

HO-284  
Oak Lawn  
Public  
Ellicott City

Circa 1842

The Oak Lawn Female Seminary faces south on the north side of Park Avenue, with its west wall joined to the east wall of the new wing to the Howard County Court House, revealing only two third floor windows similar to the rest of the house and the pitch of its gable roof. The building presently houses offices for Judges J. Thomas Nissel and Raymond Kane, as well as space for the offices of Probation and Parole and for the District Court of Howard County.

The Oaklawn Female Seminary is a three bay wide, one room deep, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) ashlar granite block structure, resting on a stone foundation, featuring a two story high, flat roofed, open porch, supported by scrolled iron posts and railings and a two story high, shed roofed, one room deep, three bay wide, "L" shaped granite block addition, holding the square north kitchen linked to the main house by a wide vestibule, which features a cross paneled west entrance door, surmounted by a three light transom and flat stone lintel. Four wide poured in place concrete steps flanked by an iron railing lead to its one story high, open porch extending from the kitchen wing to the main house. An ashlar granite block serves as its entrance step.

The entire building features stone quoining, flat stone lintels, and projecting stone sills.

Fenestration is vertically aligned, and proportionally scaled, featuring rectangular, double-hung windows with six-over-six lights throughout both sections of the building. In addition three double eye brow windows, holding two-two lights are located under the eaves on both the north and south elevations, several of which now hold air conditioning units.

The south elevation features a rectangular, cross paneled door, located in the east bay, which is surmounted by a three light transom and flat stone lintel and flanked by four vertical lights. Two rectangular, double-hung first floor windows, holding six-over six lights are located in the central and west bays of the south wall. These windows now hold air conditioning units in their first three lights.

Originally there may have been no porch or only a one story high porch with three second floor six-over six light windows. This is difficult to ascertain as there is now a six-over-six light jib window which is located in the east bay as an entrance to the second floor open porch. Originally there may have been only the window, similar to those in the central and west bays, for the hinges on that window match the others.

Capsule Summary  
Page 2 of 2

HO-284  
Dist.2

MAGI #1402843402

In the field of education Oak Lawn is significant as the home of the Oak Lawn Female Seminary, noted in the 1850 panoramic view of Ellicott City and later served as headquarters for the Howard County Board of Education.

Occupied today by the offices of the District 10 Court and by offices for the Parole and Probation Section, its future is under study.

Of fine granite block construction, with an unusual amount of its original interior woodwork, the building is of unusual historical and architectural significance and should be ~~assured~~ of preservation and conservation by all those publicly and privately concerned with its future.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Oak Lawn

AND/OR COMMON

District 10 Court Building

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Park Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

District 10 Court

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard County Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

George Howard-County Office Building-Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City, Md

STATE, zip code

21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Tax Map 25 A p/o P.302  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 157  
Folio #: 186

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

HO 284  
District 2

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 Oak Lawn Female Seminary faces south on the north side of Park Avenue, with its west wall joined to the east wall of the new wing to the Howard County Court House, revealing only two third floor windows similar to the rest of the house and the pitch of its gable roof. The building presently houses offices for Judges J. Thomas Nissel and Raymond Kane, as well as space for the offices of Probation and Parole and for the District Court of Howard County.

The Oaklawn Female Seminary is a three bay wide, one room deep, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) ashlar granite block structure, resting on a stone foundation, featuring a two story high, flat roofed, open porch, supported by scrolled iron posts and railings and a two story high, shed roofed, one room deep, three bay wide, "L" shaped granite block addition, holding the square north kitchen linked to the main house by a wide vestibule, which features a cross paneled west entrance door, surmounted by a three light transom and flat stone lintel. Four wide poured in place concrete steps flanked by an iron railing lead to its one story high, open porch extending from the kitchen wing to the main house. An ashlar granite block serves as its entrance step.

The entire building features stone quoining, flat stone lintels, and projecting stone sills.

Fenestration is vertically aligned, and proportionally scaled, featuring rectangular, double-hung windows with six-over-six lights throughout both sections of the building. In addition three double eye brow windows, holding two-two lights are located under the eaves on both the north and south elevations, several of which now hold air conditioning units.

The south elevation features a rectangular, cross paneled door, located in the east bay, which is surmounted by a three light transom and flat stone lintel and flanked by four vertical lights. Two rectangular, double-hung first floor windows, holding six-over six lights are located in the central and west bays of the south wall. These windows now hold air conditioning units in their first three lights.

Originally there may have been no porch or only a one story high porch with three second floor six-over six light windows. This is difficult to ascertain as there is now a six-over-six light jib window which is located in the east bay as an entrance to the second floor open porch. Originally there may have been only the window, similar to those in the central and west bays, for the hinges on that window match the others.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Description  
Page 2  
Oaklawn

The north elevation of the front section of the house is particularly pleasing with its two first and second floor windows located in the central and west bays of that wall. A square four light basement window rests between them, with a cellar door located just west of it. The west wall of the kitchen wing and vestibule and the east wall of the courthouse addition form a pleasant enclosure, opened on the north. A two foot planting strip lies along the west wall of the kitchen, with the remainder of the enclosure a paved walkway for entrance to the courthouse addition and District Court.

