HO-505, Dr. Hopkins House
5858 Main St., Elkridge
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill
April 2003

ADDENDUM

Section 3. Owner of Property

Pamela Mooney
5858 Main Street
Elkridge, Maryland 21075

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 3844, Folio 446
Tax map 38, Parcel 580

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

Section 7. Description

Condition: Very good
Date: ca. 1830-1840

This interesting two story, four bay brick building faces south on the north side of Main Street close to the western edge of the survey district. Originally one room deep, the building has a side gabled roof pierced by a massive interior central brick chimney. A corbelled brick cornice is nearly hidden by a modern gutter, and jack arches on the first story openings are obscured by a later porch. Jack arches are also found on the basement windows on the east and west facades. The building is constructed of 5:1 common bond though it is often irregular. Second story original 6/6 double hung windows on the front façade are vertically aligned above the first story openings. Two entries in the end bays on the first story of the front façade appear to be original; the existing glazed and paneled doors are not. The two windows on the first story in the middle two bays are 2/2 double hung units. A single story full width hipped roof front porch is not original to the building and has been extensively altered recently with the replacement of the posts, balustrade, and floor with modern lumber. The east and west facades are blank on the first and second stories but have 6/6 windows in the basement level and 1/1 windows in the gable ends. These 1/1 windows are not original but there is no obvious evidence that the openings are not original. The building has, however, been painted several times making it difficult to discern differences in brick and mortar color that would indicate a change or alteration. In fact, the presence of finished space in the attic would necessitate windows for natural light. A two story shed roofed frame addition on a rusticated

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concrete block foundation is located on the north (rear) façade of the building and dates to 1928 according to the current owner. The profile of a corbelled brick cornice on the south façade matching the one on the front façade is still visible on the east elevation, though the cornice itself has been covered by the later addition. The building is currently painted white and has an asphalt shingle roof.

An initial glance at this house could easily lead to the assumption that this was originally constructed as a double house. However, a cursory inspection of the interior seems to suggest otherwise. As originally constructed, the building had two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs and finished space in the attic. There is no central hall or stair. The tight winder stair to the second floor ascends from the right rear corner of the west-most room behind the chimney stack. A very small landing is located at the top of the stair and then there is another step up on either side into each room. Another even tighter winder stair to the attic is located in the right rear corner of the west-most second floor room (stacked above the main stair). The attic space is currently divided in half so that only the half that the stair ascends into is accessible. The other half of the attic is accessible only through a hatch in the ceiling of the other second floor room. The presence of windows in both gable ends however, suggests that the entire attic was originally useable. Whether it was originally divided at all is unknown. The walls on both the first and second floors and in the attic are plastered and all the original wood floors are exposed. The mantle in the parlor is missing and the fireplace is closed but the mantle in the other first floor room (very simple wood Federal/Greek Revival transitional) may well be original.

This property is noted on the 1860 Martenet map as belonging to Dr. Hopkins and according to the current owner, the eastern-most first floor room was used as his doctors office necessitating the separate entrance door. This is a plausible explanation for the existence of two front doors on what was obviously only meant as a single family dwelling. Additional research on both the building and in historical records would need to be done to determine the validity of this explanation.

Based on the corbelled brick cornice, steeply pitched roof, massive central chimney, and interior details, it seems likely that this building was built ca. 1830-1840. The building is currently a private residence and is in very good condition.

