. Brault & Denver H. Green

street & number 101 South Washington Street telephone no.: 424-1060

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber 4005

street & number Montgomery County Courthouse folio 19

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Locally designated historic district - 1974

date M-NCPPC - 1976 ___ federal state county local

pository for survey records City of Rockville

city, town Rockville state Maryland 20850

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 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 5-bay by 2-bay frame Georgian Revival house is situated on the southwest corner of West Jefferson and South Washington Streets. Set on a fieldstone foundation under a slate gabled roof, this symmetrically balanced home is flanked by 2 interior end chimneys. The house has been well maintained and is in very good condition. The striated clapboard which sheathes it is uncommon in Rockville.

The symmetrical, five bay east (front) facade has a central gable with a Palladian attic window. A full-width first floor porch supported by four Doric columns supports the dentilated porch cornice and roof. The 2-over-2 wood sashed double hung windows all have molded lintels and louvered shutters. Tall first-story windows open onto the front porch. The original fanlit door has been replaced by a protruding boxy vestibule which has German siding, a six panell pine door, and a pair of coach lanterns.

The south gable end facade has two four-paned attic lights that flank a rectangular brick chimney which emerges at the roof ridge. Two pairs of windows are on floors one and two. The north facade is dominated by a central two-story, three sided projection with narrow one-over-one windows under the gable eave.

A recent two story addition onto the west (rear) facade, executed with respect towards the original house, is sheathed in German siding and rests on a stone-faced foundation. Its windows, framing and shutters reproduce those found on the east facade. The additional interior space of this addition serves the present legal offices which occupy 101 South Washington Street.

Despite the above-mentioned changes and the busy intersection which the house abuts, much of the original architectural integrity has been preserved and the house remains a good example of the Georgian Revival style.

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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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 1884 1909 Builder/Architect W.R. Pumphrey

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.

The present building occupying the southwest corner of Washington and Jefferson Streets is 100 years old in 1984; it replaced a previous building of comparable age. Located just one block southwest of the Courthouse, this lot was the site of the Sheriff's Office and "goal" before 1790. It was the home of the Register of Wills between 1808 and 1839, and after 1846 it was owned by three generations of a noted Rockville family who contributed to the religious, medical and legal professions. The original house was replaced in 1884 and in 1909 remodeled in the Georgian Revival style; it has remained unchanged since that date.

HOLLAND-BARRY House

Solomon Holland was serving his first term as Sheriff of the County in 1794.¹ At that time he owned Lot 39 adjoining the Courthouse "in Williamsburgh" for which he had paid 1000£ in 1791.² The Frenchman Honoré Martin, who was investing heavily in the hoped for expansion of the village, bought Lot 6 "At Montgomery Courthouse... wherein William Robertson built the house used by him during the time of his being Sheriff of Montgomery County as an office and Goal ...1/2 acre". Martin also bought Lots 7 and 8 adjoining from William P. Williams, the owner of "Williamsburgh" who had laid out the streets and lots.³

Holland purchased lots 6,7, & 8 from Martin in 1807, paying 360£ for the 1 1/2 acres with building and improvement which lay south of Jefferson Street and west of Washington Street.⁴ Holland became Register of Wills in 1808. Through subsequent purchases he added the lots further west (9,10,11 & 12) until his land was bordered by the Rockville Academy and the western limits of the Town as platted in 1803. He donated part of his home lot 6 & 7 to the Vestry of the Episcopal Church for the erection of the Church (1821) and in 1823 sold several acres just west of the town limits to the Baptist Church and Cemetery. He was also instrumental in the chartering and funding of the Rockville Academy. After his death in 1839, his sons retained lots 8-12 for several years.

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Nathan Holland sold his father's house to Basil Barry in 1846; "the land where Solomon Holland resided" brought \$2,000.⁵ Rev. Barry was a Methodist preacher, who rode the circuit. In 1844 he was listed by the Baltimore Conference of the Church as a "supernumerary"; presumably he served Montgomery County Congregation as an extra minister.⁶ In 1852 his only child Martha married Dr. Edward Elisha Stonestreet. They lived in the Stonestreet house on Montgomery Avenue and Monroe (demolished).

