MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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

Property/District Name: Oliver Watkins House, 23400 Ridge Road Survey Number: M-13-3

Project: MD 27 from MD 355 to MD 80, Montgomery County Agency: SHA

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

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___

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)

This c. 1850, two-story frame structure is significant architecturally as a rural adaption of the Queen Anne Style. The original structure was expanded and remodeled c. 1880 with such features as an octoganal tower, cross gable, gothic arched windows and decorative shingles.

The property was the residence of Oliver T. Watkins, prosperous merchant and farmer and founder of Cedar Grove.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Inventory Form # M-13-3 and project file

Prepared by: Christopher Owens, Park Historian & Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold 8/30/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

R Anderson 30 Aug 91
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Oliver Watkins House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Ridge Road (Rte. 27)

CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☐ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☒ Agricultural ☐ Government ☐ Park ☐ Transportation ☐ Comments
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Private Residence ☐ Other (Specify)
☐ Educational ☐ Military ☐ Religious
☐ Entertainment ☐ Museum ☐ Scientific

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. O. H. Wells

STREET AND NUMBER: 12000 Skylark Road

CITY OR TOWN: Cedar Grove STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

CONDITION	☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed (Check One)	☐ Altered ☐ Unaltered (Check One)	☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure, with a five-bay, main (east) facade and an octogonal, three-story tower at the southeast corner. The main block has a central gable with a pointed arched window, identical to those in the third story of the tower.

The house was built in several sections. Thus, the south bay is a door and the second and third bays from the north are doors. Chimneys are positioned at the north end and between the third and fourth bays from the north end.

The gables have pattern-shingle motifs; the eaves are decorated with sawtooth-like bargeboards.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

[illegible] (Check One or More as Appropriate)

[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible] Century	[illegible] 20th Century
[illegible] 16th Century	[illegible] 17th Century	[illegible] 19th Century	

[illegible] DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	[ ] Education	[ ] Political	[ ] Urban Planning
[ ] Prehistoric	[ ] Engineering	[ ] Religion/Philosophy	[ ] Other (Specify)
[ ] Historic	[ ] Industry	[ ] Science	
[ ] Agriculture	[ ] Invention	[ ] Sculpture	
[ ] Architecture	[ ] Landscape Architecture	[ ] Social/Humanitarian	
[ ] Art	[ ] Literature	[ ] Theater	
[ ] Commerce	[ ] Military	[ ] Transportation	
[ ] Communications	[ ] Music		
[ ] Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 22 Mar 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

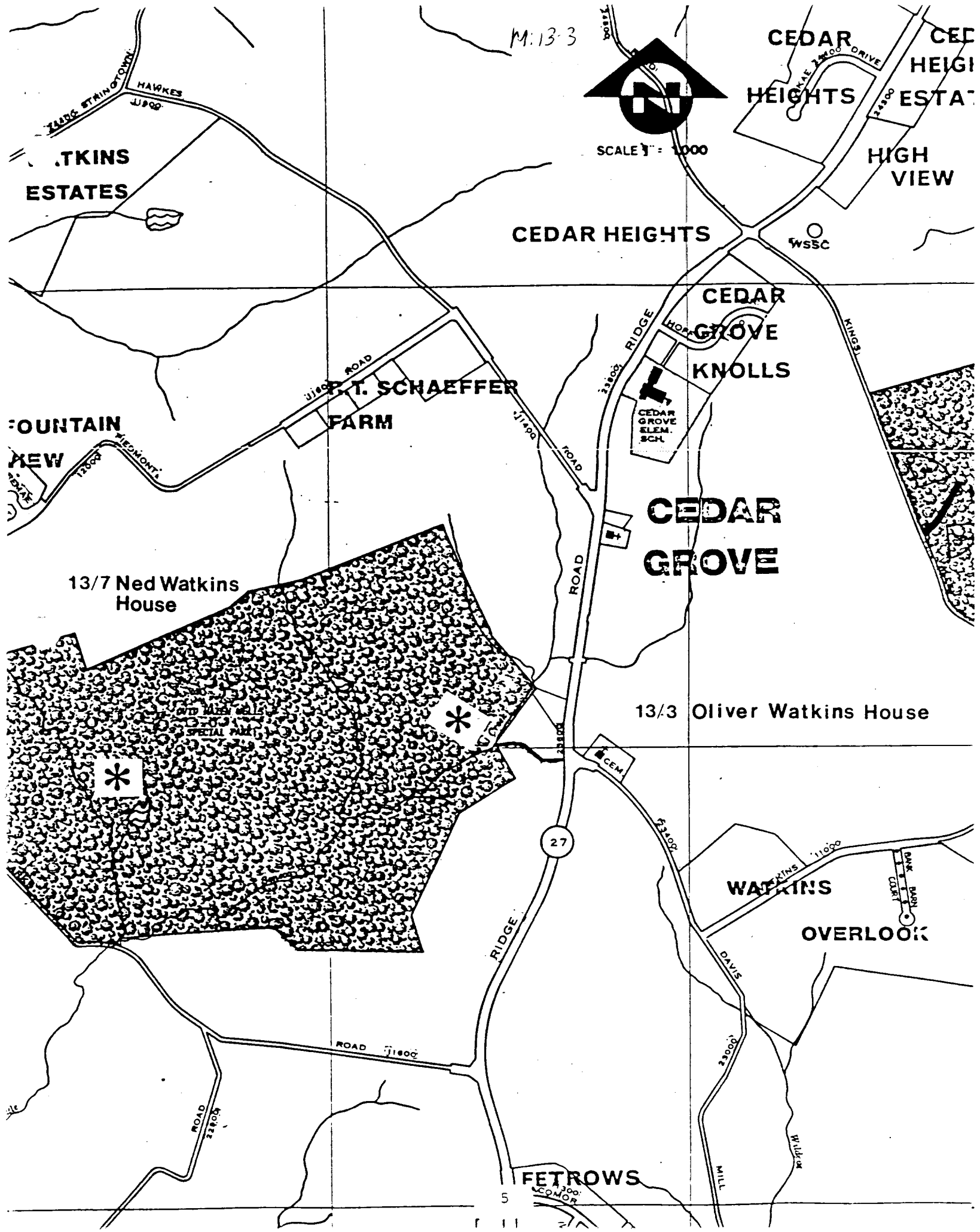
It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection of this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The purpose of this amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