Section 11. Form Prepared by

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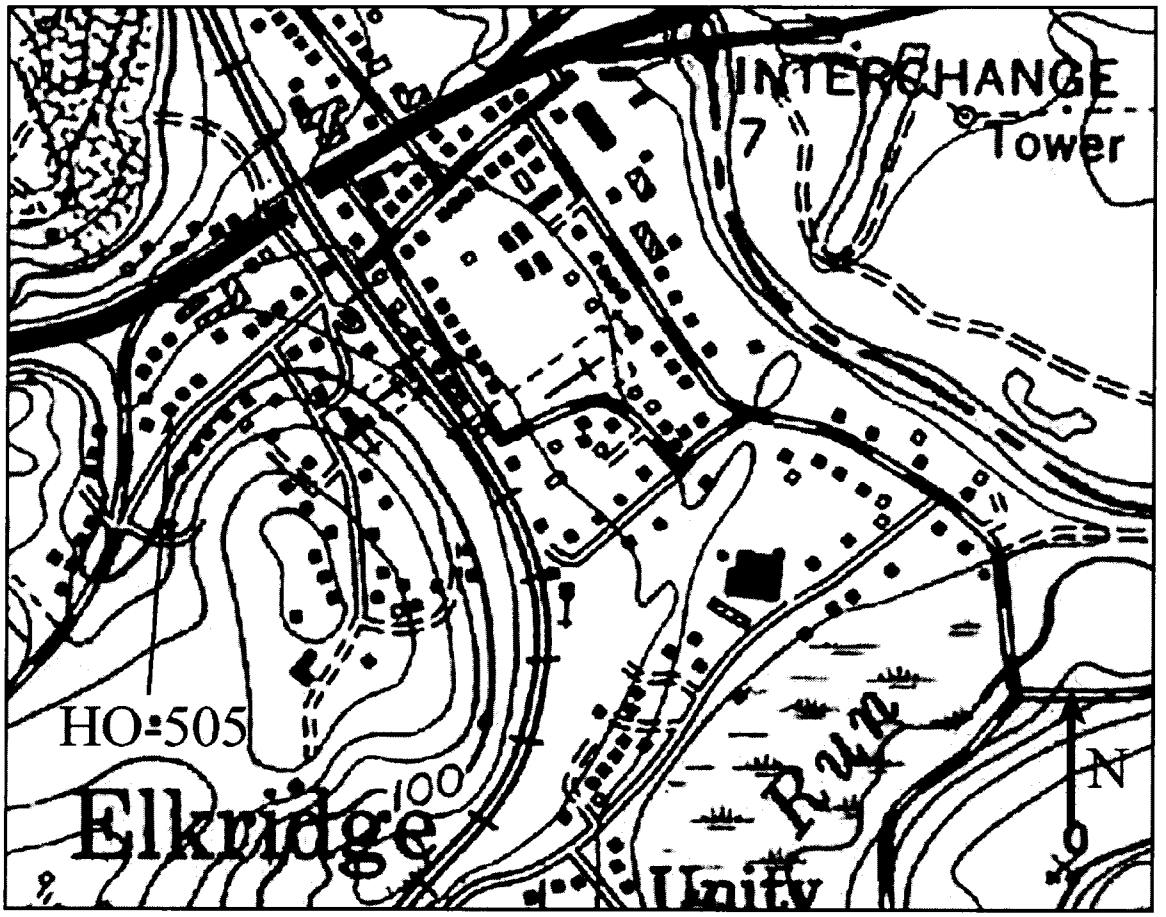

HO-505, Dr. Hopkins House
Elkridge, Howard County, MD
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)

HO-505, Hopkins House
5858 Main Street, Ellicott City Historic District
Howard County, MD
Kristin Hall, 4/03
Negative at MDSHPO
Southeast elevation

1 of 1

HO - 505 Circa 1840
The Dr. Hopkin s House
Elkridge
Private

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It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) house, resting on a stone foundation with wide, deep, central brick chimney and a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, shed roofed addition, resting on a cinder block foundation, running along the west half of its north wall.

A one story high, shed roofed screened in, semi-enclosed porch runs along the east half of the north wall, with a long wooden open staircase leading down to the back yard.

SOUTH ELEVATION

One wide stone step leads to the wooden landing of a one story high, hipped roof open porch, supported by four wooden doric columns, which covers the two end bay rectangular, one light entrance doors, surmounted by one light transoms. Two rectangular, first floor, double-hung windows rest in the two central bays. They hold two-over-two lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills, decorated with green shutters. Evidences of stretcher brick, flat arched lintels are seen beneath the grey paint of the house.

The south facade features vertically aligned, proportionally scaled fenestration. Second floor windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills.

Noted on the 1860 Martennet Map, its scale and proportion, as well as its exceptionally deep stone and brick chimney, point to the early decades of the nineteenth century or earlier.

HO - 505
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI# 1405055404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
The Dr. Hopkins House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
5858 Old Washington Blvd. (Main Street)

CITY, TOWN
Elkridge

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X 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
Charles A. & Catherine A. Fuchs

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
5858 Old Washington Blvd.

CITY, TOWN
Baltimore

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Tax Map 38 blk 8 p. 580

Liber #: 16
Folio #: 146

Hall of Records

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 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	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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EAST & WEST ELEVATIONS OF THE BRICK HOUSE

The elevations are similar, holding a ground floor window similar to those described, holding six-over-six lights and surmounted by a stretcher brick flat arched lintel. That on the east elevation is shuttered.

