

HO-165  
THE OWINGS-MYERLY HOUSE ( THE VOGEL HOUSE)  
Simpsonville  
Private

C.C.  
Circa 1847

The Vogel House faces north on the southeast corner of Pindal School Road and Route 32. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) ashlar granite block structure with a wide stone chimney inset into its west wall. Two two-story high additions have been made on the east wall of the house with a wide brick chimney on each east wall. Together they create four additional bays, one room deep which extend eastward.

A central "A" frame, fish scaled dormer window is flanked by gabled roof dormer windows which hold rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights. Below lies a central, one story high hipped roof porch.

The Vogel House is an Owings house which later became a Myerly house.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO165

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic The Owings-Myerly House Site (Destroyed in 1992)

and/or common The Vogel House Site

**2. Location**

street & number 7538 Route 32 (Guilford Road)    not for publication

city, town Columbia    vicinity of    congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Howard

**3. Classification**

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

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

name Maryland State Highway Administration

street & number    telephone no. :   

city, town    state and zip code   

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Court House    liber   

street & number    folio   

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

date 1978    federal   <sup>x</sup> state    county    local

depository for survey records   

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. HO-165

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>		<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site		
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of	1992
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			destruction	

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

The buildings on the Owings-Myerly historic site were removed in the fall of 1992 as part of the proposed construction of Rt. 32. The nucleus of farm buildings has crowned the summit of a high, broad hill wedged between existing Rt. 32 on the north and Pindell School Road on the east. Before these roads were built, the farm had extended down the slopes to the narrow valley of the Middle Patuxent River below on the north.

The nucleus of the farm was composed of a large stone and concrete block dwelling garage, shed, barns, and the remains of a springhouse and a foundation located to the south of the dwelling. The dwelling was roughly 68 feet long in the east-west dimension, and 27 feet deep. Seven bays wide and 1 bay deep, it was built in two sections. The original stone granite part was located on the west, and a concrete block section was added to the east wall of the west, and a concrete block section was added to the east wall of the original block in 1917. In order to integrate these two parts the eastern stone end wall at the attic level was partially removed, and a new roof constructed along with a wide north-facing fish-scale shingled, cross gable in the center three bays flanked by dormers centered between the end bays on each end. Numerous changes were made on the interior to integrate these two wings.

A one story porch sheltered the westernmost four bays on the north-facing principle facade, whereas a one-story porch sheltered the center three bays on the rear elevation--the rear door to the stone section, and the westernmost porch, on the east end of the concrete block section, sheltered the entrance to the kitchen. Wide brick chimneys were inset into the east and west walls. The original western section of dressed granite block, 24 feet wide and 20 feet deep, was probably built in the mid-nineteenth century by Henry R. Owings, who inherited the property from his father, Richard Owings. It was three bays wide with the entrance in the easternmost bay leading to a two-run staircase. There are other large houses in the area which utilized granite. Dressed granite was a common building material in Howard county, as it was quarried at Ellicott's Mills by 1806, with many additional quarries established by 1840. It was during the tenure of the Myerly family, which had secured the property through the daughter of Henry H. Owings, Harriet Myerly, that the rock-face, on rusticated cement block addition, was constructed. It may have replaced an earlier wing, possibly made of brick. This new wing was internally divided into a dining room on the west and a kitchen on the east, with an enclosed winder stair on the south wall, and two bedrooms above. A bath has been carved out of one of the bedrooms on the second level.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. **H0165**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** ca. 1847,1917      **Builder/Architect**      **Unknown**

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.

The Owings-Myerly House was evaluated by Howard County personnel, the Historical Society and Maryland Historical Trust personnel in the late 1970's and determined to lack enough individual significance to warrant inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. Nonetheless, it was a component of the Simpsonville Mill Historic District. The buildings were removed in 1992. The Simpsonville District remains as a surviving example of a late eighteenth through early twentieth-century rural village that contains a well-preserved example of a mill seat including a standing mill structure and other related features. The Simpsonville District was a small, rural manufacturing village with the mill industry as its principal focus. The District includes structures (residential, commercial, and industrial) and archeological deposits associated with the mill from at least 1768 to 1920. This rural village contains a collection of various structures/archeological deposits including the remains of or extant structures of at least one general store, a possible sawmill, a possible wheelwright's shop, a blacksmith shop, and at least four residences. Surrounding the site on the opposite side of Cedar Lane and Rt. 32 are the locations of standing historic buildings including the Miller's House, two large mansions associated with the Owings Family and the Owings Family Cemetery. One of the large mansions is the Owings-Myerly House. These components of the District are, or were at one time, directly associated with the milling industry. Generally most small communities grew around a central location that served a specific purpose. In the case of Simpsonville, the central focus was the mill, which provided local farmers an opportunity to grind their wheat for both the local market and major commercial centers such as Ellicott City and Baltimore. As a centralized location for this activity, roads and bridges were constructed to facilitate transport to and from the Mill. The evolution of this mill-based community occurred from at least 1768 to 1920. Features identified at the site appear to reflect the evolution of the rural village, which may be associated with the related growth of the surrounding mill community.

See Attachment

Obviously as the milling industry burgeoned in the 1700's (after the Ellicott Brothers produced a market for the grain trade) many custom mills shifted from serving a primarily local clientele (local farmers) to rural centers, like Simpsonville, which maintained economic ties with larger merchant mills (such as Ellicott Mills and Owings Mills). Those mills were incorporated into the regional, inter-regional, and international market through the industrial port of Baltimore. Locally, the Simpsonville Site is the only surviving, intact example of a mill-based village community in Howard County. Although other mill sites are scattered throughout the area (e.g., the Roxbury Mill, Historic District of Ellicott City, and Savage Mill), Simpsonville remains the only example of a archeological, geographic, and architectural components. Moreover, the fact that the Simpsonville Site is affiliated with the founding families of Howard County (e.g., Warfields, Owings and Simpsons) further attests to its past and present importance to the surrounding community.

