HO-498,The McCauley House
5782 Main St., Elkridge
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill
March 2003

# ADDENDUM

Section 3. Owner of Property

David and Denise Maier
5782 Main Street
Elkridge, MD 21075

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 5728, Folio 169
Tax Map 38, Parcel 589

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing property in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

Section 7. Description

Condition: Good
Date: Built between 1860 and 1878

This large and much expanded dwelling faces south on the northeast corner of Main Street and Railroad Ave. It is in fairly good condition but new owners are in the process of modernizing it. The original dwelling had a square massed plan but a series of additions have been made to the rear enlarging the building. The two story, four bay frame structure was originally two rooms deep with a hipped roof pierced by two interior brick chimneys. A two story, single pile frame addition was made to the rear of the building and a single story, single pile frame addition was added onto that. The entire roof is covered with asphalt shingles and the original hipped roof portion has a wide, though unadorned, eave overhang.

The front (south) façade is four bays wide with a full façade two story porch. On the first floor, a window is located in the left bay followed by the main entry door in the second bay. A transom and sidelights with multicolored glass panes adorn this opening. A large bay shop window with a flat paneled apron below occupies the next bay and another door, glazed and paneled with a clear single light transom, completes the first floor. On the second floor, a door onto the porch occupies the left bay with three windows completing the façade. All of the ordinary windows are 1/1 vinyl replacements with snap-in six pane muntins in the top sash. The transoms, sidelights and large shop window are attractive artifacts of the Victorian era. The first story of the front façade is clad in vinyl siding while the second story is covered with wood shingles like the rest of

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the main block. The full façade two story front porch has square wood supports that are currently wrapped in vinyl. The first story has no balustrade while the second story has a solid balustrade also clad in vinyl. The porch floor and steps ascending to it are poured in place concrete, supposedly dating to 1913 when the house was shifted to its present location to allow the construction of Railroad Avenue. The entire foundation and basement of the house was also constructed of concrete at this time.

The original rear (north) façade of the house is concealed by later additions. The two story rear addition has two windows on the 2nd story. A single story hip roofed addition located on the rear of the two story addition has an enclosed shed roofed porch off the rear of it and a screened in porch off the west side. All of the windows in the rear façade are 1/1 vinyl replacements with snap in muntins in a 6/1 configuration. The single story additions are clad in vinyl siding while the two story addition is covered with wood shingles.

The east façade of the house has three windows across the second story, two in the original portion of the house and one in the two story addition. The first floor has a window, a door, and another window in the original portion of the house and a window in the two story rear addition. The wooden double doors are accessed by concrete steps and sheltered by a shed roofed hood. All of the windows are vinyl replacements with the same configuration noted on the front and rear facades. There are three windows to the basement located on this façade, two in the original portion of the house and one in the addition. Bulkhead basement access is also located in the two story rear addition. All of the basement windows are also vinyl. A shed roofed porch is located off the single story addition on this façade. It shelters a window and a door and is supported by square wood posts with chamfered corners. A wooden balustrade with small square wood balusters runs around the wood floored porch supported on cement piers. The façade beneath the porch is covered with vinyl siding and a small brick chimney rises out of the single story addition.

The western façade has two vertically aligned windows on the first and second stories of the original block and one window on the first and second stories in the two story addition. Two basement windows are also located on this façade. Only the original block and the two story addition have a full basement, the rest of the rear additions have only a crawlspace.

According to the current occupants of the building, a small story and a half frame structure located on the rear of the lot is the original Elkridge jail. It is unclear why this is the perception but additional research would certainly have to be done to substantiate this claim. The building faces west on the east side of Railroad Avenue north of its intersection with Main Street, is currently used for storage and is in failing condition. The frame structure is currently covered with wood shingles over clapboard siding while the side gabled roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The small structure is only two bays wide and one room deep. On the west (front) façade the only entry door into the building is located in the left bay and a 1/1 sliding sash wood window is located in the right bay.

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The second story is covered with billboards and it is unclear if there are windows located beneath them.

On the east (rear) façade there is a single story five foot by six foot bump out located in the center of the first story façade. It has a shed roof and a window on its east side. This bump out sits on four wood posts and is raised off the ground about two feet. The main block of the building sits on brick piers. The north and south facades each have one window in the second story gable.

Another outbuilding, a two car garage, is also located on the north east corner of the property. This structure has a hipped roof and a rusticated concrete block exterior. The car bay doors are located in the western façade and 6/6 windows are located in the north and south facades. This would be considered a contributing outbuilding. Several feet remain of a decorative iron fence located at the SW corner of the property. This fence could easily date from the early 20th century when the building was moved to its current location and it should be retained.

This building is not shown on the 1860 Martenet map but does appear on the 1878 Hopkins map, leading to the reasonable assumption that it was built during that 18 year period. The building is currently used for commercial purposes.

