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FOLLY QUARTER MANOR  
Ellicott City  
Private

cicra 1832

Folly Quarter Manor was built by Charles Carroll in 1832 for his grand daughter Emily Caton who married Mr. John McTavish, British Consul for the port of Baltimore.

The house was located on 1,000 acres of fine farm land and is representative of the Greek revival style. It sits on a lofty hill, now a part of the Seminary run by Franciscan Friars.

A three bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story structure facing east, it is now approached on the west. Both elevations are identical, however, holding massive central double doors of carved mahogany with great central porches held by six solid granite doric columns measuring nearly six feet in circumferences of their base. First floor wrought iron baskets framing projecting window balconies on the east elevation add importance to the entrance.

The interior features fine woodwork, particularly the proportionally scaled paneling in the large dividing doors between the two first floor south rooms and an interesting central hall flanked by graceful Corinthian columns.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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1. NAME					
COMMON: St Joseph Cupertino Novitiate					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Folly Quarter Manor, Carrollton Hall, MacTavish House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 12290 Folly Quarter Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City					
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Howard			
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Franciscan Friars, Order of Friars					
STREET AND NUMBER: 12290 Folly Quarter Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland			
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records					
STREET AND NUMBER: Howard County Court House					
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE: Maryland		21043	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 22 133-236					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Howard County Historic Sites Inventory					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust					
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle					
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		21401	

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Folly Quarter is a massive building of three stories constructed of local granite quarried from the rocky hillsides of 'Woodstock'. It is representative of the Greek Revival Style and stands on a lofty hill amid pasture and farm land in close proximity to the Novitiate of the Franciscan Friars.

The problem of transporting this heavy building material was no small task. It is built of large granite blocks that average in size thirty-five inches long and nineteen inches deep. It is a three bay wide, two bay deep structure with a central massive porch held by six solid granite doric columns on both the east and west elevations. The columns are seventy-one inches - nearly six feet in circumference at the base tapering as they rise.

The house faces east but the present road brings you to the west porch, which is identical to the one on the east. The east elevation contains first floor wrought iron baskets framing their projecting window balconies. Dormer windows are placed in the center of the east and west sides of the gabled roof. Two tall chimneys are also outlined. Copper rain spouts carry water off the metal sheathed roof. The massive central double doors are of carved mahogany. Entering from the east is a hallway the width of the porch with a gracefully arched ceiling. The floors are of closely fitted fine hardwood. This hall narrows into an entrance hall for the west entrance which is flanked by graceful Corinthian columns on either side. The north side of the first floor contains two large rooms with plastered ceilings and carved marble fireplaces connected by huge proportionally paneled wooden double doors which can be opened easily to create a large ballroom.

A stair hall divides the southern half of the main floor and leads to a colonial stairway, constructed of oak with mahogany hand rail and newel post.

The rooms of the attic have sloping ceilings which conform to the gable roof. Above them is a half attic surrounding a cupola and sky light and containing three small rooms or closets.

A large hall runs through the basement which contains four large rooms one a kitchen the others used for servants quarters and storage.

Stone steps on the east indicate the original path to the house. A garden is located north east of the path. Northwest of the mansion is located the Novitiate with its chapel, dining hall, library, residential and class rooms.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Circa 1832

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this building lies in its architecture and in its history. Architecturally Folly Quarter Manor House is representative of the Greek revival style. The interior paneling and woodwork is outstanding for its craftsmanship and proportional treatment while the entrance hall with its interior Ionic columns and arched ceiling is notable.

Folly Quarter Manor was built in 1832 by Charles Carroll of Carrollton for Emily Caton, his grand daughter. The last living signer of the Declaration of Independence spent a large part of his closing years at "Doughoregan Manor" in the company of Emily who married Mr. John McTavish British Consul at the port of Baltimore.

To show his appreciation of her attentions Carroll gave her 1,000 acres of fine farmland on the tract known as "Folly." Some years before his death he began to erect the present mansion which was finished in 1832.

The term "quarter" seems to have applied to large tracts of land, perhaps quarter sections.

