

Easement

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Built 1889

Frost's Store

Earleigh Heights

Public

Frost's Store is a highly intact Anne Arundel County example of Second Empire-style commercial architecture. This building style was popular throughout the United States between 1850 and 1885. Sitting approximately 100 feet back from the track bed of the Baltimore and Annapolis Shortline Railroad, the one-and one-half story frame structure is basically rectangular in plan, augmented by a square, two-story tower located in the northeast corner.

Built in 1889 for Gustav T. Hetschel and Henry Frost, this building served as a train station, store and post office. It is the oldest of Anne Arundel County's four surviving railroad stations. Historically known as Frost's Store, it was built to serve travelers on the Baltimore and Annapolis Shortline Railroad, which was created in 1887. Earleigh Heights was one of thirty stops between Camden Station in Baltimore and Bladen Street in Annapolis.

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Survey No. AA-1057

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frost's Store (preferred) or Earleigh Heights Station and Store

and/or common Baltimore & Annapolis Hiking / Biking Trail Ranger Station

2. Location

street & number 51 West Earleigh Heights Road not for publication

city, town Earleigh Heights vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Anne Arundel County (with historic easement held by Maryland Historical Trust)

street & number Department of Recreation and Parks telephone no.:

city, town Annapolis state and zip code: Maryland 21401

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 4582

street & number Church Circle folio 303

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Earleigh Heights Station and Store is located on the east side of Earleigh Heights Road. The building faces east and sits approximately 100 ft. back from the track bed of the Baltimore and Annapolis Short Line Railroad. The track is removed and the right of way of the defunct railroad now serves as a recreational bike and hiking trail.

Earleigh Heights Station and Store is a Second Empire-style, 1 1/2-story frame structure. The original section is basically rectangular in plan, augmented on the northeast corner by a square, two-story tower. A modern (1990) addition is located directly in back of the original building and is connected to it via covered walkways. The building's most distinguishing features are the tower with decorative cast iron cresting, and the decoratively shingled, bellcast, mansard roofs, that cover both the main building and the tower.

The building's walls are sheathed in German siding and accented with wide cornerboards. A shed-roofed porch spans the front facade and is supported by four, square, wooden posts. Windows are four-over-four, double-hung sash types and are arranged singly throughout the building and tower. The attic level is illuminated by three, segmental top dormers. Frames and glazing in the dormer are the same as found in the remainder of the building. The main entrance is centered in the front of the main facade and consists of a pair wooden doors. Each features a long, rectangular panel above a square panel. Each panel is surrounded by raised, decorative molding. A similar pair of doors is located in the rear wall, in direct alignment with the front entrance.

The building's interior features wide, unmitered door and window surrounds, an exposed joist ceiling, and walls sheathed with narrow, horizontally-oriented, tongue-and-groove boards.

