

Hessler House
HO-852
8466 Church Lane Road, Ellicott City
Howard County
ca. 1935
Private

The Hessler House (8466 Church Lane Road) is a ca. 1935, 1 ½ story, 3-bay, end-gable wood-frame, porch-front bungalow with a concrete foundation, asphalt or asbestos shingle siding, asphalt roofing, recent replacement windows, and non-operable shutters located just south of Route 70 north of Ellicott City in Howard County, Maryland. The house faces south and is located just back from the road on a long lot that is just under 1-acre in size. A drive runs east of the house and ends at a ca. 1930s wood-frame garage. The current owner stated that she heard that the house was moved a short distance in conjunction with construction of Route 70.

The Hessler House (8466 Church Lane Road) has significance as a well-preserved bungalow in the Ellicott City area of Howard County, Maryland. In the early 20th century, the bungalow was a predominant new house form nationwide. However, Howard County was largely rural until after World War II. Thus, bungalows are relatively rare in the county.

8466 Church Lane Road is an archetypal bungalow and represents the 20th century bungalow house type as found in Howard County and is evidence of the slow suburban development of the county before World War II. While the Sears and Roebuck Co. were a major source for bungalows, the Hessler House does not appear to be a Sears House. The house likely was constructed by a local building from commercial plans that were also readily available in the early 1930s.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-852

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hessler House
other N/A

2. Location

street and number 8466 Church Lane Road not for publication
city, town Ellicott City vicinity
county Howard

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

name Sean and Theresa Sullivan
street and number 8466 Church Lane Road telephone 410-461-0780
city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Record liber 3557 folio 602
city, town Columbia tax map 18 tax parcel 293 tax ID number 02-237059

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 type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
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		<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.

Introduction

The Hessler House (8466 Church Lane Road) is a ca. 1935, 1 ½ story, wood-frame bungalow located immediately south of Route 70 and north of Ellicott City in Howard County, Maryland. The house faces south and is located along the road on a narrow lot that is just under 1-acre in size. A drive runs east of the house and ends at a ca. 1930s wood-frame garage. The current owner stated that she heard that the house was moved a short distance in conjunction with construction of Route 70.

House - exterior

The Hessler House (8466 Church Lane Road) is the principal building on the site. The house (ca. 1935) is a 1 ½ story, 3-bay, end-gable wood-frame, porch-front bungalow with a concrete foundation, asphalt or asbestos shingle siding, asphalt roofing, recent replacement windows, and non-operable shutters.

The house's principal façade faces south. The deep overhanging front eave covers a front porch. The porch has a concrete deck, concrete piers, wood posts, and wood rails. The 1st story has two windows that flank the front door. The 1st floor fenestration pattern is not symmetrical; the front door is offset to the east. A dormer with a pair of windows projects from the 2nd story roof.

The east secondary façade has two window openings at the 1st story, which are symmetrically placed under the gable end. The southern 1st story window is a smaller kitchen window. The 2nd floor has one window opening centered in gable end. A vent is located at the peak of the gable. The cellar has two openings that are vertically aligned with the 1st story windows. The northern opening is a small cellar window opening the southern opening is a cellar door opening.

The house's rear façade faces south. A simple, late 20th century, uncovered deck extends from rear façade. The 1st story has two window openings that flank the back door. The 1st floor fenestration pattern is not symmetrical; the door is offset to the east. The eastern window is small. A dormer with one window projects from the 2nd story roof. A brick stove chimney pierces the roof at the east end of the house.

The west secondary façade has two window openings at the 1st story, which are symmetrically placed under the gable end. The 2nd floor has one window opening centered in gable end. A vent is located at the peak of the gable. The cellar has two small window openings that are vertically aligned with the 1st story windows.

House – interior

The 1st floor plan has six small rooms. The wood trim and stair have a simple arts and crafts character. The front door opens into the southeast room, which is now used as the dining room. Wood strip flooring remains in the dining room. The stair is located in this room. The kitchen is located north of the dining room and has recent fixtures, fittings, and finishes. A cellar door is located in the kitchen. The southwest room is now used as the living room. A sitting room is located north of the living room. Historically, the sitting room may have been used as an additional bedroom. A bathroom and mudroom/office nook are located across the back of the house. These back rooms have been altered over time. The proportion of the bathroom/mudroom/office space seems as if it may be an enclosed porch and a beadboard ceiling remains in the bathroom.

Garage

A 1-story, shed-roofed, wood and CMU, 2-car garage is located northeast of the house. The form of the garage is like a machine shed. The primary elevation of the garage faces south. Two large door openings enclosing paneled garage doors and an entry door are located on the south elevation. Wood German siding surrounds the entry door. Asphalt shingle siding covers the elevation above the doors. The building has a CMU foundation on its east, north, and west elevations with asphalt shingle sided walls. One 6-light wood window is located in each of the east and west elevations. The garage has a corrugated metal roof.

