

Thompson House/Kraft Cottage  
3896 Old Columbia Pike  
HO-328

Located approximately 100 feet north of the intersection of Old Columbia Pike and Woodrow Street, this 2 story frame house on 1.2 acres exemplifies a popular type of regional Victorian vernacular architecture with its prominent center gable and full-width porch. The weatherboard-sided house, dating from the 1870s, is symmetrical with an eaves front orientation and is three bays long and two bays deep with an ell.

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**HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:**

**Region:** Piedmont

**Period:** Industrial/Urban Dominance

**Theme:** Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community  
Planning

**Resource Type:** Residence/rural vernacular

**Site Types:** Standing structures

HO-328  
The Kraft Victorian Cottage  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1880

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It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west), frame (covered with German Siding) house, resting on a stone foundation, with square, brick end chimneys and a central, intersecting, south facade, gable (running north-south), which holds a roman arched, double-hung window, with six-over-six lights.

A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by four square, wooden posts and two pilasters, held by scrolled brackets, runs along the entire south elevation, covering the central, rectangular entrance door with four vertical lights, flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a three light transom.

Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, with first floor, floor to ceiling windows featured on the south facade.

Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by projecting, flat wooden sills, and on the south and east elevations, decorated with shutters.

A box cornice, decorated with a row of dentils, adorns the roof line, continuing to follow the eaveline of the gable roof on the side elevations, and continuing along the east elevation of a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) frame (covered with German siding) service wing, resting on a stone foundation, extending from the east and central bay of the building's north wall. A two story high, one bay wide, two bay deep, frame (covered with German siding) addition fills in the northwest corner of the original "L", creating a square plan.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-328  
E.C. Quad.  
Dist.

MAGI# 1403285604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Kraft Victorian Cottage  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 3896 Old Columbia Pike (MD987)

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City 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 Anna L. Kraft

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Box 86

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25, p. 238  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 105  
Folio #: 241

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

HO-328  
E.C. Quad.  
Dist. 2

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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**

The Kraft Victorian Cottage faces south on the north side of Old Columbia Pike at its intersection with Woodrow Road.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) German siding frame house, resting on a stone foundation, with square, brick end chimneys and a central, intersecting, south facade, gable (running north-south) which holds a roman arched, double hung, window, with six-over-six lights.

A one story high hipped roof open porch, supported by four square, wooden posts and two pilasters, held by scrolled brackets, runs along the entire south elevation, covering the central, rectangular entrance door with four vertical lights, which is surmounted by a three light transom and flanked by three vertical side lights. A tall, floor to ceiling, rectangular window, decorated with shutters, is placed on either side of the entrance.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by projecting, flat wooden sills and, on the south and east elevations, decorated with shutters. A box cornice, decorated with a row of dentils, adorns the roof line of the front elevation, continuing to follow the eaveline of the gable roof on the east and west elevations, continuing along the east elevation of the service wing.

The north elevation of the house features a fine stone foundation, running its entire length. Along the east side of the north elevation of the main building block extends a three bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) north frame (covered with German siding) service wing, resting on a stone foundation, with square, brick chimney inset into its north wall. From the west wall of this service wing extends a one bay wide, two bay deep, two story high, shed roof, frame (covered with German siding) addition, resting on a stone foundation. This latter section may once have been a kitchen porch, upon which was later constructed this section, creating a square plan, rather than an "L" plan.

SOUTH ELEVATION

This elevation has been pretty well described in the general description of the front facade, its entrance and central intersecting gable.

EAST AND WEST ELEVATIONS OF THE MAIN BUILDING BLOCK

The east and west elevations of the main building block are identical, holding two first and second floor, vertically aligned windows, similar to those already described, except that those windows which

punctuate the east elevation are decorated with shutters.

NORTH ELEVATION OF THE MAIN BUILDING BLOCK

A two-story high, intersecting gable roof, service wing, previously described, has been constructed along the central and east bays of this north elevation with a two story high, shed roof addition, constructed in the northwest corner created a square plan for the building.

EAST ELEVATION OF THE SERVICE WING

The east elevation of the service wing holds a central, rectangular entrance door, surmounted by a two light transom, flanked on the south by a rectangular, double-hung window, holding four-over-four lights and on the north by a window, similar to those already described. Two second floor windows are placed in the end bays.

