Survey No. AA 2060

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN B. OWENS HOUSE

and/or common ~~JOHN B. OWENS HOUSE~~

2. Location

street & number 86 South River Club House Road ___ not for publication

city, town ~~Harwood~~ All Hallows ✓ vicinity of congressional district

state MD county AA

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
___ building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Thomas E. Sames / Gertrude E. Sames map 59 / parcel 82 (16.0915 acres)

street & number 86 S. River Club House Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Harwood state and zip code MD 20776

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 580

street & number folio 383

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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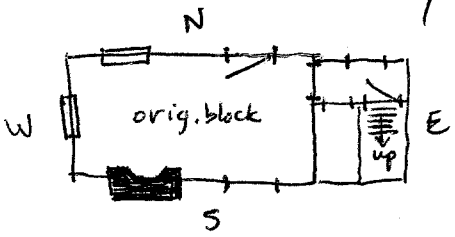
Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	___ original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

This house (which appears on the 1860 Martenet Map) probably started as a 2-bay 2-story side-gabled farmhse — the north side of the present 2½-story structure. A one-bay 2-story wing including an enclosed ~~stair~~ narrow stairway was added to the east side.



An enormous chimney base still exists in the basement which was later (20th cen.) dug out around it. Above, today, ~~only~~ a stove flue faces north; a new fireplace faces south. ~~the South wall of orig. block remains~~.

The house was expanded, more than doubled, by an addition along full width of south elevation of the orig. block. The "front" entrance was prob. switched ~~to~~ to this new south ~~facade~~ addition which contains 3-bays, higher-posted rooms including a first-floor parlor with west bay-window, and an open-banistered turning-stairway with landing. The house is now 2½ stories with two dormer windows in the attic, south side. The orig. chimney protrudes from the roof at the new higher ridgeline. ~~The~~ According to the present owner, some wooden boards and pieces were pulled out of the chimney flue after a chimney fire

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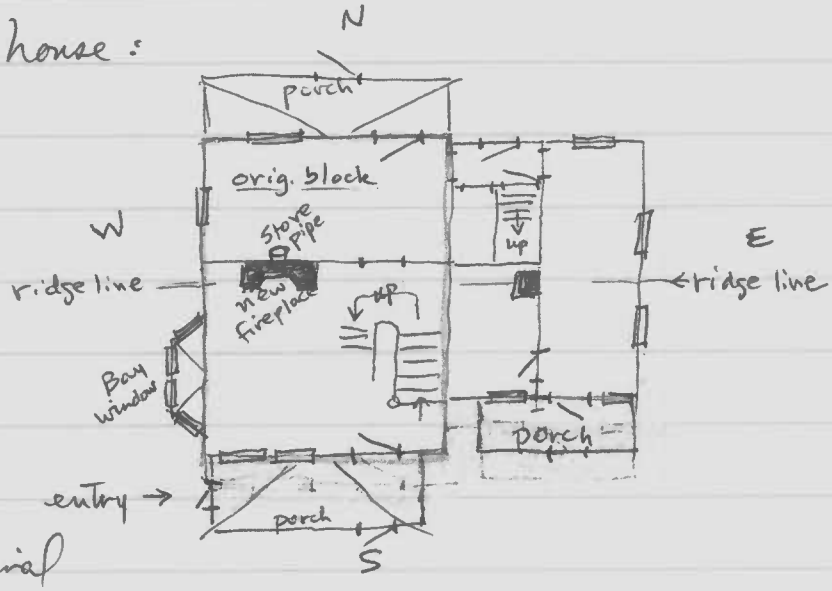
(c. 1960-70's?) and a new flue liner was installed.

The one-bay east wing was also enlarged southward and (prob. later) eastward.

Sketch of finished house:



An 1883 Plat found in the house shows the house as a rectangle with its long axis oriented North-South.

This suggests the original block had already been expanded southward by this time. The driveway-approach was from the west.

1987: The house has aluminum siding on the outside, wood veneer sheet paneling on inside walls. Much of original plaster walls have been removed. New one-over-one combination storm/screen windows throughout house.