The building was recently restored and is in excellent condition.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance----Check and justify below							
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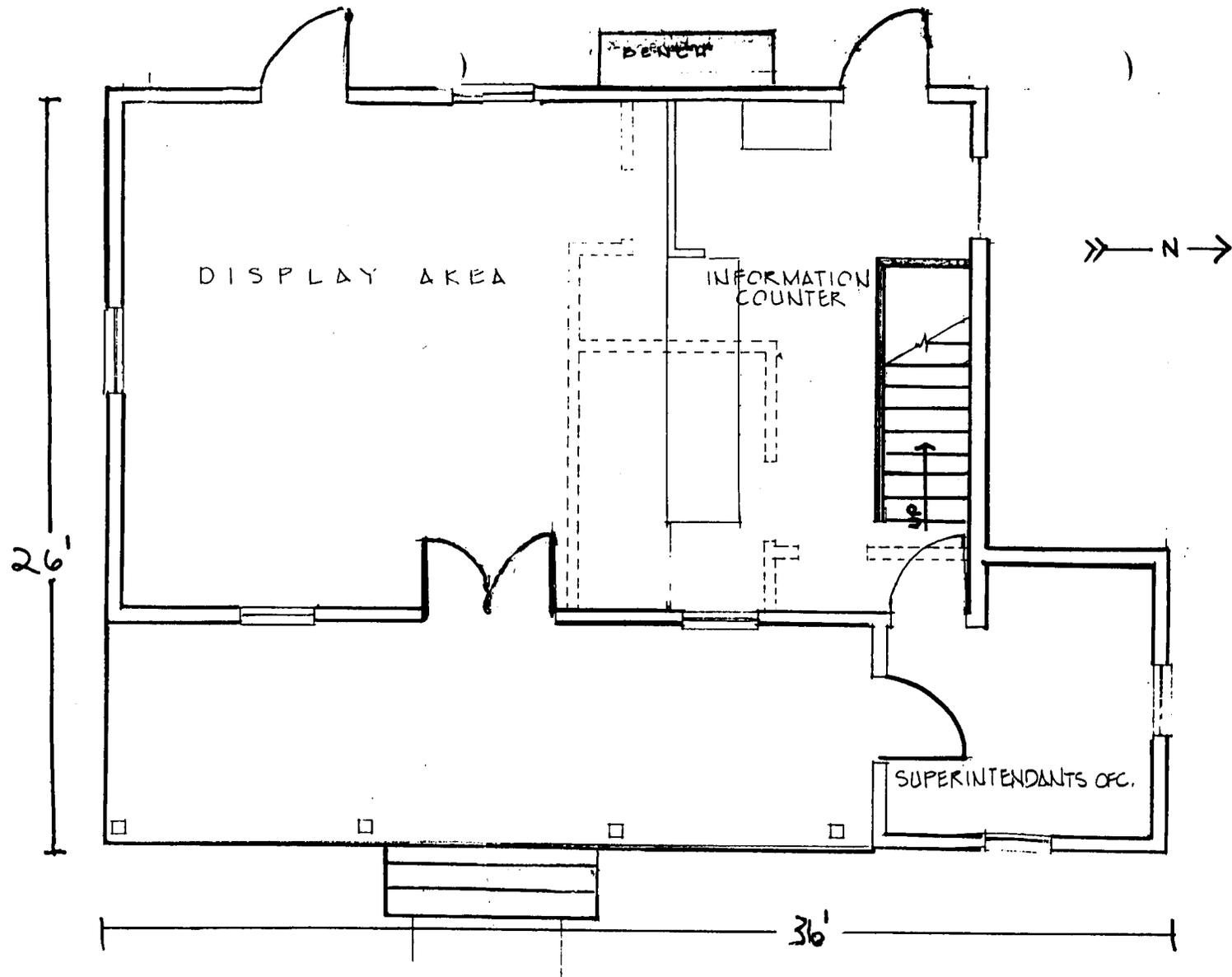
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	and/or							
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	Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Earleigh Heights Store and Station was built in 1889 by Gustav T. Hetschel and Henry Frost as a dwelling, post office, and Baltimore and Annapolis Shortline Railroad ticket office (1). That railroad was created in 1887 and Earleigh Heights was one of thirty stops between Camden Station in Baltimore and Bladen Street in Annapolis.

The Earleigh Heights Store and Station represents the post-railroad growth and development of Earleigh Heights township. This building is the oldest of Anne Arundel County's four surviving railroad stations, and is further significant as an excellent example of Second Empire-style architecture. This nationally occurring style was most popular between 1850 and 1885 and was frequently used in the construction of public buildings (2).

In 1988 Anne Arundel County acquired the building and a historic property easement granted to the Maryland Historical Trust. The building, which was badly altered and in a deteriorated state, was restored and converted into a Ranger Station for the Baltimore and Annapolis Hiking-Biking Trail Park.



