HO-368, Boyles Tavern 5760 Main St., Elkridge Surveyed by: Kristin Hill

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Section 3. Owner of Property

Jesse E. and Charlotte J. Albright 1821 Fairview Avenue Halethorpe, MD 21227

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse Ellicott City Liber 2104, Folio 450 and Liber 2104, Folio 454 Tax Map 38, Parcel 593

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing property in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

Section 7. Description

Condition: Good, heavily altered

Date: first quarter of the nineteenth century, third quarter of the nineteenth century, twentieth century

The structure at 5760 Main Street is recorded on the original inventory form as Boyle's Tavern dating to the early 1800's. It faces south on the northwest corner of the Main Street and Levering Avenue intersection. Kyne's Store, HO-371, is located immediately to the west. This interesting two story six bay brick structure is one of only two remaining examples of Flemish bond brickwork in Elkridge (the other being the owner's house in the Elkridge Furnace complex). Unfortunately, it has been heavily modernized and altered. Built in at least four stages, the existing structure is composed of two brick sections built side by side and two large rear frame additions. The side by side brick sections both have side gabled roofs covered with asphalt shingles but a slight difference in height yields two different rooflines. Each brick section boasts a single interior square brick chimney. The building has been divided into apartments and office space and the original detailing has been either concealed or removed.

The front façade of this building shows both the first and second building periods. The original structure is comprised of the western most two story three bay section which boasts the Flemish bond brickwork. There are two windows in the second story of this section and two windows and a door on the first story. All of the windows are 1/1 vinyl replacements. The second story windows have header brick lintels while the first story windows and door are capped with gauged flat brick arches. All of the original window sills have been replaced with modern brick. The existing door is glazed and paneled with

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a transom, and while neither of these elements is original, the opening is an original door opening. The eastern most two story three bay section has 7:1 common bond brickwork on the front façade. Three windows decorate the second story while a central entry flanked by a window on each side completes the first story. All of the windows and the door opening in this portion of the building are capped by gauged flat brick arches, and, as in the original part of the building, the windows are all vinyl replacements and the sills have been replaced with modern brick. The existing door is glazed and paneled with six lights over two vertical panels, and has a four light transom. Again, though neither of these elements is original, the opening is. The existing wooden door frame seems very wide and it is possible that this entry originally had sidelights. The transition between the two sections is marked both by a change in roof height and by inconsistencies in the brickwork from ground to roof. There is no vertical seam; instead care was taken to tie the wall together with Flemish bond, but it is obvious that this is the area of transition from one building phase to another. However, although the two halves have two different rooflines and a noticeable seam, the division between the two sections isn't as clear as you would expect. The Flemish bond actually extends into the wall beneath the later additions roofline one bay. But the line of closers at the point where the Flemish bond terminates (theoretically indicating an opening or a corner) only extends halfway up the second story. There is also an obvious straight seam in the middle of the wall above the door in the later addition that defies explanation. There are no porches or entry porticos. A concrete pad covers an area in front of the building about six feet deep and runs across the full width of the building.

The western façade shows the original building and the third and fourth period frame additions. The original brick building was only one room deep and has one window on each story including one in the gable end. The windows are vertically aligned and the first story window is capped by a gauged flat brick arch. The first and second story windows are 1/1 vinyl replacements. The only possible original window remaining in the building is located in the gable end – it is double hung with 6/6 lights. The window sills on the first and second story have been replaced with modern brick and the window openings have been widened, probably to accommodate the standard sized replacement windows. Brick bond on this façade is 5:1. Two two-story frame additions, now covered with vinyl siding, were made to the rear of the original building.

The eastern façade of the building is the eastern façade of the later two story brick addition. This portion of the building is two rooms deep with a side gabled roof over the front room and a shed roof over the rear room. There are two windows in the second story and two in the first. These openings are vertically aligned and capped with flat brick arches. All of the windows are vinyl replacements and the windows sills have been replaced with modern brick. The brick bond on this façade is 7:1. The 1970's inventory form stated that the shed roofed portion of the structure was a later addition but no seam in the brick work is visible to support this claim. There is another anomaly visible on this façade at the front corner of the building: the front façade appears to be a facing. At this corner, the bricks in the front façade extend past the side wall about an inch or two and do not appear to tie into this wall. The idea of a facing or false front doesn't make a lot

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of sense, however, when looking at the anomalies and inconsistencies in the front façade. If it was a false front, you would expect a smooth façade with no inconsistencies in the brick bond.