Between 1853 and 1865 the Rev. Barry was taxed as owning 18 acres of "Exchange and New Exchange" valued at \$360 and Town lots 6-17, improved, valued at \$800.⁷ After Mrs. Barry's death in 1860, it is likely that Rev. Barry moved in with the Stonestreets, as the 1865 Martinet & Bond Map shows the Washington Street house occupied by N. D. Offutt. Rev. Barry died September 2, 1877 at the age of 88; his obituary noted that "notwithstanding his feeble health, he continued to preach when occasion required."⁸

The house passed to the Stonestreets, and the July 25, 1884 issue of the Montgomery County Sentinel reported that "E. E. Stonestreet is having the old house on Washington Street occupied by the late Basil Barry removed, will build a new one, W. R. Pumphrey contractor".

has been LAMAR HOUSE

The second house on lot 6 of Rockville, constructed in 1884, is shown on the attached photograph. After 1904, it was the home of George Holt and Edith May (Stonestreet) Lamar. In 1900 the senior Stonestreets had been married 48 years and their six daughters were all settled with families of their own. Two of their daughters had married ministers, one a doctor, one a shopkeeper, one an attorney and one a civil servant. Four of these daughters would live in houses on South Washington Street, part of the old Holland/Barry estate that had lain unimproved for nearly a century.

George Holt Lamar was a successful attorney. Several members of the Lamar family in Rockville were descended from a southern branch of the family that had left the Rockville area in the 18th century to seek their fortunes in South Carolina and Georgia.⁹ These Lamars returned as successful jurists, politicians and civil servants. George Lamar's uncle was a Supreme Court Justice, and George's brother and law partner/William H. would be selected by Woodrow Wilson to be Assistant Attorney General. (William and Virginia Lamar had purchased a new home on Thomas Street in Veirs Addition to Rockville.) George had also purchased the south part of the Thomas Street lot and may have considered building there as the house was becoming cramped after the birth of his third child. However, the Washington Street house was enlarged instead. In 1909 the Sentinel reported that "Mrs. George Lamar and family moved into their new dwelling on Washington Street last Saturday...attractive, spacious and contains all the modern conveniences."¹⁰ The house was not a new one, but an enlargement of the 1884 house, according to the Stonestreet heirs and from the evidence in the¹¹ construction. The 1910 Tax Assessment nearly doubles the improvements, value \$3,200.

The Lamars lived at 101 South Washington until their deaths. Their daughter, Rebecca, continued the strong Methodist tradition of the family, marrying the young minister Nolan Harmon; he later became a bishop of the M. E. Church, Rebecca moved down Jefferson Street to take up residence

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in the Methodist Parsonage (Site #26/10/24) and then left Rockville with her husband in 1925.

At the time of the sale of the Lamar property in 1945, 101 South Washington Street was described as a "two-story frame building containing 12 rooms and a bath, in very good condition, and in a very desirable residential section."¹² The property was bought by Augustus R. and Lucy W. Selby, who were related to the original Holland family by Nathan Holland's marriage to widow Carolina Selby. In 1958 the house was converted into a law office, and attorney David Betts and partners built the brick office building on the vacant lot west of the house. In 1970 the present law firm of Albert E. Brault et al purchased the building.

1. Information concerning the terms of office is taken from Scharf, History of Western Maryland, vol. I, p. 664. William Robertson was Sheriff 1786-1789, Solomon Holland served as Sheriff 1792-1795 and 1801-1804; Register of Wills 1808-1839.
2. Land Records, D/666 (1791). At that time the streets in "Williamsburgh" bordering lot 39 were First Street (Washington Street) and West Lane (Commerce Lane, later Montgomery Avenue). From the price paid, lot 39 was probably a commercial lot.
3. Land Records, E 633 and 650 (1794)
4. Ibid, N 327 (1807)
5. Ibid, STS 1/587 (1846)
6. Montgomery County Story, Vol. XV, No. 5, November 1972, pp 2-5
7. Montgomery County Tax Assessment. The inclusion of lots 13-16 owned by the Rockville Academy is not explained, as the Academy owned the entire 2 acres, and added an additional 1/2 on later.
8. Montgomery County Sentinel, 1877. Rev. Barry was also mentioned as participating in the 1876 Centennial Celebration in the accounts of that event.
9. Lamar family information from Thomas Lamar, the Immigrant, Donnis M. Borchers, Omaha Neb. (1977) and Montgomery County Story, Vol. 27, No. 2 (1984).
10. Sentinel, October 29, 1909.
11. The photograph is c. 1905 and supplied by Dr. William Linthicum a Stonestreet grandson who lives on South Washington Street.
12. Inventory of George Holt Lamar, Administration #5525, OWR p/142.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Will, Tax, Equity & Plat Records
Montgomery County Historical Society files: Stonestreet, Lamar, Barry families; Montgomery County Story (various issues)
Montgomery County Sentinel (various years)
Maps & Atlases: 1865 Martinet & Bond, 1879 Hopkins, 1917 Deets & Madd

