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Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith Shop House

Architectural Survey File

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Pfeiffer's Corner
Private

circa 1862

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It is a four bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) German siding frame house (covered with shingles), with square, central brick chimney and two story high, shed roofed, kitchen wing on the two west bays of its north wall.

A rectangular, cross paneled entrance door, located in the second west bay of the building's south wall, leads into the west room of the dwelling. This section was constructed first, and then a two bay wide, two story high, east section with east bay entrance hall was added along its east wall. This entire south elevation is covered by a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by five square posts.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned, rectangular and double-hung, holding one-over-one lights. Windows are flanked by flat pilasters and surmounted by flat wooden lintels.

The interior features random width floors, fine woodwork, original staircase with curvilinear spindles and knewel post and enclosed kitchen staircase.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith Shop House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5961 Waterloo Road (MD 108)

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland 21043

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

M. Charlotte Coar Hains

Telephone #: 461-2662

STREET & NUMBER

5961 Waterloo Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #: 637

Tax Map 37

Folio #: 032

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STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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

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Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned, rectangular and double-hung, holding one-over-one lights. Windows are flanked by flat pilasters, surmounted by flat wooden lintels and underlined by wooden sills.

Another strong architectural element, the rectangular, cross paneled entrance door, is located in the second west bay of the building's south wall, and another main entrance in its east end bay. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, held by five square posts runs along this entire elevation.

Another fifteen light, rectangular entrance, covered by a gabled roof hood, is located on the east wall of the one story high, shed roofed, north addition.

The interior plan features an east bay entrance hall with the remainder of the house divided into basically two rooms, an east living room and a west dining room.

The central brick chimney and double fireplace, which has been blocked in on the west wall, rises between these two rooms.

The west side of the dividing wall is believed to be the original structure. Its random width floors have been covered by hardwood floors on the first floor, but its cellar reveals the log joists which support it. The second floor is supported by hand hewn ceiling joists, while flat, unmitred pilasters and lintels in this room speak of early to mid nineteenth century construction.

An early, two story high, shed roofed, kitchen wing is constructed along the north wall of the original structure. It features a square brick chimney on its north wall, and an enclosed staircase in its northeast corner, with batten wood, latched entrance door.

Moving back to the main body of the house, to consider the west side of the central brick chimney dividing wall, sawn ceiling joists are found exposed, revealing the later date of this section of the house. A modern bath takes up the northeast corner of the room, which features wide, random width floors, and an east entrance leading into the hall, believed to have been constructed at the same time, circa 1860.

A century old stone well stands east of the house, dating prior to 1869. After this date, brick began to be used in the construction of wells.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1862

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith Shop House is significant to the State of Maryland, Howard County, and to the Nation in two areas. First, it is a fine example of a mid-nineteenth century, German siding, frame dwelling unit, which has been singled, and secondly, it is associated with the Pfeiffer family, which gave their name, Pfeiffer's Corner, to this intersection of Waterloo State Road (also known as the Old Annapolis Road), and the Miller's Corner Road, (also known as the Old Montgomery Road). In an old deed, Old Montgomery Road is also referred to as the old road which leads from Carroll's Manor to Annapolis. (8 November, 1871)

Still another deed from Elizabeth Pfeiffer to George and Mary Damm, dated 12 August, 1965, speaks of the property "binding on the road leading from Elkridge Landing to Bella Spring Meeting House at the intersection of said road, with the road leading from Waterloo to the Columbia Turnpike". This deed refers to the property as part of "Weaver's Lot" and "William's Inheritance", at that time comprising approximately four acres of land with the building, which was sold for \$1,800.

A member of the Pfeiffer family named William acquired the property for \$700 from Oliver and Micha E. Patterson, on November 2, 1868 (WWW 28-486). Micha Elizabeth Shipley Patterson acquired the property two years earlier from William and Micha Haynes of Baltimore City, on March 29, 1866 (25-357) "together with the buildings and improvements erected, made or being".

Interestingly enough, a deed is recorded in the Howard County Land Records four years previously, from the same grantors, William and Micha Haynes of Baltimore City to Grantee, Francis McConnell of Baltimore City, conveying four acres of land with the building, (22-131), dated September 4, 1862. The following statement is found in this deed, "whereas William and Micha Haynes have sold their farm . . . for four houses situate in Baltimore City at the corner of Fremont Street and Elbow Lane . . ."

