

HO-52
PATAPSCO NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
Ellicott City
Private

1905

The Patapsco National Bank building is a three bay wide, one room deep, one and a half story high, flat roofed brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) building with brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. An imposing neo-Classical facade is composed of a central, gabled roof portico supported by two doric columns, covering the central rectangular double entrance door which is flanked by double rectangular double-hung windows surmounted by two light transoms and encased in a wooden molding, decorated by flat arched stone lintels and keystone.

The building is crowned by a wooden cornice decorated with a row of dentils and a row of guttae. Below the entablature are the words "First National Bank", replacing the words still evident, "Patapsco National Bank". Between the freize and the south windows are stone plates with decorative garlands. The south-east and south-west corners of the building feature stone quoining while the entire south wall is faced with brick laid in flemish bond with additional stone quoining creating a double corner effect. The interior boasted a special area for ladies banking which included a fireplace and comfortable desks and chairs, separated and partially enclosed by an imported green marble interior four to five feet wall.

The Patapsco National Bank is historically significant as the first bank to open its doors in Ellicott City. Its founders included the most influential men in the community from the Carroll, Dorsey and other founding families. The first Patapsco Bank building was the Old St. Paul's Parochial School, HO-76.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Patapsco National Bank/Thomas Hunt's Stable

AND/OR COMMON

First National Bank - Ellicott City Branch Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8098 Main Street

CITY/TOWN

Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" 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

First National Bank of Maryland

Telephone #: 727-4000

STREET & NUMBER

25 South Charles Street

CITY/TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Tax Map 25-A p.14

Liber #: 77

Folio #: 235

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY/TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY/TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHo-52
Dist 2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Patapsco National Bank building is located in the middle of the north side of Main Street. It is their second building, the first is Ho-76, later the Old St. Paul's School, and now vacant.

The second bank building, located on the north side of Main Street, Ellicott City, is a three bay wide, one story high, gabled roof, brick (laid in flemish bond) structure with twin brick connected chimneys centered and inset into its east and west walls.

The imposing entrance portico on the south wall of the building is held by a three quarter wooden column on each side with marble and wood base surmounted by a closed wooden pediment which is underlined by a row of dentils. Three wide marble steps with central iron railing lead to the rectangular, three light, double entrance door which is flanked by three vertical lights. It replaces the original door which entered into a vestibule but was damaged during the flood of 1971.

A tall single window, composed of two tall, rectangular, double hung windows with four-over-four lights, each surmounted by two light transoms, rests on each side of the central door. They are encased in a wooden molding underlined by flat, projecting marble sills and surmounted by marble flat arched lintels with projecting marble keystone.

A rectangular, metal plate lies under each window. Above the windows are horizontal rectangular marble plates with sculptured garlands. The words 'First National Bank' are inscribed on the wooden entrance of the roof line below the projecting wooden cornice. Beneath can still be seen the shadow of the words 'Patapsco National Bank'. The roof line is decorated with a row of guttae and a row of dentils.

A marble base and water table run along the south facade of the building whose east and west corners feature projecting marble quoining. The west wall lies flush against 8104 Main Street, while an alley runs along its east wall. This east wall is laid in English garden wall brick bond. A first floor arched window with iron grill, projecting marble sill and arched brick lintel composed of two rows of header bricks is centered into this east wall. North lies a small square aperture.

A stone retaining wall lies on the north side of the building with a granite block staircase climbing up the steeply sloped hill on the east side of the building lot.

The brick building which originally stood on this site has had quoining added to the east and west corners of its south wall. The entire front facade of the building has been faced with a second layer of brick laid in flemish bond with simulated stone quoining very close to the east and west corners of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 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 1905

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Contractor Jacob Kirn

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

By Chapter 98 of the Acts of the Maryland Legislature of 1833, the Patapsco Bank of Maryland was authorized incorporation until 1845. This was later extended. Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Charles W. Dorsey, Allen Thomas, Nicholas Worthington of John, Nathaniel H. Ellicott, Thomas Beale Dorsey, and Hugh Ely were named Commissioners. Their task was to receive subscriptions of stock not to exceed an amount of \$150,000.00

In an address given to the Howard County Historical Society, John L. Clark gave an account of the Commissioners first meeting:

On Monday, the 20th of July, 1835 at 10 o'clock in the morning, Nicholas Worthington of John, William Baker Dorsey, Dr. Allen Thomas, John T.W. Dorsey, William Mclaughlin, Thomas B. Dorsey, Edward Gray, Charles W. Dorsey, Samuel Ellicott, William E. George and John J. Donaldson met at Blackwoods Hotel and formed the corporation known as the Patapsco Bank of Maryland.

