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OVERLOOK FARMS
Laurel
Private

circa 1910

Overlook Farms, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Kingdon Gould, Jr. who recently served as Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxemburg, is situated on some 140 acres of land once part of Warfield's Range, laid out in 1686.

The Gould house was built circa 1910 by Erskine Sunderland, Washington architect and personal friend of Richard A. Johnson, President of the Laurel Race Track, whose wife received the 140 acre tract of land from her father, Senator Arthur Pue Gorman.

Overlook Farms is a six bay wide, five bay deep, two and a half story gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure laid on a stone foundation with a six bay long, two bay deep, two and a half story gabled roof (running east-west) east wing springing from the second and third south bays of the east wall. Its central double paneled rectangular entrance door faces west, surmounted by a seven paneled segmental arch fan light and flanked by fluted Corinthian half columns and rectangular double-hung windows all of which rest beneath a flat roofed portico supported by three doric columns and two flat pilasters. The house is surrounded by a tent roofed garage, gabled roof garage and breezeway, intersecting gabled roof cottage, horse barn and other auxiliary buildings. The building complex is noteworthy for the unity of its composition which has been achieved through the natural effects of gardens, lawn and landscaping.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-236
District 6
MAGE 1402366704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Overlook Farms

AND/OR COMMON
The Gould House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Murray Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Laurel

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. & Mrs. Kingdon Gould, Jr.

Telephone #: 725-3018

STREET & NUMBER Murray Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Laurel

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: Tax Maps 42 & 47, p 85
Folio #: 229-323

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Survey

DATE 1977

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE Maryland

DESCRIPTION

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District 6

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR
 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Gould House is located on the north side of Gorman Road some two miles east of U.S. Route 29 on some 140 acres of rolling Howard County farm land.

Overlook Farms is a six bay wide, five bay deep, two and a half story, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure built on a stone foundation. Tall twin brick chimneys with corbeled edges are inset into each side of the south wall and a wide brick chimney centered into its north wall. An additional chimney is centered into the apex of the gabled roof between the second and third south bays. It faces west with one story, flat roofed, open porches with wooden balustrades creating second floor terraces on its north and south elevations. That on the north runs along the entire north elevation of this section of the house. Four french doors with 22-22 lights lie off the porch which is supported by twelve doric columns, and two pilasters. Three wooden stairs are located on the east and west sides of the porch. That on the south runs only along the two first floor central bays, supported by four large wooden doric columns and two pilasters, forming an entree to the two french doors with 22-22 lights. Rectangular second floor french doors with 5-5 lights, on either side of the central bay rectangular window are surmounted by six light transoms and lead on to the second floor terrace created by the flat roof and the wooden balustrade running along its perimeter. A central flat roofed one story, open portico covers the central entrance which holds a double paneled, rectangular entrance surmounted by a seven light segmental arch fan light decorated with segmental arched wooden lintel and scrolled keystone. Fluted corinthian half columns lie on each side of the entrance door as well as rectangular, double-hung windows with nine-over-nine lights. Six doric columns support the northwest and south west corners of the portico while two columns and two pilasters support the northeast-southeast corners of the portico attached to the west wall of the house. Six second floor windows, vertically aligned on the two north and two south bays of the west wall, hold nine-over-nine lights. Six jerkin head roofed dormer windows holding rectangular, double-hung windows with eight-over-eight lights are inset into the gabled roof on the west elevation.

From the east wall springs a six bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story, frame service wing. It has brick chimneys with corbeled edges centered into its east wall and another somewhere in the center of the wing.

Fenestration for both sections, which form an "L plan", is rectangular, double-hung with nine-over-nine lights, flanked by pilasters,

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surmounted by flat wooden lintels and decorated by projecting flat wooden sills held by two brackets.

A shed roofed one story high, open porch lies along almost the entire north elevation of the service wing with flag stone landing approached by three slate steps.

The remaining three bays of the east wall of the main structure hold three first floor windows and a 21 light rectangular entrance in the central bay, two second floor windows above and three jerkin head roofed dormer windows inset into the gabled roof. The roof is noteworthy for when first built, a great wind blew the whole roof off. It was rebuilt and put together with carriage bolts to insure strength and stability.

