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Section 3. Owner of Property

Henry and Barbara Zepp 1847 Clarke Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21227

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse Ellicott City Liber 1195, Folio 739 Tax Map 38, Parcel 324, Lot 1

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

Section 7. Description

Condition: Fair/Good

Date: Second quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

The two-story, three-bay dwelling at 5721 Main Street faces north on the southwest corner of Main Street and Furnace Avenue. The original structure has been added onto several times but many important early features still remain. The house is constructed of 5:1 common bond brick that is currently painted red, and has a steeply pitched side gabled roof that is now covered with asphalt shingles. A massive interior end chimney is centered on the east wall of the original structure, and a slightly smaller chimney is located just to the rear of the ridge of the roof on the western wall, but this one intrudes into the adjoining building (HO-370) and may actually serve that building. A story-and-a-half full width shed roofed frame addition extends off the rear of the house creating a salt-box effect. A large short square chimney is located towards the rear of the addition on the western wall. This house adjoins the structure at 5723 Main Street (HO-370) on the west.

The three-bay front façade of the structure has a central door flanked by two windows on the first story and three windows vertically aligned above the first story openings on the second story. The door is slightly to the left of center, implying that it enters into a room rather than a central hall. The two windows on the first floor, one on either side of the door, are original 9/6 sash and have smooth stone sills which are currently painted white. These windows are covered with wooden storm windows on the exterior. The three windows on the second story are all replacement vinyl with snap-in

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muntins. The front entry was originally surmounted by a transom which has since been removed and replaced with a piece of plywood. (In the 1978 photo a four light transom is shown in place above the front door.) There is a modern aluminum screen door covering the existing front door which was not visible. A makeshift aluminum hood currently covers the entry. All the windows and the entry are surmounted by flat brick arches which, along with a simple corbelled brick cornice, comprise the only decoration on this façade. There are two pedimented gabled dormers in the roof with 1/1 vinyl windows. Two flat arches below the first story, one on either side of the front door, indicate that there were originally windows into the basement on the front façade. These openings have been closed but the arches remain. Iron straps near the top of the first story are the ends to tie rods. These straps are approximately a foot high and affixed to the building at their center and possibly at the ends. There is one located on either side of the front door, equidistant from it. There is another identical strap at the same height located to the far right approximately a foot from the western edge of the building. A larger strap is located just below this one.

The rear façade is dominated by the shed roofed frame addition which has obscured the original brick façade. Wide clapboard siding covers this side of the frame addition. A relatively recent full façade porch with a very shallow pitched shed roof runs the width of the building. On the first story, this façade has double 6/6 windows, a modern doorway, and a closed doorway with beaded trim. An enclosure of approximately 1/3 of the porch then obscures the eastern most end of this façade. This enclosure is comprised of modern plywood. Two shed-roofed double dormers with 1/1 sash project from the roof of the addition at the second story level. A large, short, square chimney rises from the addition on the western side. Part of this chimney intrudes into the adjoining building next door and the buildings may share the flue. Based on the 6/6 windows, wide clapboard siding, and beaded trim on the closed doorway, the frame addition itself may date to the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, though many modern changes have been made to it.

Most of the western façade of the building is obscured by the adjoining dwelling, but since the front of that dwelling is set back from the front of 5721, about five feet of the western façade is visible. This visible portion reveals two or three closed windows. In the gable end, there is a closed square window set at a 45 degree angle surrounded with headers. This opening may be original, but many coats of paint on the exterior of the building make it difficult to discern differences in mortar or brick color that would indicate an alteration. On the first story there is evidence of a full sized window that has been bricked up and stuccoed over. On the second story, there is an area of patched brick work that indicates some sort of alteration, but the patched area is the wrong size for a window. The patch is only eight courses high but is about three feet long and is located towards the bottom of the second story wall space.

