

HO-1062

The James and Anna Wright House

1514 Grooms Lane

Private

Description

The James and Anna Wright House is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a two-story, one-bay by two bay frame ell on the southwest. Both the main block and the ell have German siding that is being wrapped in Tyvek and covered with vinyl siding, and they have gable roofs with asphalt shingles. The main block ridge runs northwest-southeast and the ell ridge runs northeast-southwest. There is an interior brick chimney on the main block ridge, between the center and southeast bays, and an exterior brick chimney at the west corner of the main block. There is a one-story porch that wraps around three sides of the main block, and the southeast side has been enclosed. There is a one-story enclosed porch on the southeast side of the ell, with a shorter modern addition to the southeast of it. The northeast elevation has a center entrance with a door that has an oval light, and sidelights and a three-light transom. To either side is a two-over-two double-hung sash. The porch has turned posts, square balusters, and a moulded handrail, all of which appears to be a modern replacement, and is supported by new walls of roughly squared rubble stone that is brought to course. The cross gable has a four-light casement that has a triangular top.

Significance

The James and Anna Wright House is located on lot five of the subdivision of Edward and Gertrude Benzinger's land into what was to be called Woodstock Heights. The Wrights purchased the one-acre lot in 1895 for \$100 and sold it in 1904 to Harry and Emma Cavey for \$1,100, so they undoubtedly built the house, probably in 1895. This would make their house most likely the first to go up in the new subdivision of Woodstock, and thus the house that all the others along Grooms Lane either emulated or competed with. The Wrights built a cross-gabled I-house, a building type that was very close to traditional dwellings in Howard County, but given more decorative treatment in the cross gable. James Wright is listed in 1900 as a 33-year-old bookbinder, and probably was working in Baltimore and taking the train into work each day. Harry Cavey was the son of William and Mary Cavey, who lived just across the street at 1511 Grooms Lane (HO-1055). Harry was a stone cutter and likely worked in one of the quarries on the Baltimore County side of Woodstock. Cavey did not own the house long, selling it in 1910 to another family member, who sold it in 1914 to Frank and Nonie Crum. The Crum family continued to own the Wright house until at least 1973.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James & Anna Wright House

other

2. Location

street and number 1514 Grooms Lane __ not for publication

city, town Woodstock __ vicinity

county Howard

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

name Daniel Deitemyer & Julia Wagner

street and number 1514 Grooms Lane telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 3086 folio 83

city, town Ellicott City tax map 10 tax parcel 125 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1 0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	0 0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	0 0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	0 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The James and Anna Wright House is located at 1514 Grooms Lane, in Woodstock, in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is located on a generally flat lot at the southwestern corner of the sharp bend in the road, and faces northeast toward the road.

The house is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure with a two-story, one-bay by two bay frame ell on the southwest. Both the main block and the ell have German siding that is being wrapped in Tyvek and covered with vinyl siding, and they have gable roofs with asphalt shingles. The main block ridge runs northwest-southeast and the ell ridge runs northeast-southwest. There is an interior brick chimney on the main block ridge, between the center and southeast bays, and an exterior brick chimney at the west corner of the main block. There is a one-story porch that wraps around three sides of the main block, and the southeast side has been enclosed. There is a one-story enclosed porch on the southeast side of the ell, with a shorter modern addition to the southeast of it.

The northeast elevation has a center entrance with a door that has an oval light, and sidelights and a three-light transom. To either side is a two-over-two double-hung sash. The northeast elevation of the enclosed porch has a one-over-one sash. The porch has turned posts, square balusters, and a moulded handrail, all of which appears to be a modern replacement. There are wide wood steps in the center of the porch. The porch is supported by new walls of roughly squared rubble stone that is brought to course. The second story has three one-over-one sash and the cross gable has a four-light casement that has a triangular top. There is a wood box cornice with returns.

The southeast elevation has four one-over-one sash in the enclosed porch and a single one-over-one sash on the second story. On the southwest elevation of the main block, the first story south bay is covered by the enclosed porch on the ell, while the second story has a one-over-one sash.

The southeast elevation of the ell has triple modern two-over-two sash in the enclosed porch, set above the roof line of the later southeast addition. The second story of the ell has a one-over-one sash. The southwest elevation of the ell has a one-over-one sash to the west and a door to the south on the first story, and two one-over-one sash on the second story. The ell has a box cornice with returns.

