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## Simpsonville Stone Ruins

### **Architectural Survey File**

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The Simpsonville Stone Ruins  
Simpsonville  
Private

Nineteenth Century

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The ruins retain a substantial amount of the north, south and east walls of a building which was three bays wide, five bays deep and two stories high, and rested on a stone foundation.

The ruins still feature rather primitive stone quoining, as well as flat stone lintels over the door and window openings of what remains of a once substantial building. An interesting central, roman arched, stretcher stone, lintel is located at the base of the west wall. All other openings are rectangular.

The south wall features a central, rectangular entrance, surmounted by a granite stone lintel, and flanked by single rectangular windows. Three second floor windows on this facade are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled to the openings below.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist. 5

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Simpsonville Stone Ruins

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Cedar Lane at intersection of Route 32

CITY, TOWN

Simpsonville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

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"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant ruin

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Howard Research and Development

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 833

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21044

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 35, p. 241  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 402

Folio #: 516

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

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

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The south wall features a central, rectangular entrance, surmounted by a granite stone lintel and flanked by single rectangular windows. Three second floor windows on this facade are vertically aligned and proportionally scaled to the openings below.

The west wall holds the central, roman arched, opening at the base of the wall, flanked by what appears to be windows, but may have been entrances. They retain interior wooden lintels. Five second floor windows rest above.

The north wall of the building is inset into the slope of the site so that its first floor becomes its foundation, and its three second floor, rectangular openings (a central door, flanked by single windows) become first floor at ground level, second floor for the building. Only corners remain of its east wall. Evidences of a brick chimney are located in the southeast corner of the ruin.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**C.C.  
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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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

**SPECIFIC DATES** Nineteenth Century**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Simpsonville Stone Ruins are significant to Howard County, the State of Maryland and the nation in two areas.

Architecturally, these remains are representative of the old stone buildings which dot Howard County. Such buildings feature rectangular openings, flat stone lintels and stone quoining, such as are evidenced here. In addition, these ruins represent vestiges of the once-thriving settlement of Simpsonville, which is noted on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878, consisting of a number of buildings in this area. The frame house diagonally across the intersection is one of the few that remain (see Attachment 3). Simpsonville is also noted on the Martennet map of 1860 with a collection of buildings (see Attachment 4).

Presently the ruins are located within a 58 and a half acre tract of land under New Town Zoning, owned by Howard Research and Development.

Historically, these ruins were most recently used as a cider and grist mill by Mr. Iglehart, previous Commissioner of Howard County, who lived in the frame house diagonally across the intersection, known as HO-268, the Hatfield Residence.

For these reasons, the Stone Ruins at Simpsonville, as well as the frame house diagonally across the street, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, if its owners so desire, the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance the citizens of Howard County may wish to initiate.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mrs. Gladys Yates and her sister, Mrs. Murphy, March 22, 1979.  
Warfield, J.P. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard County, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 58.53 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 402 Folio 516