The rear (north) façade of the original portion of the building has been covered by the frame additions. One frame addition was made to the rear of the original building and another frame addition was made to the rear of the first addition. Both of these additions have front gabled roofs that are perpendicular to the roof line of the original building. The rear of the eastern brick addition has two windows on the second story and a window and a door on the first story. All of the apertures are capped by flat brick arches and the brick bond on this façade is 7:1 as it is on the other facades of this portion of the structure.

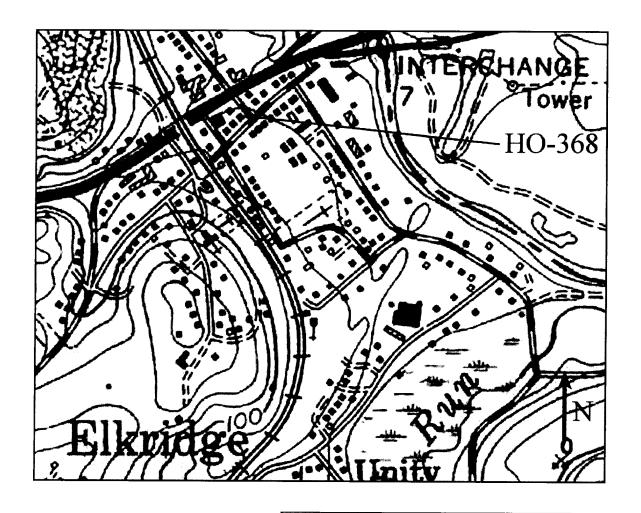
The interior of this building has been severely altered. The interior of the original brick building has been divided into apartments and the first floor of the brick addition is used for office space. Wall paneling, carpet, and drop tile ceilings conceal or replace all interior trim elements. As might be expected from the fenestration, the original building had a side hall plan and an early staircase does survive. It has a large turned newel post and turned balusters and scroll decoration on the stair ends. The basement of the original section was accessed but even it has been modernized with a concrete floor, cinderblock walls, and plywood ceiling.

This building has essentially been restored to death. In addition to the multitude of interior alterations, the exterior of the masonry has been sandblasted to remove paint and this has done major damage to the building. The hard exterior surface of the bricks has been blasted away exposing the softer fired bright orange interior to the elements. The bricks are disintegrating rapidly and in some places the brick face has disintegrated to a depth of more than half an inch. The mortar joints were also probably seriously damaged by the sandblasting and the entire building was repointed with a Portland cement based mortar with a distinctive gray cast. This mortar is too hard for the old hand-made bricks and it is causing the faces of the brick to spall off as the bricks shrink and expand with the seasons.

There is virtually no evidence left to date this building but the presence of the Flemish bond on the earliest portion indicates a date of no later than the first quarter of the nineteenth century for that section. The section with 7:1 common bond probably dates to no earlier than 1850 but could be as late as the 1870's.

Section 11. Form Prepared by

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HO-368, Boyle's Tavern Elkridge, Howard County, MD USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay 7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



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5760 Main Street is located on the southwest corner of Main Street and Levering Avenue. Formerly, Mrs. Boyle's Tavern and the Old O'Malley Home.

This structure is composed of two dwellings or a north and south wing. The north wing is a two story brick (laid in English garden wall bond) structure three bays wide and two bays deep with a gable roof running north-south. A central rectangular door faces east and is surmounted by a four lite transom. Windows are proportionally scaled, double-hung holding six-over-six lites. Stretcher brick flat arched lintels decorate the doors and windows of the building. A brick chimney is laid into the west wall of the north corner of the original structure.

The north elevation reveals that this building was at one time one bay deep and very early had a shed roof addition of two stories, one bay wide and two bays deep added to the west wall. The brick has been laid very carefully and continuously so that it is difficult to access the differing periods of construction. Two first and second floor windows are decorated by flat arched brick lintels and flat wooden sills.

The west elevation is four bays wide, two bays of which belong to the shed roof addition and are of brick with windows similar to those on the east and north elevations. An entrance door is located on the second south bay.

In all probability the south wing of the house was the original dwelling as the second floor windows are decorated with header brick lintels similar to those found at Pleasant Valley on Forsythe Road, and generally representative of older houses. The first floor windows are proportionally scaled and have stretcher brick flat arched lintels, with wooden projecting sills and double-hung sashes holding six-over-six lites.

The east facade of the house is laid in Flemish bond brick, an early practice of the builders of Howard County wishing to enhance the main entrance of the building. This is seen at Rockburn and on the Old Brick House on the Pike as well as others.

The south elevation of the house is laid in English garden wall brick bond. Its first floor window is centered into the south wall, decorated with a flat arched brick lintel while the proportionally scaled second floor window above has a header brick flat lintel. A third story window set into the gable end of the roof also has a header brick lintel.

