

Thompson House
HO-867
5260 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City
Howard County
ca. 1900, ca. 1915
Private

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Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-867

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Thompson House

other N/A

2. Location

street and number 5260 Waterloo Road not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity

county Howard

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

name Michael and Pauline Jacobs

street and number 5160 Waterloo Road telephone n/a

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Record liber 766 folio 423

city, town Columbia tax map 31 tax parcel 417 tax ID number 02-253887

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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
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			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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.

Introduction

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Main house (ca. 1900)

Exterior

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The front facade of the Thompson House faces southeast (south, hereafter, for ease of description) and is aligned with Waterloo Road. The earliest section of the house has a stone foundation and a cross-gable, T-shaped configuration. Most of the original house is concealed by additions: only the south and west elevations of the original house are now visible.

The first story of the south elevation of the main house has two bays. The 2nd story has one bay. A louvered vent is now located in the attic story, front gable window opening.

Because of the T-shaped plan, the main house's, west elevation has two sections, which correspond to the parlor (southern section) and projecting dining room (northern section). The southern (parlor) section of the west elevation has one window opening on the 1st and 2nd stories. The slightly projecting northern (dining room) section of west elevation has one window opening and an added door opening. Parts of an earlier landing remain outside the door opening, which suggest that a stair once accessed this door.

Kitchen addition

The ca. 1915 kitchen addition extends across the north facade of the earlier house. The west elevation of the kitchen addition has a 1st story, small inset porch on the northwest corner and a breezeway with three window openings, which hold one-over-one sash. The 2nd story has one original window opening and one added small window opening.

The gable-end north elevation of the kitchen addition has one small 1st story six-light window (located over the sink in the interior). The 2nd story of the north elevation has one centered window opening. The attic story has one centered window opening (the upper sash has been replaced with a louvered vent). The basement has one window opening, which holds a six-light window.

The 1st story of the east elevation of the kitchen addition has a square, projecting bay with a paired window. The 2nd story has two window openings.

¹ The ca. 1900 date of construction for the original house is derived from deed research. The ca. 1915 date of construction for the additions is an estimate based on architectural features, such as the rusticated CMU foundation, trim, and window sizes and types.

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Living room addition

The ca. 1915 living room addition extends from the west end of the main house. The 1st story of the north elevation of the living room addition has a square projecting bay, which has no openings. One 1st story window opening is located next to the projecting bay. The 2nd story has one window opening. A cellar door is located on the north elevation of the living room addition, which is vertically aligned with the 1st story window opening.

The 1st story east elevation of the living room addition has two paired six-light casement windows that flank the fireplace. The 2nd story elevation has one window opening that is vertically aligned with the southern 1st story window opening. The cellar has two window openings that hold six light sash and are vertically aligned with the 1st story openings.

The 1st story south elevation of the living room addition has one door opening and one window opening. The 2nd story has one window opening.

Hall/Sun porch addition

The ca. 1915 hall/sun porch addition extends from the east elevation of the main house. The 1st story of the south elevation of the hall/sun porch addition has one door opening, which is the primary entry. The 2nd story of the south elevation of the hall/sun porch addition has two window openings, holding one-over-one, in a ribbon window configuration.

The 1st story of the east elevation of the hall/sun porch addition has two window openings that hold paired casement windows. The 2nd story of the south elevation of the hall/sun porch addition has three window openings, holding one-over-one sash, in a ribbon window configuration.

Porch

A 1-story hipped roof wraps the south elevation of the main house and hall/sun porch addition and the east elevation of the hall/sun porch addition.

Interior

While the interior seems to have been greatly altered when the additions were constructed in ca. 1915, the 1st floor interior has been little altered since those changes. The existing 1st floor plan has a circular circulation route that leads off the main hall and around the stair. The front door enters onto a formal hall with a highly decorative stair located in the northeast corner. A wide added opening in the southwest section of the hall leads to parlor. A door in the northwest section of the hall leads to the dining room. A door in the northeast section of the hall leads to the living room addition. Access to the kitchen addition is through the north side of the dining room or the north side of the living room addition. Turn of the 20th century molding with bullseye corner blocks remain in the parlor and dining room. Infilled door openings remain in the dining room and suggest the ca. 1900 connections between the dining room parlor, kitchen, and cellar. Ca. 1915 built-ins remain in the kitchen, living room, and parlor.

