



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

HO-622

mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century door with three diagonally placed lights, and covered with a storm door. The 1/1 windows<sup>2</sup> are covered with storm windows, and if the exterior ever had any Colonial Revival detailing, it has been removed, leaving a very plain appearance. At the rear, a large green, plastic corrugated roof, attached to the house, covers a patio area. The lot and house appear to be in need of maintenance, although the overall building form remains intact. A recent frame garage occupies the southern corner of the lot. It does not maintain sufficient distinctive characteristics to represent a good example of the American Four Square house form, in order to meet Criterion C of NR evaluation.

Although the MIHP Form HO-622 refers to five American Four Square structures along Old Columbia Pike and 20 Colonial Revival structures, they do not seem to have been a cohesive development, merely representing popular architectural styles at a time of real estate growth along the corridor. Scattered among these early 20<sup>th</sup> Century houses are the full-range of 19<sup>th</sup> Century farmhouses, post WWII starter homes and recent developers' "specials," precluding thematic NR nomination for this collection of 20<sup>th</sup> Century dwellings.

The Massey House is currently owned by Patricia Kerbe Massey, surviving tenant. Her husband Charles Albert Massey, Jr. was a Howard County policeman who died in 1982 of cardiovascular disease at the age of 47. The Masseys had purchased the house from Irvin S. Gaither and his wife R. Ann Gaither.<sup>3</sup>

Irvin Jr. was the only child and heir-at-law to Irvin S. Gaither, Sr. who died intestate in 1966. His wife Rose M. Gaither had predeceased him. They had purchased the small parcel in 1921 (See DOE Form on Brian House, HO-559) from Mary J. Brian, carved out of the Elizabeth Benoy acre. As outlined in the deed, this property shared both a well and a septic system with the stone/frame house to the northeast, the parcel from which this lot was carved, until the Masseys hooked up to the public sewer system. Apparently family members lived on both lots (Brians and Gaithers). This parcel had also been part of "Pleasant Fields" and that deed refers to Elizabeth Benoy's gift of the house and land (now Massey House) to her daughter, Mary Brian, in 1871. This tie could bring this lot into a thematic nomination for the "Pleasant Fields" property IF the connection between Elizabeth Benoy and Talbot or Hayden can be established through wills, personal papers or other documents. Short of that connection, this property does not warrant NR listing based on its historical associations under Criterion B.

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Date Prepared: 7/9/2003

<sup>2</sup> From the street, one cannot tell whether the windows are original or have been replaced.

<sup>3</sup> The Gaither name is connected to the Farner/Brian/Benoy house next door, as Mary R. Gaither was the unmarried niece of Nancy L. Brian, daughter of Mary J. Brian. The 1920 census lists Mary J. Brian, 82, as head of household and owning the frame and stone house. In 1921 (Liber 112, Folio 342), Mary J. Brian sold land to Irvin Gaither, assumedly for the construction of his American Four Square house just to the south.

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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 228238

**Owner Information**

**Owner Name:** MASSEY CHARLES A SR & WF **Use:** RESIDENTIAL  
**Mailing Address:** PO BOX 1328 **Principal Residence:** YES  
 ELLICOTT CITY MD 21041-1328 **Deed Reference:** 1) / 465/ 19  
 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** 4001 OLD COLUMBIA PIKE **Zoning** RED **Legal Description** 1 LOT  
 ELLICOTT CITY 21043 4001 OLD COLUMBIA PIKE  
 ELLICOTT CITY

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
24	18	287						82	Plat Ref:

**Special Tax Areas** **Town Ad Valorem Tax Class** A/V, METRO FIRE TAX

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1910	1,648 SF	7,980.00 SF	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of 01/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	67,980	112,980		
Improvements:	73,180	79,800		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>141,160</b>	<b>192,780</b>	<b>158,366</b>	<b>175,572</b>
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
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**Exemption Information**

