HO-518, Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses
5676, 5678, 5682, 5696, and 5698 Furnace Avenue, Elkridge
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill
March 2003

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Section 3. Owner of Property

Thomas and Barbara Palacorolla (owns 5676 and 5678 and 5696 and 5698 Furnace)
12183 Triadelphia Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Richard Hodges
5682 Furnace Avenue
Elkridge, MD 21075

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 2316, Folio 185 (5676 and 78)
Liber 4593, Folio 289 (5682 Furnace)
Liber 6240, Folio 666 (5696 and 98)
Tax Map 38, Parcels 421, 620, 422

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

Section 7. Description

5676 and 5678 Furnace Avenue
Condition: Good

This property was recorded, along with the two frame buildings to the south, as the Shinnamon Three Frame Houses in the 1970's and given one inventory number. All three of the houses have the same form and all were originally double houses. This two story four bay frame structure sits on a stone foundation facing east on the west side of Furnace Avenue. The main block of the house is two rooms deep and has a side gabled roof with a large central cross gable on the front. A large brick chimney emerges from the center of ridge of the asphalt shingle roof and serves both halves of the house. The front entrances into the two halves are located in the center two bays; neither of the doors is original. The windows on the front façade are 2/2 double hung wood sash, while the windows on the side facades are the original 6/6 double hung wood sash. There is a full size 6/6 window in each gable and a small diamond shaped window in the front cross gable. A single story, full width, hipped roof front porch supported by five square wood posts extends across the front of the structure. The porch rests on brick piers and has a

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wood floor and no balustrade. There are two single story shed roofed additions, on the rear of the building. The structure is currently covered with asbestos siding and is in good condition.

5682 Furnace Avenue
Condition: Good

This two story, four bay frame structure on a stone foundation faces east on the west side of Furnace Avenue, and is flanked on either side by the other two frame double houses listed with the same inventory number. This one is the most intact of the three, although it is now a single family dwelling [according to the 1970's inventory form, this one was originally built as a single family dwelling, but if this is the case the presence of two front doors seems odd]. Like the houses on either side, this one is two rooms deep and has a side gabled roof with a large central cross gable. A central brick chimney at the ridge of the roof originally served both halves of the house. Unlike the structure to the north, this dwelling has all of its original 6/6 double hung wood windows, though some are not in good shape, and cedar shake siding. This is also the only one of the three to still have a standing seam metal roof on both the main structure and the front porch. The porch supports are also the original square wood posts with chamfered corners with spindle bracket decoration. The southern half of the porch has been glassed in but the original supports remain behind the glass. This porch has a solid balustrade clad in cedar shakes. There are full size windows in both side gables (6/6) and the front cross gable (2/2). There are two small single story shed roofed additions on the rear.

5696 and 5698 Furnace Avenue
Condition: Poor

This is the southernmost of the Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses and the one in the poorest condition. It has the same form as the other two: two story, four bay frame dwelling on a stone foundation, two rooms deep with a side gabled roof and a large central cross gable, two entrances in the central two bays. This one has cedar shakes like the house to the north but has an asphalt shingle roof. Some of the original 6/6 windows remain, some are 6/1, and some are missing entirely. There is an entry portico over the central entrance bays only supported by three small square wood supports over a cement floor. But based on the weathering of the cedar shakes on the front of the building, it seems likely that there was originally a full width front porch like the one on the house to the north. There are several single story shed roofed additions on the rear of the house, made of cinderblock, plywood, and tarpaper. The house is currently vacant and in poor condition.

These houses are not shown on the 1860 Martenet map but do appear on the 1878 Hopkins map of Elkridge, so they were clearly constructed during the intervening 18 year

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period. The original form dates the structures to 1866, but based on the (probable) original decorative details remaining on the middle house, a date of ca. 1875 seems more likely.

