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Search Enclosed
Ellicott City
Private

Search Enclosed faces west on the east side of Old Columbia Pike. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) stone structure with wide brick chimneys inset into its north and south walls and a two story high, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) extension, upon which several additions have been made and which may antedate the stone house. The stone house was constructed in two sections. Originally a three bay wide house with central rectangular entrance, two bays were added to the south creating the house we see today.

Search Enclosed served at one time as the residence for the operator of the private weighing station, located north of the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-316
Dist. 2
MAGI # 1403165304

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Search Enclosed

AND/OR COMMON
The Chamber s House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
4119 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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. and Mrs. Melvin W. Chambers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER c/o Breckinridge & Hana
9056 Chevrolet Drive

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 24, p. 721
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 721
Folio #: 351

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 DESCRIPTIONHO-316
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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

Search Enclosed faces west on the east side of Columbia Pike 1/10 of a mile north of the intersection of Route 103 and Columbia Pike. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) field stone building with old wide brick chimney inset into its south wall and a newer or rebuilt brick chimney inset into its north wall. A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame addition runs from the south side of its east wall.

From an examination of the west facade of the house, it appears to have been built in two sections. The north three bays feature flat stone lintels, projecting stone sills, stone quoining and a central rectangular entrance. The south two bays also have stone lintels but wooden sills. The north and south sides of the building appears to have been constructed at different times. All fenestration is rectangular, vertically aligned, double-hung, holding two-over two lights and decorated with black shutters. There is evidence that the basement windows may have once been placed on this elevation but have been filled in. A cobble stone patio, bordered by a three foot garden on the west is encompassed by a decorative iron fence.

No apertures are placed in the south wall of the field stone house and only one second floor double-hung window similar to those described rests in the north wall.

A brick walk leads from the parking lot with its gabled roof (running east-west) spring house to the east side of the house and another cobbled stone patio. From the east elevation only the original north bay of the old stone house is visible, holding a first and second floor window decorated with projecting stone sills and a flat stone lintel surmounting the first floor window.

Several frame additions have been made to the house. Initially a two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) shiplap frame addition was added to the stone house. The north elevation featured two first floor rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights and a similar centrally placed second floor window.

The south elevation holds two similar first floor windows on the west and a double window, each component similar to the windows described on the east side. The second floor holds two similar second floor windows. A cellar door is located on the west side of the frame addition's south wall. There appears to be no break

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in the shiplap frame siding on this elevation. All windows are decorated with black shutters. The east elevation of this building holds a central rectangular nine light, St. Andrew's cross paneled entrance flanked by a double window on the south similar to the double window already described, and a smaller double-hung, six-over-six light window on the north. Two similar second floor windows rest above. This gabled roof (running east-west) section juts out beyond a taller gabled roof (also running east-west). From the east wall of this latter section C, see figure 1, Plan for Search Enclosed, a further two story high, frame addition was built to fill in this north-east corner, created by the frame additions to the house. Here is seen on both the east and north elevations a break line in the frame construction of the house, indicating the latter addition, Section E of the plan, See figure 1. A lovely lawn with flowering shrubs lies east of the low stone wall enclosed curvilinear patio and east of the large parking lot.

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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES early nineteenth century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Search Enclosed is significant historically and architecturally.

Architecturally it is significant as one of Howard County's old stone houses with numerous additions. It is also possible that part of the frame section of the house may antedate the stone house which was constructed in two parts, a three bay wide, two story high, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) house with central entrance to which was added a two bay wide, two story high addition. The windows of this latter section are higher, indicating greater ceiling height and later construction date.

The fine restoration of the house and the addition of east and west Belgian block terraces, the west of which is outlined by an iron railing, enhance its architectural significance and character.

Historically the building is significant as the home for the station master who operated the privately owned weighing station, begun by John L. Clark, grandfather of Senator James Clark. Just north of the house, two scales were located directly in front of Keewaydin, northwest of Search Enclosed.

Benjamin Coons, keeper of the toll gate, which lay east of the scales, and Grafton Gray, a local smith, were early operators of the weighing station. This station became so popular that it functioned on a full time basis and the station master lived in the house.

Significant architecturally and historically, the building should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and the State Critical Areas Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland, Celie. Ellicott City, Maryland: Mill Town, U.S.A.
Tuxedo, 1970, pp. 235-236.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .758 Acres

Please see Attachment 1
Tax Map 24, p. 721

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records
Liber 721, Folio 351

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

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

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now
+10-31

Melvin Chambers Stone House
Alternate Rt 29 (Old Columbia Pike)
Elliot City

2-story
5 or 6 bays long
low pitched "A" roof -

located in field by MOB
7/22/90

Map #24, p. 721

Melvin W. Chambers

271/420, 351/60, 62

0.72 A.

(M. W. C.)

