

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-904

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic William and Dorothy Rex House

other

2. Location

street and number 4249 Montgomery Road _____ not for publication

city, town Ellicott City X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Beazer Homes Corp

street and number 8965 Guilford Rd. Suite 209 telephone 410-948-4060

city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21046-2384

4. Location of Legal Description

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

city, town Ellicott City liber folio

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		
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0
		<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		
		<u>X</u> 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

- | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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 William and Dorothy Rex House is located at 4249 Montgomery Road, just east of the intersection with Old Columbia Pike, south of Ellicott City in northeastern Howard County, Maryland.

The house faces west toward the road and is a one-story, five-bay by three-bay frame structure with a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The west elevation has a three-bay projecting gable front to the south, which contains the entrance. The west elevation has a door to the north in this projecting gable front that has four lights over four panels and an aluminum hood. There are two new one-over-one sash to the south and the gable end has a wood lunette. To the north of this gable front are two one-over-one sash, and there is an exterior chimney on the north end. The south elevation has three one-over-one sash and a wood lunette in the gable end. The east elevation has a one-over-one sash to the south, paired one-over-one sash in the center, and paired one-light sash to the north. The north elevation has a two-bay porch to the east that has metal posts and a brick deck. The porch has a gable roof with a north-south ridge. The house has a one-over-one sash to the east, a door with one light over three lying panels near the center, and a one-over-one sash on each side of the brick chimney to the west. There is an aluminum louver in the gable end that replaces a wood lunette that is now stored in the attic.

The west entrance is into a vestibule that has a closet to the south, a living room in the northwest, dining room in the east-central, and a kitchen in the northeast. There are bedrooms in the southeast and southwest corners separated by a bathroom, and all connected by an east-west passage that is next to the living room. All the walls are covered with homasote and have all new architrave and baseboard. The floors are 2-1/2 inch-wide tongue and groove oak, with the north half running north-south and the south half running east-west. The living room has a fireplace on the north elevation with a brick hearth and mantel, a wood shelf, and firebrick in the firebox. There is a wide opening on the east that leads to the dining room. The dining room has a door on the north wall leading to the stairs up to the attic. There is another door on the north wall to the kitchen. The kitchen has a side door entrance with stairs to the basement just beyond the lobby of the entrance. The basement stairs are set below the attic stairs. The house has two-panel doors with plain butt hinges and Sargent mortise locks. The southwest bedroom has a closet on the east in the center, while the southeast bedroom has a closet on the west in the center. The bathroom has linoleum and fake tile on the walls. There is a new sink and toilet, but an old bathtub. The basement has a concrete block foundation and 2 by 10 joists with bridging. The attic is unfinished and is partially floored. It has 2 by 8 rafters with a ridge beam and plywood sheathing

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 type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder n/a

Construction dates c. 1948

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 William and Dorothy Rex House was originally part of the property of the Rex Family House (HO-903) next door, and was not split off until 1959 when the Rexs sold the latter house and kept this one. The tax records state that this house was built in 1948, and there is no reason to question this, although it suggests that the old family house must have become a tenant house for about a decade until it was split off and sold. Since the latter remained in the family, a grown child could have been living there, too. There are no features of the William and Dorothy Rex house that can be definitively dated to 1948, so it is always possible that the new house was built shortly before they subdivided the property. The house is a frame rancher commonly found in the suburbs at this time, and is a national type with no historical connection to Howard County. The arrangement of the bedrooms is more compact than with most ranchers. The brick mantel is similar to ones found in 1920s and 1930s houses, only slightly updated by making it even simpler. It would more likely be found in the 1940s than the late 1950s. The house passed to William Rex Nazelrod in 1990 and was sold out of the family in 2004. It was demolished for redevelopment in May 2006.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet~~ *Footnotes*.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.22 acres
Acreage of historical setting 4.044 acres
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is the property lines.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning	date	8/16/2006
street and number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state MD	zip code 21043