When built, the manor had a magnificent marble bathing pool, costing thousands of dollars. On the slope of the south hill stood a stout granite post about four feet high, used for the sun dial.

According to Mr. Warfield the buildings on "Folly Quarter" cost Charles Carroll \$100,000. A branch of the upper Patuxent River located on the farm was crossed by a massive granite and marble bridge. While several other buildings at one time dotted the property.

Mr. and Mrs. John McTavish lived here for many years. Mr. Charles Carroll McTavish, their son inherited the property which was later sold to Charles M. Dougherty, who paid \$100,000, and kept Folly Quarter as an elegant summer home. Leaving for New Orleans in the late 1880's he sold it to Mr. Royal Phelps, father-in-law of Ex-Governor John Lee Carroll through whom it passed to Mr. Charles Carroll.

The manor became abandoned and was used as a picnic pavillion. In 1927 the property was acquired by the Franciscan Friars who found it necessary to construct a new novitiate. They now use the old manor house as a missionary residence. A bit of gardening is also done near the house.

In keeping with the traditions of the order founded by St. Francis of Assisi in 1209, the Friars chose the late Italian Renaissance style for their new novitiate.

The building is notable for its architecture. The Reverend Benedict Przemielewski O.F.M. Conv., a priest of the order prepared the tentative sketches of the present building.