The east bay of the stone house is taken up by the two story high vestibule which serves as a hyphen or connector to the squarish two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, shed roofed, ashlar granite block kitchen wing, which was apparently constructed at the same time as the front section of the house and its connecting vestibule. Two first and second floor windows, similar to those described rest in the west wall of the square kitchen wing, with a similar second floor window on its east wall and no apertures on its north wall.

Along its north wall and the north wall of the district court has been constructed a one story high, shed roofed, frame appendage with two first floor windows, similar to those of the stone house, on its west side and a rectangular entrance on the east.

Along the long east wall of the front section of the house, the vestibule and kitchen, runs a one story high flat roofed (with parapets on the north and south elevations) brick cement covered addition which holds the District #10 Courtroom. It holds a rectangular, south entrance and seven rectangular, double-hung windows holding horizontal, two-over-one lights, decorated with header brick, projecting sills.

The interior of the kitchen holds a wide chimney and stove pipe aperture centered into its north wall, with a rectangular entrance to the west, surmounted by a three light transom, which was initially an exterior north entrance from the kitchen, but now enters into Judge Kane's office, housed in the shed roofed north addition. The upstairs to the kitchen now holds public rest rooms.

The interior of the house's vestibule holds the servants back staircase with original upstairs bannister featuring square spindles. This upstairs hall leads into office space for parole and probation. The main section of the house features a wide hall (running north-south) on the east side of the house, with a fine original staircase and tapered round curly maple spindles and knewel posts, as well as graceful bannister, which runs from the first to third floors, and takes up one third of the building's floor area.

Description  
Page 3  
Oaklawn

Much of the original woodwork of the main entrance and windows remains, featuring flat pilasters and lintels joined at their corners with flat squares.

A cellar door under the first floor staircase leads to the cellar which features three beaded batten wood doors, that entering the northwest corner of the house features a three inch keyhole, underlined by a bolt of 3/4" diameter.

This north west section features a dirt floor and reveals the hand hewn ceiling joists that houses the furnace.

The batten wood door for the south west corner of the basement features an interesting latch and handle.

This south west section holds a nine light, rectangular cellar entrance door, in the west bay of its south wall, which holds a china door nob and iron lock. This room also has a blocked in rectangular window, located in the central bay of this wall, which was originally exposed. This reveals the fact that the two story high porch was not original to the building, but a later nineteenth century additon, as these two apertures were at ground level, now hidden under the base of the porch.

The first floor features the south entrance and a north entrance into the vestibule. Three open bible and cross paneled doors lead into the single two bay wide west room which was originally divided into two rooms, with a possible third room, located in its northeast corner.

Only the door north of center is now open. It's twin to the south has been blocked as well as the additional interior door at the north end of the hall.

The mantle pieces for this room have been covered, revealing only their general outline. All the interior wood work, already described, remains, as well as a ceiling joist dividing the large room in half, located between the two entrance doors to the room.

The interior of the two second floor rooms, off the east hall feature wide mantles, with flat pilasters and very slightly pedimented architraves, surmounted by wide mantle shelves with rounded corners.

All the original wood work, similar to that already described, as well as the cross paneled interior doors, which originally featured carpenter locks (one of which remains on the door leading from the south room to the north room of the second floor.) remains intact.

Description  
Page 4  
Oaklawn

HO 284  
District 2

The interior of the attic features two very simple wooden mantle pieces, one in the north room and one in the south room, with flat pilasters and architraves, surmounted by mantle shelves, rounded at the corners. The two two-two light casement attic windows located in each room are particularly charming.

Structurally the building is sound, though cosmetically it might be improved. The most pressing need appears to be a good heating system, as well as the repair and regluing of the spindels to the bannister.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

HO 284  
DISTRICT 2

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

Local History

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1842

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oak Lawn is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland historically as the home of a prominent Ellicott City attorney, Mr. Edwin Hayden, First Clerk of the Court; architecturally as an exceptionally fine example of Howard County ashlar granite block construction, (featuring fine stone quoining, flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills) as well as exceptional scale and proportion; and in the field of education as the Oak Lawn Female Seminary and the home of the Howard County Board of Education, later in the mid twentieth century.

Historically it is located on a tract of land called "Mount Misery" and forty seven feet north east from the "Court House Lot", conveyed to the Howard County Board of Commissioners by Deborah Disney about 22 January, 1841. A year later, on February 8, 1842 Edwin Parsons Hayden acquired the lot on which this house stands, from Deborah Disney and Reuben M. Dorsey, Trustee. (JLM 3-177.)

Mrs. Celia Holland in her book, Ellicott City, Maryland - Mill Town, U.S.A., devotes over four pages to Oak Lawn and gives a brief biographical sketch of Mr. Hayden and his distinguished family, as well as an outline of the development of the present Howard County School system. (Oak Lawn, when purchased by Howard County in 1937 served as the office building for the Howard County Board of Education.)