The gable-roofed barn with German board siding, now a 2-car garage, stands close to east side of house. Three large gambrel-roofed barns (20th cen.) stand to west of house, adjacent to old driveway to Hardesty Rd. Current driveway comes from S. River Club Hse Rd. at the north ~~and circles around~~ past the west side of house, circling around to the south. A large 2-story frame "town-hall-like" building south of house was ~~used as~~ a chicken house (c. 1930's)

8. Significance

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Period
___ prehistoric
___ 1400–1499
___ 1500–1599
___ 1600–1699
___ 1700–1799
___ 1800–1899
___ 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

___ archeology-prehistoric
___ archeology-historic
___ agriculture
___ architecture
___ art
___ commerce
___ communications
___ community planning
___ conservation
___ economics
___ education
___ engineering
___ exploration/settlement
___ industry
___ invention
___ landscape architecture
___ law
___ literature
___ military
___ music
___ philosophy
___ politics/government
___ religion
___ science
___ sculpture
___ social/humanitarian
___ theater
___ transportation
___ other (specify)

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house appears on the 1860 and 1878 County maps as the residence of "John B. Owens (275 acres)."
An 1883 deed and plat, discovered in the basement by the current owner in 1950's, indicates that John B. Owens sold 141 acres, the northern portion of his lands, including the "Dwelling" house, to Joseph C. Collinson on Dec. 12, 1883. The ~~deed refers~~ description refers to an earlier deed from James I. Gray to John B. Owens dated Dec. 31, 1852.

In 1932 (approx.) this ~~property~~ house was purchased by Frank Sames, father-in-law of the present owner, Gertrude Sames. Gertrude married Thomas E. Sames Sr. c. 1950 and moved into the house. She is a widow. She has the 1883 deed/plat framed on her wall, is considering donating it to the Md. State Archives for safe-keeping. Excerpts follow:

"Survey of the lands sold by John B Owens to Jos. C. Collinson the same being composed of part of the following tracts ... "Poplar Ridge", "Betty's Park", "Peirpoints Branch Enlarged", "Halls Inheritance", ... and "Bessington" ... being also the beginning point of land conveyed by James I. Gray and wife to John B. Owens by deed bearing date 31 December 1852 ... "

(A rough sketch of the plat is continued on a separate sheet.)

What makes this property signif. is not so much the house, which has been extensively altered, as the early and continuing presence of the J.B. Owens family in the All Hallows/S. River/Birdsville area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name South River Md