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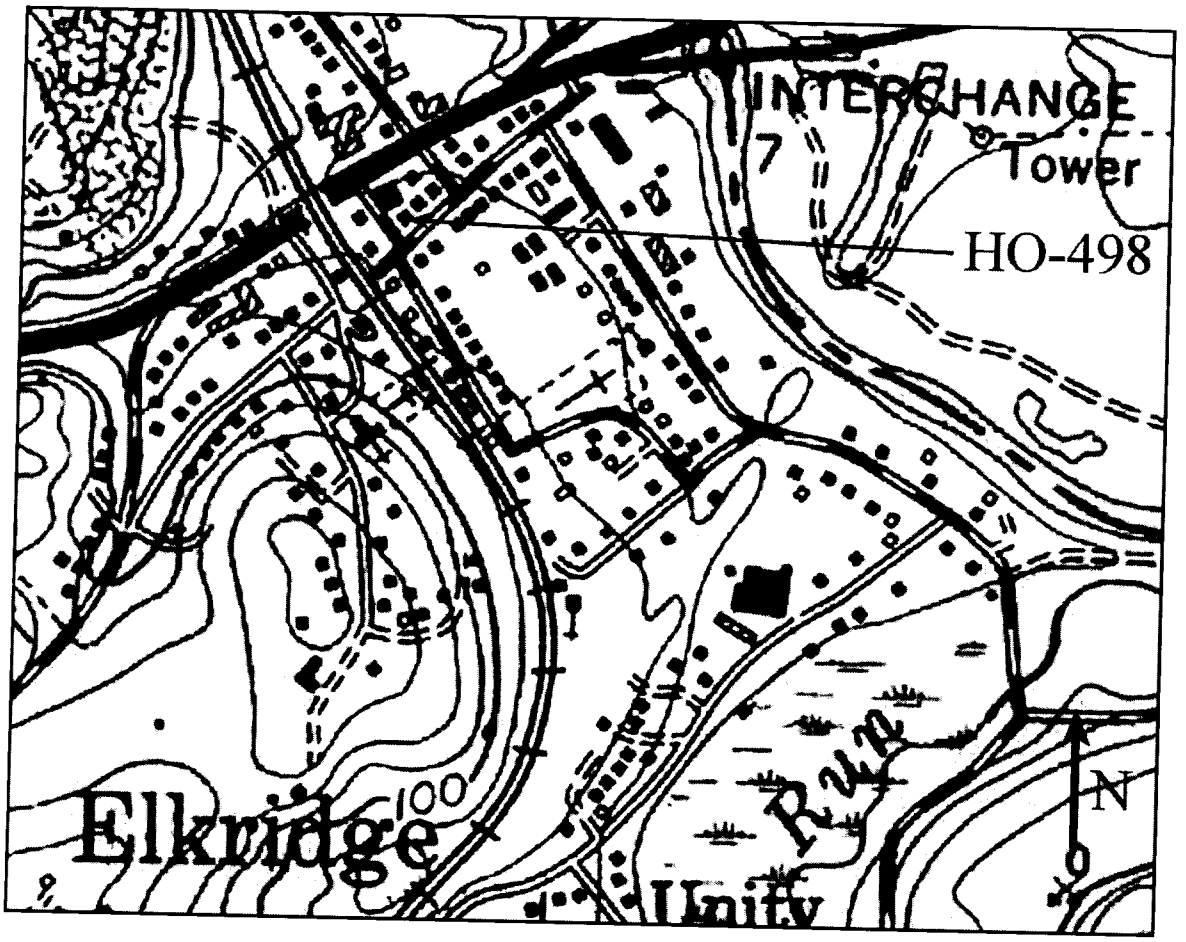