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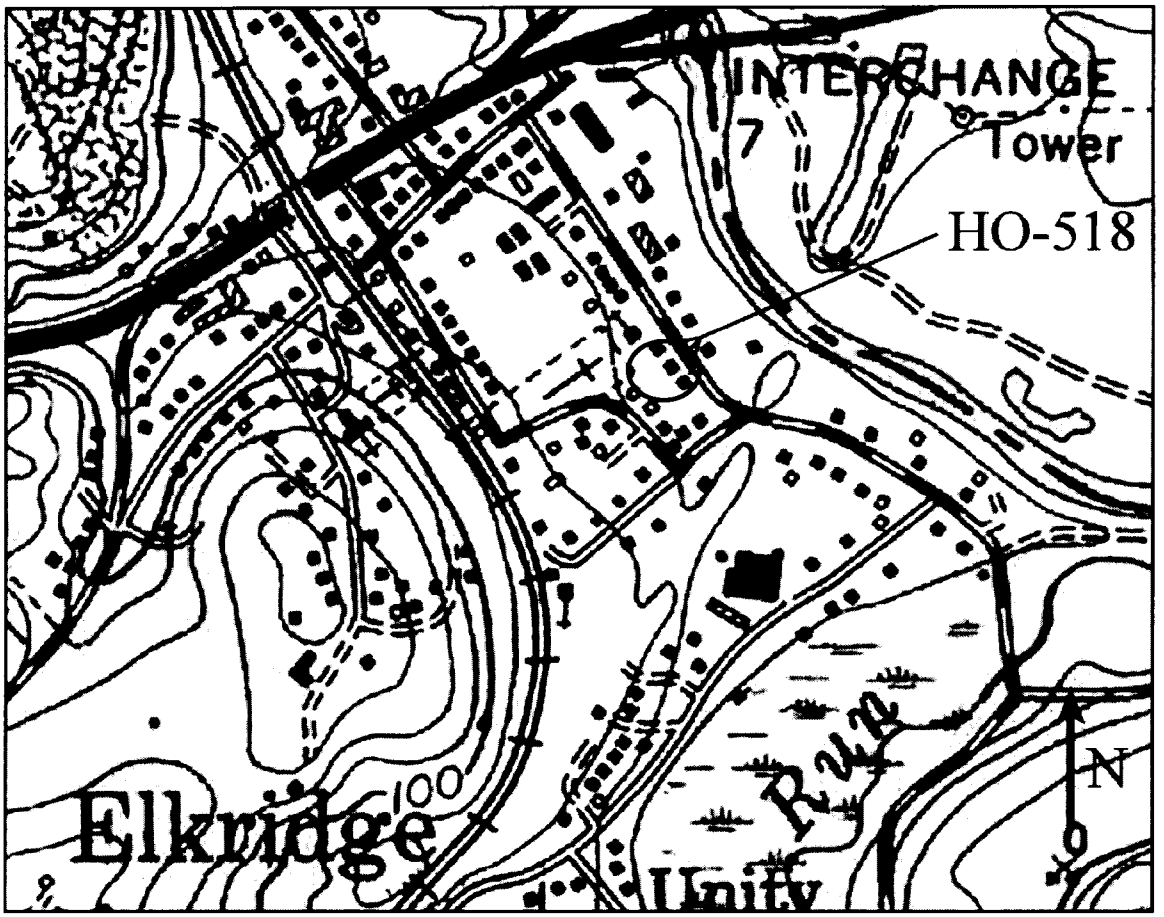

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Elkridge, Howard County, MD
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)

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The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses
Elkridge
Private

circa 1866

The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses face east on the west side of Furnace Avenue, once called Shinnamon Road, one house south of Melville Chapel. They are beginning south, 5698 and 5696, going on to the central house, traditionally occupied by the Shinnamon family, 5682 and 5680, and north 5678 and 5676 Furnace Avenue. Each is a four bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) shingled frame structure, (that on the north is covered by asbestus shingles) resting on a stone foundation, with square brick central chimney and intersecting central attic gable on the east elevation, each holding a diamond shaped one light window, (except the center house, which holds a rectangular, double hung window, with two-over-two lights). Rectangular east entrances are located in the two central bays (covered by a one story high, semi-enclosed porch for the center house and separate shed roofed hoods on the south house). Rectangular west elevation entrances are located in the two end bays, with one story high, shed roofed, open porches, running along the entire west elevation. The central house, occupied by the Shinnamon House, has enclosed this open porch, while the other two houses have frame appendages along their west walls.

The interior plan for each half of each house places a living room and kitchen on the first floor, two bedrooms on the second floor, and another room above in the attic. Staircases, originally enclosed, rise from the end walls of each kitchen. Battenwood doors and random width floors are also interior features.

These houses stand on a part of a tract of land called "Hanover", belonging to Charity Fairbanks, who owned property from Furnace Avenue, once called Shinnamon Road, west to the B & O Railroad tracks and, who sold this part of her holdings in 1866 to Lewis Shinnamon, who shortly thereafter constructed these houses.

HO-518
Dist. 1
MAGI #1409185504

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: The Shinnamon Three Frame Houses

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: ~~1940 Furnace Avenue~~

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: p. 420 Sophie Yadlick
p. 421 Sophie Yadlick

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: 6157 Pine Avenue

CITY, TOWN: Elkridge — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Tax Map 38, p. 420 & 421
Hall of Records

	p. 420	p. 421
Liber #:	416	186
Folio #:	474	508 (d)

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

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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The central house has been occupied by the Shinnamon family, once spelled Schoeneman, since circa 1866, when Ludwig Schoeneman constructed the houses and inhabited this central building as a one family house.

