

HO-896  
Edith Friskey House  
10510 Frederick Road  
Ellicott City vicinity  
Howard County, Maryland  
Private  
c. 1930

Description:

The Edith Friskey House is located on the north side of the road, just west of the intersection with Route 40. The property contains a house, a garage, and a chicken house. The house faces south toward the road, and is actually a two-story structure with a porch on the front, which disguises it as a 1-1/2 story bungalow, making the second story appear to be a shed-roofed dormer. The house is two bays by three bays and has a rock-faced concrete block foundation, wood weatherboards, a gable roof with an east-west ridge, and asphalt shingles. There is an exterior brick chimney on the west, set south of the ridge. The front porch has rock-faced CMU block piers and three Doric wood columns. The first story has one large room across the front and two rooms across the back. There is an open stringer stair on the east that ascends to the north and is very much in the Colonial Revival vein. On the west elevation is a fireplace with a brick mantel. The northwest room is a kitchen with a built-in cupboard. The stairway to the second story has a landing on the north end, and then turns to the west with a landing and passage in the center, running east-west. There is one room to the south, one to the northwest, and one to the northeast. There is a garage located about 30 feet north of the house. It is a one-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with wood weatherboard siding, a poured concrete foundation and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is a chicken house located about 40 feet north of the garage. It is a one-story, five-bay by one-bay frame structure with German siding, a poured concrete foundation, and a shed roof that slopes down to the north and is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof has a short pent roof on the south side to cover the south wall.

Significance:

The Edith Friskey House is located on part of what had been the site of St. Charles College. The land had been part of Doughoregan Manor and was donated to the college by Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The college was destroyed by fire in March 1911. Morris Shapiro, president of the C. A. Gambrill Mfg. Co. and a large landowner in Howard County, bought the college property in 1922 and was having it surveyed and subdivided. In June 1923 a large portion of the property was auctioned at prices of \$125-275 per acre. The subdivision had the simplest possible nature. Schapiro was merely creating smaller lots without adding any new streets, giving everyone street frontage along Frederick Road. The character was much more rural than most suburban development of the period. A. F. Gieske bought seven lots, and two of the smaller lots, numbers 27 and 28, were sold in 1930 to Edith Friskey, a widow, and her son, James. At that time Gieske was listed in the census as a 57-year-old single tobacco merchant in Baltimore City. Gieske's interest in the college lots was undoubtedly as an investment, and he almost certainly never lived here, and may not have

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had any involvement in the construction of the house. Rather, it seems that Friskey had the house built for her around the time she purchased the lot. The house is interesting because it appears at first glance to be a bungalow, but is actually a full two-story structure with an attic. Edith Friskey remarried and sold the house in 1936 to Clarence and Blossie Houck. They may have been responsible for the garage behind the house, and almost certainly built the large chicken house further back on the lot. There seems to be a pattern of owners of larger lots such as this in Howard County raising chickens in the first half of the twentieth century, probably just to supplement their regular income. Blossie Houck sold the house in 1964. The house was scheduled to be demolished in late August 2007.

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

historic Edith Friskey House

other

### 2. Location

street and number 10510 Frederick Road  not for publication

city, town Ellicott City  vicinity

county Howard

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

name Ellicott Square LLC

street and number 5300 Dorsey Hall Drive, #102 telephone

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 16, p. 60

city, town Ellicott City liber 9776 folio 538

### 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
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			3	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 Edith Friskey House is located at 10510 Frederick Road, on the north side of the road, just west of the intersection with Route 40. The property contains a house, a garage, and a chicken house.

#### House, exterior

The house faces south toward the road, and is actually a two-story structure with a porch on the front, which disguises it as a 1-1/2 story bungalow. The house is two bays by three bays and has a rock-faced concrete block foundation, wood weatherboards, a gable roof with an east-west ridge, and asphalt shingles. There is a large shed-roofed dormer on the south elevation, and an exterior brick chimney on the west, set south of the ridge. The south elevation, on the first story, has a triple sash in the west bay with a six-over-one in the center, flanked by a four-over-one on each side. The east bay has a door with 15 lights over one panel. The front porch has rock-faced CMU block piers, a tongue and grooved wood deck, three Doric wood columns, and bead board soffit. There is a wood box cornice with returns. The second story has two six-over-one double-hung sash, and there is a wood box cornice with returns on the dormer/second story.

The east elevation, on the first story, has a six-light sash in the south bay. The center bay has a door at grade level that originally was four lights over two panels, and there is a hood above it. The north bay has paired six-over-one sash. The second story south and north bays have six over one sash. The center bay also has a six-over-one sash, but it is set low. All of the windows have head-cut trim. The gable end has a pair of six-light casements.

On the north elevation, the first-story east bay has a one-story shed roof wing attached to it, with a six-over-one sash. The west end of this wing is an enclosed porch, with a door that has four lights over two panels. The west bay has a six-over-one sash. On the second story, the east bay has no opening, while the west bay has a six-over-one sash.

The west elevation is two bays. The first story north bay has paired six-over-one sash and the south bay has a brick chimney with a six-light sash to each side of it. The second story has a six-over-one sash north bay, and another in the south bay, to the north of the brick chimney. The gable end has a pair of six-light casements.