A garage lies east of the house with gabled roof running east-west connected to the house by a gabled roof breezeway. A tent roofed smoke house and one car garage lie still further east while a quaint little tenant house lies southeast of the house. Horse barns are located north east of the house. Walkways, gardens and roadways connect and unite this myriad building complex.

SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES circa, 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Erskine Sunderland

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gould House was built circa 1910 by Erskine Sunderland personal friend of Richard A. Johnson, whose wife recieved the 140 acre tract of land from her father, Senator Arthur Pue Gorman.

During the building of this house, Mr. Sunderland would travel from his home in Washington to the building site in Howard County. When leaving, he would tell his little daughter, Mrs. Harwood Owings, Sr. that he must leave for a time but when he came back he would bring her a little gift. On arriving home he would tell her that a little animal left some money under a rock for her. Mrs. Harwood Owings, Sr. often stayed with her aunt who lived in the Gorman House. There was another house on this site prior to the construction of Overlook that Mr. Johnson occupied before building the present house. It is believed that it was some what the same shape and perhaps encompassed only the east wing. The frame is supposed to have been moved down the hill to become the tenant house on the property. Originally tobacco was grown here with old tobacco houses on the land. Barrels rolled down Whiskey Bottom Road to the river and overseas transportation.

Now Cattle graze here. Due to the liberal dressings of lime and manure by Senator Gorman, as well as clover, these fields produced corn, wheat and grass in quantity and quality during his tenure. The Seantor was frequently seen on horseback, personally supervising its operation.

Mr. R.W. Johnson was the first President of the Laurel Race Track. The name of his wife was Grace, but she was called Daisy. A little post office, Daisy, Maryland is named for her. The house was later occupied for a space of about six years by Dr. Hanscomb. In 1952 Mr. and Mrs Kingdon Gould, acquired Overlook Farm, and here raised their nine children. Mr. Gould has just recently served as Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxembourg. During their tenure they have put more architectural detail into the interior of the house (chair rails, mantles, etc) and have also added the garage complex.

Architecturally, the house is a pleasing, well proportioned building built on a T plan facing west with an outstanding federal doorway flanked by fluted Corinthian half columns and surmounted by a seven paned segmental arch fan light. A graceful portico supported on the north and south east corner by three large doric columns and an additional column and pilaster on the north and south west corner covers the central entrance. There is a regularity in detail of the house. Fenestration is double - hung, holding nine - over-nine lights, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Each window is

flanked by pilasters and surmounted by a flat wooden lintel. their projecting wooden sills are held by two brackets. Six dormer windows with jerkin head roofs are inset into the roof on the west elevation alligned to the six second floor windows below.

The north and south open porches with their french doors leading out offer an architectural continuity, repetition and rythm to the overall plan as well as a pleasing vehicle for relaxation and the enjoyment of the outdoors. They are augmented by horse stables, lawns and gardens, swimming and tennis facilities, all excellently maintained and unified by landscaping and pathways.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Interview with Mrs. Harwood Owings who lived at the Gorman House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 138.75 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Maps 42 and 47, p. 85 229-323.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

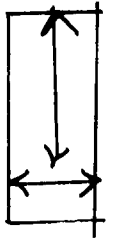
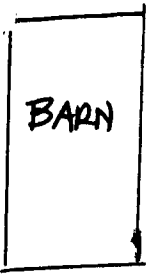
STATE