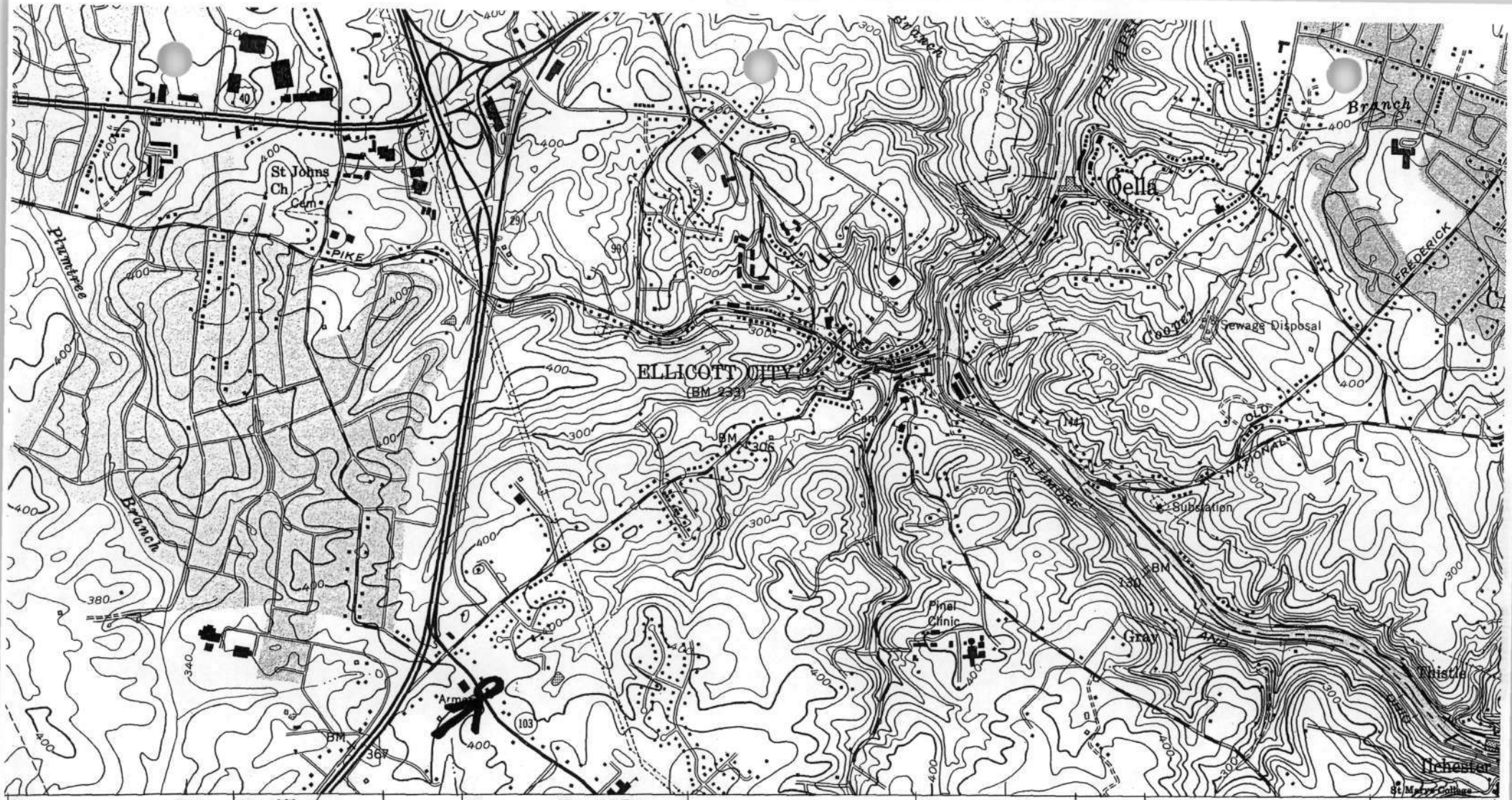
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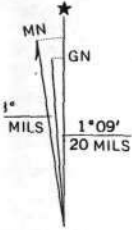
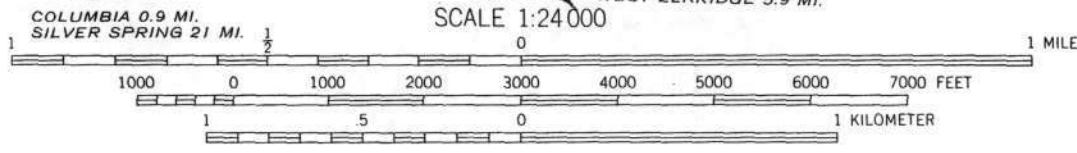
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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