Attachment 1
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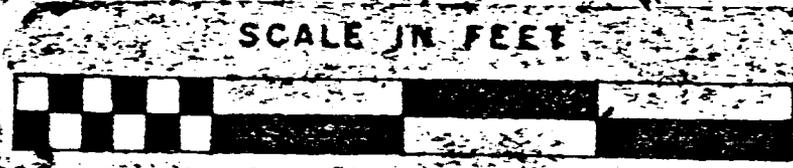
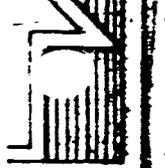
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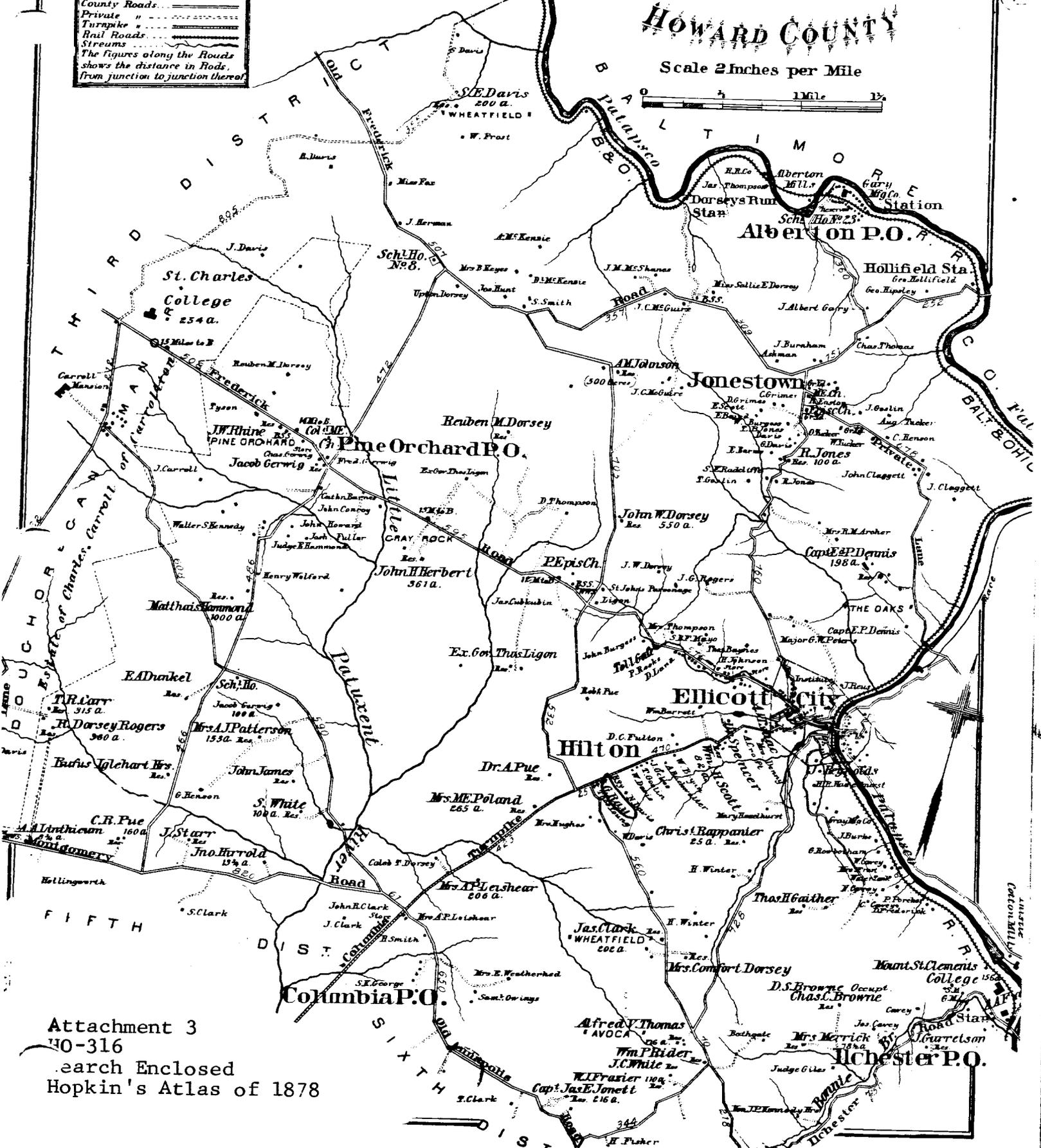
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HOWARD COUNTY

