

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Edgar Perry House Inventory Number: M: 29-8-1

Address: 10200 River Road City: Potomac Zip Code: 20854

County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Rockville

Owner: River Falls Limited Partnership Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes

Tax Parcel Number: P325 Tax Map Number: FP42 Tax Account ID Number: 00857862

Project: MO865B21 Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property is located within a historic district  yes \_\_\_ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: M:28-9  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: Potomac Village Historic District  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context  yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes \_\_\_ no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in Compliance files

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Edgar Perry House is located at 10200 River Road. It is one of two remaining historic properties at corner of River and Falls Roads (MD 189 and MD 190) in Potomac Village (originally Offutt's Crossroad). The Edgar Perry House is an early example of a two-story hand-formed concrete block residence built in 1902 by Potomac merchant Edgar Perry who operated the family owned Perry Store located at the northwest corner of Falls and River Roads.

The Edgar Perry House is one of three examples of early concrete block construction located in the Potomac Village area. In 1919, it was described as one of the best and most substantial houses in this part of Montgomery county. The concrete blocks were made from sand hauled by horse drawn wagon from Watts Branch near Glen Mill. Each block was individually screened and hand formed. The building took a year or complete.

The Edgar Perry residence was originally located on 21 acres, The parcel was reduced to 8 1/2 acres in 1922 when Edgar Perry sold the house. At that time it was adapted to commercial use and has been used as such ever since. The Edgar Perry House has been recently rehabilitated for use as offices and sits on less than one acre. A review of old photographs indicated that the cupola was added between 1975 and 1989 and is, therefore, not original to the house. A rear addition was also added prior to 1989.

Edgar Perry had worked for the family-owned Perry Store since he was 14 years old. His father, Thomas Perry, built the

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Service Date 3/6/03

Blumenthal Reviewer, NR Program Date 3/11/03

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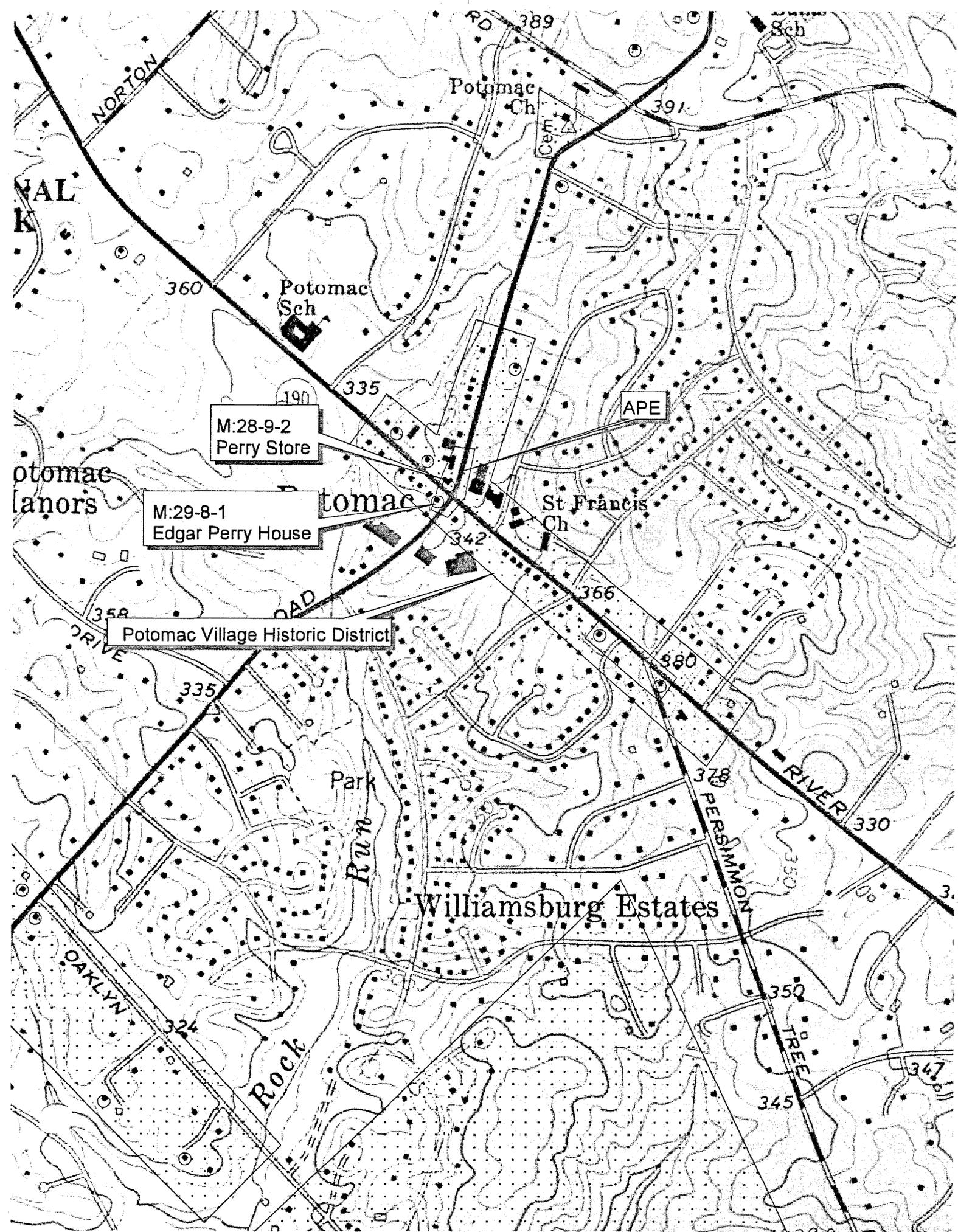
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Perry Store about 1880. Thomas Perry died four year leaving his wife and son to operate the business. Edgar Perry continued to operate the Perry Store after his mother died in 1806. He served as postmaster of Potomac from 1900-1914.

