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Circa 1831

ANGELO CASTLE  
Private E  
Ellicott City

Angelo Castle is a unique Gothic revival style one story high wooden frame castle-like structure built on a stone foundation in a cruciform plan into the slope of a hill which rises on the west side of the Patapsco River and B&O Railroad tracks. The roof line is bordered by a crenalated parapet along the perimeter of the roof of the chapel, the foyer and the kitchen.

The entrance foyer and stairs and a bedroom, bath and hall form the arms of the cross while the chapel, originally two stories high whose ceiling has been lowered to accommodate a second floor room forms the head of the north-south axis. A dining room, sitting room and kitchen spring from the north wall of the hall and complete the plan.

Reputed to have been built in 1831 by a frenchman, Samuel Vaugh, other newly discovered data reveal a Mr. Alfred S. Waugh, an architect and builder may have constructed it in 1833. In either case both men were admirers of Michelangelo. The castle became such a landmark that the B&O Railroad ran excursion trains from Baltimore so that tourists could view it.

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# N. R. FIELD SHEET

HO-58 District 2

Form 10-300  
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**  
 Castle Angelo  
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 3749 Church Road  
 CITY OR TOWN:  
 Ellicott City  
 STATE: Maryland      CODE:      COUNTY: Howard      CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 OWNERS NAME:  
 Peter and Gerta VanRossum  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 3749 Church Road  
 CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City      STATE: Maryland      CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
 Hall of Records  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Howard County Courthouse 3450 Courthouse Drive  
 CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City      STATE: Maryland      CODE:  
 APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Tax Map 25A, p.18 551-84 1.03 acres

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE OF SURVEY:  
 Howard County Historic Sites Inventory  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 1977      Federal       State       County       Local   
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
 Maryland Historical Trust  
 STREET AND NUMBER:  
 21 State Circle  
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis      STATE: Maryland      CODE: 21401

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Angelo Castle is a unique Gothic revival style one story high wooden frame castle-like structure built on a stone foundation into the slope of a hill which rises on the west side of the Patapsco River and B&O Railroad track. It is built in a cruciform plan. See Plan A.

The front door is approached by 31 steps which descend from a Church Road parking lot to the cottage. It is on the west and projects out from the west wall of the chapel which rises to a two story height and now actually houses a second floor room.

An octagon brick chimney rises on the south side of the foyer against the west wall of the chapel. Octagon pillars are located at each corner of the chapel (see plan) and connected by a crenalated wall along the roof line. Two octagon pillars rise on each side of the west wall of the foyer and they too are connected by a crenalated wall along the roof line. An additional grenatated wall runs along the dining-sitting room and the original kitchen wall which has now been extended, enclosing an original porch and creating a frame shake addition on the north wall. A small enclosed porch with north door rests in the northwest corner. The roof lines give a hipped roof effect.

The main entrance door is a double gothic paneled door inset into a gothic arched frame which in turn is inset into a rectangular frame with a triangular side lite on each side of the arched door, which is flanked by a rectangular casement window with six-over-six lites surmounted by a gothic arched transom with three lites featuring two gothic arches.

The west wall also holds two rectangular double-hung windows north of the hall (see plan) holding six-over-six lites.

The south wall of the chapel holds a tripartite rectangular window, each of the three sections holding two 10 lite casement windows, one resting on top of the other, which takes up almost all of the wall of this central projecting bay of the south wall. The newly added second floor above the Chapel contains the gothic arch of this window, the chapel at one time being two stor-  
ies high.

A large fireplace rests in the west wall of the chapel (living room) which is decorated with blue Delft tiles designed and made by the present owner, Mr. Peter VanRossum. A large ornately decorated mahogany mantle and mirror featuring columns and sculpture has been recently installed and fits and also enhances the interior space. Two square stained glass windows hang in the central section of the south window, also designed and created by Mr. VanRossum.

Throughout the house are wide random width floors and original woodwork featuring fluted pilasters and lintels around the cross and open bible and cross paneled doors.

Off the central hall (see Plan) lies the L shaped dining room whose near north wall holds a wide brick wall with chimney and rough hewn timber mantle which Mr. VanRossum designed and executed.

The dining room east wall holds two rectangular double hung nine-over-

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**Description: Angelo Castle**

twelve windows. Doors east and west of the fireplace lead into the kitchen and sitting room respectively where small brick corner chimneys are located side by side. The kitchen's north wall has been extended to take in a previous open porch which has been enclosed with west door leading to a small enclosed northeast corner porch.

