

HO-265

Warfield's Range Log Cabin, site (Phelps Log Cabin)

Architectural Survey File

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LOG CABIN ON GORMAN ROAD
Laurel
Private

circa 1703

This old cabin is located on the northern most survey of Warfield's Range, a 150 acre tract of land give to Rachel Warfield Yates and her husband by her father, Richard Warfield in 1703. It is located several feet north of the Phelp's residence, HO-266, and may have been built as early as 1696 when Richard and John Warfield laid out Warfield's Range.

The log cabin is constructed in two parts.

The original cabin is a single-room-and-overhead-loft structure, built of logs filled in with flat slate, facing east with gabled roof (running north-south) and wide exterior stone chimney centered on its north wall, providing a large cooking fireplace with original crane. The interior features 14" wide plank loft flooring, held and supported by log beams.

A single-room-and-overhead-loft has been added on the north wall, also constructed of log and filled in with flat stones. The interior of this section indicates a later date of construction, circa 1845, when owned by Dr. Thomas C. Worthington, featuring wide, random width floors supported by hand hewn beams.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Warfield's Range/"Pilla Terra"/Dr. Thomas Chew Worthington's homestead

AND/OR COMMON Log Cabin on Gorman Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 10504 Gorman Road (Now on Hunters Way)

CITY, TOWN Laurel VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Unoccupied

Adjacent to private residence

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ms Janet W. Phelps Home: 725-0737 Telephone #: Work 344-2222 (USDA)

STREET & NUMBER Twin Cedars 10504 Gorman Road

CITY, TOWN Laurel VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20810

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Liber #: 706 Folio #: 340 Tax Maps 41 and 42, p. 80

STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Due north of the Phelp's residence is a log cabin composed of two sections and having a single gable roof running north-south.

The original section is the southern half of the log cabin with a south rectangular entrance door west of center and a four light rectangular window above. Two nine light first floor windows rest in the east wall with a six light second floor window above in the north bay of this section. Its west wall holds a rectangular four light open window with smaller second floor windows above. A large exterior stone chimney is centered on the north wall of this section with rectangular north entrance in the west bay. Extremely wide wooden planks are supported by hand hewn logs indicating early construction and probably antedating the oldest section of the Phelp's Residence.

Its north wall holds a rectangular window, set into its first floor and a four light attic window. Its west wall holds a rectangular entrance in the north bay and a rectangular first floor opening in its south bay which also holds a six light second floor window. Floors of the loft in this section have narrower planks and hand hewn supporting beams of a later period than those in the southern half of the cabin.

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"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

An examination of the interior of this interesting log house would date the original structure between the years 1696 and 1710. It has the identifying marks of a once substantial settler's log cabin. Its general appearance suggests that it was a single-room-and-overhead-loft structure. Similar structures were erected by early settlers when laying claim to uninhabited or unclaimed land. Due to historical facts uncovered and presented under the significance statement of the Phelp's Residence, H0-266, it is believed that the original section of this log house was constructed circa 1703 or even earlier circa 1696 and that the Phelp's residence's original and present kitchen section stems from the date of circa 1709 when John Warfield (of John) and his wife Rachel acquired the property.

This log house along with the Phelp's Residence H0-266, stands on the most northern survey of Warfield's Range, laid out in 1696 by Richard and John Warfield and comprising 1,696 acres of land.

In his will of 1703, Richard Warfield left 150 acres of land, part of "Warfield's Range", to his daughter, Rachel Yates.

This 150 acre tract is the same tract of land which Dr. Thomas Chew Worthington bought in 1845. The deed describes the property as consisting of

Part of a tract called "Broken Land", part of a tract called, "Worthingtons Addition" and part of or the entire tract called "Long and Narrow," lying and being in Howard District of Anne Arundel County which included 147 acres. It also comprised the tract of land known as "Pilla Terra" patented to William Sellman. Originally this tract comprised 23 acres but was found by a subsequent survey to contain only six acres and 90 sq. perches, "together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses etc. A William Sellman born, 1689, is noted in Mr. Stein's book on Howard County.