The east façade reveals that the building has had more than one major addition. This façade shows a three bay brick portion at the front of the house and the frame shed roofed addition, which, on this side, is covered with asphalt shingles with a faux-wood

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pattern. There is one 6/6 window and one small rectangular window at the first story level within the frame section. In the brick section, there are three windows on the first story and two windows and a door on the second story. The brickwork around the door opening reveals that it was originally a window. This door is currently accessed by an exterior metal stair. The windows are original wood double hung 6/6 sash on the first story and replacement vinyl 6/6 on the second story. There are two small square window openings in the gable end, one on either side of the chimney. These openings are original but have been closed up. All of the original window openings in the brick portion of the house are surmounted by flat brick arches.

A seam in the brick work running from the ground up to the roof indicates that the rear-most six feet of the brick portion of the building (containing a single bay) is in fact an addition. The brick bond on this entire façade is an irregular common bond in both the original portion and the addition. Prior to the addition, the original building would have been only one room deep with a fireplace centered in the western wall. The use of the flat arch and the 6/6 windows indicates that the brick addition probably occurred fairly early. The roof line is continuous from the ridge of the roof to the rear of the frame addition, but this façade reveals that the chimney is not quite centered in the wall (the edge of the roof meets the chimney at a higher point on the rear of the chimney than it does in the front). The rear pitch of the roof may have been raised when the brick addition was made but no seams or major alterations in the brick work are immediately visible. Once again, the multiple layers of paint may be obscuring the evidence.

A single story porch shades the front-most two bays of the structure on the east façade. The porch sits on cinder block piers about two feet off the ground and is not accessible from inside the house. The porch supports are heavy square posts with chamfered corners and decorative brackets, more reminiscent of the Gothic Revival or Italianate styles than the Victorian, run from the support to the porch ceiling. The supports and brackets on this porch are nearly identical to the front porch on 5723 Main Street (HO-370; adjoins this building on the west).

The first and second floors of the house are currently rented to two separate people and the surveyor was permitted a quick glimpse into the first floor and the basement. The interior has been heavily altered with drop tile ceilings, tiled and carpeted floors, and paneled walls. In essence, all evidence on the first floor has been at least concealed if not removed. The existing floor plan has two rooms in the original portion of the house, a closet, stair, and hall in the brick addition and a modern kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom in the frame addition. According to the current resident, the existing mantle in the eastern room (which is the room the front door enters into) is original. It is a very simple wooden Federal style piece and may be original, however, the entire fireplace has had a faux-brick front put on it so it is questionable. Only one room of the original house and a portion of the brick addition were accessed (the resident refused access to the western half of the brick section). A very steep enclosed stair which accessed the second floor is located in the brick addition. This stair has been blocked at the second floor. A stair just below this one accesses the basement. The large square

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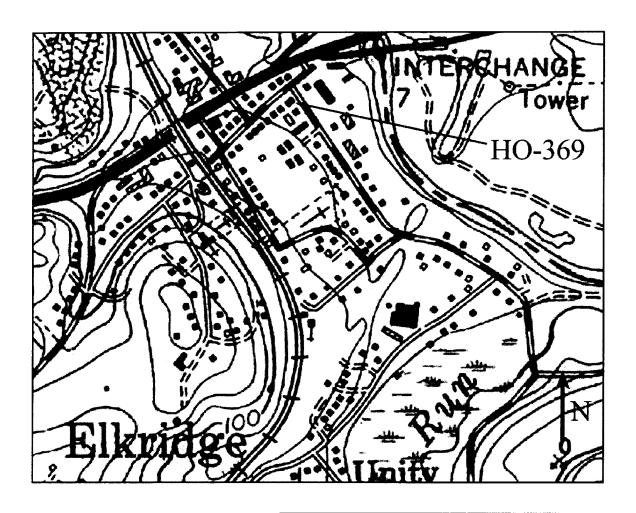
chimney stack visible on the exterior rising out of the frame addition is not visible inside the house. It may be behind existing kitchen cabinetry.