The basement or foundation of the building was not finished off until the present owners who also installed central heating and have worked on exposing the original wood of the floors, doors, and woodwork. A lovely staircase in the foyer has also been opened up in the restoration process. Excellently maintained and restored with a sensitivity to what formerly existed, Castle Angelo stands as one of Ellicott City's most outstanding and unique landmarks.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)      1831**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| Aboriginal                                   | Education <input type="checkbox"/>    | Political <input type="checkbox"/>           | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>             |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>         | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | Science <input type="checkbox"/>             | <u>Architecture</u>                                 |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>         | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           | _____   |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                 | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> | _____   |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>            | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             | _____   |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/>      | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____   |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>        | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  | _____   |
|  | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  | _____   |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)**

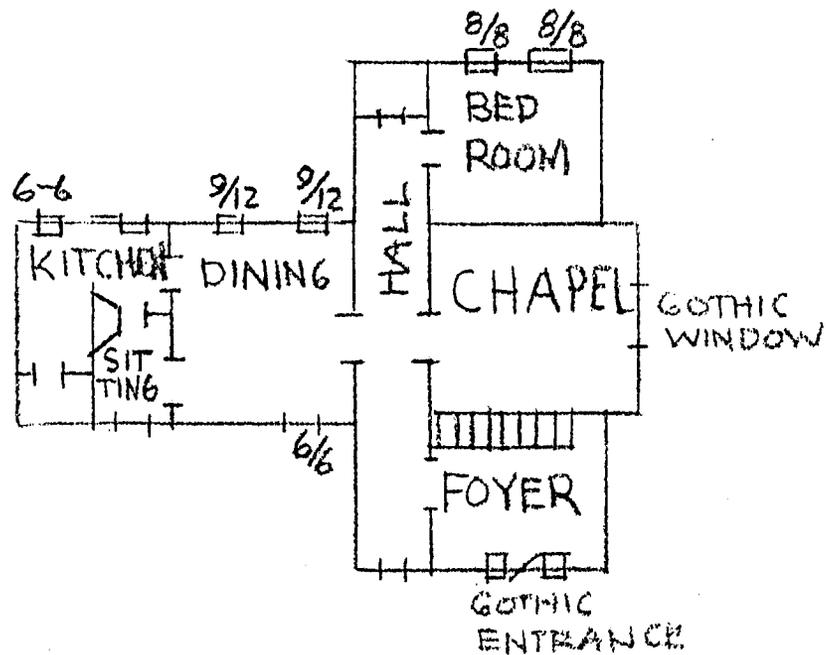
Castle Angelo was built in 1831 by a Frenchman, Monsieur Samuel Vaughn. It is supposedly a copy of a miniature of a French castle but the use of the octagonal towers gives it a more English renaissance air than a French one. The Gothic arched windows flanking the Gothic arched front entrance are representative of the Gothic revival style.

Architecturally Castle Angelo is unique in Howard County. Historically it is tied to St. Paul's Church, the first Roman Catholic Church, in Ellicott City when it served as a rectory for the first two Catholic priests stationed here. Mass was first said in the Chapel of the Castle.

Angelo Castle was also pointed out by conductors of the B&O railroad when passenger service brought tourists to Ellicott City in the 1800's. Trains would stop to allow passengers a chance to gaze on this unique building and fantasize. Legend has it that whenever the original cruciform plan is destroyed, there has been a fire which recreated the original cruciform plan. However, that may be architecturally, historically and religiously Castle Angelo stands in its own right. It should be considered for inclusion into the National Register and any future landmark legislation as well as a site to be designated on the critical areas survey for Howard County.

