

HO-989

Walter and Sadie Smith House  
14459 Frederick Road, Cooksville  
Private

**Description:**

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**Significance:**

The Walter and Sadie Smith House was constructed c. 1912 on a two-acre parcel cut off of the small farm of Richard and Mary Johnson in that year. Based on the roof arrangement, the house that they constructed reads as a hall-parlor plan with the west as the front, and with an ell on the east. The kitchen was probably located in the ell, since it is the only room with a chimney. However, the north elevation faces the road and also has a door in the center and a three-bay porch, so it could have served as the public front of the house. The house was built with a lot of re-used materials, including windows and doors, but also with drywall and 20<sup>th</sup>-century siding. The Smiths were black, and Walter Smith worked as a porter for a tea company in 1920. He was good friends with Alexander Sands, who lived just to the west, but nothing more is known about him and Sadie Smith. The reuse of building materials has been observed in black churches, so it is not surprising in this context, either. The house had been vacant and was taken in a tax sale. It is to be demolished in 2009 and replaced with a new house.

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Inventory No. HO-989

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

historic Walter and Sadie Smith House

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 14459 Frederick Road      not for publication

city, town Cooksville X vicinity

county Howard

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

name Rebuild America, Inc.

street and number 940 Centre Cir., Ste 2004 telephone 407-339-1108

city, town Altamonte Springs state Florida zip code 32714

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 11292 folio 292

city, town Ellicott City tax map 8 tax parcel 129 tax ID number \_\_\_\_\_

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" 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.

### Summary:

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### Description:

The Walter and Sadie Smith House is located at 14459 Frederick Road, on the south side of the road and set close to it, just east of Route 97 in Cooksville in western Howard County, Maryland.

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On the west elevation the basement has a window opening in each of the end bays, and these openings have been altered. The first story has a center door with five lying panels set in a beaded-interior-edge frame. There is a single six-over-six double-hung sash to each side of the door, and they have a wood sill, the same frame as the door, and a mortised and tenoned and pinned sash that has 8-inch by 10-inch lights. There is a one-story, one-bay porch with butted boards in the deck, square wood posts, and a bead-board soffit. It has a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal roofing and ogee siding on the sides. The second story has a typical six-over-six sash in each end bay with no opening in the center.

The north elevation has a door in the center of the first story, which is the west bay of the ell, and it has six lights over two lying panels; the panels are sunken and flat, with no panel moulds. There is a two-over-two double-hung sash to each side with the same sills and frame as on the west elevation. There is

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a three-bay porch with circular-sawn joists, tongue-and-groove decking, and four turned posts. The porch has bead-board soffit and a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal and ogee siding. The second story has no opening in the center, with a typical two-over-two sash in the east bay of the ell and in the main block. The gable end has a six-light sash in a plain frame.

On the south elevation the basement is exposed, since the ground slopes down to the south toward a small stream. The main block has a door with beaded-edge vertical boards. The ell has a door under the open addition with six lights over two panels. It has sunken fields and ogee panel moulds, and is hung on cast iron foliate butt hinges with ball finials. The first and second stories each have a typical six-over-six sash on both the main block and the addition. The gable end has a vent. The first story of the ell has no opening in the east bay, and the second story has a typical six-over-six sash in the east bay.

The east elevation of the addition, on the first story, has a six-over-six sash to the south and a door with five lying panels to the north. The second story has a large four-over-four double-hung sash that extends down to the floor. The basement of the ell has a large six-over-six sash that is full height, extending down to the ground level. The first story of the ell has paired one-over-one sash with a wide mullion between them, and the sash has a bullnose frame. The second story has a six-over-six sash, and there is no opening in the gable end.

The house is constructed with circular-sawn studs and has drywall on the interior. In the basement there are circular-sawn 2 by 6 joists in the ell that run north-south and have bridging between them that is also made of 2 by 6s. The whole foundation on the interior is concrete, and the stones may simply be large stones thrown into the moulds when the concrete was poured. The main block joists are circular-sawn 3 by 6s that run east-west and have no bridging between them. The flooring above is wide oak boards. The ell is one step down from the main block and has a vertical-board door between the main block and ell; the door is hung on cast iron butt hinges that have two knuckles. The west elevation north bay window is of double width, extending underneath the porch.