The basement is a very interesting and unaltered space. The chimney base with a relieving arch exists on the east wall of the original structure. The three foot wide opening has been bricked up and sealed. The basement has a dirt floor and the ceiling consists simply of the floor joists and floorboards of the first floor above. The joists, floorboards and brick walls of the basement all have traces of whitewash. The window openings on the front (north) façade whose flat arches are visible on the exterior, are visible from the interior. When the six foot brick addition was made to the original building, the original rear brick foundation wall was left in place and an additional six feet of basement running the full width of the building was excavated. This additional basement space has a rear wall comprised of rough cut uncoursed stone. The stair from the first floor descends into this additional space. The original brick rear wall has a small window opening which remains. This opening has the same flat arch noted on the rest of the original windows. There is also an original doorway which presumably exited to the exterior of the building. The doorway remains and some existing framing around the doorway may be original. Ground level must have been significantly lower in both the front and rear of the original building in order for the observed door and windows to have been functional.

There are no existing outbuildings associated with this structure and the back yard has been paved for a parking lot. This is a significant building which probably dates to the 1820's or 1830's when Main Street was the Washington tumpike. The building is in fair condition and many original elements remain. However, the replacement of the second story windows indicates that the original 9/6 windows on the first floor may be in danger, and according to the resident, the building suffers from landlord neglect.

#### Section 11. Form Prepared by

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Reputed to be the custom house for Elkridge Landing, this two and a half story steeply pitched gabled roof brick (lain in English garden wall brick bond) building sits on the southeast corner of Furnace and Main Streets, Elkridge. Its central west entrance is surmounted by a four lite transom decorated with a stretcher brick flat arched lintel and flanked by rectangular double-hung first floor windows. First and second floor west windows are vertically aligned and inset into the brick wall. A wide brick chimney is centered into its north and south walls with third story four lite casement windows located on each side of them. A shingled, semienclosed shed-roofed porch supported by wooden posts lies along its north wall while shed roofed appendages lie along its east wall. Two gabled west dormers are inset into the gabled roof while two shed roof dormers are set into the shed roof of the east addition.

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This two and a half story well proportioned brick building, painted grey, sits on the southeast corner of Furnace and Main Streets. It is most certainly one of the original structures noted on the 1794 Griffith Map. It's steeply pitched gable roof runs north-south and its central rectangular entrance faces west surmounted by a four lite transom decorated with a stretcher brick flat arched lintel. Two gabled dormer windows are set into the west elevation of the gabled roof with nine lite rectangular windows flanked by pilasters and surmounted by frontons. Iron supports are located between the first and second floor on either side of the central entrance. A rectangular first floor double-hung window is located on either side of the entrance with six-over-six lites and stretcher brick flat arched lintels. Three similar second floor windows, proportionally scaled are laid above the first floor apertures.

The building is laid in English garden wall brick bond and has a wide brick chimney set into the north and south walls of the house. Third story four lite rectangular windows are located at either side of the north chimney. Three first and second floor north wall windows are similar to those on the west wall.

A shingled enclosed porch open at first floor window sill level has a shed roof supported by four wooden posts running along the north wall of the original brick structure.

A shed roofed wooden framed addition two bay deep runs along the entire east wall of the original structure. Two shed roof dormer windows are set into the roof line on this elevation. Each contains a double window, six lites each.

The east bay of this frame addition contains a six-over-six rectangular double-hung window with a square window lying west of it.

An additional shed roofed one story open porch runs along the east wall of this wooden addition supported by four wooden posts. A brick chimney lies in the south wall of the enclosed shed roof addition.

The south wall of the house is attached to 5725 and presently under the same ownership.