Here the grantors convey all those two lots "originally conveyed by John Hathaway and Mary Ann to Jacob Haynes and William Haynes by indenture", dated March 5, 1836 and recorded in Anne Arundel County (WSG 20-648).

Evidently the conveyance broke down some way and the property reverted back to the grantors, who in 1866 conveyed the building and four acres to Micha Elizabeth Shipley, who by 1868 was married to Oliver C. Patterson.

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An assumption is here made that the present building, under consideration, was a building for William and Micah Haynes in 1862 and could have been constructed as early as 1836. The wording of the 1866 deed "improvements erected, made or being" infers there may have been additions under construction, such as the present living room and hall, which are representative of that period.

Historically, the house is known to have been used as a blacksmith shop.

Architecturally, the building has a unity of scale and proportion, as well as notable architectural features. See #7 of HO-322, Description.

For these reasons, the Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith Shop House should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, The State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance which the citizens of Howard County may seek to initiate.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Edith Curtus, 5740 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
(1-301-465-4916)
Land records of Howard County - Martennet Map of 1860
Interview with Mr. Hamilton Harins, jr., March 7, 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.46 Tax Map 37

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 637 Folio 032

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

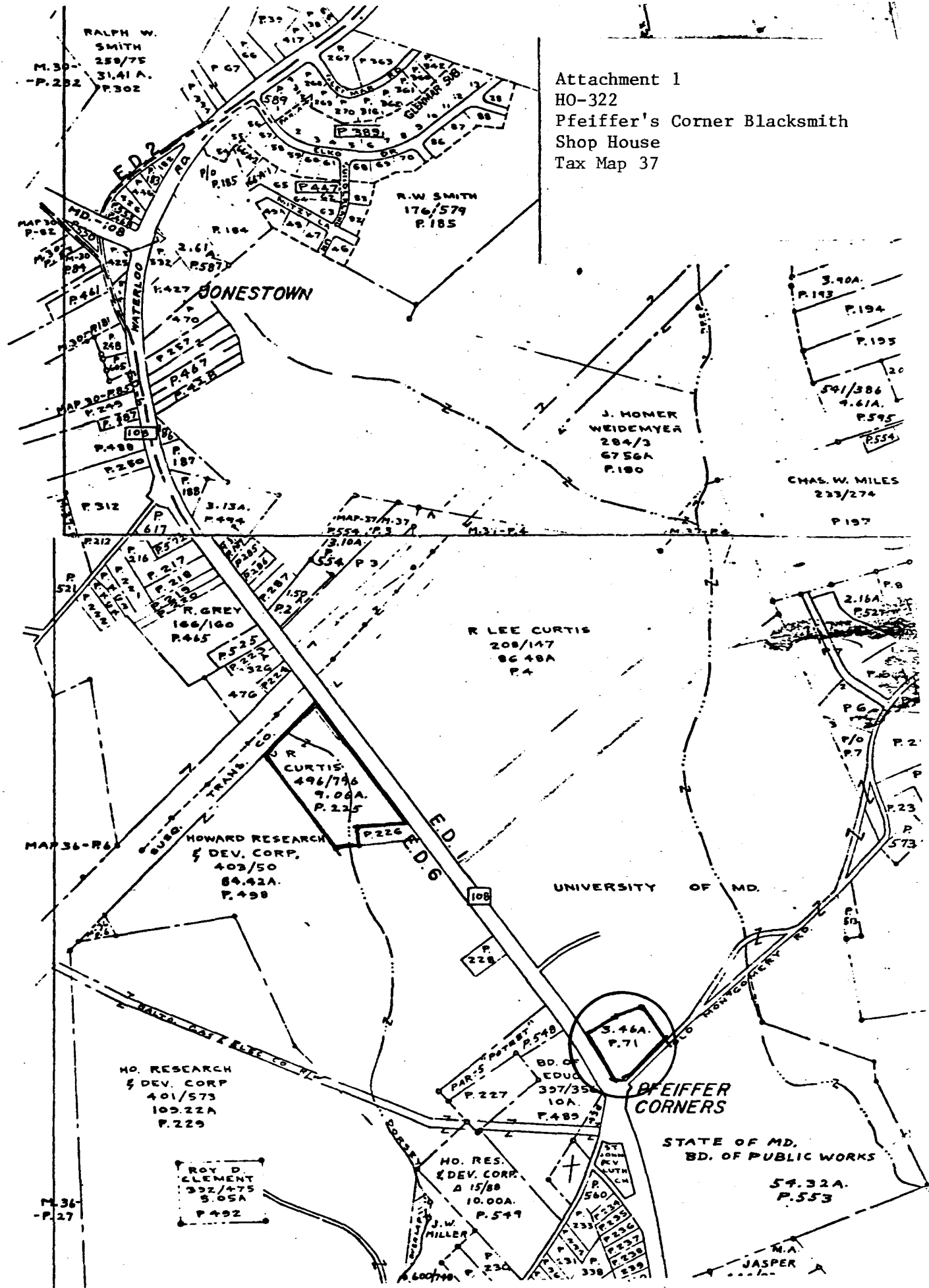
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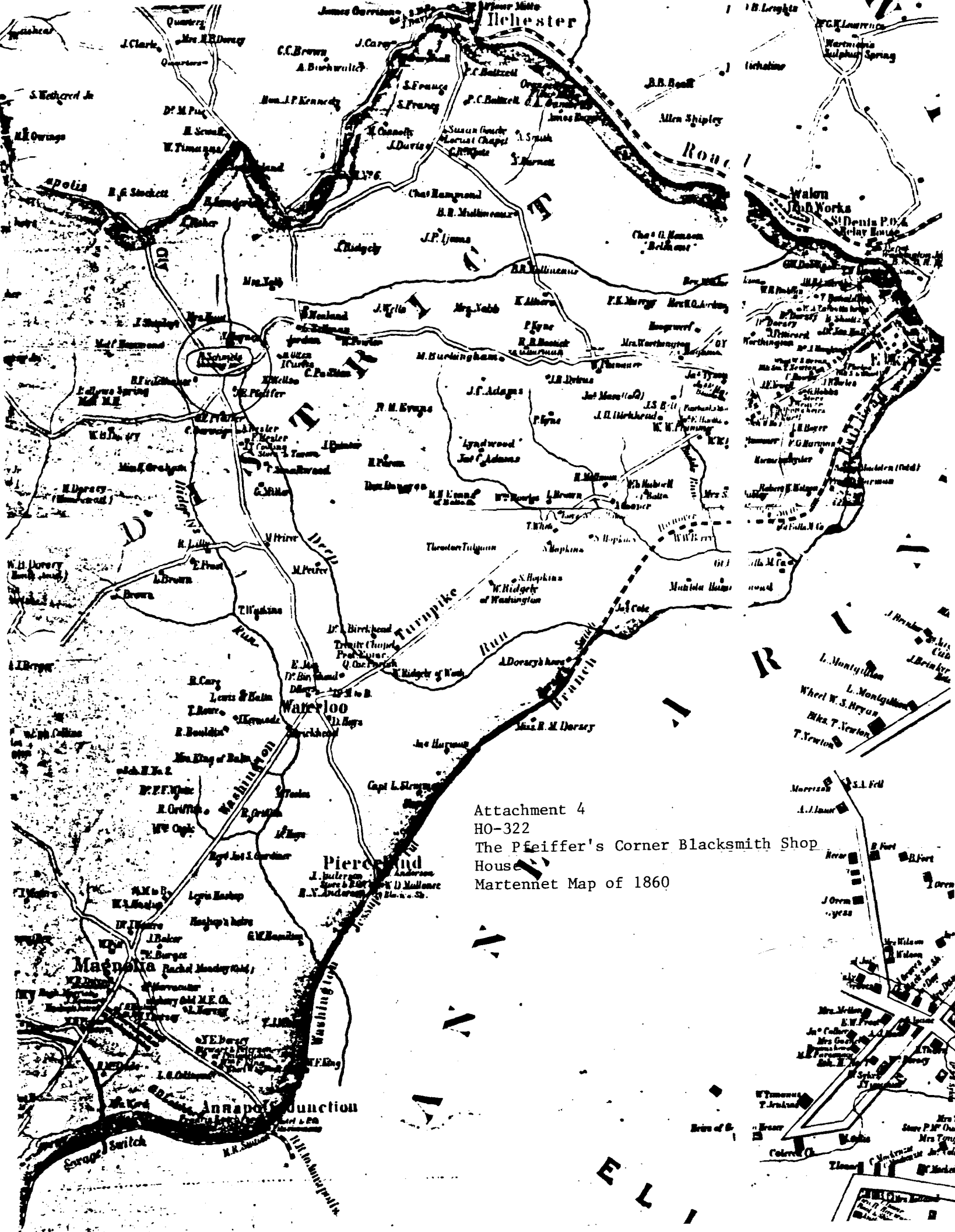
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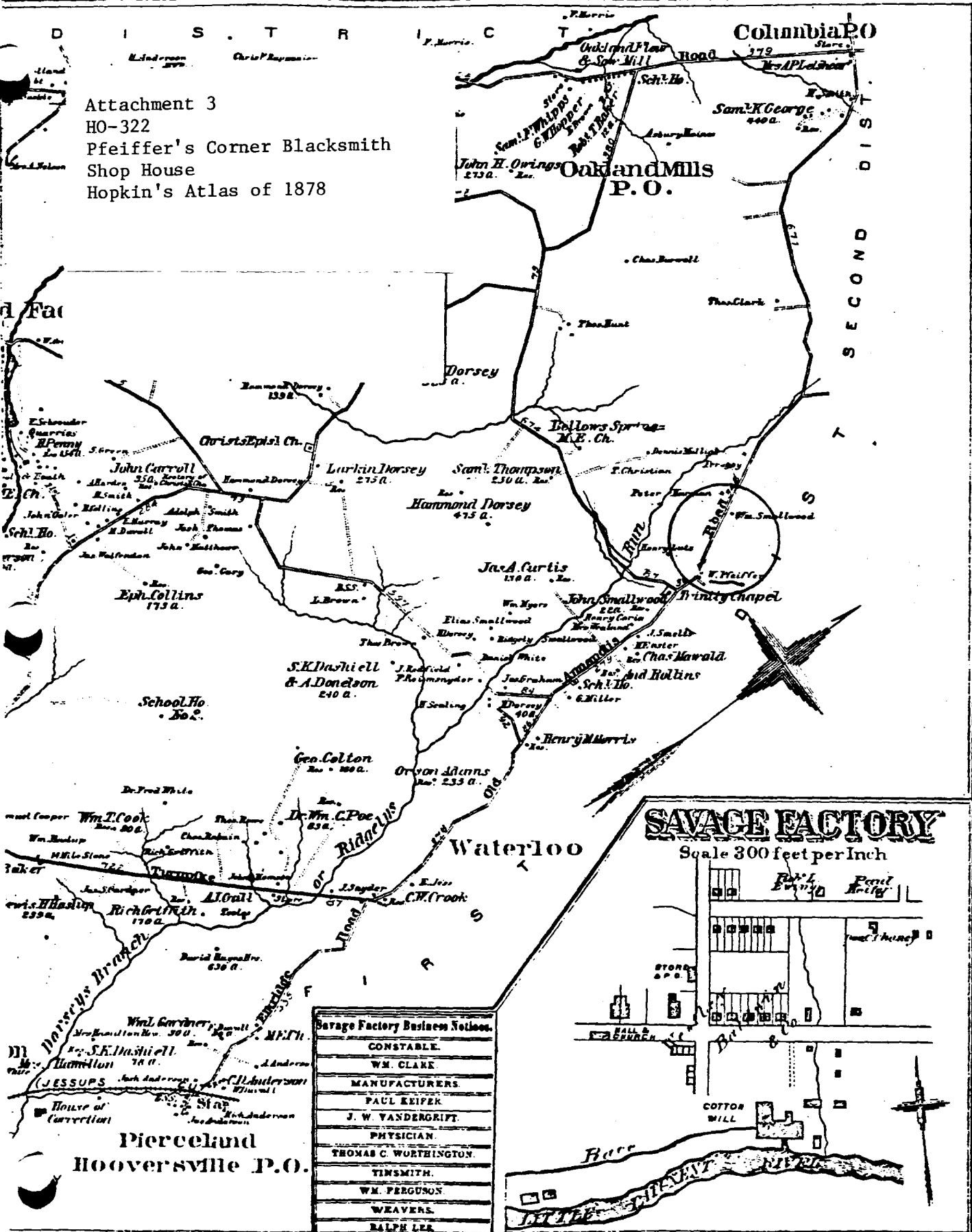
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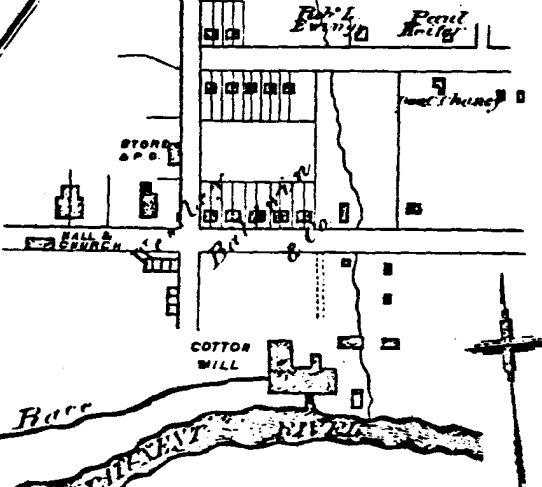
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The Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith Shop
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Martennet Map of 1860

