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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Williams Tenant House Survey Number: HO-564

Project: MD 32 from MD 108 to I-70 Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the Williams Tenant House, located at 13105 Greenberry Lane, does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for individual listing. The property includes only the c. 1880 house. There are no extant outbuildings. The property would not be eligible for the National Register under Criteria C. The house, as built, was probably a modest structure, possessing little, if any, architectural significance. It has been so altered and expanded that it retains hardly any sense of the original architectural character. This extreme lack of integrity weakens the potential for eligibility under Criterion A and B, as well. Moreover the house, although once among the landholdings of a member of a prominent Howard County family, has no known connection to a significant event or person. In addition, it is not located in any known historic district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory Form HO-564

Prepared by: Cleora Barnes Thompson

Elizabeth Hannold — August 11, 1995
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Claudia Rabinowitz — Aug. 17, 1995.
Reviewer, NR program — Date

7 DESCRIPTION

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Clarksville

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

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Private Circa 1880

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The Williams Tenant House was constructed circa 1880 to house workers on the farm once belonging to Greenbury and Catherine Gaither, later managed by Samuel Gaither, their son.

It is an unusually fine example of adaptive reuse, incorporating a modest dwelling into the overall architectural plan for a larger residence. The vertical, chestnut siding for the east wall of the original house forms the west wall for the central hall of the new house.

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MAGI #1405645604

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
The Williams Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
13230 Linden Church Road

CITY, TOWN
Clarksville

__ 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. Robert Bell Williams Telephone #: 286-2448

STREET
13230 Linden Church Road

CITY, TOWN
Clarksville

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21029

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Tax Map 28 blk 9 p 159
Hall of Records

Liber #: 554
Folio #: 49

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

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Two second floor, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding eight-over-eight lights, decorated with shutters, are centered over the first floor bay windows, creating a pleasing symmetry to this facade.

The west elevation reveals the approximate window placement of the original tenant house, holding two upstairs and two downstairs rooms, which once featured a central bay, west entrance and staircase, with central, square brick chimney. The west entrance is now placed in the north bay, with a rectangular, double-hung window placed in the central bay.

The entrance is covered by a shed roofed, open porch, supported by two wooden posts. Three second floor windows are vertically aligned to the openings below.

The north elevation of the original tenant house holds a one story high, shed roofed furnace room, while a one story high, flat roofed, enclosed porch runs along the north elevation of the living room - hall addition.

The vertical chestnut siding of the east wall of the tenant house is totally exposed, creating an interesting west wall for the central hall of the building complex, with a new staircase (running north-south) along this wall.

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 1880 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Williams Tenant House is a good example of an old frame tenant house, constructed circa 1880,[1] to which later additions have been made, successfully incorporating the original house into the more spacious and modern residence of today.[2] Additionally, it is associated with the Gaither and Clark families of Howard County, Maryland.[3]

Explanatory Notes

1. The Williams Tenant House, standing on the site of a still older house, which burned, remains the base of the "L", (now filled in by a sunporch addition) of the modern home we find on this site today. It holds the present kitchen and dining room for the house on the first floor and a hall, bath and two bedrooms on the second floor. Its original east wall, constructed of vertical siding, is completely exposed on the west wall of a new central hall for the house. The central brick chimney for the old house was no longer needed and was therefore eliminated.

2. The later additions, which have been made to the building,

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

do not hide its original building outline and dimensions. Rather, the original building block is augmented and emphasized by 1) its gable roof line (running north-south) which differentiates it from the addition, outlined and covered by an intersecting gable roof (running east-west), 2) by the repetition of its dimensions on the east bay and 3) further emphasized by the addition of a bay window in its west bay, which is similar to that placed in the east bay of the living room. The second floor window placement on the south elevation provides symmetry and balance to the front facade, while the "A" line of the gable roof of the original building block serves to again outline that section of the house. No additions have been constructed along either the south or west elevations of the old house, enabling its original building profile to be clearly noted, with only a one story high, shed roofed, shed addition along its north wall, which nestles into the overall plan of the building.

