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## Howard House

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Ho-68  
The Howard House  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1850

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Architecturally the "Old Building" is representative of the Empire Style which was so modern in its day, while the "New Building" has an almost Greek Revival flavor.

Noted as the famous eating place and hotel run by Mr. and Mrs. Christian Eckert in the gay ninety period, it is now an apartment house and Masonic Lodge.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-68  
District 2

MAGI # 1400685425

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Howard House**

AND OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
**8202 Main Street**

**6th Dist.**

CITY TOWN  
**Ellicott City**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**Howard**

STATE  
**Maryland**

COUNTY

**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 checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<b>5/6</b> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<b>1/6</b> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>Masonic Lodge L</b>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

1) Samuel H. Caplan c/o Charles E. Wehland (p.3)  
NAME 2) Ellicott City Holding Company  
c/o G. Lee Burgess (p.22)

Telephone #: 465-5000 ext.341

STREET & NUMBER 1) 8125 Main Street  
2) P.O. Box 521

CITY TOWN 1 and 2  
**Ellicott City, Md.**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
**21043**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Tax Map 25-A BLK D-2	Liber #: 250	<u>p.2</u> 476
	Folio #: 148	<u>p.3</u> 259
Land Access:	\$6500	\$7,950
Bldg. Access:	8700	27,200
Total:	\$15,200	\$35,150

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**

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-68  
Dist 2**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

Old Building

Howard House is a six bay wide, three bay deep, five story high, stone and brick mansard roof building with first and second floor rectangular entrances and wide brick chimneys partially inset into its east and west walls. A wooden cornice decorated with scrolled wooden brackets, runs around the perimeter of the entire building.

East Elevation

The east elevation is laid in English garden wall brick bond, with its first and second floor fully attached to the west wall of the Powell House (see Ho-53). A fourth floor square window is inset into the projecting central bay of this wall. South of this projection lies a fourth floor rectangular, double hung-window with six-over-six lights, decorated with a flat wooden sill and lintel which lies between the projection and the brick chimney. Inset into the mansard roof are three gabled roof dormer windows holding double-hung, rectangular windows with two-over-two lights, flanked by scrolled, flat pilasters, decorated by flat wooden sills and surmounted by pediments.

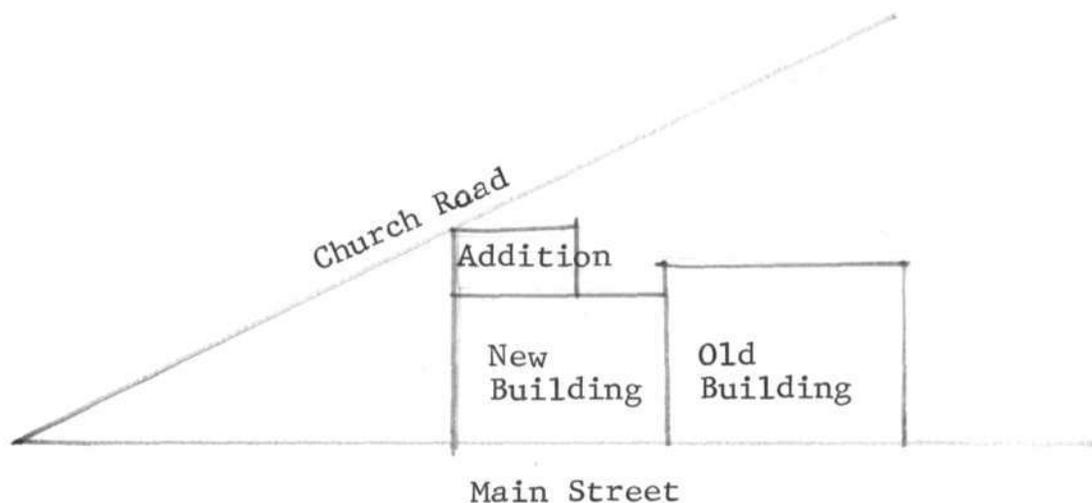
The West Elevation

The west wall of the Howard House is attached to the east wall of its new addition. It holds two tall, wide brick chimneys and three dormer windows similar to those described. That part of the wall which extends beyond the north wall of the addition is frame and holds a second and third floor double-hung window holding six-over-six lights and decorated by projecting wooden sills.

