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The William Fralic House — Circa 1800
Ellicott City
Private

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It is believed that the stone section of the house was constructed first and may date back to the 18th century. Narrow, wide, deep granite blocks are found along the northwest corner of this section of the building complex, suggesting that an early alignment of the Old Columbia Pike, some time prior to 1860, may have passed along the northwest corner of this stone house, thus dividing its present stone and log sections and passing through its frame connector.

The stone house is constructed into a deep slope so that its foundation on the east elevation, becomes a first floor and its first floor on this same elevation becomes a second floor.

For descriptive purposes, let us describe this section of the house as a one story house, being a two bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) stone house, resting on a full foundation, with square, brick chimney inset into the center of its south wall.

This stone house is connected to a five bay wide, one room deep, one story high, log-frame dwelling unit, resting on a stone foundation, by a three bay wide, two bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) frame connector.

The building complex is one of the most interesting along Old Columbia Pike, combining stone, log and frame into a unified composition.

Owned by Caleb Dorsey Rogers for many years, its stone section is reputed to date to the eighteenth century and its log section shortly thereafter.

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Dist 2
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The William Fralic House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
3917 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City — 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	X PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	_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. & Mrs. William M. Fralic — Telephone #: 465-2211

STREET & NUMBER
3917 Old Columbia Pike

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City — VICINITY OF — STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Tax Map 25, Blk 13, p. 149 — Liber #: 913 Folio #: 200

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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(See Figure 1)

The stone house is constructed into a deep slope so that its foundation on the east elevation, becomes a first floor and its first floor on this same elevation becomes a second floor.

For descriptive purposes, let us describe this section of the house as a one-story house, being a two bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) stone house, resting on a full foundation, with square, brick chimney inset into the center of its south wall.

EAST ELEVATION OF STONE HOUSE

The east elevation of the stone house holds a south bay rectangular, nine light, batten wood, ground floor, entrance door, surmounted by a flat stone lintel, with a vertically aligned, rectangular first floor window, whose pegged, mortise and tenon sash holds six-over-six lights. The north bay of this elevation holds a similar ground and first floor, vertically aligned window. This building features flat stone lintels over door and window frames and projecting, stone sills underlining the windows.

SOUTH ELEVATION OF STONE HOUSE

The south elevation of the stone house holds two, rectangular, double-hung windows, whose pegged mortise and tenon sashes hold four-over-two lights. This wall reveals fine stone quoining.

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NORTH ELEVATION OF STONE HOUSE

A one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) screened-in porch has been constructed along the north elevation of the stone house. It rests on a granite block foundation. A rectangular, double-hung, attic window, holding six-over-six lights is centered into the "A" formed by the gable at this elevation.

WEST ELEVATION OF STONE HOUSE

Only the north bay of this elevation is uncovered, holding a rectangular, first floor window, similar to those described. The house at this elevation, reveals no foundation, but rests at ground level.

INTERIOR

The interior of the ground level holds a very wide, central, stone fireplace on its south wall and was probably used as the kitchen. A dumbwaiter, located just east of the square brick chimney, sent the food to the first floor at one time.

The first floor is now the kitchen for this notable building complex. Extensive renovation has been undertaken by the present owners of the building, who, in this section, have removed all of the plaster from the stone walls, and opened up the windows. In addition, they have installed a modern kitchen, which is now lighted by two east windows and a west window, with north entrance on to the screened-in porch. Another entrance into the frame connector is located in the south bay of the west wall. (See Figure 1) An enclosed staircase, located in the southeast corner of this section, leads to the attic or sleeping loft for the building. This loft features exceptionally wide, random width, top nailed with square nails, floor boards. The two south windows and one north window of this loft feature pegged, mortise and tenon construction.

This section holds good examples of eighteenth and nineteenth century construction methods, i.e., its pegged mortise and tenon window sashes and its wide random width, tongue-and-groove floor boards, as well as a good example of how stone houses were built into the slope of the land.

