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Clover Hill  
Ellicott City  
Private

Late Eighteenth Century

Clover Hill faces north in the middle of a 115 acre tract of Howard County farm land which has recently been acquired by the Howard County Department of Parks and Recreation.

It is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, cedar shake gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in flemish bond brick) structure with wide brick chimneys centered into its east and west walls.

Two additional frame bays were added to the east wall with a wide brick chimney centered into its own east wall and the gable roof of the original building extended eastward.

The entire house is painted white, so that it appears to be a unit with its north elevation holding a central rectangular cross paneled door surmounted by a four light transom, covered by a gabled roof portico and flanked by two rectangular, double-hung windows.

Indian mounds have been discovered on the property and have been excavated by the Howard County Archeological Society.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist I

MAGI # 1401497904

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Clover Hill"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6145 Montgomery Road, N.S. (MD 103)

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

— VICINITY OF

Howard

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard County Parks & Recreation Department Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

George Howard County Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 31, P.235  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 735

Folio #: 505

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 —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**Ho-149  
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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

Clover Hill is located 8/10 of a mile from the east side of Montgomery Road almost a mile south of the intersection of Route 104.

Clover Hill is a three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, cedar shake gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in flemish bond brick) structure with wide brick chimneys centered into its east and west walls.

At a later date two bays were added, constructed of frame and extending from the east wall of the house with an additional wide brick chimney centered into its own east wall.

The entire house is painted white, so that without a careful examination, the house appears to be a whole with its north elevation holding a central rectangular cross paneled door surmounted by a four light transom, covered by a gabled roof portico and flanked by two rectangular, double-hung windows. These windows hold six-over-six lights and are vertically aligned with the second floor windows and proportionally scaled.

The south elevation holds two central rectangular entrances, that in the west central bay has been bricked in. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch covers the two central bays.

Two square flour light attic windows rest in the east and west walls as well as two rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights on the second floor. No first floor windows rest in the west wall.

Six light cellar windows rest in the east and north walls of the frame addition whose east wall holds a rectangular double-hung first floor window and a first floor casement window in the south bay.

Cellar windows on the west wall of the original brick house hold three light basement window.

The house is surrounded by open fields and woodland and is presently owned by the Howard County Parks Department, who has partially developed the site with playing fields off Landing Road.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<input checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Clover Hill is significant architecturally. It is located on some 115 acres of rolling farm land which have been purchased by the Howard County Department of Parks and Recreation. Presently the house is under lease and being planned as an interpretive museum.

Constructed of flemish bond brick, it is noteworthy as an example of the early brick home of the late Eighteenth century in Howard County, with Nineteenth century additions. Its rectangular cross paneled entrance is surmounted by a four light transom and is now located in the center of the early brick house and an early two story high, frame, two bay wide, addition which was constructed on the building's east wall. Having kept the same scale in constructing this addition and being presently painted entirely white, the building and addition appears to be a complete unit with central gabled roof portico over the central north entrance.

The area surrounding the house has been discovered to contain Indian mounds which have been excavated by the Howard County Archeological Society.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 115.556 Acres

Please see Attachment I, Tax Map 31

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County  
Land Records Liber 735, folio 505

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 465-5000 x257

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.

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

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

CLOVER HILL

Clover Hill, the Howard County home of Thomas and Eleanor Lee, was a 260 acre parcel of land which included portions of "Troy," "Addition to Herbert's Care", "Dorsey's Inheritance."

Thomas Lee was the sixth generation of the Stratford line of the Lees of Virginia. He was the second son of Thomas Sim Lee and Mary Digges. He was born February 2, 1774 and died October, 1826. In October, 1797 he married Eleanor, Daughter of Richard Cromwell. ①

The Lees purchased this Howard county property following a chancery court case decision in 1807. ② The George Scott heirs sold the land at that time for \$16 per acre. The acreage was said to be:

part of Dorsey's Inheritance,	201 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres
Addn. to Herb. Care	75 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Troy	22 "
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	298 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres

However Lee called for a resurvey of the property which was finally done, May 7, 1818 and the true acreage was established at 260.

Let us look backwards now at the passage of these properties prior to Lee ownership.

## I. Dorsey's Inheritance

This large property, 750 acres, was patented in 1732 by Edward Dorsey.<sup>3)</sup> On September 1, 1767 Edward Dorsey, Sr. and Edward Dorsey Jr, planters, sold 219 acres to Michael Scott, a tanner, for 100 pounds sterling.<sup>4)</sup> Scott also paid the alienation fee of 8 shillings and 9 pence.