The interior for each half of each house features a living room and kitchen on the first floor, two bedrooms on the second floor and another room, above, in the attic. The central house has traditionally been a one family house, occupied by the Shinnamon family, which in recent years has accommodated two families, the Emory Shinnamons occupying the south half of the building.

The interior features woodwork, composed of fluted pilasters and lintels, joined at their corners by squares decorated with circles, random width floors and batten wood interior doors. Staircases, originally enclosed, are also noteworthy, rising from west to east on the end wall of the kitchen.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

__PREHISTORIC
__1400-1499
__1500-1599
__1600-1699
__1700-1799
X 1800-1899
__1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
__AGRICULTURE
X ARCHITECTURE
__ART
__COMMERCE
__COMMUNICATIONS
__COMMUNITY PLANNING
__CONSERVATION
__ECONOMICS
__EDUCATION
__ENGINEERING
__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
__INDUSTRY
__INVENTION
__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
__LAW
__LITERATURE
__MILITARY
__MUSIC
__PHILOSOPHY
__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
__RELIGION
__SCIENCE
__SCULPTURE
__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__THEATER
__TRANSPORTATION
X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1866 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses, occupying the west side of Furnace Avenue, are significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally, as an example of the construction of early duplexes in American domestic architecture and historically, as the property of Ludwig Schoeneman, commonly known as Louis L. Shinnamon in 1866, who constructed these three double houses, occupying the central house for himself as a one family house.

Architecturally, these double houses differ from Mrs. Mills' Double House, HO-509, located on the west side of Railroad Avenue, a representative of eighteenth or early nineteenth century American architecture.

The Mrs. Mills Double House features two gabled roof dormer windows, on the east and west elevations, which offer light to the attic rooms, while the Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses feature large double-hung end windows, inset into the "A" created by the gable roof, as well as light from the window inset into the central intersecting attic gable. This central intersecting gable is a stylistic element which came into American domestic architecture circa 1860. Presumably the houses were constructed to be occupied as duplexes, with the central house the one family home of Lewis Shinnamon.

The heating for the house was furnished by the kitchen stove, with a square cut into the partition wall between the kitchen and living room, which aids in circulating warm air from one room to another.

The central house was later occupied by Frederick Shinnamon, son of Louis Shinnamon, the builder, who used the front room on the north side of the house for his office as Justice of the Peace.

On September 18, 1911, a plat of the property was filed in Liber 91, folio 532 of the Howard County Land Records. The plat indicates Louis L. Shinnamon at lot #1, in the house south of Melville Chapel, believed to belong to E. Harmon in 1860. The Martennet Map of 1860 indicates such a house south of the Melville Chapel, likely to be this house, occupied by E. Harmon. This house stands today north of the three houses and south of Melville Chapel. Next, the plat of 1911 indicates lots number 2 and 3 belonging to Mrs. Christina Ege, daughter of Louis L. Shinnamon and aunt of Emory Shinnamon, resident of the south half of the central house. Frederick G. Shinnamon in 1911 occupied lots 4 and 5 or the present central house. Here he raised his family of nine children, serving as Justice of the Peace the last eighteen years of his life. In addition, Frederick Shinnamon kept some fifteen dairy cows, furnishing milk for the area for a number of years, as well as horses for mail delivery. This central house is noteable historically, also, as the first to have electricity and telephone service in the area.

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Lastly are lots 6 and 7, the south house, noted on the 1911 plat as owned by Louis Muhler and William H. Shinnamon respectively.

Architecturally and historically significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland, the Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses, in conjunction with the Railroad Avenue Historic District, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places,the State Critical Areas Program, and any local landmarks ordinance the citizens of this area might seek to initiate.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martennet Map of 1860
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Shinnamon, occupants of the central of the three houses, February 17, 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY p. 420 - .28 acres P. 421 - 1ot

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber p.420 416 Folio 474
p. 421 186 508

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.