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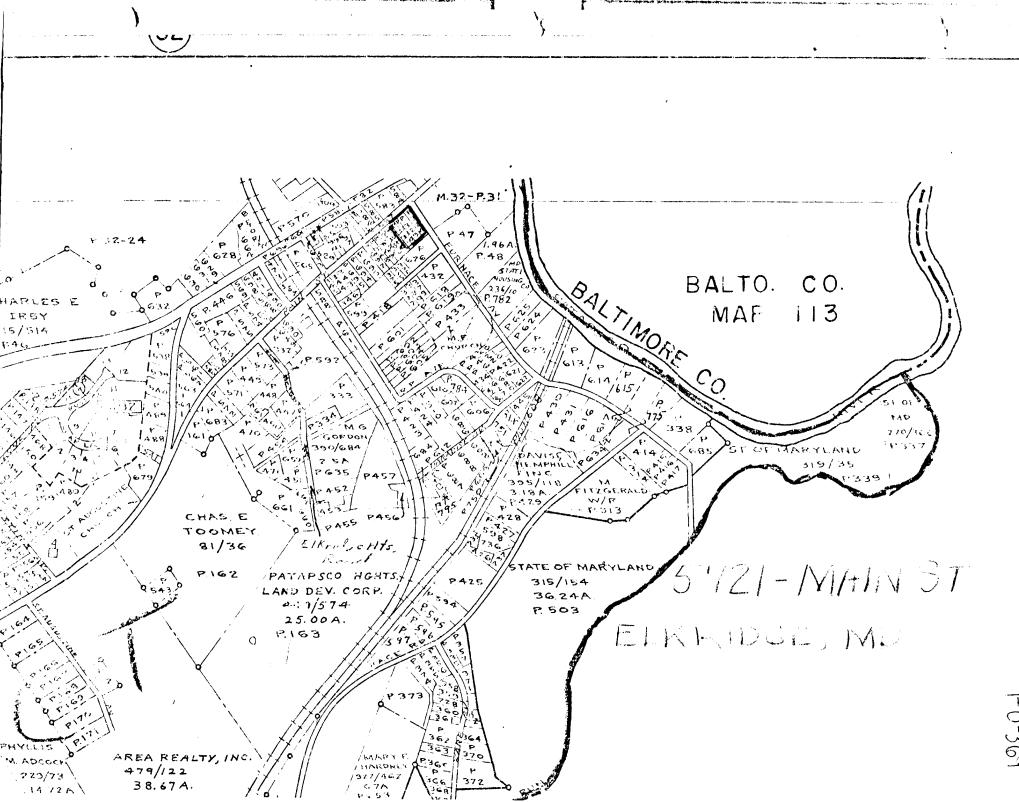
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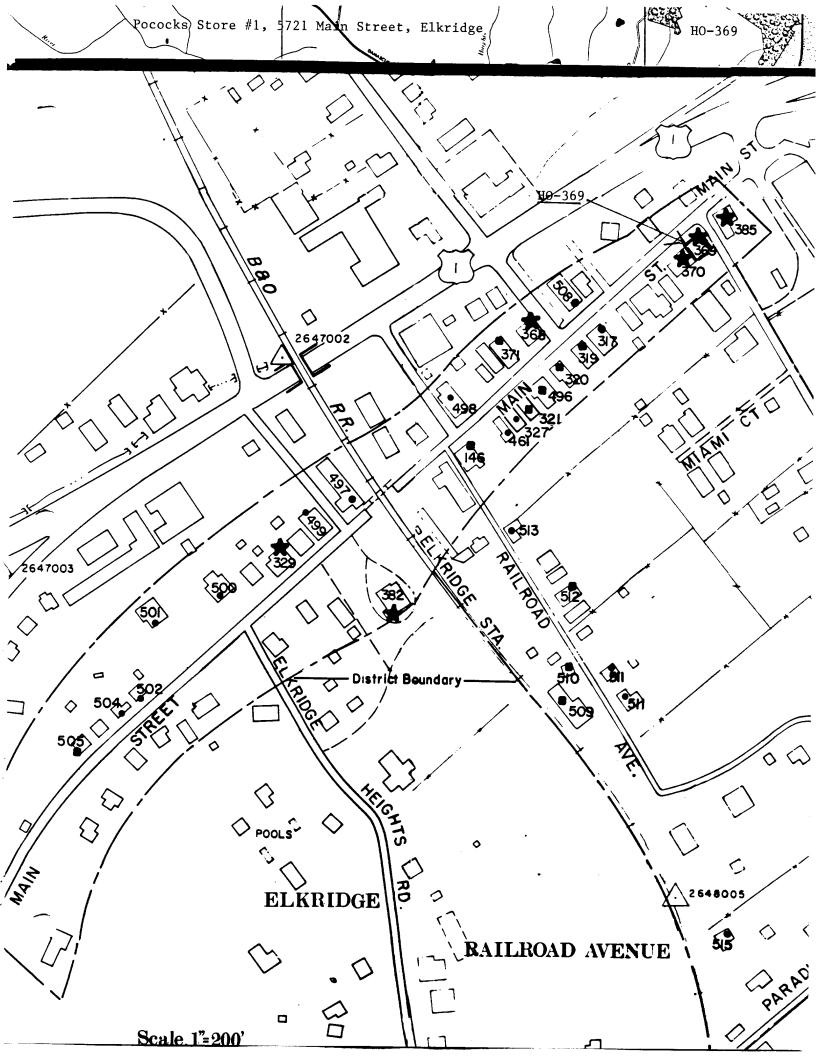
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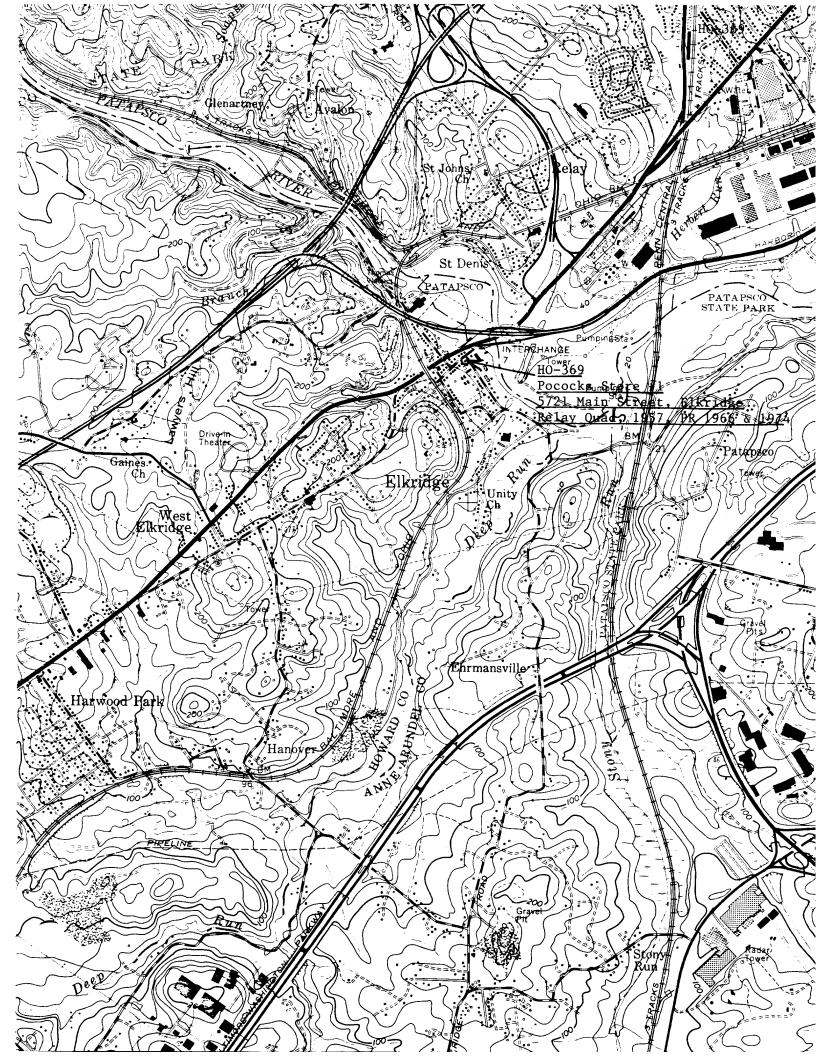
The human scale predominated in those early days at Elkridge Landing, and these homes reflect that scale. These brick buildings on Main Street are interesting architecturally as a composite of two residences whose use was recycled to a commercial one in the 19th and early 20th century and have now reverted back to their original residential use.

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