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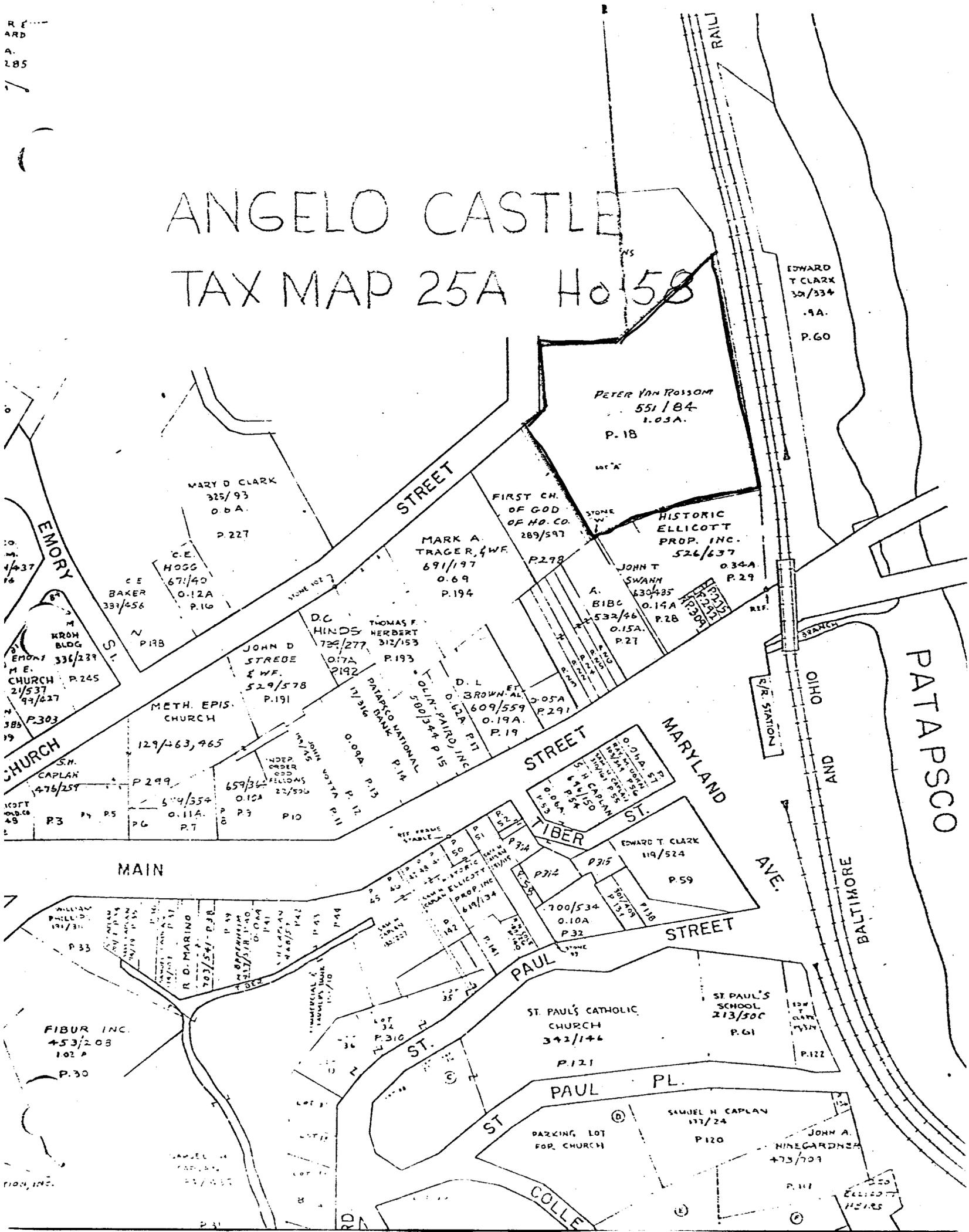


ANGELO CASTLE - PLAN

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# ANGELO CASTLE TAX MAP 25A Ho 58



EDWARD T. CLARK  
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.9A.  
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PETER VAN ROSSOM  
551/84  
1.03A.  
P.18

MARK A. TRAGER, & W.F.  
691/197  
0.69  
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HISTORIC ELLICOTT PROP. INC.  
526/637  
0.34A  
P.29

MARY D. CLARK  
325/93  
0.6A.  
P.227

C.E. HOGG  
671/40  
0.12A  
P.16

FIRST CH. OF GOD OF HO. CO.  
289/597  
P.278

JOHN T. SWANN  
630/435  
0.14A  
P.28

D.C. HINDS  
739/277  
0.17A  
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METH. EPIS. CHURCH  
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P.191

OLIN PAIRD, INC.  
500/344  
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EDWARD T. CLARK  
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MAIN

TIBER STREET

MARYLAND STREET

AVE.