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FROST'S STORE
1998 FLOOR Plan

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Built 1887

**Frost's Store (Earleigh Heights Station and Store)
Earleigh Heights, Maryland**

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

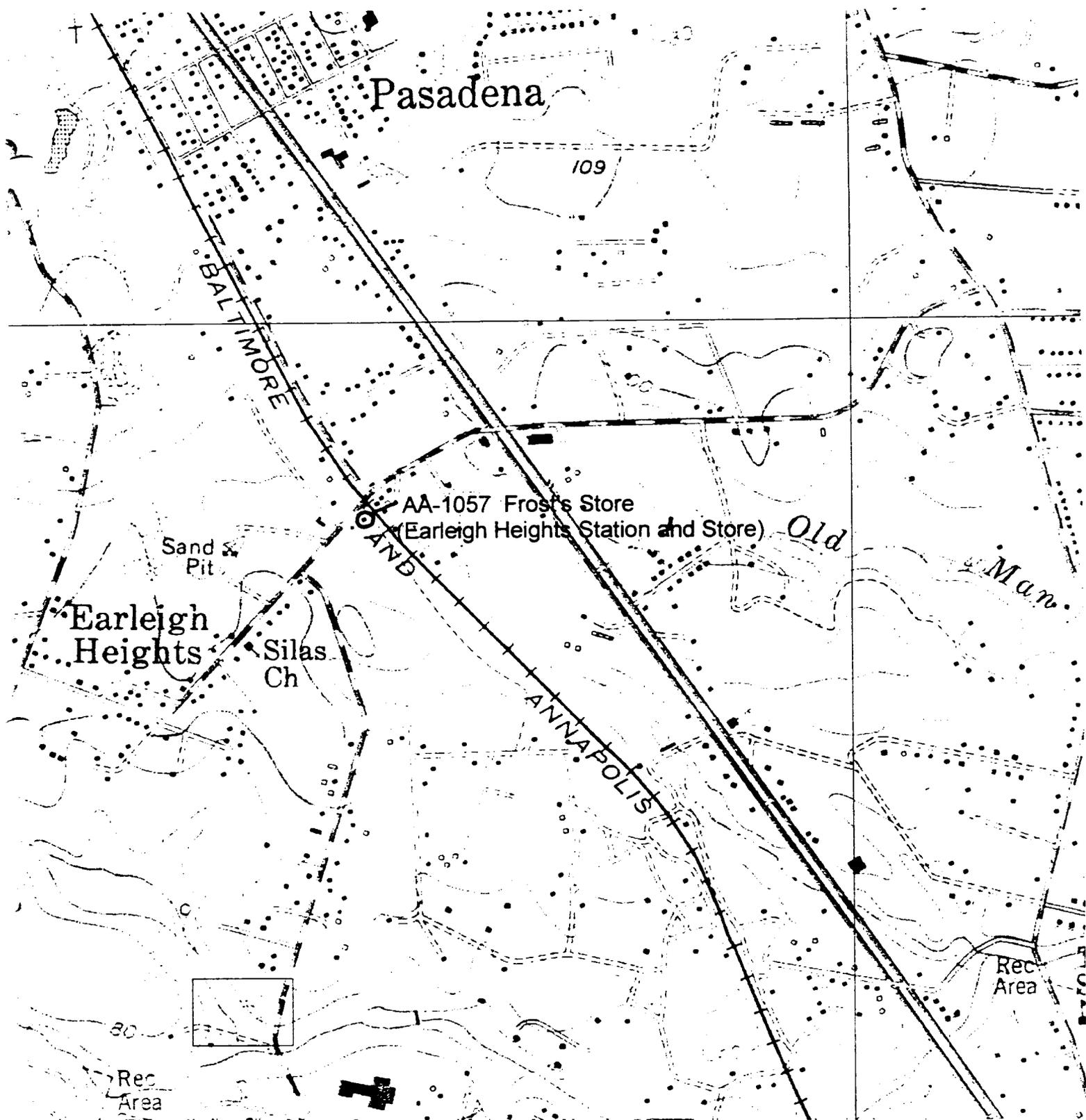
Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): railroad station, store, post office

Known Design Source: none



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Earleigh Heights, Maryland

Source: USGS map: Round Bay Quad
Scale: 1" = 24,953'



