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2774 St. John's Lane Private

Description:

This is a one-story, four-bay by three-bay rectangular frame structure with random ashlar veneer brought to course on the northeast elevation and aluminum siding on the other elevations. It has a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge on the northwest bays and a northwest-southeast ridge on the southeast bay. On the northeast elevation the stone on the east bay is different from the other stone and appears to be added. This bay has a tripartite window with a large single light flanked by a six-over-one sash on each side. The north-center bay has a segmentally-arched doorway, and the two bays flanking the door each have a segmentally-arched six-over-one sash.

Significance:

The house at 2774 St. John's Lane seems to have been built in two stages, with the three northwestern bays constructed first as a rectangular dwelling with a hip roof with the ridge running back, from northeast to southwest. It was given some pretension by using a stone veneer, which is rather unusual. The stone may be a local brown sandstone. According to the tax assessments, the house was built in 1945, and this is a reasonable estimate for the small cottage. A similar-sized addition was put on the southeast, with stone veneer on the front that is lighter and probably not a local stone. It, too, was given a hip roof, but with the ridge running northwest-southeast. The tripartite picture window was popular in the 1950s and '60s, and probably helps to date the addition to that period. Except for the stone veneer, the house has little architectural merit. It is scheduled to be demolished for the creation of three building lots.

Maryland Historical Trust Inventory No. HO-1005 Maryland Inventory of **Historic Properties Form** 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name) historic other 2. Location street and number 2774 St. John's Lane not for publication Ellicott City city, town X vicinity county Howard 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners) Gary Randall Robbins name street and number 2774 St. John's Lane telephone 21042 Ellicott City MD city, town state zip code 4. Location of Legal Description courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 1296 folio 294 71 city, town Ellicott City tax map 17 tax parcel tax ID number 5. Primary Location of Additional Data Contributing Resource in National Register District Contributing Resource in Local Historic District Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register Recorded by HABS/HAER Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT Other:

6. Classification

Category Ownership **Current Function Resource Count** district public agriculture landscape Contributing Noncontributing building(s) private commerce/trade recreation/culture buildings structure both defense 0 religion 0 sites site X domestic social 0 0 structures object education transportation 0 objects 0 funerary work in progress 1 Total government unknown Number of Contributing Resources health care vacant/not in use industry other: previously listed in the Inventory 0

7. Description

Condition

excellent	deteriorated
X good	ruins
fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The house at 2774 St. John's Lane is located about 3 miles northwest of Ellicott City, on the southwest side of the road, and faces northeast toward the road. It is a one-story, four-bay by three-bay rectangular frame structure with random ashlar veneer brought to course on the northeast elevation and aluminum siding on the other elevations. It has a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge on the northwest bays and a northwest-southeast ridge on the southeast bay. On the northeast elevation the stone on the east bay is different from the other stone and appears to be added. This bay has a tripartite window with a large single light flanked by a six-over-one sash on each side. The north-center bay has a segmentally-arched doorway with stone voussoirs and a hollow-core door with three lights at the top. The two bays flanking the door each have a segmentally-arched six-over-one sash with stone voussoirs.

The southeast elevation has two six-over-six sash. The southwest elevation has a six-over-six sash centered in the northwest section of the house, with a door set just to the south of it that has six lights over two lying panels. There is a new deck set in front of it. There is an identical door in the south-center bay that is set at grade. The south bay has a six-over-six sash. The northwest elevation has three six-over-one sash.

There is a modern freestanding garage to the west that is not historic.

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 1800-1899 <u>X</u> 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	 health/medicine industry invention landscape architecture law literature maritime history military 	 performing arts philosophy politics/government religion science social history transportation other:
Specific dates	N/A		Architect/Builder N/A	
Construction da	ates c. 1945			
Evaluation for:				
	National Register	N	laryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

N/A

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	1.73 A	
Acreage of historical setting	1.73 A	
Quadrangle name	Ellicott City	Quadra

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 17, parcel 71, which encompasses all of the historic structures on the property.

11. Form Prepared by

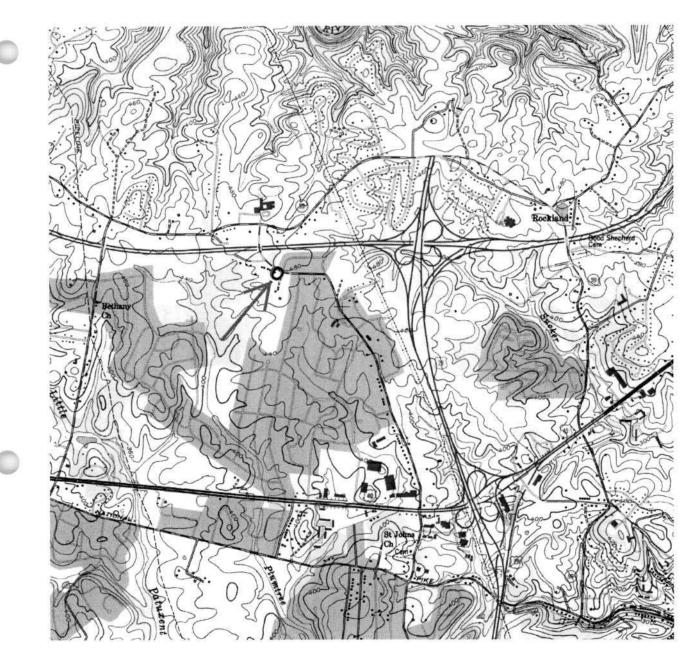
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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2774 St. John's Lane Howard County, Maryland Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera HP Premium Plus paper HP Gray Photo print cartridge

HO-1005_2009-12-03_01 Northeast elevation

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