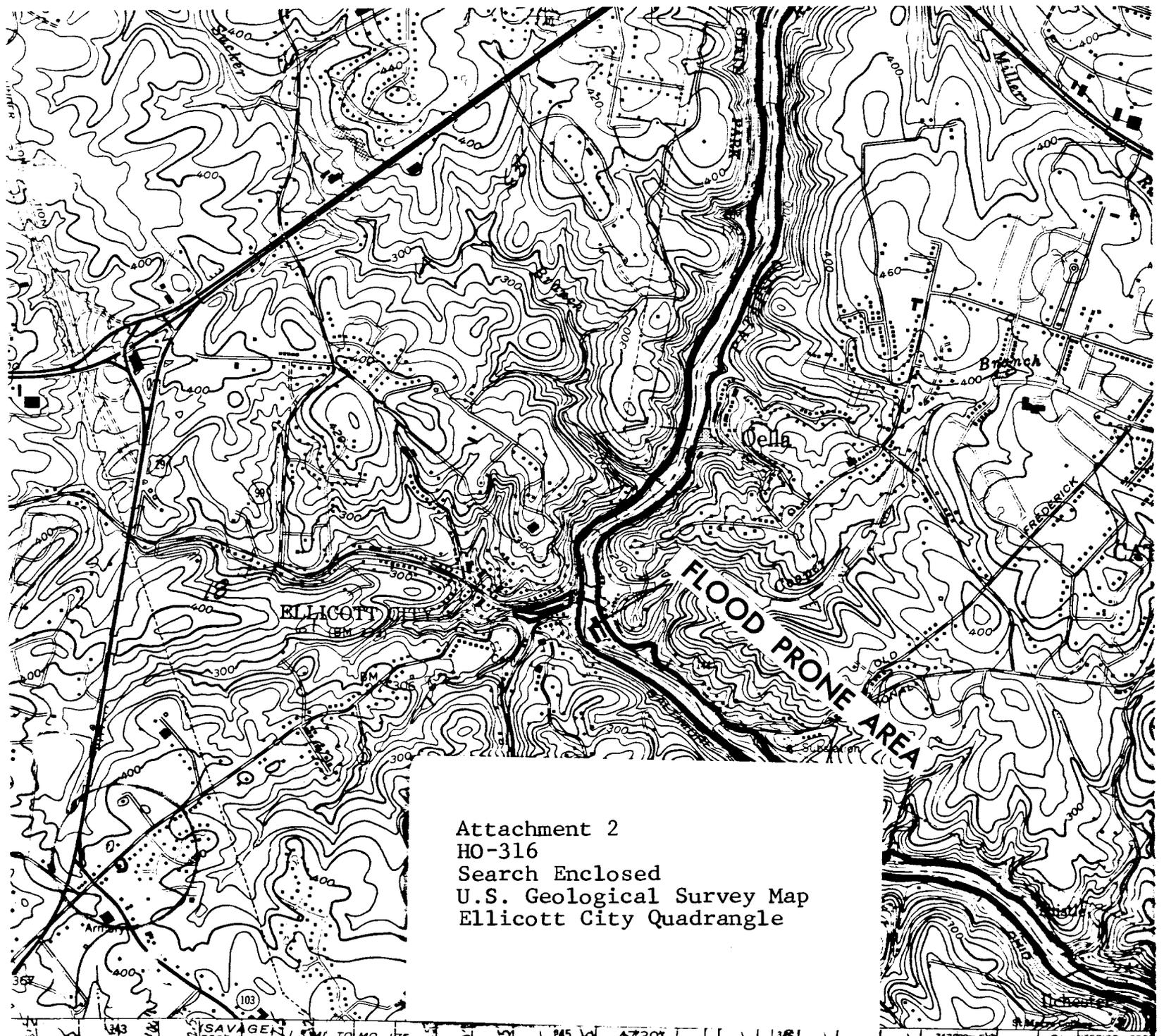
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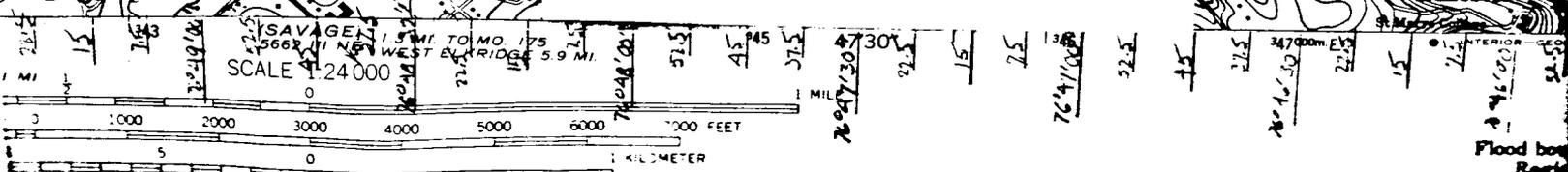
EXPLANATIONS
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 County Roads ————
 Private " ————
 Turnpike " ————
 Rail Roads ————
 Streams ————
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Attachment 3
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 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