A graduate of the Yale Law School, Mr. Hayden, served in the Maryland House of Delegates from October, 1846 to March 1847, and later was appointed the first Clerk of the Howard County Court by Governor Thomas George Pratt.

It is certain that as a lawyer he chose this site, adjacent to the Court House, to use as both office and residence and did not purchase the lot until construction began on the Court House.

Hayden and his wife Elizabeth lived here with their six children. They are noted in one of the old deeds in the Court House as Kate, Mozart, Mary V.E. Lewis, Charles and Horace. Lewis married another Kate and lived in Washington, D.C., Charles and his wife, Addie lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Horace and his wife, also named Kate, are noted as residents of Mason County, West Virginia on the 11th of May, 1871.

Sig. Page 2  
HO 284-District 2  
Oak Lawn

An H. E. Hayden, believed to be Horace E. Hayden, also is noted as the Principal of the Oaklawn Female Seminary, with an M.V.E. Hayden, acting as Vice Principal, believed to be his sister Mary V.E. Hayden, in the 1850 Panorama of Ellicott Mills. Apparently he made his change of address to West Virginia between the years 1850 and 1871.

The Hayden Family decided in 1871 to sell the building, conveying it to Henry E. Wooten, a local lawyer on Lawyer's Row for \$4500, on the 11th of May of that year.

How long the building served as a female seminary is not certain. It is reasonable to assume its initiation in 1850 at the time of Mr. Hayden's death to provide additional family income and its termination some years later.

The Wootons held the building until 1915 when Ada Wooton, widow of Henry, a local attorney, conveyed the house to Arthur Pue of F. and Mary Clarke Pue, his wife on September first. (99-546)

On May 17, 1937 it became the property of the Board of County Commissioners, serving as the home of the Howard County Board of Education. (157-186.)

Architecturally this building is one of the outstanding ashlar granite block buildings in Ellicott City of the nineteenth century. Over the years it has seen some alterations; the present two story high, open porch, along the entire south elevation perhaps having most altered the original integrity of the building by covering the fine detail of the facade's proportionally scaled and vertically aligned fenestration. In addition, the entire foundation on this elevation, which features a rectangular basement entrance in the west bay and what may have been a six light basement window in the central bay has been covered by the foundation of the porch. A bottom double panel has been installed below the original second floor window in the east bay, creating a jib window, which allows entrance to the second floor of the open porch. This porch features lacy iron work grill posts for support with similar railing running around the perimeter of the porch floor.

The building, constructed on a grand scale, features fine stone quoining, flat stone lintels and projecting stone sills. Its kitchen addition appears to have been constructed at the same time, though the east wall of both sections, which lie flush with one another, reveal a separateness.

The building is typical of a three bay wide, two room deep, three story high, gabled roof (running east-west) ashlar granite block house and is reminiscent of HO-301, Tuten's Cottage, on Old Columbia Pike. Its staircase runs north-south, along its east wall and takes up almost one third of the entire building. The staircase features exceptionally fine round, tapered, curly maple, spindles and knewel posts and runs from the first to the third floors.

Sig, Page 3  
HO 284-District 2  
Oak Lawn

The basement features original beaded batten wood doors with exceptionally fine hardware composed of fine old latches, large key holes, and old bolts.

The first floor west room, which takes up two whole bays or two thirds of the floor space on the first floor was once divided into a north and south room, with a possible, smaller third room incorporated into the north east corner of the north room. All the original woodwork as well as the open bible and cross paneled doors remain. The woodwork features flat wooden lintels, flanked by flat wooden pilasters and joined at their corners by flat square pieces. The original mantle pieces have been removed and the fireplaces covered, only their outline remains.

The second floor features a small, one bay wide front room at the head of the stairs and two large rooms above those on the first floor. These rooms all retain their original woodwork, their cross paneled entrance doors and one old carpenter lock, as well as two fine mantle pieces composed of flat wooden pilasters and slightly pedimented architrave, surmounted by a mantle shelve curved at the corners.

The attic rooms lying above the second floor are similar in dimension and placement. The north and south rooms each feature a rectangular, double hung six-over-six light window and two eye brow windows on their north and south walls, respectively, composed of a double, two-two light casement window.

In the field of education Oak Lawn is significant as the home of the Oak Lawn Female Seminary, noted in the 1850 panoramic view of Ellicott City and later served as headquarters for the Howard County Board of Education.

Occupied today by the offices of the District 10 Court and by offices for the Parole and Probation Section, its future is under study.

Of fine granite block construction, with an unusual amount of its original interior woodwork, the building is of unusual historical and architectural significance and should be assured of preservation and conservation by all those publicly and privately concerned with its future.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Holland, Celia, Ellicott City,  
Maryland Mill Town, U.S.A., 1772-1972.  
Bladensburg, 1972.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25A P/O p. 302

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 157 Folio 186

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

HO 284

## *The Cooking Ghost of Ellicott City*

**T**oday the old Hayden house, or Oak Lawn as it was once known, is difficult to find, for its small granite structure has been almost completely surrounded by additions made to the old Ellicott City Courthouse. Built in the early nineteenth century, Oak Lawn was the residence of the first county clerk of the Howard County court, Edwin Parsons Hayden, who lived there with his wife and six children until his death in 1850. Thereafter, the house was occupied by several owners, including the Howard County Board of Education and the Howard County District Court. Vacant since 1981, it will soon begin a new life as the law library for Howard County.

