

Lilburn Cottages  
HO-855  
Howard County  
3961 College Avenue, Ellicott City  
ca. 1870-1940  
Private

The Lilburn Cottages are located on College Avenue, just south of the Ellicott City Historic District in Howard County, Maryland. The 6.75-acre property is distinguished by its' dramatic topography and wooded character. The property backs up to the Patapsco River Valley State Park. There are five structures on the property that are visible from the public way, including two detached dwellings and three groups of attached dwellings. One detached dwelling is located in a hollow below College Avenue and the other four structures are located on a ridge south of the hollow. The group of four structures frame a court accessed by a tear-shaped private drive, called Weaver Court after a 20th c. owner. A proposal to develop the property, which would result in demolition of the cottages, has been submitted to the Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning.

The Lilburn Cottages consist of four contributing buildings and one non-contributing building. The four contributing buildings consist of a detached wood-frame dwelling and three groups of attached wood-frame dwellings. The buildings are altered vernacular dwellings and are difficult to date. However, their form and ornamentation suggest that they were constructed in the early 20th century.

The Lilburn Cottages embody the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, and method of construction. The Lilburn Cottages are significant as part of the Lilburn estate (HO-353). The buildings could have been constructed to house workers on the Lilburn estate. Alternatively, they could have been built as rental housing for workers at the nearby mills on the Patapsco River.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-855

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Lilburn Cottages (preferred)  
other Weaver Court

## 2. Location

street and number 3961 College Avenue \_\_ not for publication  
city, town Ellicott City \_\_ vicinity  
county Howard County

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

name Ronald and Gail Spahn  
street and number 5108 Ten Mills Road telephone 410-977-1323  
city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21044

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 5051 folio 629  
city, town Columbia tax map 25 tax parcel 93 tax ID number 02-218569

## 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>4</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>4</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
				<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

*The property owner did not provide access to the site prior to preparation of the form and the property was surveyed from the roadway. Thus, only elements visible from the public way are described.*

The Lilburn Cottages are located on College Avenue, just south of the Ellicott City Historic District in Howard County, Maryland. The 6.75-acre property is distinguished by its' dramatic topography and wooded character. The property backs up to the Patapsco River Valley State Park. There are five structures on the property that are visible from the public way, including two detached dwellings and three groups of attached dwellings. One detached dwelling is located in a hollow below College Avenue and the other four structures are located on a ridge south of the hollow. The group of four structures frame a court accessed by a tear-shaped private drive, called Weaver Court after a 20th c. owner.

The Lilburn Cottages consist of four contributing buildings and one non-contributing building. The four contributing buildings consist of a detached wood-frame dwelling and three groups of attached wood-frame dwellings. The buildings are located well away from the public road and are difficult to date from such a distance. However, the structures are located on land that was once part of the Henry R. Hazlehurst estate, Lilburn (HO-353), and have ornamentation that matches that seen on the Lilburn-Balderstone's Cottage (HO-355). Thus, it is assumed that the buildings were constructed to house workers on the Lilburn estate or as rental housing on the property and should be viewed as part of the Lilburn complex.

The contributing detached cottage is the building in the complex that is located nearest the public way. Only the west and north facades are visible from the public way. The dwelling is a 1 1/2-story, 2-bay, wood-frame, gable-front house. The building is currently covered with asphalt siding and has an asphalt roof. The house retains wood six-over-six windows. The primary, gable-front, facade of the house faces west. A 1-story, shed-roofed, 20th c. wood porch extends from the front facade and covers the entry door. The 2nd story has one window opening, which is centered in the gable end. An ornamental, hipped-roof hood supported by latticed brackets caps the window. The south elevation is two-bays wide and is symmetrical. The 1st story has two window openings. A stovepipe pierces the 1st story facade. A shed roofed dormer projects from the south slope of the roof and encloses two window openings. The house is located at the bottom of a hollow and the current tenants farm the surrounding basin. The house's drive originates at Lilburn and passes across multiple other properties before reaching the house.

The other three contributing buildings on the property are attached dwellings that form an L-shaped group that frames a courtyard. One building is located on the north side of the courtyard and two buildings are located on the east side of the courtyard. The buildings are 1 1/2-story, wood-frame dwellings with asphalt and plywood siding and asphalt roofs. The buildings retain wood 6-over-6 windows. The doors have ornamental hipped-roof hoods with latticed supports.