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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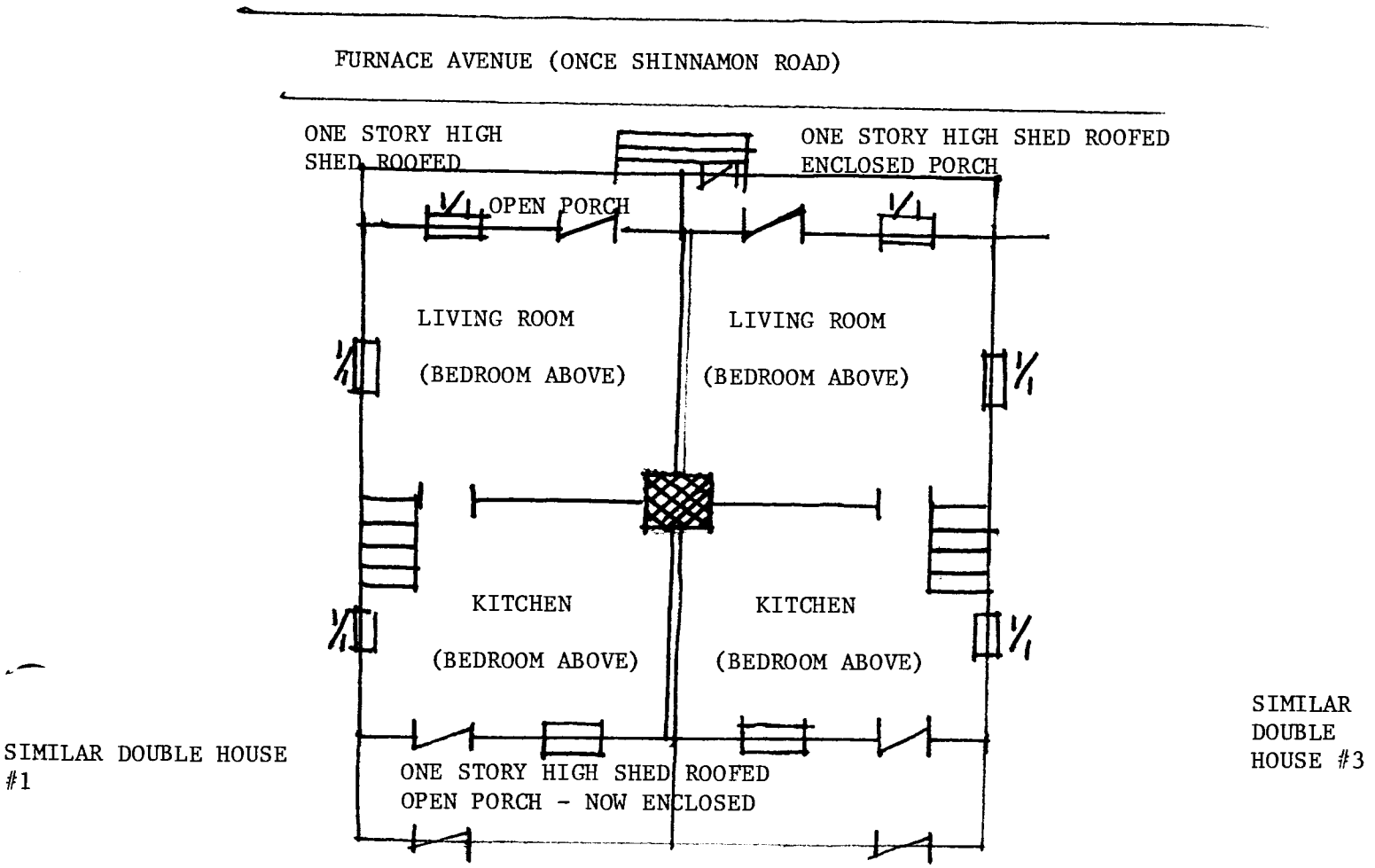