The northwest elevation was not accessible. There are no other buildings on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1895

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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James Wright is listed in 1900 as a 33-year-old bookbinder, and probably was working in Baltimore and taking the train into work each day. While housing prices were probably cheaper in Woodstock, this was offset by the cost of commuting, and probably explains why the Wrights sold the house. In 1910 Wright was a foreman in a printing office, and they were living in Baltimore. Harry Cavey was the son of William and Mary Cavey, who lived just across the street at 1511 Grooms Lane (HO-1055). Harry was a stone cutter and likely worked in one of the quarries on the Baltimore County side of Woodstock. The stone was in high demand in Baltimore in this period, and was made more so as a result of the building boom after the Baltimore fire of 1904. Cavey did not own the house long, selling it in 1910 to another family member, who sold it in 1914 to Frank and Nonie Crum. The Crum family continued to own the Wright house until at least 1973.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 A
Acreage of historical setting 1 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 10, parcel 125, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

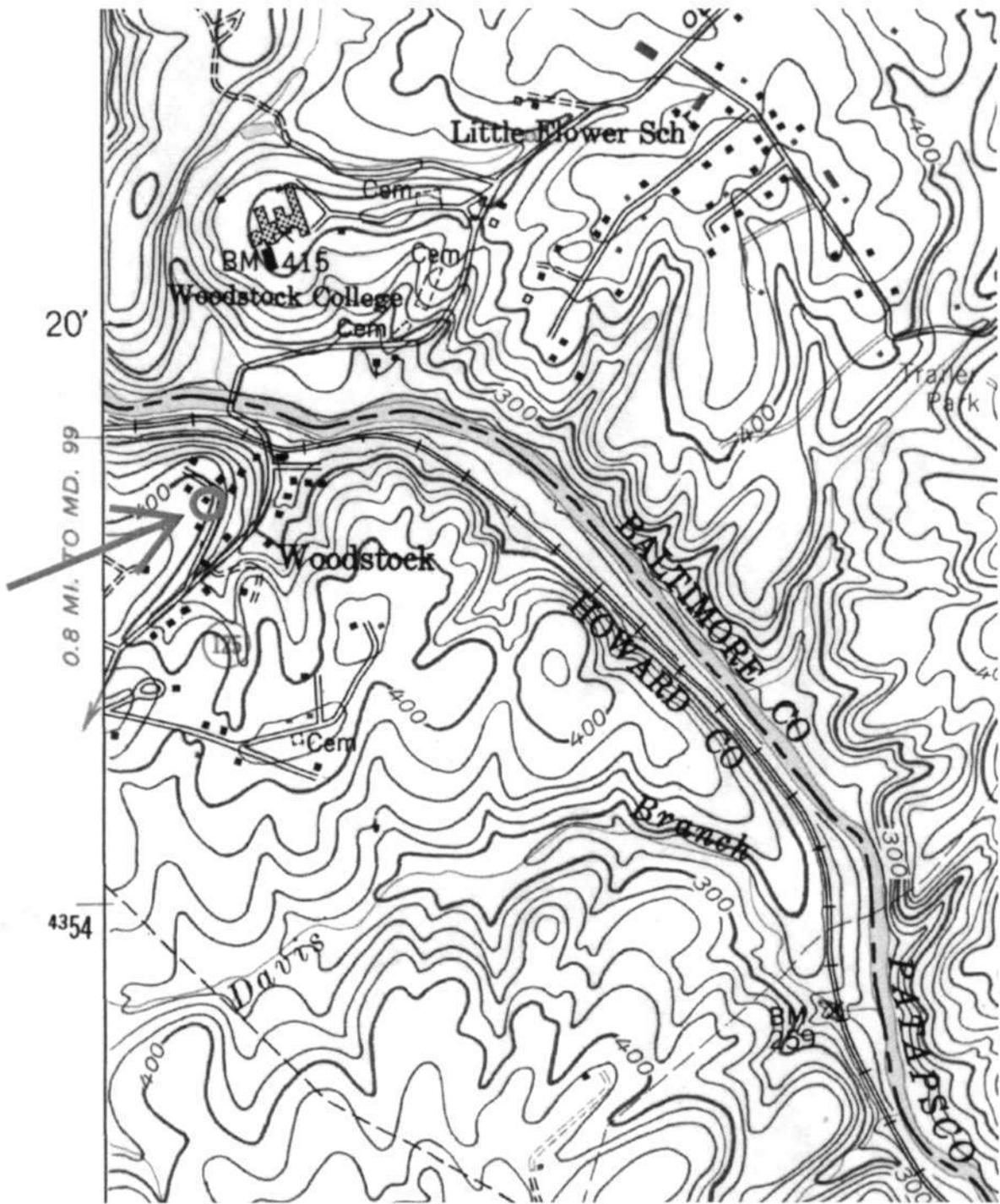
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
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city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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Northeast + northwest elevations

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Southwest elevation

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