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 11,300 square feet

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 6, 7 and 8, original Town of Rockville were replatted in 1978; now Lot 13, Plat #12125; Southwest corner of South Washington and West Jefferson Streets (widened)

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

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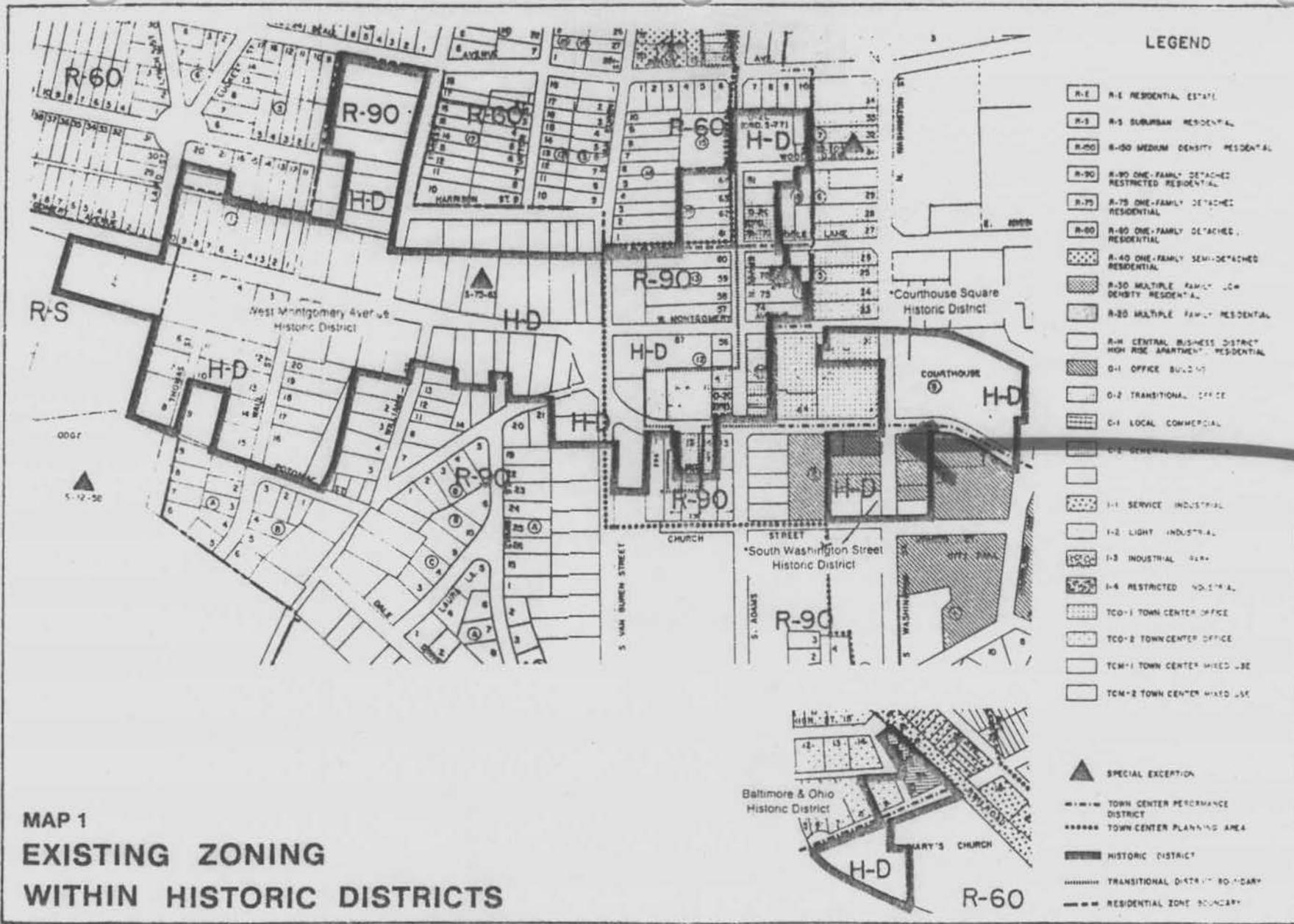
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*Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.