The building on the north side of the courtyard appears to house three units. The south elevation of the north building has six bays and east and west elevation has two bays. The 1st story of the south facade has two door openings and four window openings that follow a regular d, w, w, d, w, w pattern from west to east. Five gable dormers pierce the south roof slope and hold window openings. The west elevation has two window openings at each the 1st and 2nd story and a small vent or window opening at the peak of the gable. The east elevation has a door opening on the south side and a 1-story wood shed-roofed structure projects from the north side. The 2nd story has two window openings and a vent or window opening at the peak of the gable.

Two buildings edge the east side of the courtyard. The southeast building appears to largely replicate the north building, with six bays on its west side and two bays on its south elevation. The northeast building has three bays on its west elevation, which is the only elevation visible from the public way. The building is shorter than the other two and ceiling heights must be quite low. The 1st story has one door opening and two window openings. The door opening is located in the northern bay. Three gabled dormers that hold window openings break the west slope of the roof.

A second detached dwelling is located on the west side of the courtyard. The building's form appears to be 20th century, and unless closer examination reveals that the building has a 19th c. construction date, the house does not contribute to the Lilburn Cottages complex.

## 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
<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** 1902, 1906, 1923, 1934 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1920s

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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While the stone Gothic Hazlehurst mansion, Lilburn, is individually significant, its significance is amplified when viewed in context with its associated worker's houses and outbuildings, including the Lilburn Cottages. Viewed as a group the buildings associated with Lilburn provide a more complete image of the estate, which historically supported a wide range of activities including farming and dairying.

The cottages are located on property developed by Henry R. Hazlehurst as his retirement estate. Henry R. Hazlehurst (1815-1900) was a wealthy England-born industrialist who retired to Howard County. Born in Minton, England, his father was a Philadelphian and the family returned the States when Hazlehurst was four. After his father's death, when Henry was a teenager, he went to work in the engineering department of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad under his cousin, chief engineer, Benjamin H. Latrobe, who was the son of the architect Benjamin H. B. Latrobe. Benjamin H. Latrobe laid out the B & O line between Baltimore and Washington D.C. and also married Henry Hazlehurst's sister. Henry Hazlehurst's first wife was Ellen Thomas, the daughter of Dr. Thomas, who owned much of land along the Patapsco River between Ellicott City and Ilchester. Ellen Thomas did not live long after their marriage. In the 1850s, Hazlehurst established a successful Baltimore-based machinery manufactory with James Murray, previously the master of machinery for the Baltimore & Ohio. The firm made marine engines and was involved in steamship lines. In 1852, he married Elizabeth McKim, daughter of David Telfair McKim. He retired to Lilburn in 1858 and "in his retirement Mr. Hazlehurst spent his time reading and looking after his property interests."<sup>1</sup>

The 6.75-acre property on which the Hammond Cottage was historically part of Dr. Allen Thomas's large land holdings in the "Valley of Owen" as the tract between Ellicott City and the village of Ilchester was known. In 1856 and 1857, the Thomas family granted 50 acres to Hazlehurst's second wife, where Hazlehurst constructed Lilburn. The land where the Lilburn Cottages are located is part of that original estate. In 1870, his household consisted of him (aged 55), his second wife Elizabeth McKim Hazlehurst (aged 42), and children George (aged 14), Catherine (aged 12), Margaret (aged 10), Julia (aged 8), Elizabeth (aged 6). The Hazlehursts also had an extensive staff, both black and white, including a governess, a seamstress, a nurse, a dairymaid, a coachman, a waiter, a laundress, a cook, a maid, and a cow driver.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Obituary, Henry R. Hazlehurst," *The Sun* (Baltimore), Feb. 21, 1900, p. 7, col. 6.

<sup>2</sup> Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, *Ninth Census of United States: 1870, Population Schedule*, Ellicott City, 2nd District, Page 5.

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The cottages were probably built after this land passed out of the Hazlehurst family in 1902 following Henry Hazlehurst's death, when the Odd Fellows purchased 50 acres on College Avenue, perhaps to use the mansion as a lodge. In 1906, the Odd Fellows sold the property to Albert H. Weld of Baltimore City. In 1910, Weld (aged 45) - who had his own income - lived at Lilburn with his wife Nannie (aged 43), their daughters, Katherine (aged 7) and Edith (aged 5), her daughter from a previous marriage, Josephine Browne (aged 13) and their servants, including a nurse, a cook, a gardener and a servant.<sup>3</sup> Weld died in 1923 and John C. Maginnis, an insurance manager, purchased the property. Maginnis apparently passed away too, and the land became embroiled in a civil court case between Adelaide Maginnis and Bertha Wolfe. Joshua N. Warfield and Jacob New, trustees were given the authority to sell the property. In 1930, Henry A. Knott, a prominent and very wealthy Baltimore contractor who endowed the current Knott Foundation, bought 20.5 acres. Knott only owned the property for four years and sold it to A. Victor Weaver in 1934. In 1930, Alfred V. Weaver (aged 50) - the treasurer of an insurance company, lived on School Street in Ellicott City, with his wife Gertrude (aged 45) and daughters Louise (aged 20) and Betty (aged 13).<sup>4</sup> The private road that leads back to the main group of buildings retains his name "Weaver Court." A. Victor Weaver died in 1948 and left part of the property to his daughters Louise Sullivan and Ella Gassaway. The women, and their husbands, sold the property, which then comprised 8.05 acres, in 1957. The property has had two additional owners since 1957. The current owner, Ronald Spahn, has recently submitted a subdivision application for the property that would result in demolition of the buildings.