Michael Scott wrote his will in October, 1769 and it was probated on April 2, 1770. In a statement reflecting a religious individual, Scott left these 219 acres to his eldest son, George. He had two children under age 21, David and Mary, and other married children. His beloved wife held her dower rights to the dwelling house and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the land, during her natural life.<sup>5)</sup>

George Scott died intestate in 1788 leaving many children: Pamela, Polly, William, Frederick, Michael, Ann, Priscilla, Helen, George. To settle the estate the heirs went to court in 1807. Pamela and her husband Nathan Porter, William, Frederick, Michael, Ann and Riston Browning, Priscilla and Helen were the plaintiffs. Polly and William Steuart and George Scott ( a minor) were defendants. The court decided that the property should be sold. Frederick was appointed Trustee. It was advertised in the Baltimore American. At this time the sale was to the Lees.<sup>6)</sup>

II Addition to Herbert's Care

As early as 1696 Eleanor Harbett had patented 146 acres as Harbetts Clear. Ten years later in 1706 she added 50 acres to her holdings.<sup>7</sup> In this patent her name was spelled Ellenor Herbert. These discrepancies in spelling reflect the use of phonetics by the clerks of the day, each of whom used his own spelling.

Elinor Harbert was illiterate but had a will prepared June 29, 1743, which she signed with her X.<sup>8</sup> At this time she left her dwelling plantation called Herbert's Care to Burrige Scott as well as another adjoining tract, the Addition. She appointed Rebecca Scott, wife of Burrige, as her executor. I was unable to determine the relationship, if any, between the Herberts and Scotts. The will was probated Nov. 14, 1743.

Burrige and Rebecca Scott had at least eight children, as elaborated in Chancery Court in 1780. By this time Burrige had died. Richard was the eldest son, with four brothers, Charles, James, Benjamin and Burrage. Daughters were Rebecca Wade, Sarah and Esther, spinsters.

Records indicate that Burrige Scott had financial struggles. In November 1748 he mortgaged his 15 slaves to Philip Hammond for 125 pounds sterling.<sup>9</sup>

In May, 1749 Scott sold 9,037½ pounds of tobacco to John Talbott for which Talbott mortgaged the following personal property: one bay gelding, a bay mare, four cows and calves, 26 head sheep, 30 hogs, household furniture and the crop of corn and tobacco in the fields. Talbott had 5 years to redeem his property.<sup>10</sup>

On August 5, 1749 Scott mortgaged his 18 slaves to Edward Dorsey of Annapolis for 50 pounds sterling and 105 pounds, paper money.<sup>12</sup> If the debt was paid within one year it would also clear the mortgage held by Hammond (Nov, 1748). Again in 1750 Scott found himself in debt to Hammond and at that time mortgaged 4 large parcels of land, a total of 589 acres, and 18 slaves for 300 pounds sterling and 120 pounds current money.<sup>12</sup>

Records ceased at this point for Burr ridge Scott but his oldest son, Richard sold 50 acres (Addn. to Harbot's Care) on October 1767 to Joshua Griffith for 50 pounds sterling.<sup>13</sup> The next year Richard mortgaged 149 acres of Harbarts Care to Thomas Dorsey. He also included two white servants, William Longby and Thomas Gainor, five horses and seven head of cattle. The 134 pounds was to be repaid within one year.<sup>14</sup>

Two year later, April 1770, Richard Scott again mortgaged Herberts Care and personal property. It included the same two white servants in addition to two other: John Bowsing, and Benjamin Padmore, one Negro boy, Nick, nine horses and mares, 18 cattle, 25 hoggs, 5 sheep, 1 wagon and cart, 2 ploughs, utensels and furnishings- probably his entire worth. The loan was 83 pounds, 7 shilling, 1 penny.<sup>15</sup>

In February 1772, Samuel Dorsey, son of Caleb, paid off the two debts from 1769 and 1770 for 400 pounds and received the deed to the property.<sup>14</sup> The same year, Rebecca, widow of Burrage Scott,

sold her dower right to Addition to Herbert's Care, Batchelor's Hall and Scotts Advantage to Joshua Griffiths for 100 pounds.<sup>17</sup>

In 1788 Richard Scott was declared an insolvent debtor by the courts.

Although Richard had sold the 50 acres of Addition to Harbarts Care in 1767 to Griffiths, it returned to the family in 1778 when George Scott, tanner, purchased it for 310 pounds current money.<sup>18</sup>

This is one of the three parcels settled in the Chancery court in 1807 when Thomas Lee purchased the Scott property.