Historically, the land on which the Owings-Myerly House stood was tied to the Owings family. Originally owned by Richard Owings, the land passed to his son Henry H. Owings through a series of complicated transactions. Initially all the land from the River Hill Farm (18HO264) to the Hatfield residence on both sides of Rt. 32 was owned by Henry H. Owings. Henry settled on this land and later became one the first commissioners of Howard County. Henry willed the house to his daughter and her husband Mr. Myerly.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. H0165

Information compiled by Barnes and Pierce

Interview with Mrs. William Vogel

Final Report, Phase II Archeological Investigation, 1990. GAI Consultants

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date 3/12/93

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21202

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HO-165  
Dist 5

MAGE# 1461655404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
The Owings-Myerly House

AND/OR COMMON  
The Vogel House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
SE Corner of Pindall School Road and Rt. 32

CITY, TOWN  
Clarksville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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  
Mr. & Mrs. William Vogel

Telephone #: 531-6629

STREET & NUMBER  
7538 Route 32

CITY, TOWN  
Clarksville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Maps 35 & 41 p. 44  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 261

Folio #: 280

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
1978

—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

The Vogel House faces north on the southwest corner of Pindall School Road and Cedar Lane. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) ashlar granite block structure with a wide stone chimney inset into its west wall and a wide brick chimney inset into its east wall. Two two-story high additions have been made to the house which were built in sections which can be seen by the two wide brick chimneys inset into their east walls. Together they form a four bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) stone addition, extending eastward from the east wall of the original stone house. An additional one story high shed roofed stone extension lies along the north half of its east wall.

