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The Lorenz House  
Elkridge  
Private

circa 1832

The Lorenz House faces east on the west side of Landing Road, just south of the east entrance to Rockburn Branch Park, once a part of the Lorenz House property.

The house is composed of two sections, an early nineteenth century stone house and an early twentieth century frame addition.

The original stone house is a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) fieldstone house, resting on a stone foundation, with wide brick chimney centered into its north wall. It features stone quoining and flat stone lintels with primitive keystones. A rectangular, one light entrance door is centered into its south wall, surmounted by a flat stone lintel with primitive Keystone. Two tall, rectangular attic windows rest above. The east and west elevations are almost identical, holding two first and second floor rectangular double-hung windows, holding six-over-one lights, except that the west elevation does not have a first floor north bay window.

A two bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition, resting on a stone foundation and holding a square, brick, central chimney was constructed in 1907 along the north wall of the original stone dwelling house. It features a cross paneled, east entrance door in the south bay, fronted by a flat roofed stoop, composed of four poured-in-place concrete steps and landing.

Fenestration for this section of the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are double-hung, holding two-over-two lights.

One further one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition has been constructed along the north wall of the 1907 frame addition.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Lorenz House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5434 Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Ilchester

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ms. Alice L. Lorenz

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5434 Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 31, p. 236  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 182

Folio #: 344

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 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
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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lorenz House faces east on the west side of Landing Road, just south of the east entrance to Rockburn Branch Park, once a part of the Lorenz House property.

It is composed of two parts:

1) The early nineteenth century structure is a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) fieldstone house, resting on a stone foundation, with wide brick chimney centered into its north wall. It features stone quoining and flat stone lintels with primitive keystones. A rectangular, one light entrance door is centered into its south wall, with two tall, rectangular, attic windows above. The east elevation holds two first and second floor rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-one lights. The west elevation is similarly treated but has no first floor window in its north bay.

2) In 1907 a two bay wide, two room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame addition, resting on a stone foundation, and holding a square brick central chimney was constructed along the north wall of the original stone dwelling house. It features a rectangular, cross paneled east entrance door placed in the south bay and fronted by a flat roofed stoop, composed of four poured in place concrete steps and landing. The flat roof is supported by two curvilinear posts. This stoop, constructed by Mr. Lorenz replaces a one story high open porch, which ran along this entire elevation. A rectangular, double-hung window, holding two-over-two lights rests in the north bay of this wall. Above rest two second floor, vertically aligned windows.

The west elevation of this section of the house held a one story high, kitchen appendage used as a pantry and a sort of storage lean to to the kitchen. This has now been insulated and used as a cleaning closet, half a bath and small vestibule, opened on the south side, to create an open porch for the rectangular, six light vestibule entrance door on the south wall of this appendage. A double first floor window, each section a six-over-one light, rectangular, double-hung window is placed on the south side of the west wall of the kitchen. A similar, first floor window is also placed over the interior sink, located on the north wall of the kitchen, replacing an earlier and taller, rectangular, two-over-two light window. The second floor of this west wall holds a three-over-one light, rectangular, double-hung window in the south bay (used for the second floor bath) and a two-over-two light, tall, rectangular window in the north bay, similar to those on the east elevation of this section of the house.

The north wall of the 1907 section holds the first floor, double kitchen window previously mentioned, and a four light rectangular, second floor entrance door in its west bay, with a second floor, tall, rectangular, double-hung window, holding two-over-two lights in its east bay. The attic holds two rectangular, double-hung, six-over-one light windows, with a four light rectangular attic entrance east of the windows. The second floor and attic entrances are approached by a wooden staircase, composed of twenty six steps and two landings, covered by shed roofs, supported by two posts, connected by a wooden railing.

A one story high, gabled roof, (running north-south) frame addition, resting on a cinderblock foundation was constructed in 1958, providing a first floor bedroom and bath,

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— along almost the entire north wall, of the 1907 frame section of the house, up to the kitchen window. Its east wall lies flush with the east wall of the 1907 structure. A rectangular, sliding, aluminum, two light, window is located on its east, west and north elevations.

To complete the building's description one last addition should be noted. Centered along the north bay of the stone house and the south bay of the 1907 frame addition is a shedroofed, attic dormer window, holding four, rectangular, double-hung windows with six-over-one lights on the west elevation.

Little of the interior of the stone house remains. The cellar joists had to replace the original log supporting beams and a new first floor had to be constructed. A two light cellar window is located on the east wall. That on the south wall has been blocked in. The enclosed staircases leading from the first to the second floor and from the second floor to the attic were originally located in the southeast corner of the house. These were structurally deteriorated and their treads worn thin with heavy use and age. This space is now utilized for much needed closet space. The large cooking, stone fireplace in the north wall of the "keeping" room (used originally for cooking, eating, dining, etc) is still open and in working condition.