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

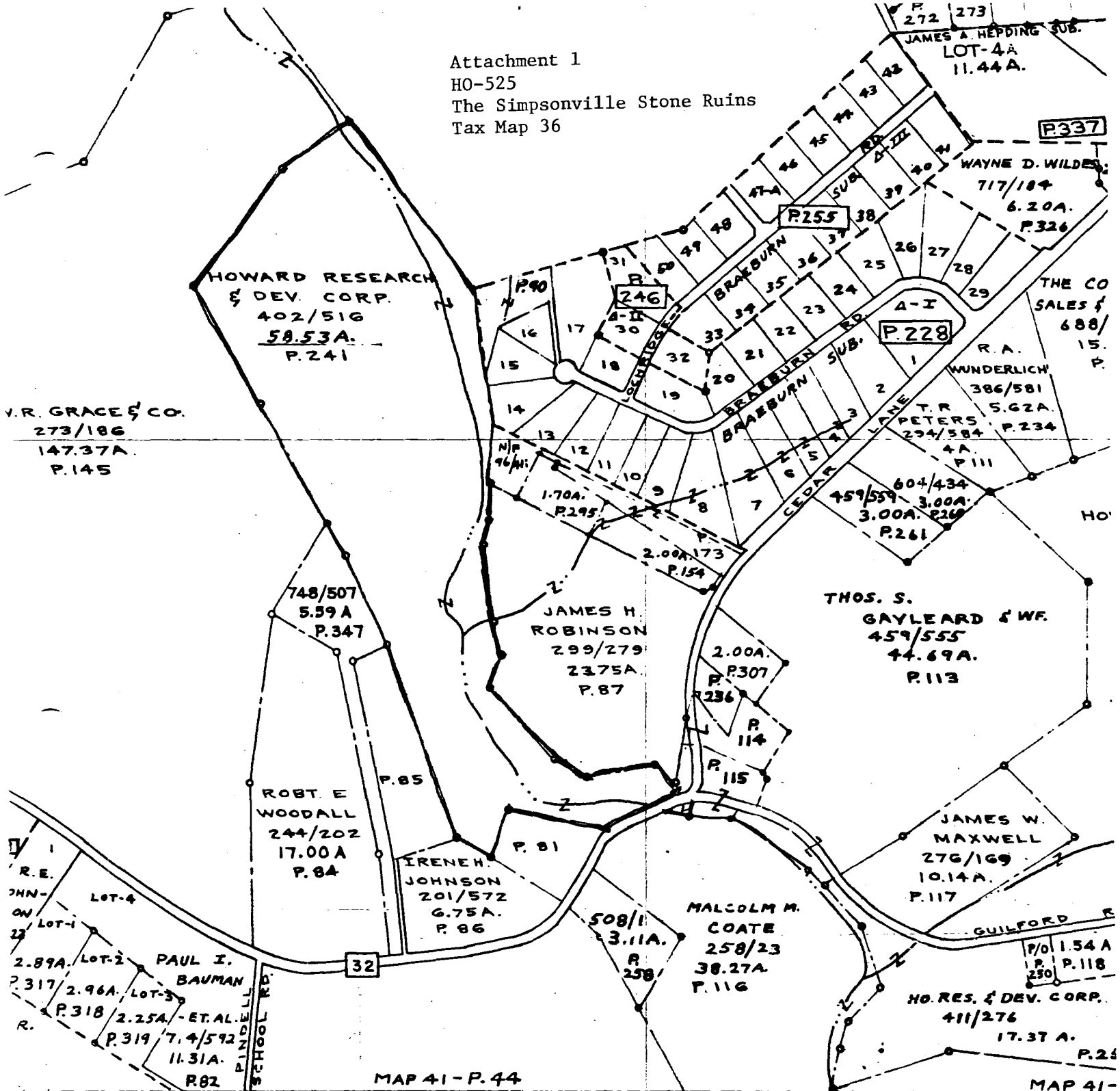
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Attachment 1  
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 The Simpsonville Stone Ruins  
 Tax Map 36