The deed was finally recorded June 26, 1824 when Frederick Scott, trustee for George Scott, passed the property to Eleanor Lee, wife of Thomas, for \$4160, the \$16 per acre for 260 acres as determined by the resurvey in 1818.<sup>19</sup>

## TROY

A small portion of Troy was included in the three parcel property as it went from the Scotts to the Lees. Troy was a large Dorsey patent, approximately 1100 acres. Colonel Thomas Dorsey left the property to his widow Elizabeth.

In April 1791, Elizabeth deeded a portion of Troy, 65 acres, to the 9 children of George Scott, then deceased.<sup>20</sup> She honored an earlier agreement from February 12, 1785 when Thomas Dorsey bound himself to George Scott, Sr, for the acreage. The cost involved was 206 pounds, 11 shilling, 7 pence, 3 farthings.

Through the aforementioned series of transactions we can follow the property into the Scott family and on to the Lees.

Valuable information came to light in the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. Helen Scott, one of George's children, was living on the property, composed of these same three parcels. Her dwelling was located on Dorsey's Inheritance and valued at \$500, a large sum for the period. It was a brick 2 story dwelling 32 x 20, with 3 wooden out buildings.

David Scott also lived on the property in a one story wood dwelling, 26 x 20, valued at \$20. Helen had 9 slaves and David, 6. Four of her slaves were taxable (ages 12-50) and half of David's were.

Thomas Lee died in 1826 and in his will he bequeathed his farm on Elk Ridge, called Clover Hill, to his wife Eleanor. His will mentioned daughter Mary, who married Charles Carroll, Jr, son Richard Henry and son Thomas.

CLOVER HILL

Three parcels:

Dorsey's Inheritance

Patented 1732	750 acres	to Edard Dorsey
Sold 1767	219 acres	to Michael Scott
Willed 1770	"	to George Scott
Court Sale 1807		to Thomas Lee

Addition to Herbert's Care

Patented 1706	50 acres	to Eleanor Harbett
Willed 1743		to Burrige Scott
Sold 1767	50 acres	to Joshua Griffith
Sold 1778		to George Scott
Court Sale 1807		to Thomas Lee

Troy

Patented		to Edward Dorsey
Sold 1791	65 acres	to heirs of Geo. Scott
Court Sale 1807		to Thomas Lee

Clover Hill:

Willed 1826	260 acres	to Eleanor Lee
Conveyed 1833	260 "	to Thomas Lee, Jr.
Sold 1849		to David Knox
Sold 1851		to Richard Hardesty
Sold 1852		to John Gordon and Henry Fabb
Agreement 1880		to Victoria Fabb
Willed 1903		to Dorsey Williams
Sold 1909		to Thomas and Teresa O'Neill
Sold 1936	129 acres	to Warner Kern and Louise Kern
Sold 1950		to Charles and Mary Rosell

Footnotes

1. Lees of Virginia, Edward Jennings Lee, M.D. 1974

Hall of Records, Annapolis:

- 2. Chancery 68/31
- 3. A.M. 1/247
- 4. BB 3/747
- 5. Wills 37/485
- 6. Chancery 68/31
- 7. DD 5/196
- 8. Will AA 23/232
- 9. RB 3/68
- 10. RB 3/113
- 11. RB 3/152
- 12. RB 3/265
- 13. BB 3/769
- 14. BB 3/812
- 15. IB 2/56
- 16. IB 3/226
- 17. IB 3/450
- 18. NH 1/1
- 19. MSG 10/481
- 20. NH 5/557
- 21. MSG/18/154

