

Daniel M. Murray, Jr. House
HO-885
6831 Montgomery Road, Elkridge
Howard County
ca. 1924
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-885

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel M. Murray Jr. House

other n/a

2. Location

street and number 6831 Montgomery Road __ not for publication

city, town Elkridge __ vicinity

county Howard

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

name William and Rosalie Servary Trust

street and number 6831 Montgomery Road telephone n/a

city, town Elkridge state MD zip code 21075

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Record liber 3552 folio 297

city, town Columbia tax map 38 tax parcel 291 tax ID number 01179306

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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

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.

The Daniel M. Murray, Jr. House (6831 Montgomery Road) was surveyed from the public way because the owners did not grant permission to survey the property. This should provide enough information for general inclusion in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties. However, additional documentation should be taken if the property is going to be developed or the house is going to be demolished.

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The primary façade of the house faces south. The south façade is symmetrical about its entry bay. A gable-roofed entry porch that forms a pediment with returns, which rests on Doric columns, covers the front door. Window openings flank the entry. The 2nd story has three window openings that are vertically with the 1st story openings. Two gable-roofed dormer windows pierce the front roof slope. The dormer windows are vertically aligned with the eastern and western window openings. A 2-story hipped roof projects from the east façade.

As stated in **A Field Guide to American Houses**, the identifying features of the Colonial Revival House are: "Accentuated front door, normally with decorative crown (pediment) supported by pilasters, or extended forward and supported by slender columns to form entry porch; façade normally shows symmetrically balances windows and center door; windows with double-hung sashes, usually with multi-pane glazing in one or both sashes; windows frequently in adjacent pairs." This describes the Daniel M. Murray, Jr. House to a T.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<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. 1924, 1954, 1962 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1924

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 residents

Daniel Morris Murray, Jr. was born in Howard County, Maryland on April 16, 1907, the first son of Daniel Maynadier Murray and Amelia Norris Keys Murray. He attended Gilman Country School and graduated from Donaldson School in Howard County, Maryland with a scholarship award. He then attended Johns Hopkins University and moved on to earn a law degree from the University of Baltimore Law School. In 1933, he was admitted to the Maryland Bar. After joining the U. S. Army in 1942, Mr. Murray served in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Camp Lee, Virginia. Also during this year, he met and married Elizabeth Marshall Hunter.

On September 13, 1945, he was discharged from the Army with the rank of Staff Sergeant. At this point, he began practicing law in Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland. During the late 1940s, Mr. Murray served two terms as the elected State's Attorney for Howard County. On October 30, 1951, he qualified as an attorney for the Maryland District Court. After being elected to the House of Delegates, he served two four-year terms in the 1950s. In 1963, Daniel M. Murray, Jr. retired from practice. He died March 26, 1988 in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.

In 1954, Julia Morris Bowdoin, a life-long resident of Rockburn and Daniel M. Murray's sister, died and left the property to her unmarried daughter Frances Key Murray Bowdoin, who was given the right to sell the property after offering it for purchase to her brother George E. Bowdoin. Neither Bowdoins wanted to keep the property so Frances Key Murray Bowdoin sold a small portion, where the Murray house is located, to Daniel M. Murray, Jr. and sold Rockburn to Mary Howard Bruce Smith. The Daniel M. Murray, Jr. house was likely built for Daniel M. Murray Sr. and family. In 1900, the extended Murray-Bowdoin family appear to have all lived at Rockburn. In that year, the family consisted of Daniel M. Murray (aged 40) – a lawyer, T. Morris Murray (aged 49),

¹ Virginia and Lee McAlester, **A Field Guide to American Houses**, p. 324.