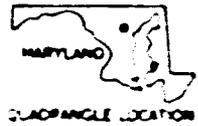


Attachment 2
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 U.S. Geological Survey Map
 Ellicott City Quadrangle

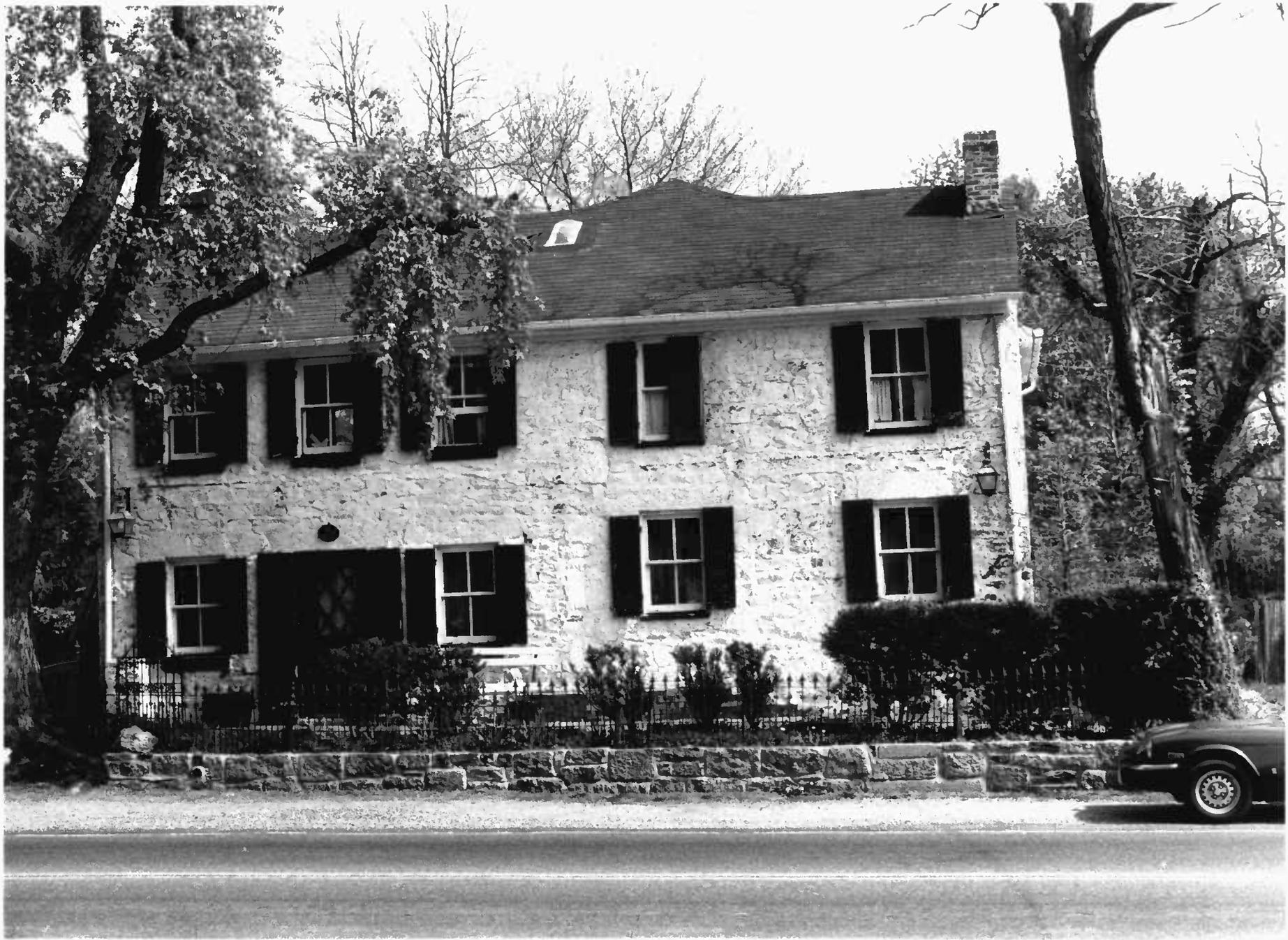


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 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

Map completed 1-1-77



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CLEORA THOMPSON, AIP
APRIL - 1978