Maryland

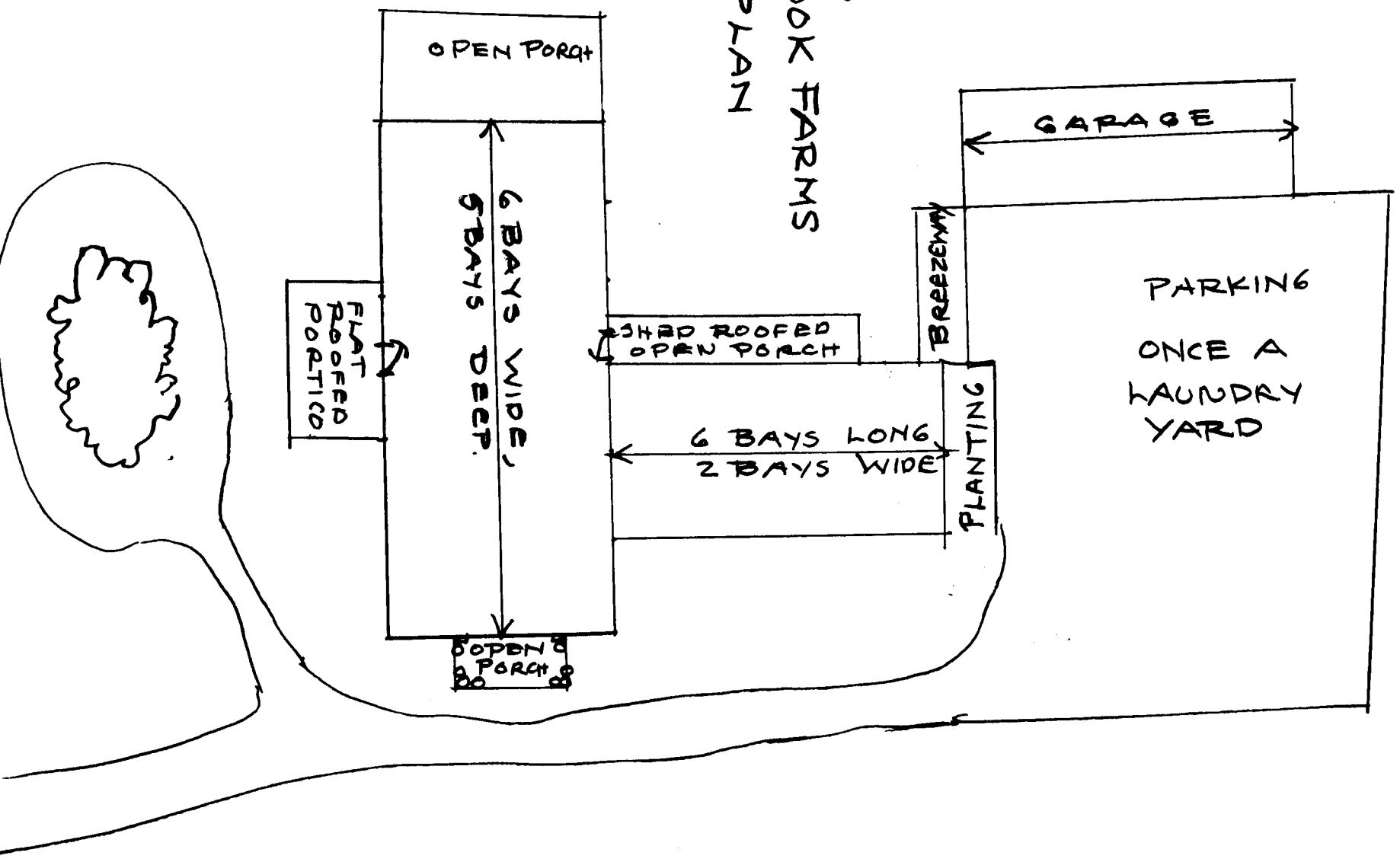
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OVERLOOK FARMS
SITE PLAN



GARDENS

BD. OF ED.
OF HO. CO.
672/123
33.14A.
P.405

95-32 CORPORATION
569/335
343.02A.
P.390

95-32
CORP.
607/342
N.30W.
P.206

BD. OF Co. COMM. OF HO. CO.
503/345
17.77A.
P.378

GRACE GORMAN
W/R 6/99
81.48A.
P.286

J.H.
DORSET
409/616
P.346
WAITER
F. FRAZIER
168/502
17.66A.
P.87

KINGDON
GOULD, JR
229/323
138.75A
P.85

HOWA
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10'
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OF CO. COMM. OF
HO. CO.
97/201
59.18A.
P.379

SOUTHWAN
TRANS CO
P.379

MURRAY HILL RD

MIDDLE BRANCH PATENT RIVER

MAP 42-P.85

MAP 47-F.472

MAP 47-P.6

ACE N. GORMAN
W/R 6/99
52.45A.
P.770

HOWARD RES. & DEV. CORP.
83/81
107.24A.
P.6

Attachment 1
HO-236 Gould House
Tax Maps 42 and 47
800 scale

J.R. CLEMENTE
426/619
7.39A.
P.621

H.C.
HEARN
2.75A.
P.620

LOUISE M MYERS
203/781
80A
P.3

MURICE E WASKEY JR
159/839
20.25A
P.4

S.R.C.