A rectangular open bible and cross paneled entrance is located in the east bay of the north and south walls of the original stone house. The north elevation features a central "A" frame fish scale shingled dormer window flanked by gabled roof dormer windows, each of which hold rectangular, double hung windows with six-over-six lights.

Fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned, proportionally scaled and double hung, holding six-over-six lights.

Windows are decorated with flatstone lintels and wooden sills.

The west wall holds two three light basement windows and two two-over-four light double-hung, rectangular windows.

A hipped roof porch supported by wooden doric columns runs along the north elevation of the old stone house. Another hipped roof portico is centered on the south wall of the stone house and its four bay wide addition, supported by three round wooden doric columns and two half columns.

Two barns and a silo lie south west of the house as well as a small auxiliary building and spring house just south of the house.



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 142.24 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Maps 35 & 41

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Record, Liber 261, folio 280

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	DATE
Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section	465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
3450 Court House Drive	

CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Ellicott City	Maryland

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Quincey-Meyerly House  
(Vogel House)

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~~140165-1964~~  
140165-1964

2-story stone house - Clarksville  
located ~~at~~ on Rt 32 + Pindell School Rd,

located - field by MDRB 7/70

tax map # 41

William A. Vogel

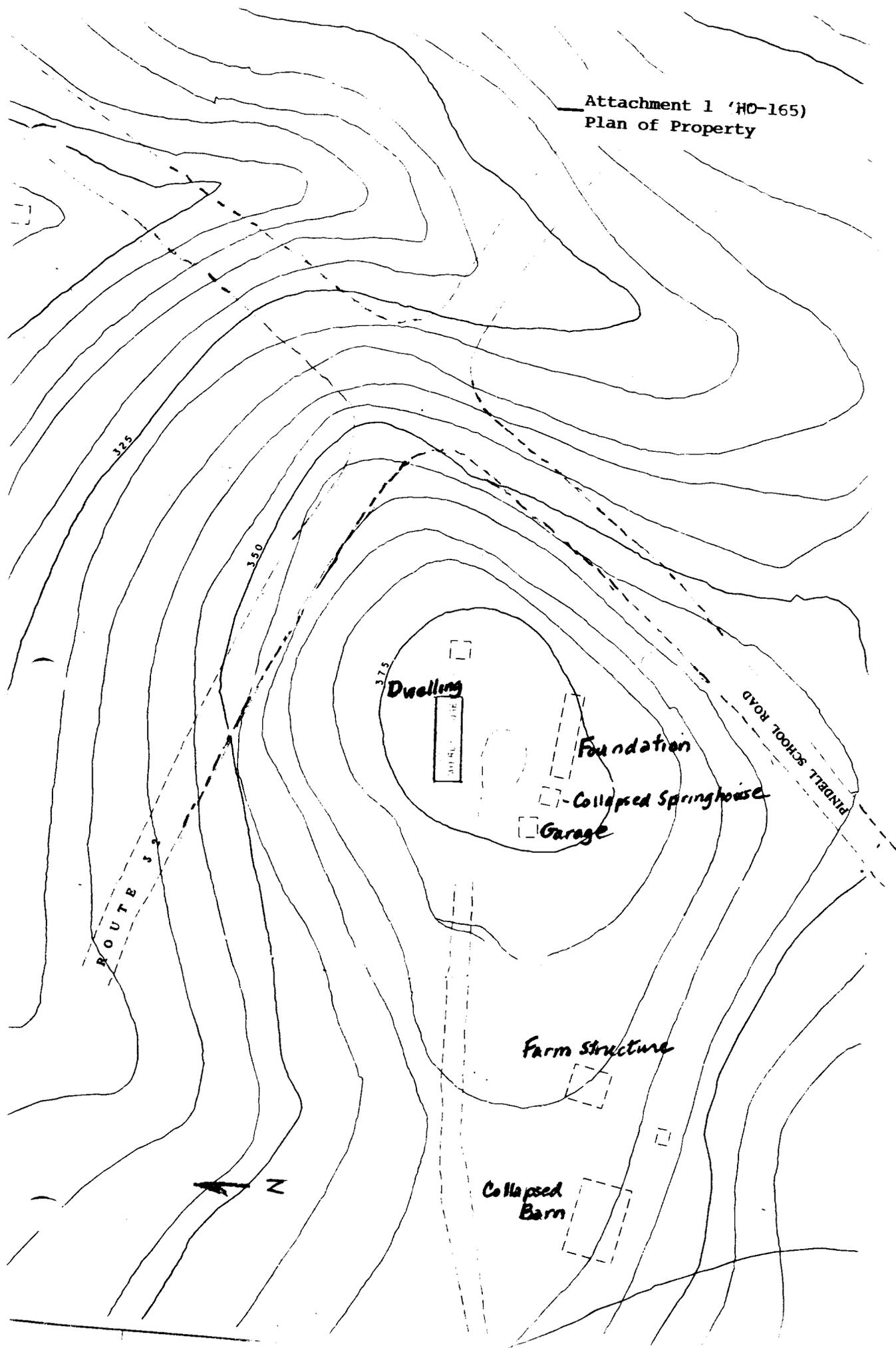
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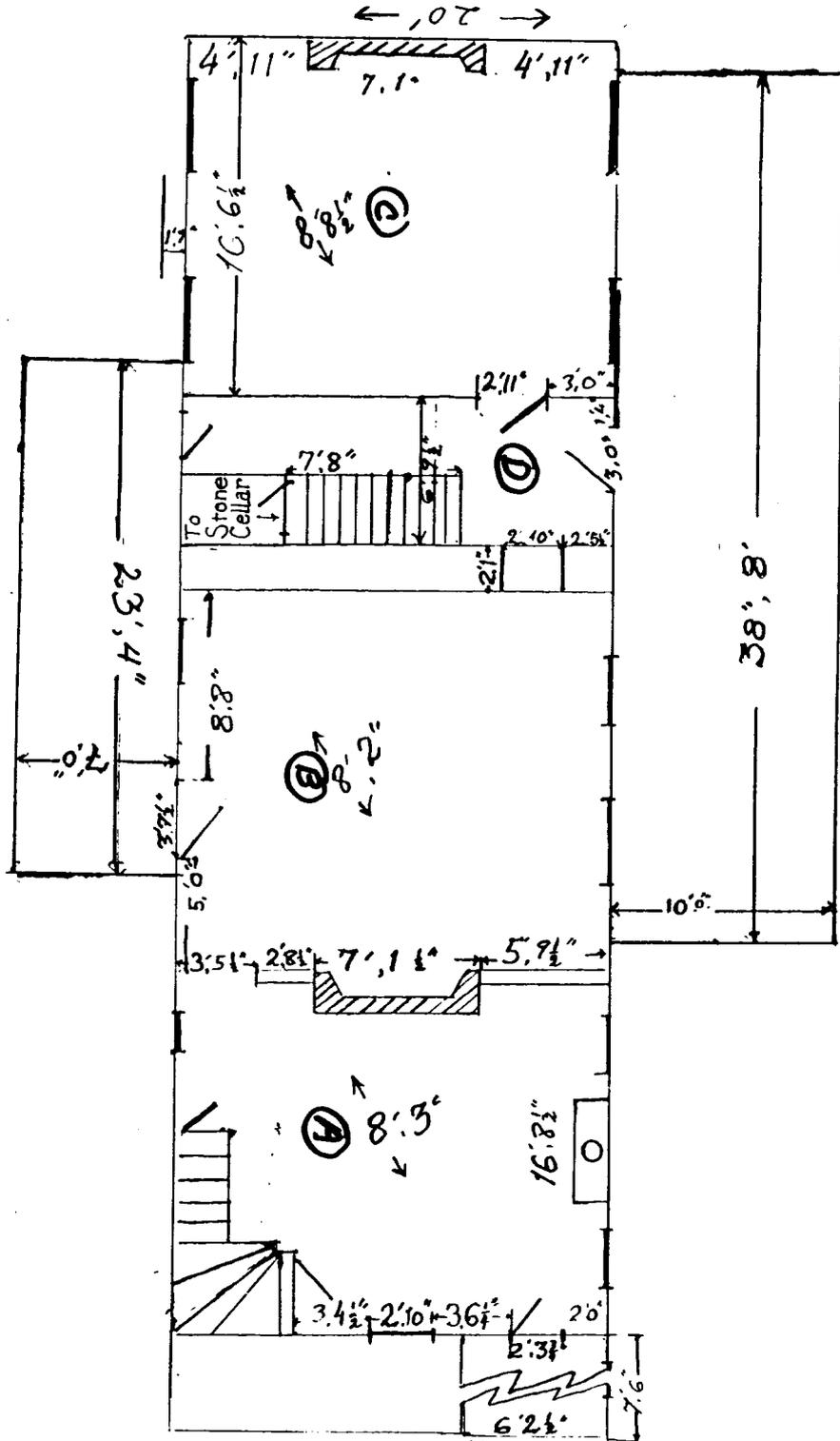
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Attachment 1 (HO-165)  
Plan of Property



