

H0-128
The Judge John Clark House
Marriottsville
Private

early nineteenth century

Originally owned by Dr. Thomas Snowden Herbert who married Camilla Hammond of the Hammond Family of Burleigh, the house is also noteworthy as the home of their son, General James Rawlings Herbert. The house stands as a fine example of a stone Howard County residence amid exceptional boxwood gardens decorated with statuary and located on the crest of a hill with an outstanding view of the surrounding countryside.

It is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story stone covered with stucco gabled roof structure with wide brick chimneys set into its north and south walls.

The interior features original woodwork and mantles in addition to a federal mantle taken from the Gorman House in Woodstock before it was demolished.

A two story shingled north wing is located on the north wall of the house.

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent *	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Judge John Clarke's House is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story stuccoed structure with wide brick chimneys set into north and south walls on either side of the tin roof. Windows are rectangular, double-hung holding six-over-six lights, proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. The central door facing east has proportionally scaled paneling, flanked by four side lites and surmounted by a six light transom.

Seven wooden steps with a railing on either side lead to a one story, shed roofed, open porch which runs the length of the east elevation and is supported by eight slender square wooden posts and two pilasters attached to the east wall. A wooden railing runs along its perimeter. A central second floor east entrance with twelve light rectangular door surmounted by a two light transom leads on to a central balcony which takes up the central bay and utilizes the roof of the open porch below as a floor with wooden railing in front.

Another first floor rectangular entrance lies in the east bay of the south wall. Two rectangular double-hung attic windows holding six-over-six lights rest in the south and north walls. A three lite basement windows lies in the west bay of the south wall.

The west wall holds four first and second floor windows and three full basement windows which hold six-over-three lites under the first two south bays and one-over-one lites between the two north bays. Projecting stone lintels decorate the first and second floor windows. An extensive formal boxwood garden with sculpture surrounds this lovely home.

* A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high gabled roof shingled addition lies on the north wall of the original house with a one story shingled roof enclosed entrance on its north wall. Its fifteen lite rectangular entrance is approached by four wooden steps. Windows of this section of the house are rectangular, double-hung with two-over-two lights.

A three bay wide gabled roof field stone ruin lies west of the house. Outbuildings and barns lie north as well as a large frame two and half story tenant house.

A one and a half story gable roof (running east-west) one bay wide, one room deep stone house lies on the east side of the south entrance to the house. It features fine stone lintels, projecting stone sills and quoining. A lovely drive flanked by cypress trees leads out to the winding road leading to Marriottsville Road.

The interior features an original mantle in what was once the dining room decorated with fluted pilasters. A federal mantle from the Gorman House in Woodstock is featured in the living room, now a study. It is decorated with ovals on its lintels.

The original kitchen located in the full basement is now the dining room. Exposed rough hewn beams, once used in other construction, lends a rustic quality to the large room and its large cooking fireplace.

Judge Clarke's office is located in the shingled two story north wing dating circa 1910.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Judge John Clark's home in Marriottsville was once the home of Dr. Herbert and his son, General James Rawlings Herbert. Ties can be traced from them to John Marriott, the pioneer in Maryland in this way. John Marriott named his children in his will of 1716-18, among whom was Achsah Hall Marriott, a daughter who married John Hall and had a daughter Sarah, who married first, Francis Rawlings and then, Captain Henry Baldwin. Sarah Rawlings Baldwin was thus the grand daughter of John Marriott, the pioneer. She and Henry Baldwin had a daughter Sallie who married Denton Hammond of the Hammonds of Burleigh, and had three children one of whom, Camilla, married Dr. Thomas Snowden Herbert. Dr. Herbert was originally from Alexandria, Virginia but later settled on Hammond lands in Howard County, i.e., Judge John Clark's house. The little stone house on the east side of the drive south of the house was once reputed to have been used as a school and as a doctor's office. His son, General James Rawlings Herbert, noted Confederate Colonel, heads the list of men and officers on the Howard County Confederate Monument in front of the Courthouse. He became a Brig. General and is listed as such.

The present house belonged to the Herbert family for several generations. An interesting note: The family can be traced down to present Judge Macgill's daughter Mary Herbert Macgill whose mother Mary Herbert Buckler Macgill was the grand daughter of General Herbert. (His daughter Mary Coleman Herbert married Dr. Warren Buckler of Baltimore, parents of Mary Herbert Buckler Macgill.)

The house passed from the Herbert family to a Miss Flower who ran a summer boarding house here. The Donovan family bought it from Miss Flower and several generations of Donavans lived here. In 1955 Judge John Clark acquired the property from Dominic Donovan who inherited it from his aunt, Mary Donovan. Historically the house has been connected with men who served Howard County and their state and nation in the fields of medicine, law and the army.