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Wetherill

organization AA Co. Planning & Zoning

date July 1987

street & number

telephone

city or town

state

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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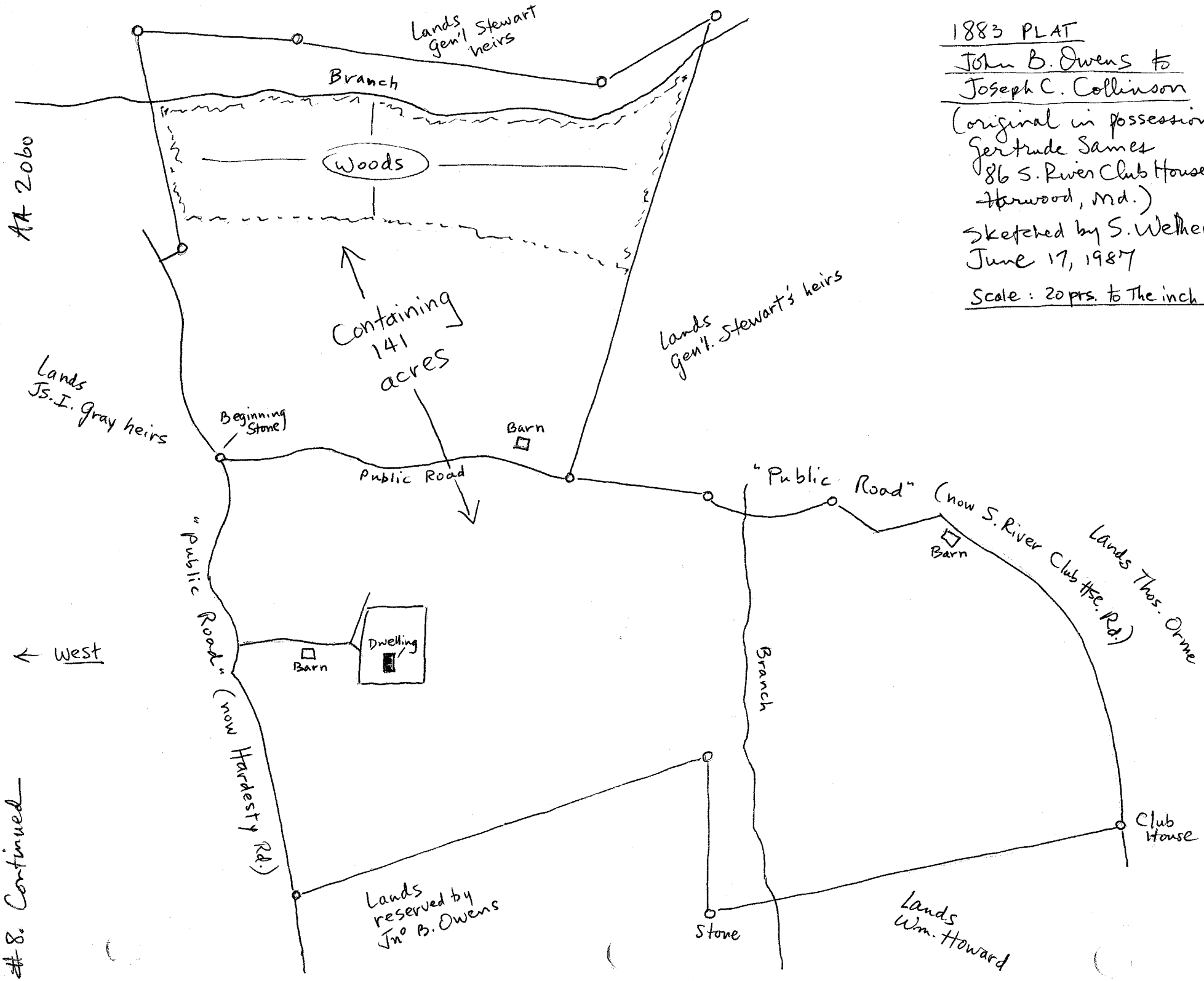
1883 PLAT
John B. Owens to
Joseph C. Collinson
(original in possession of
Gertrude Sames
86 S. River Club House Road
~~Harwood~~, Md.)
Sketched by S. Wetherill
June 17, 1987
Scale: 20 prs. to The inch



