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Hagen House (Omar Jones House)

Architectural Survey File

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4075 Old Columbia Pike
HO-404

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HISTORIC PERIOD CONTEXT:

Region: Piedmont
Period: Agricultural/Industrial Transition
Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community
Planning
Resource Type: Residence/rural vernacular
Site Types: Standing structures

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HO-404

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name) Hagen House

historic

and/or common Hagen House

2. Location

street & number 4075 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987) not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland 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	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Content Hagen

street & number 4075 Old Columbia Pike telephone no.: (410) 465-1466

city, town Ellicott City state and zip code Maryland 21043

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County liber 2129

street & number 8360 Court Avenue folio 10

city, town Ellicott City state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. HO-404

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Located on the south side of the street about 25 feet from the right-of-way, this is a gable-roofed stone house dating from the early to mid-19th century. It is L-shaped with a central block and gable-roofed ell extending from the southeast side.

This house is an intact example of mid-19th century vernacular stone construction in Howard County.

The 2-story main block has an eaves front orientation and is three bays wide by two bays long. The ell is two bays long and one bay deep. Although the house now has a sidehall plan, it is apparent from masonry repairs around the center window that this might have been the central entrance at one time. Above the entrance portico is a gabled-roof supported by plain brackets.

The masonry is uncut irregularly-coursed fieldstone with large granite quoins defining the corners. The 6/6 double-hung sash windows have flat brick lintels and wood sills. The windows on the first floor front are oversized and have wood lintels and sills. All of the windows have louvered shutters.

The frame ell, added around the turn-of-the-century, was covered with wo shingles during the mid 1980s. There is a two-story bay window in the northeast corner of the ell and the windows are all 2/2 sash. The roof is rolled asphalt and there is a small brick end chimney in the gable ridge on the west side. The house rests on a random fieldstone foundation. There is a noncontributing garage located southeast of the house.

8. Significance

Survey No. HO-404

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<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

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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The house is an intact example of mid-19th century vernacular stone construction in Howard County.

Details on the history and changes to the house can be found in the original historic sites inventory file (HO-404) for this structure.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HO-404

Howard County Land Records

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 0.468

Quadrangle name Ellicott City, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 24
Block 24
Parcel 837

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Amy Worden, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning	date	
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	(410) 313-2037
city or town	Ellicott City	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2020
 301-514-7600

HO-404

The Omar Jones House
Ellicott City
Private

Circa 1845

The Omar Jones House faces west on the east side of Old Columbia Pike. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) field stone structure with square brick chimney inset into its south wall and a two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame east wing.

Its rectangular entrance is located in the north bay of its west wall, sheltered by a gabled roof hood. Fenestration was originally vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, decorated with splayed brick, flat arched lintels. Two tall first floor windows were moved south and are decorated by flat wooden lintels.

Reputed to have been built by William (Curly) Davis for his three sisters, it is most notable, however, as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Jones, who both served Howard County as educators and he as a civic leader, later, in the capacity of first Chief Executive, under the new charter form of government adopted in 1968.

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HO-404
Dist. 2
MAGI # 1404045404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Omar Jones House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4075 Old Columbia Pike

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Omar Jones

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4075 Old Columbia Pike

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 24, p. 837
Hall of Records

Liber #: 408
Folio #: 209

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

___ FEDERAL STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

HO-404
Distr. 2

C.C.

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"/> MOVED	DATE: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Omar Jones stone house faces west on the east side of Columbia Pike 3/10 of a mile from the intersection of Route 103. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) fieldstone house with stone quoining, square brick chimney inset into its south wall and rectangular entrance in the north bay of its west wall. Fenestration may at one time have been vertically aligned as well as proportionally scaled. The tall first floor rectangular windows hold two-over-two lights and are now decorated with flat wooden lintels. Evidence of a splayed brick, flat arched lintel north of the central bay first floor window, lying just beneath the central bays second floor window, is evidence of the fact that originally the windows were vertically aligned. These three second floor windows are decorated with flat arched brick lintels and wooden sills. All windows on this elevation are also decorated with black wooden shutters. A gabled roof hood with the number 4075 inscribed on its pediment covers the rectangular north bay west entrance. The south wall holds two square four light casement windows, surmounted by flat stone lintels.