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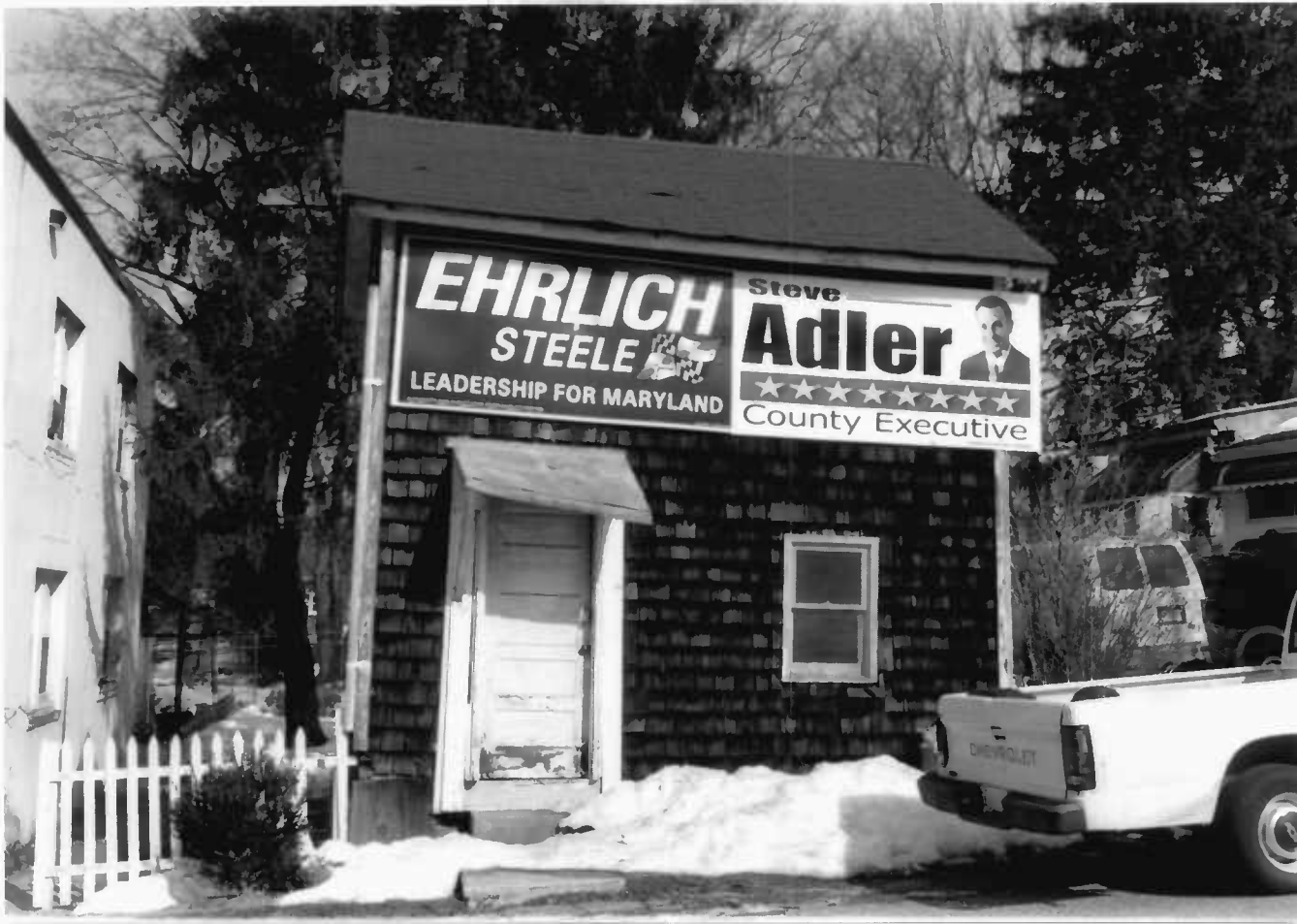
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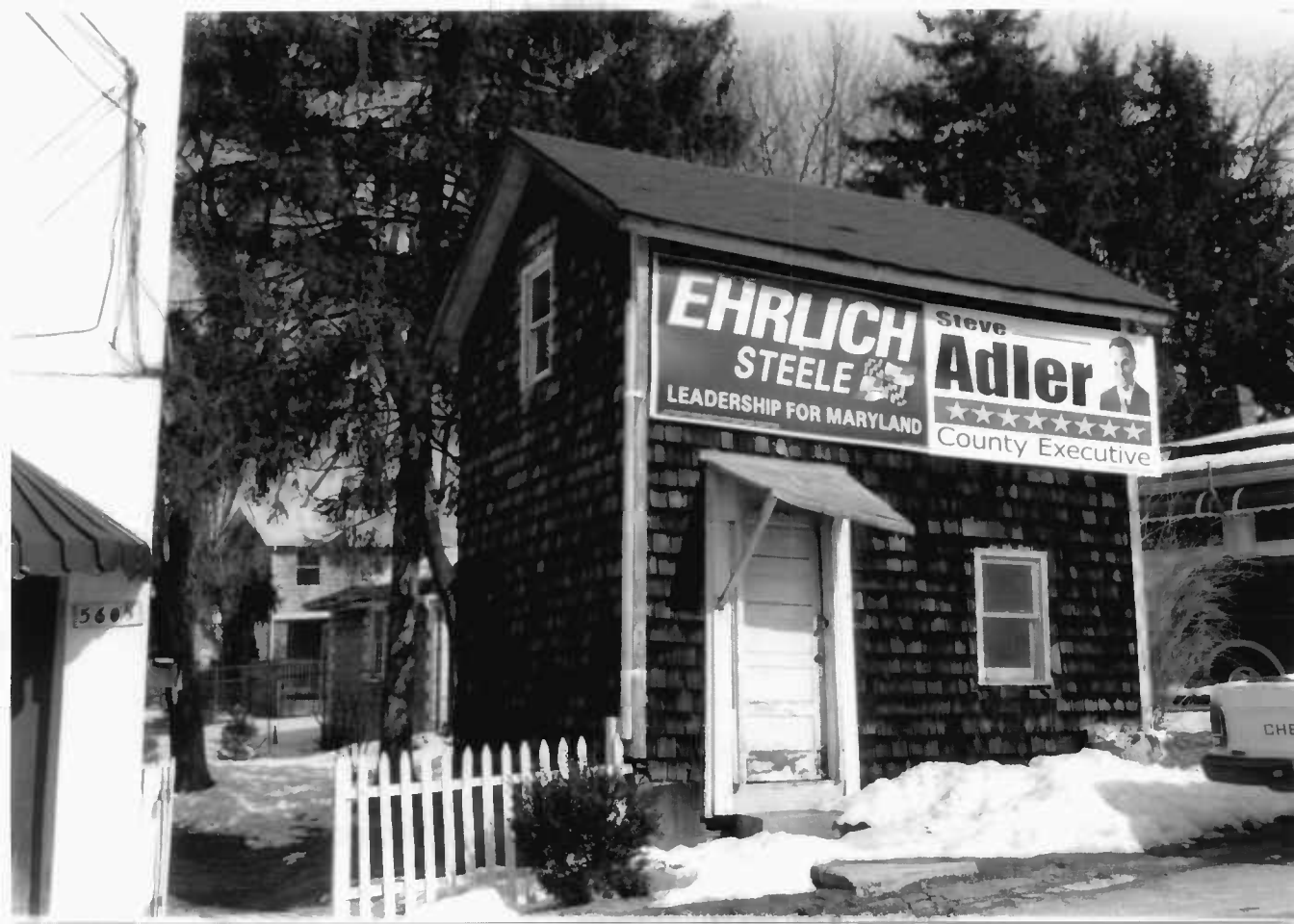
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Circa 1868