Nicholas Worthinton of John was made chairman of the meeting and William Baker Dorsey, Secretary. The meeting then proceeded to elect Directors. At this time, Thomas B. Dorsey was the Chief Judge of the Third Judicial District of the State of Maryland. He took the qualifying oath of Nickolas Worthington of John, J. Donaldson and the affirmation of ~~Samuel~~ Ellicott. A Justice of the Peace took the qualifying oath of the said Thomas B. Dorsey, who could not, of course, swear himself. On August 1st, 1835, the newly formed Board of Directors met at Blackwood's Hotel in Ellicott's Mills and elected Thomas B. Dorsey as President of the Bank and appointed Charles D. Warfield as a member of the Board of Directors. At that time, the Cashier and Clerk were appointed, the Cashier to receive a salary of \$1,300.00 a year and the Clerk to receive \$500.00. Bernard U. Campbell was appointed Cashier and William B. Dorsey, Clerk. Samuel Ellicott, Charles W. Dorsey, and Thomas B. Dorsey were made a Building Committee.¹

In the address by John L. Clark he notes a statement of cash in the Patapsco Bank at the close of business on Monday, May 3, 1841 as follows:

¹Clark, John L, Reprint of Address to Howard County Historical Society, First National Bank file on historic Patapsco National Bank.

SPECIE

Silver in boxes	\$14,000.00	
" " kegs	2,000.00	
" " bags	<u>100.00</u>	\$16,100.00
Gold- Sovereigns	3,179.59	
American coinage	1,000.00	
French & Silver	200.00	
Cents	3.00	
Sundries on tray	<u>125.55</u>	\$ 4,508.14
Special Deposits	3,051.00	
Silver and Gold	359.45	
" "	<u>200.00</u>	<u>\$3,610.45</u>
" Aggregate Specie		\$24,218.59
Notes, etc of other Banks, etc.	\$1,004.37	
	<u>2,270.50</u>	3,274.87
Patapsco Bank notes	65,260.00	
" certificates of deposit	<u>24,054.50</u>	<u>\$89,314.50</u>
		\$116,807.96 ²

Shortly after its organizational meeting in July, 1835, the Bank purchased a small parcel of land from Samuel Ellicott for the use of the Bank. This later became St. Paul's Panchial School, Ho-76. The Board resolved on November 8, 1840 that "inasmuch as the presently owned lot was too small to be usable for the purposes of such a Bank in a small Village; such as a garden, a lot suitable for pasture, etc., it was agreed to pay Samuel Ellicott \$500.00 for 4 acres additional."³ It is believed by John Clark that the Cashier lived in the bank building and it was for this reason that this extraordinary investment was made.

On May 8, 1905 the Patapsco National Bank opened its handsome new building on Main St. to the public. It occupied a site immediately adjoining the old building at that time. The following description of its interior was given in the Ellicott City Times for May 6, 1905 and reads as follows!

The different departments of the bank are separated by mahogany partitions with which the furniture is in keeping. One of the most attractive features of the building is the room set aside for ladies doing business with the bank. This has been fitted up in a very attractive manner with writing desks, stationery, chairs, etc., a fine old colonial fire place and toilet room adjoining."⁴

This ladies banking area was separated and enclosed by an imported Italian marble interior wall some four to five feet high which can be seen today.

The other outstanding feature of the bank's interior is its vault which was designed by York Safe and Lock Company, of York, Pennsylvania, which is said to be burglar and fire proof. It is built of drill proof steel, incased in cement and bricks.

²Ibid.

³Ibid.

⁴"Patapsco National Bank to Occupy its New Building Next Wednesday."3/6/05

Its intricate looking chamber can be seen on the inside of the door which is covered with plate glass. Patents for the door are dated July 20, 1875, September 25, 1877, August 7, 1877, and November 13, 1877.

On January 29, 1971 the Patapsco National Bank merged with the First National Bank and is now their Ellicott City Branch Office.

In an interview with Mr. Caplan of Ellicott City, it was disclosed that this lot was used as a livery stable for the horses and delivery wagons of Mr. Thomas Hunt who owned a General Store where the Cocca Lane Restaurant is now located.