3. This tenant house is associated with the family of Greenbury Gaither, who constructed this house on the site of an earlier house, which burned to the ground. It was rebuilt circa 1880 to house the family of Eliza and Stephen Clark, commonly known as Aunt Liza and Uncle Steve. Eight girls and three boys were raised here; one, Georgiana, named after Georgianna Gaither, who later married George Talbott and another the mother of Beulah Maria Cook of Dayton, whose great grandmother, Ruth Lyles was sold on the block in Montgomery County as a slave and brought to Howard County. Here she finally settled on a tract of land on Greenbridge Road in Dayton, Maryland. Today, her great-great granddaughter, Matilda Hammond, and her husband, Roy Hammond, live on that same tract of land. Ruth Lyles' daughter, Eliza, and her husband, "Uncle Steve", worked for the

Gaither family, who lived nearby. Aunt Liza and Uncle Steve were well thought of and depended upon. Even as a very old woman, neither the Gaithers, nor later the Talbots, would kill a hog without Aunt Liza standing by to oversee it and tell them how to fix up the meat. Today, Robert Bell Williams, a direct descendent of Samuel Gaither, manager of this large farm in the mid nineteenth century lives here with his wife, Ginny, and their three children, Vivica, Elin and Barnsley.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell Williams
at their home on September 23, 1980.
Interview with Mrs. Beulah Maria Cook, 4987 Greenbridge Road, Dayton
Md. 21036 (work telephone 286-2709)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 23.40 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 28

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 554 Folio 49

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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DATE	LIBER-FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	TRANSACTION
- - 1971	554 049	Barnsley Williams Frances K. Williams	Robert B. Williams Virginia O. Williams	Deed to 23.40 Acres or 2 parcels of land

First Parcel

Aug. 1, 1953-246-437 from William E. Talbott & Lenore Talbott. to Barnsley& Frances Williams - containing 14.56 Acres ±
This is P/O 2 parcels of land, known as "The Middle Farm" containing 206A 39 sq. p.

Second Parcel

That piece or parcel of land described as parcel number 1 in a deed dated March 17, 1964 - 420-246 for and between the State Roads Comm. of Maryland, acting for and on behalf of the State of Maryland and Barnsley and Frances Williams. Together with the bldgs, containing 8.84 Acres ± "being part of the land acquired by Helen M. Marshall through Eminent Domain by the State of Maryland to use of the State Road Com.

1 Aug 1953	246 437	William E. Talbott & Lenore D. Talbott	Barnsley Williams & Frances K. Williams	Deed to 2 parcels of land.

"all that farm....owned by the descendents of Greenbury Gaither, and known as 'The Middle Farm,'...comprised of 2 contiguous....parcels of land containing together 206 acres 39 sq. perches ±."

Roby West of Parcel first Described

Parcel I
"....in a deed dated 17 June 1848 EPH 8-62....conveyed by Christian Close et al to Catherine Gaither which Catherine Gaither conveyed to Sarah Gaither et al March 19, 1870 (30-177). P/O land called "Altogether" and "Toddy" 96 acres 39 sq. perches ±."

Roby Farm North of Second parcel

Parcel II ***
"....firstly described of 3 parcels of land by deed dated 19 December, 1833. (AA Cty WSG 18-47 1) conveyed by Samuel I. Donaldson, Trustee, to Greenbury Gaither, which lies north of said County road....110 acres ±, heretofore described as 100 acres ±."

"....George E. Talbott died 19 September 1918...descended to....Georgia Talbott (widow and William E. Talbott, his only child."

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DATE	LIBER-FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	TRANSACTION
6 Jan 1912	WWLC92-290	Barbara Gaither (Single)	George E. Talbott	Deed to 2 parcels of land for $7,500.
Deeds Dealing With Parcel #1				
(a) 23 July 1904	79-32	Samuel Gaither et al, son of Greenbury Gaither	Barbara Gaither (Single)	Deed to Parcel I
(b) 1 Aug 1904	79-369	Mrs. Frances K. Linthicum, daughter of Greenbury Gaither	Barbara Gaither	All the interest conveyed for $5.00.
(c) 15 June 1904	78-628	George C. Cashell & Kate, Samuel G. Barnsley and Laura, his wife, Charles W. Barnaley, Ella B. Barnsley, John D. Barnsley & Carrie, George T. Barnsley & Mary, his wife, all of Montgomery County.	Samuel Gaither, Elizabeth Gaither, Barbara Gaither	All the interest conveyed for $5.00.
(d) 15 Sept. 1904	79-160	Georgia Talbott & husband, George E. Talbott	Barbara Gaither	All the interest conveyed
(e) 23 Oct. 1901	78-209	Elizabeth Gaither	Barbara Gaither	All the interest conveyed
	"the land under the management of Samuel Gaither, her brother, containing 310 acres ±.			
(f) 19 March 1870	30-177	Catherine Gaither	Elizabeth, Hetty, Catherine, Sarah A., Barbara & Georgiana Gaither	Deed to parcel of land called Altogether & Toddy 96 Acres ± for $4,000.
17 June 1848	8-62	Christian Close, Artemus Hearn & Elizabeth, Barbary Ann Close	Catherine Gaither	Deed to 2 parcels of land 96 acres ± for $1500