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Probably constructed in 1868, when James Rowles acquired the Warms property, it was sold in 1874 to Marshall McCauley and noted on the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas as the McCauley House.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-498
District 1
MHT # 1-10-49-55-04

# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC: The McCauley House

AND/OR COMMON:

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 5782 Main Street - NE corner of Railroad Ave. & Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Elkridge — ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 6th

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Howard

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X DISTRICT | ___PUBLIC | X OCCUPIED | ___AGRICULTURE | ___MUSEUM |
| ___BUILDING(S) | X PRIVATE | ___UNOCCUPIED | ___COMMERCIAL | ___PARK |
| ___STRUCTURE | ___BOTH | ___WORK IN PROGRESS | ___EDUCATIONAL | X PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| ___SITE | **PUBLIC ACQUISITION** | **ACCESSIBLE** | ___ENTERTAINMENT | ___RELIGIOUS |
| ___OBJECT | ___IN PROCESS | X YES: RESTRICTED | ___GOVERNMENT | ___SCIENTIFIC |
| | ___BEING CONSIDERED | ___YES: UNRESTRICTED | ___INDUSTRIAL | ___TRANSPORTATION |
| | | ___NO | ___MILITARY | ___OTHER |

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Anna M. Petrlik et al — Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: 5782 Main Street

CITY, TOWN: Elkridge — ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21227

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Tax Map 38, p. 589 — Liber #: 303 — Folio #: 461

STREET & NUMBER: Hall of Records

CITY, TOWN: Howard County Court House

STATE: Ellicott City, Maryland

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE: 1978-1979 — ___FEDERAL X STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN: 21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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Dist. 1

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| X EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | __UNALTERED | __ORIGINAL SITE |
| __GOOD | __RUINS | X ALTERED | X MOVED DATE 1915 |
| __FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Three wide, poured-in-place, concrete steps, along the entire south elevation, lead to a concrete landing and the two south entrances. That in the second west bay is surmounted by a one-light transom, flanked by two vertical side lights, whose rectangular entrance is also flanked by three vertical side lights; that in the east bay is a rectangular entrance, surmounted by a one light transom. These two entrances are divided by a one story high, store front-like, bay window with large picture window on the south. West of the second west bay entrance is placed a rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights. The second floor on this elevation holds three similar windows. In addition, a four-light, second floor, rectangular entrance is located in the west bay and leads on to the second floor of a two story high, flat roofed, open porch, which runs along the entire south elevation, supported by five square wooden posts and two pilasters.

The west elevation features a projecting bay on the south side, which holds a basement window and a first and second floor, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled window, similar to that in the west bay of the south wall; while the north bay has a similar treatment. Along the west wall of the first north addition was constructed a one story high porch (now enclosed) with six-over-six, north and west windows and a rectangular north entrance. A second floor, shed roofed, screened-in porch, was added and fills in this northwest corner of the building. Two second floor, six-over-six lights rest in the building's north wall.

The east elevation features a central, double entrance door and stoop, composed of four, poured-in-place, concrete steps and landing, which is covered by a shed roofed hood.

The east wall of the north addition holds a cellar door and window with a first and second floor, double-hung, vertically aligned window.

Off the north wall of this north extension has been constructed a one story high, hipped roof, appendage with square, brick chimney

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on its east wall and one story high,shed roofed appendage along its north wall,featuring two, two-light windows, covered by aluminum awnings on its north wall and a similar window on its west wall. An open porch and entrance takes up its northeast corner, while a single rectangular, first floor, double-hung, six-over-one light window is centered into its west wall.

Note: According to Anna Petrlik, present owner, the house was located on land, now a part of Railroad Avenue, and in 1915 was moved east to its present location, to allow construction of the road.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| __PREHISTORIC | __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | __COMMUNITY PLANNING | __LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | __RELIGION | |
| __1400-1499 | __ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | __CONSERVATION | __LAW | __SCIENCE | |
| __1500-1599 | __AGRICULTURE | __ECONOMICS | __LITERATURE | __SCULPTURE | |
| __1600-1699 | X ARCHITECTURE | __EDUCATION | __MILITARY | __SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | |
| __1700-1799 | __ART | __ENGINEERING | __MUSIC | __THEATER | |
| X 1800-1899 | __COMMERCE | __EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | __PHILOSOPHY | __TRANSPORTATION | |
| __1900- | __COMMUNICATIONS | __INDUSTRY | __POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History | |
| | | __INVENTION | | | |

**SPECIFIC DATES** circa 1868 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The McCauley House is significant architecturally as one of two, tent roofed buildings in the Main Street, Elkridge area, (the other being HO-385, the Boyle House), and historically as the house noted on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 as the McCauley House. The property once belonged to James Hill, who owned acreage on the north and south sides of Main Street.