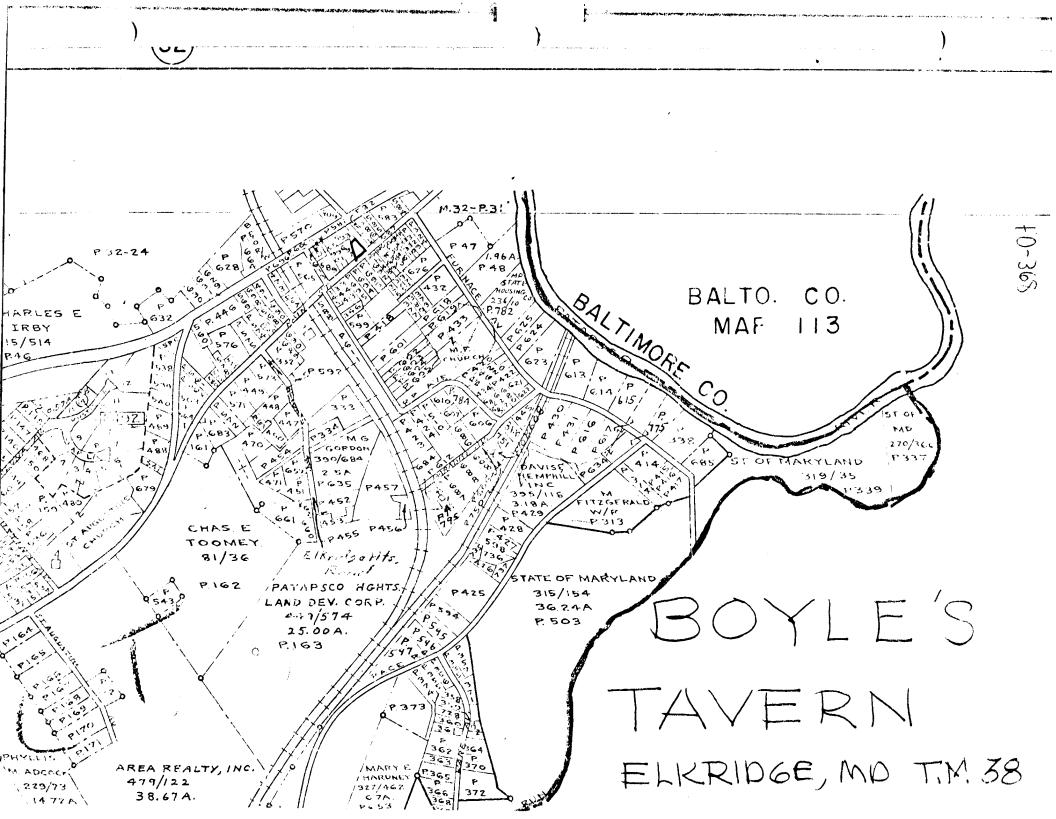
A brick chimney is set into the west wall of the original brick structure on the south corner of the steeply pitched gable roof of the north wing.

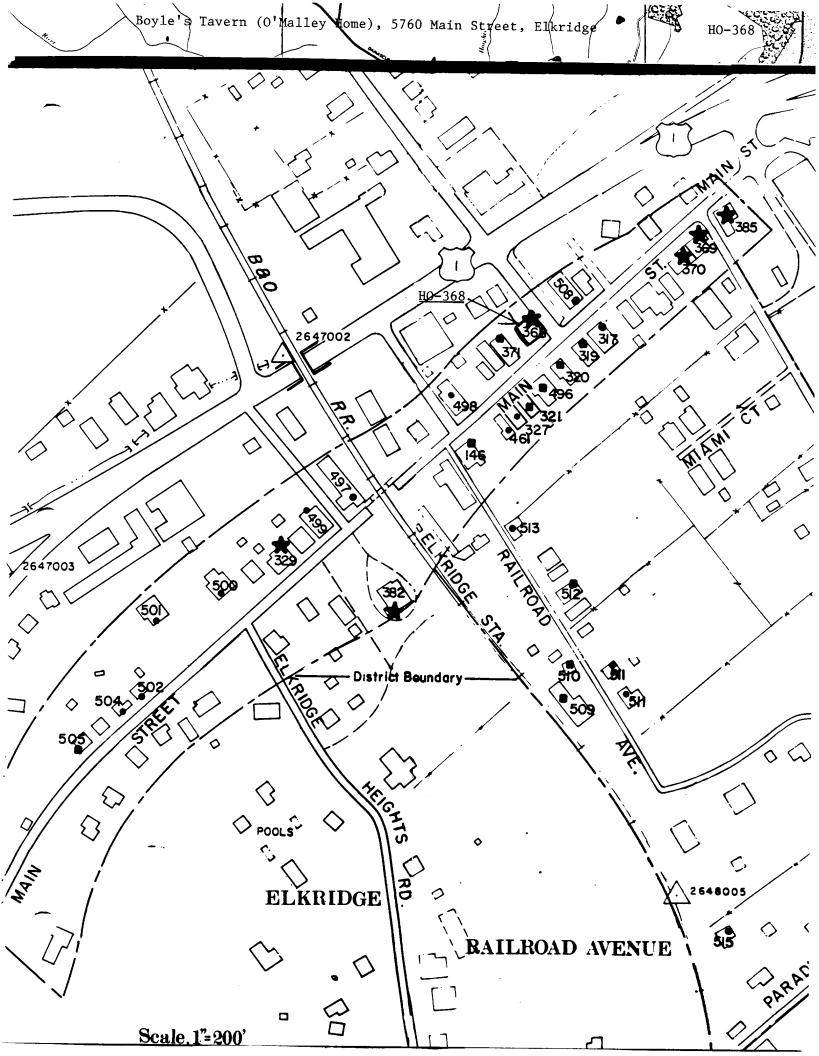
A two story, two bay deep frame addition on the west wall of the north wing has a first floor rectangular window with six-over-six lites on the north wall and a double rectangular window, each composed of six-over-six lights on the second floor.