S.R.C.
XL 10.18A
P.845

ARUNDEL CORP
653/107

Sixth District.
GENERAL MERCHANT.
A. J. GALL,
 Dealer in Groceries, Provisions, Liquors,
 &c.
 Hooversville.

EXPLANATIONS
 Dist. & Co. Lines
 County Roads
 Private "
 Turnpike "
 Rail Roads
 Streams
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 shows the distance in Rods,
 from junction to junction thereof

Attachment 3
 HO-236
 Gould House
 Hopkin's Atlas
 District 6
 1878

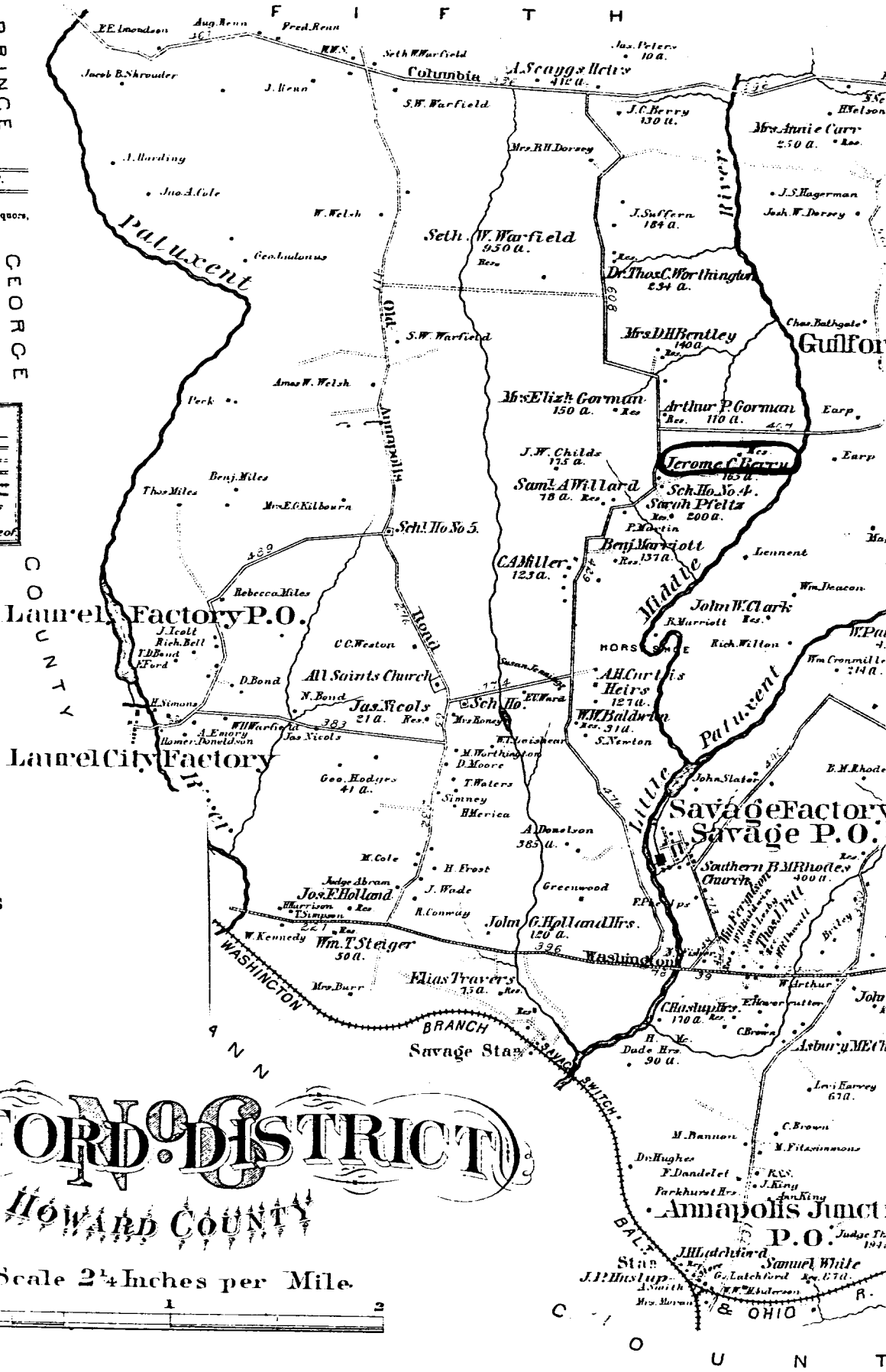