A similar, rectangular attic window rests above on each elevation, but is decorated with a header brick, flat lintel.

A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, shed roofed, frame (covered with asbestus shingles) addition, resting on a cinder block foundation, runs along the west half of the building's north wall.

The north elevation of this addition holds a four light, rectangular, ground floor entrance with two first and second floor, rectangular double-hung windows above, holding six-over-six lights.

The west elevation of this addition holds a similar ground floor and first and second floor window.

Eleven wooden steps lead to the landing of the one story high, shed roofed, semi-enclosed, screened-in entrance porch which runs along the east side of the building's north wall.

A rectangular, cross paneled cellar entrance rests beneath this porch landing, set into the brick section's north wall, with a shuttered rectangular window placed west of it.

A first floor, four-over-four light north window is vertically aligned to the cellar window and to a six-over-six light, second floor window above.

The building is notable for its scale and proportion.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	X 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	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1840 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dr. Hopkin's House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as a fine example of a two story high, four bay wide, gabled roof, brick building of the early to mid-nineteenth century. Its fine proportions and scale make this compact, well constructed building one of the most notable along Main Street, Elkridge. Fine brick work is indicated in the stretcher brick, flat-arched lintels, which decorate the windows of the south facade and the ground floor windows on its east and west walls.

Not only is it notable individually for its integrity, which is unimpaired by the first floor, hipped roof open porch on the south facade, but additionally, it provides a strong architectural anchor to this end of the north side of Main Street.

Historically, the building is also significant, noted on both the 1878 Hopkin's Atlas and the 1860 Martennet Map. The property of Joel Hopkins is also referred to in an old deed conveyed from James and Anne Hill to Joseph Mewshaw in 1848. (8-499)

Of historical and architectural merit, the Dr. Hopkin's House should be included in any historic district proposal, National Register or local district, initiated by the citizens of Howard County, should its owners so desire.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land Records of Howard County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 lots