Earleigh Heights as shown on
USGS Map 1907

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EARLEIGH HEIGHTS STATION AND STORE
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North & West facades of building

SCALE:

PREPARED: CAM 3/88

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NORTH

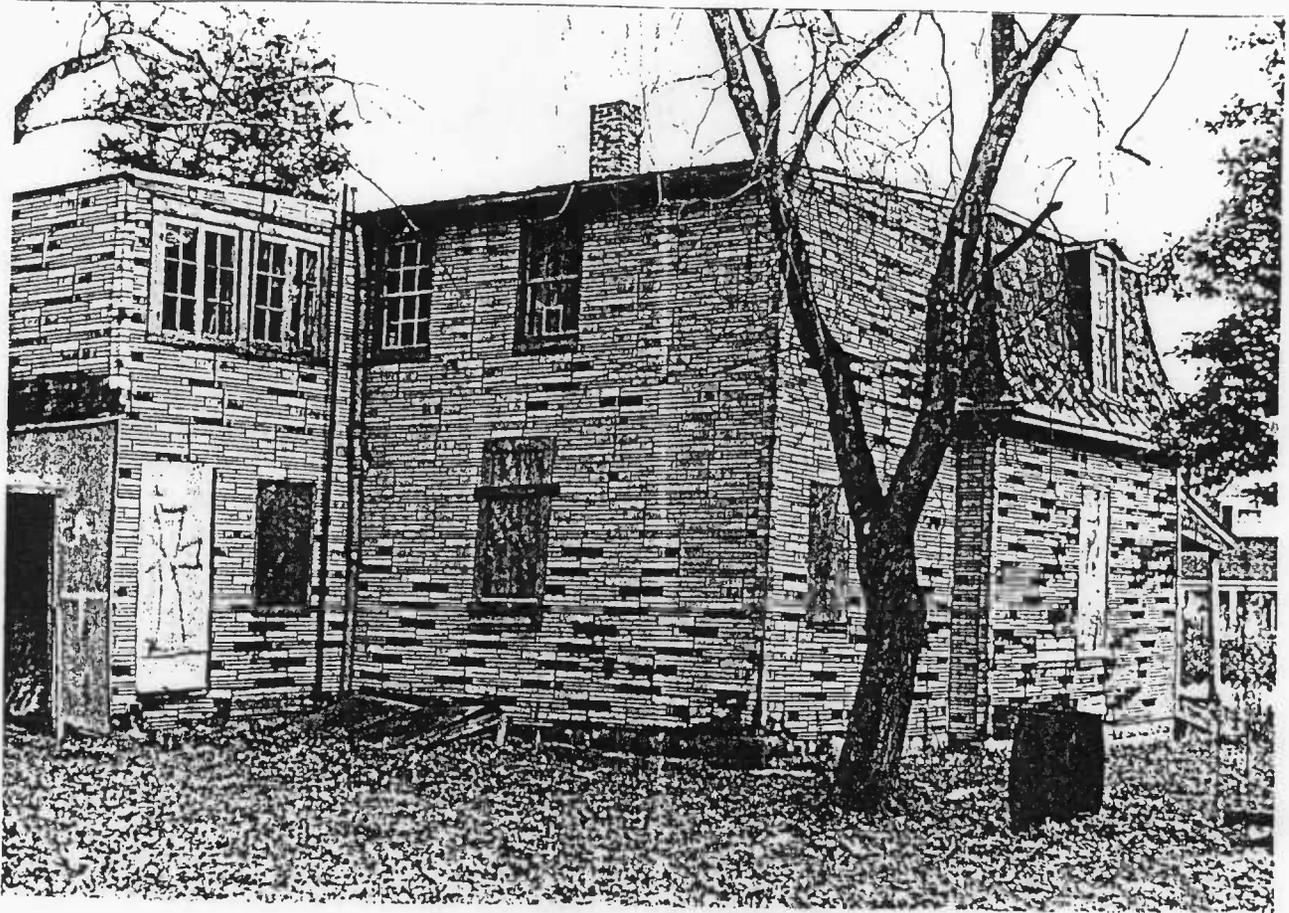
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West & South facades of building