Stories of the old Hayden house and its mysterious activities reached their peak in the 1970s when it was occupied by the district court and the county office of parole and probation. Clerks and secretaries would become spooked by such annoyances as lights that persistently turned on and off for no reason, an office coffee pot that would heat while remaining unplugged, and the sound of footsteps. The experience most common to the building's workers was smelling the aroma of soup wafting its way through halls and doorways, along with the occasional scent of bacon and eggs being prepared in the morning. The odors, which even occurred in the middle of the night, did not arouse considerable concern in and of themselves, but their source did cause some anxiety. There were

## Ghosts & Haunted Houses of Maryland

never any cooking appliances in use in the old building and no cooking was ever done there by its occupants. Soon, the invisible chef was dubbed "the cooking ghost" and most of the visible inhabitants came to expect the occasional wave of kitchen smells.

For some people, however, the thought of having to work overtime hours unnerved them because it meant that they would be in the building after dusk and for the most part alone. They remembered too vividly the story of the rocking chair in one man's office that had been seen rocking by itself. They also remembered how the same person, arriving for work particularly early one morning, had glimpsed through the glass door panes the partial form of a man in the building. When the door to the building was unlocked and the premises searched, the man was never found.

Mr. Smith (not his real name) spent ten years working in the Hayden house and can still recall with great detail events that occurred during the late hours he often worked alone as the district court commissioner. Once, Mr. Smith had to take a quantity of cash to the Hayden house from another building where he had been collecting fines. At about four in the morning, Mr. Smith entered the building to use the safe. As he was turning its combination, he heard a noise behind him and stopped. He went out into the hall and looked around. There was nothing to be seen. Then, as he stood there, the door to the storage room next to him slowly swung open. However, there was no one behind the door. So unnerved was he by his experience that to this day Mr. Smith can't remember whether he ever did put the money in the safe or whether he took it back to the other building.

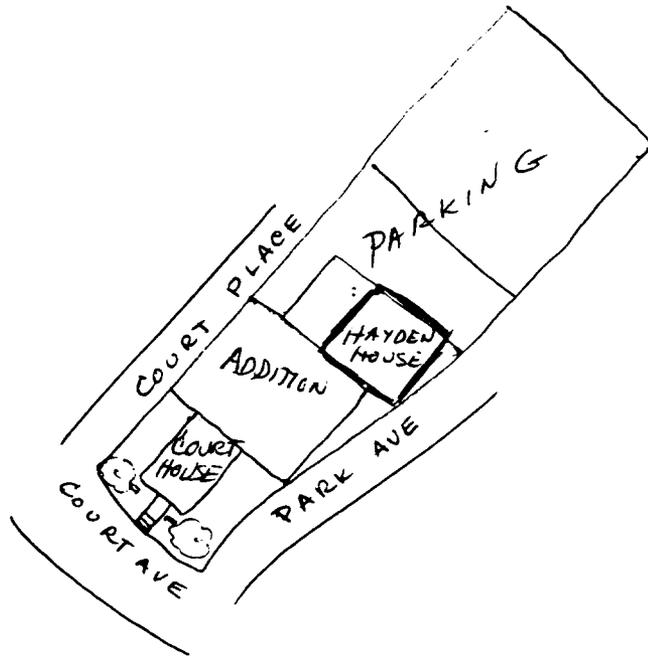
Another evening Mr. Smith was in his office working late. It was about one or two o'clock and he was alone in the building. It was a warm night and he had turned on the air conditioning. An extra table had been brought into his office earlier in preparation for an office party to be held the next day. As Mr. Smith sat at his desk, he noticed that a large stack of neatly folded napkins on the table had slowly started unfolding against the air current from the nearby air conditioner. Mr. Smith watched steadily as three napkins