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map #38

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 16 Folio 146

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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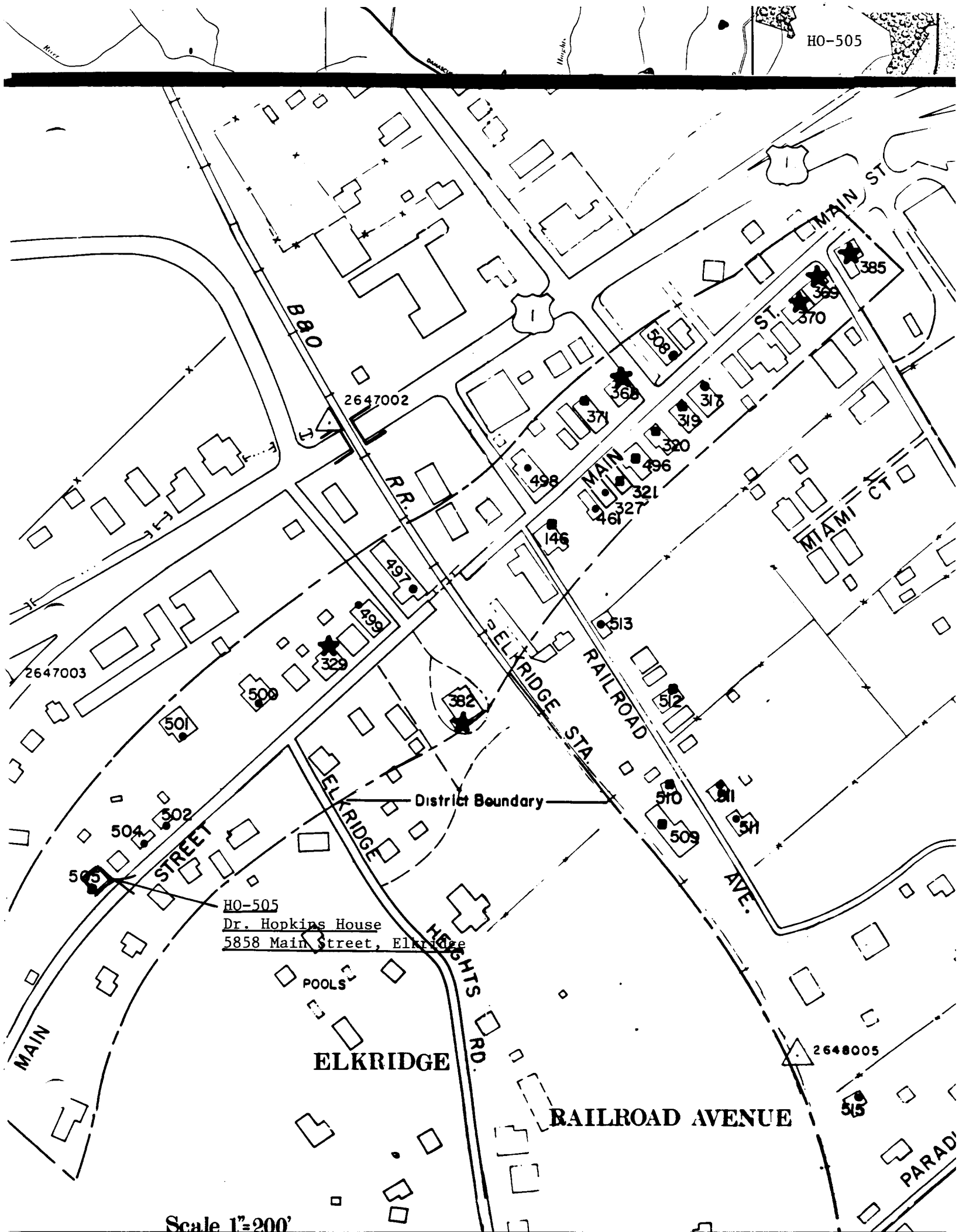
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ATTACHMENT 1
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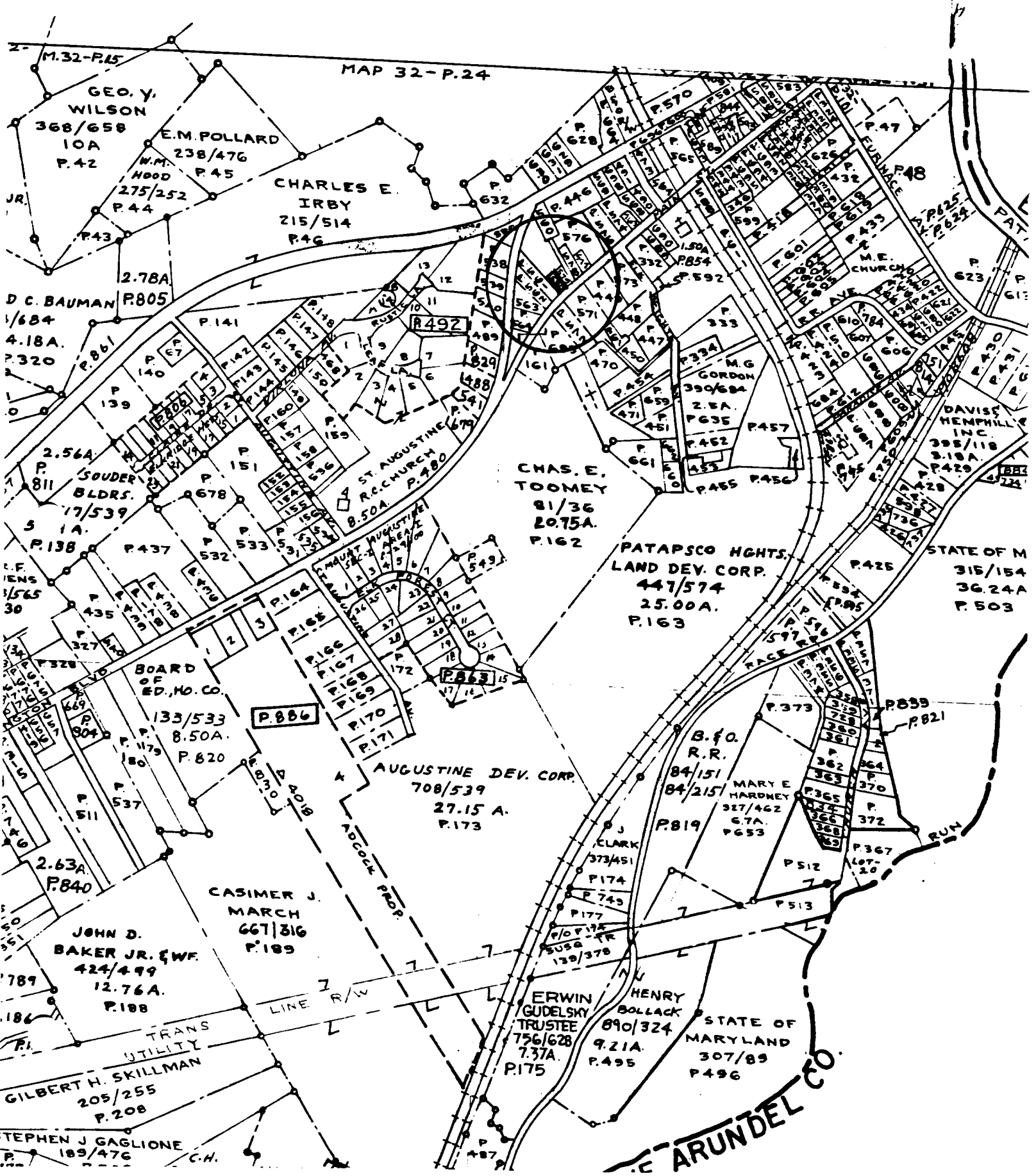