Because of its historical significance as the first bank of Ellicott City, and for its imposing architectural facade which is woven into the middle of the **north** side of Main Street. The Patapsco National Bank should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and any future local landmark legislation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Patapsco Nat'l Bank To Occupy Its New Building Next Wednesday". Ellicott City Times,
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historic Patapsco National Bank.
Interview with Mr. Richard Kight, Manager, Ellicott City Office, First National Bank.
Interview with Mr. Donald Graf, Manager, St. John's Lane Office, First National Bank.
Records Office, Howard County Court House, Ellicott City, Maryland.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .07 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p. 14 (77-235)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A p. 14 77-235

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 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

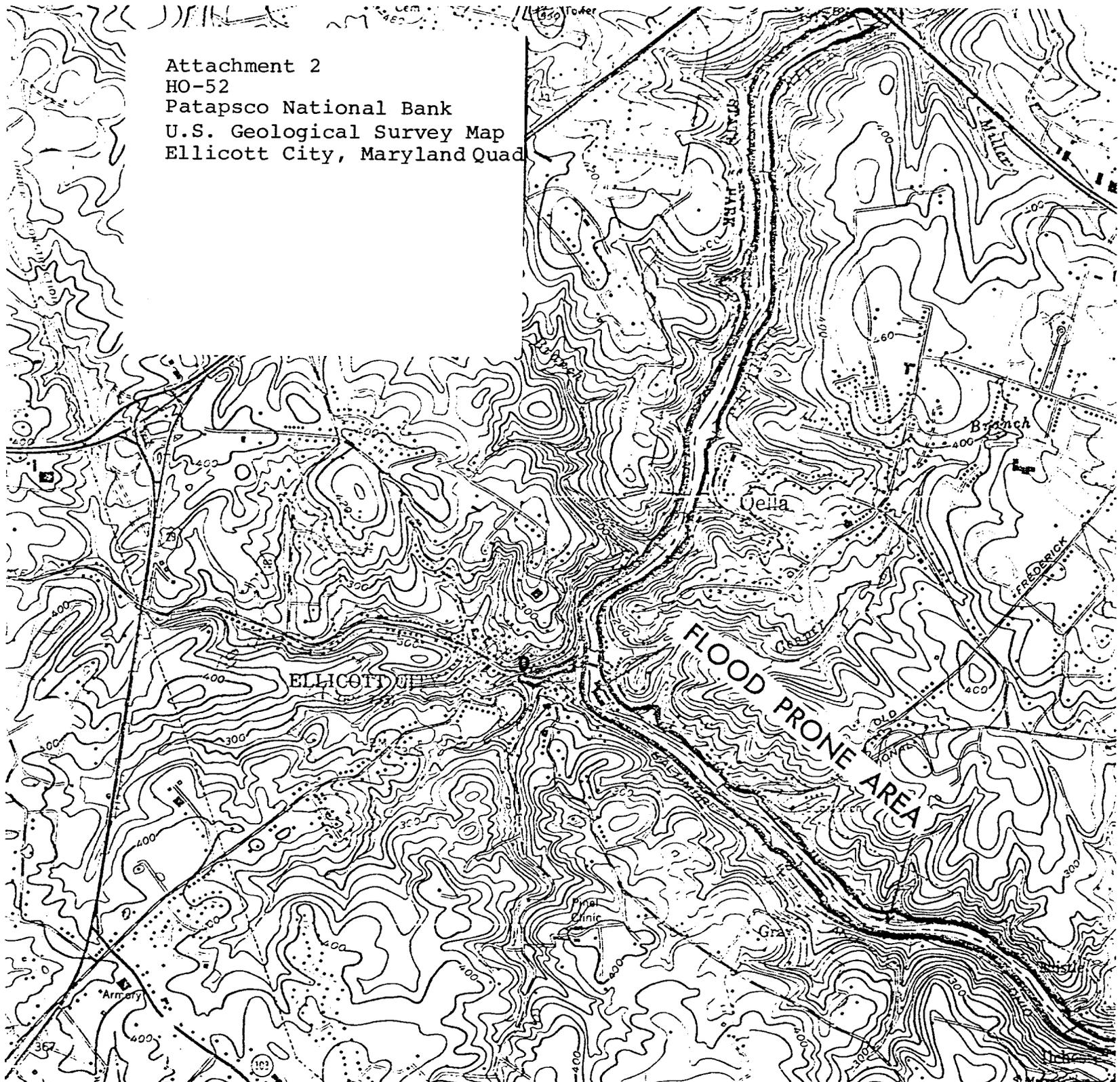
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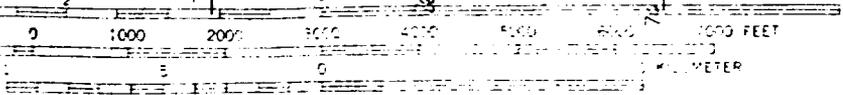
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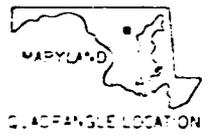
Attachment 2
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Patapsco National Bank
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



SAVAGE 1.5 MI. TO MD 175
5662 (1) NE WEST ELICOTT RIDGE 5.9 MI.
SCALE 1:24,000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



STATE LOCATION



CLEAR WATER TRAILER
LEARNING CONSULTANT
NET WORK SITE STUDY

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(SOUTH)
JULY-1977