Although it is surrounded by modern commercial strip development, the Edgar Perry residence retains enough integrity to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under criteria b and c. It is one of two remaining historic buildings at crossroads of MD 189 and MD 190 in Potomac Village. Is also significant for its association with the Perry Family who owned and operated the Perry Store for 48 years. Edgar Perry, the son of Thomas Perry, built this residence across the street from the store on 1904 and was involved with developing Potomac Village in the early 20th century.

Prepared by: Liz Buxton

Date Prepared: 01/31/2003



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Perry Store

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Edgar Perry House

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Edgar Henry House

18200 River Rd

Potomac Village H-B

Mont. Co.

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Edgar Perry House (10200 River Rd)

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Edgar Perry House (10200 River Rd)

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Looking West



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Edgar Perry House

Potomac Village H.D.

10200 River Rd.

Mont. Co

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MD SHPD

Looking NW

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Edgar Perry House

2. Planning Area/Site Number 29/8

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference  
Map 19  
K-54. Address Falls and River Road  
Potomac, MD

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership private

Public Acquisition \_\_\_\_\_

Status work in progressAccessible yes, restrictedPresent use commerical (bank)Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal \_\_\_\_\_ State x County x Local \_\_\_\_\_

(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )

6. Date 1902

7. Original Owner  
Edgar Perry

8. Apparent Condition

a. goodc. original siteb. altered

9. Description

This two and a half story, three bay by five bay formstone house sits at Potomac Crossroads facing northeast. Built of locally produced formstone, the Perry Residence was built as the home of the proprietor of the Perry Store (opposite). The house has a hipped roof, capped by a cupola, and a large northeast (front) porch. There are cross gables on all four elevations, each has a semi-circular window. There is a one story bay window on the southeast elevation.