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<sup>3</sup> Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1910, Population Schedule**, E.D. 51, Sheet 7A.

<sup>4</sup> Department of Commerce - Bureau of the Census, **Ninth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 14-3, Sheet 4B.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 6.7553

Acreage of historical setting 50 acres

Quadrangle name Ellicott City

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Lilburn Cottages replicates that of Howard County Map 25, Grid 14, Parcel 95, which is the buildings' current legal lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	March 29, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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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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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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 Hazlehurst Cottages  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR	GRANTEE	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS.	PRICE	ACREAGE	COMMENTS
Samuel H. Caplan	Ronald L. Spahn	12-31-1986	1758	432	Deed	135,000	6.7553	Being part of the first and all of the second parcels of land described in the 1957 deed.
John D. Baker and Emeline T. Baker	Samuel H. Caplan	12-31-1980	1034	644	Deed	100,000	6.7553	Being part of the first and all of the second parcels of land described in the 1957 deed.
Louise K. Sullivan and Norbert J. Sullivan and Ella K. Gassaway and William F. Gassaway (Howard County)	John D. Baker and Emeline T. Baker (Howard Couty)	09-14-1957	304	238	Deed	5.00	8.05 and 4000 square feet	Being a part of that land which was granted and conveyed by Henry A. Knott Inc., to A. Victor Weaver. A. Victor Weaver died on April 2, 1948 and left all his land and property to his wife Gertrude B. Weaver, providing that in the event she died first that his daughters Louis K. Sullivan and Ella K Gassaway would get the property.
Henry A. Knott	A. Victor Weaver	02-15-1934	147	458	Deed	5.00	20.5	
Beth Hillel Sanitarium	Henry A. Knott	07-18-1930	139	212	Deed	5.00	20.5	Subject to a 16,500 mortgage from Beth Hillel Sanitarium, Inc. to Edward L. Putzel
Joshua N. Warfield and Jacob S. New, Trustees	Beth Hillel Sanitarium, Inc.	07-18-1930	139	205	Deed	16,500 (Mortgage)	20.5	Warfield and New were appointed Trustees with authority to sell the real estate by decree of the Circuit Court for Howard County in Equity dated July 17th, 1928 in a course entitled "Adlelaide C. Maginnis vs. Bertha V. Wolfe, et al"; the Trustees sold the property to Beth Hillel in private sale
Beth Hillel Sanitarium, Inc.	Edward L. Putzel	07-18-1930	139	207	Mortgage	16,500	20.5	
Rosa C. Howard, Executrix	John C. Maginnis	06-09-1923	118	52	Deed	20,000	50 acres	Albert H. Weld died on May 5th 1922 (Wills Liber R.D. No. 6, folio 227)
Grand Lodge of Maryland of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows	Albert H. Weld (Baltimore City)	09-10-1906	82	495	Deed	5.00	50 acres	
The Home Association of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland	Grand Lodge of Maryland of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows	10-27-1904	79	267	Deed	17,500	50 acres	