Outbuildings

Meat House/Outhouse (ca. 1900)

A wood frame meat house/outhouse is located north of the Thompson House. The building has a rectangular footprint, a gable roof, and is in fair to poor condition due to deferred maintenance. The building's south and west elevations are sheathed in German siding. The south gable is sheathed in wood shingles. The building's north and east elevations are sheathed in recent plywood siding. The roof is sheathed in recent corrugated metal. The wood bead board door to the meat house section is centered in south, gable end. Brick nogging is visible behind the German siding of the south end of the meat house. The wood, 2-panel outhouse door is located at the north end of the west elevation.

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Carriage House (ca. 1915)

A shingled wood frame carriage house is located east of the Thompson House. The carriage house has a rectangular footprint, a gable roof, and is in fair to poor condition due to deferred maintenance. The roof is sheathed in asphalt. The carriage house rests on recent, homemade CMU and brick piers. Its west elevation retains wood bead board double doors with iron strap hinges. The south elevation has two window openings that hold a pair of six-light wood sash.

Site

The house is set on 1.1 acres. Originally, the lot was about 2 acres and the property was subdivided in the mid-20th century for construction of a brick Cape Cod cottage east of the Thompson House that serves as an additional family home. Through the mid-20th century, the area of Howard County surrounding the Thompson House was farmland. Over the course of the last 40 years, roadways and subdivisions have completely surrounded the property and have left the Thompson House with little intact surrounding context.

The Thompson House is set near the road on the western edge of the lot. The lot is landscaped with shrubs and trees near the house and along the road. The rear of the lot is also partially wooded. A drive runs past the east elevation of the house and leads to carriage house and splits and runs along the southern edge of the property to the neighboring Cape Cod. An above-ground pool is now located east of the house in the lawn and a vegetable plot is located east of the pool.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Specific dates	ca. 1901, ca. 1915	Architect/Builder Jacob Kirn, William Thompson (builders)		
Construction dates	ca. 1901, ca. 1915			

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not 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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Owners and occupants

Three families have held long-term ownership of the Thompson House: the Thompsons (1901-1927), the Wheatleys (1935-1944), and the Yates's (1944-present). In 1901, Jacob and Mary Kirn deeded the land to William and Emma Thompson, who were the Kirn's daughter and son-in-law. William and his wife, Emma, built the Thompson House thereafter. Jacob Kirn was a house carpenter, as were most of his sons and sons-in-law. Five Kirn houses were built along Waterloo Road and the area was known as "Kirn's Hill". Three of these houses remain (5260, 5266, and 5270 Waterloo Road). In 1910, William (aged 31) - a house carpenter- and Emma (aged 29) shared the house with their son J. Kirn (aged 4).² The family remained in 1920.³

The Thompsons went bankrupt in 1927 and the house was sold to Dorsey Williams at auction for \$5000.00. Dorsey Williams was a real estate broker and he presumably purchased the property as an investment or as part of a bank deal, since he sold the property to the Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City in 1928.⁴ In 1929, the bank sold the property to George and Mabel Taylor. The Taylors took a \$5500 mortgage on the property. In 1930, George Taylor (aged 35) lived at 5260 Waterloo Road with his wife Mabel Taylor (aged 37), and their daughter Jean Taylor (aged 12). Their home was valued at \$11,000.⁵ In 1933, the Taylors lost the house and it was transferred to Joshua Warfield, Edward Clark, and Benjamin Mellor (Trustees) in satisfaction of the mortgage.

In 1935, Warfield, Clark, and Mellor sold the property to George and Mary Wheatley. In 1930, George Wheatley (aged 65) - a farmer - lived on Old Frederick Road with his wife Mary (aged 52), their sons Charles (aged 27) - a shipping clerk for the Odd Fellows - Arthur (aged 19) - a farm worker - and daughter Dorothy (aged 16).⁶ In 1944, George and Mary Wheatley sold the property to Samuel I. Yates and wife Pauline.

