

BA-3076
J. Adam Claggett House and Store
8815 Liberty Road
Randallstown
Private
c. 1882, 1892

The Claggett House and Store is located at 8815 Liberty Road, on the southwest side of the road, and faces northeast toward the road. It is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure with a rubble stone foundation, German siding with corner boards, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a southeast-northwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on the northwest end of the ridge. There is a two-story, two-bay ell on the southwest side of this section, and the German siding continues across both without interruption. The ell has a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. There is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay addition on the southeast that has German siding on the northeast elevation that does not align with the siding of the northwest half. The southeast elevation appears to have T1-11 siding. The shed roof on this section slopes down to the south. On the northeast elevation, the first story of the southeast half, from east to west, has a two-over-two double hung sash, a door that appears to be new but is in an original opening, and another typical two-over-two sash. The northwest half has a door set at the east corner of the northwest half of the building, and it appears to have been moved to this location. To the north of it is a window with 36 lights. The center bay of this section has no opening, and the northern bay has another 36 light sash. These sash extend down to the baseboard, are apparently fixed, and have a pattern or texture in the glass. The entire northeast facade has a one-story porch with a hip roof of asphalt shingles and seven wood posts. There is also a central gabled wall dormer.

J. Adam Claggett purchased a two-acre lot here in 1882 for \$800 and ten years later added another two acres at a cost of \$400. The higher cost of the first lot could reflect improvements to the property, but not likely the frame house that is the west half of the existing building. If an earlier structure was located here, it was either extensively remodeled or demolished by Claggett and the existing house constructed. The addition of the second parcel likely signifies the east addition to the property, which was likely constructed as a store along the turnpike at the edge of Randallstown. The use of a center entrance on a three-bay addition was common enough for houses in the early to mid-nineteenth century, but by the late-nineteenth century was more typical for store additions to dwellings. Claggett sold the property in 1900 to Frank and Mary George, and at the same time purchased one of the George's properties in Randallstown, where Claggett apparently moved his operation. The J. Adam Claggett House and Store changed hands frequently from the time Claggett sold it until after World War II. The cross gable of the house is common for the period c. 1880-1910, but the use of cornice mouldings on brackets over the windows gives the building a higher than average degree of finish. Unfortunately, its owner does not consider the building to have any historic significance and is clearly not maintaining it, which threatens its future.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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On the northeast elevation, the first story of the southeast half, from east to west, has a two-over-two double hung sash with a beaded interior edge frame, a door that appears to be new but is in an original opening, and another typical two-over-two sash. The northwest half has a door set at the east corner of the northwest half of the building, and it has head cut trim with a pedimented top and a glazed door. This door appears to have been moved to this location. To the north of it is a window with 36 lights and the same trim as the door. The center bay of this section has no opening, and the northern bay has another 36 light sash. These sash extend down to the baseboard, are apparently fixed, and have a pattern or texture in the glass. The entire northeast facade has a one-story porch with a hip roof of asphalt shingles, seven wood posts, and a concrete deck. On the second story, the southeast half has a typical two-over-two sash, no opening, and another typical two-over-two sash. The northwest half has three two-over-two sash with head cut trim and a small applied cornice moulding supported by small brackets. The southeast-half eave cornice has brackets with a cavetto at the top, an ovolo and cavetto below, and an ovolo at the bottom. Between the brackets is a board frieze with jig-sawn cuts in it. The northwest half has a cornice with brackets that has a very deep ogee and a small ogee at the bottom. There is also a central gabled wall dormer that has paired one-over-one sash with pedimented trim.

The southeast elevation has a typical two-over-two sash on both the first and second stories. The gable end of the northwest half has two small two-over-two sash with pedimented trim, and the same brackets as on the northeast side of this section. On the northwest elevation, the first story has no opening in the north bay and a two-over-two sash with no trim in the west bay. The first story of the ell has two two-over-two sash with cornice mouldings and brackets identical to the second story of the northeast elevation. The second story of the northwest half has no opening in the north bay and a two-over-two sash in the west bay that has a cornice like those on the northeast. The ell has two two-over-two sash with pedimented trim. The gable end of the northwest half matches that on the southeast side. There is a modern one-story shed roof addition on the southwest side of the ell. It has a parged foundation and T1-11 siding.

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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
n/a	n/a
Construction dates	
c. 1882, c. 1892	

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

J. Adam Claggett purchased a two-acre lot here in 1882 for \$800 and ten years later added another two acres at a cost of \$400. The higher cost of the first lot could reflect improvements to the property, but not likely the frame house that is the west half of the existing building. If an earlier structure was located here, it was either extensively remodeled or demolished by Claggett and the existing house constructed. There are two buildings indicated in the general vicinity of this one on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, but there is no way to be certain if one of those buildings is located on this parcel. The addition of the second parcel likely signifies the east addition to the property, which was likely constructed as a store along the turnpike at the edge of Randallstown. The use of a center entrance on a three-bay addition was common enough for houses in the early to mid-nineteenth century, but by the late-nineteenth century was more typical for store additions to dwellings. A similar pattern can be seen at the Wadlow Store and Dwelling (CARR-1382) on the Old Liberty Road in Carroll County. The use of a shed roof was also typical for store additions. Claggett's building is clearly indicated on the 1898 Bromley Atlas. Claggett sold the property in 1900 to Frank and Mary George, and at the same time purchased one of the George's properties in Randallstown (9101-05 Liberty Road, BA-3077), where Claggett apparently moved his operation. The 1898 map shows the George house set well back off of Liberty Road, and they had another property on Liberty Road, but neither of these was sold. Claggett still retained property near his old store; the 1915 Bromley Atlas shows him there, with 40 acres. The J. Adam Claggett House and Store changed hands frequently from the time Claggett sold it until after World War II. This likely reflects its use as a commercial property, since small stores would come and go, either because they might find a better location or because they went under. It is not known whether the owners operated the store, either, or whether they leased the house and store to someone. Nothing more could be found about the owners or store at this time, but the building represents a type that was once fairly common but is now very rare along Liberty Road, or any of the old turnpikes in Baltimore County today. The cross gable of the house is common for the period c. 1880-1910, but the use of cornice mouldings on brackets over the windows gives the building a higher than average degree of finish. Unfortunately, its owner does not consider the building to have any historic significance and is clearly not maintaining it, which threatens its future. (1)