#### House, interior

The first story has one large room across the front and two rooms across the back. The south room has 2 1/4-inch oak tongue-and-grooved flooring that runs east-west. The baseboard has a quirked ogee on top. The architrave is plain, with a cornice on the top piece that has an ogee above an ogee, and a bead at the bottom of the top piece. The architrave is painted and there is no evidence of varnish. The front door has butt hinges with ball finials and a brass mortise lock that has a glass knob and a brass escutcheon with a shield pattern. There is an open stringer stair on the east that ascends to the north and has a turned, tapered pine newel post with a dark finish and turned painted balusters. There is a moulded pine handrail with a dark finish and the stairway is very much in the Colonial Revival vein. There are sawn brackets that are very flat and have an ogee curve. On the west elevation is a fireplace with a quarry tile hearth, firebrick firebox, and brick mantel with a wood shelf on top of it supported by three wood ogee brackets. There is an ogee bed mould and a plain frieze. The north elevation has a large opening to the west and a doorway to the east that is missing its door.

The northwest room has typical flooring, baseboard, and architrave. There is a swinging door on the east, set to the south, which is dark pine and has two panels. There is a wood grate on the floor in the north. The northwest room is a kitchen with linoleum and typical baseboard and architrave. There is a doorway on the east elevation, set to the south that leads to stairs down to an exterior side door. The doorway in the kitchen has two panels and is dark pine, with butt hinges that have ball finials, and a mortise lock. There is a built-in cupboard on the south elevation, to the east, with three one-panel doors at the bottom, three drawers below the countertop, and three shelves with three three-light doors at the top of the cupboard. There is an exterior door on the west elevation, set to the north. The room has plaster on lath, on two-by-four studs.

The stairway to the second story has a landing on the north end, and then turns to the west with a landing and passage in the center, running east-west. There is one room to the south, one to the northwest, and one to the northeast. The flooring, baseboard, and architrave all match the first story, and all of the doors are missing. The south chamber extends across the whole front of the building and has an original closet just east of the door on the north elevation. There are stairs to the attic to the north of this

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closet, in the northeast corner of the room, and the stairway is enclosed with a two-panel door of dark pine with typical hinges and a lock. The northwest chamber has a closet on the east, set to the north, and the door is missing. The northeast chamber is a bathroom with linoleum on the floor and a linen closet to the west. It has an original white bathtub to the north and a new water closet. There is a white pedestal sink on the south, to the east, with original light fixtures above it flanking a mirrored cabinet. The attic has two-by-six dimensional rafters with a ridge board. The basement has a CMU foundation and each block has a small capital 'B' inside a larger capital 'C'. There are two-by-six joists with cross bridging, with wire nails.

### Garage

There is a garage located about 30 feet north of the house. It is a one-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure with wood weatherboard siding, a poured concrete foundation and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. The east elevation has two pair of wood doors with six lights over six panels in each leaf. They are hung on T hinges with arrowhead points. The gable end has a six-light casement. The south elevation has a shed-roofed addition. The original building has a six-over-one sash in the west bay, and no opening in the east bay. The north elevation has a six-over-one sash to the west of center. The west elevation has a six-light sash in the gable end. The garage is constructed with 2 by 4 studs covered in diagonal sub-sheathing, with 2 by 6 joists and rafters and a ridge board.

### Chicken House

There is a chicken house located about 40 feet north of the garage. It is a one-story, five-bay by one-bay frame structure with German siding, a poured concrete foundation, and a shed roof that slopes down to the north and is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof has a short pent roof on the south side to cover the south wall, and the roof has open eaves. The south elevation has paired large openings with a three-light sash in the top half and screens in the bottom half. Most of these openings are boarded up, in the west, west-center, center, and east bays. There is a pair of doors in the east-center bay, made of vertical boards and probably altered. The foundation here seems to be broken through, not clean and squared off. The east elevation has a five lying panel door to the south and a shed roof addition on it that is open. The north elevation is covered by shed-roofed metal addition. The west elevation has no openings. The building has a concrete floor, 2 by 4 studs and 2 by 6 rafters. A center beam runs east-west, supported by 4 by 4 posts. There is a small brick forge at the west end of the building, and it has a concrete top on which to build a fire.

## 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
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	N/A	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	N/A
<b>Construction dates</b>	c. 1930		

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Edith Friskey House is located on part of what had been the site of St. Charles College. The land had been part of Doughoregan Manor and was donated to the college by Charles Carroll of Carrollton. The college was chartered in 1831, opened in 1848, and was destroyed by fire in March 1911. Other buildings on the site survived, but the college chose to rebuild in Catonsville and the land was used for a time as Brendel's Park. In May, 1923 the Ellicott City Times noted the sale of a farm by Col. Philip Carroll for development, and added that "plans are being made now for the sale of the old St. Charles site in the same manner." The editor then opined: "The disposition of these two tracts of land in small pieces probably means more to Howard county than any transaction in the last half century. This section of the county [sic], while it is as well located as any property in the state, has not been developed because of the fact that the land was held by the Carrolls and St. Charles [sic] College. No improvements of note have been made between Pine Orchard and Mayfield. It has been one of the most sparsely settled sections of the county and with the sale of small tracts promoters are of the hope that within the next few years notable improvements will be made in the line of home building." (1)