In 1849, the property was put up for sale by Sheriff Charles G. Haslup, who conveyed the deed to the property to Clemons Warms on November 6, 1849. Clemons Warms made his home in Elkridge, and under his will, left all his estate to his widow, Margaret and George Fislage, trustee, who conveyed the house and property to James Rowles on March 18, 1868 (28-201). Three buildings are noted on the 1860 Martennet Map (See attachment 4). According to Miss Kyne, a relative of Mr. Warms, his house burned down and was rebuilt, probably prior to 1868, when it was sold to James Rowles, or by James Rowles himself, who in 1874 sold the property to Marshall McCauley for $3500 (34-254). It remained in the McCauley family until 1907 and is noted on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878 as the McCauley House.

Sold in 1907 to Francis M. Miller (83-53) it was conveyed one year later to Frank and Theresa Petrlik, whose family remain the present owners of the building. In 1915, Railroad Avenue was cut through from Main Street to U.S. Route #1. The McCauley House was on the alignment and at that time was moved east to its present location. A new cement cellar and foundation were constructed for its relocation and 1915, the date of the transfer of the building to its present location, inscribed on the cement.

Of historic and architectural significance, the McCauley House, in conjunction with the Main Street, Elkridge Area, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark ordinance.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.00 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38, p. 589

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 303 Folio 461

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | | COUNTY | |
|---|---|---|---|
| STATE | Maryland | COUNTY | Howard |
| STATE | | COUNTY | |