Samuel I. Yates is the grandfather of Pauline Jacobs, who currently owns the house with her husband, Michael. The Yates's are long-time Ellicott City merchants: S. Bladen Yates's store remains on Main Street today. Samuel and Pauline Yates lived in the house from the 1940s until Samuel's death in the 1970s. Samuel and Pauline's son S. Bladen Yates constructed a small Cape Cod for his

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, Thirteenth Census of the United States: 1910 - Population, E.D. 51, Sheet 16A.

³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States: 1920 - Population, E.D. 118, Sheet 2A.

⁴ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930 - Population, E.D. 14-5, Sheet 3A.

⁵ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930 - Population, E.D. 14-5, Sheet 8A.

⁶ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, Fifteenth Census of the United States: 1930 - Population, E.D. 14-4, Sheet 5A.

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family on a parcel next door, which was subdivided from 5260 Waterloo Road's house lot. The current owner, Pauline Jacobs grew up in that Cape Cod and then purchased 5260 Waterloo Road with her husband after the death of her grandfather in the 1970s. Her daughter has recently purchased the Cape Cod cottage, thus maintaining family ownership of the two properties.⁷

⁷ Interview with Pauline Jacobs, January 19, 2005.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**
Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.
Goold, Jennifer. Interview with Pauline Jacobs, January 19, 2005