The southbay of the east wall holds a first and second floor window similar to those described on the west elevation. The first floor window, however, is surmounted by splayed brick, flat arched lintel, rather than the flat wooden lintels appearing on the west elevation which were evidently later additions.

A two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) frame addition, resting on a stone foundation holds a square central chimney and extends from the central and north bays of the east wall eastward. A fifteen light rectangular south entrance is centered into this wall and opens onto a shed roofed, one story high open porch supported by square stone piles, which has been enclosed on its east side. Two second floor, rectangular, one-over-one light windows rest above and a similar first floor window west of the entrance. Along the east elevation of the frame addition four wooden steps lead to a one story high, shed roofed, latticed north wall, wooden stoop and rectangular entrance. A second floor window rests above, surmounted by a six light attic window.

The north elevation of the frame addition features a two story high semi-octagonal bay window which holds three first and second floor rectangular, one-over-one light windows. East of the bay window rests a first and second floor rectangular window decorated with black shutters.

The north wall of the old stone house is covered with frame siding, which was perhaps done to create a uniformity to this elevation.

It holds a first and second floor rectangular, double-hung window with one-over-one lights and a smaller but similar attic window which holds two-over-two lights. A six light casement window rests on the east side of the stone house's stone foundation.

The house is surrounded by a well kept lawn and garden with a driveway and two car, gabled roof (running north-south) frame garage north of the house. House and grounds are in excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Omar Jones House is significant architecturally and historically.

Architecturally, the house is noteworthy as a field stone house with the north side of clapboard. Its west facade features very tall first floor windows which were evidently added in the 1890's. The original first floor windows featured splayed brick, flat arched lintels and were vertically aligned to those on the second floor. It was at this time that the present hall was probably widened. Celia Holland notes this width in her description of the house, "Entering the house by way of a surprisingly large and cheerful hallway,.." The dining room addition extending eastward was probably also built at this time for the bay window on its north wall is representative of the period.

The restoration of this nineteenth century stone and frame house was begun by Mr. and Mrs. Gault and continued by Mr. and Mrs. Omar Jones.

The Gaults removed a good portion of an old porch which originally encircled three sides of the house. The one story high shed roofed porch along the south elevation of the dining room was retained by the Gaults in their renovation. The removal of this porch reveals a section of the original flat arched, splayed brick lintel which once decorated the central bay first floor window, revealing the original construction of the earlier house.

The renovation of the house was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Omar Jones who finished the kitchen in natural wood tones. A back staircase leads from the kitchen to the second floor. This arrangement was often used as a servants staircase with quarters above in the early homes of Howard County.

According to a history compiled by Celia Holland, the house was built by William (Curly) Davis, a prosperous farmer, for his three sisters in the 1840's. Other owners noted by Mrs. Holland include Josephine Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Bloom, Clara C. Klashus, Caleb and Elizabeth Rogers, Joseph and Ella Mae Howes, H. Deets Warfield and Mr. and Mrs. P. Stanley Gault, the latter of whom are responsible for its general renovation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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District 2

It is most notable, however, in the field of government and politics as the home of Mr. Omar Jones who served Howard County as principal of Lisbon and Howard High School... He later was elected its first Chief Executive, after serving as chairman of the newly elected Charter Board of 1966 which created the present charter form of government. It was he as Chief Executive who played such an instrumental role in the formation of the new town of Columbia.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland Celia. Ellicott City, Maryland Mill Town, U.S.A.
Tuxedo, 1970, pp. 237-240.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .47 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 24, p. 837