THE LOG HOUSE

The log house lies west of the stone house, connected now by a frame addition. The log house is believed to have been constructed in two sections and to have been two full stones high, but a fire circa 1910 destroyed the top floor and it is now a one-and-a-half story high, three bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) log (covered with German siding) house, resting on a stone foundation, with wide brick chimney centered into its south wall.

Originally the log building featured a central bay, east and west, rectangular, cross-paneled entrance door, flanked by end bay, rectangular,double hung, six-over-six light windows. The west door remains. The east entrance now has become a rectangular, six-over-six light, staircase window, for the open staircase, which runs along the east wall of the one large, log, living room. A ceiling joist, holding the second floor, between the central and north bays of the log building reveals a possible, early partition of the building into two downstairs rooms. The interior walls of the log house have been plastered and hardwood floors installed, as well as a fine wooden mantle piece, for the brick fireplace, featuring flat pilasters and deep architrave, placed in the center of the room's south wall.

THE FRAME ADDITION

Very early a two bay wide, one room deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with German siding) addition was constructed along the south wall of the log house. This forms a very large first floor master bedroom, lighted by two south and west windows, with a north entrance into the log section and an east entrance into the frame connector. The room features an unusually fine wooden mantle piece for the central fireplace located on the south wall. The mantlepiece features a deep architrave decorated with a large, central oval.

The loft above this bedroom holds one large room, lighted by two, rectangular, two - two light casement windows.

WEST FACADE OF LOG-FRAME SECTION

The facade of this log-frame house holds a rectangular, cross paneled entrance door, in its second north bay, flanked by rectangular, first floor windows, with pegged sashes holding six-over-six lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills. Two similar, windows are paired together on the south side of this wall. A one story high, shed roofed, open porch, supported by five square posts, runs along this entire elevation.

THE NORTH WALL OF THE LOG SECTION

The north wall of this section holds a rectangular, ten-ten light, french door on its east side and a first floor, rectangular, double-hung, window similar to those described, on its west side. A rectangular, double hung, second floor window, holding six-over-six lights, rests in the "A" formed by the gable. A small section on the east side of this wall has been exposed, revealing the original log construction.

THE EAST ELEVATION

The east wall of the log house holds a first floor, east bay window, similar to those described with a gabled, roof dormer window above, placed in the gable roof on the north side of this elevation. It holds a rectangular, double window, each component a window, similar to those described.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION OF THE FRAME ADDITION

The south wall of the frame addition holds the central, wide brick, exterior chimney, which is flanked by single, rectangular, first floor windows, holding six-over-six lights and two-two light attic casement windows.

ONE AND A HALF STORY FRAME CONNECTOR

Some time prior to 1860 the road bed of the Old Columbia Pike is reputed to have been changed and the stone and log houses connected by a three bay wide, one room deep, one, now one-and-a-half story high, intersecting gable roof (running east-west) frame connector, resting on a stone foundation, with square brick chimnies inset into its east and west walls.

At one time this was one large room (now holding hall, library and bath) with what is believed to have been an open porch, (now a large dining room) running along its entire north wall and a section of its east wall. This porch connected the first floors of the stone house and the frame connector. Such a theory is forwarded due to the fact that the north side of this frame connector's east wall reveals outside German siding, although it is now used as a small service area or hallway between the stone kitchen and the frame connector (See Figure 1).

A small stairway addition was constructed along the south side of the east wall of this frame connector, creating an "L" plan, which was filled in by the open porch, now the enclosed hall or passage just described. (See Figure 1)

The second floor of the frame connector holds a large bedroom, bath and hall. The bedroom takes up a major part of the second floor and is lighted by an east window and a gabled roof, north dormer window.

This unusual building composition of log, stone and frame, now unified into a single family residence, is one of the most interesting buildings along Old Columbia Pike.

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 circa 1806 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Fralic House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as a fine example of a unified composition of log, stone and frame, and historically as a building owned by William Hughes, Commissioner for Howard County, in 1847.