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION — DATE
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CITY OR TOWN — STATE
Ellicott City — 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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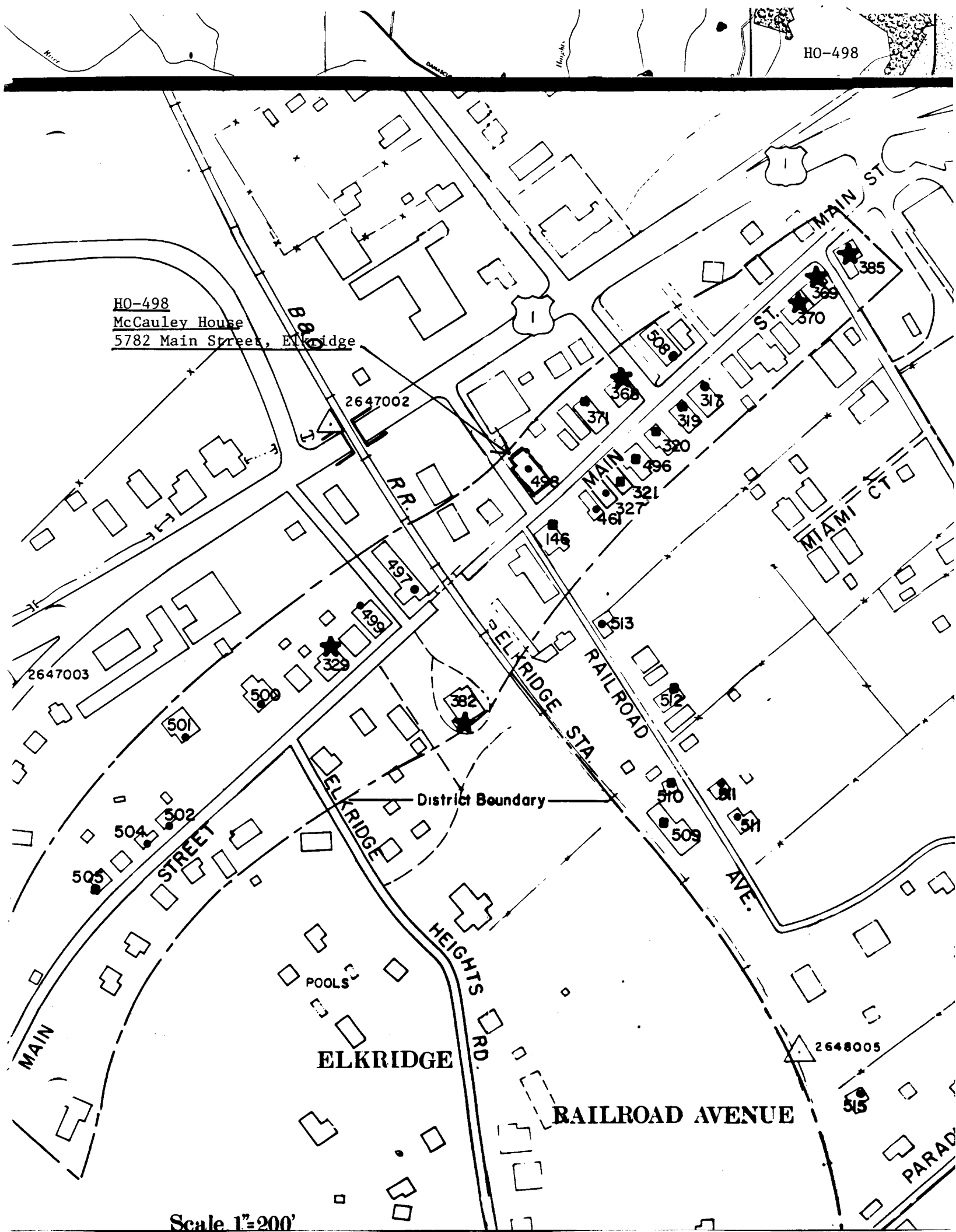
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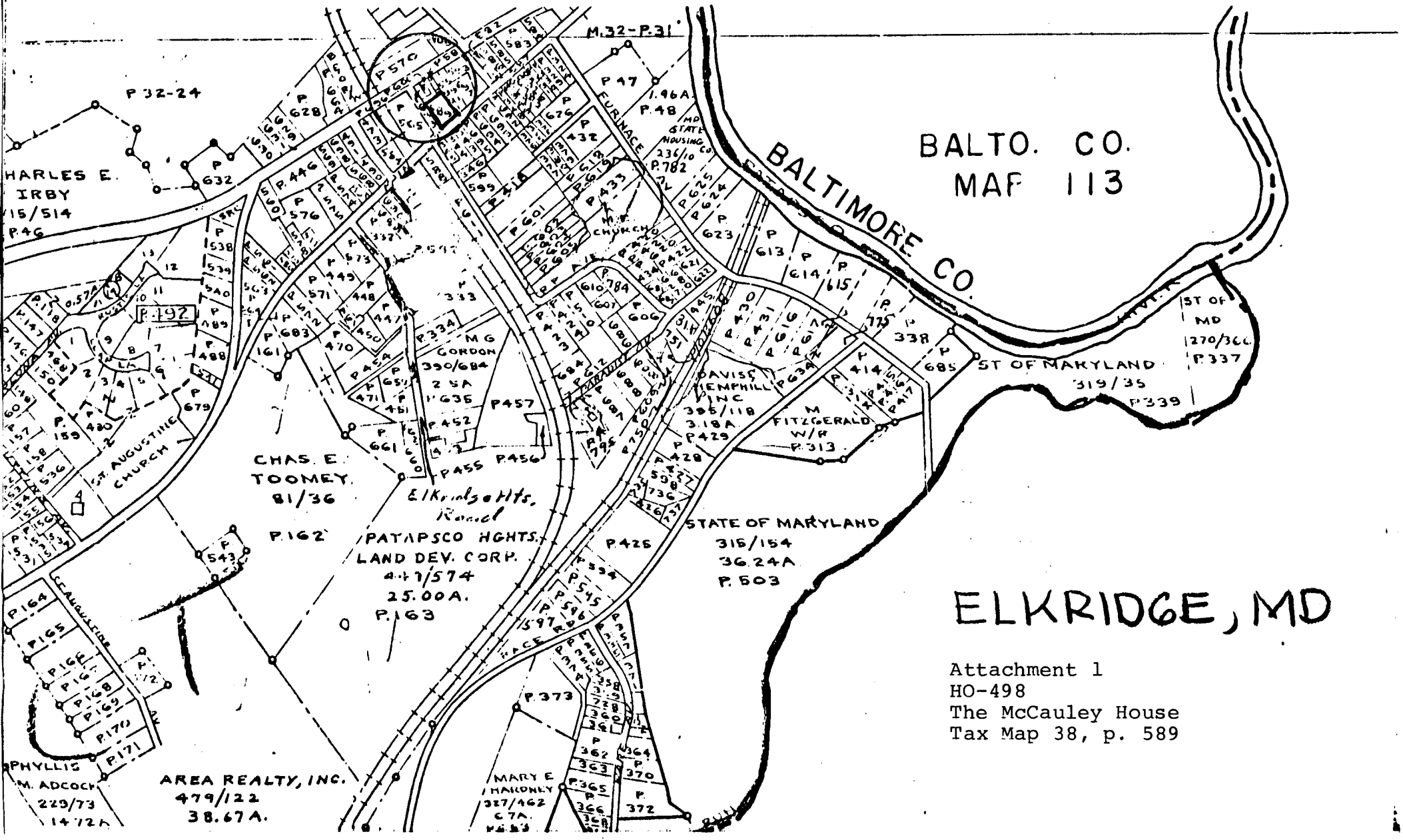