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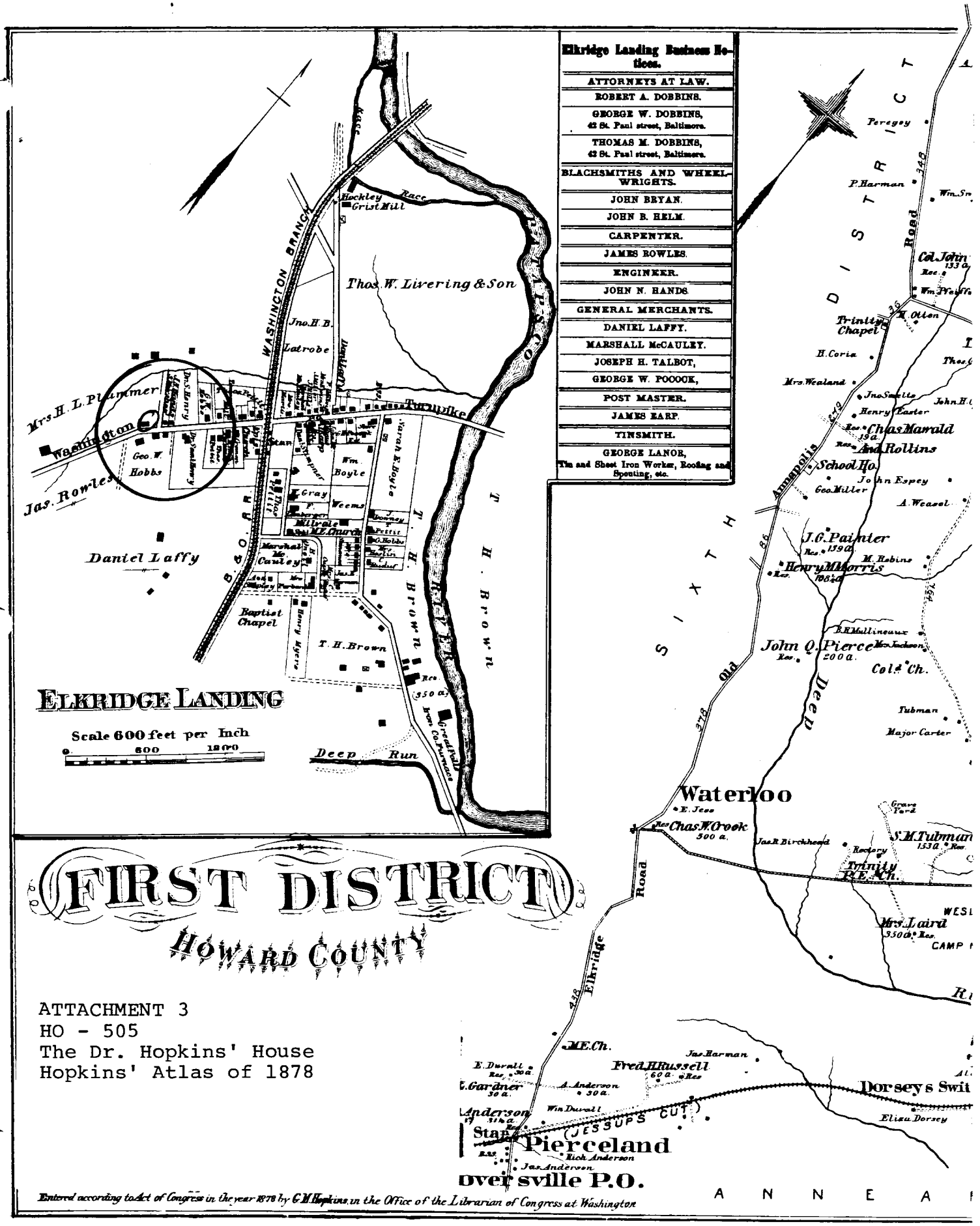
The Dr. Hopkins' House
Martennet Map of 1860