This architectural complex is indeed one of the most charming houses along Old Columbia Pike. It is unique, with separate sections which are believed at one time to have been a stone house and a log house on opposite sides of the Old Columbia Pike. The roadway is believed to have been realigned prior to 1860 and sometime after that, the two houses joined together.

Historically, it is believed that the stone section may date to the eighteenth century, while the log house was constructed shortly thereafter. For many years the building was owned by Caleb Dorsey Rogers, whose wife, at one time, used it for a Tea Room, as well as a residence.

Today, it is being totally and thoroughly restored by Mr. and Mrs. William Fralic.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. William Fralic on April 21, 1980

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.31 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 913 Folio 200

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

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TITLE SEARCH

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DATE	LIBER FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	NO. ACRES
31 Oct 78	913 - 200	Dale R. Carlson & Alys Carlson	William M. & Mary Louise Fralic	1.31 Acres
21 May 46	190 - 78	Dale R. Carlson & Alys Carlson	Henry J. W. Sieling	(Purchase Money Mortgage)
21 May 46	190 - 76	Henry J. W. Sieling	Dale R. Carlson & Alsy Carlson	1.31 Acres
11 Apr 36	154 - 91	Caleb D. Rogers & Elizabeth B. Rogers	Edward A. O'Brian & Julianna S. O'Brian	1.31 Acres
16 Sep 31	142 - 113	Kathleen Sullivan	Elizabeth Rogers & Caleb D. Rogers	p/o 5 acres
16 Sep 31	142 - 111	Elizabeth B. Rogers & Caleb D. Rogers	Kathleen Sullivan	p/o 5 acres
1 Feb 28	133 - 238	Caleb D. Rogers & The Eureke-Md Assurance Corp.	Elizabeth B. Rogers	
25 Nov 22	116 - 329	C. Luther Frank & Wife	Caleb D. Rogers	2 certain lots of land - Lots #14 and #15 of Patapsco View
25 Oct 19	108 - 332	Carnett Y. Clark & Robert Biggs, Trustees	Caleb D. Rogers	"This deed mentions the fact that property was the residence of the late Thomas H. Hunt"
4 Jun 78	39 - 400	Louis Meyers, Mortagee	Thomas H. Hunt	65 acres - 2roads,20 perches

"by virtue of a power expressed in two mortgages to me from Wm. H. Scott and Hannah Scott dated 9 August, 1875 and 7 February 1876"

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DATE	LIBER FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	NO. ACRES
		A public sale on Tuesday, 19 March 1878 was held and the property sold to Thomas H. Hunt for $3,250.		
9 Aug 1875	35 - 452	William H. Scott and Hannah	Lewis Myers of Balto. City	$4,000 mortgage 65 acres 2 roads, 20 sq. perches
30 May 1874	33 - 553	William H. Scott	Thomas H. Hunt	$3,000 mortgage
15 Mar 1867	26 - 340	Elizabeth Hughes, widow of William Hughes	William H. Scott	65 Acres - 2rds, 20 sq.perches
		Note: This deed mentions William Hughes, wife Elizabeth and two children, Sarah Elizabeth Tate and Evan Robert Hughes - Mr. Scott paid $2,000 to Evan Hughes, the son, to share with his sister and mother		
18 Apr 1840	1 - 47	Ellen Williams, widow of Ree s Williams, Evan Hughes, David Williams and Jane Williams, his wife John Anthony & Eliz. Anthony et al	William Hughes - for $10 to Ellen, $10 to Evan Hughes, et al	p/o Tract called Timber Neck and p/o Tract called Littleworth

Note: The verbal boundary describes the third line. "lately fixed by an arbitration in case of Allen Thomas v. Ellicotts.