Attachment 3
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 Pfeiffer's Corner Blacksmith
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 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



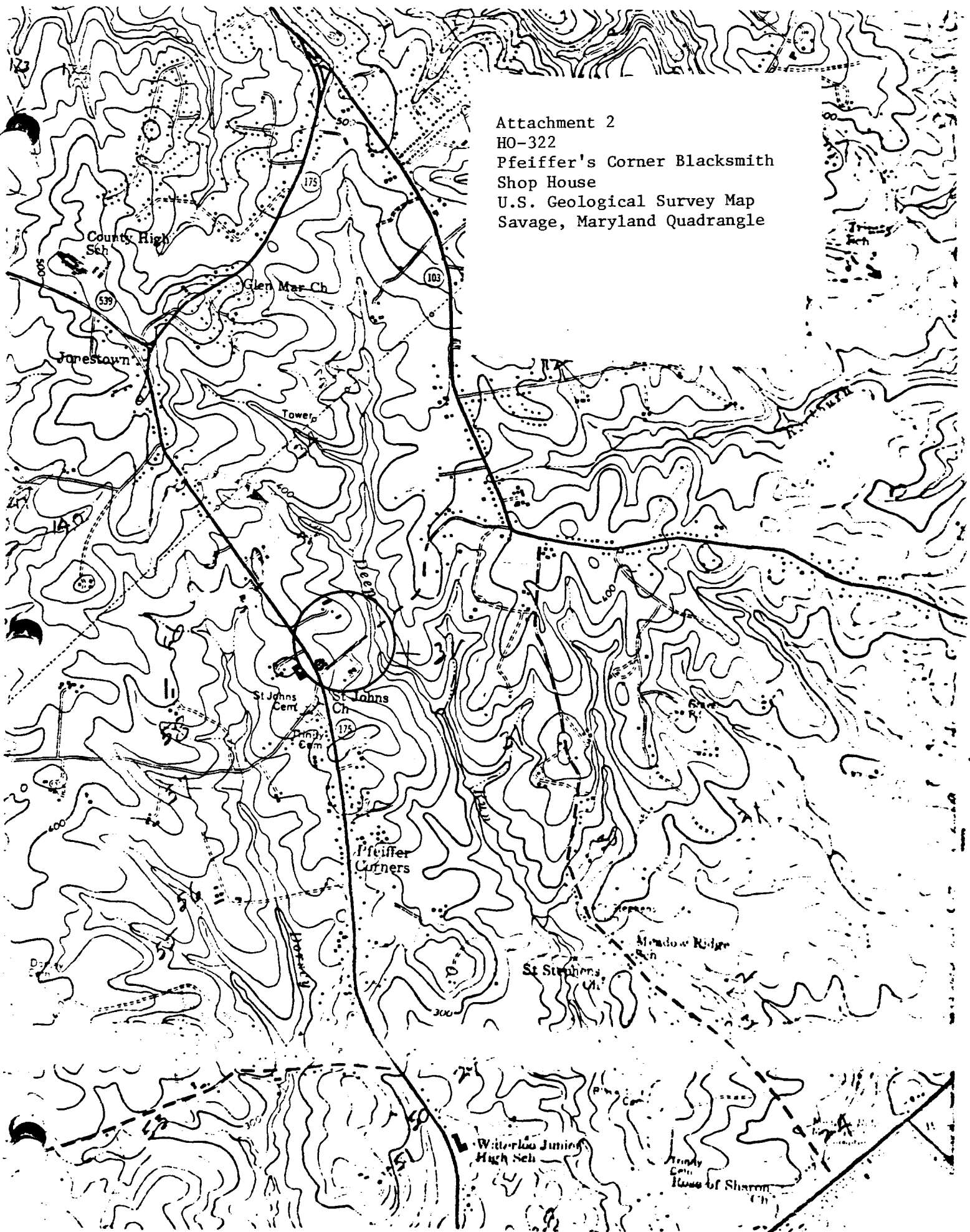
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Attachment 2
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U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle





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