

HO-409
Indian Caves/Shipleys Search
Sykesville
Private

1830

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It is a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) 18' by 25' stone building, resting on a stone foundation, with wide stone chimney inset into its east wall, and a three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) new twentieth century frame addition constructed along the east wall of the old stone house.

Located on Shipley's Search, a patent of Robert Shipley in 1734, consisting of some 543 acres, it is believed to have been constructed in 1830.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Shipley's Search
AND/OR COMMON Indian Caves

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 1465 Underwood Rd
CITY, TOWN Sykesville, VICINITY OF 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 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. & Mrs. J. Philip Jones Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER 1465 Underwood Rd
CITY, TOWN Sykesville VICINITY OF Maryland, STATE, zip code 21784

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 9 blk 9 p 130 Liber #: 456
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Folio #: 643
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

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

Indian Caves/Shipley's Search faces south on the west side of Underwood Road. Its entrance winds past the front and back farms of the Ridgely Jones family.

It is a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) 18' x 25' stone building, resting on a stone foundation, with wide stone chimney inset into its east wall and a three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame, twentieth century addition extending from this east wall eastward.

The land slopes down on the east, north and south elevations. Indian Caves were once located east of the house, giving their name to the farm.

The south elevation holds a rectangular open bible and cross paneled entrance door, surmounted by a one light transom and flat stone lintel in the west bay and a rectangular, double-hung window, holding one-over-one lights (originally eight-over-eight lights) in the east bay. Two similar, vertically aligned, second floor windows rest above. The north elevation is similar in every respect except no transom surmounts its west bay entrance door. No apertures occur on its west elevation. The building features fine stone quoining, projecting stone sills and flat stone lintels over doors and windows.

The south entrance opens to the hall, which runs north-south and the fine original staircase along its west wall. East of the hall is one large livingroom with bedroom above.

The interior has remained virtually untouched by alteration and retains its original random width, first and second floor floors, which feature square cut nails and beaded battenwood doors, as well as two original cherry mantle pieces.

That in the livingroom's east wall features fine fluted pilasters and wide architrave surrounding the massive stone construction of the house's original cooking fire place. That above in the master bedroom features a smaller scaled, cherry mantle piece with flat pilasters and wide architrave, surmounted by a mantle shelf.

The ceiling joists have been left exposed in the livingroom, revealing the random width boards, for the second floor, which create warmth as well as structural identity.

Original unmitred woodwork around doorways also remains, as well as many of the original baseboards. The hall staircase features square spindles and original knevel post.

An interesting staircase landing shelf is featured, which may have been constructed on a shelf for candles or kerosene lamps to light the passage upstairs.

The original walls have been renovated and sheet rock and insulation installed for warmth.

A first floor rectangular, beaded batten wood door, with its original latch, leads from the south side of the first floor mantlepiece into the newly constructed kitchen-diningroom addition to the house. The stone wall's depth at this doorway measures almost 20".

The building is in excellent condition and is estimated to have been constructed in 1830.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1830

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Indian Caves/Shipleys Search is significant historically to the State of Maryland and Howard County as a part of an early land grant of 1734, consisting of 543 acres patented by Robert Shipley, son of Adam Shipley of Anne Arundel County and Elk Ridge. It is also architecturally notable as a fine example of Howard County's early nineteenth century, vernacular stone architecture.

Historically Indian Caves/Shipleys Search is also mentioned in an inventory, which was returned by the two sons of Robert Shipley, George and William, executors of his will. It became the property of Robert's daughter, Elizabeth, who married a John Hood, son of Dr. Benjamin Hood, who first settled in the Daniels Mills area. Later in the nineteenth century, it is noted on the Martennet Map of 1860 as the property of Jon Jervis. His wife Sarah was a Hood, who had settled near Daniels Mills but sold her place and came back and bought the farm when her brother, who owned it put it up for sale.

Her two daughters, Mary and Sarah carried this strong attachment and affection for the farm, dividing it into a front and back farm, both of which are noted on the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas. Mary O. Davis or "Aunt Molly", as she was called, lived in this stone house, which then had an old log kitchen.

The name "Indian Caves" appears under "Aunt Molly's" house and is taken from the fact that Indian Caves were once located east of the house.

The men in the family fought in the Civil War, the name of John T. Ridgely appearing on the Confederate Monument in Ellicott City, while the women, with the aid of their faithful servants, hid their silver in the cave, retrieving it when safe to do so. Later, the caves were blasted to provide stone as building material for an old barn, which once stood north of the house, but has since been demolished.