NORTH ELEVATION OF THE SERVICE WING AND ITS SHED ROOFED ADDITION

For the service wing, this wall holds a vertically aligned first and second floor window on its west side and a small, rectangular, double-hung attic window on its east side. The shed roofed addition holds another similar, first and second floor window. Beneath these two sections is a strong stone foundation, which continues uninterrupted along this entire north elevation, holding at each end a window, similar to those already described.

WEST ELEVATION OF FRAME ADDITION

The west elevation of the addition lies flush with the main building block, resting on an uninterrupted stone foundation. This foundation holds a north of centre, rectangular, ground floor, entrance and a ground floor window, similar to others described on its north end. Two first and second floor windows rest in the west wall of this addition.

The entire building is in excellent condition.

# SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1880      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kraft Victorian Cottage is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland historically and architecturally.

Architecturally, the building is one of the finest located along Old Columbia Pike, an old road, which led from Ellicott City to Montgomery County Court House, and which features some of the finest examples of Howard County vernacular stone architecture..

The south facade of this house, which faces very close to the old pike is a study in symmetry, scale and detail.

The south facade is perfectly symmetrical with its fine central entrance flanked by a first floor window and its intersecting gable terminating the central bay of the front facade. This symmetry is continued on the east and west elevation of the main building block, which are identical.

The proportions of the building and its scale are pleasing to the eye. The central intersecting gable is perfectly proportioned to the main building block, creating a greater sense of balance by its emphasis of the central bay focal point in its roman-arched attic window.

Excellent stylistic detail is seen in 1) The roman arched, double-hung attic window of the central intersecting gable, and 2) The fine box cornice, decorated with a row of dentils, which runs along, not only the entire south elevation which continues along the eaveline of the intersecting gable, but also along the eaveline of the gable roof on its east and west elevations, and the entire east elevation of the service wing, and 3) The scrolled brackets which are placed at each side of the square wooden posts, holding the one story high, hipped roof, open porch.

The combination of the detail of the cornice and the hipped roof porch on the south facade, with the vertically aligned fenestration and perfect proportions of the main building block to its central intersecting dormer create one of the finest Victorian facades in Howard County.

Historically, the building was constructed sometime after 1878 for neither the Martennet Map of 1860 or the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 indicates a building in this location.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records  
Martennet Map of 1860  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .75 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 105 Folio 241

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

STATE	Maryland	COUNTY	Howard
STATE		COUNTY	

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-328

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name) Thompson House

historic Kraft Cottage

and/or common Thompson House

## 2. Location

street & number 3896 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)  not for publication

city, town Ellicott City  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Howard

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property

 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marguerite Thompson

street & number 3896 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.:

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 1049

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 188

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. HO-328

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Located about 100 feet north of the intersection of Old Columbia Pike and Woodrow Street, this two-story frame house on 1.2 acres exemplifies a popular type of regional Victorian vernacular architecture with its prominent center gable and full-width porch.

The weatherboard-sided house, dating from the 1870s, is symmetrical with an eaves front orientation and is three bays long and two bays deep with an ell. The facade is dominated by the central gable which holds a round-arched window, and a shallow hipped roofed porch supported by four columns with scrolled brackets. The porch has a standing seam metal roof and the floor is wood tongue and groove boards. Two elongated windows flank a central door which has a three-light transom and sidelights.

The cornice is highly decorated with delicate modillion blocks that follow the cornice line up the center gable. The ell is three bays long and one bay deep and has an entrance on the east side. The ell and a one bay shed roof addition on the east end of the north side are banked in the hillside exposing a fieldstone foundation. All of the windows are double hung 6/6 sash except the south end of the east side of the ell which is 4/4 sash. There are louvered shutters flanking the windows on the south, west and north sides. Small corbelled brick chimneys are located on the east side of the roof ridge of the main block and at the north end of the ell.

The house rests on a random fieldstone foundation and has a rolled asphalt roof. Northeast of the house is a two-bay weatherboard-sided garage on a concrete foundation.