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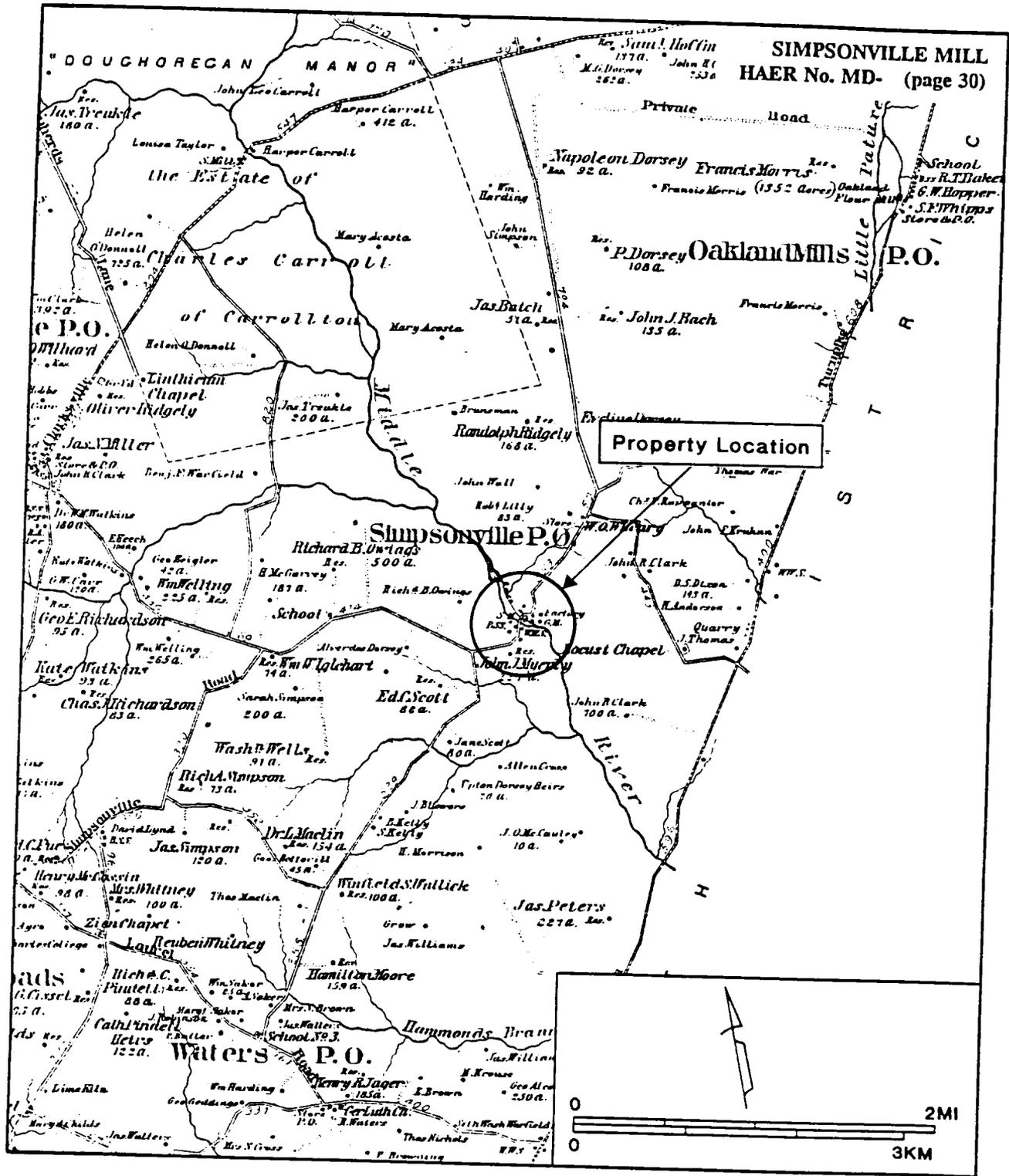
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Plan of Dwelling - 1st Floor