The main block has two rooms on the first story, and there is one room in the ell. The west door opens into the south room, and the north door opens into the ell. There is 2 ¼-inch tongue-and-groove flooring that runs east-west throughout the house, and this appears to be pine. There is plain baseboard and plain head cut trim, with plywood on the ceiling. The sash have no parting beads. The door between the north and south rooms has five lying panels and is a swinging door. In the north room the northeast corner has a two-run stair with beaded-edge vertical boards on the wall and the sides of the stair, while the stair is open on the bottom half. The landing newel is chamfered above the level of the landing. There is a closet beneath the stairway, and the doors here are reused shutters. The door to the ell has five panels, with one lying panel in the center, and they have sunken fields and quirked ogee moulds

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with an extra fillet; the ogee has a slight lip where it meets the fillet. The door is hung on butt hinges with ball finials, and has a 20<sup>th</sup>-century mortise lock. The ell has a stove chimney in the southwest corner. The south door in the ell has five lying panels. The house contains a lot of reused material.

The second story floor plan mirrors the first story, but with no passage. The stairs ascend to the north chamber. The railing has a toad-back profile but is fairly flat, and there are large square balusters. The walls are plastered, except for the partition between the north and south chambers, which is beaded-edge vertical boards with a matching door. The east and west walls follow the pitch of the rafters at the top, and the attic joists must be raised about 10 inches above the plate. There is a four-panel door to the ell chamber, and it has sunken fields, no panel moulds, and cast iron butt hinges with two knuckles. The ceiling is also plastered.

There are two collapsing sheds to the south of the house, built of modern 2 by 4 construction. The west one is set on concrete piers, has corrugated metal siding, and has a shed roof with inverted-V-seam metal. The east shed is set on the ground and has tongue-and-groove vertical-board siding, a shed roof with asphalt shingles, and is half collapsed.

# 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/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Specific dates** N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

**Construction dates** c. 1912

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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<sup>1</sup> U. S. Bureau of the Census, District 4, Howard County, Maryland, 1920. Interview with Mr. Doug Sands, 30 April 2009.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.5 A  
Acreage of historical setting 1.5 A  
Quadrangle name Woodbine

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the property lines for tax map 8, parcel 129, which encompasses all of the historic buildings on the site.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

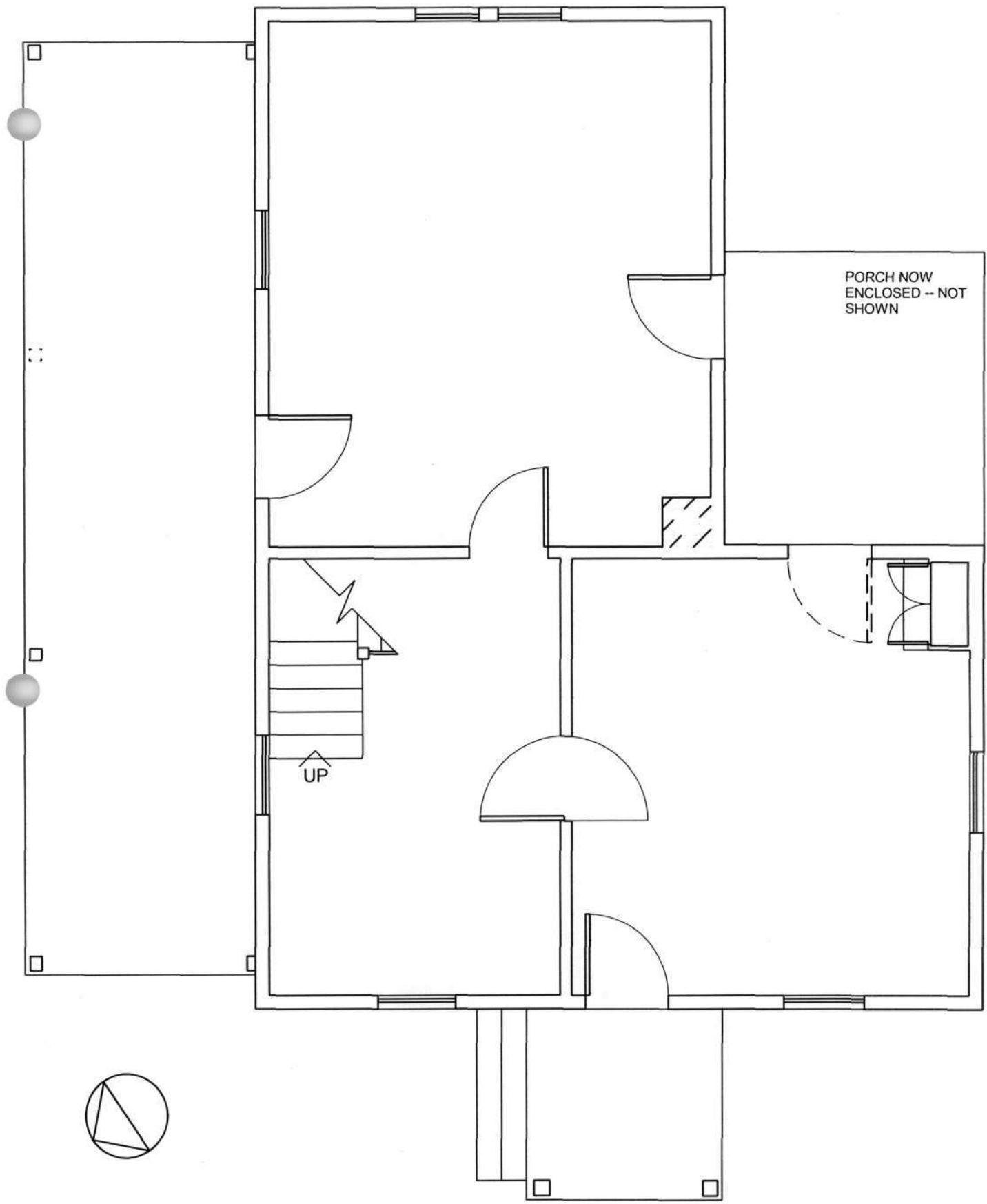
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name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	October 2009
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