MAP 41 - P. 44

MAP 41 -

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 TAX MAP DIVISION

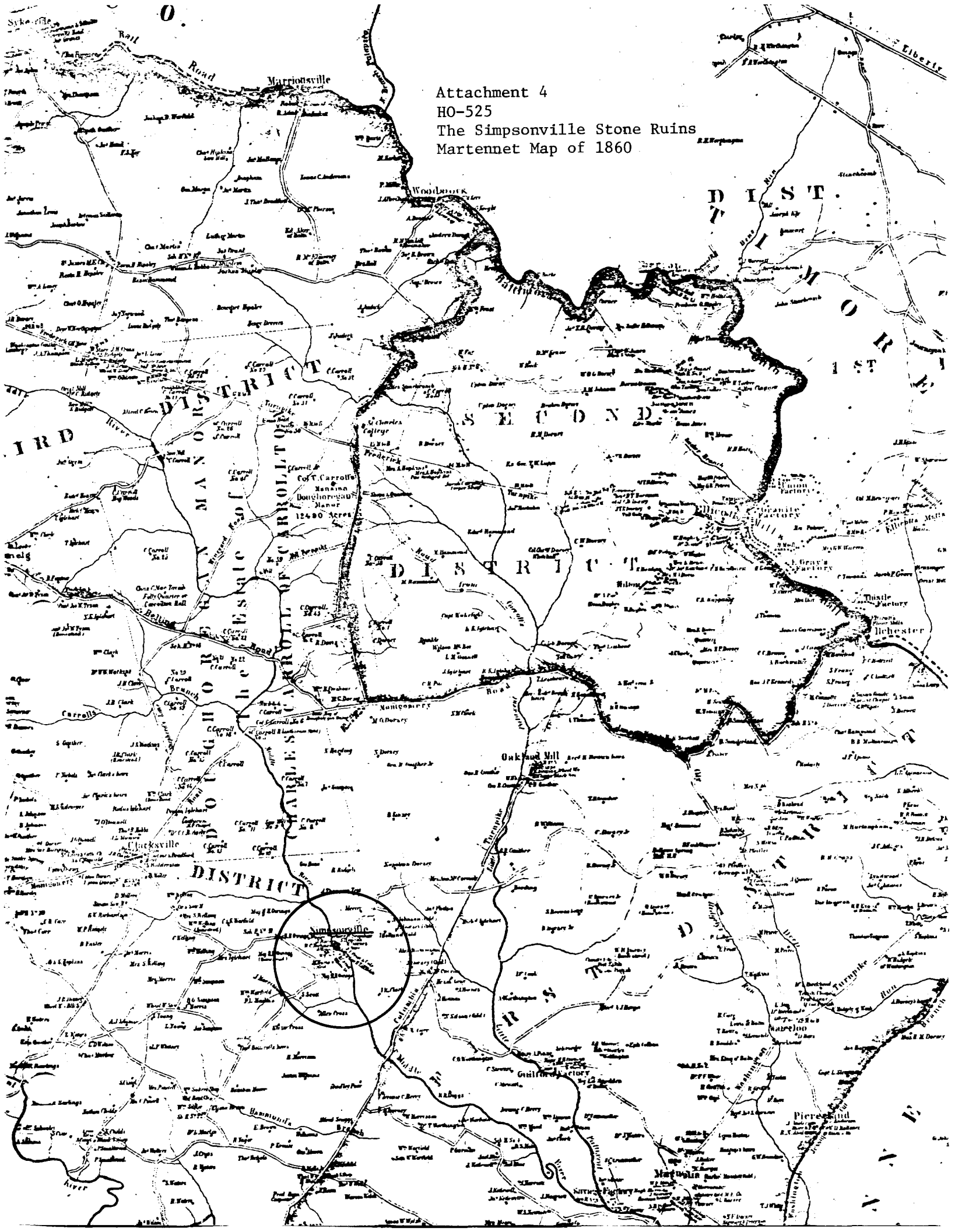
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PROPERTY LINE - - - - -  
 SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY - - - - -  
 CONTINUING OWNERSHIP - Z I.E. - Z - Z - Z  
 PARCEL NUMBER - P. 349 (ASSIGNED TO IDENTIFY AND INDEX OWNERSHIP. MUST BE PRECEDED BY MAP NUMBER.)

SCALE: 1" = 600'

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Attachment 4  
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The Simpsonville Stone Ruins  
Martinet Map of 1860





Dayton P.O.

Clarksville P.O.

Simpsonville P.O.

Walls Cross Roads P.O.

Water's P.O.

Haymonds Branch P.O.

Richmond P.O.

St. Louis P.O.

St. Charles P.O.

St. Vincent P.O.

St. Ignace P.O.

St. Joseph P.O.

St. Anthony P.O.

St. Peter P.O.

St. Paul P.O.