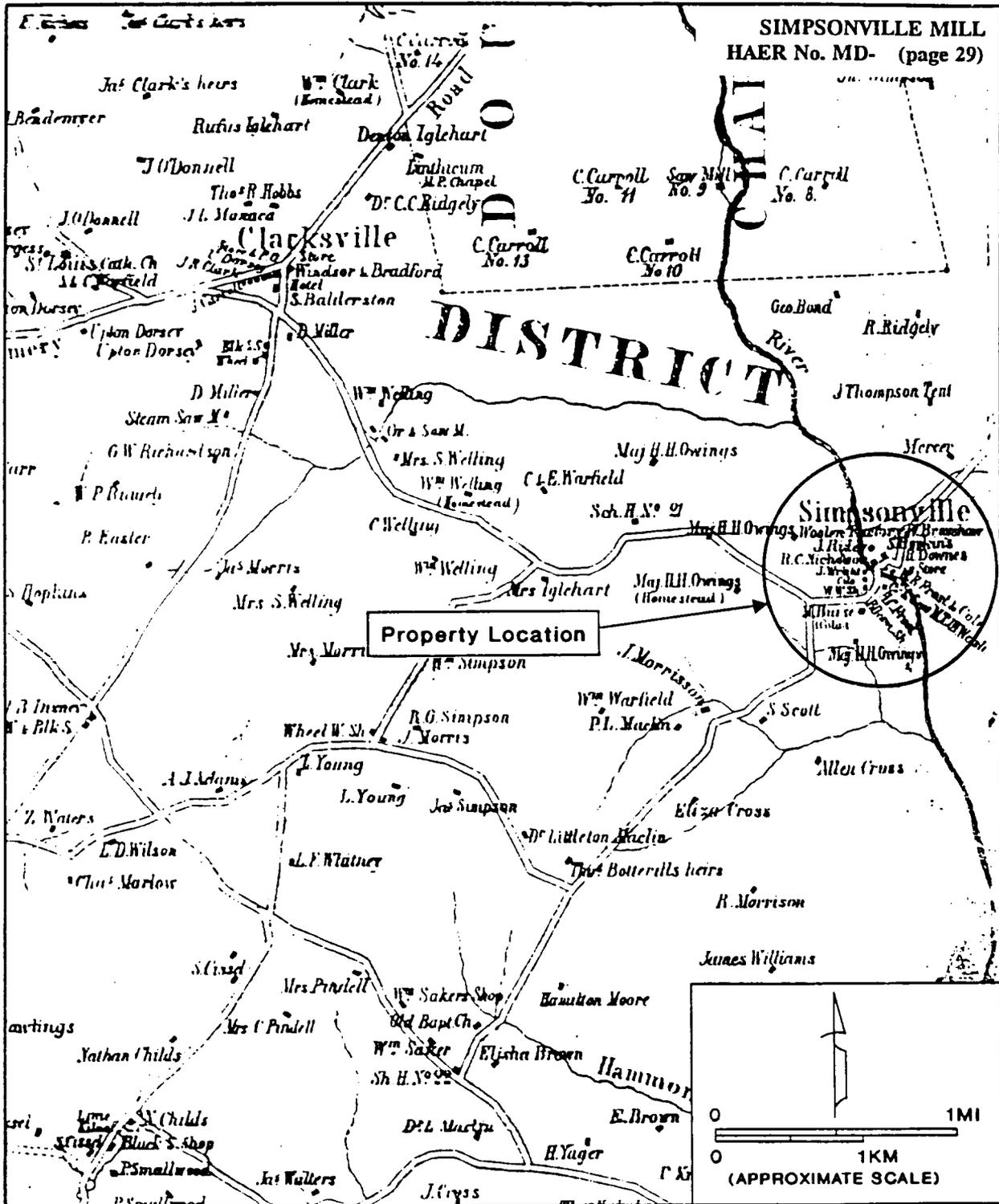
SIMPSONVILLE MILL  
HAER No. MD- (page 31)



Howard County Maryland, Map of Historic:  
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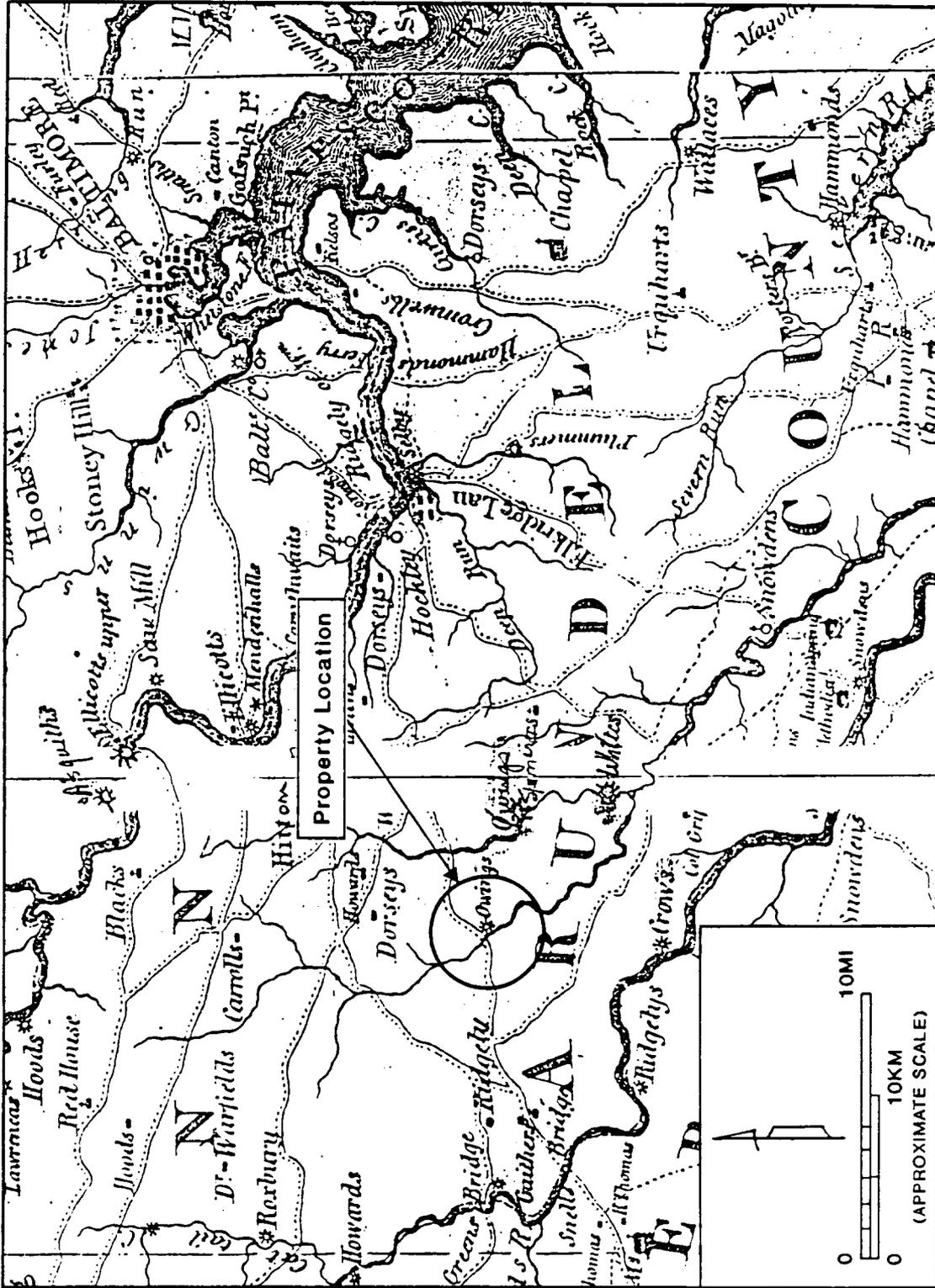