The plans were executed by Palmer and Lamdin, Baltimore. Father Benedict selected a slope of a hill commanding a plain somewhat

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Ann Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland. Baltimore, 1973.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreege Justification:**

Please see Tax Map 22. p. 46 122/236  
236 Acres

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Cleora B. Thompson, Archivist			DATE
ORGANIZATION Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning		DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER: 3450 Court House Drive			
CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City		STATE Maryland	21043

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

Significance of this property is:

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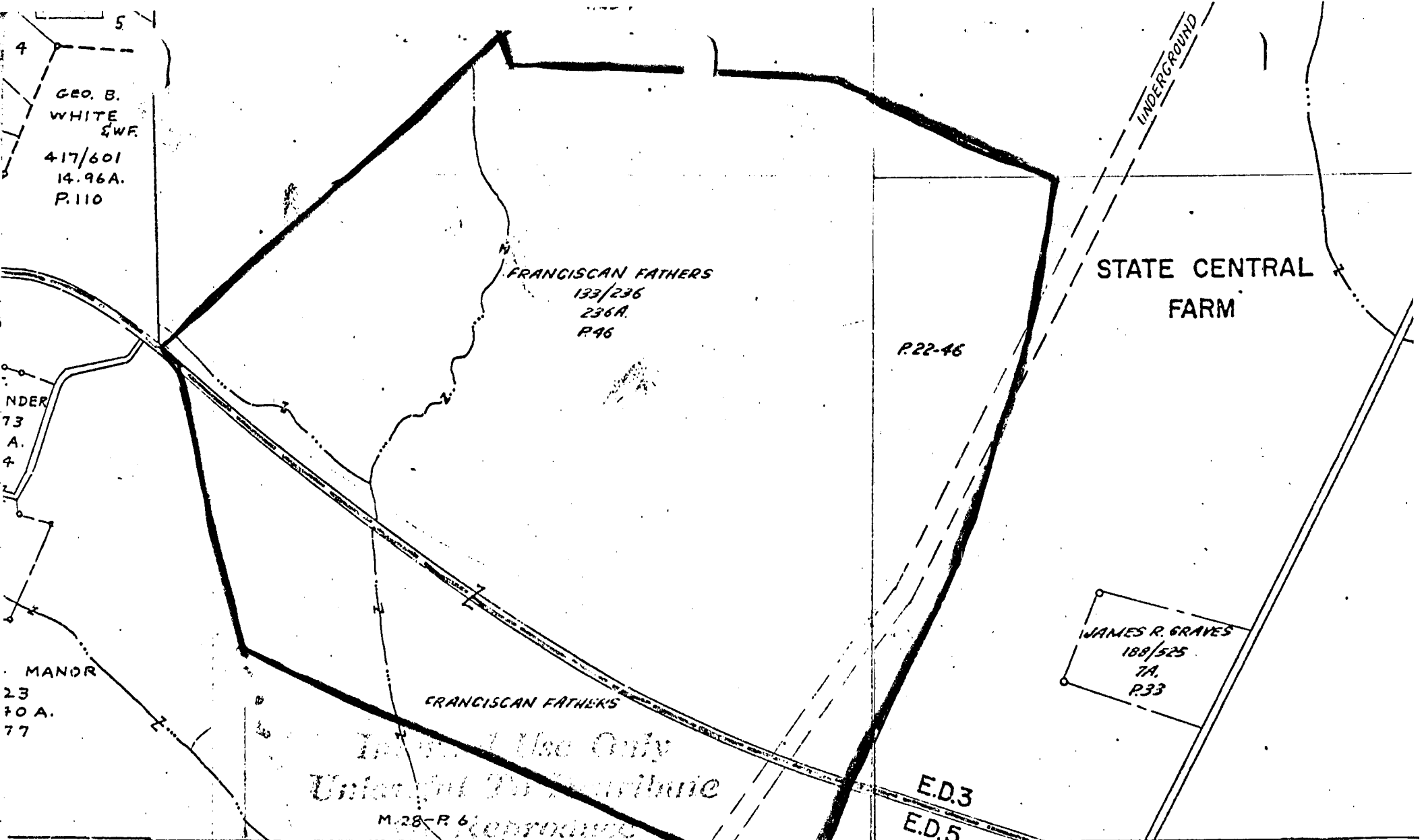
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similar to the site of the "Sacro Convento" of Assisi, the church which holds the body of St. Francis. He instructed the architects to arrange the walls on the three sides of the building to slope in a buttress fashion to accentuate the size and massiveness of the building. The building material used on the exterior is beaver dam marble with granite for backing and stone trim. All stone carving was eliminated and the simplest form of trim employed. Minimal costs resulted since the slabs were but trimmings from huge blocks used in other construction work.