In 1709, after her death, her husband **George Yates**, sold it to John Warfield (of John).

Rachel The log cabin standing on the property was most certainly constructed in the time of *of* and George Yates to hold the tract of land owned by them from 1703 to 1709, since they are said to have settled at Yates Contrivance, a tract of 400 acres at Elkridge. George Yates, Jr. (1674-1717) survived Rachel by only eight years, dying at the relatively young age of 43.

It is also probable that the cabin might date from as early as 1696 when

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Warfield's Range was patented, and that the original part of the frame house, **consisting** of the present kitchen, was built between the years, 1703-1709 by a tenant farmer when Rachel and George Yates owned the land. No dates, on examining the building, were in evidence so that this is pure conjecture.

The frame addition on the south wall of the original and present kitchen was very early, circa 1709, and probably constructed by John Warfield and **his** wife Rachel.

In 1845, when Dr. Thomas Worthington acquired the property, the northern addition to the cabin was added for it has hand hewn supporting beams for the upstairs loft, rather than logs and the planks of the loft are **randam** width but almost half the width of the extremely wide planks used for the loft flooring on the south side of the existing cabin.

The wide cooking fire place with original crane is set into the north wall of the original log cabin section with an east door, very **common** practice in early days.

For these reasons, this log cabin along with the Phelps residence should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places, any future landmark legislation and the Critical Areas State Planning Program.

The property includes two huge "bicentennial" oak trees with markers, west of the log cabin as well as a barn put together with wooden pegs. A large corn field lies east of the house, while an old glass dump is located in the woods between the house and the Middle Patuxent River. An old bridge goes over this river. In addition Indian mounds lie due north of the property. Please see significance statement for Ho-266 for further information.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland. Baltimore, 1973, pp 366, 399, 388, 365.
2. Interview with Mrs. Harwood Owings, Sr.
3. Stein, C.F. Origins and History of Howard County, Maryland. Baltimore, 1972 pp. 309, 310.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 57.907

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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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 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

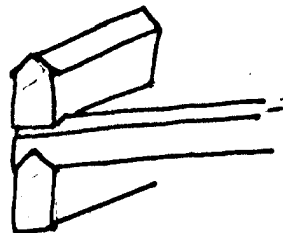
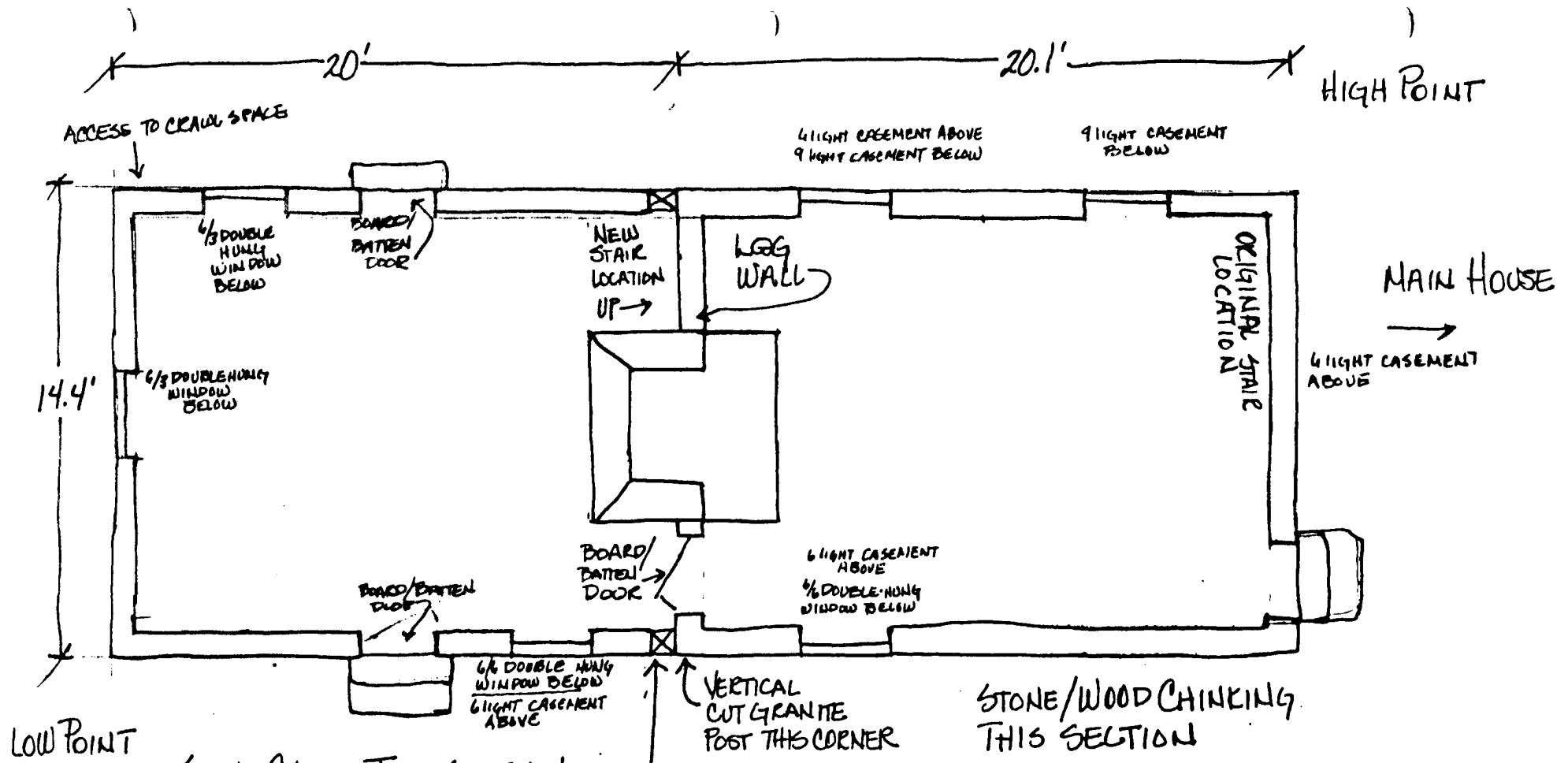
STATE