The North Elevation

The building is set into the granite slope of the north side of Main Street so that on the north elevation its third floor becomes its first floor. This elevation is noteworthy as an old stone house is evident three bays wide with first floor entrance in its west bay. Flat stone lintels decorate the rectangular entrance and windows which are double-hung, holding six-over-six lights and flat wooden lintels. A one bay wide frame addition on the east and a two bay wide frame addition on the west have been added.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



Five dormer windows similar to others described have been inserted on this elevation of the mansard roof. A three story high, iron firescape, decorated with scrolled wrought iron takes up the fourth and fifth west bays of this elevation.

A cement patio, pathway, small green area and stairway leading to Church R lie north of this elevation.

#### The South Elevation

Along this entire south elevation runs a one story high, flat roofed, open porch held by eight scrolled wrought iron pillars connected by a lovely wrought iron railing. Six wooden steps lead to this porch which is supported by a brick wall (laid in running bond) which holds two horizontal rectangular basement windows (boarded) decorated with projecting header brick sills. A cross paneled wooden doorway rests on the east side of this foundation wall. There are presently four rectangular first floor entrances. That which is located in the second west bay is most noteworthy, surmounted by a four light transom and flat stone lintel and flanked by four vertical lights.

Above this doorway on the second floor is a lovely roman arched double wooden entrance door, each side of which holds two lights, flanked by three vertical lights which culminate in a gothic arch and are all surmounted by a flat stone lintel. This second floor entrance is flanked by two rectangular double hung windows holding one-over-one lights, surmounted by flat stone lintels and decorated with flat wooden-sills. All the remaining windows on this facade hold six-over-six lights.

Five gabled roof dormer windows rest in the mansard roof holding rectangular, double-hung windows with two-over-two lights, flanked by flat scrolled pilasters and surmounted by pediments.

This elevation is constructed of ashlar granite blocks whose fine stone quoining is particularly evident on the east corner of the building.

Howard House: New Building

A six bay wide, three bay deep, three story high stone and brick, hipped roof addition lies on the west wall of the Howard House and is constructed into the slope of the granite hill on the north side of Main Street.

Its south elevation faces Columbia Pike and is constructed of ashlar granite blocks.

The first floor is now taken up by Paul's Market. Three granite steps lead to the rectangular double entrance door on the east while west of this entrance lies another rectangular service entrance approached by one granite step. A red canvas awning runs along the east side of this wall. Above lies a wooden cornice decorated with scrolled brackets.

In addition another fine wooden cornice adorns the roof line, running along the four elevations of the building, decorated with scrolled brackets.

Centered into the south wall between the second and third floor is a square metal table inscribed



Patmos Lodge No. 70, A.F. and A.M.

North Elevation of New Building

This elevation holds a first floor rectangular window which has been boarded up and is decorated with a flat wooden lintel. Above lies a rectangular second floor, double-hung window with one-over-one lights the bottom of which is inscribed with the masonic seal. The wall is laid in English garden wall brick bond.

Addition to New Building on North Wall

A three bay wide, one bay deep, one and a half story brick (laid in running bond) addition extends from the west side of the north wall of the addition. Its north wall holds a central double door, open bible and cross paneled, flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by a broken pediment whose architrave is inscribed Patmos Lodge No. 70. A.F. and A.M.

West Elevation of Additon:

The west wall of the Howard House addition is constructed of brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) and holds two second and three third floor double-hung, rectangular windows holding one-over-one lights, decorated by flat wooden lintels and sills. Those on the second floor are decorated with green shutters. A double paneled door with each side decorated with five squares is surmounted by a two light transom and flat wooden lintel holding a central lantern. A small triangular lawn and cement stairway lies west of this entrance.

**8 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 checked="" 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      *circa 1842*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Howard House is significant both architecturally and historically.