PAUL STREET

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
312/146  
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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL  
213/500  
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FIBUR INC.  
453/208  
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ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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PARKING LOT FOR CHURCH

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P.111

PATAPSCO

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R/S STATION

BALTIMORE

COLLEGE

ANGELO CASTLE Ho-58

U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAP  
ELLICOTT CITY, MD. QUAD

FLOOD PRONE AREA

SAVAGE  
5659 III NE  
SCALE 1:24,000

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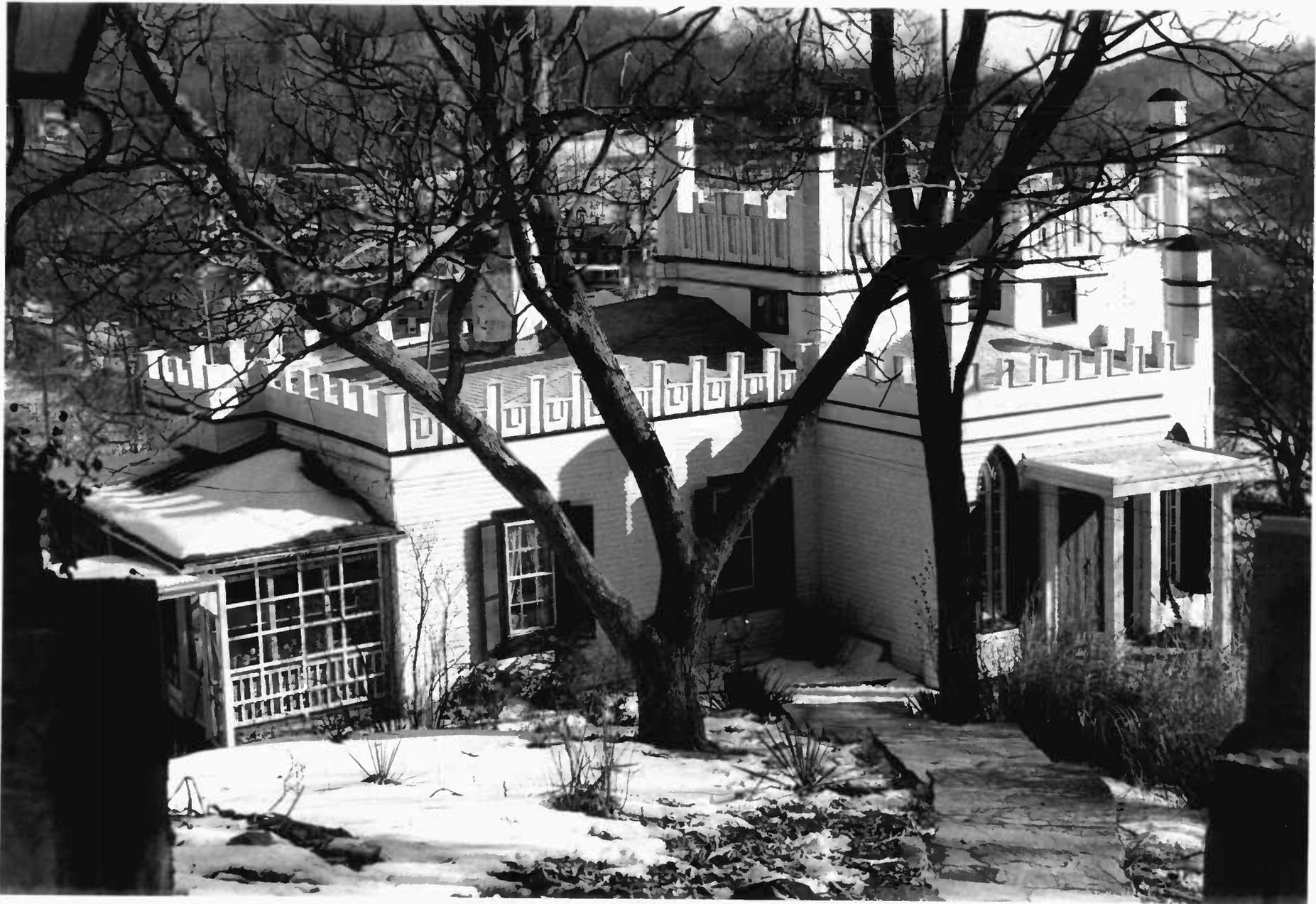
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
ELEVATION IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

EXPLAN

Flood boundaries w



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