Maryland

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TYPICAL NOTCH

- * EXPOSED BEAMS - FIRST FLOOR
- * BOARD/BATTEN CEILING & WALLS - 2ND FLOOR
- * 2ND FLOOR WINDOWS ARE ALIGNED HORIZONTALLY AT THE FLOOR LEVEL
- * EXPOSED LOG WALLS ON FIRST FLOOR
- * FIREPLACE LINTEL - ONE PIECE OF PALE GRAY GRANITE - ± 4'

PHILIPS CABIN - MHT # 265
 (MHT # 266 RESIDENCE)
 NORTH LAUREL - SAVAGE PLANNING AREA
 TAYNAPHI - CO-ORDINATE F. 4
 HOWARD COUNTY MD
 SHULL - NOV. 1982

NORTH
 APPROX. SCALE 3/16" = 1'-0"
 (Corrected 11/15/82)

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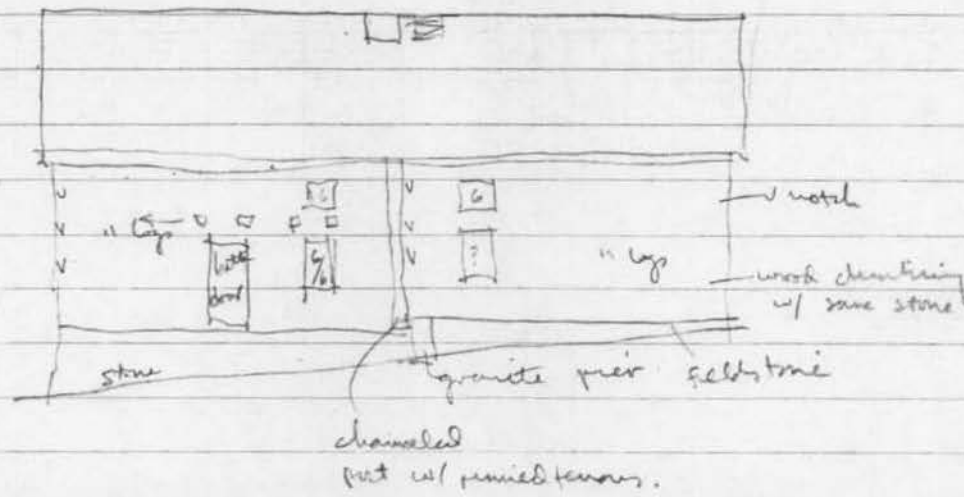
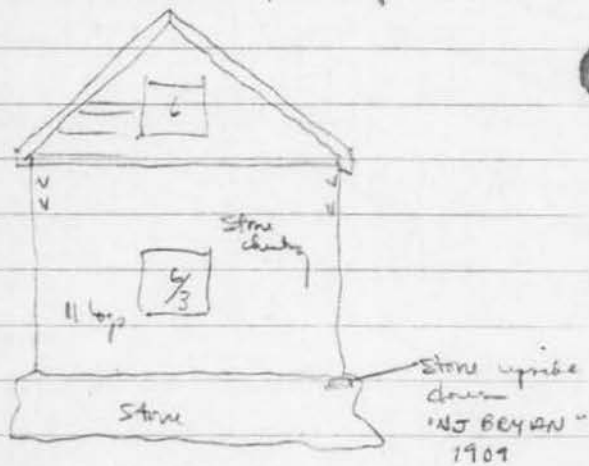
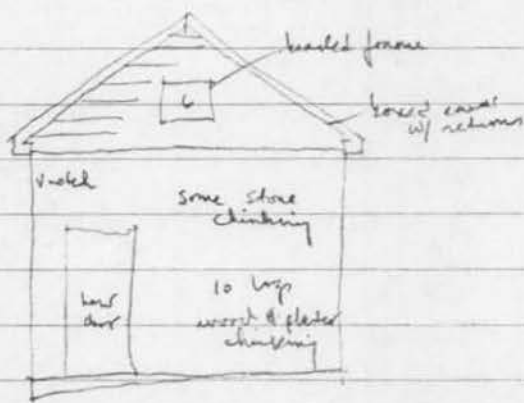
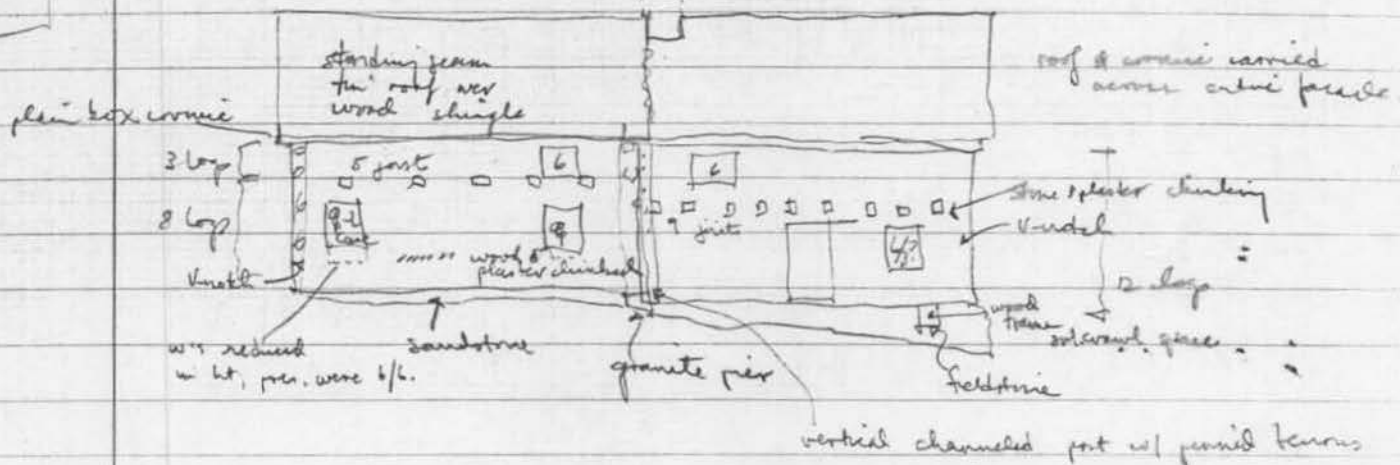
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Phelps Cabin
Howard Co.

