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Cacao Lane Restaurant (Hunt's General Store, Millinery Shop, Edward Alexander House)

Architectural Survey File

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circa 1837

Hunt's General Store and Millinery Shop
Ellicott City
Private

Hunt's General Store and Millinery Shop are two three bay wide, three story high, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) attached stone houses whose central bearing wall above its central first floor alley way holds a wide brick chimney.

The original entrance to Elizabeth Hunt's Ladies Millinery Shop is located in the first west bay of the south wall, holding nine lights, flanked by two flat pilasters and two vertical side lights, and surmounted by a one light transom, all of which is encased by two flat granite pilasters surmounted by a flat granite lintel and projecting granite cornice. Two granite steps lead to the entrance. East of the entrance is a large fifty light oriel window.

The eastern half of the building features two large one light display windows surmounted by two light transoms and divided by a nine light rectangular wooden entrance door surmounted by a one light transom. This section was used as a General Store by Thomas Hunt.

Fenestration is rectangular, double-hung, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, holding six-over-six lights. Windows are decorated by flat stone lintels projecting granite sills and shutters.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist 2
MAGI # 1400885411

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Edward Alexander's House, Hunts General Store and Elizabeth Hunt's Ladies Millinery Shop.

AND/OR COMMON Cacao
~~Cocoa~~ Lane Restaurant

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8070 Main Street (Now 8066-8068 Main Street) 6th

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF Howard CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	1/3 <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL 2/3 <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	2/3 ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	1/3 <input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	1/3 <input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Dennis L. Brown etal Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 171

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25-A p.19 Liber #: 609
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Folio #: 559
STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House Land Access: \$3650
Building Access: \$5100
Total Access: \$8750

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHo-88
Dist. 2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hunt's General Store and Millinery Shop are two three bay wide, three story high, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) stone houses which are located on the north side of Main Street with a central bearing wall. A central alley way is located on the first floor some three feet wide with its rectangular entrance surmounted by a flat stone lintel.

South Elevation

The original entrance to Elizabeth Hunt's Ladies Millinery Shop is located on the west side of the south wall. A rectangular wooden doorway holds nine lights in its upper portion and a St. Andrew's cross in the paneling of its lower portion. It is flanked by two flat pilasters and two vertical side lights and surmounted by a one light transom.

The entire entrance is further decorated by flat granite pilasters surmounted by a flat granite lintel and projecting granite cornice. Two granite steps lead to the entrance.

A large fifty light oriel window is located between this entrance and the alley entrance. East of this lies two large one light display windows surmounted by two light transoms and divided by a nine light rectangular wooden entrance door surmounted by a one light transom. A flat wooden belt course extends from the architrave of the east entrance along the entire south facade.

Six second and third floor rectangular double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled punctuate the south facade. They are decorated with flat stone lintels, projecting granite sills and brown, wooden shutters. A wide brick chimney, inset into the central bearing wall completes the building profile.

The first floor is used for the Cocoa Lane Restaurant and the second and third floor for residential use.

A brick appendage on the north wall of the east side of the building is characterized by segmental arched, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights and surmounted by segmental arched brick lintels. The steep slope north of the building is terraced and its second floor patio covered with a plexiglass roof blocked out in squares.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **circa 1840** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Cocoa Lane Restaurant was the property of Andrew McLaughlin and may have been constructed by him at about the same time he built the Patapsco Hotel. It was divided into two lots and sold as such. On November 6, 1840 Llewelyn and Catharine Jones of the city of Albany owned the east section of the building and sold it to Edward Alexander of Ellicotts Mills for \$200, who was in "the quiet and peaceable possession" of the premises at that time. (Howard County Deeds 1-232)

This east section of the building passed on to Elizabeth Wells on August 31, 1843, widow of the City of Baltimore for \$1,000. (Howard County Deeds 4-291)

On July 25, 1848 the property was acquired by Ann Hunt (8-377) who through her children, Mrs. Joseph Sallie Leishear and Elizabeth Hunt conveyed the property on June 17, 1873 to Thomas H. Hunt, their brother, after a mutually satisfactory agreement between Ann Hunt's two daughters and two sons.

After the death of Thomas Hunt a court action insued on May 9, 1912 and Robert Biggs and Garnett Clark were appointed trustees. On 16 November, 1920 the property was sold at auction to Benjamin Mellor for \$2200 who on November 7, 1921 conveyed and sold the land to Hymen Rosenstock. (Howard County Deeds 113-500)

From circa 1873 to circa 1912 this eastern section of the building was operated by Thomas Hunt for use as a General Store.