10. Significance

At one time the Edgar Perry house was regarded as "one of the best and most substantial in that part of Montgomery County". It stands, in the midst of modern construction in Potomac Village as an elegant reminder of the earlier days. Built by Edgar Perry in 1902, its solid construction reflected Perry's prosperity as a second generation Potomac resident who took over his father's merchandising business at Thomas Perry's death in 1884 and made it prosper. Edgar Perry married Bertha Louise Ball in 1891, and they built and lived for 11 years in a small frame house near the crossroads before building their formstone house on 21 acres at the corner of Great Falls and River Roads. In 1922, they sold their house to Edgar's cousin, Bernard C. Perry. He converted the building into a store, and it has housed commercial enterprises ever since -- recently "Potomac Food Center", then "Happy Pickle" restaurant, and now Maryland National Bank Offices.

11. Date researched and researcher

Mark Walston 7/78

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

12. Compiler

Gail Rothrock 2/79

13. Date Compiled

2/79

14. Designation

Approval \_\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage

1.01 acres

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Edgar Perry House**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **Falls and River Road**

CITY, TOWN **Potomac**

\_\_\_ 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Maryland National Bank**

Telephone #: **983-0038**

STREET & NUMBER **10200 River Road**

CITY, TOWN **Potomac**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
**Maryland 20854**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Montgomery County Courthouse**

Liber #: **4758**

Folio #: **186**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN **Rockville**

STATE

**Maryland**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE **MNCPPC Historic Sites Atlas**

DATE **1976**

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS **Park Historian's Office**

CITY, TOWN **Rockville**

STATE  
**Maryland 20855**

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, three bay by five bay formstone house sits at the intersection of River Road and Falls Road facing northeast. Built on poured concrete foundations, the formstone used on this house was hand formed on location and has recently been painted a putty color. The northeast (front) porch has a half-hipped roof covered by raised seam metal. Four formstone posts support the porch columns. The porch is enclosed by a railing with jigsawed palings. The northeast (front) door is wooden paneled and has two small glass panels near the top. The door is flanked by three-light sidelights. On the southwest elevation there is a gabled hood supported by turned posts used as angle braces. The southwest door is wooden paneled and has three-light sidelights. Along the southeast elevation a wall encloses a poured concrete stairway leading to a glass and wooden paneled cellar door.

There are one over one double hung windows arranged singly and in pairs throughout the house. Some windows are flanked by brown paneled shutters. Flanking the northeast (front) door are double four light windows with lower wooden panels. Although these have no hardware it appears they are doors now being used as windows. There is a one story square bay window on the southeast elevation. The windows in this bay have been lengthened and two vertical fixed lights have been installed.

The hipped roof, covered by pressed metal, has cross gables on all four elevations. A semi-circular window is set into each cross gable. In addition, each cross gable has a decorative open jigsawed wooden screen. A cupola sits at the peak of the hip roof. It has louvered ventilation openings, and a hipped roof with decorative ironwork.

On the southwest elevation there is a one story frame addition built on concrete foundations. Novelty siding has been painted putty color. It has a half-hipped roof which is covered by raised seam metal. There is a second, one and a half story frame addition, concrete foundations on the southwest elevation. This has putty colored novelty siding and a shed roof with pressed metal covering. This addition has a hipped dormer with a semi-circular multi-paned window.

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# 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"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Edgar Perry House, situated on the southwestern corner of the intersection of Falls and River Road, is one of only two "old crossroads" buildings that have survived the construction of modern shopping centers in the small yet affluent village of Potomac. While not entirely unaffected by the upheaval of the surrounding commuter society, the Perry House does remain, with a distressingly small number of buildings, as a reminder of the earlier days of the Potomac area.

Edgar Reed Perry was born near Potomac on May 3, 1871, to Thomas and Marian Perry. His father was a partner of Winfield Offutt in a mercantile operation located on the northeast corner of Falls and River Road. The town was then known as Offutt's Crossroads. In the late 1870's, the two dissolved their partnership, and Thomas Perry established his own store in a small frame building across Falls road from Offutt's Store. Around the year 1880, Thomas Perry built a large brick store on the northwest corner of the crossroads (still standing today directly across River Road from the subject building).

Thomas Perry died on November 8, 1884. After his death the business was operated by his widow and 14 year old son, Edgar. The life of a storekeeper seemed to suit Edgar Perry, for he continued running the commercial enterprise into his adult life, and after the death of his mother, in 1908.