The newspaper was responding to the fact that Morris Shapiro, president of the C. A. Gambrell Mfg. Co. and a large landowner in Howard County, had bought the college property in 1922 and was having it surveyed and subdivided. In June 1923 a large portion of the property was auctioned at prices of \$125-275 per acre. The 250 acre site that held the ruins of the old college was reserved. Most of the lots faced onto Frederick Road. Those to the east of the property were small lots of about two acres, with deeper, narrow lots of roughly four acres in the center portion of the property. At the west end were some larger lots of 11 to 20 acres, one of 35 and one of 50. One piece of property was sold as a 110-acre farm, and some of the others were improved with dwellings, barns, and outbuildings. The editor again opined that there would be rapid development in this area in the near future and added: "The value of the breaking up of these farms is of inestimable value to Howard county, presenting opportunity to a large number of people to become landowners who hitherto had not been able to acquire desirable property in acreage to suit them." Forty years later similar arguments would be used for the development of Columbia. The subdivision had the simplest possible nature. Shapiro was merely creating smaller lots without adding any new streets, giving everyone street frontage along Frederick Road. The character was much more rural than most suburban development of the period, and unlike those neighborhoods on smaller lots, Shapiro did not try to control the appearance of the development. He did, however, place one covenant on the land that was common to most suburbs at the time, excluding its ownership "by a Negro, or person of Negro extraction." (2)

The newspaper noted that the buyers included A. F. Gieske, H. T. Grimes, and M. A. Murphy. The house was scheduled to be demolished in late August 2007 since this lot is now considered large by Howard County standards and will be subdivided for more houses. Gieske bought seven lots, three of the two-acre variety, two that were about four acres each, and two that totaled almost 3 acres. Two of the smaller lots, numbers 27 and 28, were sold in 1930 to Edith Friskey, a widow, and her son, James.

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At that time Gieske was listed in the census as a 57-year-old single tobacco merchant in Baltimore City. He was undoubtedly related to Gustav Gieske, another tobacco merchant who had a summer home in Catonsville, though little more could be found about August Frederick Gieske. Gieske's interest in the college lots was undoubtedly as an investment, and he almost certainly never lived here, and may not have had any involvement in the construction of the house on lots 27 & 28. Rather, it seems that Friskey had the house built for her around the time she purchased the lot. The house is interesting because it appears at first glance to be a bungalow, but is actually a full two-story structure with an attic. The house has wide overhanging eaves, and on the front half of the gable ends these eaves are set low, cutting across the second story wall and connecting to the front porch much as a bungalow would and creating the appearance that the upper story is a shed-roofed dormer. However, a bungalow dormer was typically narrower than the width of the house, with no attic space above it. A glance at the rear of the Friskey house reveals the true two-story nature of the dwelling. Presumably, the intent was to make the house seem smaller than it was so as not to draw attention, though this is rarely the case with architecture. (3)

Edith Friskey remarried and sold the house in 1936 to Clarence and Blossie Houck. They may have been responsible for the garage behind the house, and almost certainly built the large chicken house further back on the lot. There seems to be a pattern of owners of larger lots such as this in Howard County raising chickens in the first half of the twentieth century, probably just to supplement their regular income. Blossie Houck sold the house in 1964. The house was scheduled to be demolished in late August 2007, along with the Murphy house next door, since this lot is now considered large by Howard County standards and will be subdivided for more houses.

### Notes:

- (1). Joetta Cramm, Howard County: A Pictorial History rev. ed. (Virginia Beach, VA: The Donning Company, 2004), p. 72. Ellicott City (Maryland) Times, 3 May 1923, p. 1, col. 6.
- (2). Howard County Land Records, plat HBN 117-600. Ellicott City (Maryland) Times, 14 June 1923, p. 1, col. 5-6. Howard County Land Records, HBN 118-242.
- (3). U. S. Bureau of the Census, Baltimore City, ward 13, 1930, Maryland State Archives.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.45 acres

Acreage of historical setting 2.45 acres

Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 16, p. 60, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Ken Short

organization Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

date 2/19/2008

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city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