The chapel with its simple altars, beautifully carved choir stalls, mosaic stations of the cross, and coffered ceiling is a gem of the early renaissance. The library, refectory and other community rooms with their massive open fireplaces of patterned brick, the arched and vaulted cloisters with their sturdy marble pilasters and wrought iron grilles and the arched transoms encasing fan lights take us back to early thirteenth century architecture.

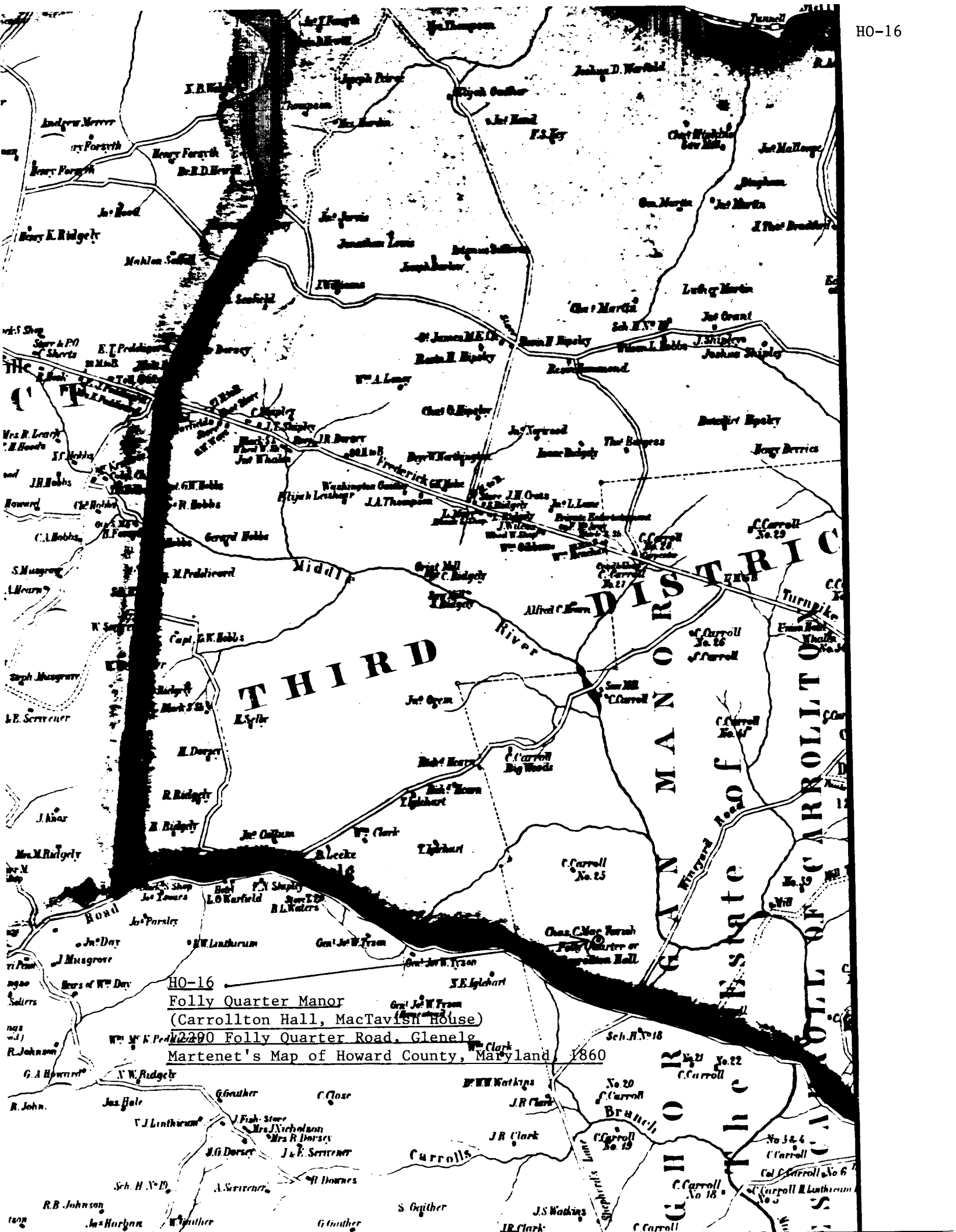
The property is significant for its role in education, religious training and social work. This religious community of Roman Catholic men forms a life of prayer, work and study. Their apostolic activities include chaplaincies at hospitals, nursing homes and homes for the aged, education, parish ministry and missionary activities. Young men from the Eastern United States who enter the Franciscan Order spend their first year of religious life at the Folly Quarter Novitiate. Dedicated in May of 1930 by Archbishop Curley of Baltimore, the building has always been used as a Novitiate except from 1943 thru 1957 when it was affiliated with St. Bonaventure University of Allegany, New York, when it housed an affiliated school of Philosophy.



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 FRANCISCAN SEMINARY  
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DISTRICT

MANOR OF CARROLLTON

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Folly Quarter Manor  
(Carrollton Hall, MacTavish House)  
2290 Folly Quarter Road, Glenelg,  
Maryland  
Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland, 1860