It passed to Lee Rosenstock from Ruth Sussman etal on January 10, 1946 (Howard County Deeds 188-160) and from him to the present owner on September 12, 1972 (Howard County 609-559) who presently operates it as the Cocoa Lane Restaurant with apartments on the second and third floors.

The western section of the Cocoa Lane Restaurant, in which the bar is located, can be traced back to May 4, 1837 when Hiram and Elizabeth Meyers sold this section of the building, known as parcel 3,8070 Main Street, to Edward Alexander "together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways." etc. (WL622-118, Deeds, Ann Arundel County)

On September 5, 1843 Edward Alexander conveyed the property to Bridget Lyons, widow, of the City of Baltimore for the sum of \$900. (Howard County 4-334)

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On March 4, 1868 Elizabeth Hunt acquired the property which was to remain in her hands for more than fifty years from Beal Helm, trustee. (WWW28-159).

Elizabeth never married and lived to be about a hundred years old. For years this section of the Cocoa Lane Restaurant, its bar and lounge, was used for her Ladies Millinery Shop, with her brother Thomas located on the other side of her.

One of the finest examples of Ellicott City's stone architecture, it is one of the most successful restoration projects in Ellicott City, retaining the old display windows of Thomas Hunt's store and utilizing them for additional table space. The Cocoa Lane Restaurant adds both charm and grace as well as attracting tourist dollars to Ellicott City.

Dating back to at least 1837 and perhaps earlier, it should be placed on the National Register of Historic places and any future local landmark legislation.

Please see last paragraph of significance statement for Ho-62.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Howard County, Marland
Interview with Mr. Samuel Caplan, August 22, 1977.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.19 Acres

Please see Attachment I, Tax Map 25-A, p.19.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Liber 609, folio 559 for verbal description

Note! Cocoa Lane Restaurant is only 2 lots, 8066 and 8070 Main Street, the third is Ho-89.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

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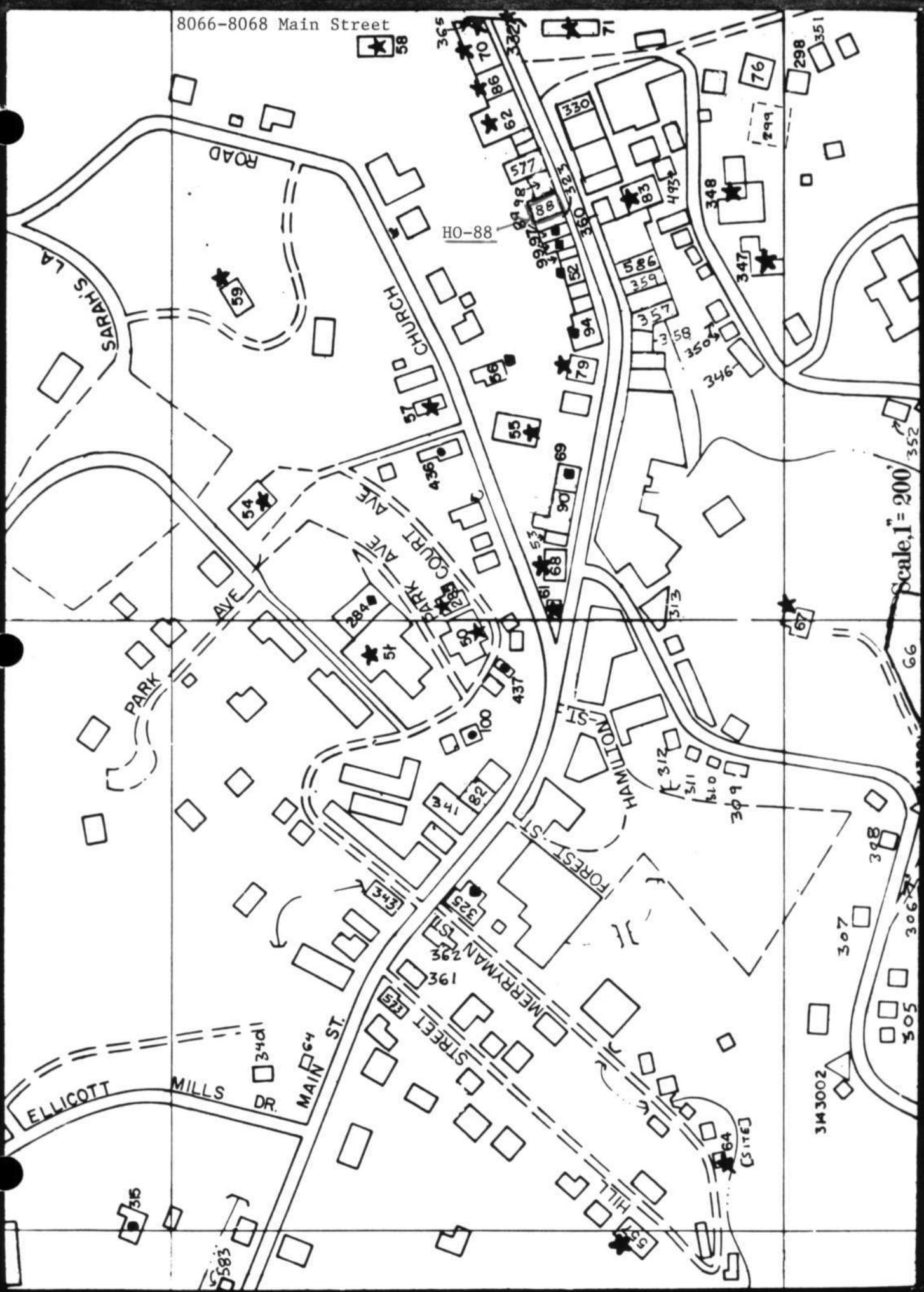
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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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8066-8068 Main Street