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.

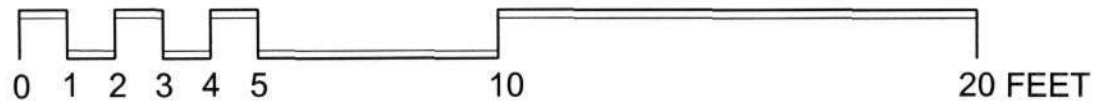
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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Sharon F. Greisz, Director of Finance, Ho. Co. Collector of Taxes, State of Maryland	Rebuild America, Inc.	2008	MDR 11292-292	Deed – fee simple	\$185,000	2 A- ½ A	½ A sold 1925 See Rebuilt America v. Sadie B. Smith et al Case No. 13-C-07, 070135 22 April 2008 sold to Wachovia as custodian for Sass Muni 23 May 2006 – no deed ref.
Wachovia Bank, custodian for Sass Muni V	Rebuild America, Inc.	3 April 2008				2 A- ½ A	
Margaret M. Barry, Baltimore Co.	Walter J. & Sadie B. Smith/(H/W) Howard	9 April 1956	RHM 280-326	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	2 A- ½ A	
Sadie B. & Walter J. Smith (W & H)/Howard	Margaret M. Barry/?	9 April 1956	RHM 280-323	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	2 A- ½ A	
Walter J. Smith/Howard	Sadie B. Smith wife of W.J.S./Howard	22 Dec. 1925	HBN 125-517	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	2 A- ½ A	
Richard B. Johnson & wf. Mary L/Howard German Bldg. Assoc./Howard	Walter J. Smith/Howard	9 July 1912	WWLC 93-303	Deed – fee simple	\$5.00	2 A	p/o 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 parcels below See mort. WWLC 88-434 5 Feb. 1910
Annie E. Merrick, widow/Howard	Richard B. & Mary L. Johnson (H/W)/Howard	1 Feb. 1910	WWLC 88-432	Deed – fee simple	\$10.00	1) 40 A 2) 126 p. 3) 5-1/2 A 4) 5A	



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Woodbine Quad

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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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North & west elevations

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South elevation

HO-0989\_2009-04-30\_03  
South & east elevations

HO-0989\_2009-04-30\_04  
Northwest room, view northeast



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House, North & West Elevations

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House, South Elevation

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South & East Elevations

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Northwest room, view northeast

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