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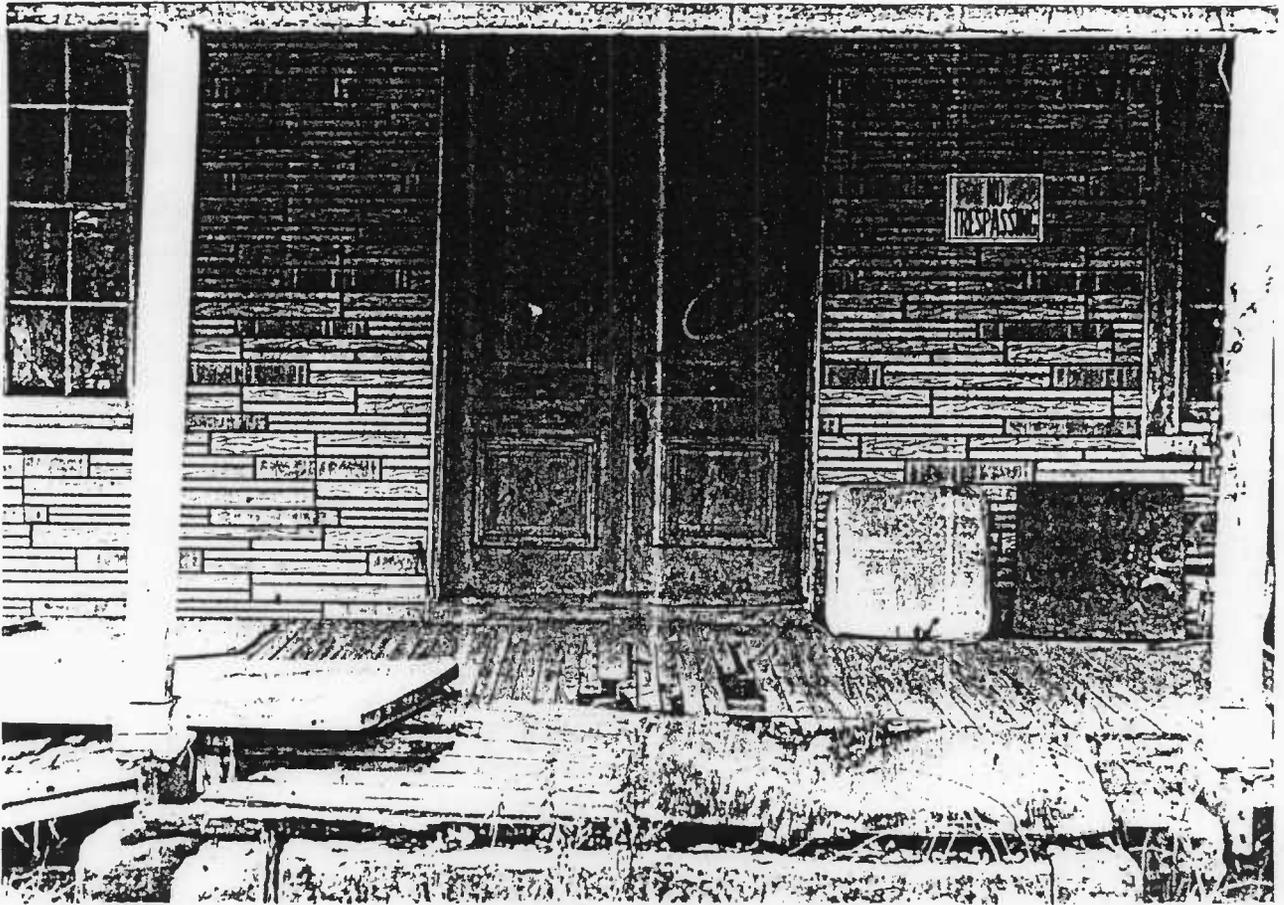
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Main entrance, North facade of