Detail, Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Baltimore,  
Including Howard County, Maryland  
(Hopkins 1878)



Detail, Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland (Schofield 1860)

SIMPSONVILLE MILL  
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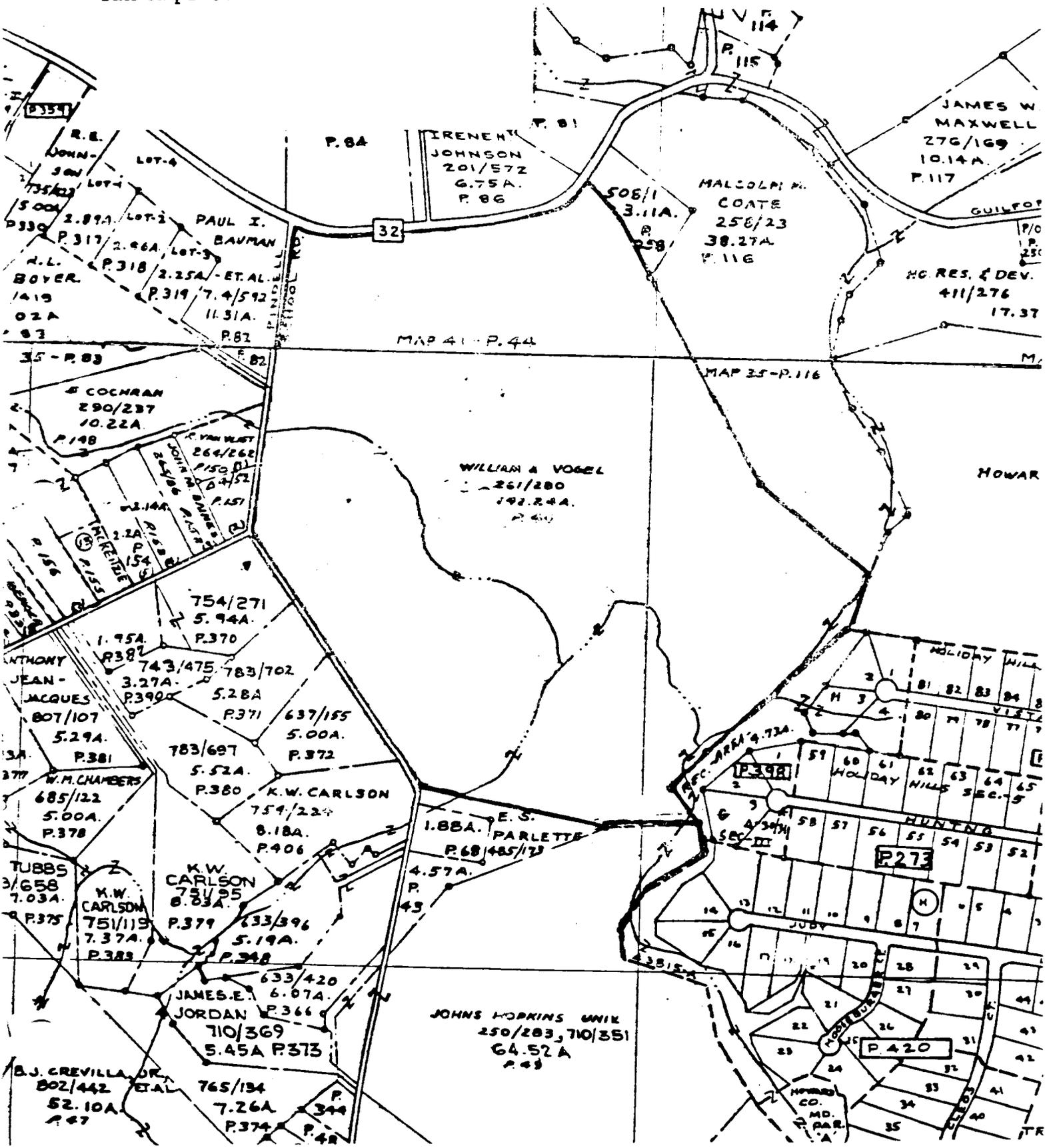
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Attachment 10  
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The Vogel Residence  
Tax Maps 35 and 41

