WO-261 1893
Old Higgins Drugstore
Snow Hill
private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Geo Higgins Drugstore

MHT Inventory Number: WO-261

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1870-1930 Industrial-Urban Dominance

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structure

a. Store

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DOE ___yes ___no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OLD HIGGINS DRUGSTORE

and/or common EVELYN'S RESTAURANT

2. Location

street & number Green Street ___ not for publication

city, town Snow Hill ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	x commercial	___ 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
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
_x_ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The old Higgins drugstore, more commonly known as Evelyn's Restaurant, is located on the north side of Green Street in the central business district of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay brick building faces southeast.

Built in 1893, the stretcher bond brick building is covered by a flat roof that is hidden by a parapet wall. The southeast (main) elevation retains an intact Victorian facade with a recessed glazed double-door entrance and flanking plate glass display windows. The windows are supported by a paneled knee wall and are topped by smaller opaque glass windows. Stretching above is an intact Victorian cornice. The second floor is lighted by two four-over-four sash windows with patterned brick segmental arches and marble sills. The stretcher bond wall is also embellished with horizontal yellow brick bands at the level of the window sill and arches. The top of the brick wall is highlighted by decorative rows of corbelled bricks with alternating yellow and red brick patterns.

The sides of the building are covered by adjacent structures, and the interior has been reworked with modern materials. The most obvious late nineteenth-century survival is the stair which rises in the northwest corner. A square newel post is decorated with turn of the century leaf moldings.

8. Significance

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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	x commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B x C ___D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Level of Significance: ___national ___state x local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The old Higgins drugstone stands is a line of similar brick commercial buildings that were some of the first structures to be erected after the devastating August 7, 1893 fire. By mid-September efforts were well under way to replace the burned out business section with new brick stores. On September 16 of that year the Democratic Messenger recorded that

> This week Green street presents a more cheerful appearance than at any time since the fire. The walls of six stores are being raised and we hope before Christmas to see the street built up as closely as before the fire, with structures which will do credit to any modern town. The buildings now going up on Green street are those of G. Marion Dryden, Dr. Aydelotte, P. D. Cottingham & Co., Thomas Z. Johnson, and Thomas H. Collins with work already commenced on B. T. Truitt's. On Washington street Mr. John J. Collins is building two stores on the site of the residence formerly occupied by A. P. Barnes, Esq.

The site is known by the older residents in town as the location of Higgins drugstore, but for the past few decades the building has housed Evelyn's Restaurant.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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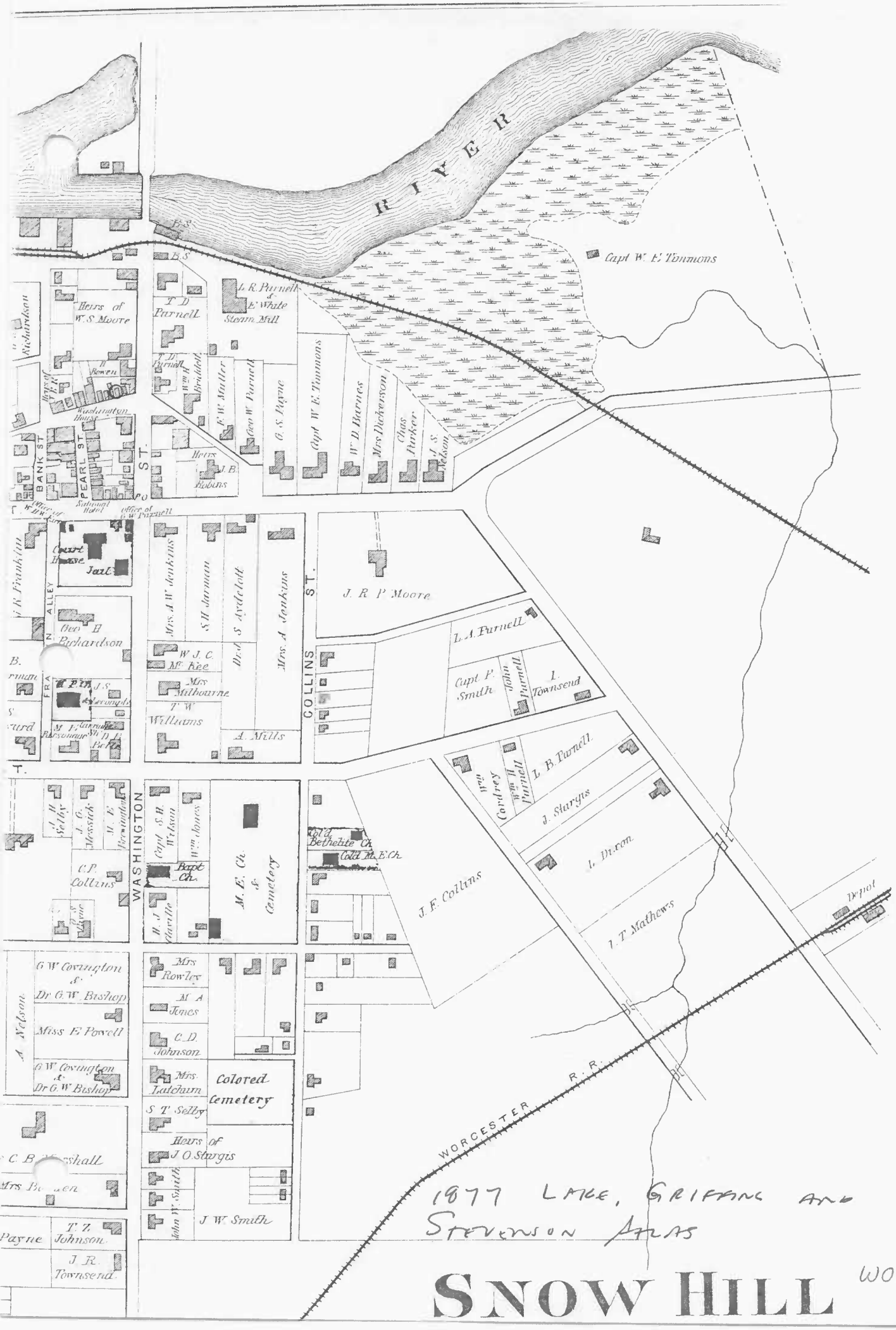