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.140 acres
Acreage of historical setting approx. 2 acres
Quadrangle name Savage Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Thompson House corresponds to Howard County Map 31, Grid 13, Parcel 417, which is the building's current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	December 17, 2004
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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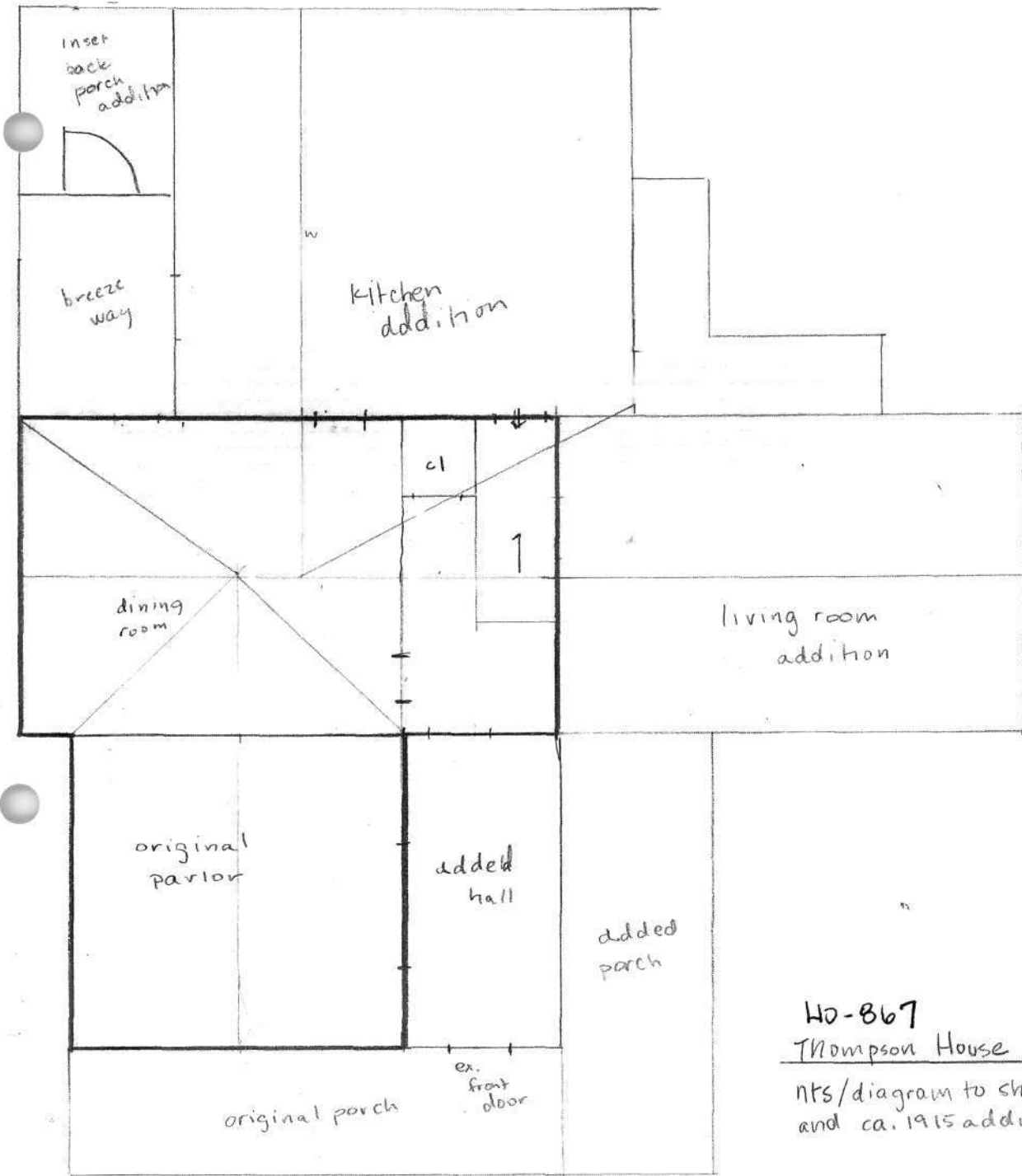
CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS.	PRICE	ACREAGE	COMMENTS
Michael R. Jacobs and Pauline E. Jacobs (Howard County)	S. Bladen Yates	05-13-1976	766	425	Mortgage	15,000	1.41 acres	
S. Bladen Yates	Michael R. Jacobs and Pauline E. Jacobs	05-13-1976	766	423	Deed	5.00	1.41 acres	
Samuel I. Yates	S. Bladen Yates	09-27-1974	698	55	Deed	5.00	1.41 acres	As part of the distribution in the Estate of the said Samuel I. Yates, the said S. Bladen Yates, Personal Representative as aforesaid, granted and conveyed the property to himself.
Rosalie Urspruch (Dade County, Florida)	S. Bladen Yates	09-13-1973	658	114	Deed	5.00	1.41 acres	Granted her interest in the property to her brother.
Samuel I. Yates and Pauline S. Yates	Rosalie Hall	09-28-1948	206	217	Deed	5.00	1.945 acres	
Rosalie Hall	Samuel I. Yates	11-05-1953	250	307	Deed	5.00	1.945 acres	
George E. Wheatley and Mary V. Wheatley, his wife	Samuel I. Yates and Pauline Stull Yates, his wife	08-09-1944	182	333	Deed	5.00		
Joshua N. Warfield, Edward T. Clark, and Benjamin Mellor, Jr, Trustees	George E. Wheatley and Mary V. Wheatley	03-11-1935	151	248	Deed	4000.00	3 parcels	The parties of the first part purchased the property on 10-11-1933 from George. E. Taylor, junior, and Mabel K. Taylor, his wife, for the account of their said trust, and for the protection of certain of the assets thereof.
George E. Taylor, Junior and Mabel K. Taylor	Joshua N. Warfield, Edward T. Clark, and Benjamin Mellor, Junior	10-11-1933	146	314	Deed	0.00	3 parcels	