SCALE: building

PREPARED: CAM 3/88

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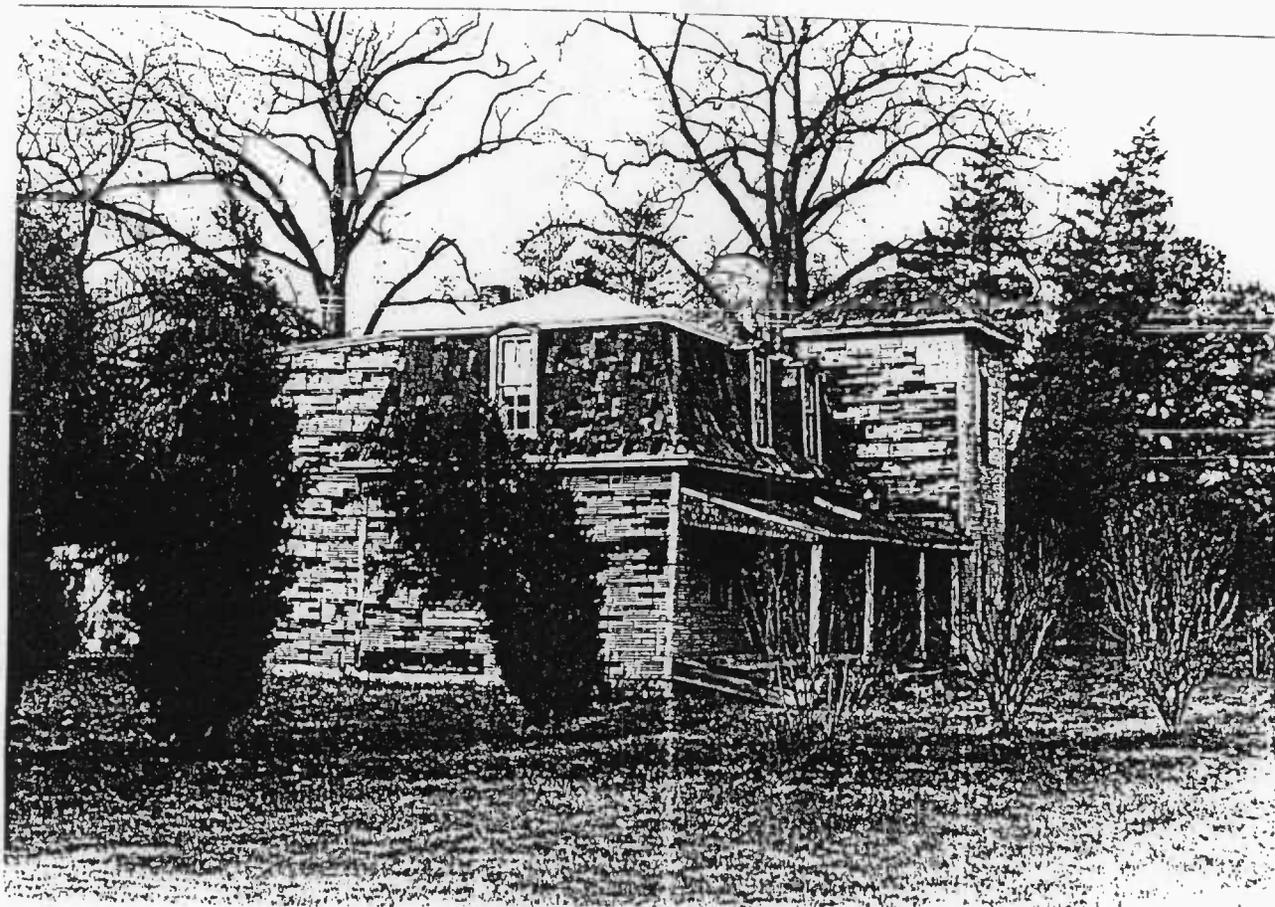
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North & East facades of building

