HO-519 circa 1856
The Old Rectory of Christ Church
Guilford
Private

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A square brick chimney is inset into the west side of its south wall and a similar exterior chimney centered on the south wall of the building's mid section or south wing.

Rectangular cross paneled entrances are located in the east bay of the front facade, in the east wall of the building's south wing and in the kitchen wing's south wall.

Notable as the old Rectory for Christ Episcopal Church, it was occupied in the mid nineteenth century by a Reverend Berger, after whom Berger Road was named.

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Dist. 6
MPCI # 1405195508

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Old Rectory of Christ Church

AND/OR COMMON: The Reverend Alexander Berger House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 7110 Oakland Mills Road (Corner of Berger Road)

CITY, TOWN: Jessup, ___ 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: Mr. and Mrs. William P. Dorsey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER: 6899 Oakland Mills Road

CITY, TOWN: Columbia, Maryland ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: 21045

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

Tax Map 42, p. 33

Liber #: 17
Folio #: 175

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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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Three cement steps lead to a cement landing along the north wall and the rectangular cross-paneled entrance door, which is located in its east bay. It is surmounted by a three light transom and covered by a one story high, hipped roof, open porch supported by four square posts and two pilasters, which runsalong the entire north elevation.

Fenestration for the entire house is proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills.

Single first and second floor windows are placed in the building's east and west walls with no attic or loft windows.

A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south), German siding frame, south wing (thought to be the original structure), extends from the central and west bay of the building's south wall. A square brick, exterior chimney is centered on its south wall.

A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by three square columns and two pilasters, runs the length of the south wing's east wall. Cement steps on the east and south lead to its cement landing. This wall holds a south of center, rectangular, cross paneled entrance flanked by flat pilasters, surmounted by a flat wooden lintel.

One further section of the building, a one story high, one bay wide, one bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south), German siding, frame kitchen wing has been constructed along the west side of the south wall of the south wing.

A rectangular, cross paneled, kitchen, south entrance is placed west of center, covered by a hipped roof, one story high, portico, latticed on its east and west sides. A six light loft window is centered into the "A" formed by the gable at this elevation.

A shed roofed extension of the gable roof runs along the east wall of the kitchen, apparently original to this section. It holds a six-over-six light window in its east wall.

An examination of the horizontal beams of the German siding, on the west wall, give evidence that the one story high kitchen unit and the two story high south wing were constructed together.

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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 1856 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Rectory of Christ Church is significant to Howard County, the State of Maryland, and the nation. Architecturally, it is an example of nineteenth century, domestic frame American building, while historically it is the old Rectory for Christ Church, the mother church of all the Episcopal churches in Howard County.

Built in a "T" plan, it appears that the south wing and kitchen were first constructed, and very soon afterwards, the front section of the house. It is a totally integrated building, although its original east orientation has been changed to north by the addition of the north wing or front section of the house.

The south wing and kitchen were constructed of log in 1856 for the Reverend Alexander Berger of Christ Church, Guilford, HO-35, denoted on the National Register of Historic Places. The Reverend Berger is remembered for his work in establishing Trinity Church on Washington Boulevard.

In 1871, the logs were covered and the new front section constructed by the Reverend Ogle Marbury, who served Christ Church from 1877 to 1896. The last rector to live in the house was the Reverend G. C. Montgomery. In 1944, Christ Church sold the building to Mr. Seiling, who in turn conveyed it to his nephew, Mr. Dorsey of Oak Hall.

Today the building stands in the middle of an industrial park. It is hoped that the building will be able to remain as a visual element of its significant history.