## *The Cooking Ghost of Ellicott City*

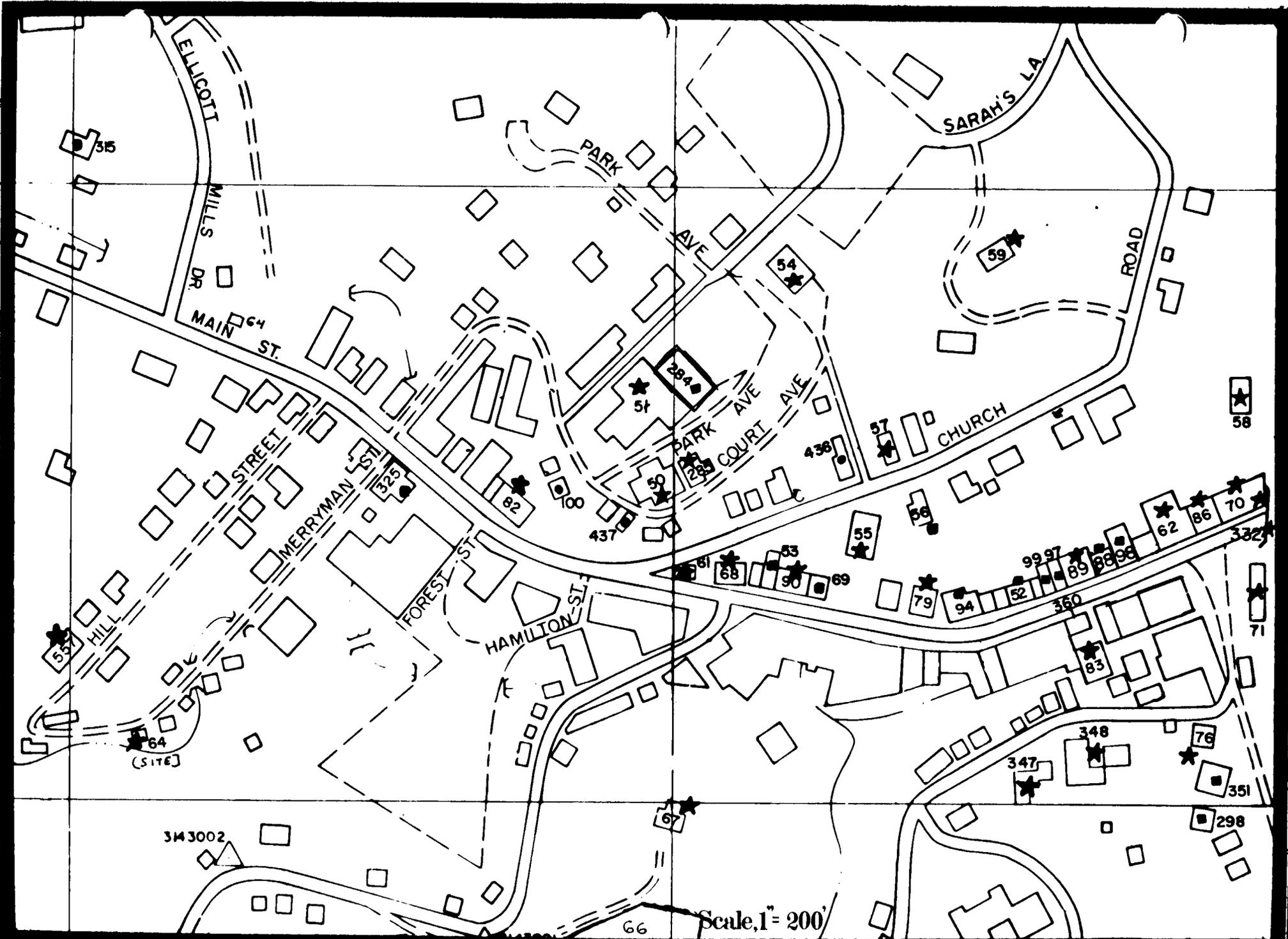
were carefully unfolded and then just as carefully refolded.

Only on one occasion did Mr. Smith see anything vaguely resembling a ghost. Working late again one night, Mr. Smith was on his way up to the second floor and had stopped at the landing before continuing his ascent up the next four steps. As he did, he noticed a cloud of white smoke out of the corner of his eye. It seemed to hang like a misty ball of vapor over the stairway. Although it was dense, he could see the wall behind it. When he turned his head slightly to give it a better look, the cloud had vanished.

Although Mr. Smith probably witnessed more manifestations in the old Hayden house than anyone else because of the late and solitary work hours he often kept, he never let his experiences bother him. He explained, "When you're dealing with criminals and drunks, ghosts are the least of your worries. I was always much more concerned about what a living person might do to me than a dead one."



COURT HOUSE



Scale, 1" = 200'