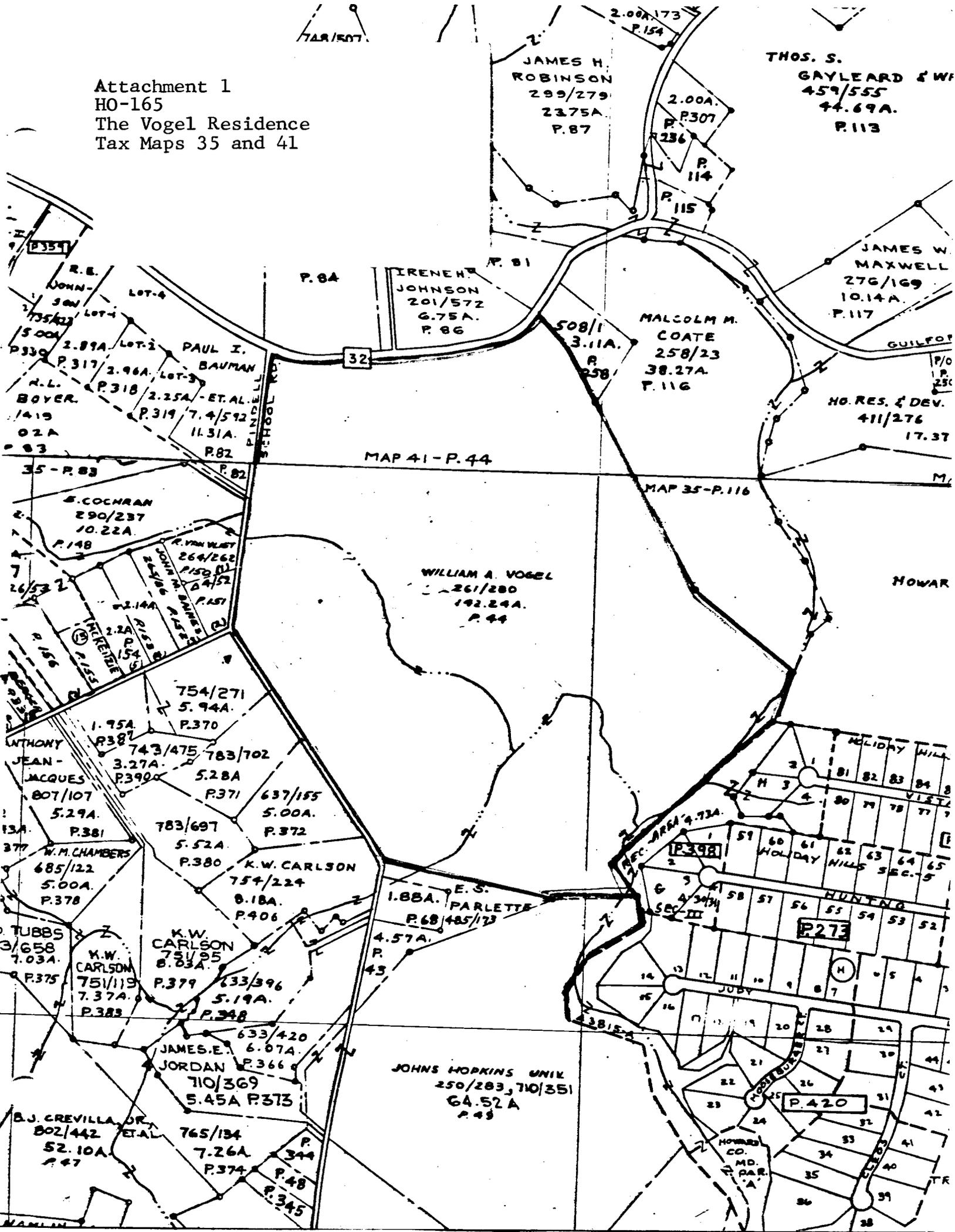
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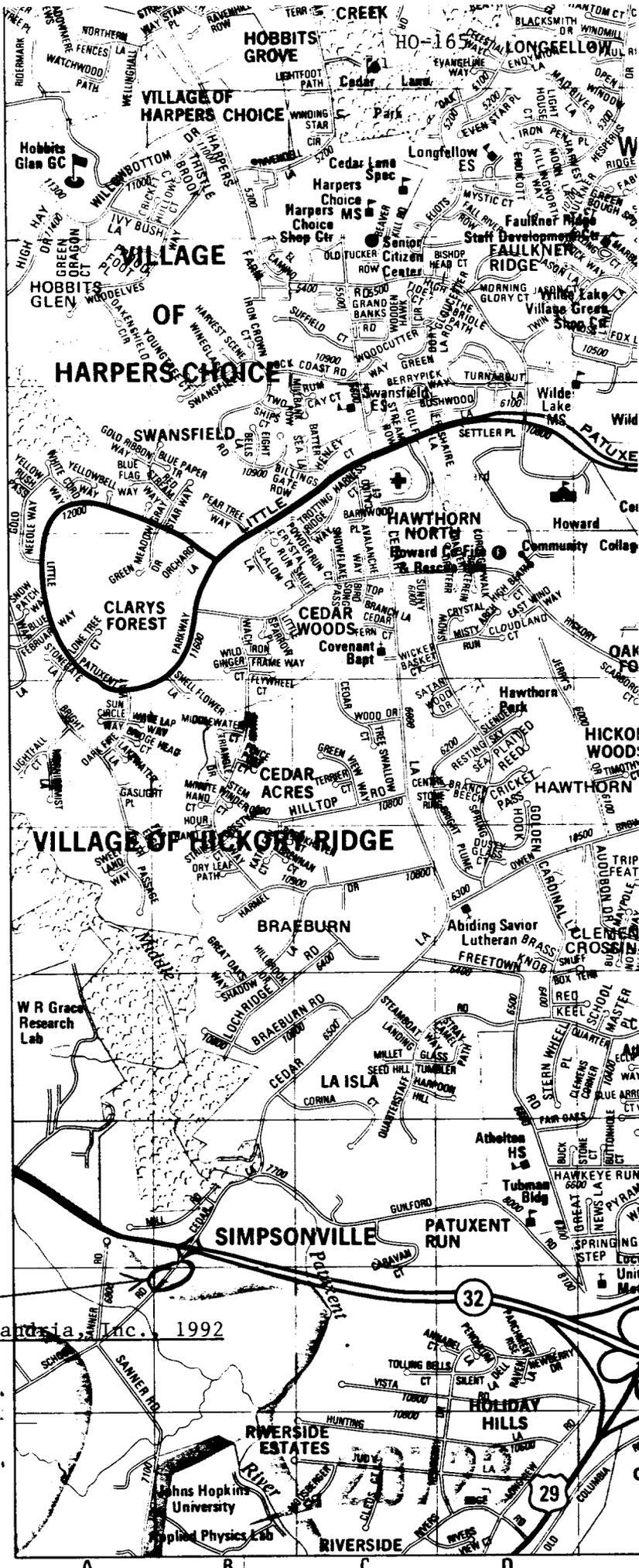
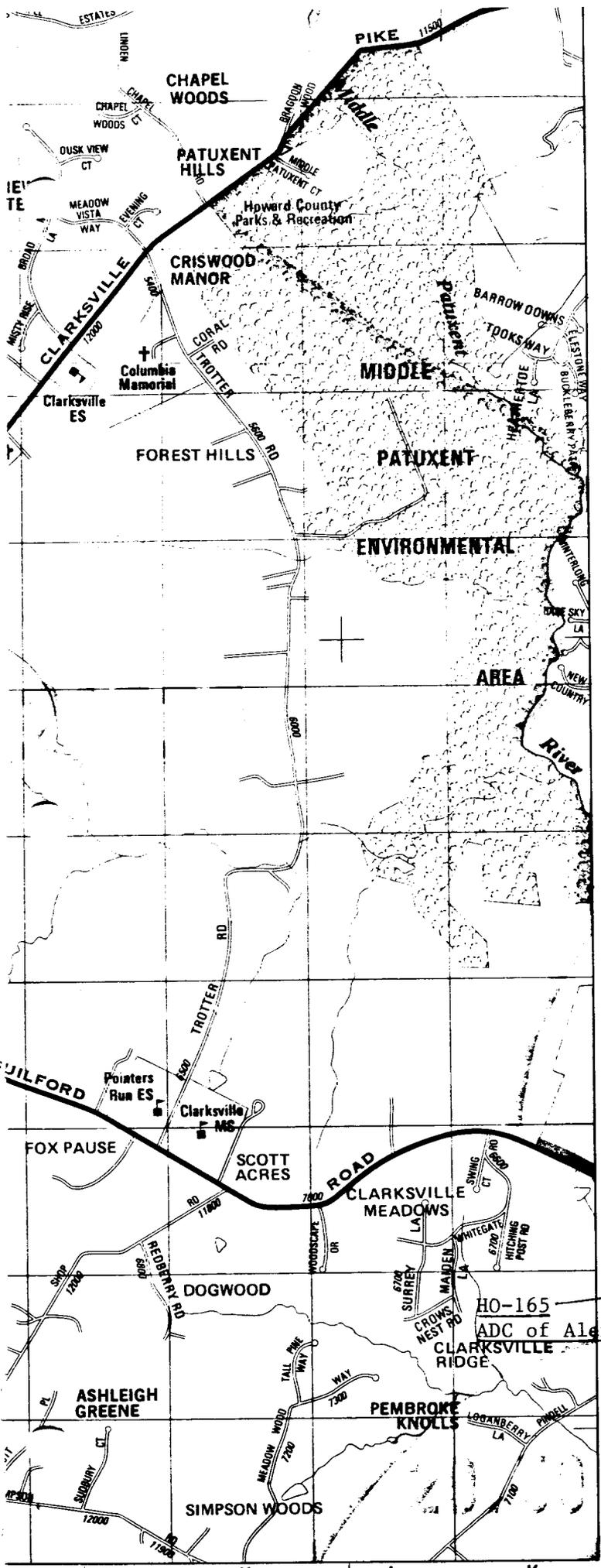
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Attachment 8 (HO-165)  
Tax Map