Jan. 11, 83.

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Two part log house



Interior one rectangular room w/ similar sized room added to East.

Large stone fireplace centered E gable wall - ext chimney. Has dressed stone lintel, worked jambs. Door to left goes into later section.

Evidence of stair against W gable. Stair now in newer section.

Wood floor is not orig, may be laid over earlier floor.

Exposed rough joist ceiling has been lowered and joists now rest on ledgers.

2nd floor one room w single window in 3 walls. W's on facade walls must have been cut in after floor dropped.

Ceiling lined w/ late 19th beaded wainscot.

Upper chimney shaft is brick.

1st floor pd II Stove hole in back of chimney was heat source. Evidence of stair in SE corner (header and filled flooring). "Modern" narrow flooring.

Nail holes suggest ceiling added later, now removed. Better doors in beaded frames. Beaded lds & battens.

2nd floor pd II orig one room w/ exposed and whitewashed framing. Later divided into 2 rooms and sheathed w/ wainscot.

New floor laid in E & W room.

ELL SR. EWF.
99/220

VESSELL
9/220

JA.
20

P.21
MAP 46-P.2

COLUMBIA
MD. 196

REFFETT HO. CO.
530/34
7.11A. P.363
WELKER 6.15A. P.363
717/278
6.21A. P.401
P.401

P.270
A.N. YOUNG, JR. INC.
624/681
5.19A. P.245

FISHER
647/558
5.78A. P.386

R.L. REVER
697/172
5.28A. P.395

CARL
FETCHER
649/523
5.27A. P.395

ALMA MACK
161/445
12.53A. P.280

S.R.C.
9.01A. P.11

440/295
7.71A. P.7

440/294
10.29A. P.306

440/298
4.51A. P.258

3.42A. P.16

KINDLER
P.307
P.308
P.309

BD. OF
CO. COMM.
498/301
18.16A
P.244

MAP 42-P.
BD. OF
CO. COMM.
444/320
8.47A
P.230

DEV CORP
100/705
160.28A.
P.54

2.70A
P.380

HOWARD CO.
23.18A.
P.140

HOWARD CO.
525/109
36.26A.
P.341

JANET W PHELPS
706/340
57.91A.
P.80

HAYES PROP
PARTNERSHIP
448/103 - 448/112
43.67A.
P.17

BD. OF CO. COMM. OF
HO. CO.
497/201
59.18A.
P.379

Attachment I
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Log House, Gorman Road
Tax Maps 41 and 42
800 scale

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653/554
10.12A.
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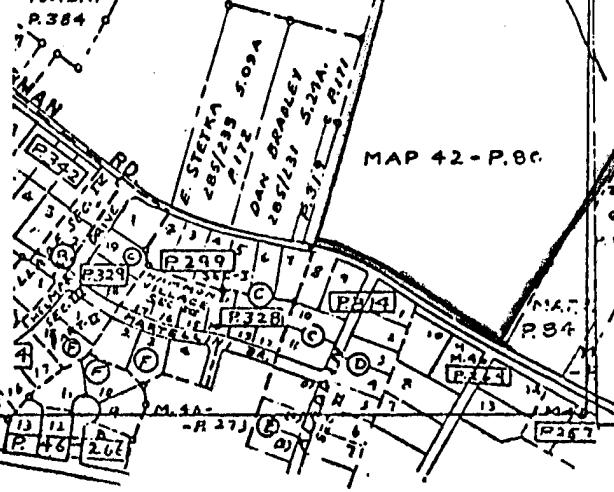
HOWARD RESEARCH
& DEV. CORP.
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NOAH P.
SOWERS
201/418
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MAP 42-P.8C

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WILTROUT
203/342
6.8A
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SUSQUHANNA TRANS CO
12.03A
P.82



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
 The figures along the Roads
 shows the distance in Rods,
 from junction to junction thereof