BRANCH

State Road of CARROLLTON

Carrolls

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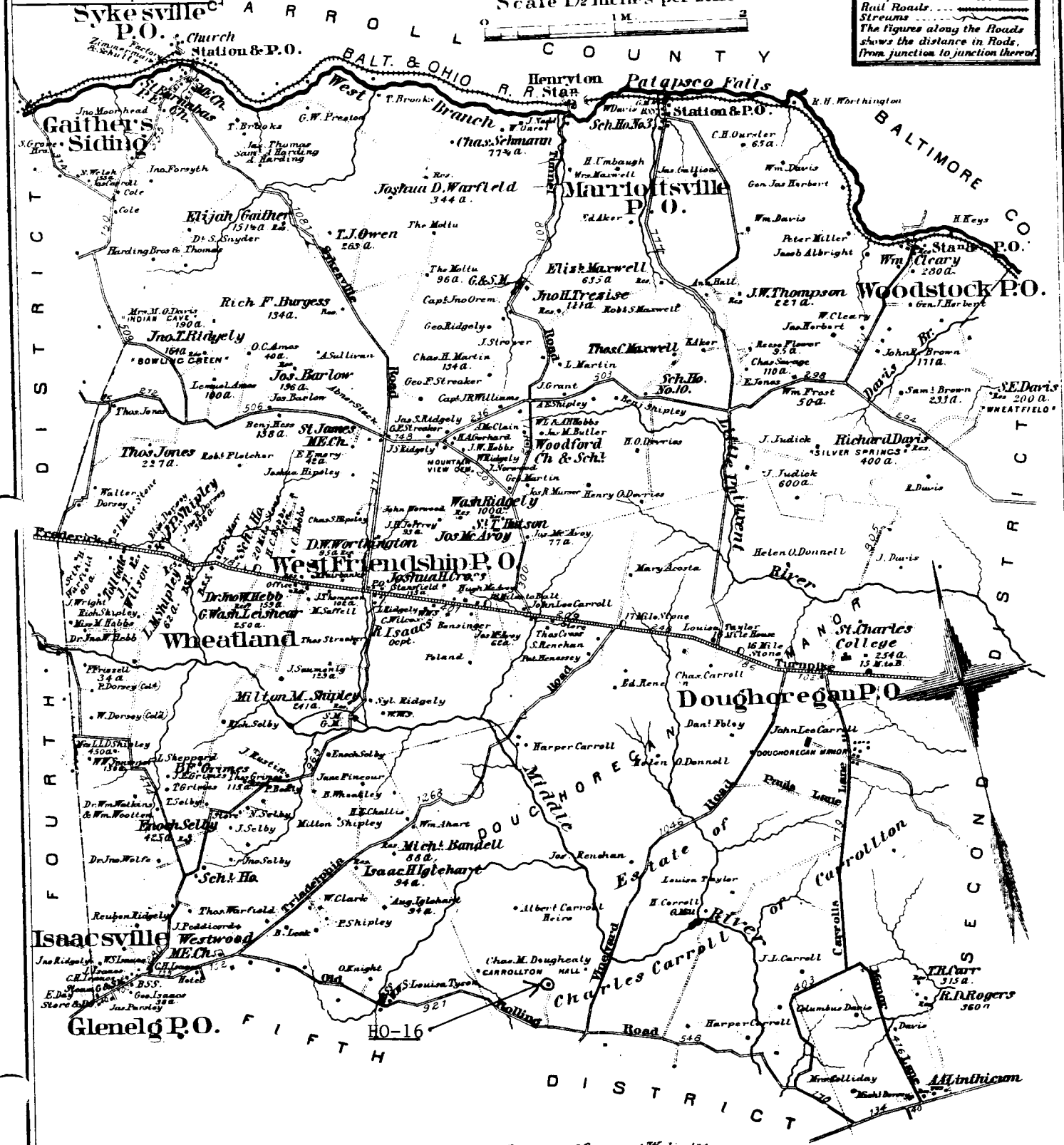
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Streams	-----
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**BLACKSMITH.**  
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to Order. Cast Steel Work of every  
description, and all kinds of Country  
Work. Machines Repaired.