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DATE	LIBER-FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	TRANSACTION
	"together with all and singular improvements."			
Deeds Dealing with Parcel #2				
15 Sept 1904	79-160	Georgia Talbott & husband	Barbara Gaither	Deed to Parcel #2 for $5.00.
18 Nov 1901	74-477	Catherine Gaither	George E. & Georgia Talbott	Deed to 100 acres ±
19 Dec 1833	AAC 18-471	"called Worthington Range" Samuel J. Donaldson, Trustee	Greenbury Gaither	Deed to 100 acres ±

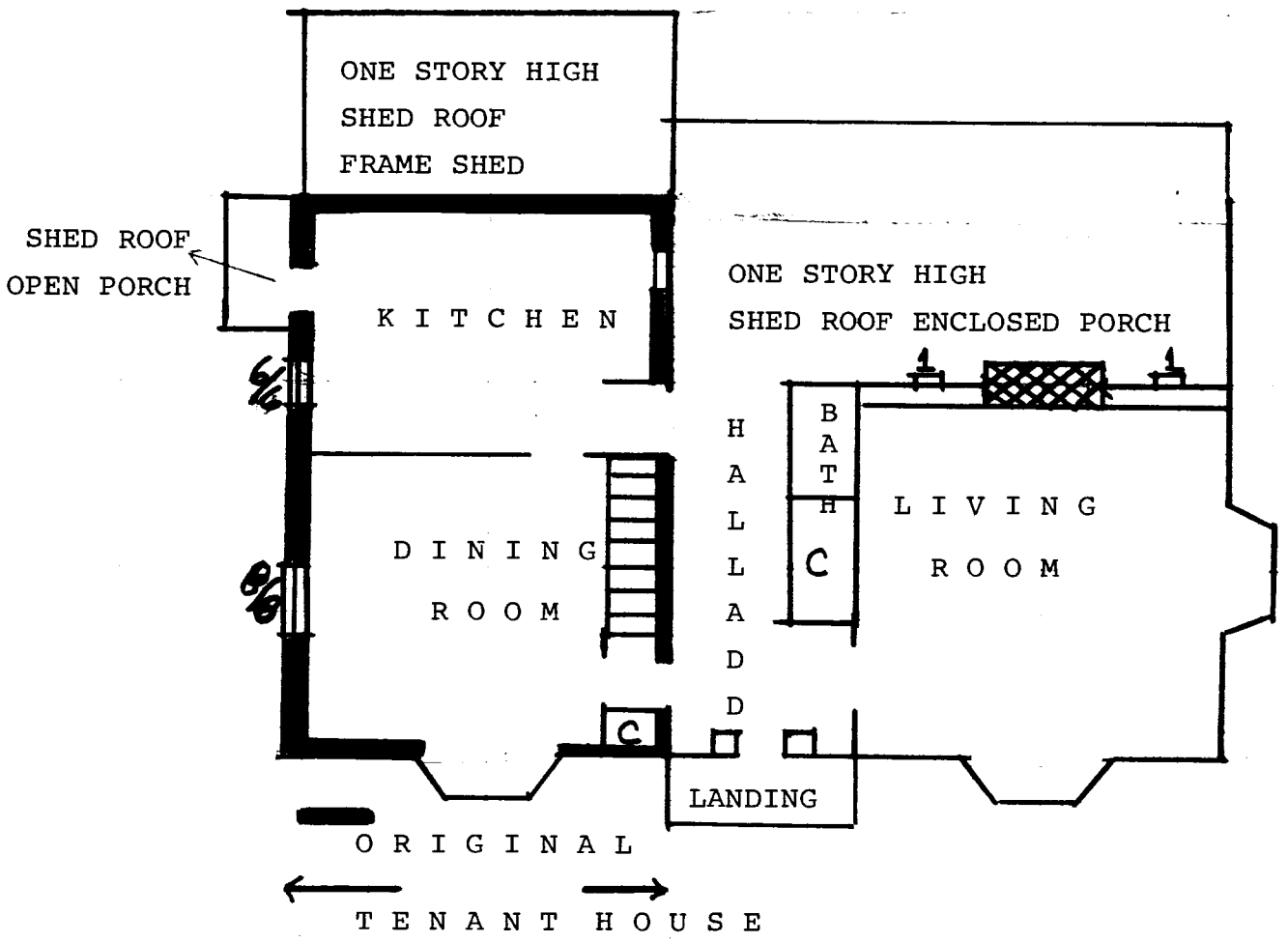

Figure 1
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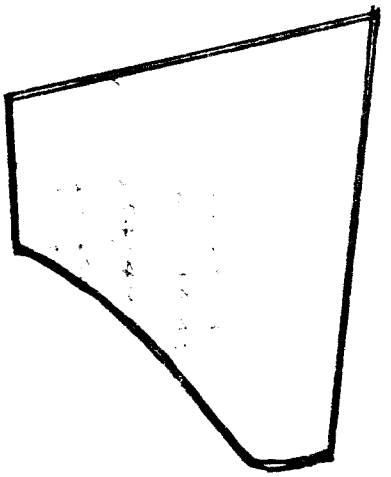
The Williams Tenant House
First Floor Plan



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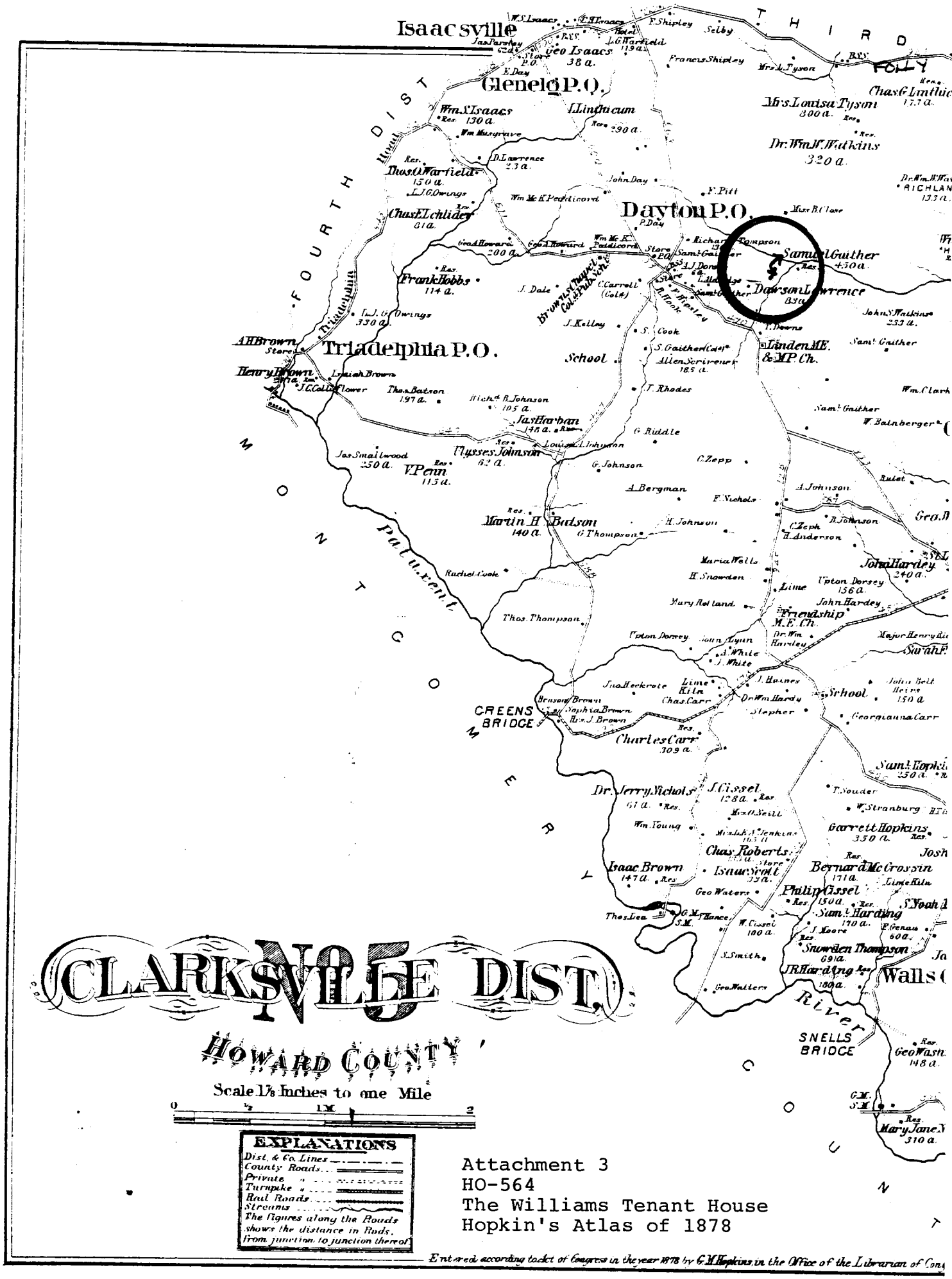
Tax Map 28