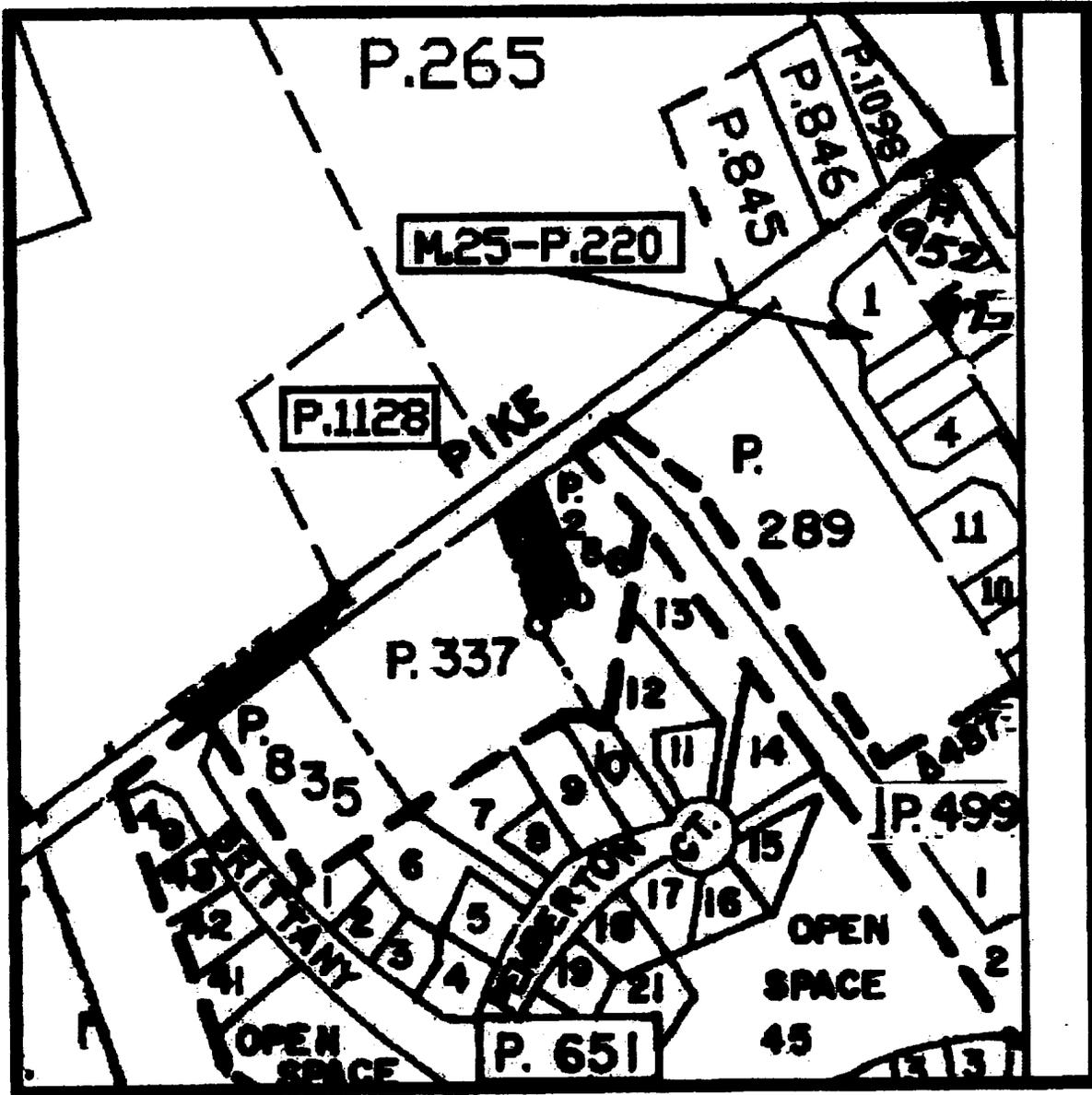
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County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**  
 HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT

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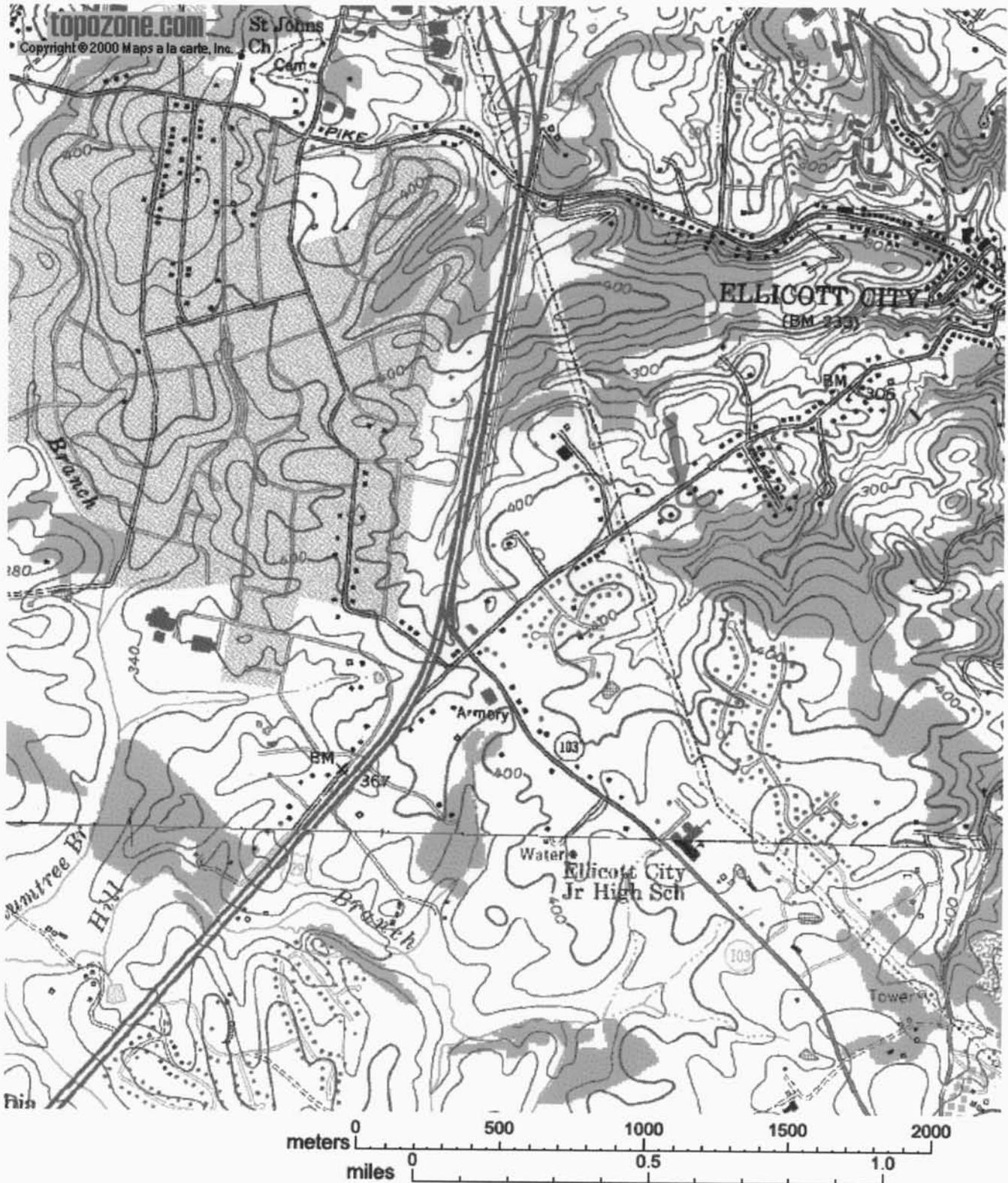


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Map center is UTM 18 343732E 4347154N - ELLICOTT CITY quad [Quad Info]





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Massey House  
Old Columbia Pike  
Elliott City Howard Co MD  
L Jensen Wingate  
6103  
MD SHPO

North corner

House covered in aluminum siding. Replacement porch on front and at rear, enclosure of porch for extension to kitchen

Massey House  
4001 Old Columbia Pike  
HO-622

Located on the south side of Old Columbia Pike about 50 feet from the right-of-way, this two-story American Four Square house was built in 1920. The house displays characteristics typical of the Four Square design with its high hipped roof, full width front porch and central gable dormer.