Figure 1
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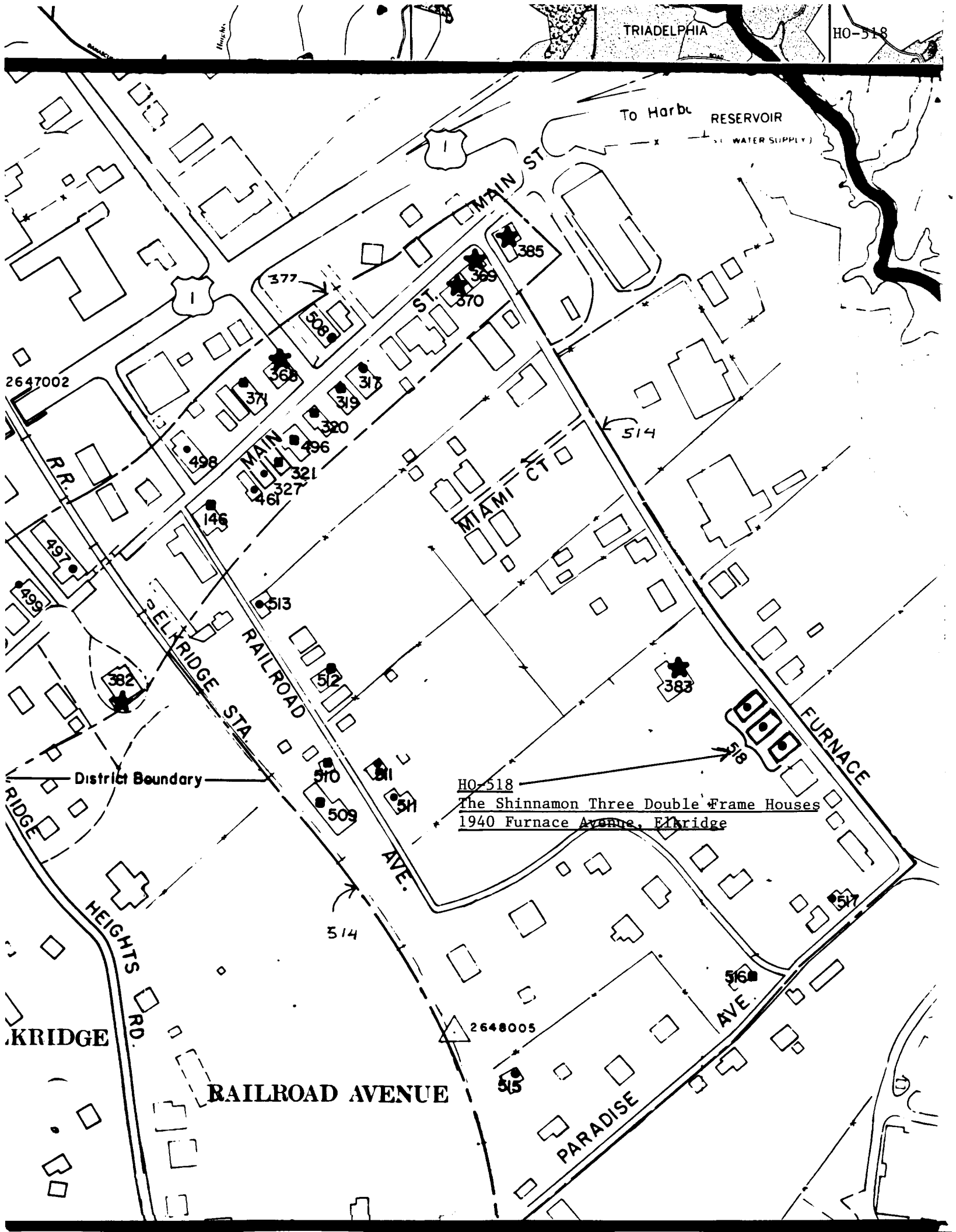
Shinnamon Three Double Houses
First Floor plan of House #2
Traditionally accupied as a
One Family House by the
Shinnamon Family.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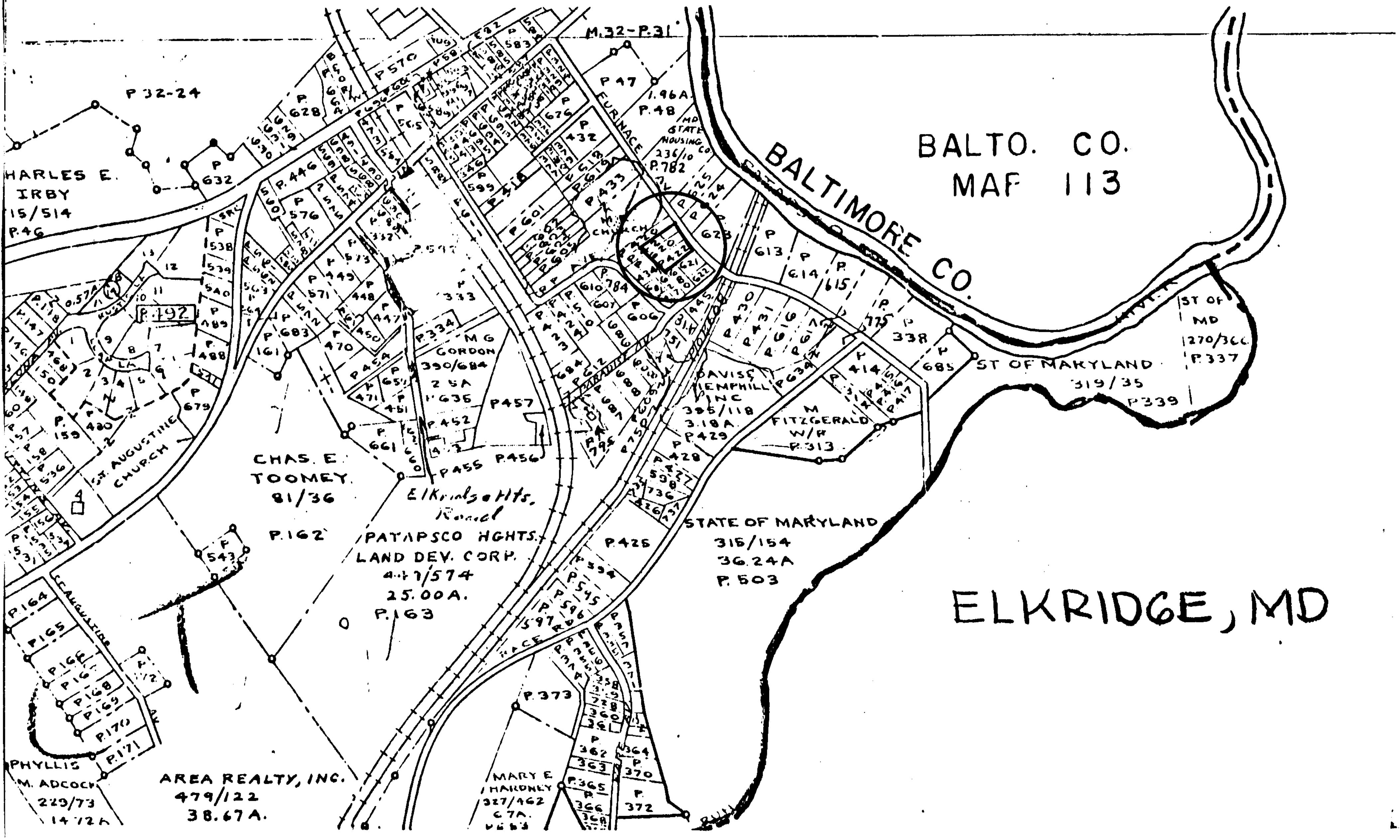