For these reasons, the Old Rectory of Christ Church should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, should its owners so desire, as well as the State Critical Areas Program.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Private papers of Mr. and Mrs. William Dorsey of Oak Hall.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.759 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 17 Folio 175

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Attachment 1
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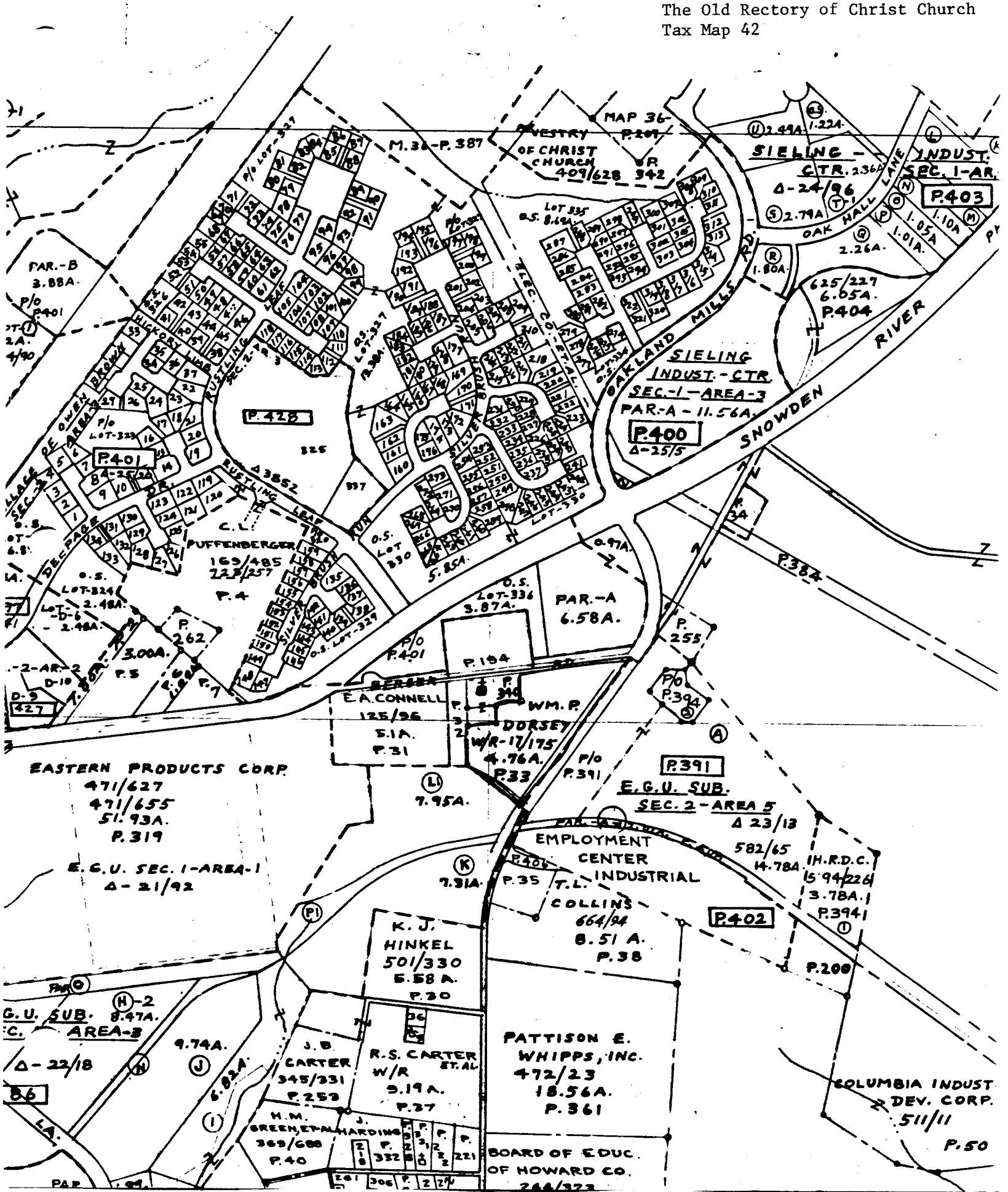
The Old Rectory of Christ Church
Tax Map 42



Attachment 3
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Old Rectory of Christ Church
Martenpet Map of 1860