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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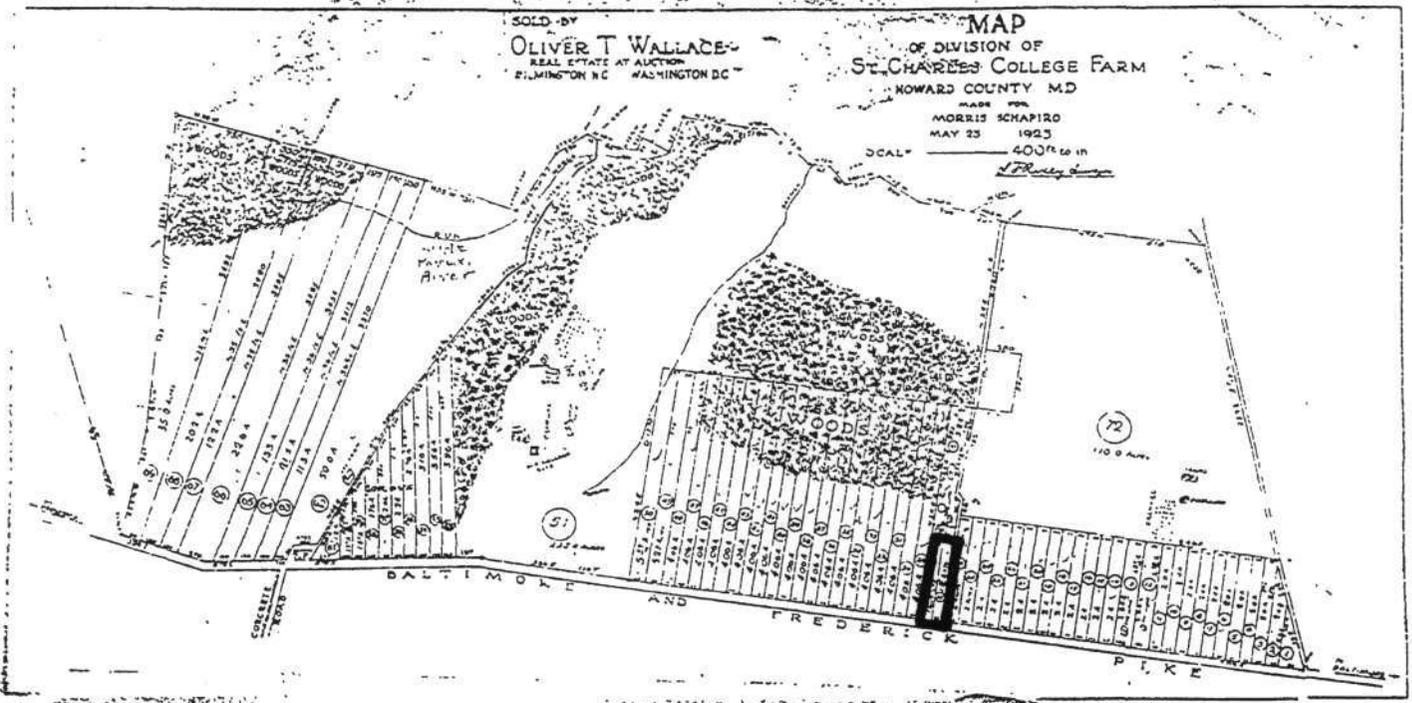
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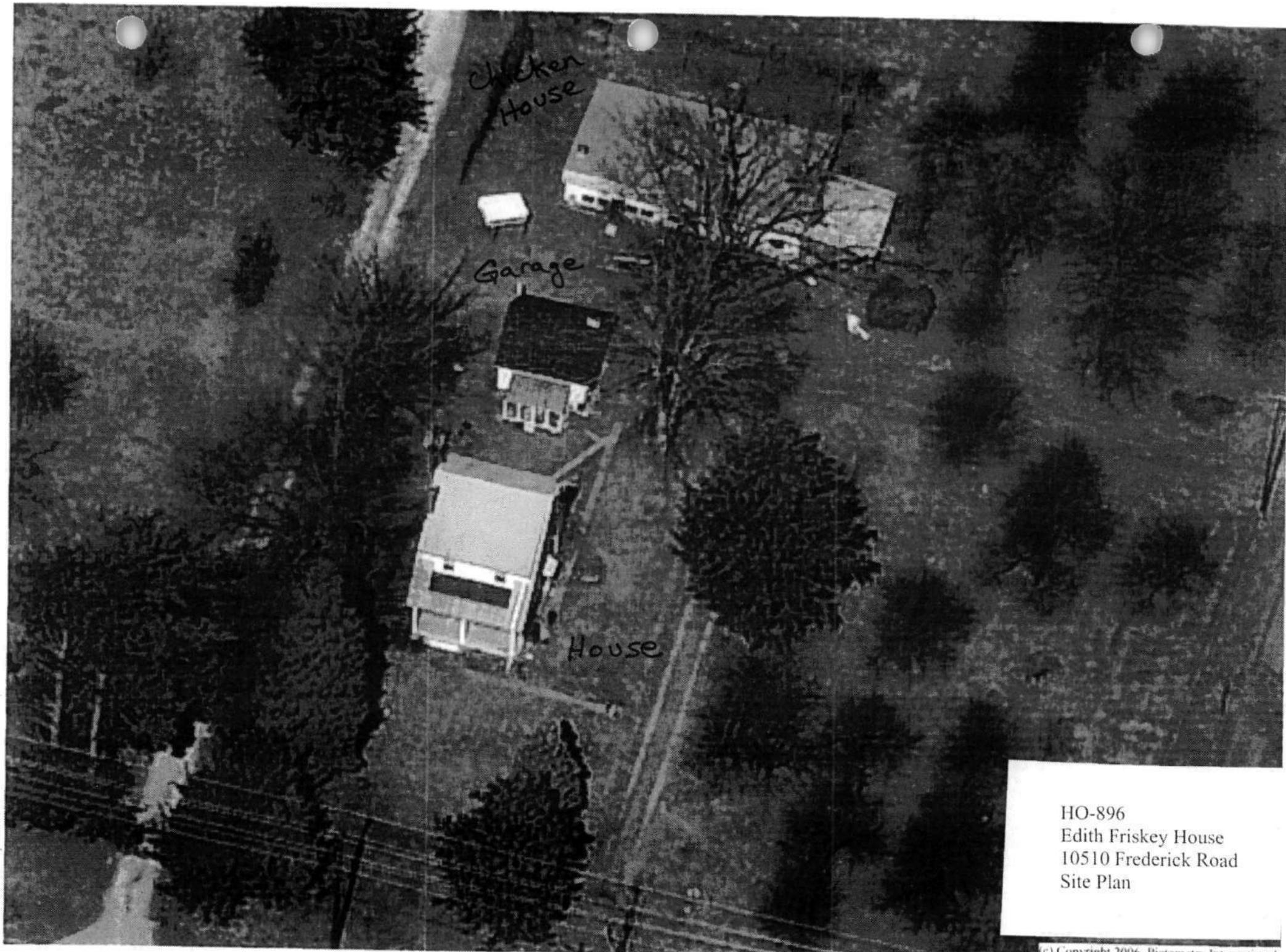
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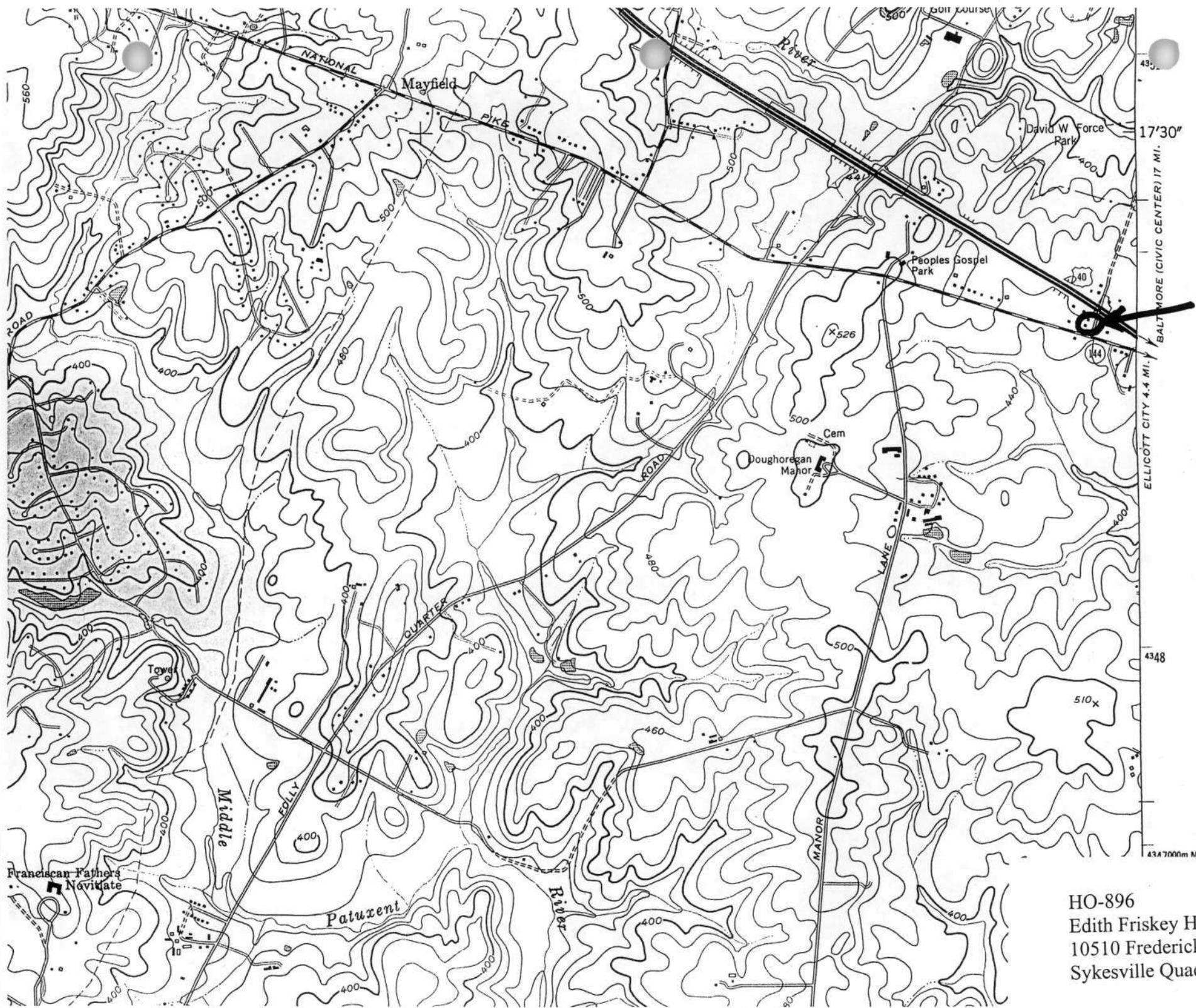
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 St. Charles College plat, HBN 117-600