The two buildings which constitute the Howard House and are referred to as "The Old Building" and "The New Building" are set into the north side of Main Streets' steep granite slope so that the third floor on the south elevation becomes the ground floor on the north.

Originally the lot was part of a tract of land called West Ilchester designated as lot #149 on the sale plat of the property of Jonathan Ellicott and sons. The lot originally was bounded by the Powell House, Ho-53, Ellicott Street (now Church Road) and Main Street.

On December 12, 1842 the goods, chattels, lands and tenements (Howard House) of James Shipley were sold at public auction with William H. Worthington the highest bidder at \$1800. When Mr. Worthington was unable to pay in cash as stipulated by law, the property was again put up for public sale and on 28 of October, 1843, Thomas Anderson became the highest bidder at \$1525. He was the father of the sheriff, Isaac Anderson who administered the sale. (Howard County No.5-30).

On the 3rd of January, 1865 Isaac C. Anderson sold the property to Isaiah Groves for \$2500 describing the lot as being in the village of Ellicott Mills. (Howard County Deeds 23-525).

A panoramic view of Ellicotts Mills indicates the Howard House as belonging to Josiah Groves, who, owned the "Old Building" from January 1865 until October 21, 1879.

Josiah Groves had evidently gotten into financial difficulties, taking out a mortgage to James A. Gary on 7th of January 1871 (Howard County WWW3-303). A public sale was made on the premises at 10 o'clock A.M. on 21 of October, 1879 by James Mackubin, assignee for the mortgage. On 21 of April 1880 Mr. Mackubin granted and conveyed the property called the Howard House to Christian Eckert (LJW 42-181) for \$5,680.

This was the beginning of the heyday of the Howard House which under the ownership and management of Mr. and Mrs. Eckert became a favorite dining and meeting place for visitors to Ellicotts Mills. The Howard House contained a number of large, well-lighted and ventilated rooms. The bar was located on the first floor with the dining room located above

on the second floor. Noted for its marvelous German cooking, home made ice-cream, and soft drinks such as sarsaparilla, Mr. Eckert soon needed to expand his facilities.

Sometime in the gay nineties the "New Building" (now the Masonic Lodge) was constructed. It furnished a lunch room for the townspeople and visitors, with a large banquet hall on the second floor which could serve as many as one hundred and fifty dinners at a time. Later silent movies with the accompanying player piano were shown here from 7:30 P.M. to 11 P.M. in the evenings and occasionally wrestling matches were held.

Upon the death of Mrs. Eckert, Mr. Eckert sold the Howard House to his sister-in-law and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Reichenbecker in fee simple for \$25,000. They managed the hotel and three years later reconveyed the property to him.

On December 2, 1910 Christian Eckert sold the property for \$18,000 to Mr. William F. Kerger (WWLC #90-179) designated in the deed as that parcel of land upon which is erected a hotel known as the "Howard House."

On May 4, 1915 Mr. Kerger conveyed the property to May Seigel (WWLC-99-167) who on July 10, 1918 conveyed it to August E. Wagener (HBN 105-493).

On May 6, 1922 James F. Klecka acquired the Howard House (115-207) and one month later conveyed it to John Mehrrens who conveyed it back to James F. Klecka on June 9, 1922. From 1922 to 1926 several transactions occurred, which ended in the Howard Building Company, Inc. acquiring the property (HBN 127-389 and selling it in 1967 to Mr. Samuel Caplan. (476-259)

In the days of the Eckerts the central corridor and staircases of the Howard House were open to the public and were used by those who wished to go up to the courthouse. Entering on Main Street they would climb flights of stairs to arrive on a level with Church Road on the north. From Church Road they could take the granite steps up to Court House Drive and thence to the court house. Today the Howard House, owned by Mr. Caplan and now an apartment house must be bypassed but one can still use the granite steps from Church Road up to Court House Drive.

On October 16, 1953 the Ellicott City Holding Company bought the New Building from James Clark et al. It is presently used as a Masonic Lodge with the Eastern Star on the third floor. Paul's Market, where all sorts of good fresh produce can be purchased, uses the ground floor of this Newer Section of the once famous Howard House.