This deed also mentions Rees Williams, deceased and Ellen Williams as given the property for life, together with all and singular the buildings. . . "

The following family members are mentioned: Evan Hughes, David Williams, James Williams, John Anthony, Elizabeth Anthony, Sarah Ann Hughes

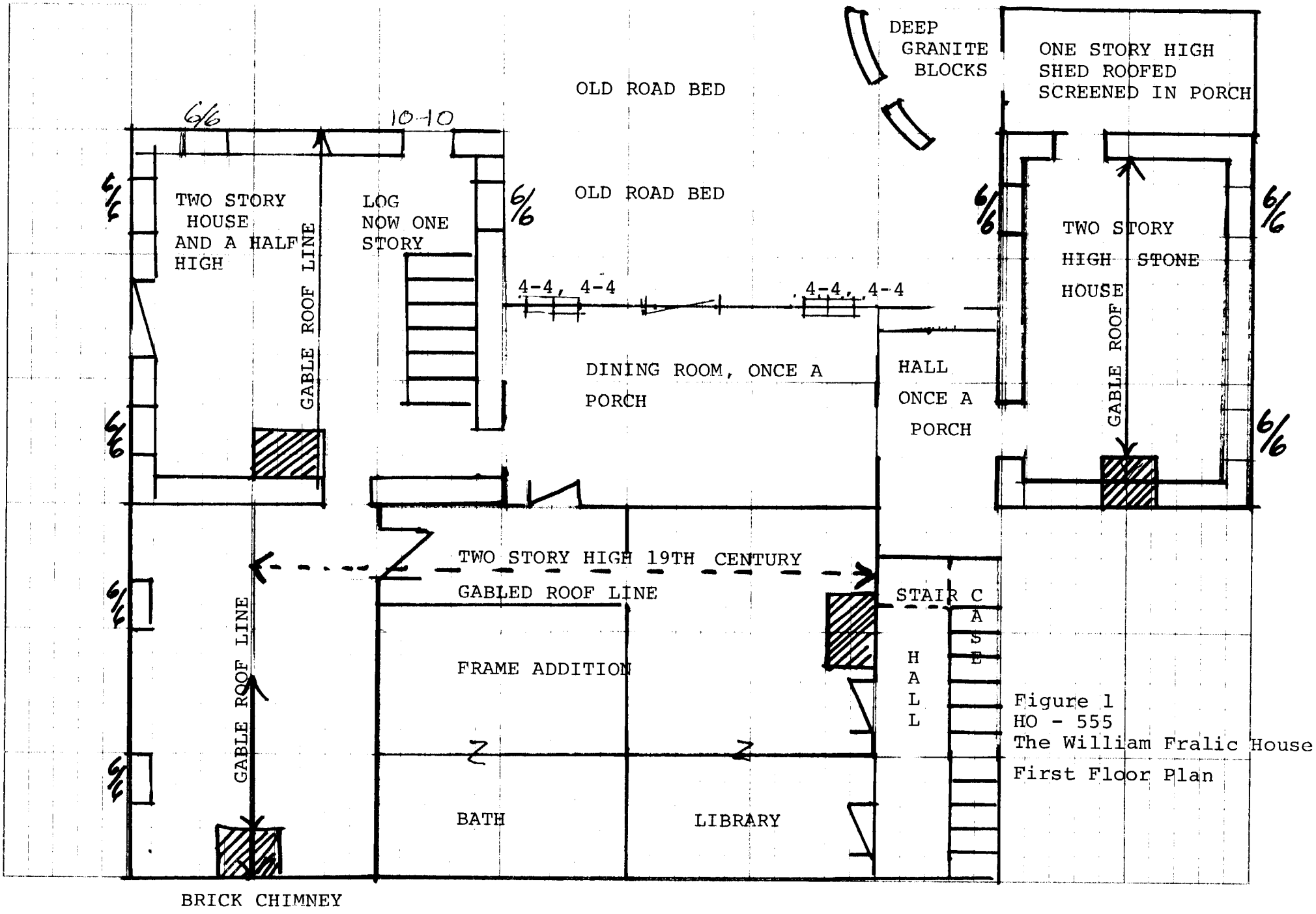

Figure 1
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The William Fralic House
First Floor Plan