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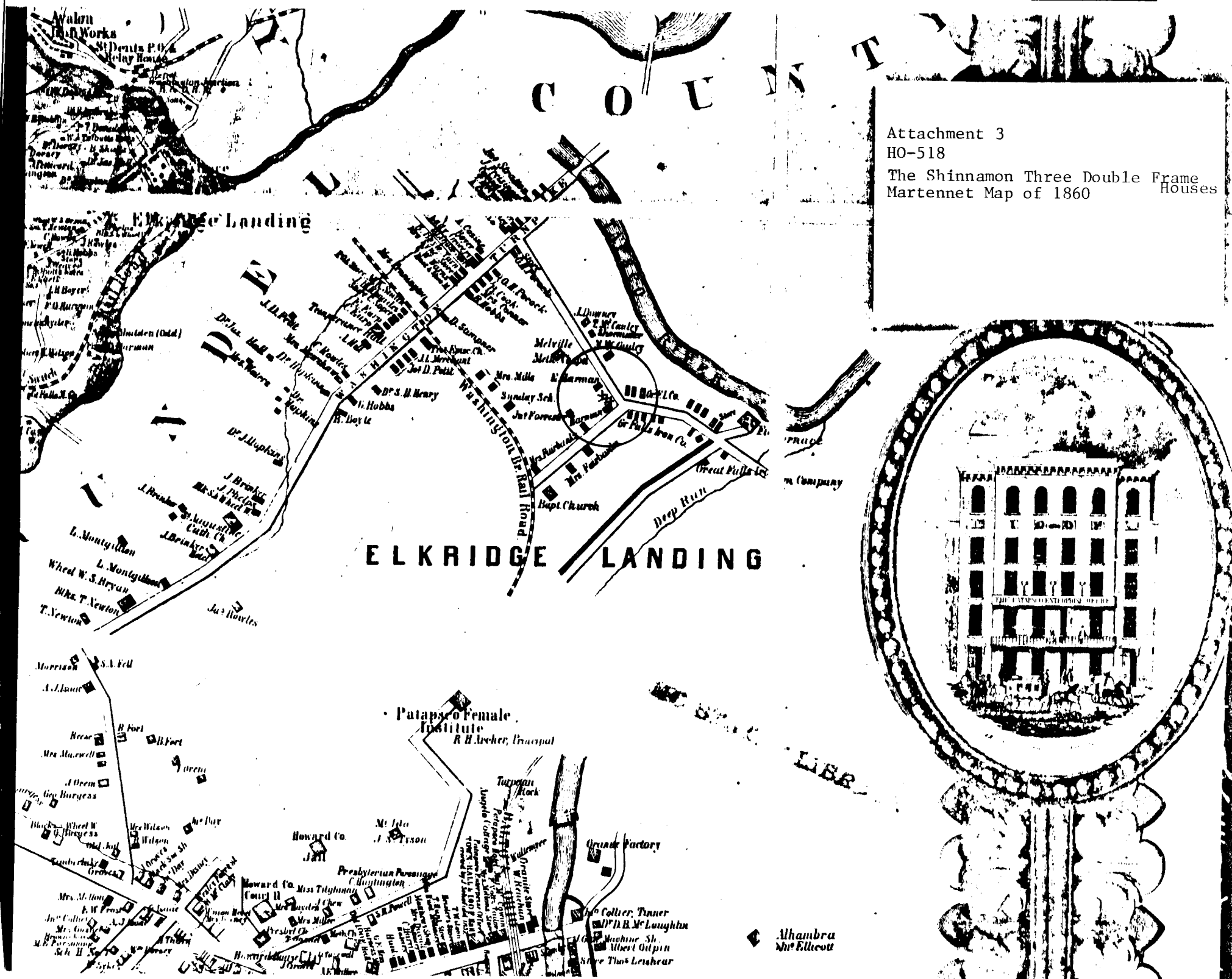
The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses
Martennet Map of 1860