Historically, it has been the women of the family, who have held the farm together, as in the case of "Aunt Molly", her sister Sarah and their mother, Sarah M. H. Jervis.

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Another old story associated with the farm is that of a loyal servant sleeping each night at the feet of the owner.

Architecturally, the house is representative of the early nineteenth century stone architecture in Howard County, featuring an end hall with one large downstairs and upstairs room and an additional small, second floor room over the first floor entrance. The building features fine scale and proportions, as well as stone work, featuring stone quoining, projecting stone sills and flat stone lintels.

For these reasons Indian Caves/Shipley's Search should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, The State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate, should its owners so desire.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Philip Jones at Indian Caves, August 10, 1979

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Stein, Charles Francis, Jr. Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland.
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Warfield, J. D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland,
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY Baltimore, 1973

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 Acre

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 9

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 456 Folio 643

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

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.

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Third District.

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J. T. ISAAC,
Blacksmith in General,
Woodstock, Howard Co.

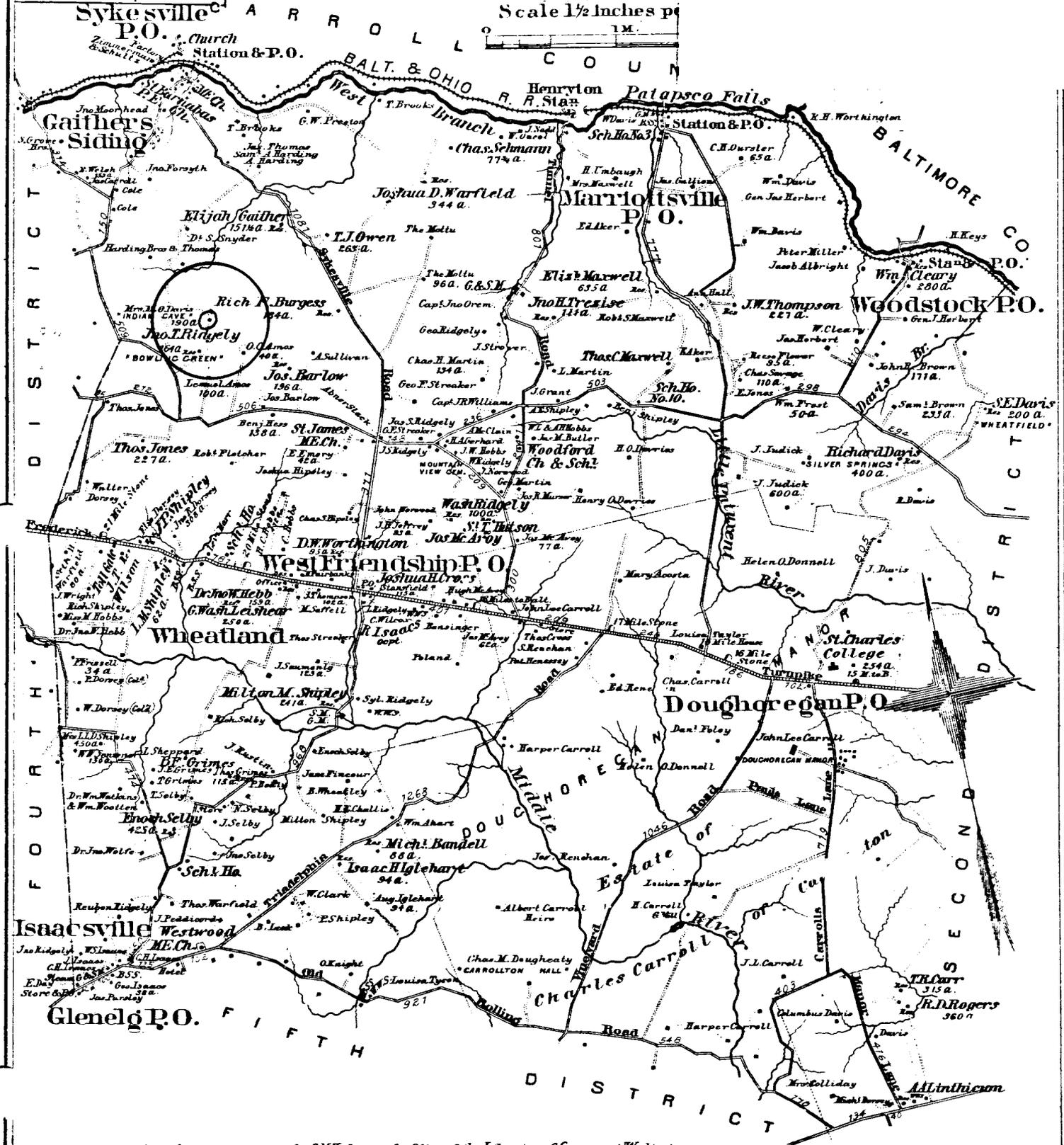
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to Order. Cast Steel Work of every
description, and all kinds of Country
Work. Machines Repaired.