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GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Joseph W. German and Frances Louise German (H/W)?	Joseph W. German Francis Louise German and Joyce G. Knell, joint tenants	12.2.1994	3426-340	Deed - fee simple	\$0	2.458	
Blossie R. Houck, widow /Howard	Joseph W. German and Frances Louise German	12.7.[1964]	429-95	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	?	Lots 27 and 28 JMH d 10.25.1964
Guinevere M. Warfield	Blossie R. Houck and John Melvin Houck	8.11.1960	357-255	Deed	\$5.00		
Blossie R. Houck, widow	Guinevere M. Warfield	8.11.1960	357-253	Deed	\$5.00		
Edith P. Robison, formerly Edith P. Friskey and Harry L. Robison, her husband and James Edwin Friskey	Clarence M. Houck and Blossie R. Houck	4.9.1936	154-89	Deed	\$5.00		
August Frederick Geiske, single (City of Baltimore)	Edish P. Friskey, widow and James Edwin Friskey, her son/Baltimore Co	11.26.1930	140-86	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	2.77 A	Lots 27 and 28
Morris Shapiro and Rebecca Shapiro (H/W)/Howard	August Frederick Gieske	6.30.1923	HBN 118-515	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	26). 2A 27). & 28). 2.77 A 36). & 37). 8.12 A 65). & 66). 35.9A	Lots 26, 27, 28, 36, 37, 65, and 66 "at no time shall the land hereby granted, or any part thereof, be conveyed to, or owned by a negro, or person of negro extraction, and this covenant shall run with the land and bind the parties hereto, their heirs and assigns, forever."



