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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

Region: Piedmont  
Period: Agriculture, Industrial Transition  
Theme: Agriculture  
Resource Type: Small Family Farmstead, Rural vernacular residence  
Site Types: Standing structures

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
 HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-615

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name) Rogers House

historic

and/or common Rogers House

**2. Location**

street & number 2874 Rogers Avenue (MD 99)  not for publication

city, town Ellicott City  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Howard

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward and Ann Rogers

street & number 2874 Rogers Avenue telephone no.: (410) 461-5314

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 1353

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 169

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

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The two-story eaves-front main block is three bays long and one bay deep, consisting of a one-story log section and a second-story addition. Adjoining the east side of the house is a two-bay by one-bay board and batten-sided wing and extending south from the wing is a recent three bay by two bay frame ell.

The original log house, probably built about 1840, is a single pen, reflecting the Maryland midland type of log construction. The openings and chimney placement have changed over time. Currently there are two central doors facing each other on the north and south sides. Two windows flank the southern door and there is a single window on the west side of the north door. On the north side the logs are exposed and reveal square-hewn logs chinked with mortar. A narrow corbelled brick chimney with a rounded cap sits on the ridge of the gable end, and there is a new exterior corbelled brick chimney on the west side and a large central brick chimney in the ell. The second story and 1 1/2-story wing were probably added in the mid-to-late 19th century. The second story has two symmetrically placed windows on both the north and south sides. A 1 1/2 story ell was added in 1987 replacing a one-story kitchen ell. The saltbox type addition complements the existing house. It is clapboard three bays long and four bays wide with gable-roofed dormers, two on the west side and one in the center of the east side. The windows are all double-hung 6/6 sash.

A full-width porch runs the length of the north side supported by six slender chamfered posts. An L-shaped porch was built in the late 1980s to replace an existing porch that wrapped around the south and west sides of the house. The three sections of the house have standing seam metal roofs. There is a contributing gable roof stone spring house immediately south of the ell and two noncontributing gabled wood frame sheds on the property.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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

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.

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The original single pen log house dates to 1840 when Joseph Speed was granted the property by indenture. In 1850 Gaither Davis bought the property from Thomas Davis. Davis who owned the house until 1878 is listed in the 1905 Ellicott City directory as a laborer. Thomas and Edward Davis had houses nearby as noted on the 1860 Martinet Map. Gaither Davis remain there for 28 years and probably oversaw the building's major changes including the board and batten wing and kitchen ell.

The log house which still exists below a second floor addition is one of at least four log houses that still stand along Rogers Avenue in the 19th century community of Jonestown. It stands apart from the other log houses because the log section is still distinct whereas the other log houses are either only partially visible or completely obscured by later additions.

The few dozen extant log houses in Howard County area comprises a scattered and many have been moved from original sites. This unique concentration of log houses along Rogers Avenue. Although most of the other log houses have been dramatically altered and at this time are not eligible for inclusion in the county survey, but important nonetheless in illustrating the development of a mid 19th century farming community and the custom of enlarging one's existing house, even a log house rather than demolish and start anew.

Statement continued. See attached.



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Significance Statement Continued

There were a number of interior modifications such as changes in openings, chimneys and stairways during the next 100 years. The major 20th century addition was built in the 1980s when current owners Ned and Anne Rogers added a gabled ell to accommodate their growing family. The stone pumphouse probably dates to the time when the house was built. Two other outbuildings were constructed of recycled historic lumber during the 1980s.

The setting is remarkably intact with mature trees, pastures and a winding unpaved road giving a sense of its 19th character. Set back from Rogers Avenue a few hundred yards on a 12 acre tract, this house has not been impacted by road realignments and development, which have effected other historic properties.

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