The house is surrounded by mature trees and the rear section of the lot drops steeply down to an undisturbed stream valley.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HO-328

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
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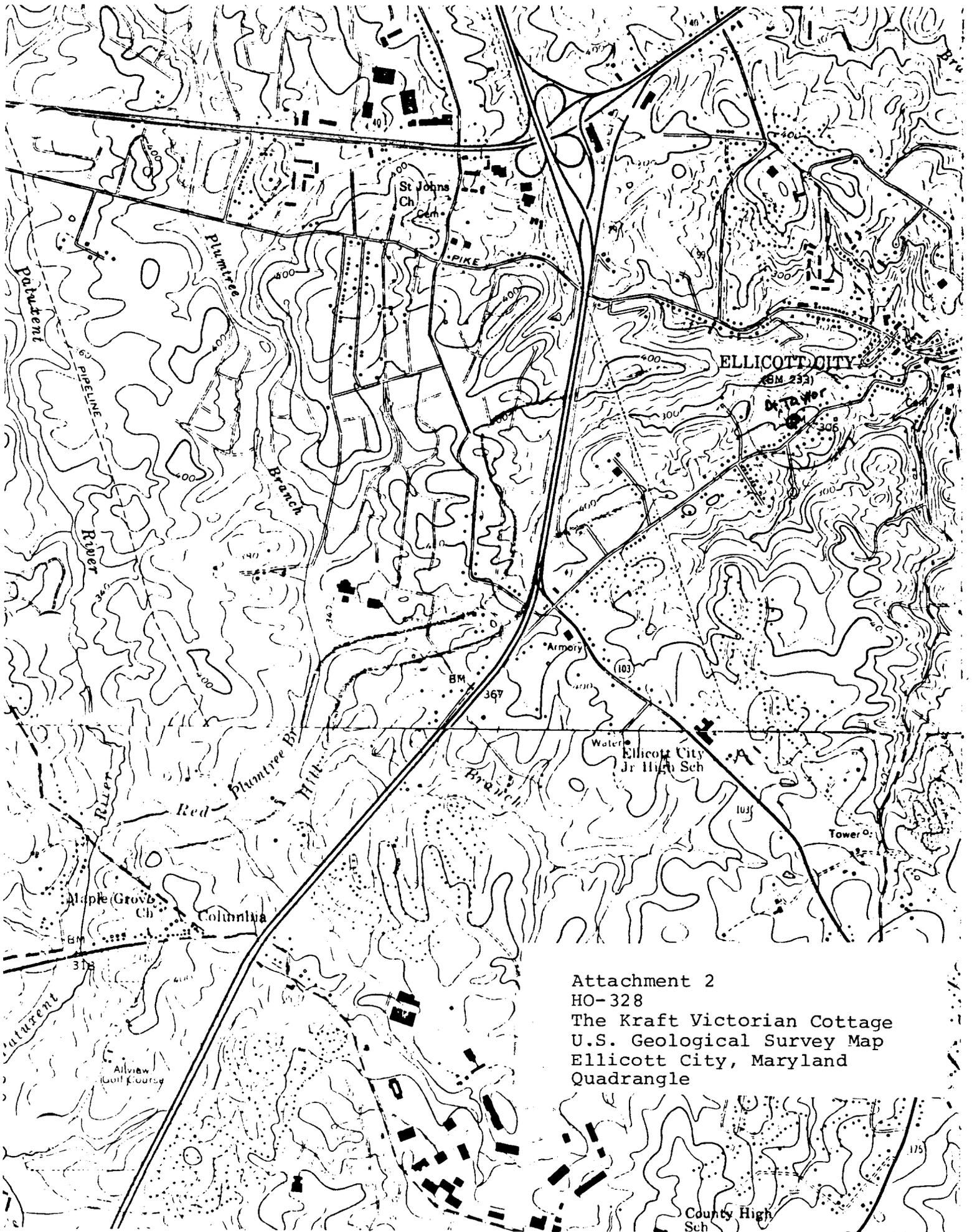
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The house is a significant example of mid-Victorian vernacular architecture and has a remarkably high level of integrity and is in excellent condition.

Refer to original significance statement for HO-328 for full details about the history and supporting evidence for its inclusion in the inventory of historic sites.