GUILFORD DISTRICT

HOWARD COUNTY

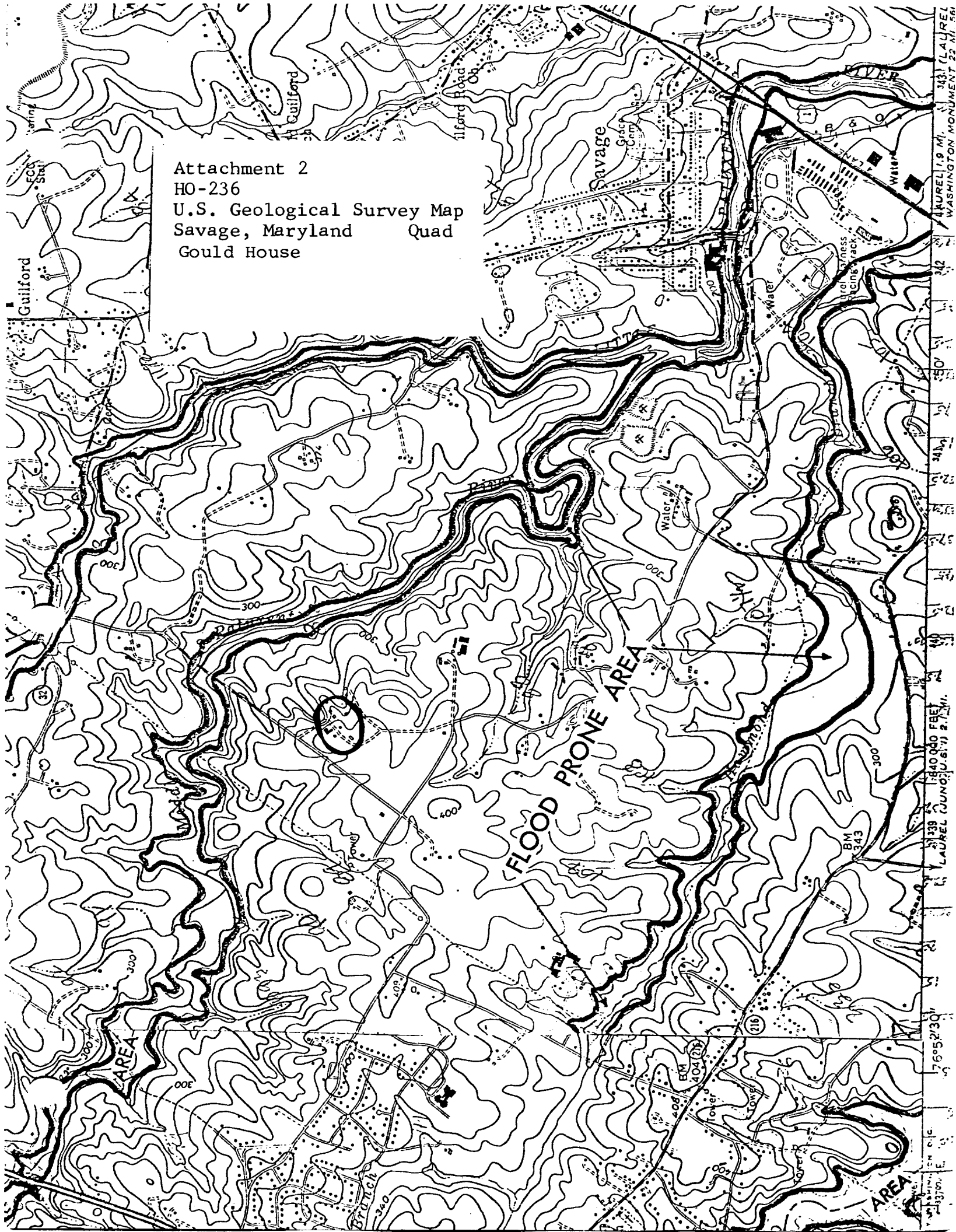
Scale 2 1/4 Inches per Mile



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Attachment 2
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U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quad
Gould House



76°52'30"
3370. E
LAUREL (UNCL.) U.S. 2.7 Mi.
34000 FEET
LAUREL 1.9 Mi.
WASHINGTON MONUMENT 22 Mi. SE



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