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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, south elevation

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House, east elevation

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House, north elevation

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House, west elevation

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House, stairway, view northeast

HO-0896\_20070824\_06  
House, south room, view west

HO-0896\_20070824\_07  
House, kitchen cupboard in northeast room

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House, second story bathroom

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Garage, south and east elevations

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Chicken house, south elevation



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House, east elevation

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House, North Elevation

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House, West Elevation

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House, stairway, view northeast

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House, south room, view west

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House, Kitchen cupboard in northeast room

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House, second story bathroom

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Garage, South and East Elevations

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Chicken House, South Elevation

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The Gieseke House is one of five houses located on a spit of land created by the intersection of Route 40 and Frederick Road about five miles west of downtown Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland. Route 40 forms the rear (north) property boundary and Frederick Road forms the front (south) property boundary. Kiwanis Wallas Park is located across the street and Doughoregan Manor is located just west of the site. Although the property is bounded by two busy roadways, a wooded edge shields the site. The 2-acre lot has a small orchard east of the house and the equipment shed and sign suggest that owners were growing and marketing produce on-site. A small roadway, Cemetery Lane, forms the eastern property line. There are three contributing buildings on the property: a wood-frame bungalow (ca. 1920s), a wood-frame garage (ca. 1930s), and a wood frame equipment shed (mid 20<sup>th</sup> c.).

The Gieseke House (ca. 1920s) is the main building on the property. The house is a 1 1/2-story, 2-bay, pattern-book bungalow with a side-gable roof and a rectangular footprint. The highly intact house is in fair to good condition and retains its rusticated CMU foundation, wood weatherboard siding, wood six-over-one windows, wood doors, hardware, and lighting. The house has an asphalt roof.

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Inventory No. HO-896

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

historic Gieseke House

other n/a

## 2. Location

street and number 10510 Frederick Road not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity

county Howard

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

name Joseph W. and Frances Louise German, etal, joint tenants

street and number 10510 Frederick Road telephone n/a

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Records liber 3426 folio 340

city, town Ellicott City tax map 16 tax parcel 60 tax ID number 02211203

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>3</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<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:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>0</u>

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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The primary façade of the Gieseke House faces south. The 1<sup>st</sup> floor has a glazed wood 15-light front door flanked by a triple window opening. A full-width shed-roofed dormer projects from the south roof slope and holds two window openings that are vertically aligned with the 1<sup>st</sup> floor openings. A shed-roofed porch extends across the front façade. The porch has a wood deck and wood Tuscan columns set on CMU piers. Four recent stone steps lead to the porch.

The fenestration of the east (side) façade reflects the interior floor plan. On the 1<sup>st</sup> story, there is a small window opening, presumably located at the base of the stair, and a double window opening, presumably over the kitchen sink. There is a window opening between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> story, probably at a stair landing, and two 2<sup>nd</sup> story window openings, that likely light bedrooms. A small paired window opening is located at the peak of the gable in the attic. A door opening at ground level, which holds a wood four light over two panel door probably leads to a landing of the stair leading from kitchen to cellar. Two cellar windows, which hold two-light windows, flank the door.

The rear (north) façade of the Gieseke House has a 1-story rear kitchen ell with a door opening, which holds a four-light over two-panel door, and a window opening. One 1<sup>st</sup> story window is located west of the ell and one 2<sup>nd</sup> story window opening is vertically aligned with the 1<sup>st</sup> story opening.

The west (side) façade has an exterior brick fireplace chimney located in the southern section of the façade. A pair of small windows flank the chimney at the 1<sup>st</sup> story. A double window opening is located north of the chimney window, which likely lights the dining room. As on the east façade, two window openings are located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> story and a small double window opening is located at the peak of the gable.

The house is currently vacant and the interior was not accessible.

A stone outdoor grill and oven with an integrated wood worktop and dinner bell is located behind the house.

An intact, substantial, wood-frame garage with a lean-to greenhouse and birdhouse cupola is located north of the house. The gable-roofed, one-story garage has a concrete foundation, asbestos shingle siding, and an asphalt roof. The primary façade of the garage faces east. The east façade holds two pair of hinged wood garage doors with a six-light over six-panel configuration. A six-light wood window is located at the peak of the gable. The north (side) elevation of the garage has one window opening, which holds a wood six-over-one window. The west (rear) façade has a window opening at the peak of the gable, which holds a six-light window. The south façade is covered by a home-built, late-20<sup>th</sup> c. lean-to greenhouse.

A mid-20<sup>th</sup> c. equipment shed, in fair to poor condition, is located south of the house and garage. The shed-roofed, one story structure has a concrete foundation, and an asphalt roof and was probably built in two-parts. The primary façade of the structure faces south.