Oak Lawn (Pue House)  
HO-284

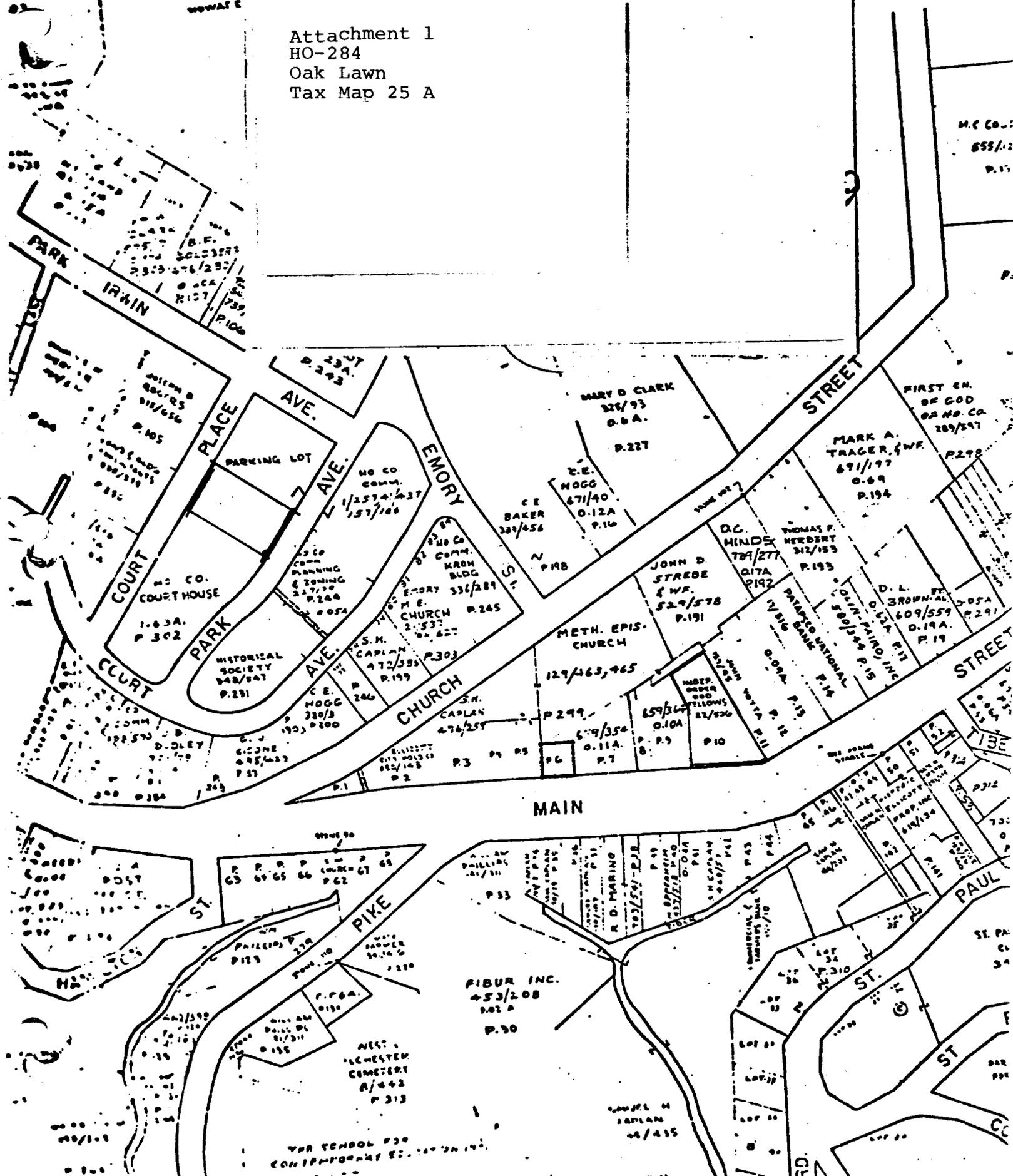


E.F. SYBERT  
E.C.F. SYBERT, JR. & CO.  
LEWIS S. HIPPARD & CO.  
I.B.O.A. 477/791  
P.285

CO. COMM. OF

Attachment 1  
HO-284  
Oak Lawn  
Tax Map 25 A

M.C. COLL.  
655/10  
P.15



# PLAT OF ELLICOTT CITY

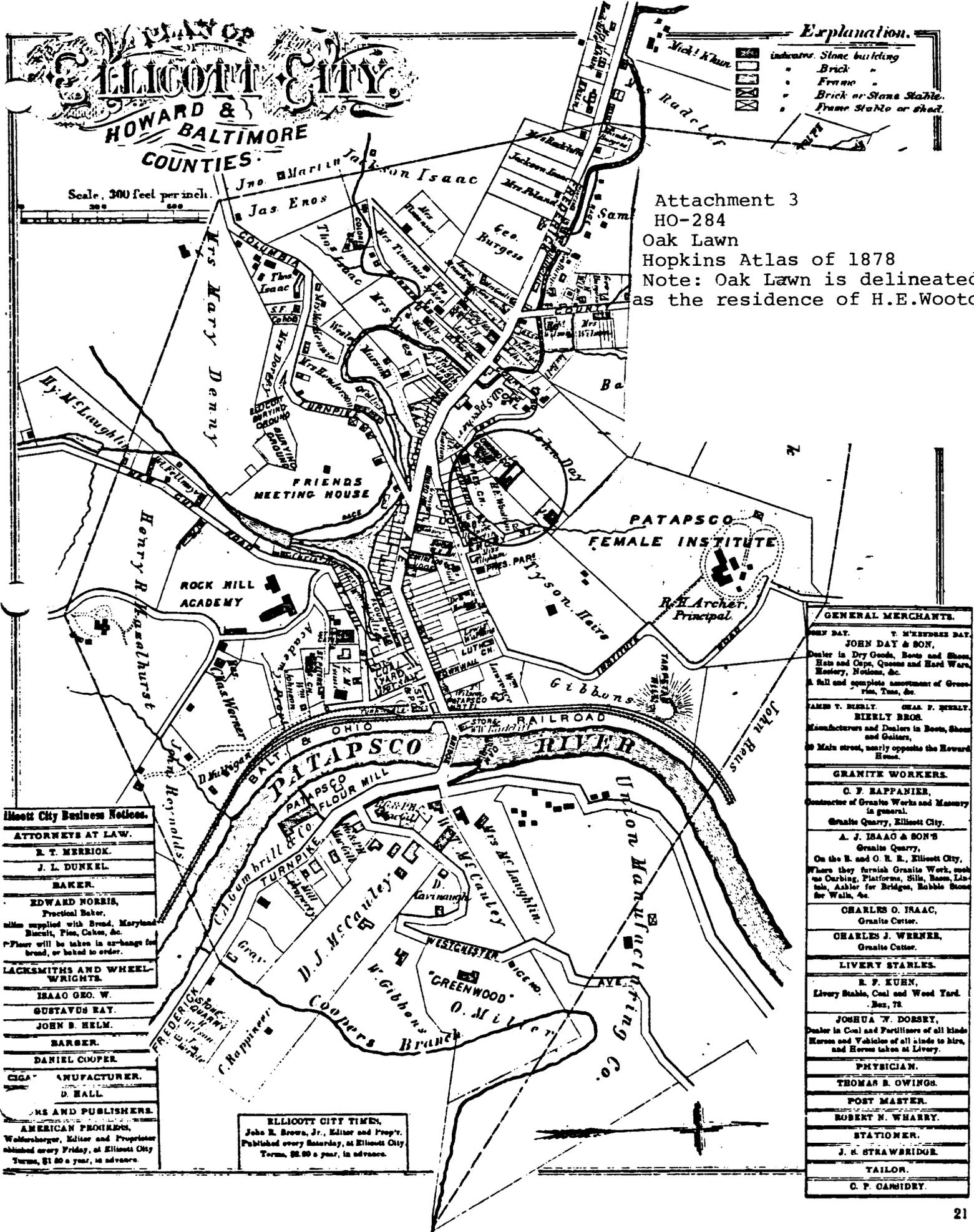
HOWARD & BALTIMORE COUNTIES