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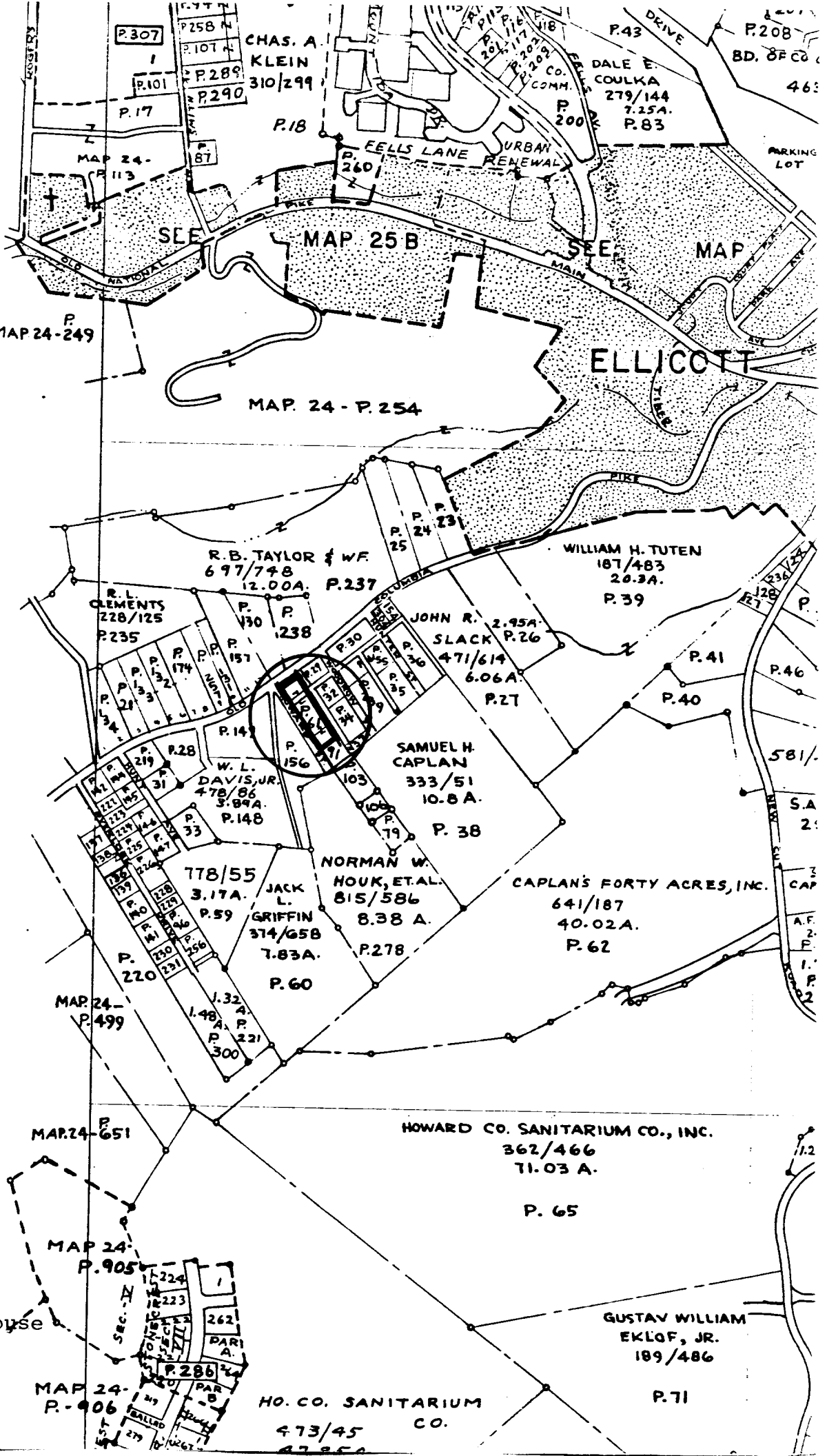

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The William Fralic House
Tax Map 25