Edgar Perry married Bertha Louise Ball, of Tioga County, Pennsylvania, on April 27, 1891. Five months later, on September 15, 1891, Perry bought from Phillip Stone a one acre lot, situated on the southern side of River Road and a few hundred feet northwest from its intersection with Falls Road. (1) Shortly thereafter (and prior to 1894) a small frame house was erected by Perry on the lot, and soon occupied by himself and his wife. (The building was torn down in 1978, to accommodate the erection of an office building).

The general merchandise operation apparently flourished under Edgar Perry's control. Consequently, he decided to construct for himself and his family a house more reflective of his prosperity. On October 12, 1900, Edgar purchased from Kate Stone, widow of Phillip Stone, 21 acres of land, "...which was in the occupancy of the said Phillip Stone at the time of his

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Attachment Sheet A

death, and which lies in the southwest fork or angle of the River and Great Falls Road at the village of Potomac." [2] The dwelling house which stood on the corner, the house Phillip Stone owned, was moved up River Road to clear the lot for the building of Perry's new home. After these preliminaries, work on the house proper was begun. It is reported that a Mr. Small and his son Leonard did the cement work upon the structure, hauling the sand from Watts Branch, near Glen Mill, to the site by means of a horse-drawn wagon. Each cement block was individually screened and formed by hand, and when a sufficient number had been completed, the blocks would be laid up in place. Because of the use of this slow and painstaking method, the building took about a year to complete. [3] The finished building is believed to have been standing by the end of the year 1902. A journalist, viewing the house in 1919, noted that Edgar Perry's home was "...one of the best and most substantial in that part of Montgomery County." [4]

On April 19, 1922, Edgar Perry and his wife Bertha sold the house and 8 1/2 acres to Edgar's cousin, Bernard C. Perry, [5] Soon after the date of conveyance, Bernard C. Perry converted the dwelling into a store, and the building has housed commercial enterprises ever since. The store was continued by Samuel Hunter, who purchased the building and approximately 1 acre from Bernard Perry in 1937, and by Hunter's son, Howard W. Hunter. In more recent times, under the ownership of Arthur McDermott, the building was rented out to Homer Welch for his "Potomac Food Center", and was then later converted into a restaurant known as the "Happy Pickle". Currently, the Perry house is in the midst of another conversion process, being adapted for use as a regional office of the Maryland National Bank. [6]

NOTES

1. Deed JA 29/317, Montgomery County Land Records
2. Deed TD 16/47, Montgomery County Land Records
3. Ann Harris, The Potomac Adventure (Potomac, Md., 1976) p. 66  
History of Potomac (Potomac, Md., 1970)
4. "The Rambler Writes of Church in Potomac", Sunday Star, February 9, 1919
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    4758/186-McDermott to River Falls Ltd, Partnership, Feb. 20, 1976

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Harris, Ann. The Potomac Adventure(Potomac,Md. BAIIPP, 1976)  
Perry, G., The Descendants of Erasmus Perry (the author, 1970)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.01 acres

**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 Mark Walston Candy Reed - Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails DATE 7/78

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CITY OR TOWN Dickerson STATE Maryland