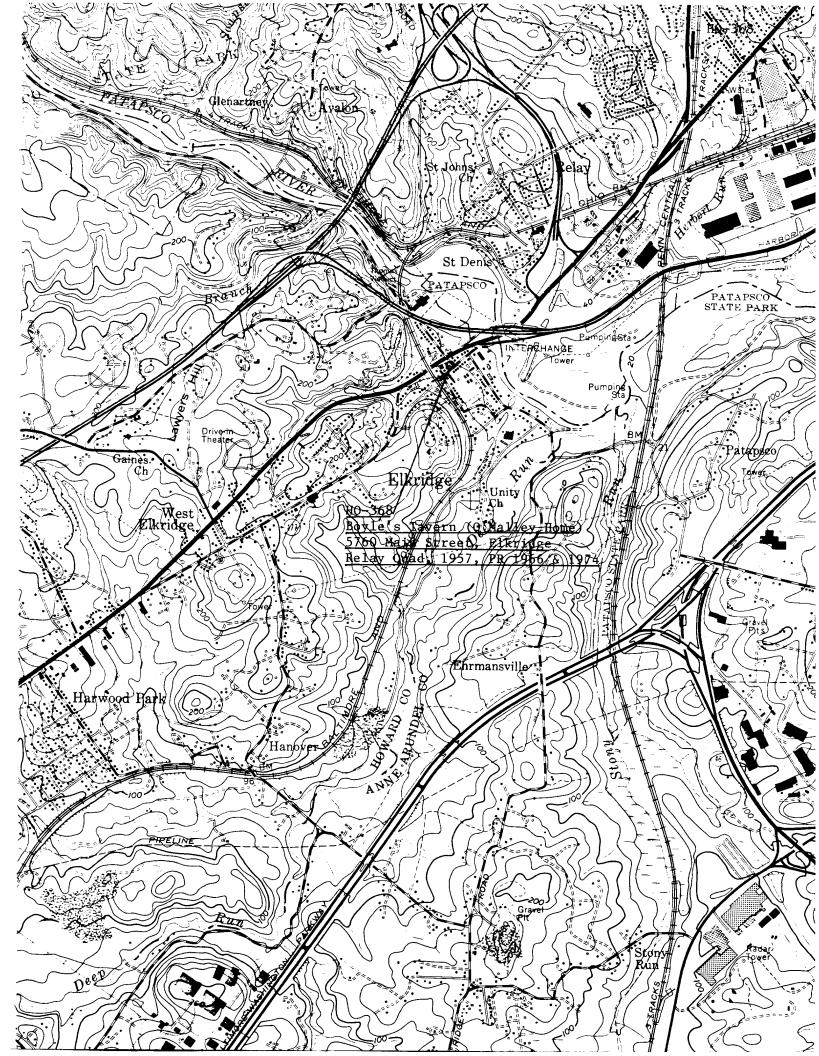
A further appendage two stones high, two bays wide and one deep with pabled roof is located on the west wall of the first frame addition. The windows on the north wall are rectangular with eight-over-eight lites. The east elevation has an entrance with shed roof and a second floor double-hung window with six-over-six lites.

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