Architecturally it is representative of the Georgian style adapted to the simple stone architecture of Howard County exemplified in the fine proportions and scale of these buildings with its proportionally scaled and vertically aligned front facade window treatment.

The house is surrounded by lovely boxwood gardens and statuary and is approached by an avenue of cedars. The ruins of an old dairy lies northwest of the house while additional barns and a tenant house lie due north. It is not only the house but the context of the setting in which the house is placed that gives it such unusual significance.

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For these reasons the Judge Clark House should be included on the National Register, the Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark legislation.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stein, C.F. Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland, Baltimore 1972
 Warfield, J.P. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland, Baltimore, 1973
 Interview with Judge John Clark at his residence in Marriottsville, April 12, 1977

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

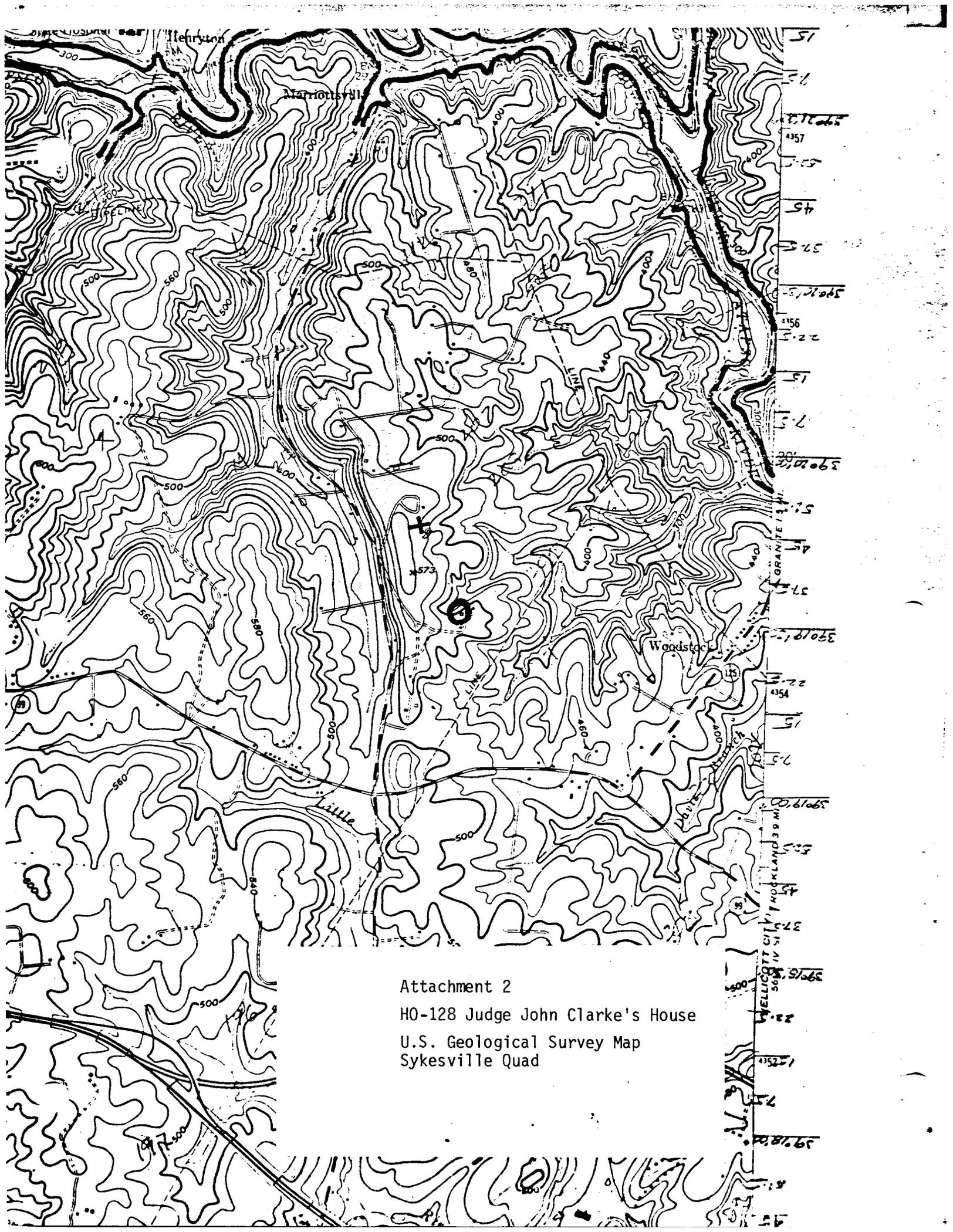
NAME AND TITLE: Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION Comprehensive Planning Section	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Courthouse Drive		
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City	STATE Maryland	21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



Attachment 2

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U.S. Geological Survey Map

Sykesville Quad



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