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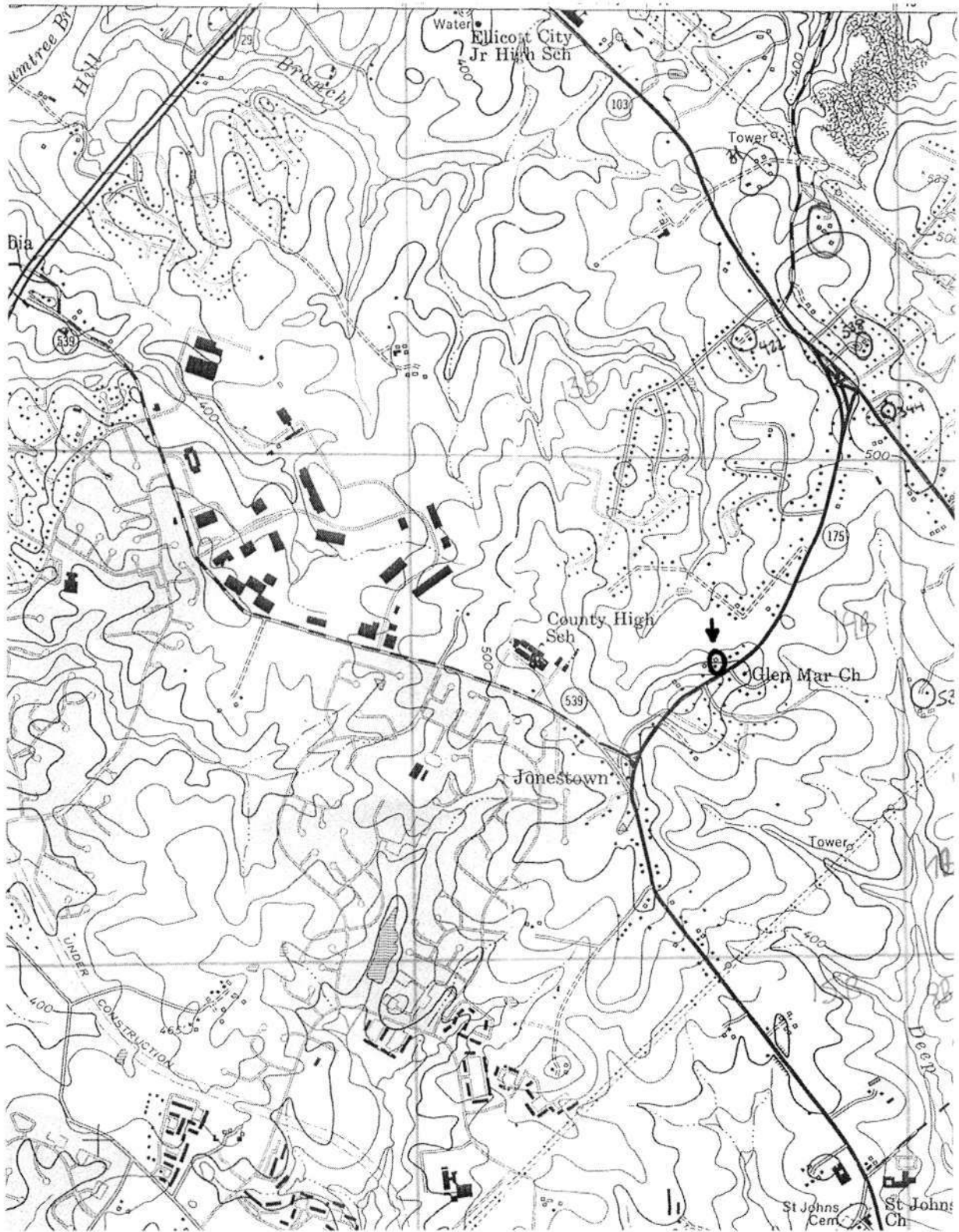
George E. Taylor, Junior, and Mabel K. Taylor, his wife	Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City	01-29- 1929	135	376	Mortgage	\$5500.00		
Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City	George E. Taylor, Junior and Mabel K. Taylor	01-29- 1929	135	375	Deed	5.00		
Dorsey M. Williams	Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City	03-01- 1928	133	301	Deed	5.00		
James Clark, Trustee	Dorsey M. Williams	04-09- 1927	130	476	Deed	5000.00		William and Emma Thompson were adjudicated bankrupts on the 15th of January, 1927. The house was sold at public auction.
Jacob Kirn and Mary E. Kirn (Howard County)	William F. Thompson and Emma C. Thompson	1-31- 1903	76	425	Deed	1.00 and a lot of ground		
Jacob Kirn and Mary E. Kirn (Howard County) and Mrs. D. Kraft	William F. Thompson and Emma C. Thompson	06-01- 1901	73	632	Deed	87.00		