Attachment 3
 HO-265
 Log House, Gorman Road
 Hopkin's Atlas
 1878

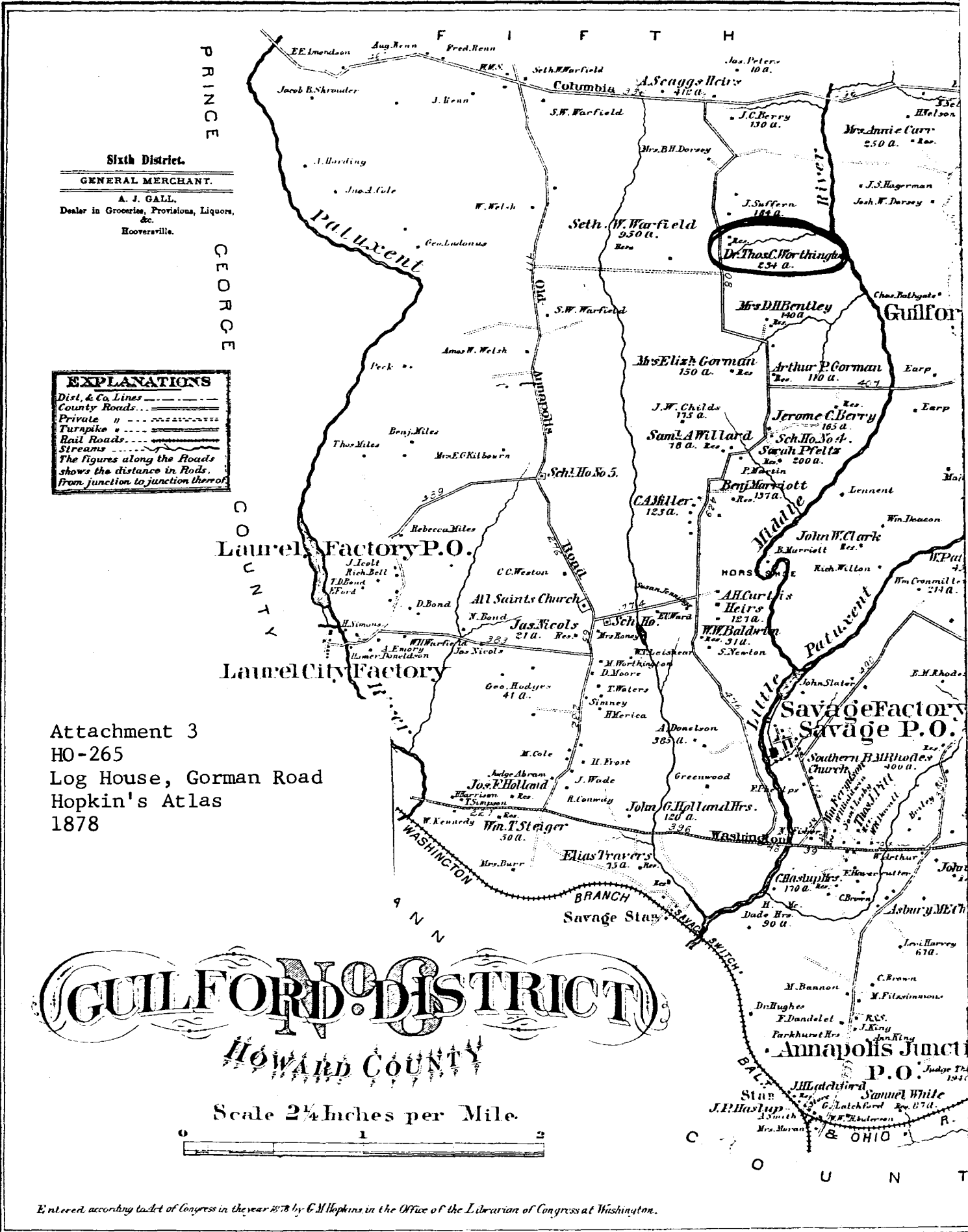
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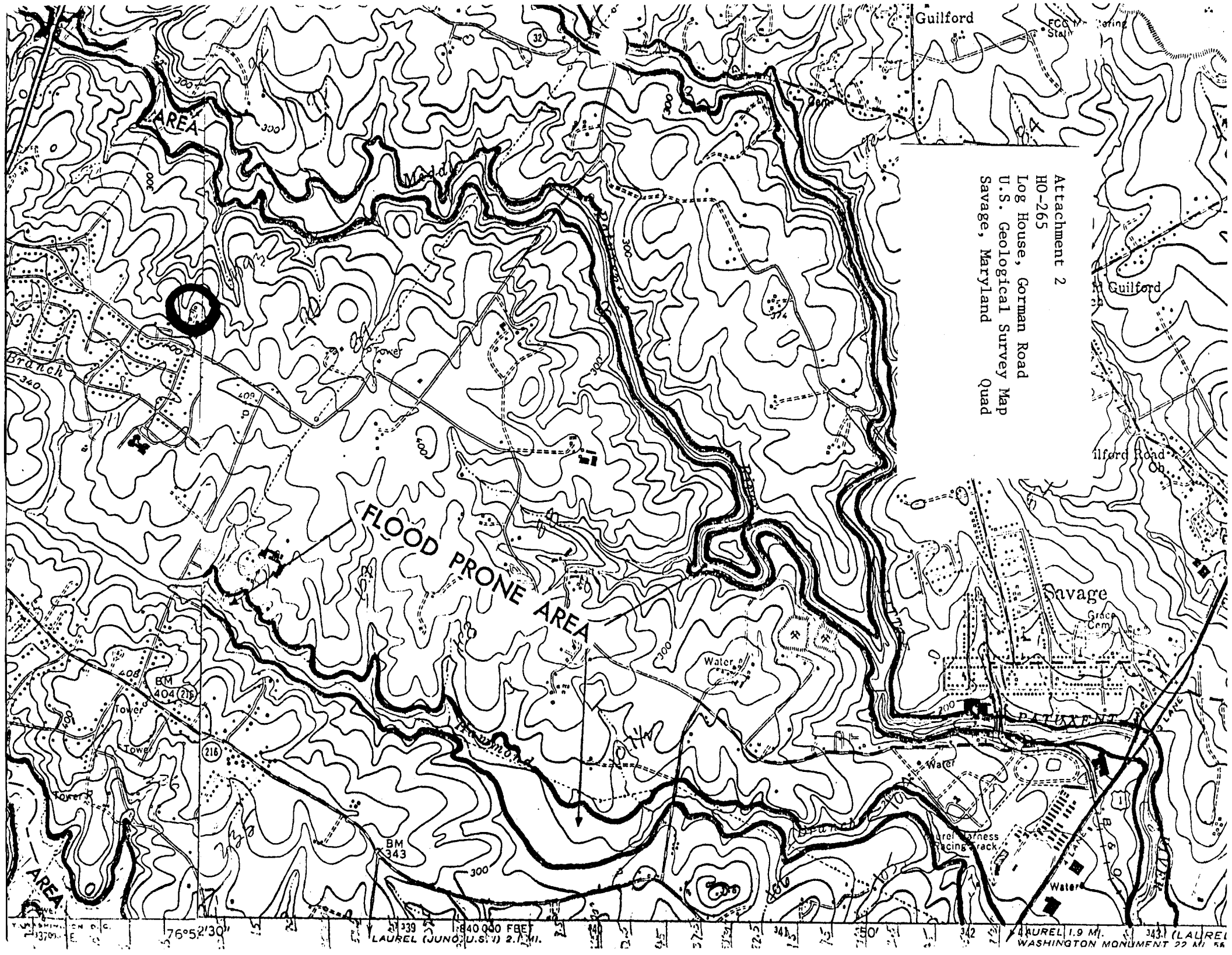
HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 2 1/4 Inches per Mile.



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Guilford FCC Station

AREA

Attachment 2
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Log House, German Road
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quad

Guilford

Branch

Guilford Road Ob.

FLOOD PRONE AREA

Savage

AREA

Water

Grace Com

BM 404 (218)

Water

Water

BM 343

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Water



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