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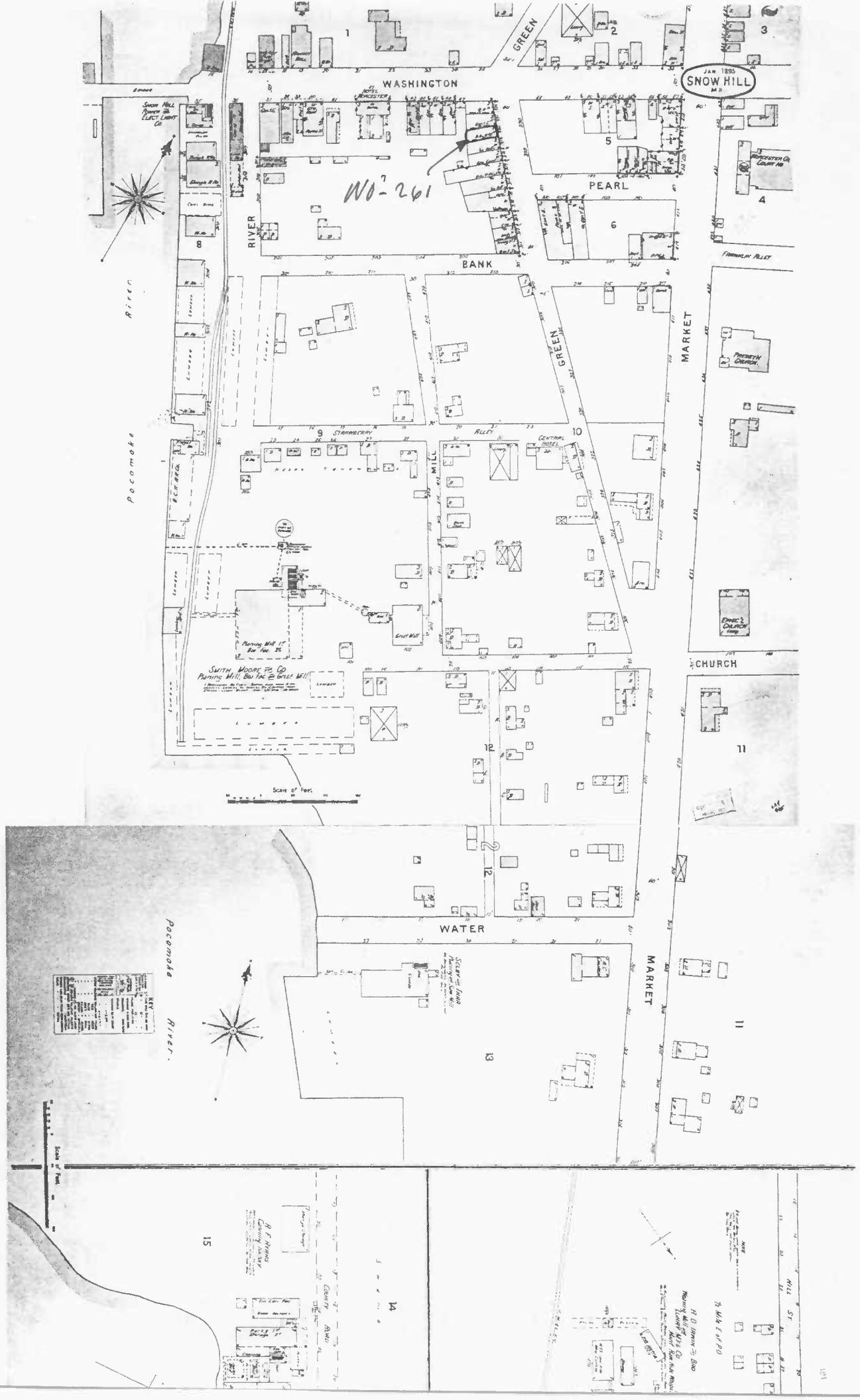