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Attachment 4
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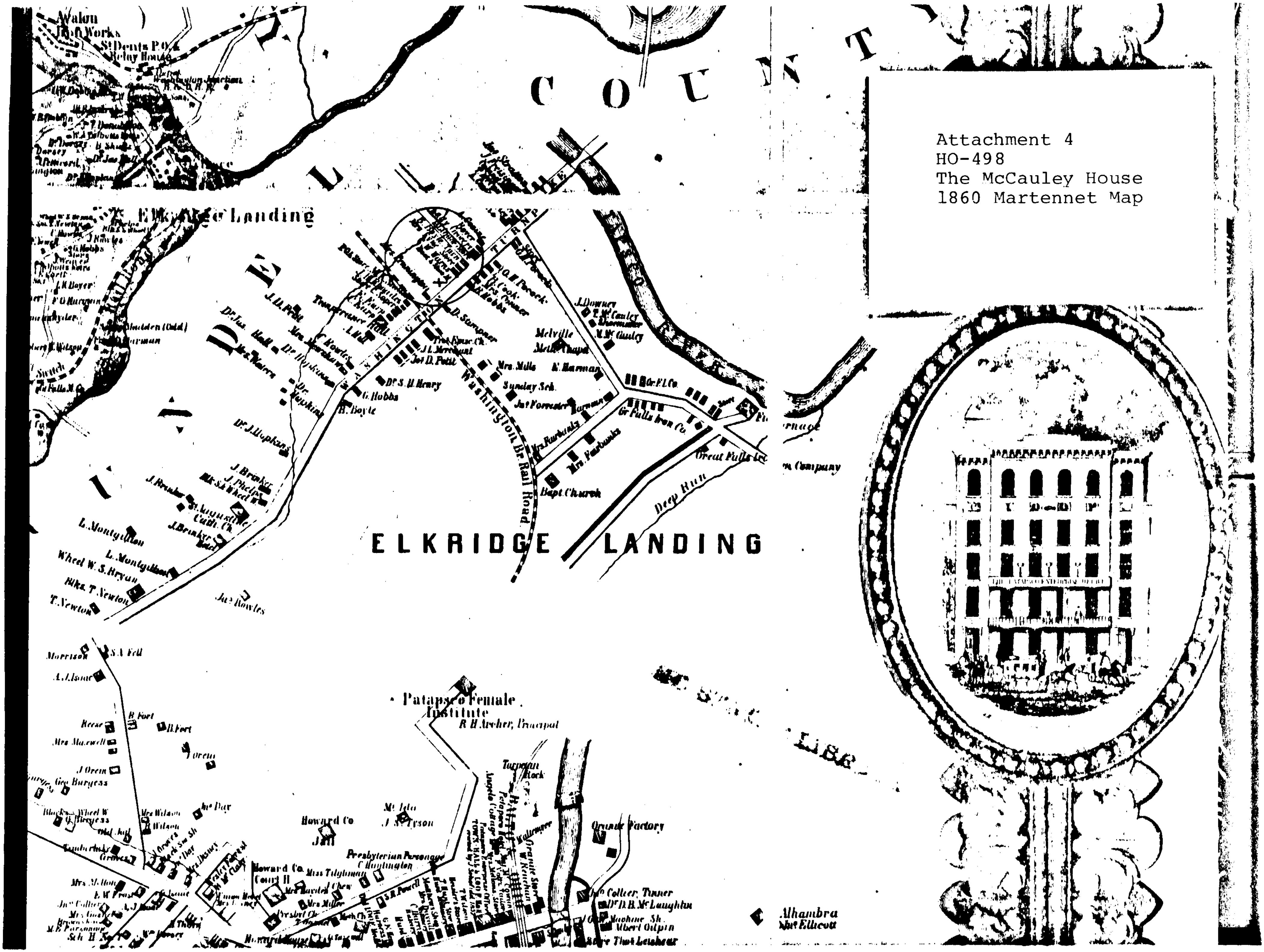
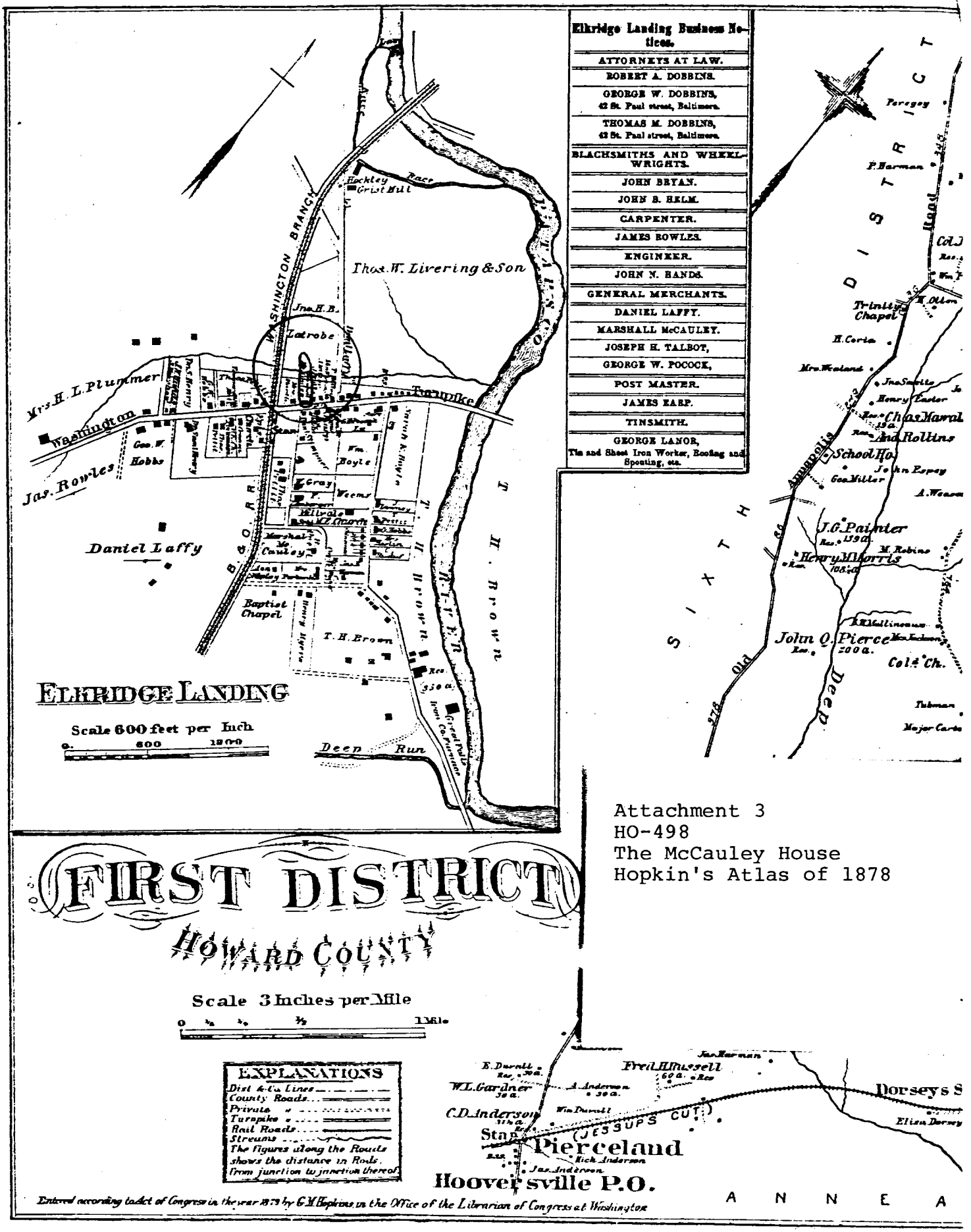
The McCauley House
1860 Martennet Map