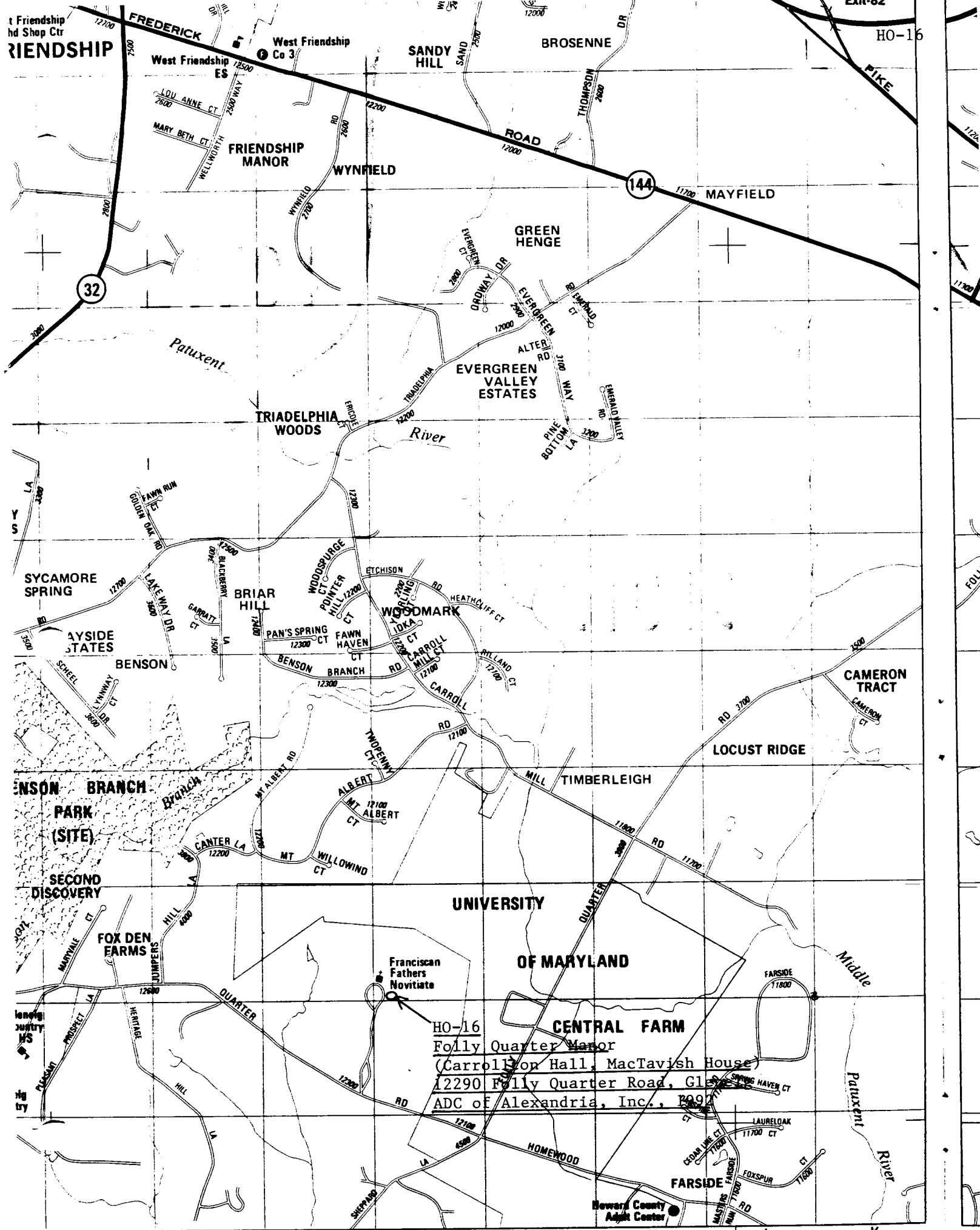
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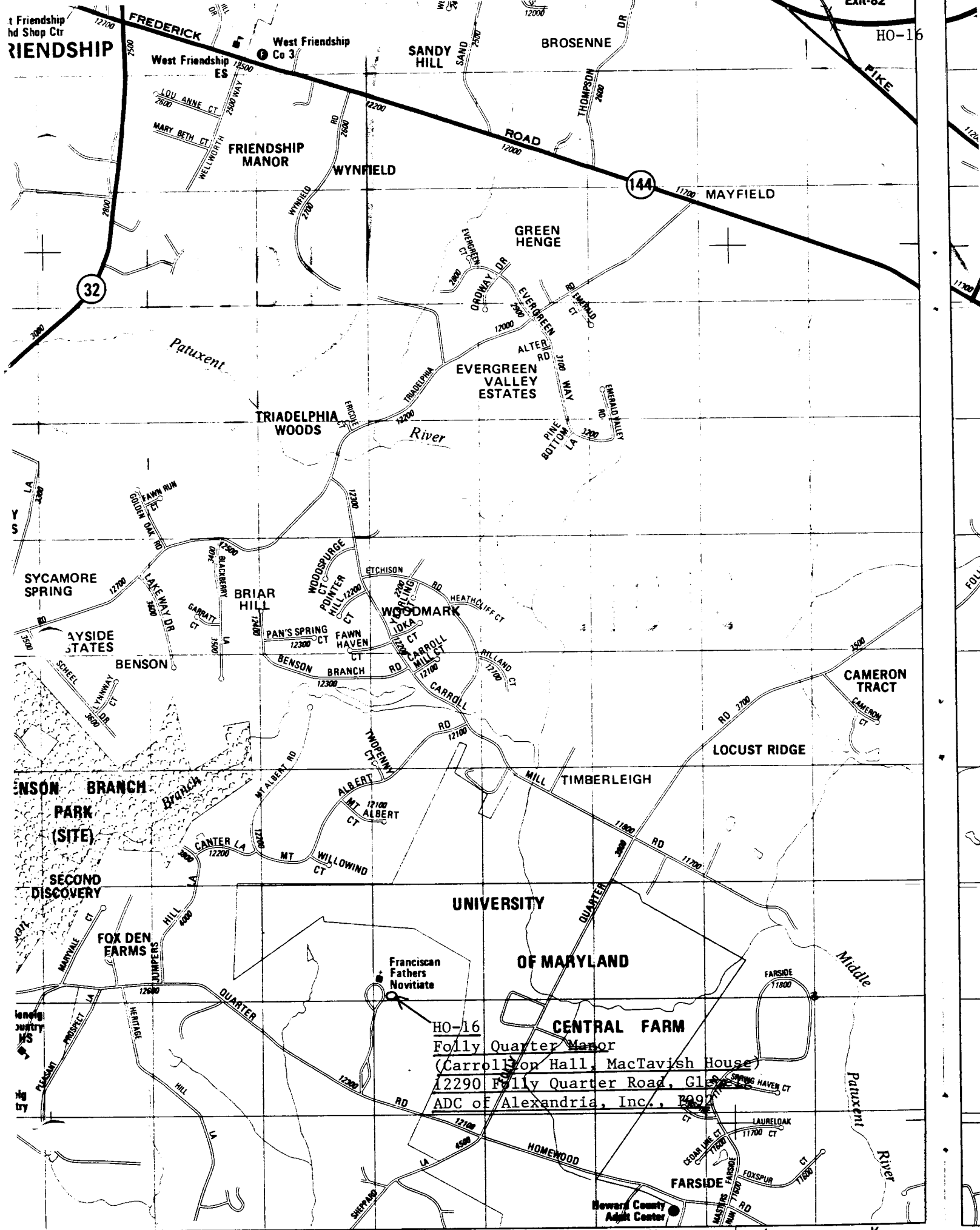
Wilson, Geographer in charge. **HO-16 Folly Quarter Manor (Carrollton Hall, MacTavish House)**  
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 Control by W. Carvel Hall, E. L. McNair, and E. S. Ela.  
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**15' Quad Ellicott, MD 1906, Reprinted 1944**  
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 Datum is mean sea level