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brother-in-law Harry J. Bowdoin (aged 40) – a lawyer, sister Julia M. Murray (aged 35), their children Mary G. (aged 7), Frances K. (aged 4), and George (aged 2), and servants Fanny Hawkins (aged 40) – a cook, Gilberta Chabiel (aged 24) – a waitress, Fanny Halloway (aged 35) – a nurse, Annie Colter (aged 34) – a nurse, Mary Nevin (aged 30) – a chambermaid, and William Mars (aged 36) – a chauffeur.² By 1910, Daniel Murray had married and he and his young family lived nearby on River Road, in Lawyer's Hill. In that year the family consisted of Murray (aged 58), wife Amelia N. (aged 36), their children Daniel M. Murray, Jr. (aged 2), and Robert T. (aged 6 months), her sister Rebecca Keys (aged 43), their African-American servants Moses Jones (aged 29) – a gardener, and Annie Jones (aged 26) – a cook, and a boarder Augusta Bathgate (aged 63).³ By 1930, the family lived on Montgomery Road, adjacent to Rockburn Hill. While both sons and Rebecca Keys remained with Daniel and Amelia Murray, they no longer had live-in servants.⁴ Daniel M. Murray, Jr. sold the house to the current owners in 1962, which was the year before his retirement.

² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 79, Sheet 10A.

³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Thirteenth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 49, Sheet 9A.

⁴ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-1, Sheet 6A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1900, 1910, 1930.** Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios. McAlester, Virginia and Lee. **A Field Guide to American Houses.** New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2004.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 23.03 acres
Acreage of historical setting 23.03 acres
Quadrangle name Elkridge Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Daniel M. Murray, Jr. House corresponds to Howard County Map 38, Grid 1, Parcel 291, which is the buildings' current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August 30, 2005
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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE