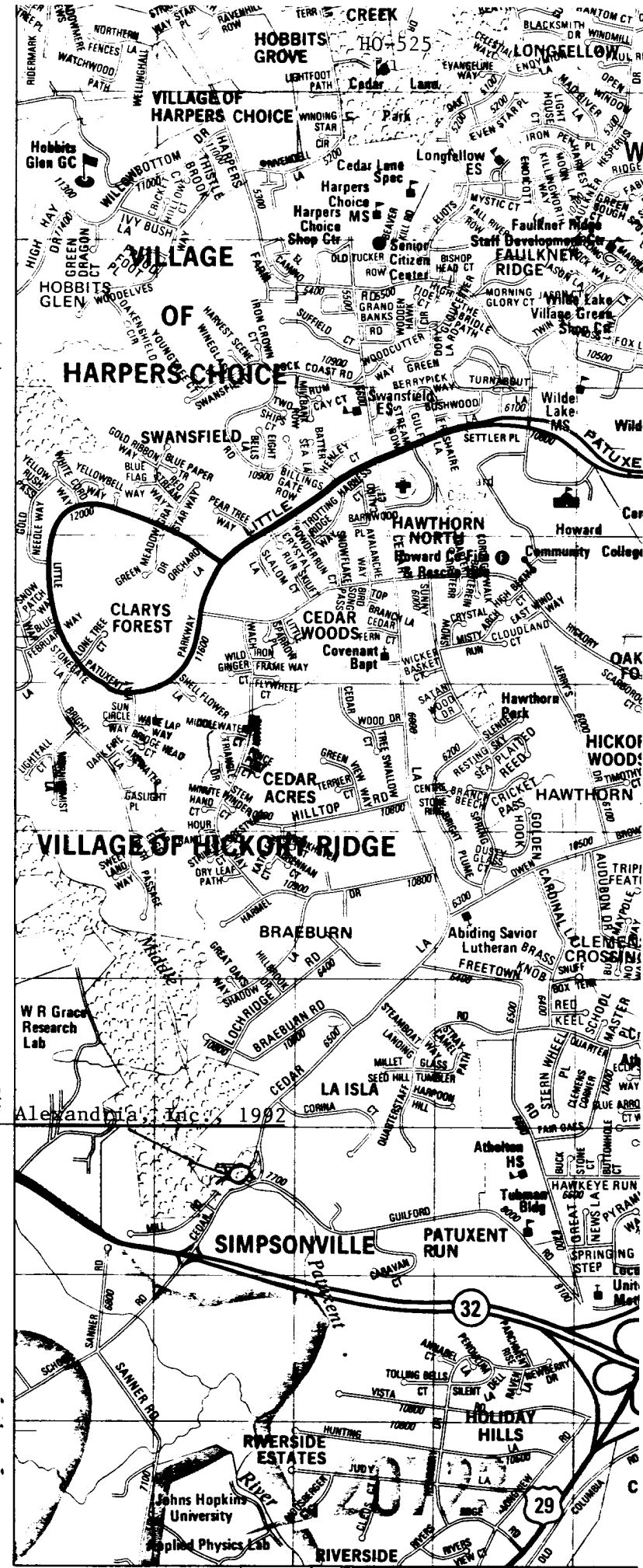
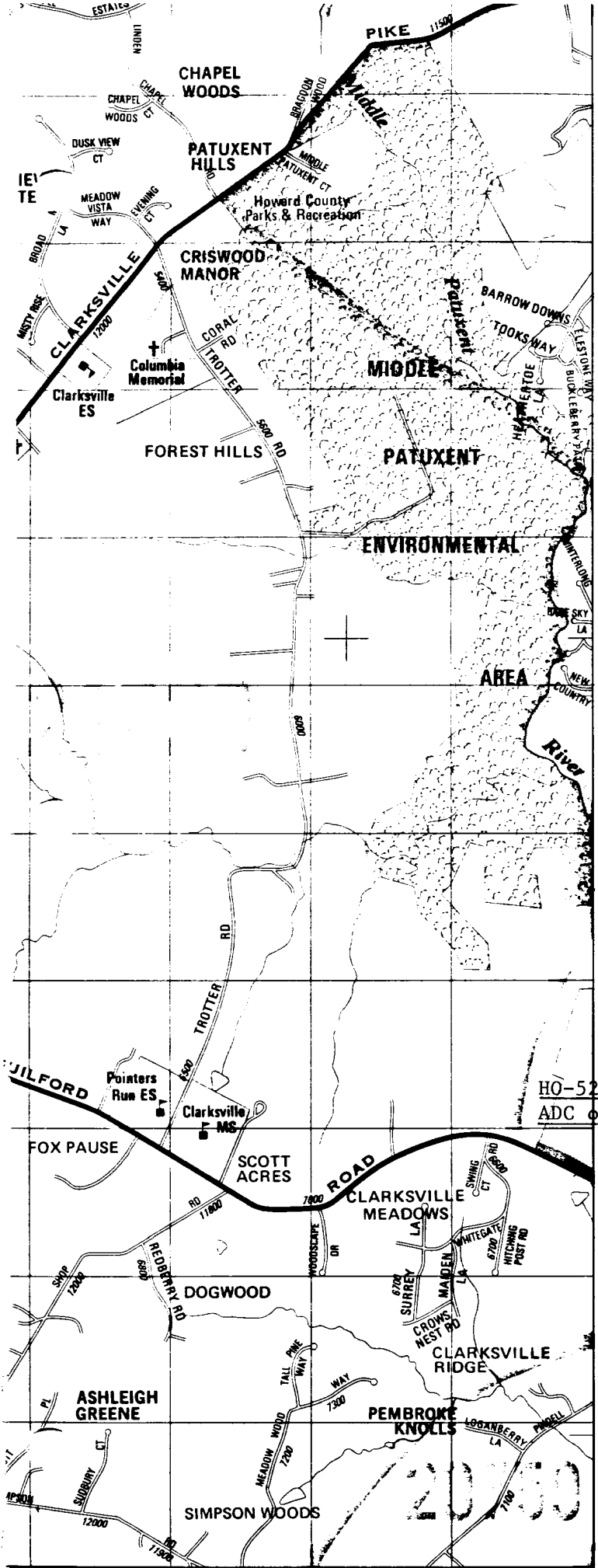
St. James P.O.