Site	Name	Location	Associated Acreage
13/3	Oliver T. Watkins House (Wells Farm)	23400 Ridge Road	290 Acres (Ovid Hazen Wells Special Park)

- Ca. 1850, two-story, frame structure featuring a three-story octagonal tower with arched windows in the third story, a central gable with a pointed arch window, wrap around proch, and eaves decorated with sawtooth-like bargeboards.
- Associated with Oliver Watkins, upper middle class farmer, prosperous merchant and early settler of the Cedar Grove area.
- The 2.6 acre environmental setting includes the major trees associated with the historic farmhouse and incorporates acreage to the south or front of the house, and to the east to preserve any seasonal vistas of the house from Ridge Road and views of the house along the entrance drive to the site.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P.T. SCHAEFFER FARM
FOUNTAIN VIEW
13/7 Ned Watkins House
13/3 Oliver Watkins House
WATKINS OVERLOOK
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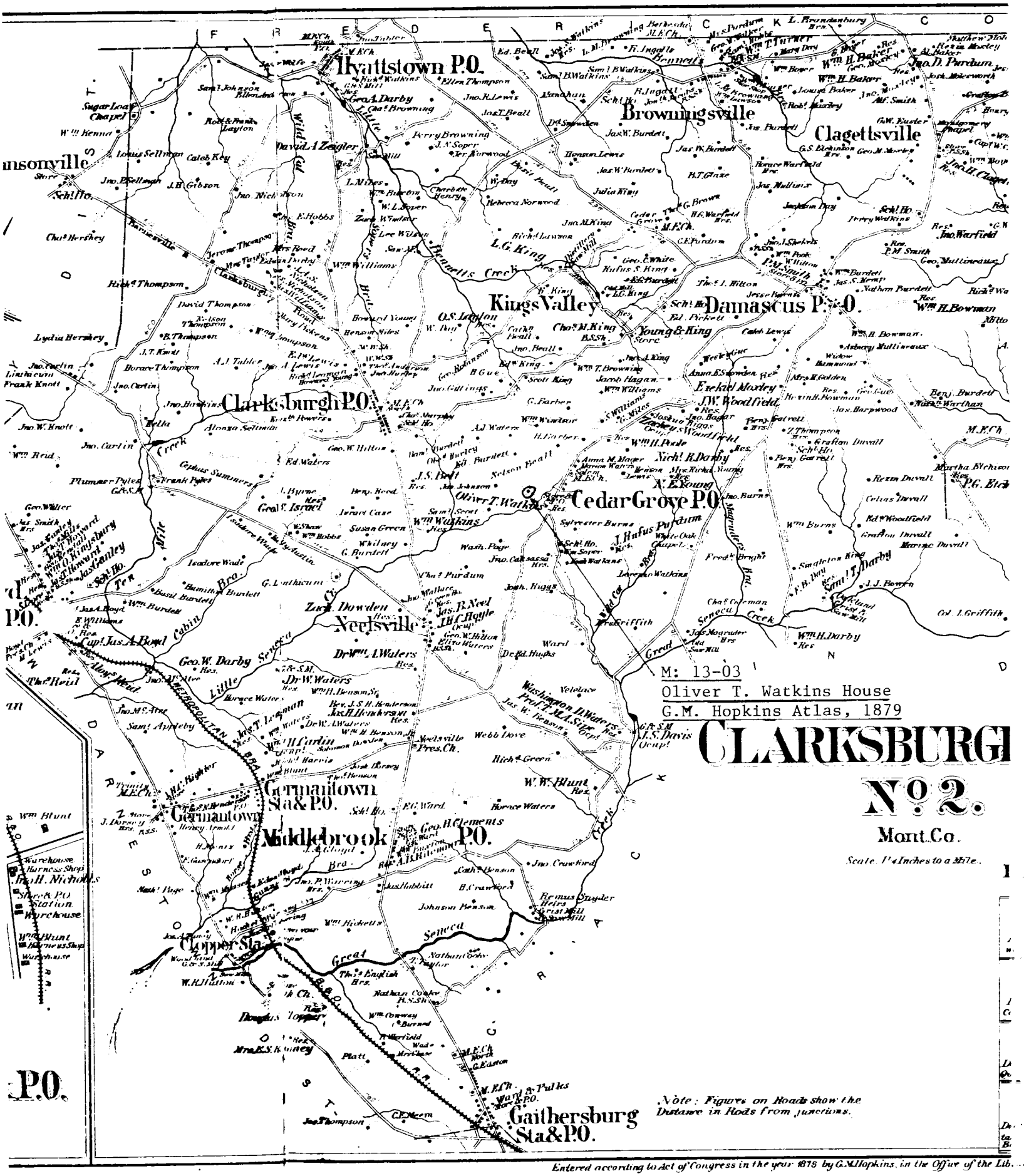