Attachment 4
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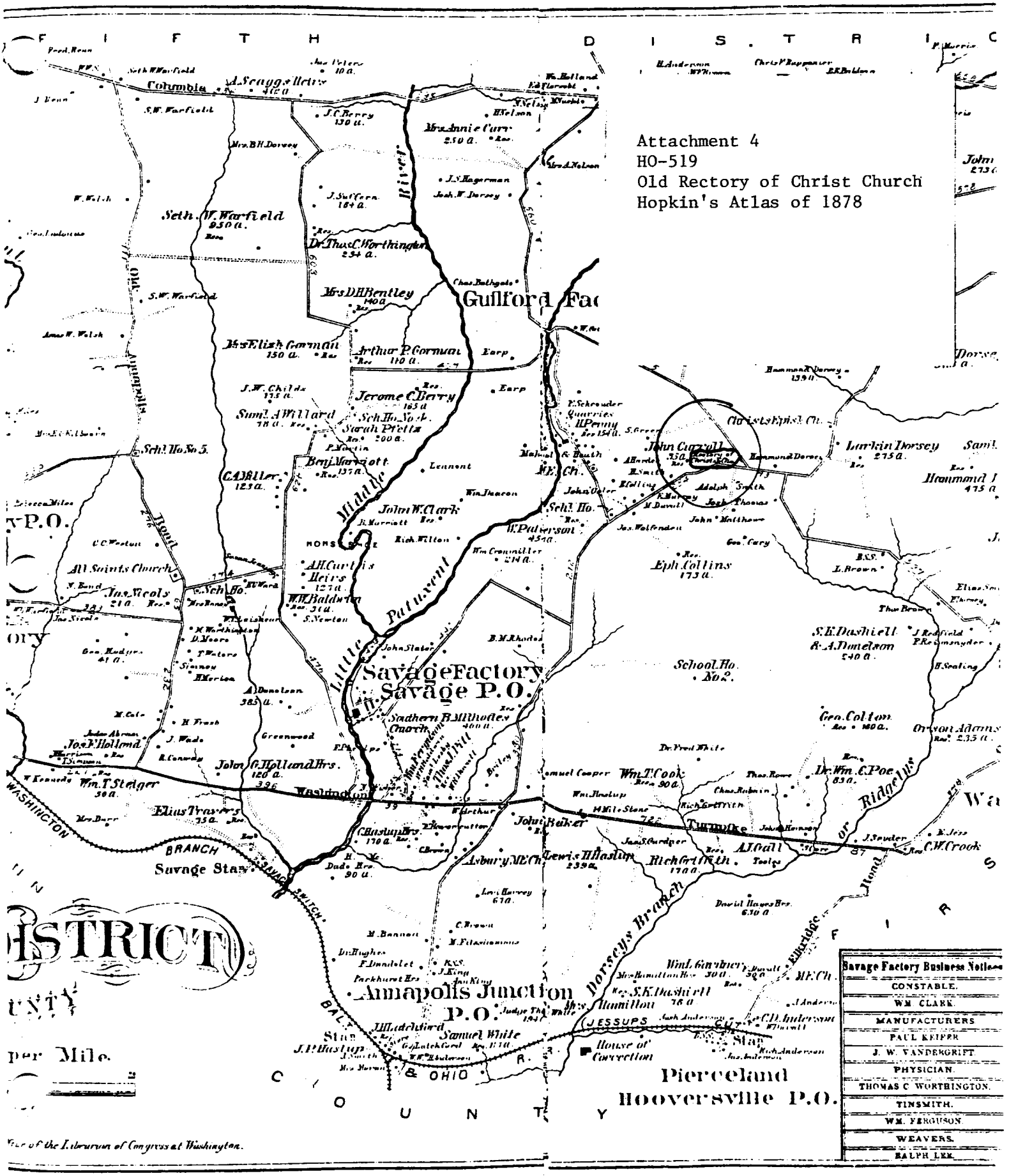
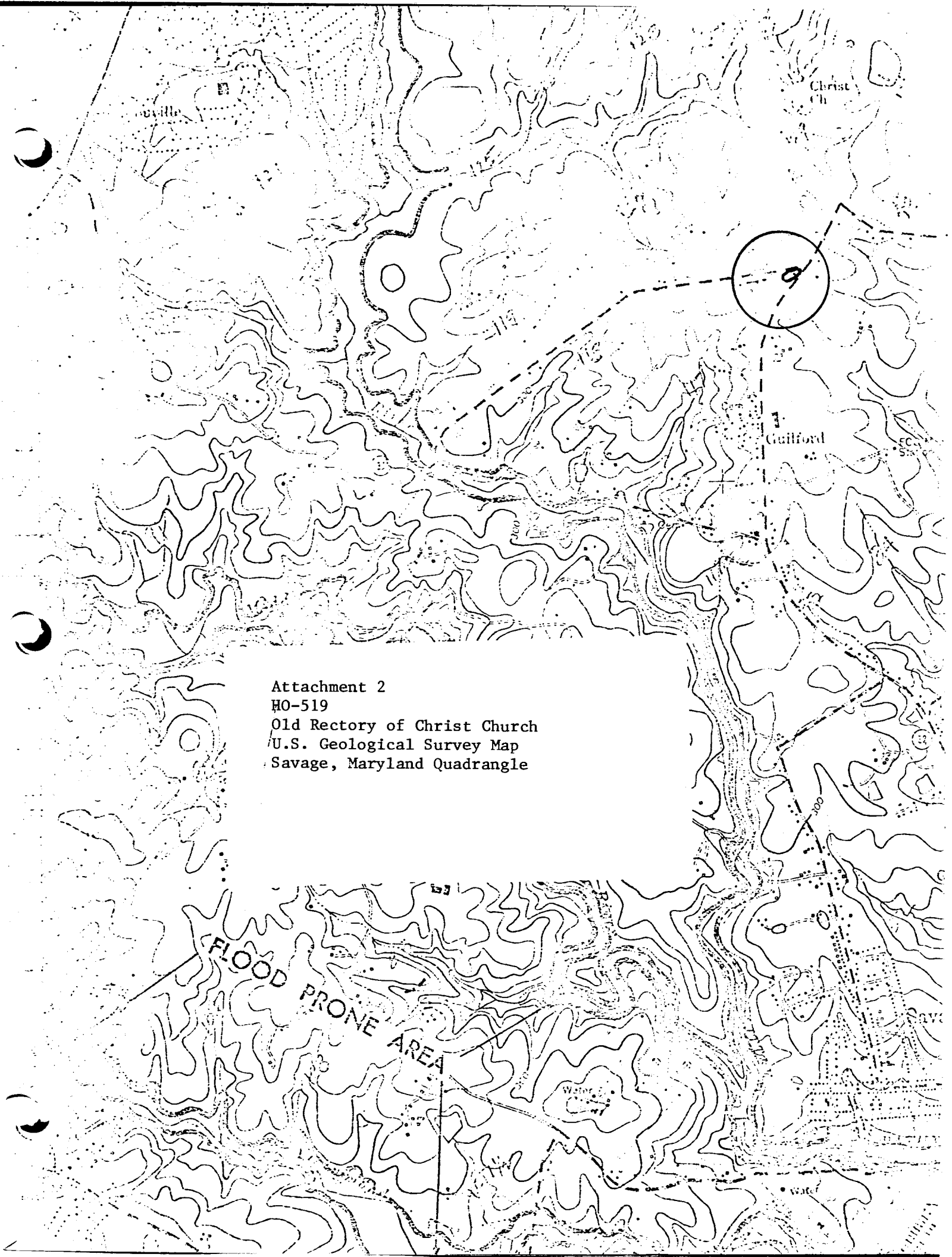
Old Rectory of Christ Church
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878





Attachment 2
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Old Rectory of Christ Church
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle

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