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101 South Washington St.
Photo. c. 1905



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101 South Washington St.
Peerless Rockville calendar,
1981

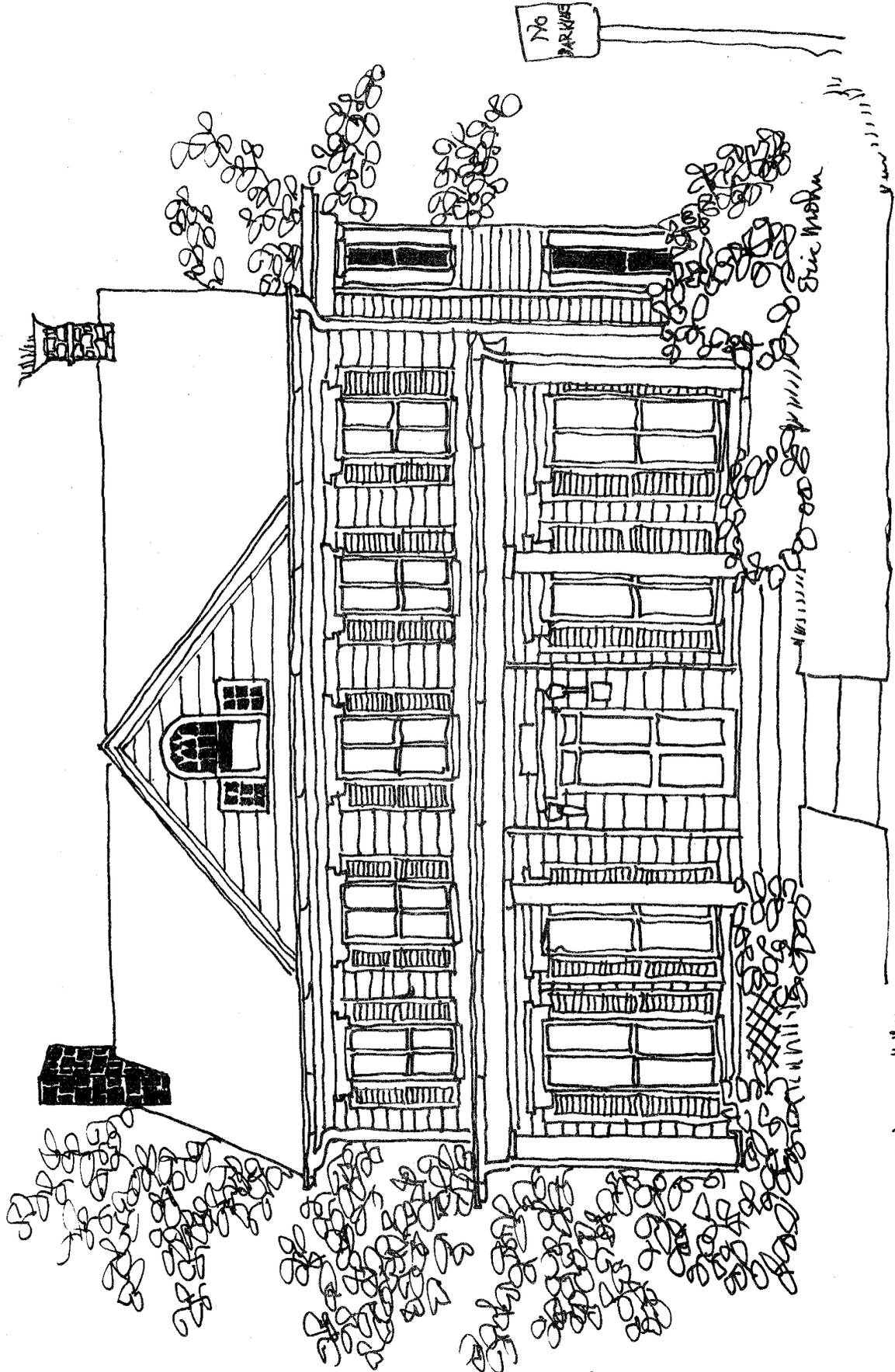


Illustration by Eric Mohr

101 South Washington Street



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LAMAR HOUSE
101 So. Washington St.
EAST ELEVATION

RICHARD H. ANDREWS
1608 Farragut Avenue
Rockville, Maryland

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LAMAR HOUSE
101 So. Washington St.
NORTH ELEVATION

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