Attachment 3
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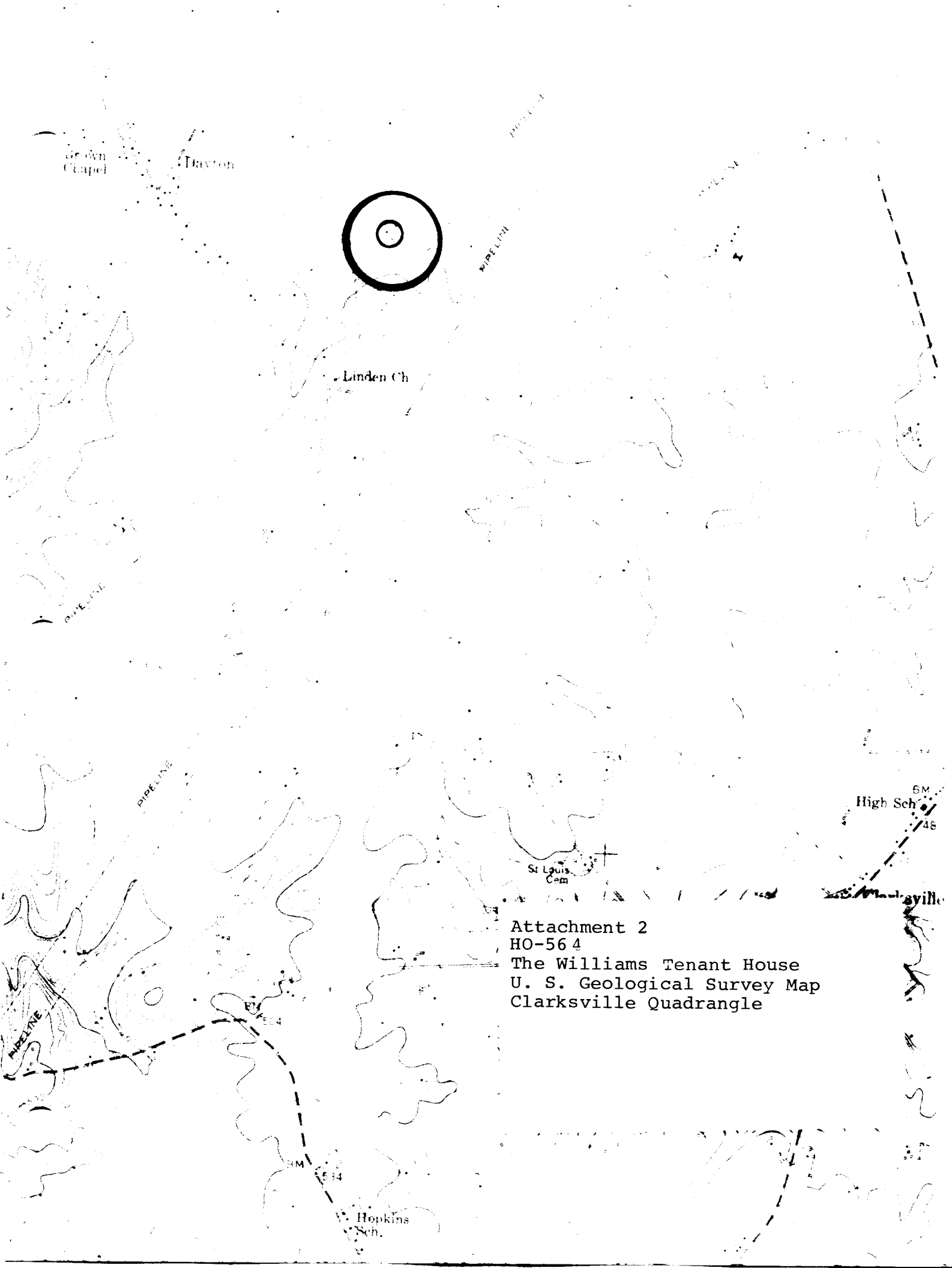
The Williams Tenant House
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



Attachment 2
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The Williams Tenant House
U. S. Geological Survey Map
Clarksville Quadrangle

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Name: The Williams Tenant House

Location: 13230 Linden Church Lane
Clarksville, Maryland

Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

Date of Photograph: October, 1980

Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust

View: south

Photographer looking: north

Photograph number: 1 of 1