An excellent example of the Prairie-style Four Square construction, this house typifies the suburbanization of a major transportation corridor outside of Ellicott City in the early 20th century.

It is one of the five Prairie-style Four Square houses that line Old Columbia Pike between Frederick and Montgomery Roads. Like others built after 1900, these houses are generally built close to the road on relatively small lots (one to 10 acres) when compared to the earlier estates. Until 1900 only five farms bordered Old Columbia Pike and the houses were set far back from the road on large lots.

Massey House  
4001 Old Columbia Pike  
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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

Region: Piedmont

Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type: Residential/rural vernacular

Site Types: Standing structures

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-622

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

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

historic

and/or common Massey House

**2. Location**

street & number 4001 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)  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 Charles Massey

street & number 4001 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.: (410) 465-0486

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 465

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 19

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. HO-622

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Located on the south side of Old Columbia Pike about fifty feet from the right-of-way, this 2-story American Four Square house was built in 1920. The house displays characteristics typical of the Four Square design with its high hipped roof, full width front porch and central gable dormer.

The house is two bays long and two bays wide and is covered with wood shingles. Windows are arranged symmetrically on each side with the front facade windows grouped in pairs, including the windows in the hipped roof dormer. The windows are double hung 1/1 sash. A flush door glazed with three fixed panes of glass and is surrounded by single-pane transom and sidelights.

A series of four concrete steps lead to a raised porch with an apron and a hipped roof which is supported by three rounded columns projecting from a low shingled wall. The floor is tongue and groove boards.

The house has an asphalt roof and a slightly raised concrete foundation which exposes two small sliding windows on the west and east sides. A brick chimney protrudes from the roof slope on the southeast corner of the house.

The property is bounded on the west by a decorative fence made of seven concrete posts joined by iron rails.

The house is in good condition and retains its architectural integrity as a significant example of early 20th century American Four Square design in Howard County.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HO-622

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"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house is significant as an excellent example of the Prairie-style Four Square construction and represents the suburbanization of the major transportation corridor outside of Ellicott City in the early 20th century. It is one of five Prairie Four Square houses that line Old Columbia Pike between Frederick Road and Montgomery Road. The house was built as part of the changing patterns of land use outside Ellicott City.

Until 1900 only about five farms bordered Old Columbia Pike. Houses set back far from the road on large lots (some more than 75 acres). With the arrival of trolley service in 1898, land outside Ellicott City began to be subdivided for commuter residences. Once dominated by large farms, this area became a commuter suburb with lots ranging between one and ten acres. Houses built during this period were oriented toward the street, and situated only a few dozen yards from the right-of-way.

Old Columbia Pike also was an attractive settlement area for successful Ellicott City merchants who had once lived above their stores downtown. With its proximity to the railroad, Old Columbia Pike was an attractive site for the new catalogue style houses that were shipped by train. Such houses began spreading west toward Montgomery Road. While its origin has not been confirmed, this house resembles those found in catalogues of the period.

This Four Square house is flanked by two mid 19th century houses: a stone vernacular on the east and Pleasant Fields, a stone Italianate house on the west. Originally part of the Pleasant Fields estate, the house was probably built in 1920 when Mary Brian, who owned the stone house next door, subdivided her lot. She sold the property to Irvin Gaither, a successful plumber. According to his descendants, Gaither built the house himself.