Attachment 3
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The McCauley House
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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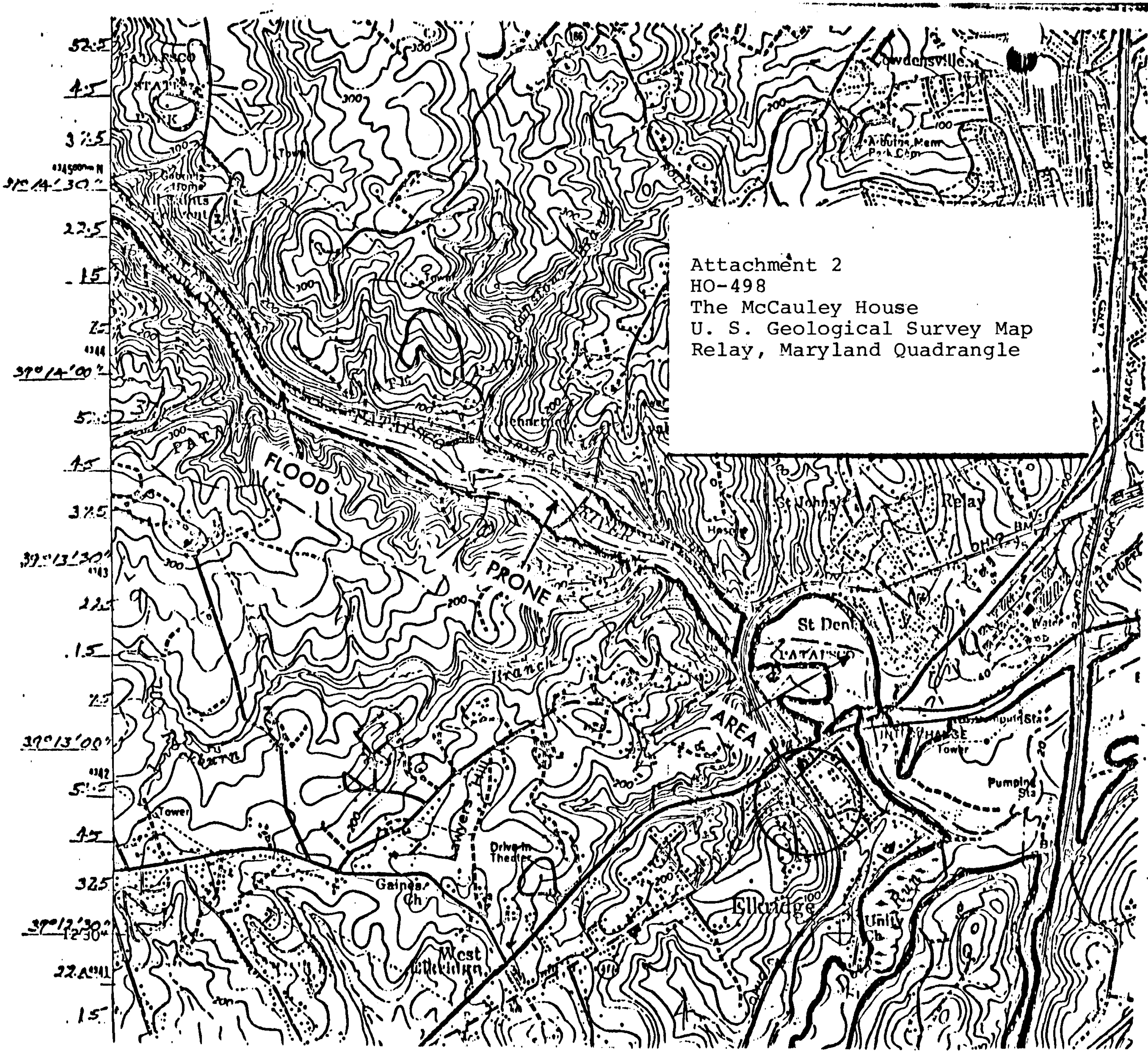
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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The McCauley House
N.E. Corner of Main St &
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