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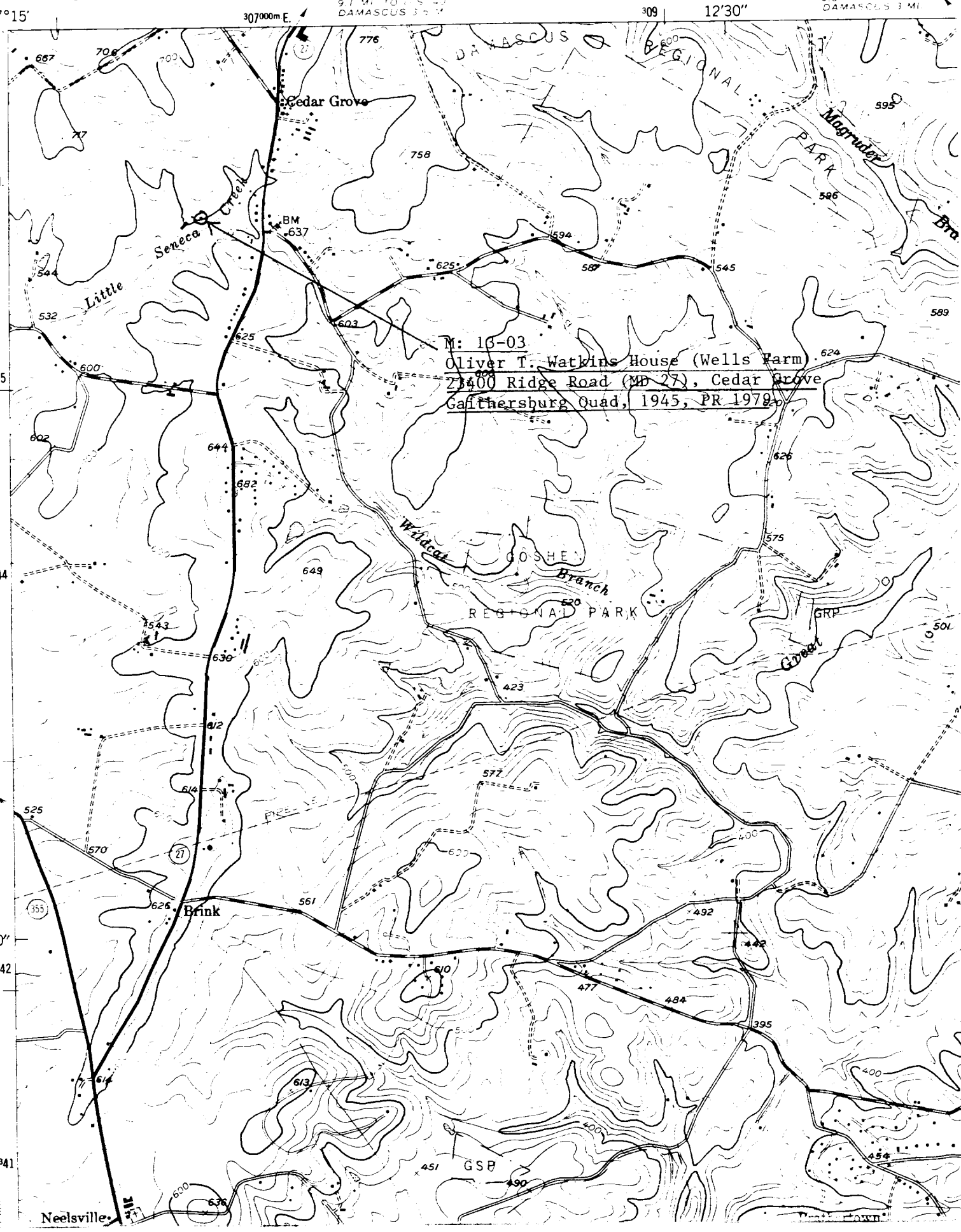

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Oliver T. Watkins House (Wells Farm)
23400 Ridge Road (MD 27), Cedar Grove
Gaithersburg Quad, 1945, PR 1970

Oliver Watkins House
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NAME M: #13-3 OLIVER WATKINS FARM

LOCATION Rt 27 CEDAR GROVE, Md

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