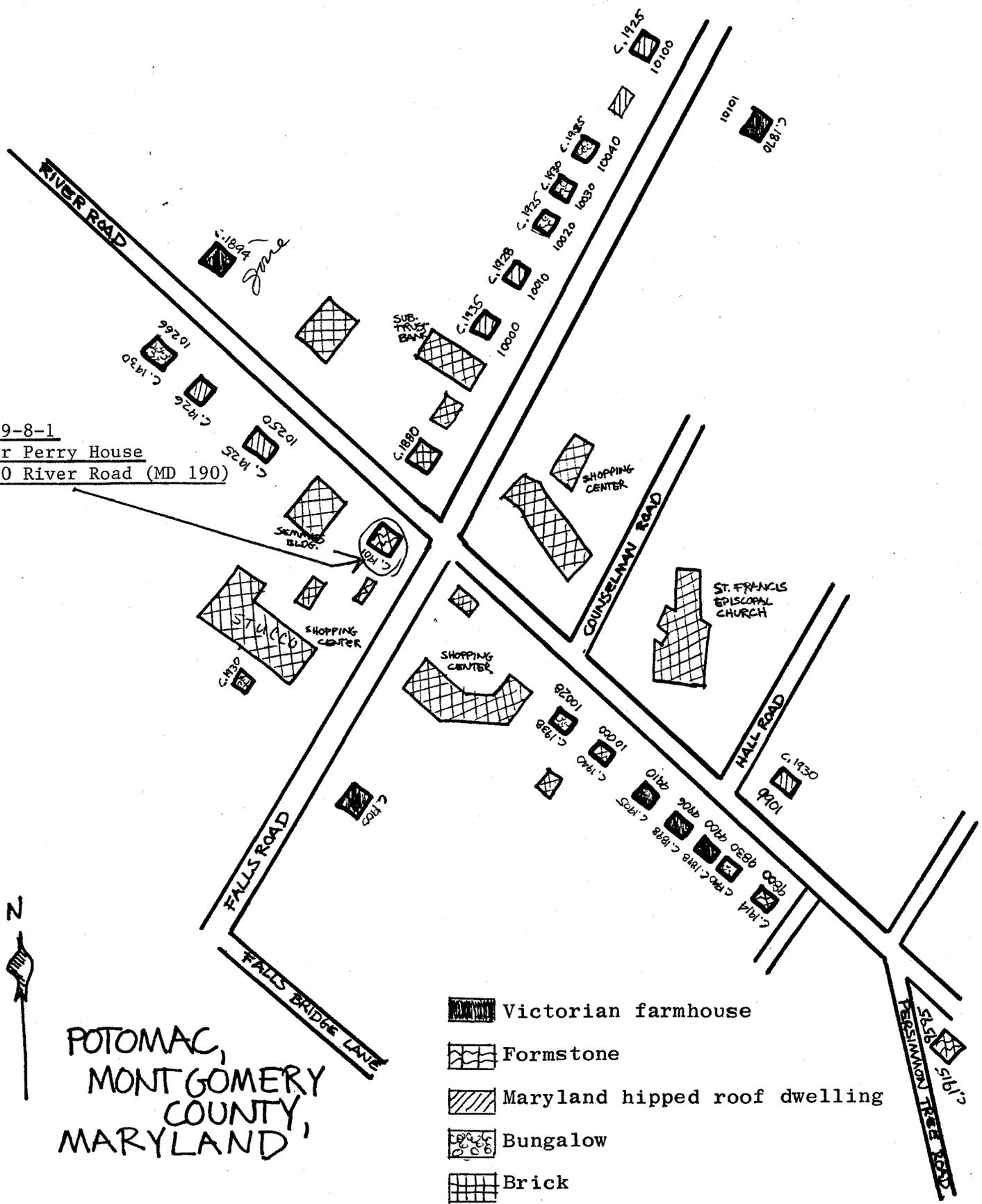
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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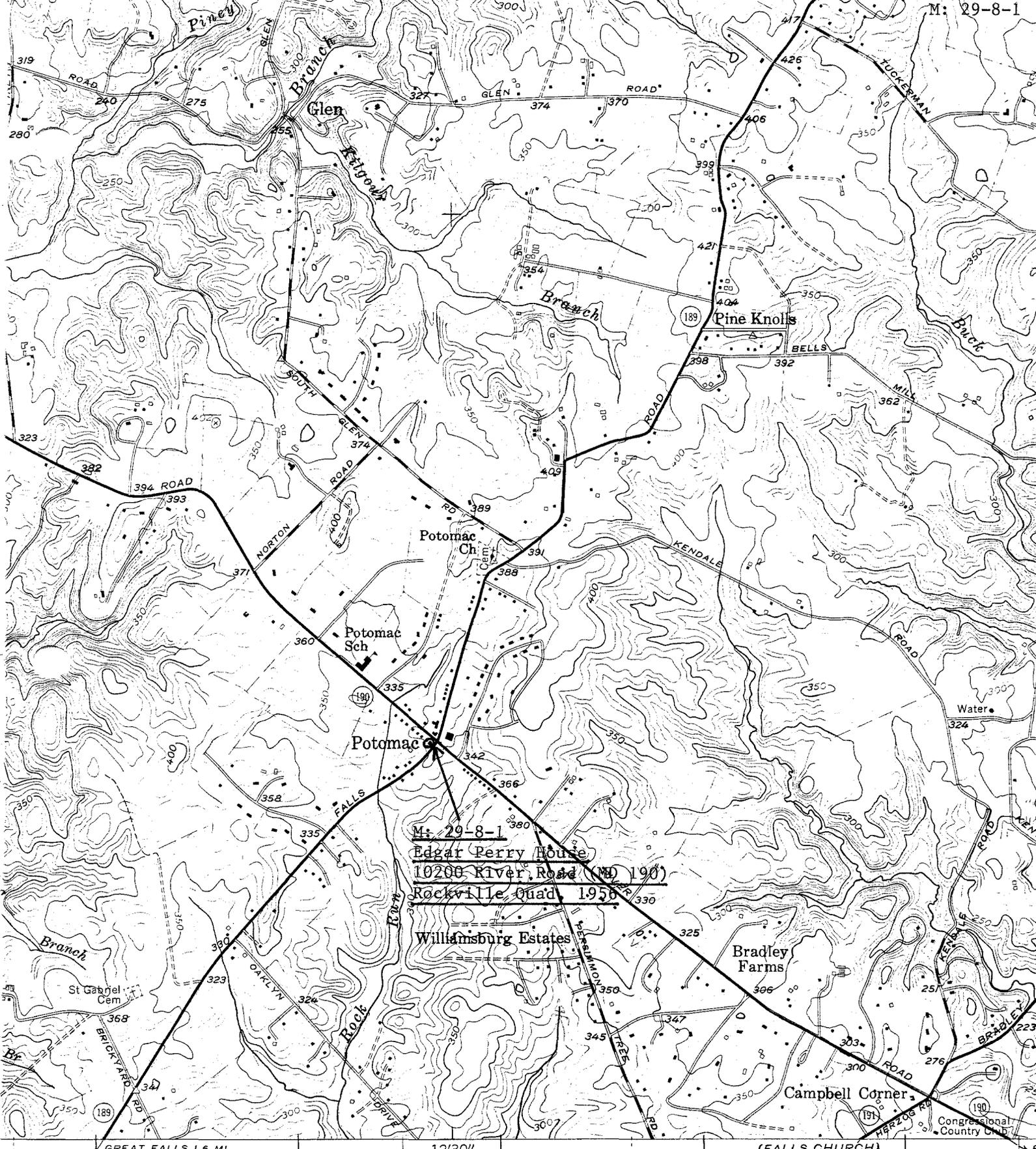
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Edgar Perry House  
10200 River Road (MD 190)



POTOMAC,  
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-  Victorian farmhouse
-  Formstone
-  Maryland hipped roof dwelling
-  Bungalow
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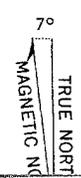
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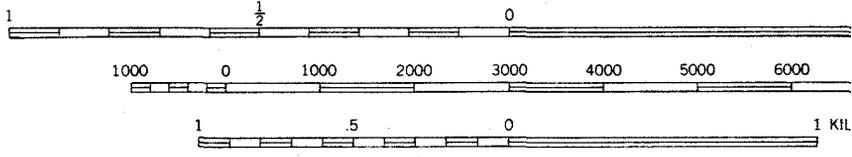
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Potomac Village

The Edgar Perry House Built 1902

10200 River Road

North (Front) and west elevations.

Judy Christensen

Feb. 1989



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NAME Potomac, Md. X-Rds.  
LOCATION NW CORNER OF RIVER RD  
FACADE NBN  
PHOTO TAKEN 3/5/75 MDWYER