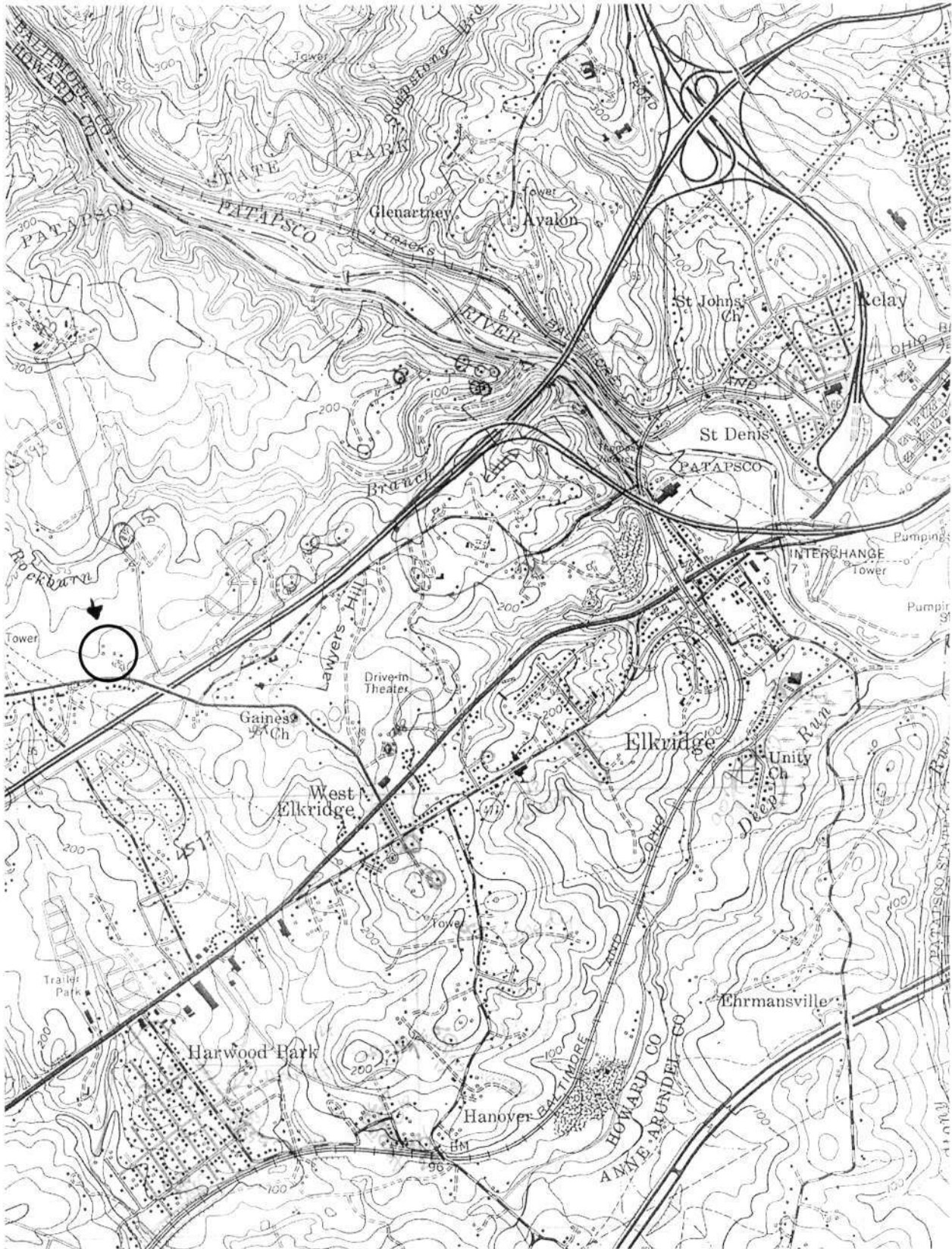
William H. Servary	William H. Servary and Rosalie Wells Servary	08-14-1973	656	138	5.00	1) 3 acres 2) .48 acres 3) 5.83 acres 4) 1.96 acres 5) 11.881 acres	Lots 1, 2, and 3: September 17, 1962 (Liber 389, folio 370) from Daniel M. Murray and wife to William H. Servary and Virginia Lowman Servary. Mrs. Servary died March 24, 1970. Lots 4 and 5: September 17, 1962 (Liber 389, folio 508) from Daniel M. Murray Jr., and wife to William Henry Servary and Virginia Lowman Servary.
Daniel M. Murray, Jr and Marshall Hunter Murray, his wife	William Henry Servary and Virginia Lowman Servary	09-17-1962	389	508	5.00	4) 1.96 acres 5) 11.881 acres	Lot 4: October 23, 1946 (Liber 193, folio 230) from Julia M. Bowdoin to Daniel R. Murray, Jr. and Marshall Hunter Murray Lot 5: June 1, 1954 (Liber 257, folio 262) from Frances Kay Murray Bowdoin, unmarried to Daniel M. Murray, Jr.
Frances Key Murray Bowdoin	Daniel Murray Jr.	06-01-1954	257	262		5) 11.881 acres	Lot 5: Julia Morris Bowdoin died a widow on March 11, 1954, a life-long resident of "Rockburn". Julia Morris Bowdoin left Rockburn to her unmarried daughter Frances Key Murray Bowdoin with provisions that she could sell it, if she first offered it to her brother George E. Bowdoin. Frances Key Murray Bowdoin did not feel that she could maintain the property on her own and wished to sell it. George E. Bowdoin did not wish to buy Rockburn. Therefore, Frances Key Murray Bowdoin sold a portion to Daniel Murray Jr. and the rest to Mary Howard Bruce Smith.
Julia M. Bowdoin	Daniel M. Murray, Jr. and Marshall Hunter Murray	10-23-1946	193	230	0.00 (love and affection)	4) 1.96 acres	Lot 4: A part of Rockburn, being a part of that tract said to contain 25 acres, 2 roods, and 27 square perches which by deed of partition dated December 24, 1900 and recorded in Liber 73, folio 1 and allotted to the said Julia M. Bowdoin and designated on a plated recorded with said deed as Lot No. "2B".



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Site plan/Aerial photo



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Jennifer Gould

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View N. Shows house in setting.

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