St. John P.O.

St. Mary P.O.

Attachment 3  
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The Simpsonville Stone Ruins  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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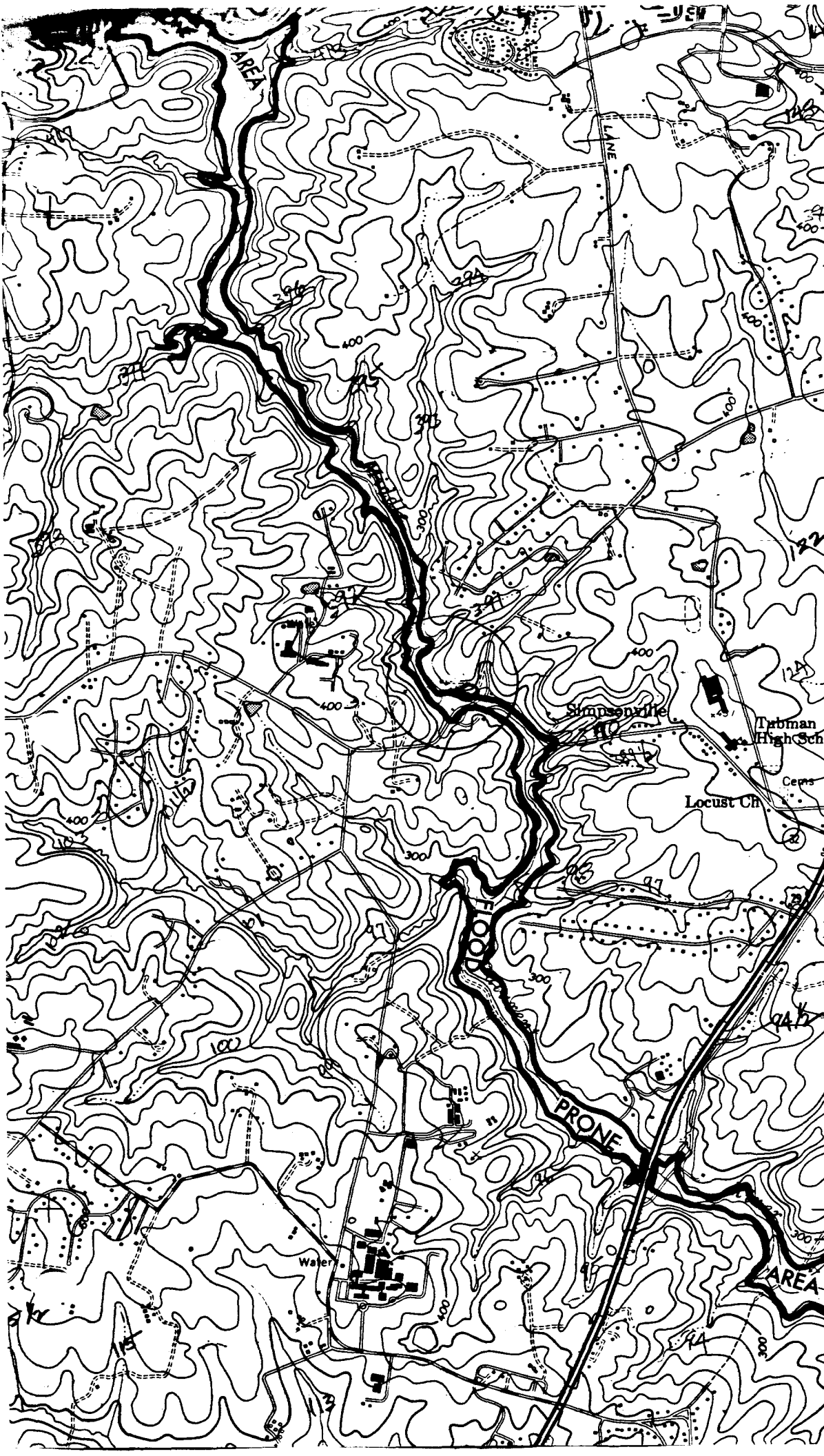
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Attachment 2  
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 The Simpsonville  
 Stone Ruins  
 U.S. Geological  
 Survey Map  
 Clarksville, Maryland  
 Quadrangle



39°12'00"  
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 37.5"  
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 COLUMBIA 4.9 MI.  
 7.2 MI. TO U.S. 40



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