William & Dorothy Rex House (HO-904)
 4249 Montgomery Road
 CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
William Rex Nazelrod & wf. Tina Charlene/?	Beezer Homes Corp/Tenn. Corp.	2.14.2004	MDR 9008-399	Deed-fee simple	\$1,065,000	1) 2.22 A-? 2) 1.979 A	2) See Plat Book 9174
William Rex Nazelrod	William Rex & Tina Charlene Nazelrod (H/W)	4.12.1996	MDR 3859-458				(1)
Dorothy Rex/?	William Rex & Tina Charlene Nazelrod (H/W)/?	3.1.1990	CMP 2137-323	Deed-fee simple	\$0	1.979 A	Lot 2 of Rex's Acres (2)
Anna K. Gill/Baltimore City	Dorothy Rex/Howard	3.20.1980	CMP 993-282	Deed-fee simple	\$5.00	4.044 A-?	On Route 103 (2)
Dorothy Rex/Howard	Ann K. Gill/Balto. City	3.20.1980	CMP 993-279	Deed-fee simple	\$5.00	4.044 A -?	WFR d. 10.31.1959 (2)
Frederick William Rex & wf. Bertha H.	William Frederick Rex & wf. Dorothy	3.19.1943	BM Jr. 177-296				(2)



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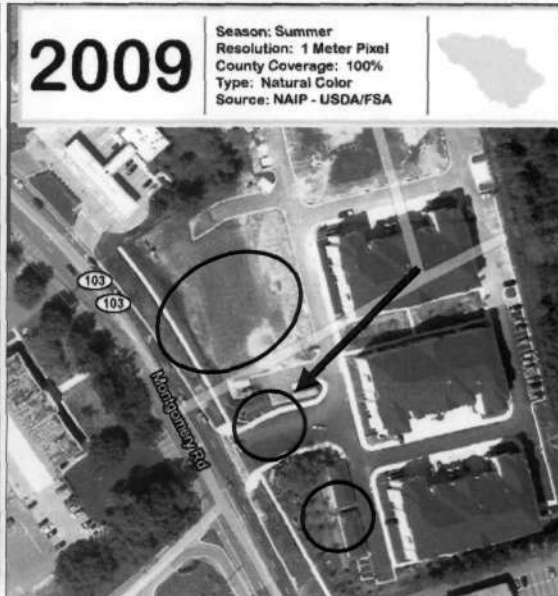
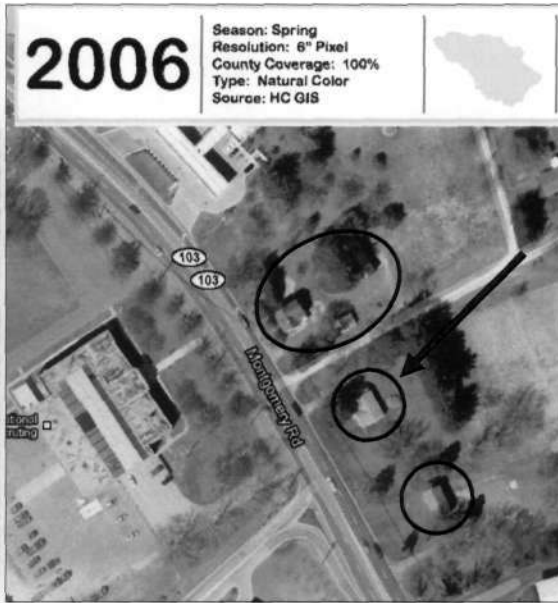
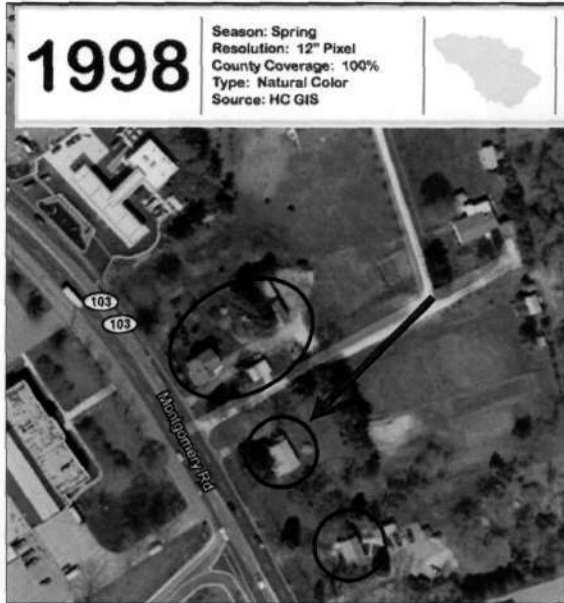
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William & Dorothy Rex House
4249 Montgomery Road
Ellicott City Quad