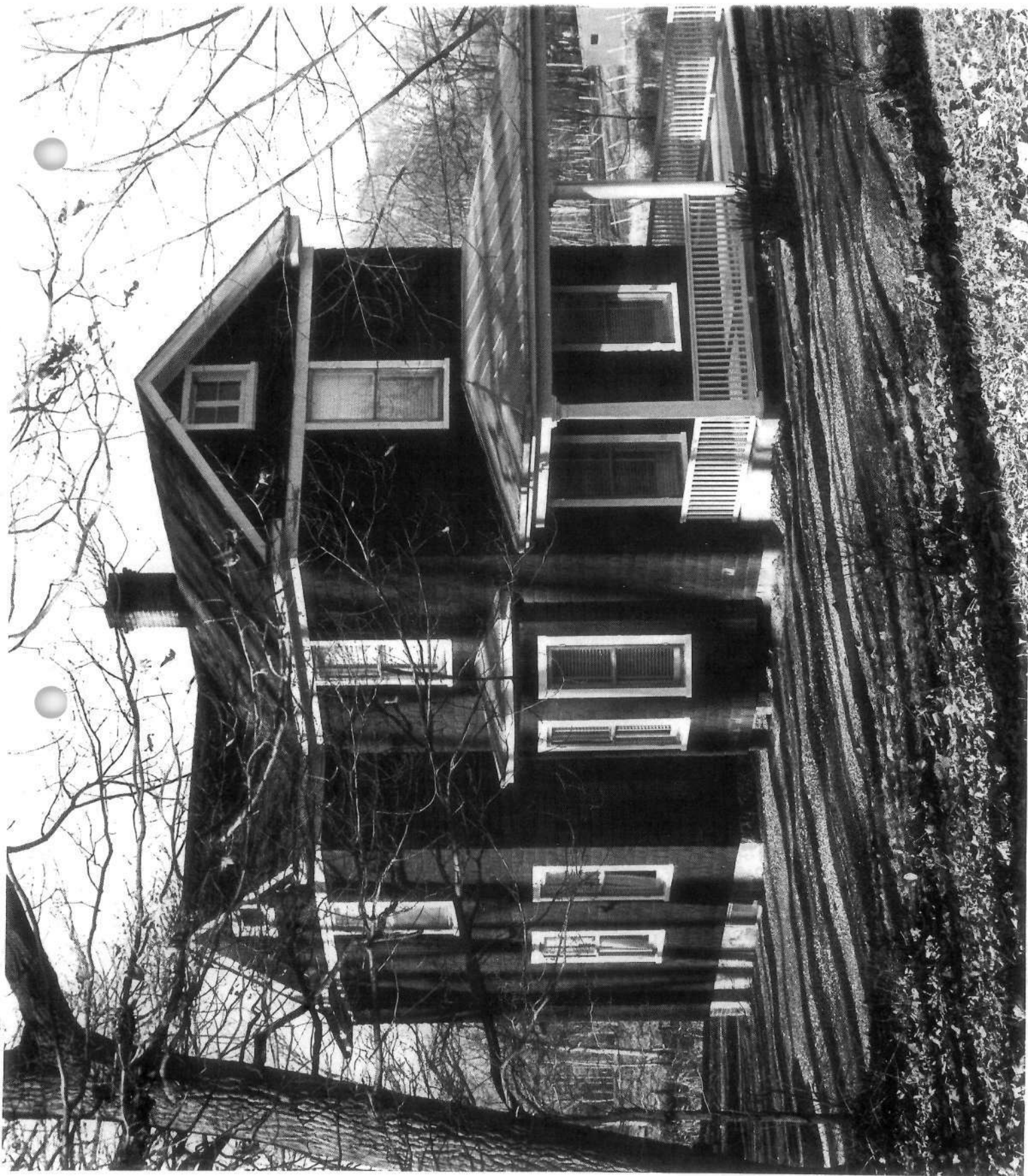
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 NTS/diagram to show original ca. 1900
 and ca. 1915 additions



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Site Plan/Aerial Photo



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USGS Savage Quad



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Photo of HO-148 Frank Boggs House



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View W , Shows three houses on Kinn's Hill.

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View NW. Shows front facade.

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MD SHPO

View SW. Shows side facade.

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View S, Shows rear facade.

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View SE, Shows stair hall.

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View E. Shows garage/carriage house.

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View NE. Shows meat house/outhouse,

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