

Reed House
3873 Old Columbia Pike
HO-633

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HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:

Region: Piedmont

Period: Modern Period

Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular

Site Types: Standing structures

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-633

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name) Reed House

historic

and/or common Reed House

2. Location

street & number 3873 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987) not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity of _____ congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Howard

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input checked="" 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 Robert Reed

street & number 3873 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.:

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 1852

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 155

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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| Condition | | Check one | Check one |
| <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 |
| <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.

Located on .183 acres the south side of Old Columbia Pike, east of Hunter Street, this 1 1/2 story Tudor style house dates from the mid 1930s and closely resembles the house at 3916 Old Columbia Pike. A gable-roofed stone house, it is rectangular in form, three bays long by two bays wide with an attached single bay garage on the east side. It is built on a ridge that drops off sharply beyond the first bay of the house, creating a basement level on the south side.

The facade of the side-gabled house is dominated by a gabled stone portico which projects from the center of the steeply pitched gable roof. The portico gable is also steeply pitched and is supported by large square stone columns with a lintel and keystone above the opening. Two gabled dormers flank the gable of the portico. The eave of the broad roof extends to the lintels of two pairs of windows on either side of the portico.

The house is constructed of irregularly coursed cut stone on the facade and sides and uncoursed stone on rear, or south side. The recessed openings give depth to the wall surfaces.

West side has a single window and door with stone steps surmounted by a paired window and a narrow rectangular ventilator in the gable.

The east side has a paired window in the center of the wall, a louvered ventilator in the gable and two six light fixed pane windows on the basement level. Windows are arranged asymmetrically on the south side which, because it is banked in the hillside, exposes the basement level. Two pairs of windows flanking a center window on the first level and a single double hung window and door flank a fixed pane window on the basement level. All other windows are double hung 6/6 sash with stone sill and lintels with small keystones. A small stone central chimney protrudes from the slate roof.

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 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 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.

The house is in excellent condition and retains its integrity as a fine example of stone construction and Tudor Revival architecture in Howard County.

Statement continued. See attached sheet.

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Significance Statement Continued

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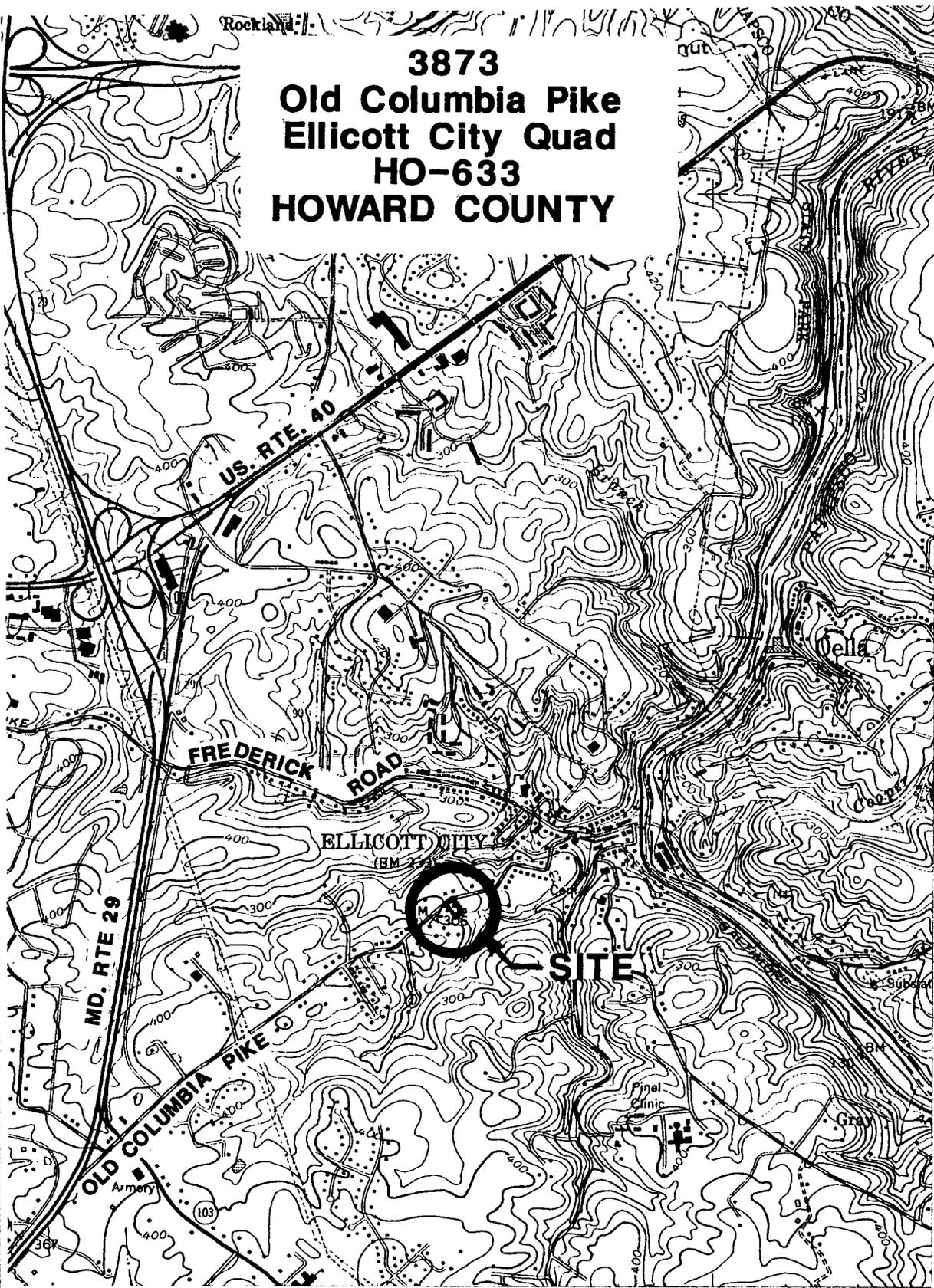
Patapsco View subdivision was an urban style development designed as a dense compact neighborhood served by three new streets with an alley running between rows of houses. Although it was touted as an "elite residence section with restrictions to that end," Patapsco View more closely resembled mill town housing of the 19th century. Given the size of the lots, Patapsco View was probably envisioned for working class families who would commute by foot to the Ellicott City mills.

But the development never materialized in the grand fashion proposed. Only about 7 houses were built on the property and these were not constructed as a unit, but were built by individuals between 1915 and 1940. Hunter and Woodrow Streets were laid out, but Catalpa Lane that was supposed to run parallel to Old Columbia Pike was never built.

The property is noted on deeds as "Lots 1 and 2" in Patapsco View. Although it was sold to the Thrift Land Company in 1915, stylistically the house appears to have been built later, probably in the 1930s. It is in excellent condition and retains its integrity as a fine example of stone construction and Tudor Revival architecture in Howard County.

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