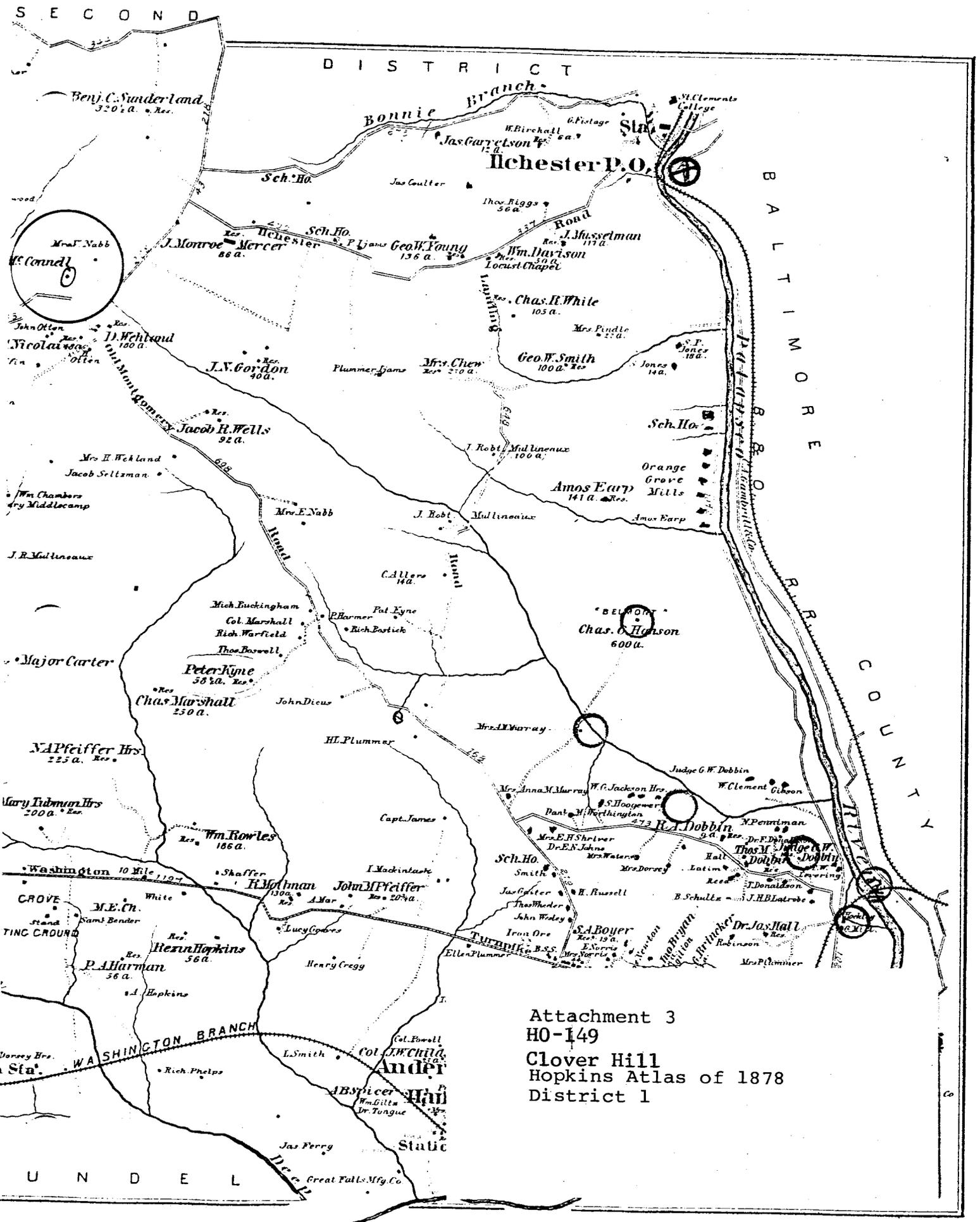
Howard County Court House

- 22. Land Record 9/195
- 23. 11/255
- 24. 12/477
- 25. 42/461
- 26. 49/618
- 27. Wills 4/220
- 28. 87/480
- 29. 154/590









Attachment 3  
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 Clover Hill  
 Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
 District 1

BALTIMORE PROVINCE OF  
THE SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME, INC.  
373/718

Attachment 1  
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Tax Maps 31 & 37

ALTER H DENNIS  
180/491

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ROY F  
EMERY  
713/442  
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LOT-1  
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5.26A  
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LOT-2  
742/137  
5.25A  
P. 628

LOT-3  
742/129  
5.01A  
P. 629

CARROLL F DOYLE  
221/86

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A NESSEL  
84/107

25.42A  
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ROCKBURN

HOWARD CO. MD.

735/505

115.56A

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MAP 31-P.235

N. REZAI & WIFE

464/568

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MONTGOMERY

F. J. MICHAEL

596/426

26.70A

P. 563

F. A. ZELTMAN

130/208

5.00A

P. 334

MARSHALLEE  
ESTATES, INC.

597/653

11.51A

P. 38

L. K. VOLAND

465/108

P. 44

GEO. H. BERTLINGER

214/448

12.10A

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WATERMONT  
SWIM CLUB

478/518

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H. H. HUBBARD

485/227

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EDNA MAY AMERAVLT

699/314

15.60A

P. 593

ALMA MAY ZELTMAN

699/325

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P. 91

OLIVER R  
CONNER

418/554

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PAR. 2-A  
LEONA  
K. STUP

699/320

14.74A

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GREER PROPERTIES-

INC. - 601/408 - PAR-I

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FRANK PAPLAU

185/316

75.32A





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CLOVER HILL

NORTH

CLEORA THOMPSON, AIP