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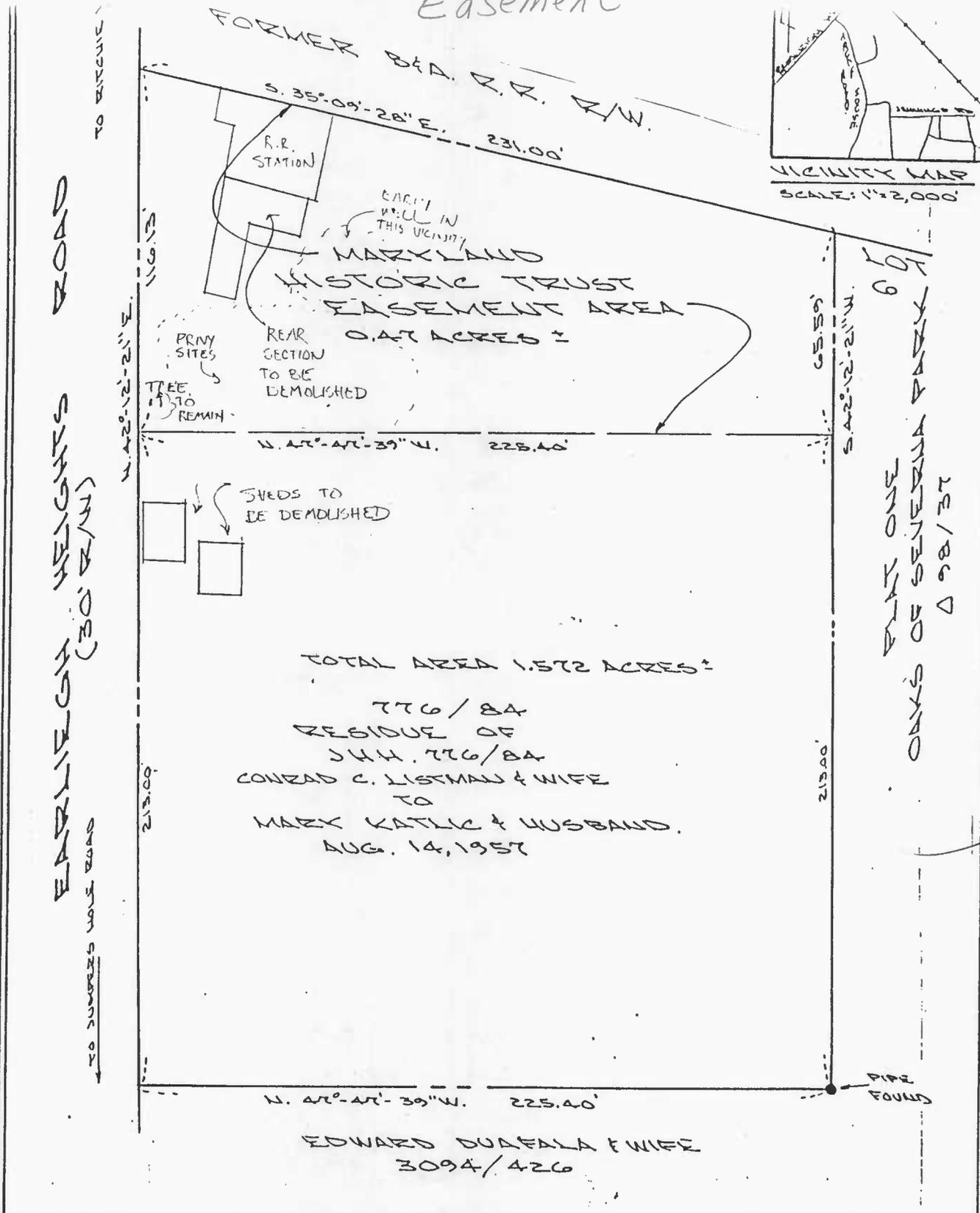
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Earleigh Heights Station and Store
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Site Plan
SCALE: 1"=40'
PREPARED: CAM 2/88
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EARLEIGH HEIGHTS STATION + STORE