Scale, 300 feet per inch.

## Explanation.

- indicates Stone building
- Brick
- Frame
- Brick or Stone Stable
- Frame Stable or shed

Attachment 3  
HO-284  
Oak Lawn  
Hopkins Atlas of 1878  
Note: Oak Lawn is delineated as the residence of H.E. Wooton

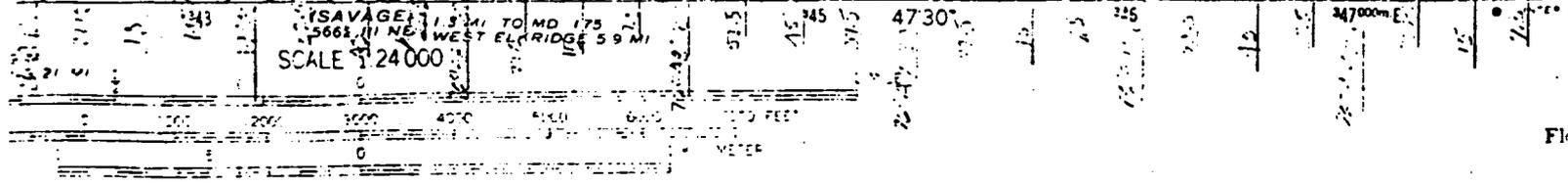
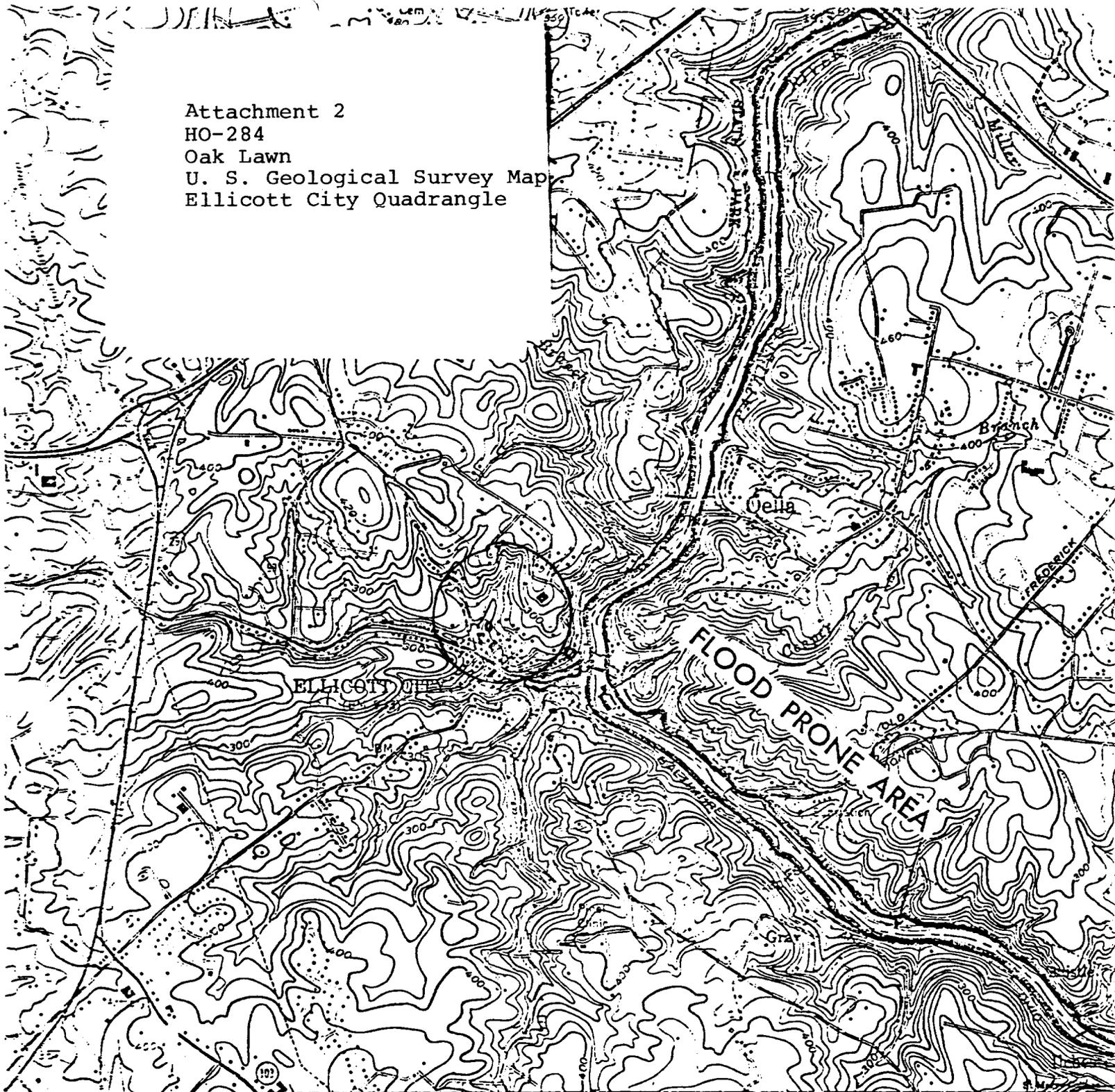