FIRST DISTRICT

HOWARD COUNTY

ATTACHMENT 3
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The Dr. Hopkins' House
Hopkins' Atlas of 1878

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(ELLICOTT CITY)

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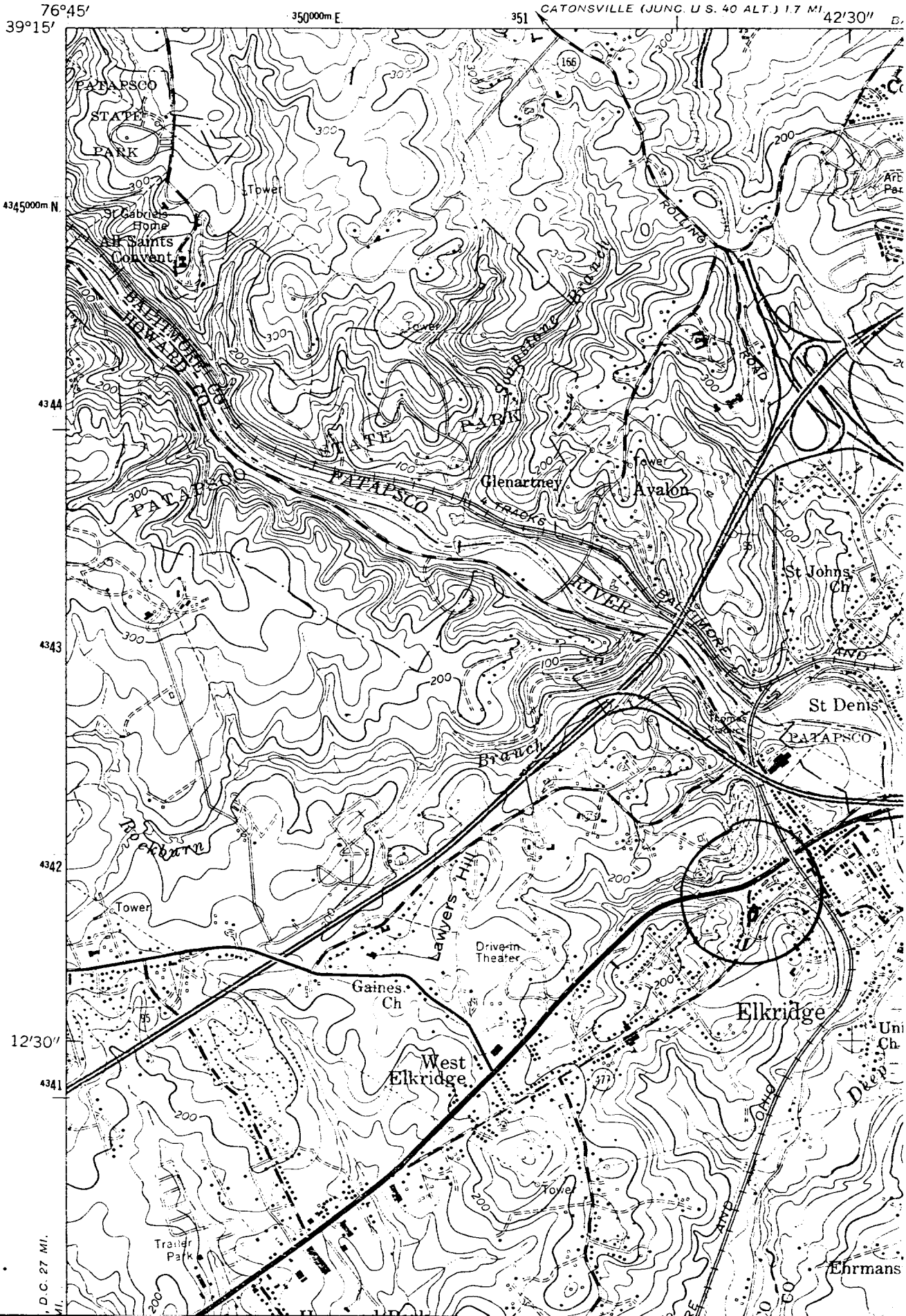
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Attachment 2
HO-505
The Dr. Hopkins House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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