Attachment 4
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The William Fralic House
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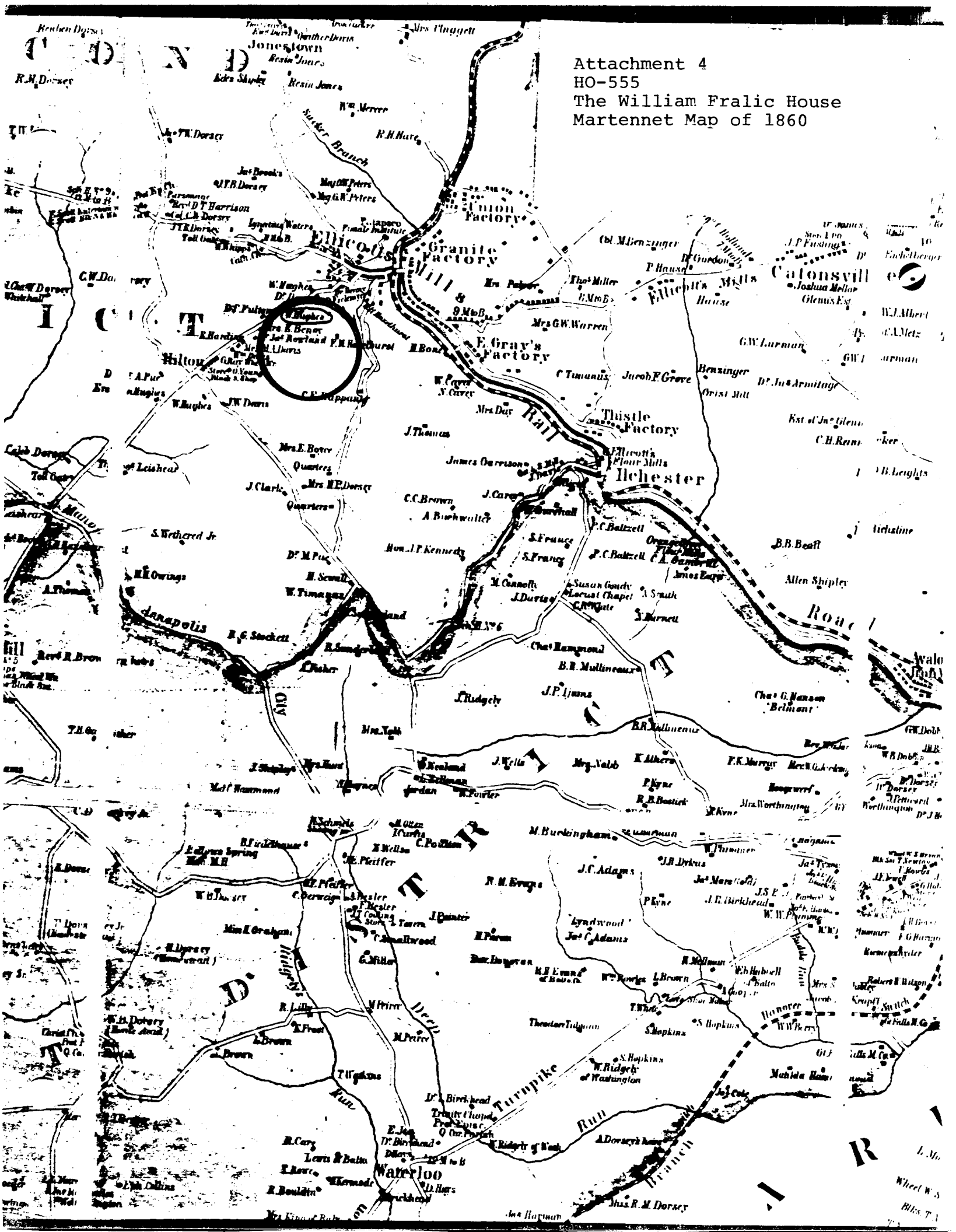

