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HO-635

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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

Region: Piedmont

Period: Industrial/Urban Transition

Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular

Site Types: Standing structures

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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-635

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DOE  yes  no

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

historic

and/or common Harrison House

**2. Location**

street & number 3872 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)  not for publication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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name J. Edward Harrison

street & number 3872 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.: (410) 465-5659

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 524

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 149

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 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 1.3 acres on the north side of Old Columbia Pike 200 feet from the right-of-way, this 2 1/2 story house was built about 1895. Designed in the Queen Anne style, the house is L-shaped with a massed plan, a broad hip-on-gable roof and overhanging eaves. There is a prominent secondary gable on the west side forming the front section of the ell which holds the door. A broad porch wraps around the west and front facade.

The fenestration is asymmetrical with a gable on hip central dormer, a rounded bay window wraps around the southwest corner of the second story and there is another bay window on the southeast corner of the first story. The five panelled door is topped by a narrow transom light. The hipped roof porch is supported by six slender square columns with scrolled brackets.

The hipped gable ell is one bay by one bay on the north or rear of the building but extends for an additional bay along the west wall of the main block and holds the front door. A contemporary sliding glass door opens onto a brick terrace on the north side of the ell.

Windows are double hung 12/1 sash. Windows on the facade and east side have louvered shutters. The roof is sheathed in rolled asphalt and the siding is clapboard, although the owners are currently installing vinyl siding over the clapboards. The cut granite ashlar foundation is laid in regular courses and is unusually formal for this area. Two tall brick chimneys interrupt the roof line. A large rectangular chimney, corbelled at both the midsection and top, is located on the center slope of the ridge on the main block. An unembellished chimney extends from the center of the ridge of the ell.

There are two historic outbuildings on the property, a shed-roofed board and batten chicken house northwest of the house and board and batten garage northeast of the house.

The lot, which drops down to the Cat Rocks Branch stream valley to the west, includes a number of mature trees. Granite gateposts, probably once connected to an iron fence, frame the walkway entrance on Old Columbia Pike.

# 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
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		<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.

This house contributes to the architectural integrity of Old Columbia Pike. It is a simplified example of Queen Anne architecture, which is probably a reflection of the Quaker heritage of Ellicott City.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acree of nominated property 1.3

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 25  
Block 13  
parcel 25

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning date \_\_\_\_\_

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city or town Ellicott City state Maryland

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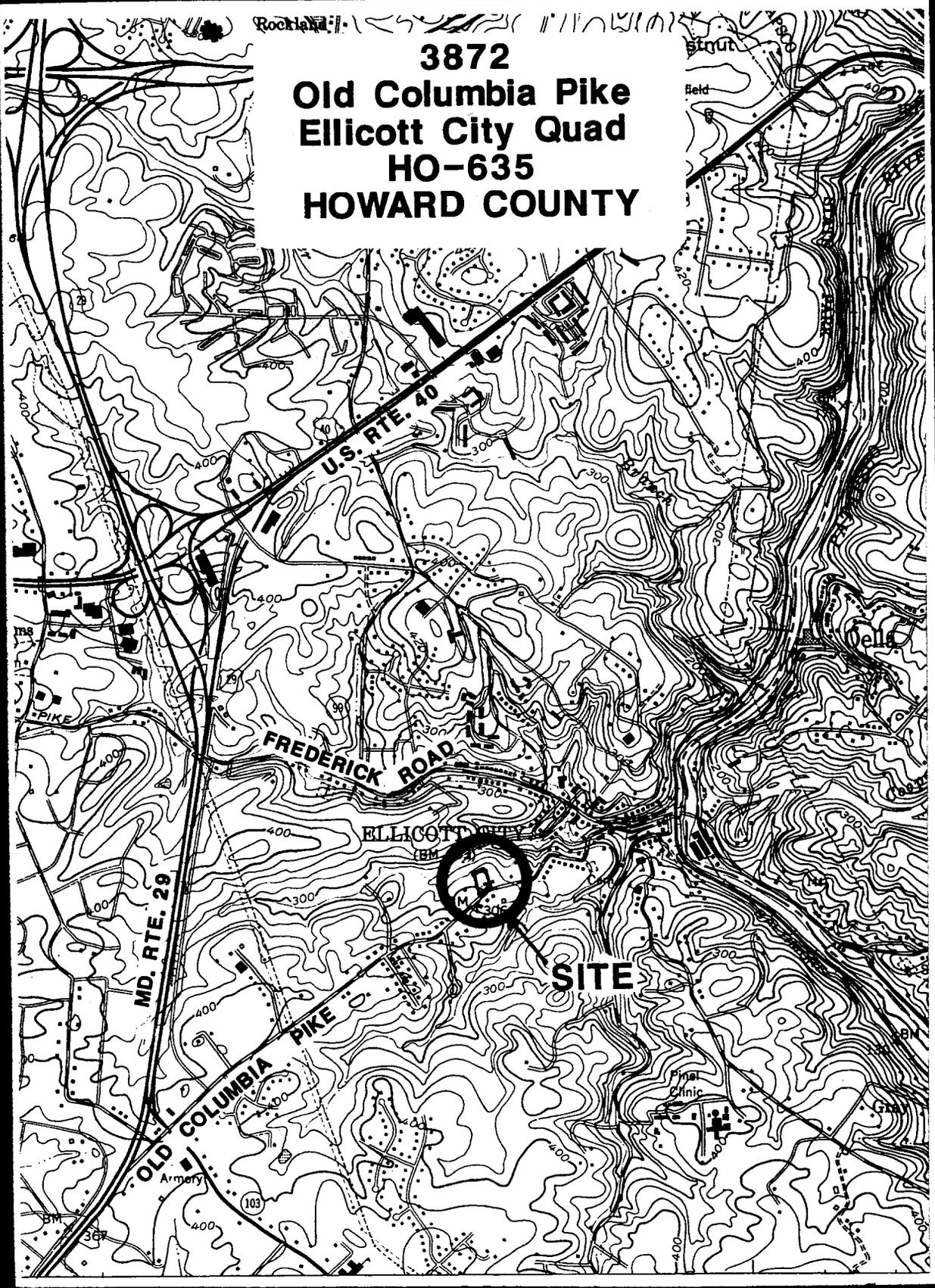
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