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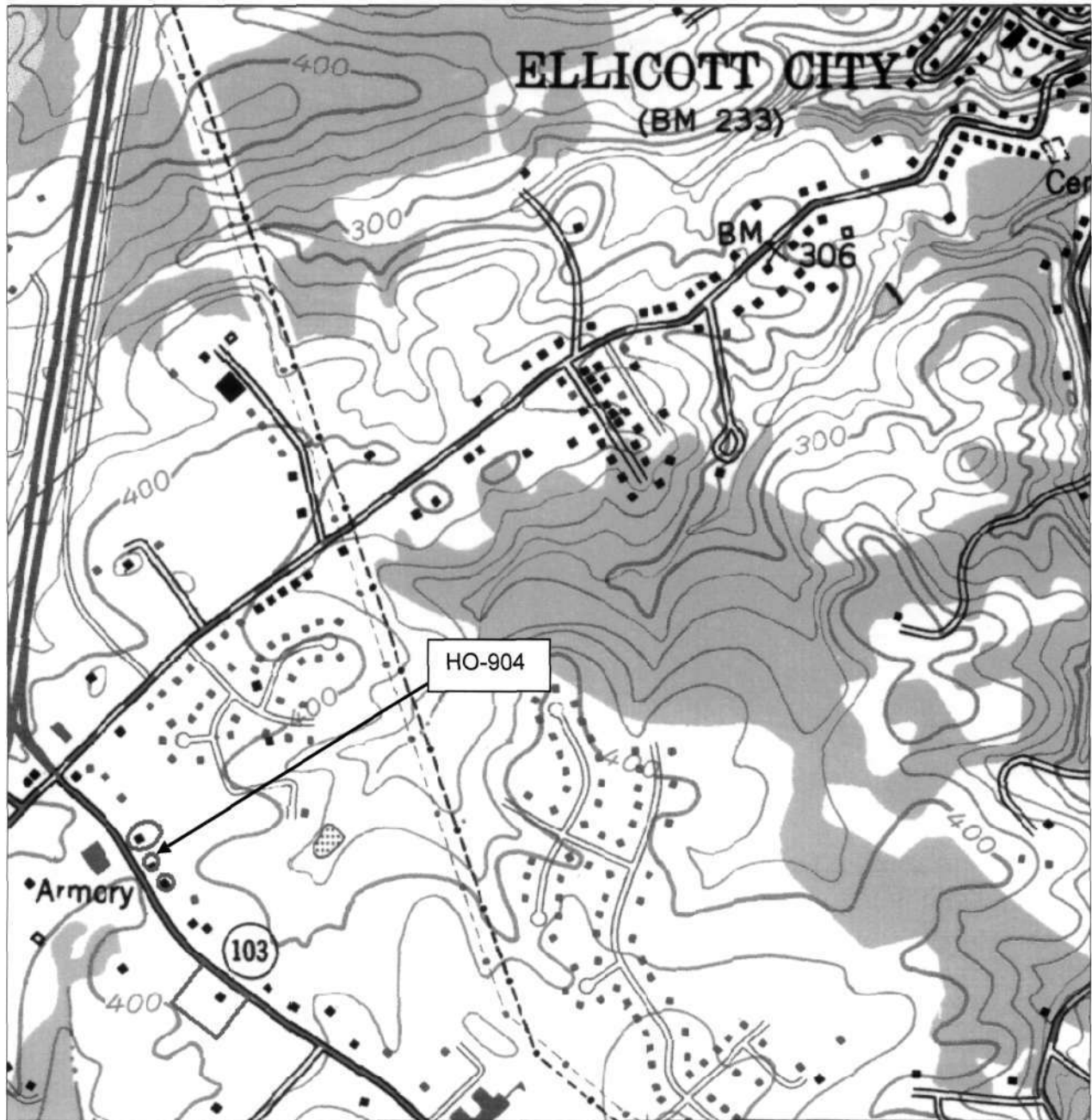
William and Dorothy Rex House, site
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Howard County, Maryland GIS
Howard County Aerial Photography Viewer