- Elliptical City Business Notices.**
- ATTORNEYS AT LAW.**  
R. T. MERRICK.  
J. L. DUNKEL.
- BAKER.**  
EDWARD MORRIS,  
Practical Baker,  
supplies with Bread, Marycakes,  
Biscuits, Pies, Cakes, &c.  
Floor will be taken in exchange for  
bread, or baked to order.
- LOCKSMITHS AND WHEEL-  
WRIGHTS.**  
ISAAC GEO. W.  
GUSTAVUS RAY.  
JOHN B. HELM.  
BARBER.  
DANIEL COOPER.
- CIGAR MANUFACTURER.**  
D. HALL.
- BOOKS AND PUBLISHERS.**  
AMERICAN PROGRESS,  
Waltersberger, Editor and Proprietor  
published every Friday, at Elliptical City  
Terms, \$1.50 a year, in advance.

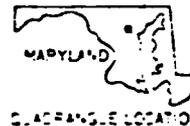
**ELLIOTT CITY TIMES,**  
John B. Brown, Jr., Editor and Proprietor.  
Published every Tuesday, at Elliptical City  
Terms, \$2.50 a year, in advance.

- GENERAL MERCHANTS.**  
JOHN DAY & SON,  
Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes,  
Hats and Caps, Queens and Hard Ware,  
Hardware, Notions, &c.  
A full and complete assortment of Groceries,  
Tea, &c.
- GRANITE WORKERS.**  
C. F. RAPPANIER,  
Contractor of Granite Works and Masonry  
in general.  
Granite Quarry, Elliptical City.
- A. J. ISAAC & SON'S**  
Granite Quarry,  
On the E. and O. E. R., Elliptical City,  
Where they furnish Granite Work, such  
as Curbing, Platforms, Sills, Basins, Lin-  
tels, Ashlar for Bridges, Robble Stone  
for Walls, &c.
- CHARLES O. ISAAC,**  
Granite Cutter.
- CHARLES J. WERNER,**  
Granite Cutter.
- LIVERY STABLES.**  
R. F. KUHN,  
Livery Stable, Coal and Wood Yard.  
Box, 72.
- JOSEPH W. DORSEY,**  
Dealer in Coal and Fertilizers of all kinds.  
Horses and Vehicles of all kinds to hire,  
and Horses taken at Livery.
- PHYSICIAN.**  
THOMAS B. OWINGS.
- POST MASTER.**  
ROBERT N. WHARRY.
- STATIONER.**  
J. S. STRAWBRIDGE.
- TAILOR.**  
C. F. CAMSIEY.

Attachment 2  
HO-284  
Oak Lawn  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Ellicott City Quadrangle



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL





Ho-284

Oak Lawn

South

C.B. Thompson AICP

Dec-1978