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

EAST ELEVATION

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EARLEIGH Heights Station + STORE

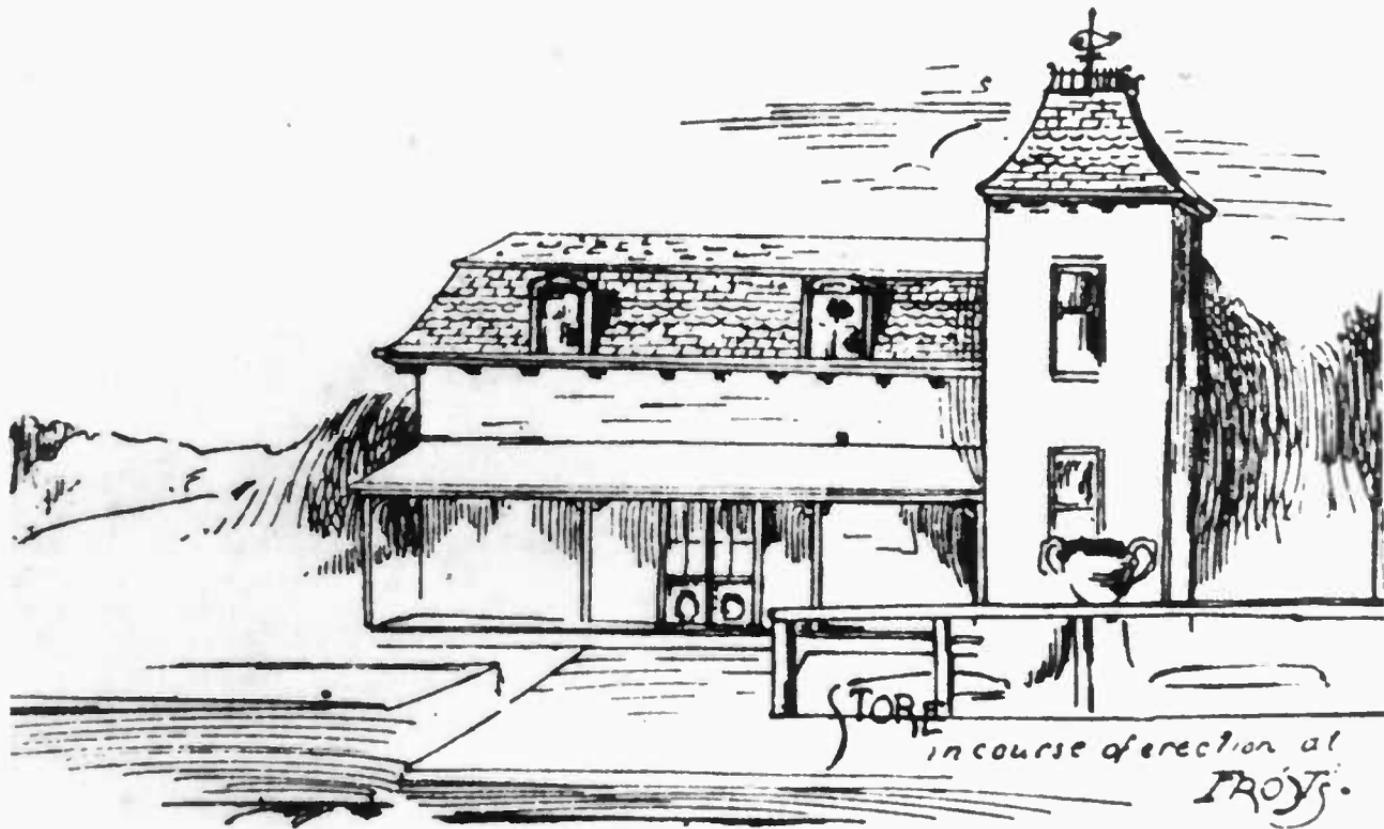
ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MARYLAND

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

Interior view

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STORE

in course of erection at
TROY.

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EARLEIGH HEIGHTS Station + store (Frost's store)

Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

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