Division of Archeology  
 and Geological Survey  
 Hopkins University  
 Baltimore, Maryland 21218

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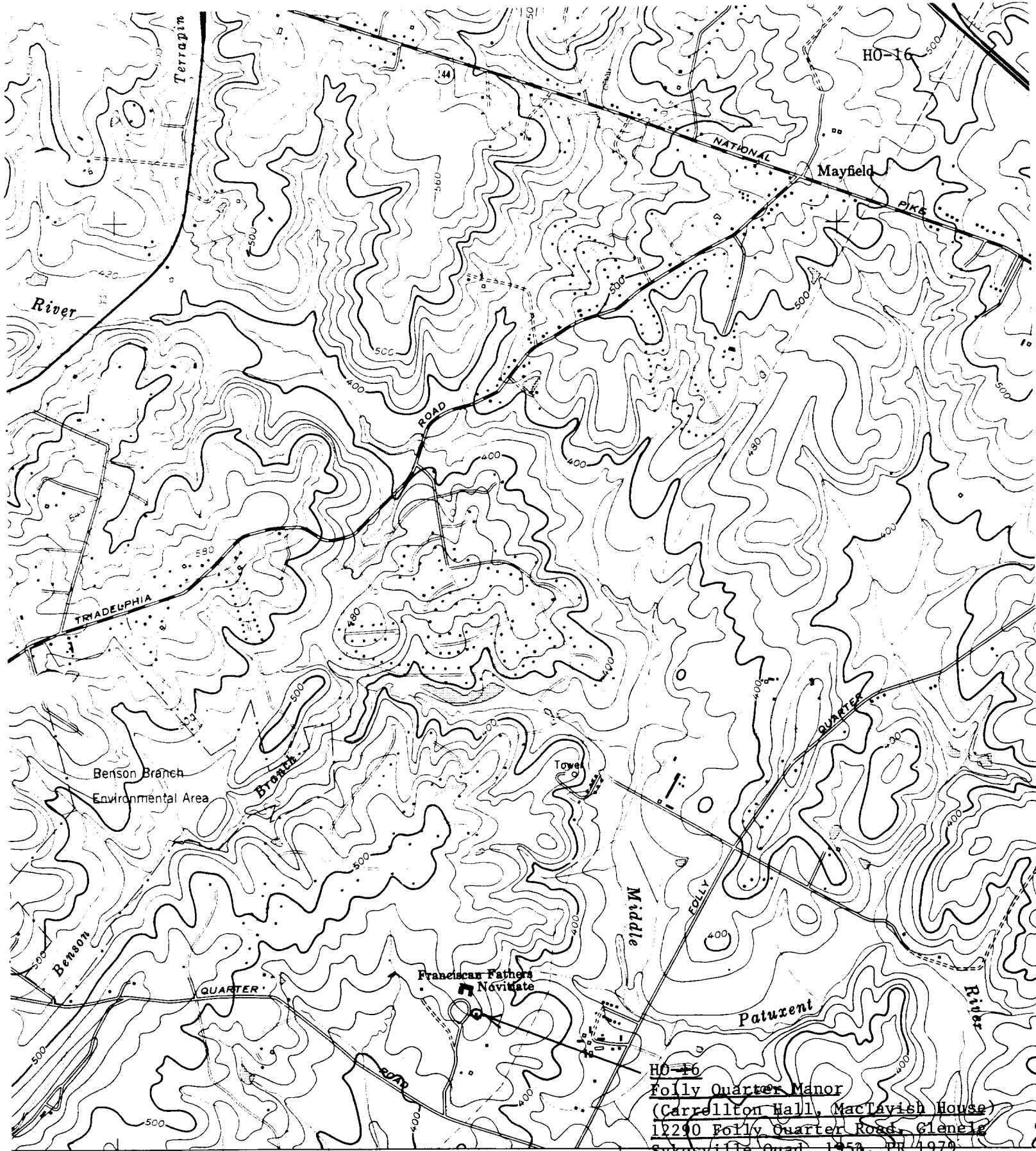
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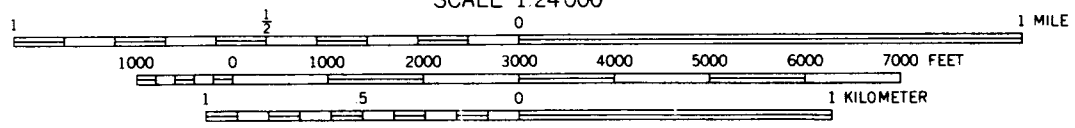
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**Folly Quarter Manor**  
 (Carrollton Hall, MacLayish House)  
 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Glenelg  
 Sykesville Quad, 1953, PR 4979

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