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 408, Folio 209

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

Maryland

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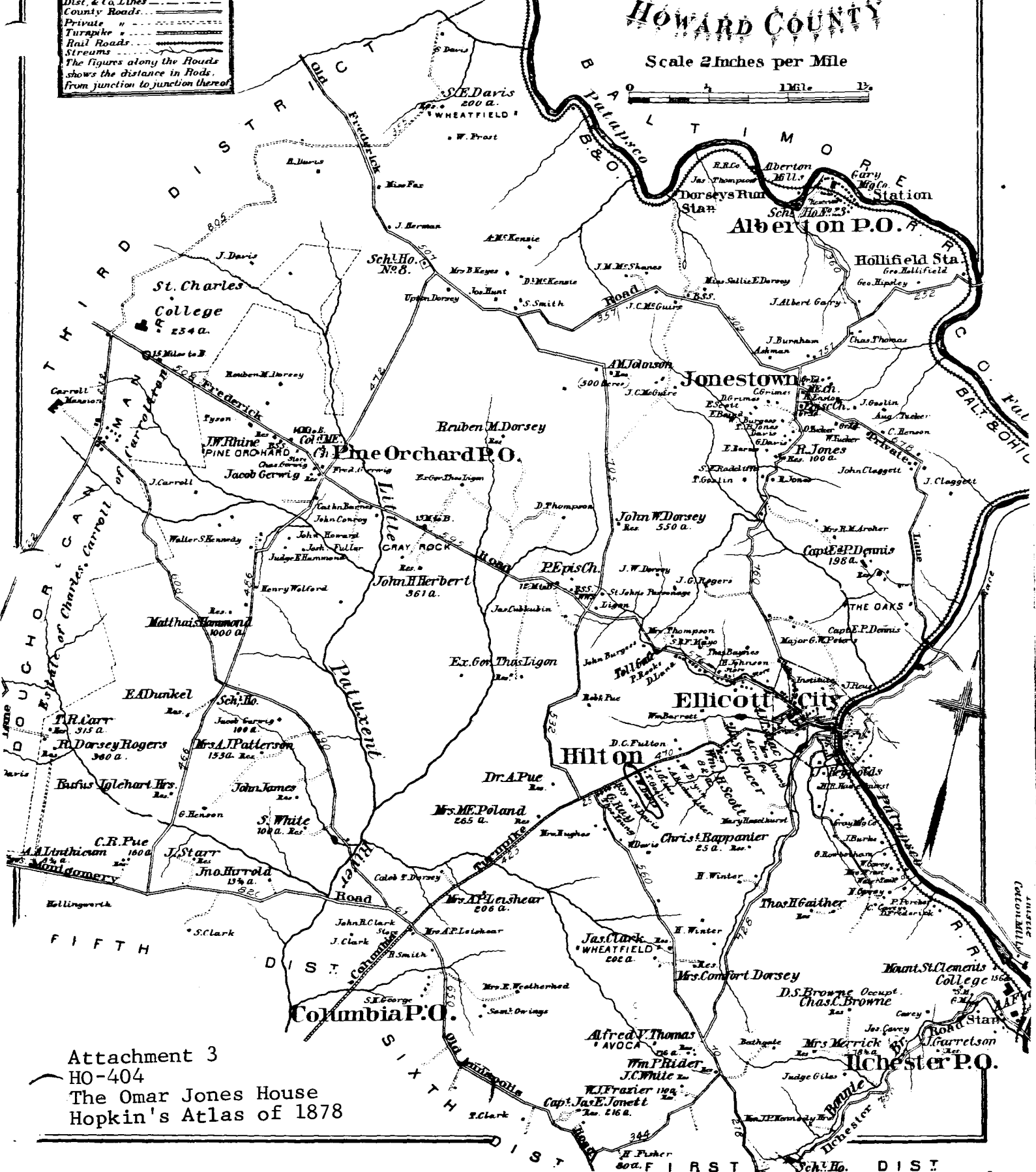
SECOND DISTRICT

HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 2 Inches per Mile

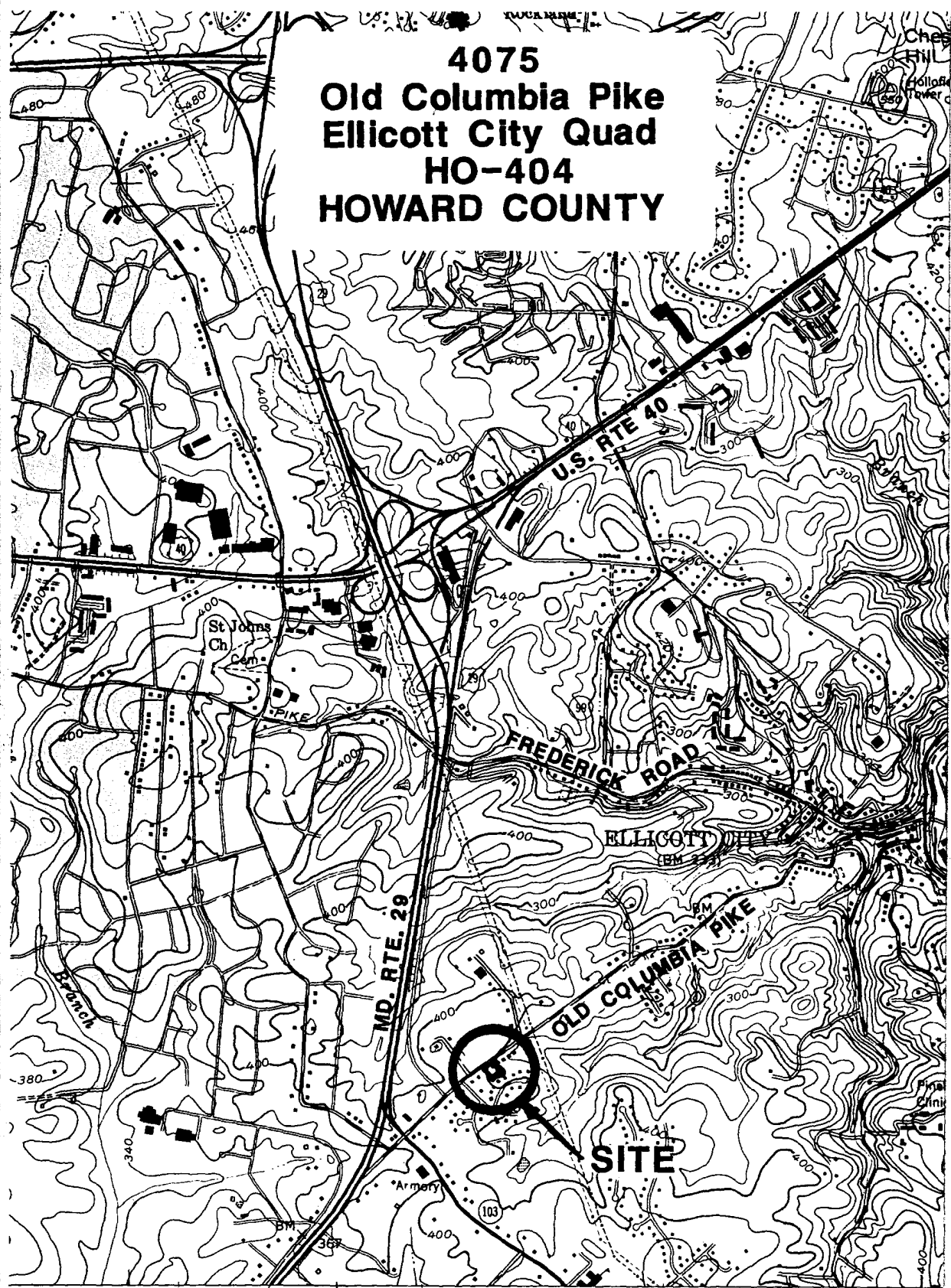


EXPLANATIONS	
Dist. & Co. Lines	-----
County Roads	-----
Private "	-----
Turpike "	-----
Rail Roads	-----
Streams	-----
The figures along the Routes shows the distance in Roads from junction to junction thereof	



Attachment 3
 HO-404
 The Omar Jones House
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

**4075
Old Columbia Pike
Ellicott City Quad
HO-404
HOWARD COUNTY**





Holzer 4/24

4075 Olds' = Pike

Hewitt = 4075

2129 = 4075

1161

1000 = 4075

1000 = 4075



HD-404
THE OMAR JOYEL HOUSE
WEST
CLARA THOMPSON, AIR
APRIL - 1978