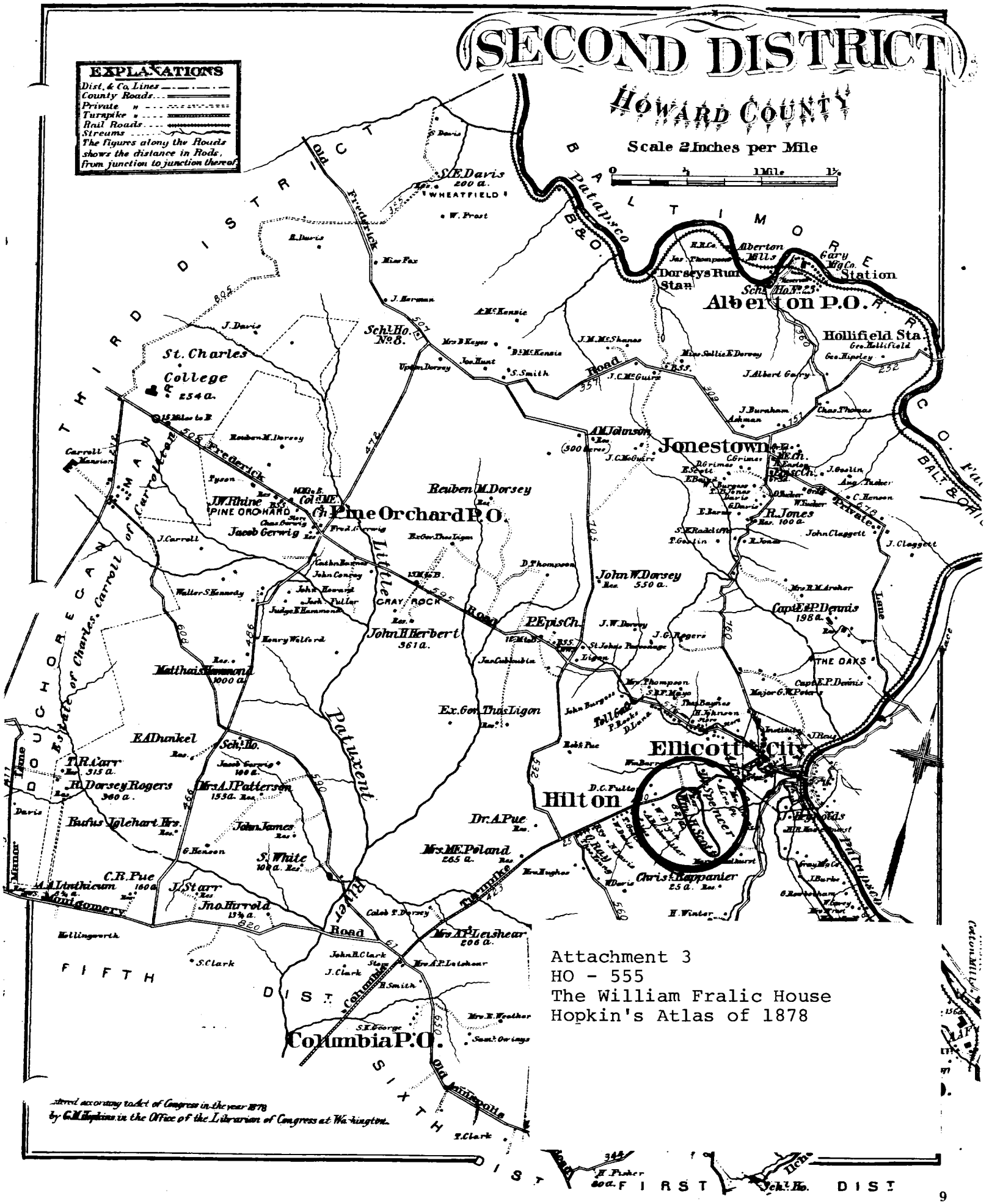

Attachment 3
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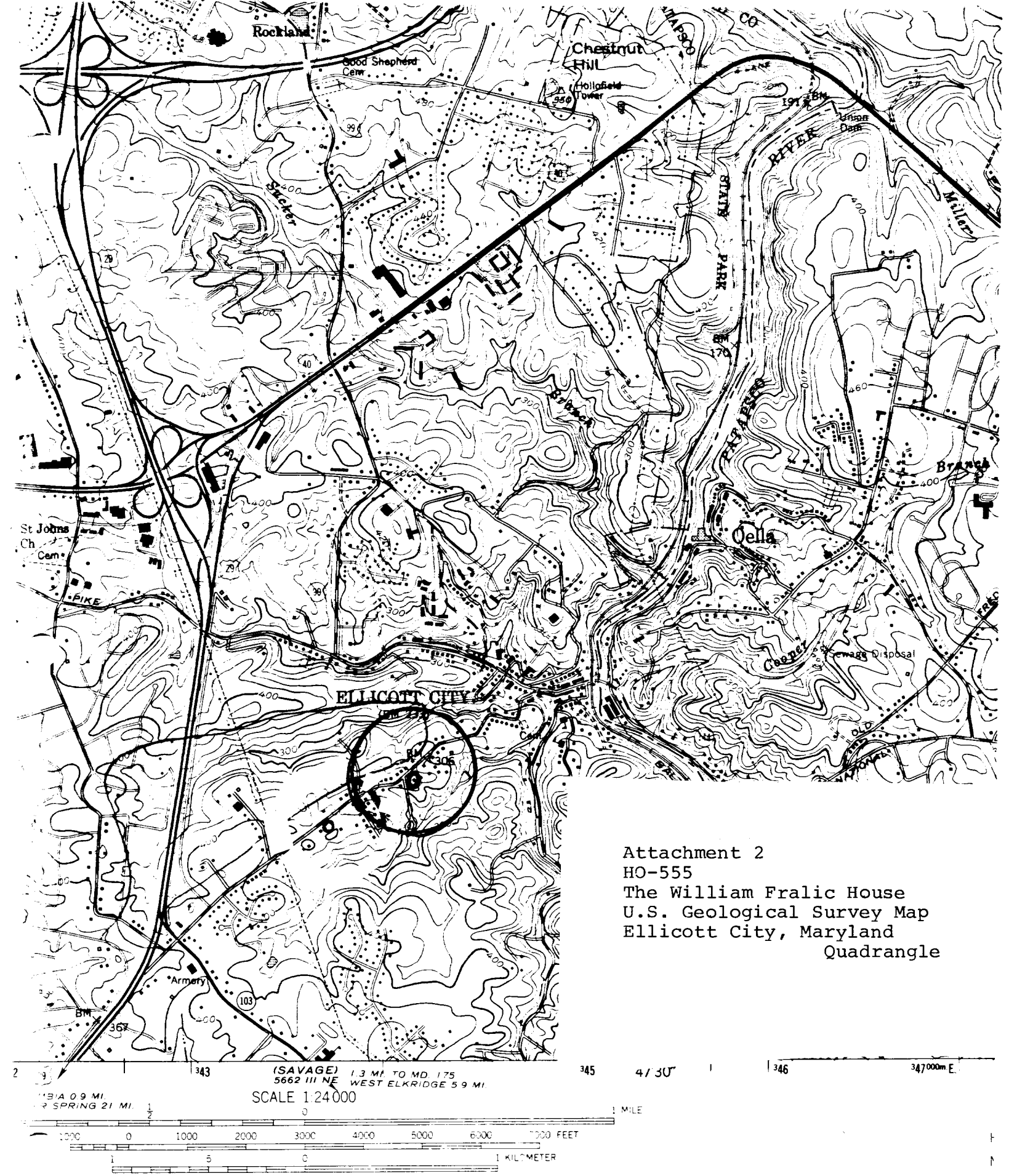
The William Fralic House
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



Attachment 2
HO-555
The William Fralic House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City, Maryland
Quadrangle

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