Attachment 1  
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The Vogel Residence  
Tax Maps 35 and 41



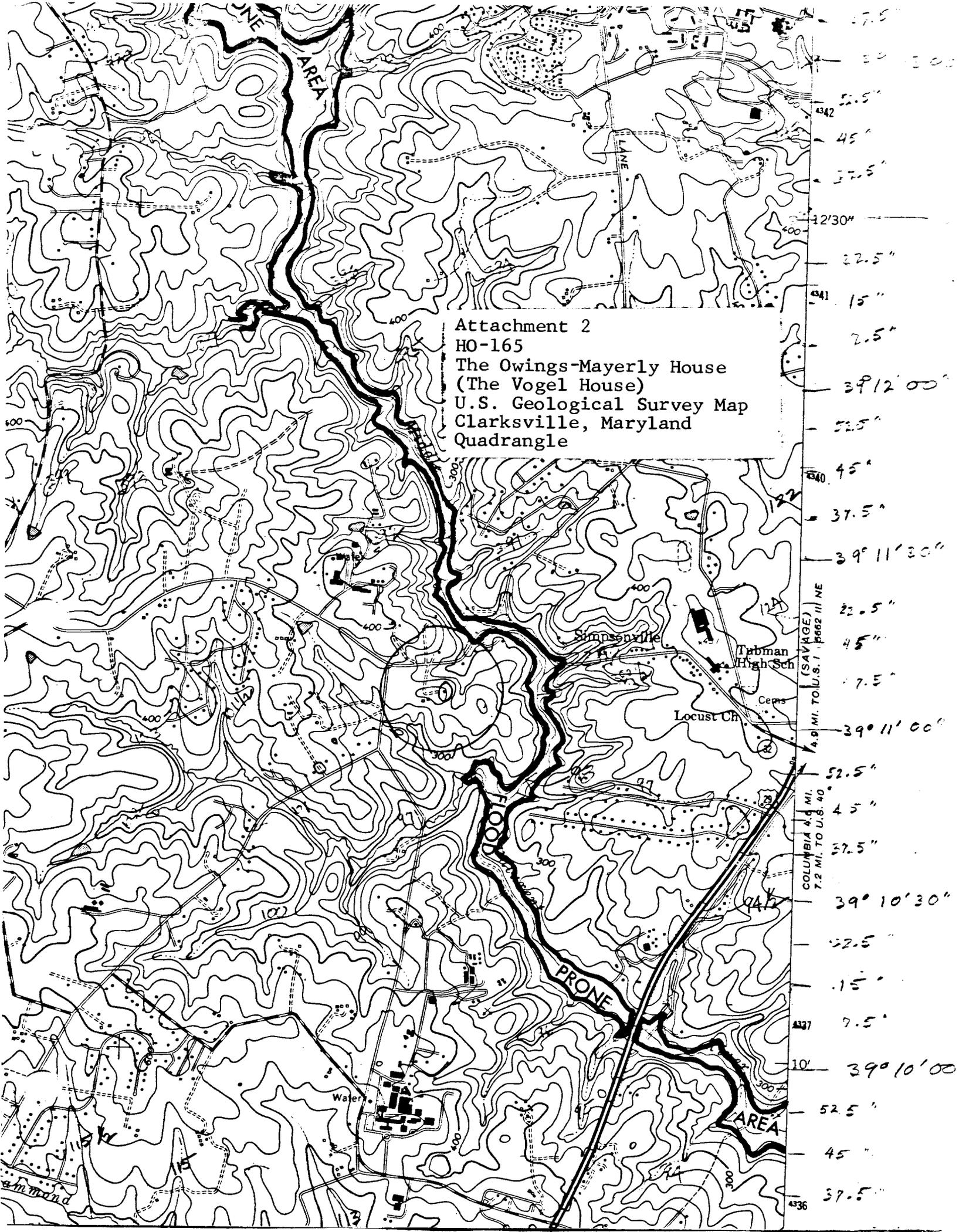


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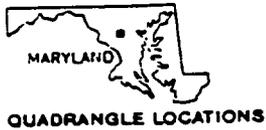
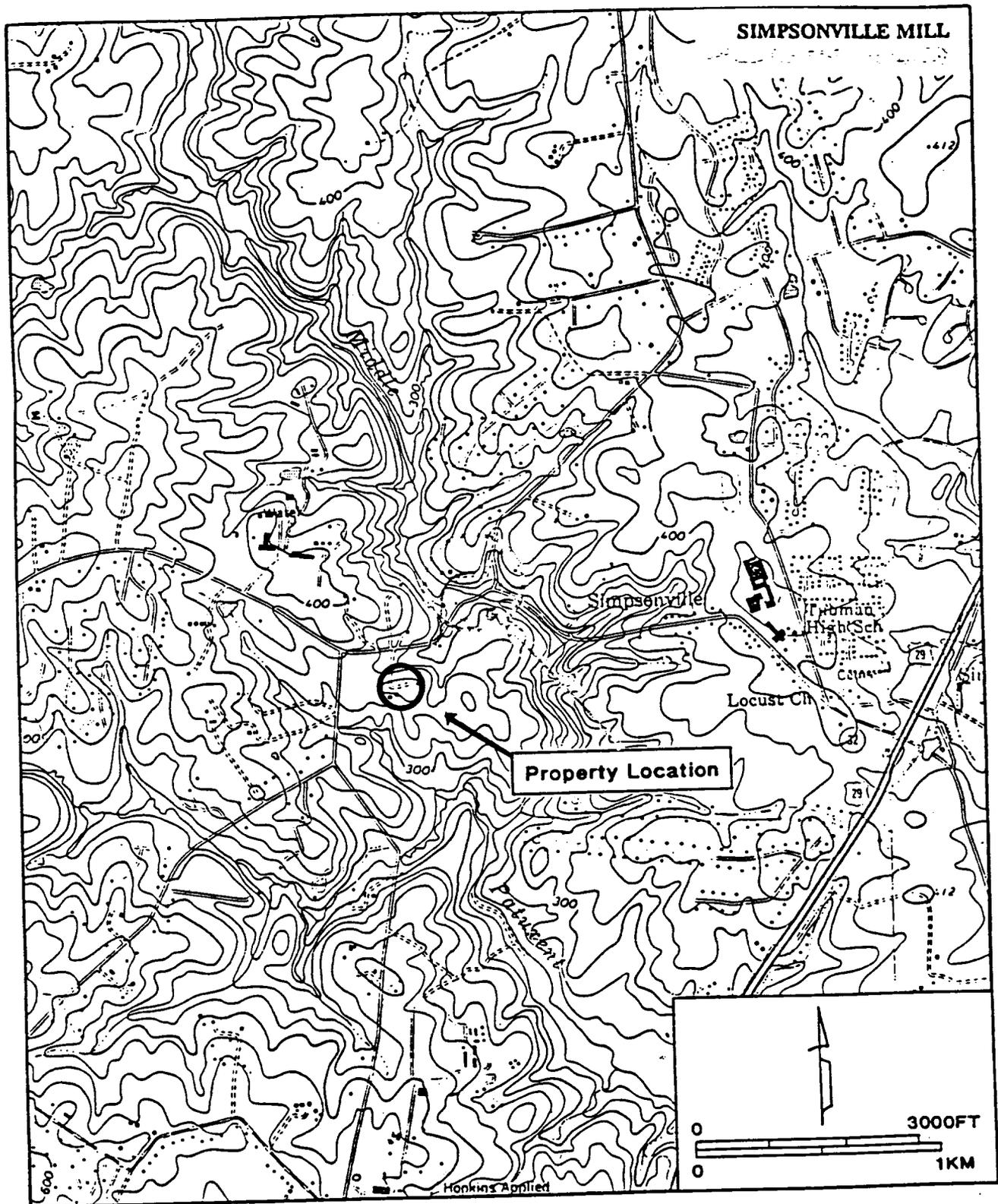
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Attachment 2  
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The Owings-Mayerly House  
(The Vogel House)  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Clarksville, Maryland  
Quadrangle

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7.2 MI. TO U.S. 40



Property Location  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Clarksville and Savage, MD Quadrangles  
Photorevised 1979 and 1974



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.  
North (Entrance) Elevation



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.  
N.W. Corner



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Owings - Myerly House  
Columbia, Md

S. E. corner



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.  
South elevation



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Owings- Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.  
S.W. Corner



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Owings-Myerly House

Columbia, Md.

South elevation, detail



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Owings - Myerly House

Columbia Md.

S.E. corner



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Owings - Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Entrance, South side  
2nd Bay from east



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Kitchen, East Wing A  
Looking North



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Kitchen, East Wing (A)

looking SE.

winder stair



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Kitchen, East wing (A)  
S.W. Corner

Entrance to Dining Room



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Kitchen, East Wing (M) N.E. Corner

Entrance to Pantry & Open Porch



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Owings - Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Dining Room (B)

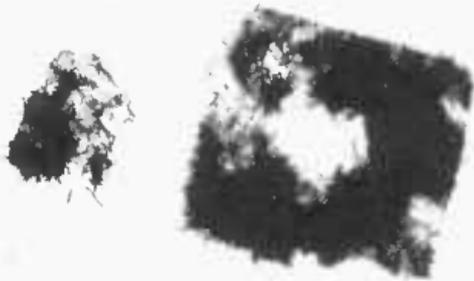
Fireplace on East wall



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Dining Room (B)  
Looking North





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Owings - Myerly House

Columbia, Md.

Dining Room (B)

Looking North



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Owings Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.  
Palor, North Wall (c)



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Owings - Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Padon, West Wall (c)



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Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Parlor, S. Wall (C)



Hb-165

Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Parlor, East wall (c)



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Owings-Myerly House

Columbia, Md.

Bath, 2nd Story (F)



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Owings- Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Hall, 2nd Story (E)



HO-165  
Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Principle Stairway (D)  
Looking South



HO-165

Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Garage



#0-165

Owings- Myerly House

Columbia Md.

Shed



#0-165

Owings-Myerly House

Columbia, Md.

Farm structure



Ho-165  
Owings - Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Collapsed Barn



HO-165  
Owings- Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

F  
tion



Ho-166

Owings-Myerly House  
Columbia, Md.

Farm structure



Hb-165  
OWINGS-MAYERLY HOUSE  
NORTH WEST  
MAY-1978

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