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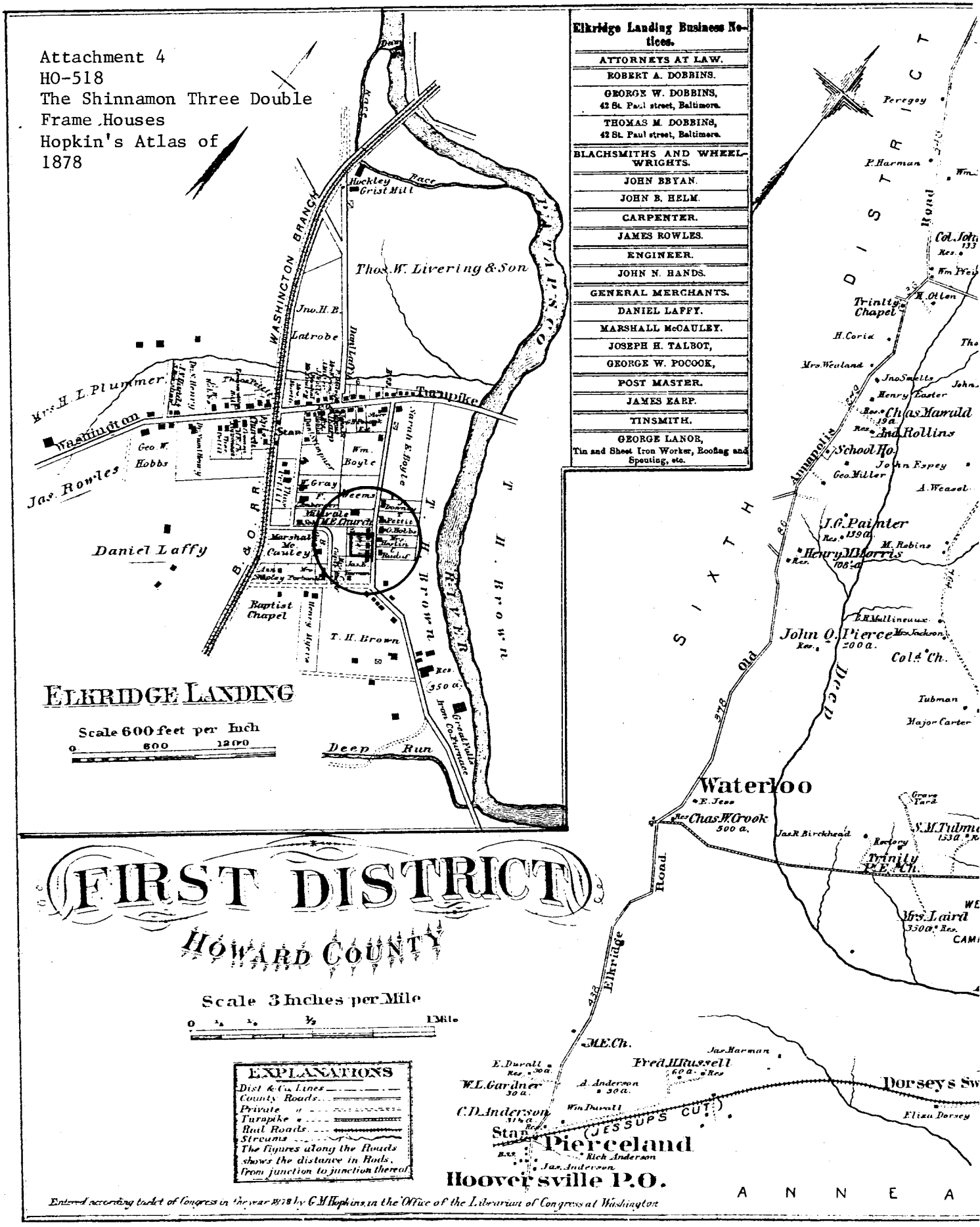
The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