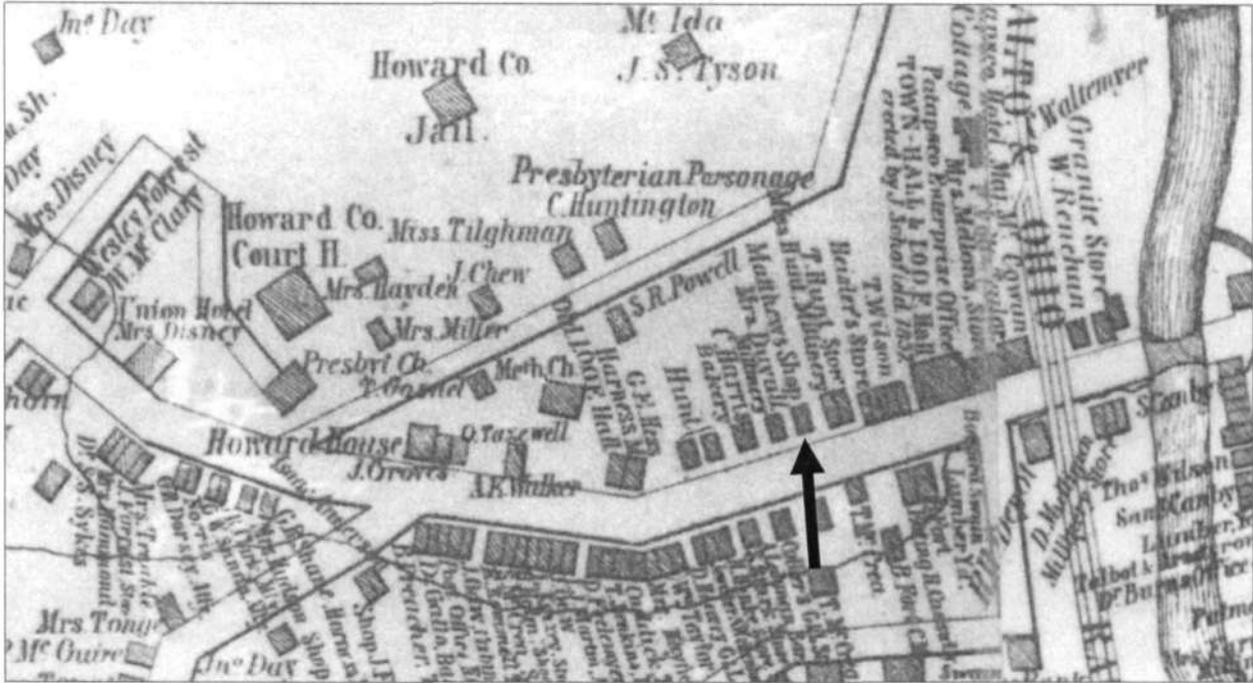


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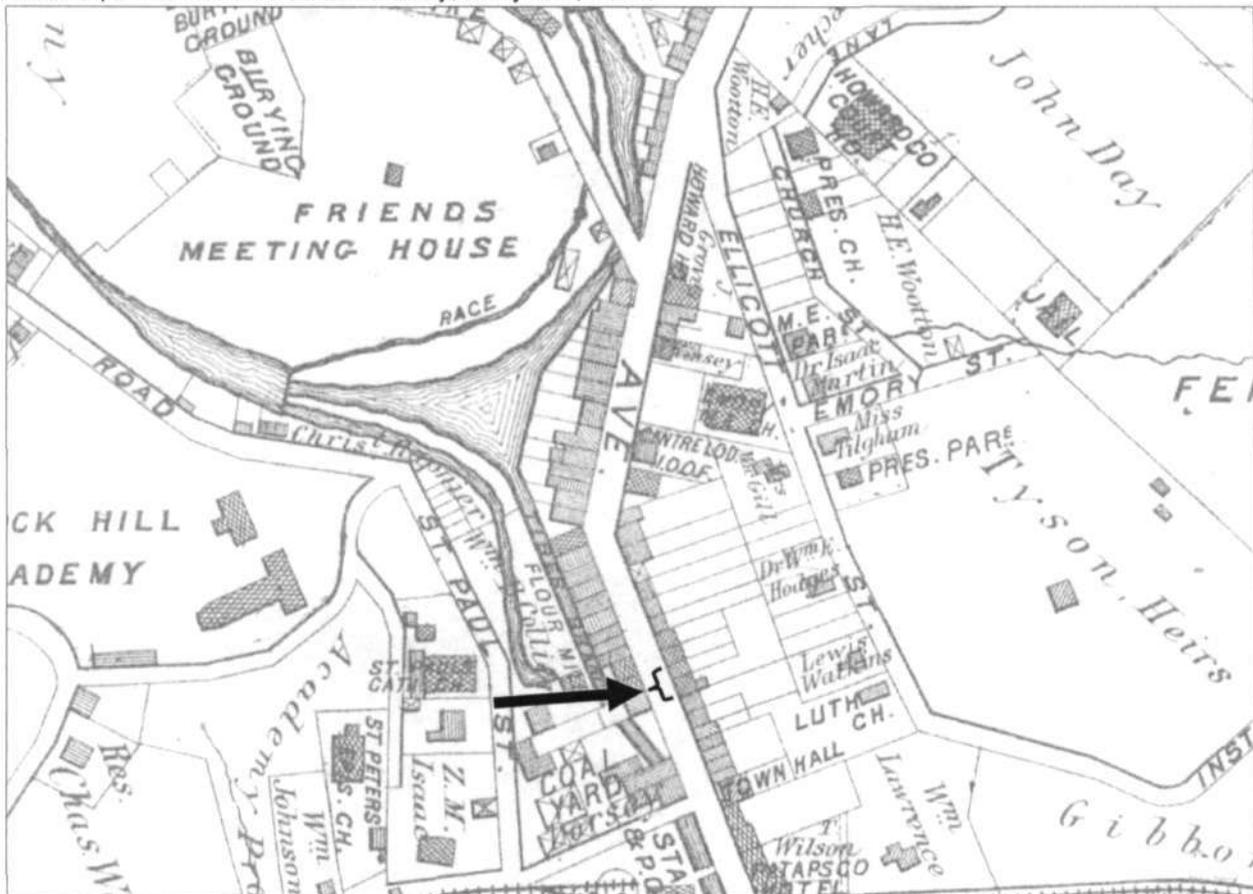


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Cacao Lane Restaurant (Hunt's General Store, Millinery Shop, Edward Alexander House)
8066-8068 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City
Martenet's Map of Howard County Maryland, 1860