The house is in excellent condition and retains its historic integrity having had virtually no exterior alterations.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HO-622

Howard County Land Records  
Interview with Lynn Miller, Irvin Gaither's granddaughter

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .18

Quadrangle name Ellicott City, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 24  
Block 18  
Parcel 287

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Amy Worden, Historic Sites Surveyor	
	Howard County	
organization	Department of Planning & Zoning	date November 1991
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone (410) 313-2037
city or town	Ellicott City	state Maryland

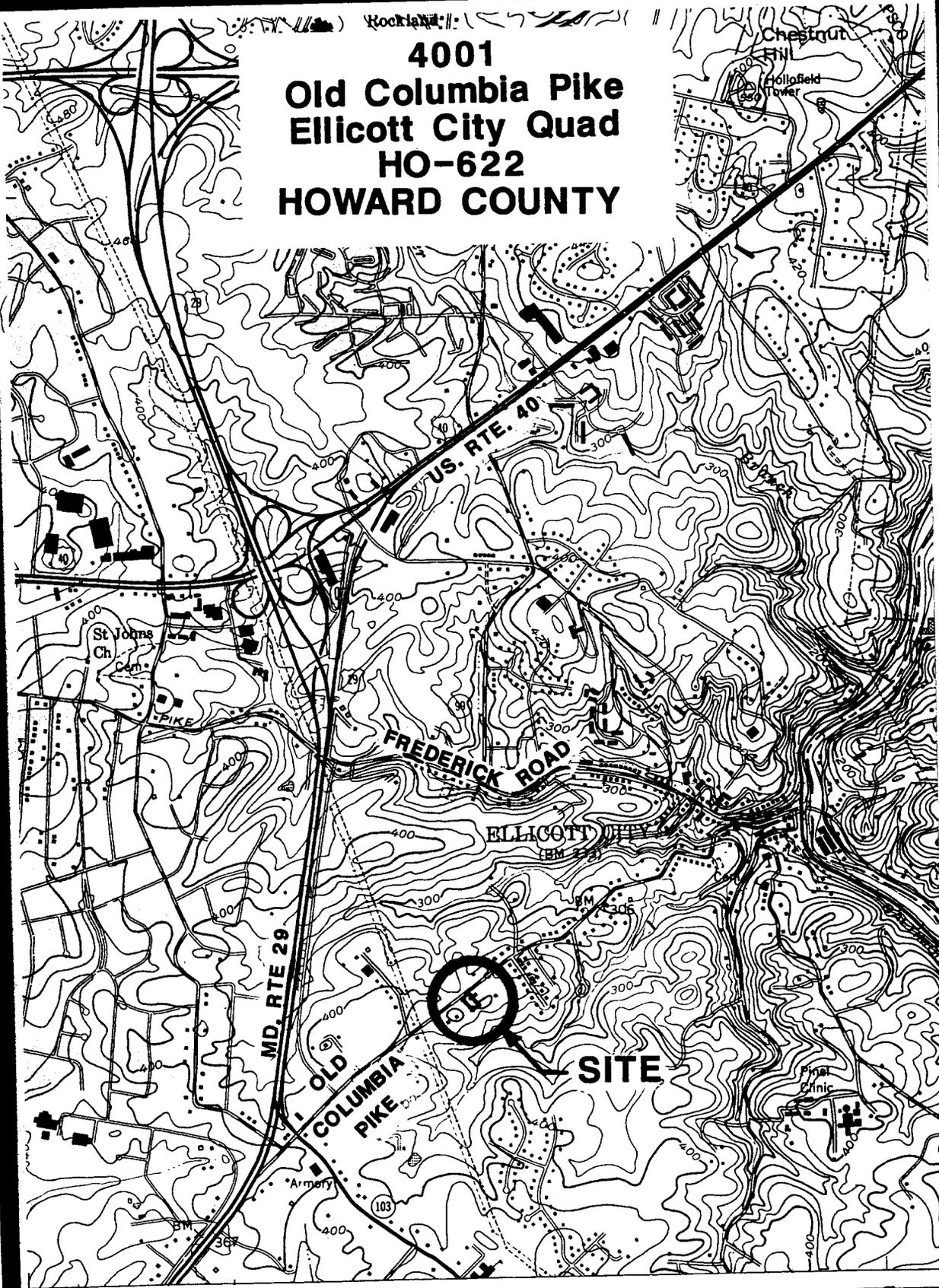
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