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The primary façade has a vehicular entry with hinged doors flanked by four sets of paired window openings that hold wood three-over-one windows. The southern section of east façade is concealed by junk and is not visible. The northern section of the east façade has a vehicular entry that holds a pair of hinged wood doors. The north façade has wood board and batten siding. Three regularly spaced horizontal window openings, without windows, are located on the north façade. The west façade is overgrown and was not visible.

# 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
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<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 checked="" 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** 1923, 1930, 1936, 1960 **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** ca. 1925

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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The Gieseke House is located on two lots that Morris Schapiro sold from his 1923 subdivision of the St. Charles College farms. Historically the area where St Charles was located was known as Pine Orchards. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, who built Doughoregan Manor, donated the 253-acre property for St. Charles College, a catholic seminary. The Charter for the seminary was granted in 1831 and the college opened in 1848. Cardinal Gibbons is probably the best known alumni of the school, which burned in 1911 and was not rebuilt at this location.

In 1923, Morris Schapiro sold two lots to August Frederick Gieseke, who probably built the house. Schapiro was a wealthy local merchant, born in Russia. He lived in Howard County in 1920 and in Baltimore City in 1930. In 1930, Geiseke, who was single and lived in Baltimore City, sold the property to Edith P. Friskey and her son James Edwin Friskey. By 1936, Friskey had married Harry L. Robison and they sold the house to Clarence and Blossie Houck. The Houcks lived there for almost 30 years. In 1964, Blossie Houck, widow, sold the house to Joseph and Frances German, who have owned the house for more than 40 years. A developer has purchased this and adjoining properties for a new townhouse development.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.458 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 2.77 acres  
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Gieseke House corresponds to Howard County Map 16, Grid 24, Parcel 60, which is the building's current legal lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August 23, 2005
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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

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Date	Grantor	Grantee	Liber	Folio	Trans.	Amt.	Acre	Notes
12-2-1994	Joseph W. German and Frances Louise German	Joseph W. German, Frances Louise German, and Joyce G. Knell, as joint tenants, parties	3426	6340	Deed	0.00	2.458	
12-7-1964	Blossie R. Houck, widow	Joseph W. German and Frances Louise German	429	95	Deed	5.00		
08-11-1960	Guinevere M. Warfield	Blossie R. Houck and John Melvin Houck	357	255	Deed	5.00		
08-11-1960	Blossie R. Houck, widow	Guinevere M. Warfield	357	253	Deed	5.00		
04-09-1936	Edith P. Robison, formerly Edith P. Friskey and Harry L. Robison, her husband, and James Edwin Friskey	Clarence M. Houck and Blossie R. Houck	154	89	Deed	5.00		
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06-30-1923	Morris Shapiro and Rebecca Schapiro	August Frederick Geiseke	118	151	Deed	5.00		August Frederick Geiseke, for himself, his heirs and assigns, covenants with the said Morris Schapiro, his heirs and assigns, and the owners and occupiers for the time being of the several lots shown on the above Plat of the usb-division of the Saint Charles College Farm, that at no time shall the land hereby granted, or any part thereof, be

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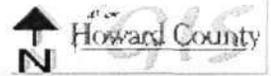
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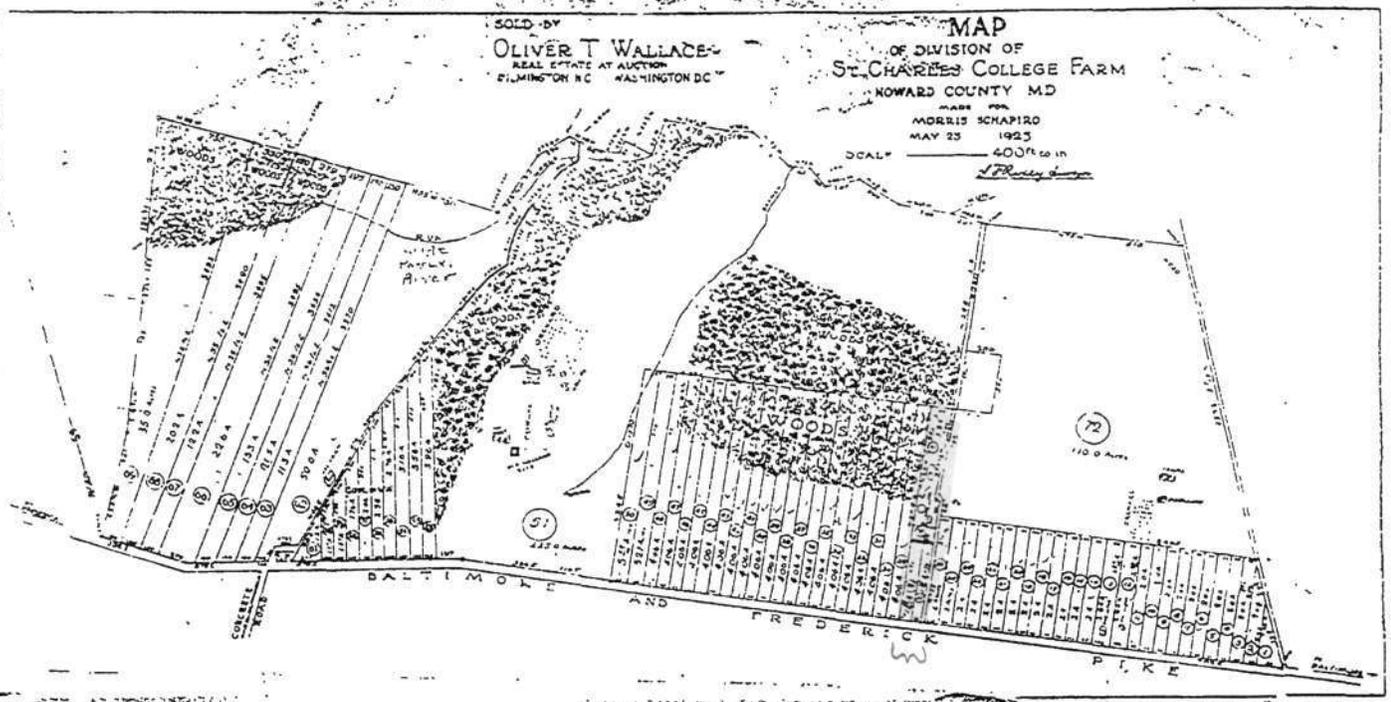
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# Here is the Surveyor's Plat of the St. Charles College Farms divided into tracts and designated by numbers.