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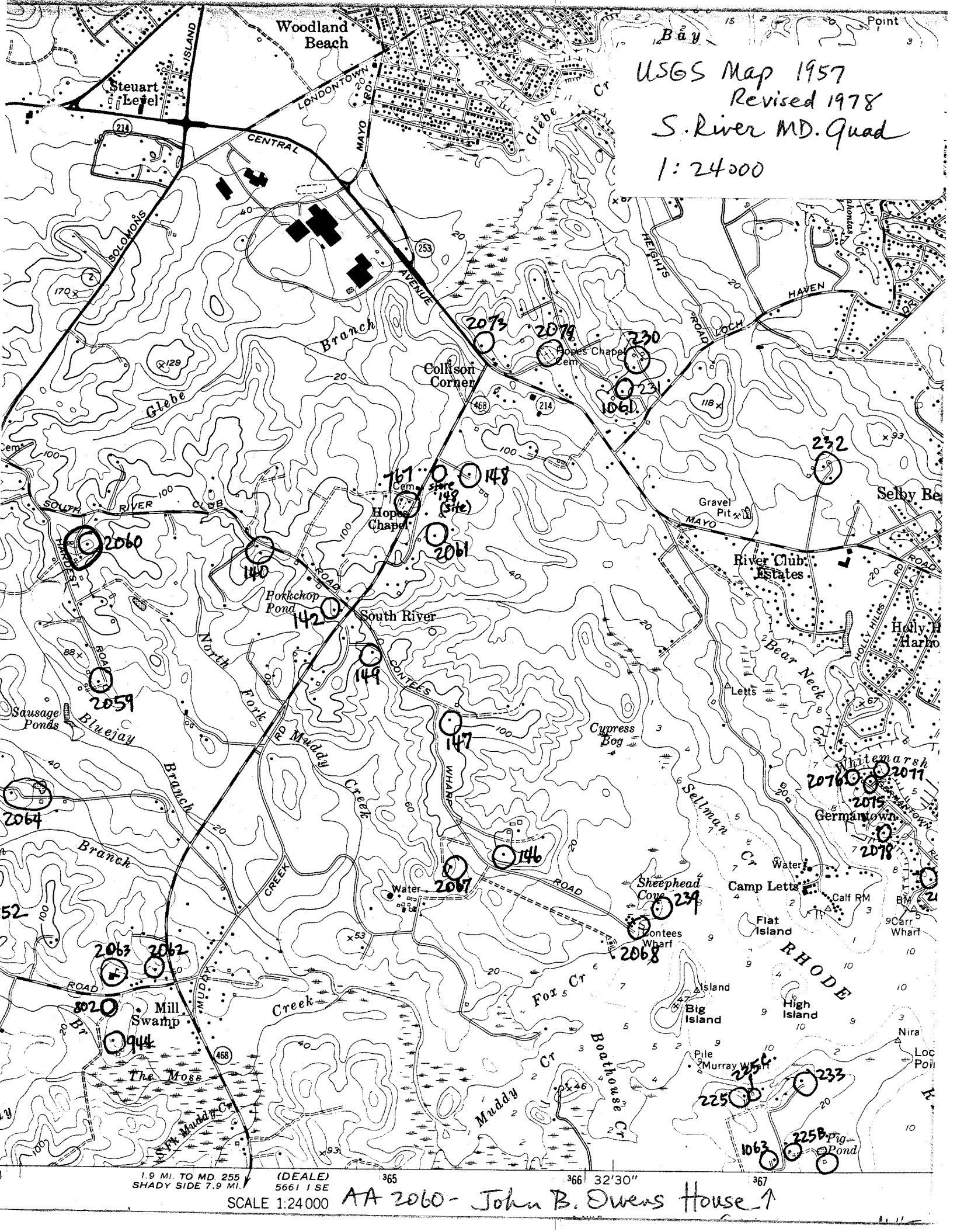
USGS Map 1957
Revised 1978
S. River MD. Quad
1:24000
Woodland Beach
Steuart Level
Collison Corner
Hopes Chapel
Hopes Chapel Cem
Porkchop Pond
South River
River Club Estates
Gravel Pit
Selby Be
Holly H Harbo
Bear Neck Cr
Cypress Bog
Sausage Ponds
Bluejay Branch
North Fork Muddy Creek
Sellman Cr
Whitemarsh
Germantown
Camp Letts
Sheephead Cove
Contees Wharf
Flat Island
Big Island
High Island
Fox Cr
Boathouse Cr
Muddy Cr
Mill Swamp
The Moss
Pig Pond
Nira
Glebe Branch
Glebe Cr
Bay
Point
Water
Calf RM
Carr Wharf
Pile
Murray Wharf
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SHADY SIDE 7.9 MI.
(DEALE)
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SCALE 1:24000
32'30"
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JOHN B. OWENS HOUSE
All Hallows area
A.A. Co. MD
S. Weherill 6/87
N. elev. (orig. facade)

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JOHN B. OWENS HOUSE
All Hallows area
A.A.Co. MD.
S. Wetherill 6/87
NW Corner

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JOHN B. OWENS HOUSE
All Hallows area
A.A. Co. MD
S. Wetherill 6/87
South elev. (current facade)