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Attachment 3
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Indian Caves
Hopkins' Atlas of 1878

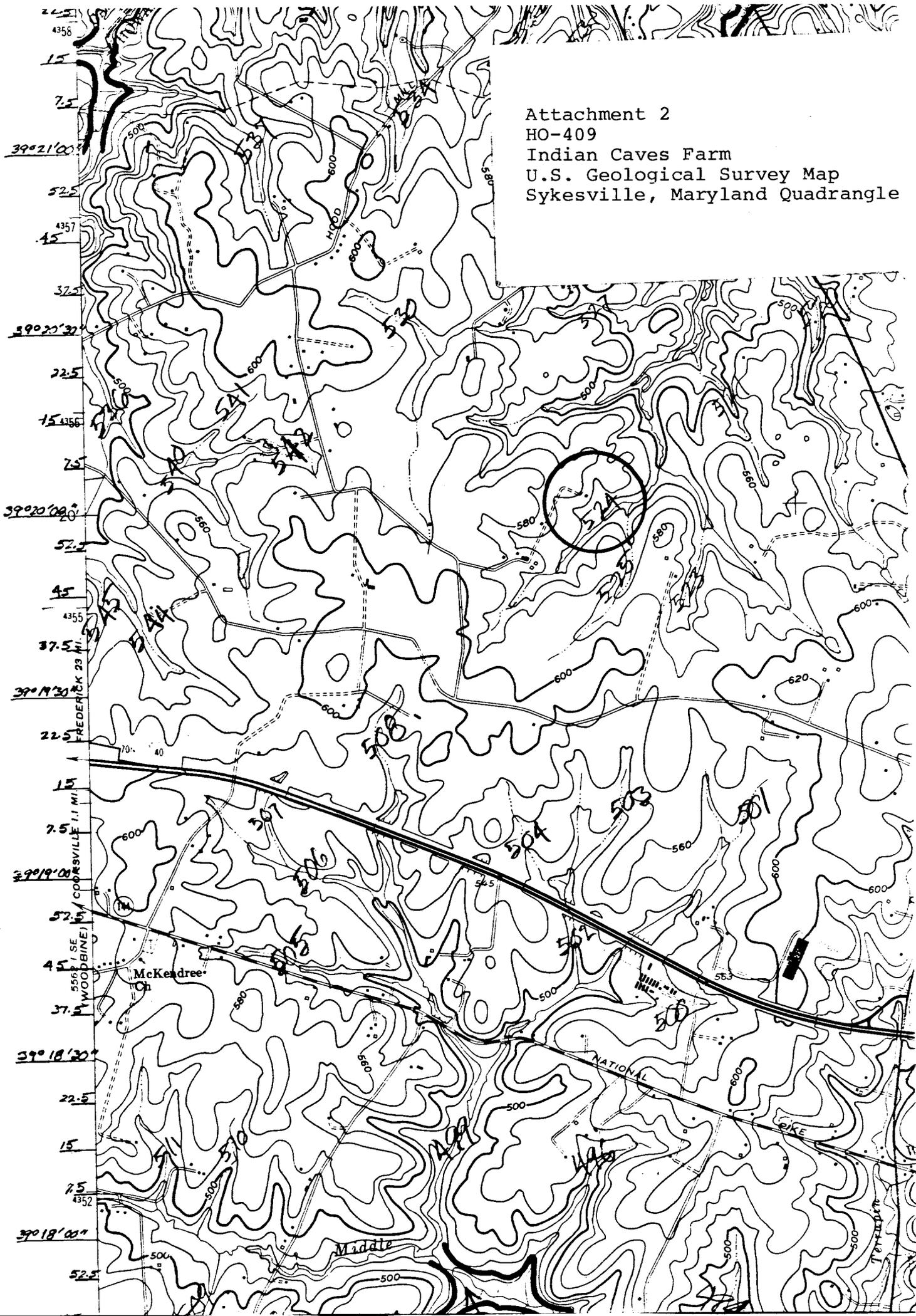
HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 1/2 Inches per Mile



Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1878 by G.M. Hopkins in the Office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington

Attachment 2
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Indian Caves Farm
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Sykesville, Maryland Quadrangle





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