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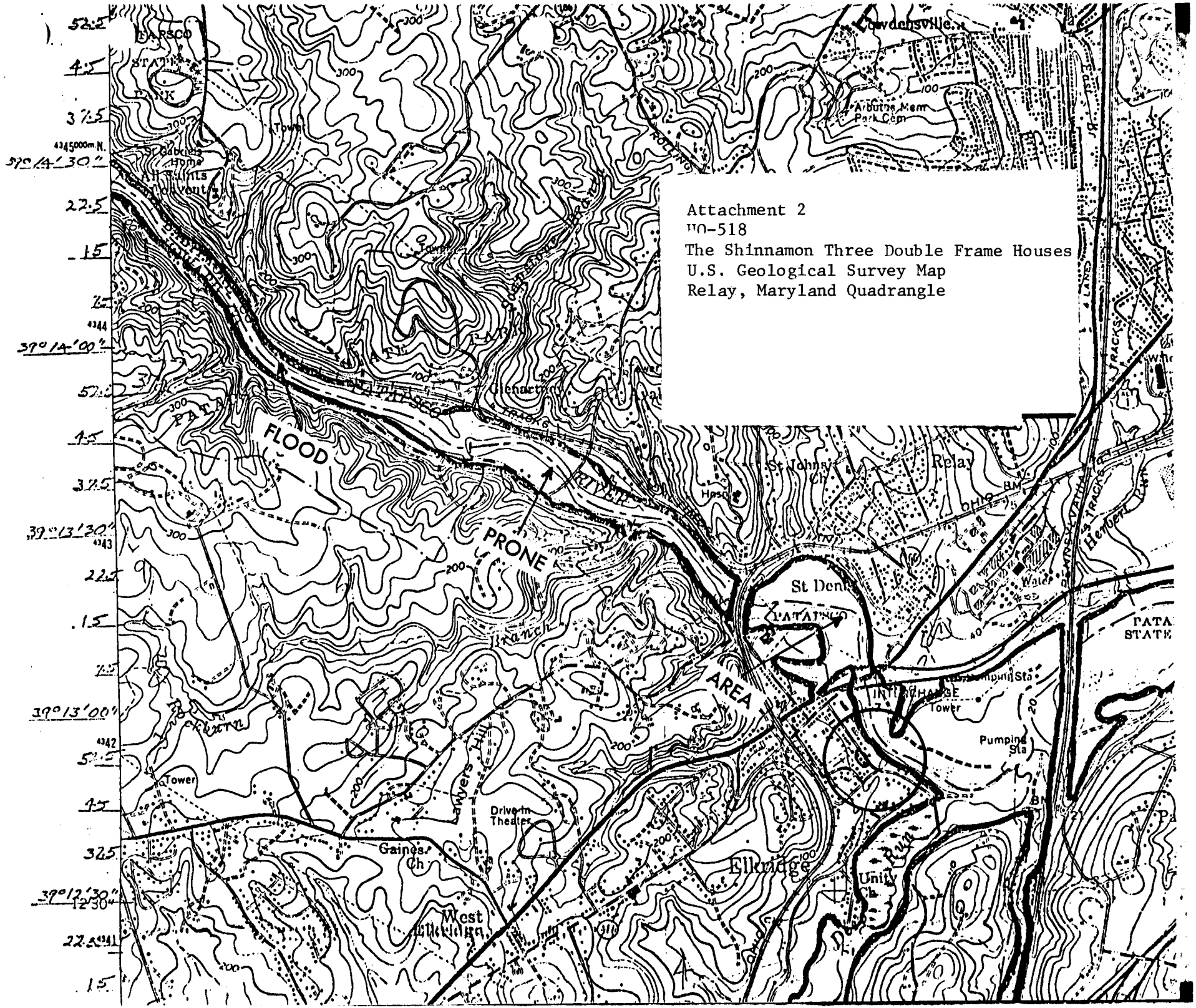
The Shinnamon Three Double Frame Houses
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle



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