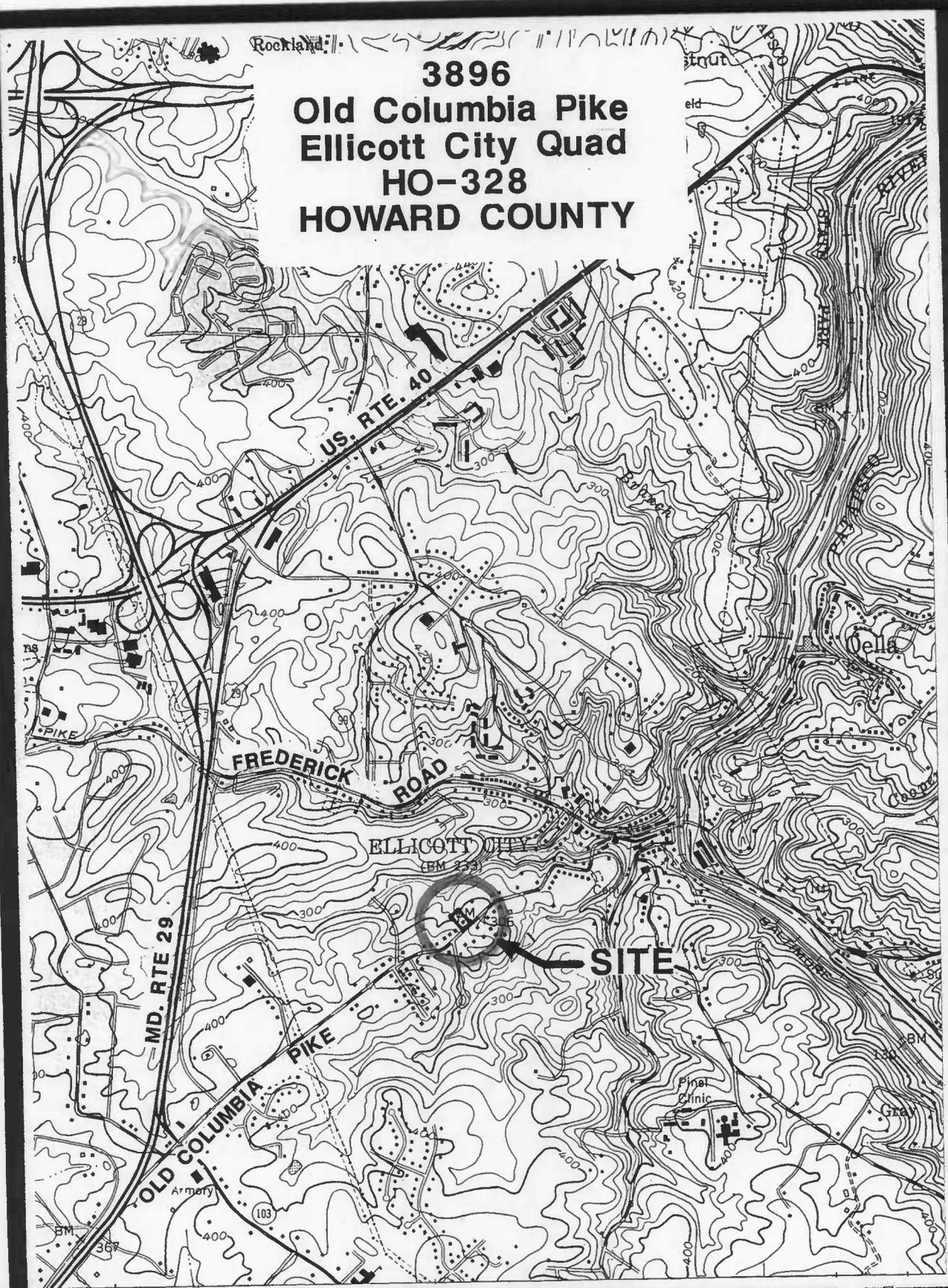




Attachment 2  
HO-328  
The Kraft Victorian Cottage  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
Quadrangle

Rockland

**3896**  
**Old Columbia Pike**  
**Ellicott City Quad**  
**HO-328**  
**HOWARD COUNTY**





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300 1/2 OLD COLUMBIAN PEE

HOWARD COUNTY, MD

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THE KRAFT VICTORIAN COTTAGE  
SOUTH  
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