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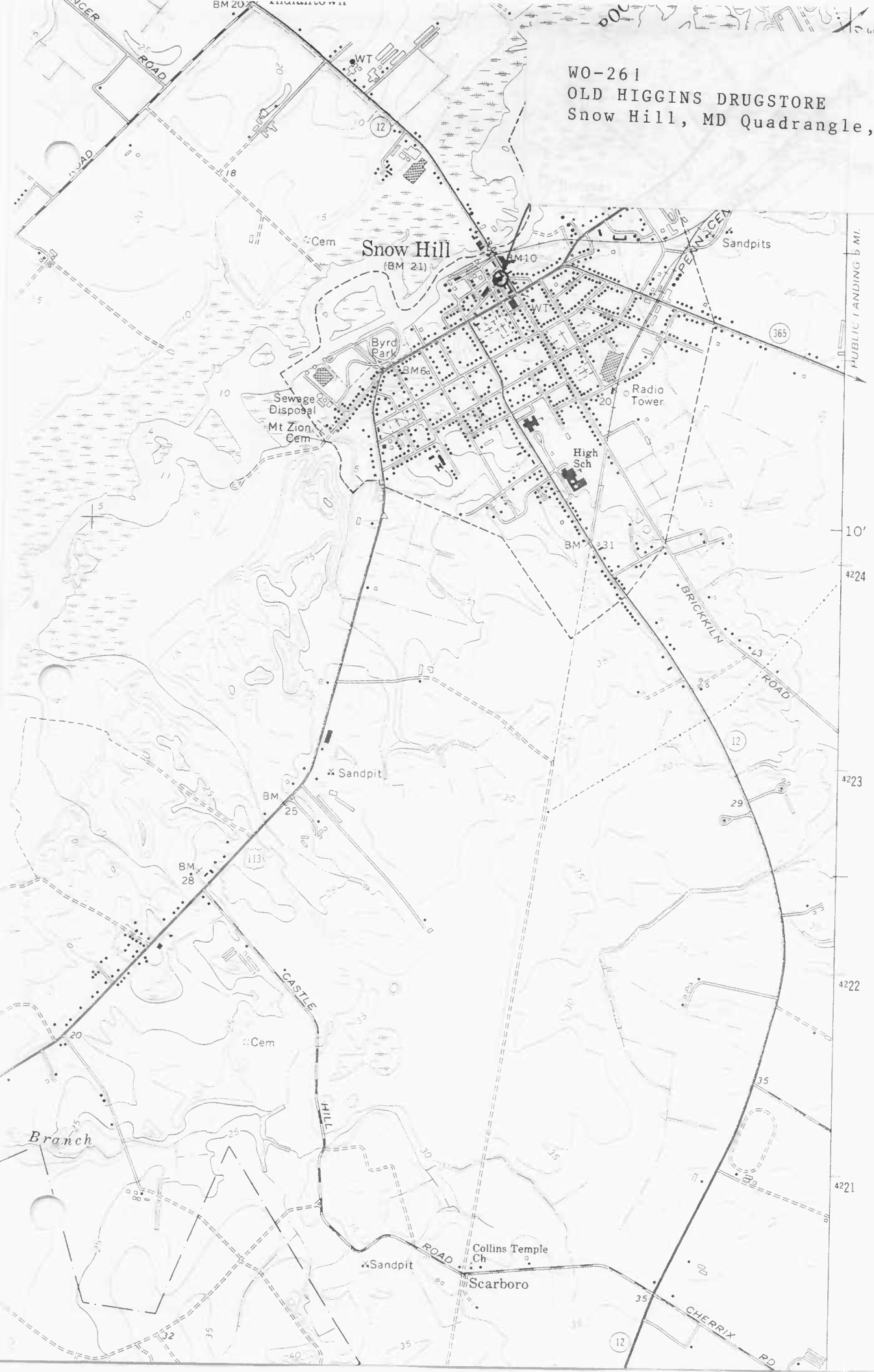
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