Notes:

(1) Baltimore County Land Records, WMG 133-23; LMB 195-14; NB 247-343. G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1877). G. W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1898, 1915). See also, BA-3077, Samuel and Virginia Schmidt House, 9105 Liberty Road.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 19,728 sq ftAcreage of historical setting 19,728 sq ftQuadrangle name Ellicott CityQuadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries include the entire parcel.

11. Form Prepared By

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CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRUMENT	CONSIDERATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
Rusty Rock Swimming Club, Inc / ?	Qutub-Uddin Syed / ?	26 Jan. 1989	8107-692	Deed - fees	\$60,050.00	?	U.S. Bankruptcy Ct. - MD
Seymour Ruff, Jr. & w/ Rachel W / Bacto Co	Rusty Rock Swimming Club, Inc / MD corp	14 Sept. 1956	3043-431	Deed fees	\$5.00	90' Granton 2. berty Rd 295' x 110' x 40' 155'	
Donald Gilman Stidman & w/ Mary S / Bacto Co	Seymour Ruff, Jr. / ?	1 Sept. 1956	3043-433	Deed fees	\$5.00	same 200' Granton	
Grafton T. Maynard, Jr. & w/ Margerie L / Bacto Co	Donald G. Iner Stidman & w/ Mary S. / Bacto Co	5 Jan. 1952	GLB 2081-193	Deed fees	\$5.00	4+ A. minus lot sold in 1951	
Ernest L. Nicholson & w/ Mary M. / Bacto Co	Grafton T. Maynard, Jr. & w/ Margerie L / Bacto Co	27 Jun. 1946	RS 5 1472-387	Deed fees	\$5.00	4+ A	
Thomas J. Gibson & w/ Helen L. / Bacto Co	Ernest L. Nicholson & w/ Mary M. / Bacto Co	9 Jul. 1941	CWB Jr 1178-114	Deed fees	\$5.00	4 A 13p.	
Perpetual Bldg & Loan Assoc. of Granite Bacto Co / Bacto Co, MD	Thomas J. & Helen L. Gibson (w/) / ?	26 Sept. 1933	L McL M 914-325	Deed fees	\$5.00	4 A 13 p.	w. S. of Liberty rd, 2nd Dist
Welzie M. Bear, widower, Bacto Co	Perp. Bldg & Loan Assoc. of Granite Bacto Co, MD	31 Dec 1932	L McL M 909-60	Deed fees	\$5.00	4 A 13 p	C.B.G. et. Apr. 1930
Katherine K. Parker & Jessie Kaufman / Bacto Co	Welzie M. Bear & w/ Charazine B Bear / Bacto City	7 Apr. 1925	WPC 608-503	Deed fees	\$5.00	4 A 13 p	
Arthur E. O'Dell & w/ May J	Katherine K. Parker & Jessie Kaufman	2 Nov. 1922	WPC 564-63	Deed fees	\$5.00	4 A 13 p	2 parcels now in one description

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Elsworth Miller
w/ Lucy M. / ?

Arthur E. & Mary J.
O'Dell / ? 1 Nov
1916

WPC Deed - \$5.00
470
282 fees

(1) 2+A
(2) 2+A

nr. Village of Randallstown

William F. Holman &
w/ Margaret E /
Barto Co

Elsworth Miller &
w/ Lucy M. / Barto Co 3 Apr.
1913

WPC Deed \$10.00
406-
532 fees

(1) 2+A
(2) 2+A

John Russell & w/
Mary Ann / Barto
Co

J. Adam (Claggett)
Klickett / Barto.
Co 9 Dec
1882

WMG Deed \$800
133-
23 fees

2+A

(1)

Mary Russell
William W & Jose A
Russell (w/?) / Barto Co

J. Adam Claggett,
Barto Co 26 Oct
1892

LMB Deed \$400
195-
14 fees

2+A

Mary is widow of John Russell
William's son & only heir (

Frank W & Mary S
George / Barto Co

William T. Holman 9 Jun
1905

WPC Deed \$2200
287-
332 fees

(1) 2+A
(2) 2+A

J Adam Claggett & w/
Annie E. / Barto Co

Frank W. George &
w/ Mary S / Barto Co 10 Sept
1900

NB Deed \$5.00
247-
313 fees

(1) 2+A
(2) 2+A

Joseph Cornwall & w/
John Russell

1 Nov
1872

TK
325-
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MERLIN Online Map

Base Maps

3.75' Quarter Quad Grid



Ellicott City Quad 7.5' Topo



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N 188108.19m E 417869.93m



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