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Site

The house is set surrounded by a lawn. The lot has been graded so that the house is set upon a small rise. Evergreen shrubs surround the house as foundation plantings and for privacy screening along the east and west property lines. A few trees dot the back yard. The land south of the lot is wooded along Route 70.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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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. 1935 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1935

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.)

Significance

The Hessler House (8466 Church Lane Road) embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, and method of construction. The dwelling is a well-preserved bungalow in the Ellicott City area of Howard County, Maryland. In the early 20th century, the bungalow was a predominant suburban house form nationwide. However, Howard County was largely rural until after World War II. And bungalows are relatively rare in the county.

The Hessler house represents the 20th century bungalow house type in Howard County and is evidence of the slow suburban development of the county before World War II. 8466 Church Lane Road is a classic bungalow, which are defined as “a one- or one-and-a-half story house having a wide, shallow-pitched roof with broad overhanging eaves. The wide open front porch, a distinctive feature of the ideal bungalow, provided a transition between interior and outdoors.”¹ The Hessler house represents the 20th century bungalow house type in Howard County and is evidence of the slow suburban development of the county before World War II. While the Sears and Roebuck Co. were a major source for bungalows, the Hessler House does not appear to be a Sears House.² The house likely was constructed by a local building from commercial plans that were also readily available in the early 1930s.

Owners and occupants

In 1942, August and Alva Hessler bought an approx. 20-acre property that included the existing house lot from the daughters of George and Mary Keigler, who farmed in the area. The house could date from the early 1940s, but bungalows were far more popular in the 1910s-1930s and most likely dates from the ca. 1930s. The Hesslers owned the house until the 1960s, when they sold the house and current .829-acre lot. Six owners have owned the house since 1965. The current owners, Sean and Theresa Sullivan, have owned the house, which they share with their two sons, since 1995.

¹ David L. Ames and Linda Flint McClelland, *Historic Residential Suburbs*, p.56.