G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878

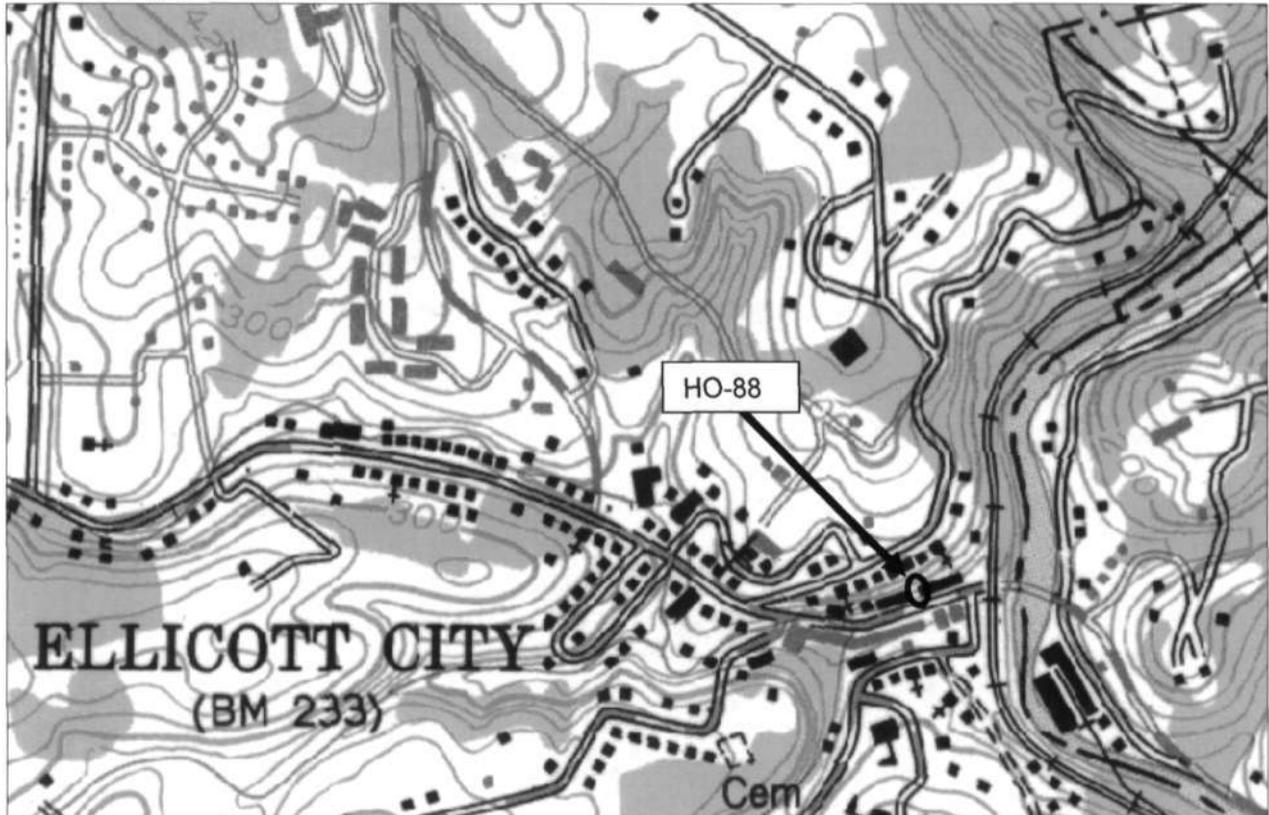


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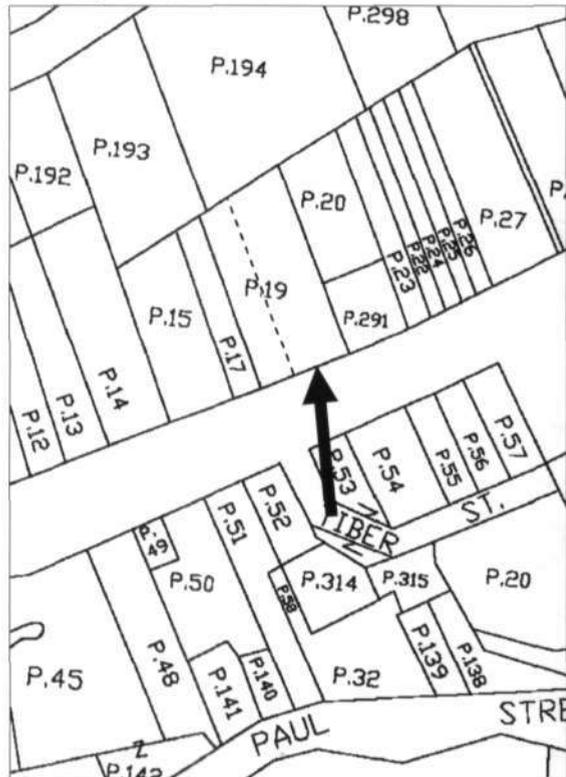
8066-8068 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City

Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 19

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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8066-8068 Main Street (MD 144), Ellicott City

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South elevation





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PLANNING CONSULTANT
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HUNT'S GENERAL STORE
AUG. 1977
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2 part store

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8070 Main St