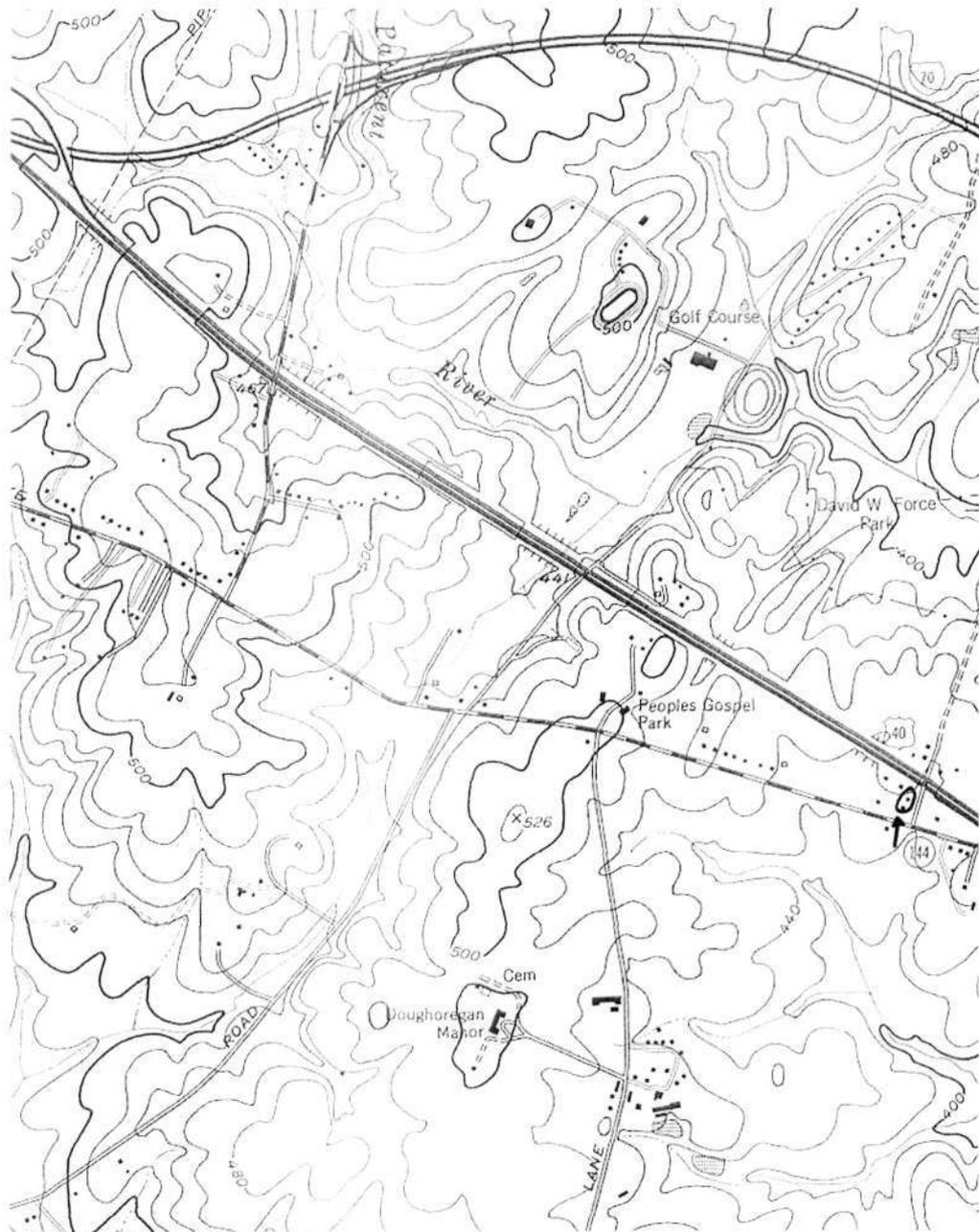
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View NW. Shows house in setting.

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View NW. Shows house and garage.

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View SE. Snows back of house.

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View NW. Shows garage + outbuilding.

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