² Katherine Cole Stevenson and H. Ward Jandl. *Houses by Mail: A Guide to Houses from Sears, Roebuck and Company*. New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1995. Sears, Roebuck and Company. *Small Houses of the Twenties: The Sears, Roebuck 1926 House Catalog*. Mineola, New York: Dover Publications, 1991.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Ames, David L. and Linda Flint McClelland, **Historic Residential Suburbs**. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, National Register of Historic Places, 2002.
- Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.
- Sears, Roebuck and Company. **Small Houses of the Twenties: The Sears, Roebuck 1926 House Catalog**. Mineola, New York: Dover Publications, 1991.
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .829 acres
Acreage of historical setting .829 acres
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Hessler House corresponds to Howard County Map 18, Grid 13, Parcel 293, 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	December 23, 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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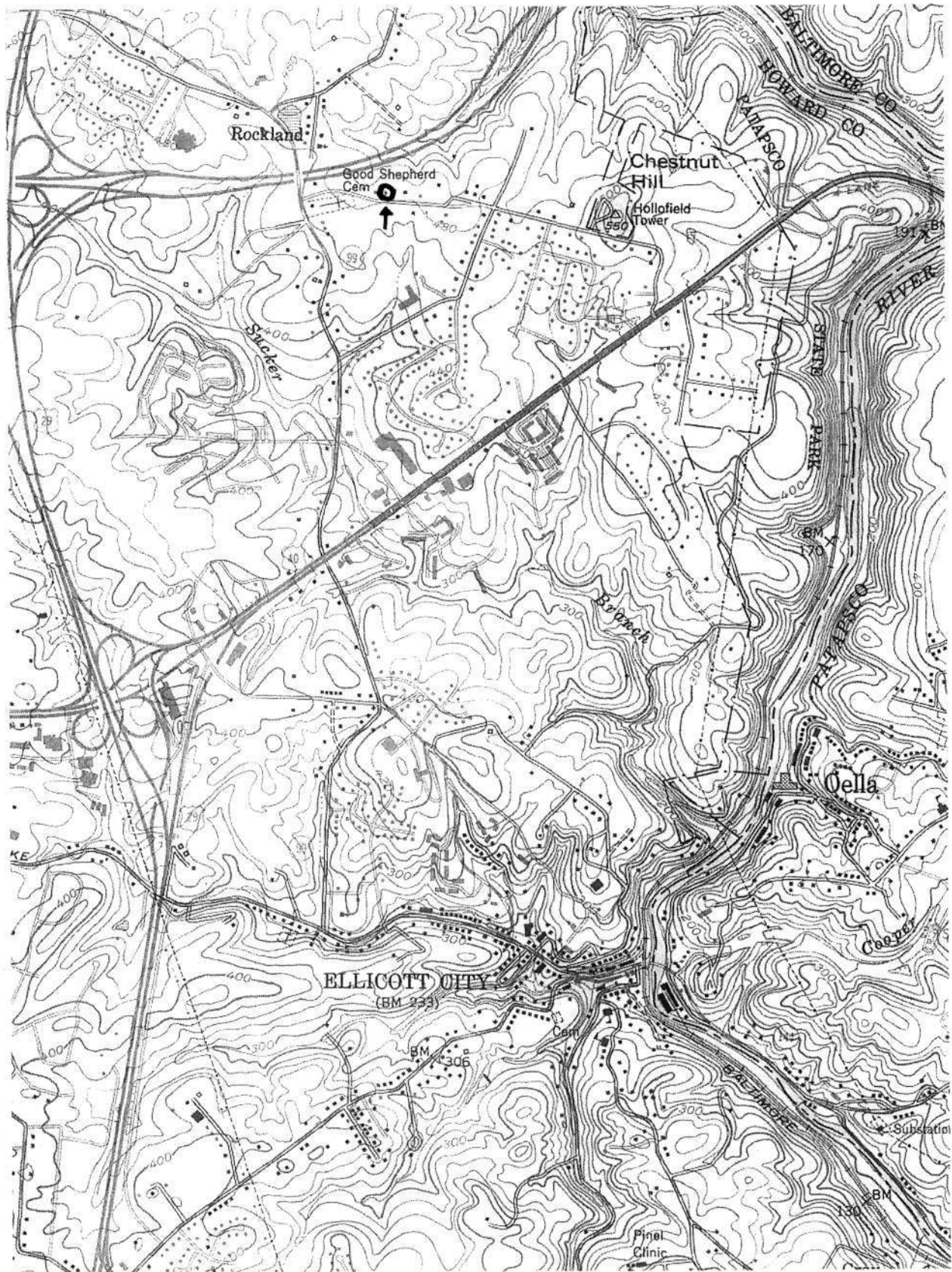
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS.	PRICE	ACREAGE	COMMENTS
Thomas Edwin Aupperlee and Marcia D. Aupperlee	Sean T. Sullivan and Theresa A. Sullivan	08-30-1995	3557	602	Deed	159,900.00	.829 acres	
Stephen T. Alves by Lee M. Snyder, his Attorney-in-fact and Laura L. Alves by Lee M. Snyder, her Attorney-in-fact	Thomas Edwin Aupperlee and Marcia D. Aupperlee	05-16-1989	2002	457	Deed	144,000.00	.829 acres	
Peter F. Predergast and Sherri L. Prendergast (Howard County)	Stephen T. Alves and Laura L. Alves	11-30-1982	1132	269	Deed	76,500.00	.829 acres	
Peggy Kessler and Josephine Grace Ferrando (Howard County)	Peter F. Prenderdast and Sherri L. Prendergast (Howard County)	10-09-1979	968	251	Deed	\$65,000.00	.829 acres	
Dorothy Boswell, Personal Representative of the Estate of William T. Phelps, deceased	Peggy L. Kessler and Josephine Grace Ferrando	03-18-1975	716	278	Deed	28,500.00	.829 acres	Appalona Phelps died on February 6, 1974 and William T. Phelps died on February 8, 1974
August P. Hessler and Alva Hessler, his wife	William T. Phelps and Appalona T. Phelps, his wife	03-09-1965	432	294	Deed	5.00	.829 acres	Being part of the land granted and conveyed by Elsie M. Webb, et al, to August P. Hessler and Alva Hessler, his wife.
Elsie M. Webb and George S. Webb, her husband, Leona C. Andrae and Heine C. Andrae, her husband, Margaret K. Hanson and William H. Hanson, her husband	August P. Hessler and Alva Hessler, his wife	09-05-1942	175	575	Deed	5.00	20 acres, 3 roods and 4 square perches, less 1/2 acre	Mary V. Keigler died intestate in 1908 and left the property to her husband George C. Keigler and her children, Elsie M. Keigler, Leona Keigler and Margaret E. Keigler. George C. Keigler died March 2, 1942 and left the property to their daughters.



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Site Plan/Aerial Photo



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USGS Ellicott City Quad



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Howard County, MD

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MD SHPO

View N. Shows house in setting.

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View N. Shows front facade.

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Professional
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Howard County, MD

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MD SHPO

View SW. Shows back + side

facades.

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Professional
PAPER



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View SE. Shows back + side facades

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View NW. Shows stair in dining room.

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View NW. Shows living room.

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MD SHPO

View NE. Shows garage.

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