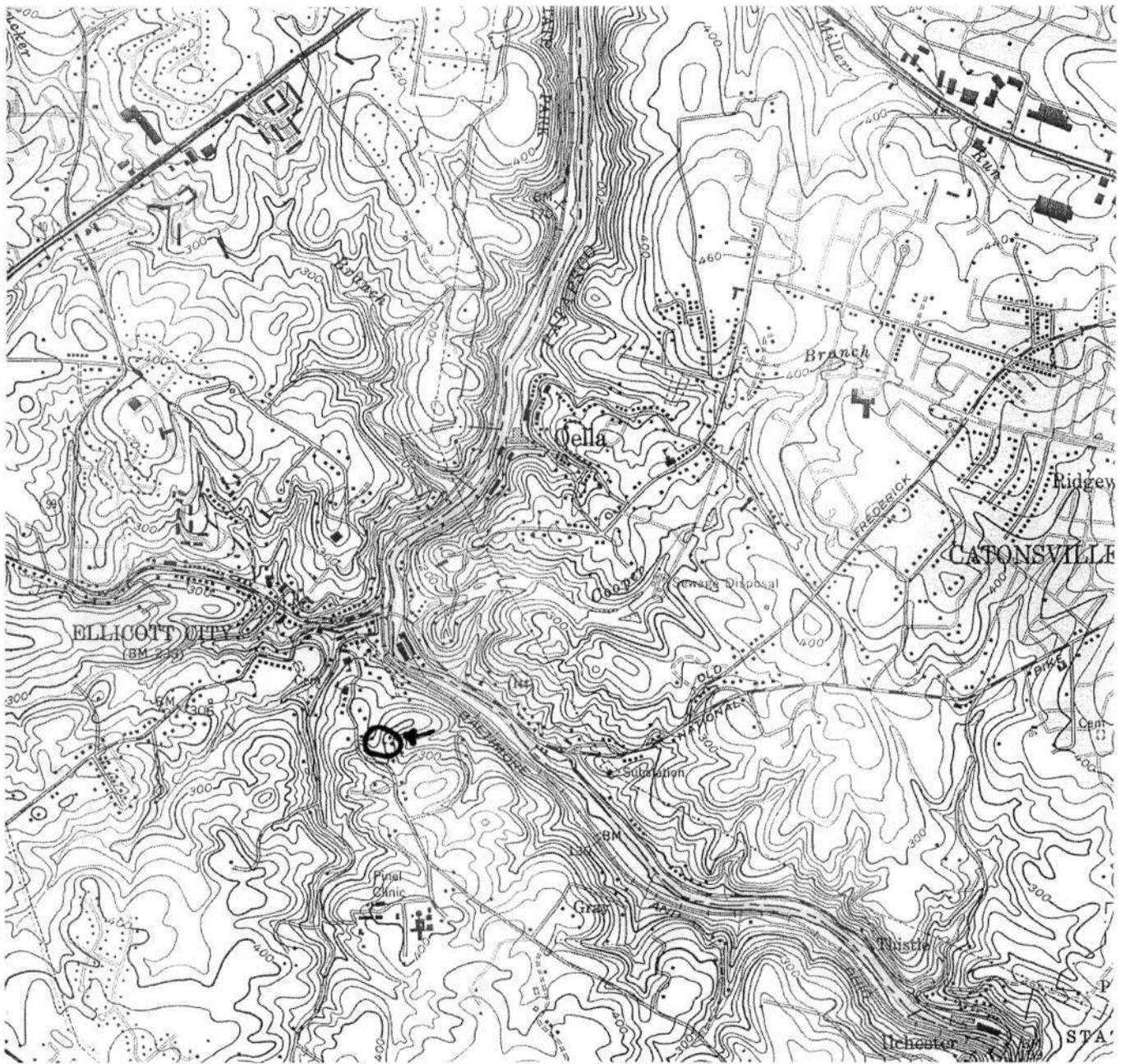
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3961 College Avenue

CHAIN OF TITLE

The Home of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland	The Home Association of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland	07-09-1902	75	484	Deed	17,500	50 acres	Being and comprising all the land conveyed to Elizabeth V. McK. Hazelhurst by three deeds: 1) from William D. Thomas and wife dated September 23rd 1856 (Liber 17, Folio 410), 2) from Eliza D. Thomas, dated October 3, 1856 (Liber 17, Folio 413), and 3) William D. Thomas and wife dated October 14, 1857 (Liber 18, Folio 411) and part of the land conveyed by Alexander H. Hobbs and Michael Bannon, trustees, to Henry R. Hazelhurst by deed dated September 2, 1865 (liber 24, folio 377). Being also the same lot or parcel of ground which was conveyed to the Home of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Maryland by deed from the Mercantile Trust and Deposit Company of Baltimore, trustee, dated November 19th , 1900 (Liber 71, folio 570)
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Hazlehurst Cottages (HO-855)  
3961 College Avenue, Ellicott City  
Howard County  
*Site Plan/Aerial Photo*



Hazlehurst Cottages (HO-855)  
3961 College Avenue, Ellicott City  
Howard County, Maryland  
*USGS Ellicott City Quad*



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Lilburn Cottages

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

02-05

MD SHPO

view northeast. Shows buildings in setting.

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Lilburn Cottages

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Good

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MD SHPO

Shows cottage in hollow.

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Litburn Cottages

Howard County, MD

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Shows groups of attached houses.

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Lilburn Cottages

Howard County, MD

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Shows groups of attached houses.

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Litburn + cottages

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Gould

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Shows single family house.

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