The one large open room we see today was once divided into a small entrance vestibule and two rooms. Today these partitions have been removed, the walls paneled and a new hard wood floor has replaced the deteriorated, termite ridden floor, originating with the house.

Changes have also occurred in the 1907 section. A kitchen staircase has been removed and another constructed along the south wall of the dining room. An additional staircase to the attic and basement has also been constructed. The interior door leading from the dining room to the kitchen has also been changed from the north side of the wall to the south side, providing wall space for an "L" shaped kitchen.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1832 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lorenz House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as an example of early nineteenth century, vernacular stone architecture found in Howard County, Maryland and historically, as an example of a modest Howard County farmer's home.

Architecturally, the fieldstone house, though smaller in scale than Troy, is similar in architectural detail, as seen in its fine stone quoining and unusual and unique stone lintels, with primitive keystones, which are also seen in the larger stone mansion house of Troy. Such detail places it in the same time frame as Troy, conservatively dated at circa 1820, but believed by many Howard Countians to date to the eighteenth century.

An enclosed staircase in the southeast corner of the stone section of the Lorenz House, leading to the second floor, and a smaller enclosed staircase in the same corner, leading to the attic were removed by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz. These staircases had become structurally weakened through the years. Mrs. Lorenz related that the treads were worn by the heavy footwear of hard working farmers, who inhabited the house. Such staircases are also representative of early construction and pose the possibility of an eighteenth century date. Its importance, however, is that it, coupled with Troy, provide cumulative evidence of certain characteristics in architectural detail which help to date other buildings in Howard County, featuring such details. This is its true significance, for it is doubtful that persons of great wealth or influence lived here. It is rather believed, that a foreman, gardener or other workman at neighboring Belmont may have made his home here and later farmers of modest means.

Not only its use as an example of vernacular stone architecture, constructed in the early nineteenth century in Howard County, but its example as a house which was added upon as the needs and circumstances of its owners increased, also gives the building importance.

So much of the history of American building is based on a small simple building to which later additions are constructed. The Lorenz House is a case in point. In 1907 a two story high, two bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof, dining room-kitchen wing was added.

Originally the first floor was a sort of "keeping room" in which food was prepared and eaten, guests were received and where the general activities of the household took place. The first floor was divided into a miniscule vestibule and two rooms, each with a fireplace. The second floor was divided into two bedrooms with

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one fireplace on the east side, and the attic was used for general "bunking down". With the entry into the new twentieth century, those who lived here decided to modernize, creating a large, cheery dining room and kitchen with two bedrooms above and entry from the stone house to the new addition on both the first and second floors. A staircase from the kitchen led upstairs with no basement staircase.

In the mid-twentieth century, when the building became the property of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz, they too, made changes, creating a modern kitchen, eliminating the kitchen staircase and placing one on the south wall of the dining room; changing the location of an entry door between the kitchen and the dining room from north to south, which created an "L" shaped kitchen and constructing a staircase from the kitchen to the basement.

All of these changes coupled with the elimination of the partitions on the first floor of the stone house have created a fine residence, which "works" for its inhabitants.

For a time Mrs. Lorenz created a second and third floor apartment with second and third floor entrances, constructing a wooden staircase and bannister along the frame building's north wall for their separate, shed roofed covered entrances. Here again, we see the flexibility and adaptability of the building to respond to the needs or desires of the owner and/or occupant.

Historically, the house is noted belonging to James Robert Mullineaux on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 and to B. R. Mullineaux on the 1860 Martennet Map.

For these reasons the Lorenz House should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance which the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owners so desire.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records  
Interview with Mrs. Lorenz at her home, April 17, 1979

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.945 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 31

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 182 Folio 344

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

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.

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Alfred Lorenz House

Landing Road, Elkridge

2-story -  $\frac{1}{2}$  stone +  $\frac{1}{2}$  frame - good  
Condition -

located in field by road 7/90

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Attachment 3  
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 The Lorenz House  
 Martennet Map of 1860

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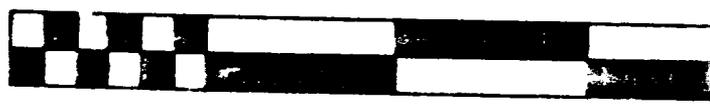
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SCALE IN FEET.



QUADRANGLE

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HOWARD COUNTY

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The LORENZ HOUSE  
EAST

CB THOMPSON, AICP

APRIL, 1979