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William and Dorothy Rex House, site
4249 Montgomery Road (MD 103), Ellicott City
Ellicott City Quadrangle, 1953 (Photorevised 1966 and 1974)



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William & Dorothy Rex
House
4249 Montgomery Road
Howard County, MD
House-west & south
elevations
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William & Dorothy Rex
House
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House- dining room, view
northeast
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House
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House- east & north
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William & Dorothy Rex
House
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House- living room, view
southwest
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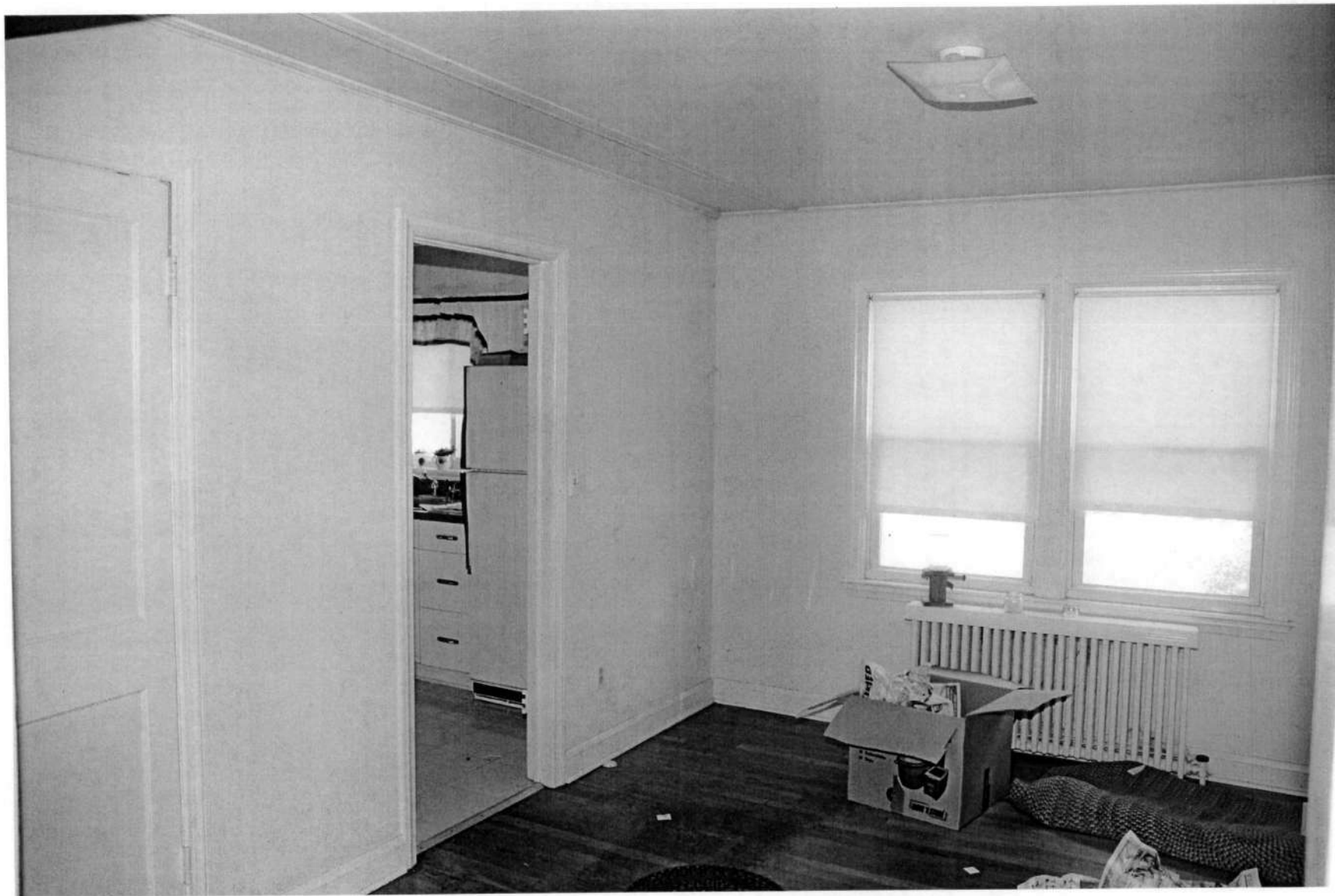
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