On June 28, 1927 Mr. Eckert died and his wife's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Reichenbecker, who had taken over the Old Building retired. The Old Building is now owned by Mr. Caplan. Well maintained, it provides apartment units in the center of Ellicott City.

Up to 1921 the doors and other openings in the wall dividing the "Old Building" from the "New Building" were open. On the 25 of March, 1921

the "New Building" was conveyed to James Clark, Richard Talbott and John C. Tibbets etal. The deed made the following stipulations:

- 1- That the walls dividing that part of said Howard House known as the "New Building", from that part known as the "Old Building", shall become and remain party walls, and the common property of the said parties of the first and second parts, their respective heirs and assigns; so that either of them shall forever be at liberty to use said walls to rest joists, beams, girders and other parts of their respective buildings thereon, as now used and enjoyed.
- 2- That the open space about two feet wide, beginning just below the fourth floor of said "Old Building", and extending to the roof, shall always remain Open, unobstructed and not built upon.
- 3- That the said August E. Wagener shall be at liberty to maintain the cornice and shutters of said "Old Building", wherever said cornice and shutters project over the land hereby granted, in the same manner as said cornice and shutters are now erected, used and enjoyed; and the said parties of the second part shall be at liberty to maintain the cornice of said "New Buildings", wherever said cornice projects over the remainder of the property conveyed as aforesaid by Siegel to Wagener as said cornice is now erected, used and enjoyed.
- 4- That either of the parties to this deed may, at any time, demand that the doors or other openings in said wall dividing said "Old Building" from said "New Building", be closed, and the cost of closing said openings shall be borne by the parties hereto, in equal shares.
- 5- That the covenants aforesaid are to run with the land, and binding the parties hereto, their heirs and assigns, forever. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises, with the rights, easements and appurtenances created as aforesaid, together with all other rights, easements and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, unto and to the proper use and benefit of the said Thomas G. Brown, Louis N. Getz, James Clark, Richard Talbott and John C. Tibbets, as joint tenants, and not as tenants in common, forever in fee simple.

Architecturally the "Old Building" of the Howard House is representative of the Empire Style which was so modern in its day, while the "New Building" has an almost Greek Revival flavor.

Historically and architecturally significant to Ellicott City and the State of Maryland, the Howard House should be recommended for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

Please see last paragraph of significance statement for Ho-62.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mr. Caplan, July, 1977.

Holland, Celia M. Ellicott City, Maryland  
Mill Town, U.S.A. Tuxedo, 1970.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please see attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, parcels 2 and 3.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

For parcel 2 please see H.C. land Records, Liber 250,  
folio 148. For parcel 3 please see H.C. Land Records,  
Liber 467, folio 259

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

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

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.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

REVIEW SHEET

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: THE HOWARD HOUSE, 8202 MAIN ST., ELLICOTT CITY, MD Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: ELLICOTT CITY

9-28-87 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State

9-28-87 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection of property by State staff?  no  yes date(s): 9-1-87

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric
	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing for district
	<input type="checkbox"/> for individual property
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved property
	<input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request

NUMBER 2 Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 19<sup>TH</sup> — EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup>

(2) The property  contributes  does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:  
 location  design  setting  materials  workmanship  feeling  association  
 Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section \_\_\_\_\_, page \_\_\_\_\_.

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:  
 the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.  
 the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.  
 there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:  
 A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:  
 Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)  
 Nomination was submitted to the NPS on \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.  
 Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.  
 Other, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Evaluation of the property:  
 Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation  
 Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation:  A  B  C  D  
 Criteria Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:  
 appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.  
 does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

NUMBER  
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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

BUILT IN 1850 WITH ALTERATIONS IN 1890. THE HOWARD HOUSE IS A FIVE STORY GRANITE STRUCTURE, ALTHOUGH LARGER IN SCALE, IT IS TYPICAL OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MANY BUILDINGS FOUND IN THE DISTRICT.

ALTHOUGH SOME CHANGES TO THE FIRST FLOOR DOORS AND WINDOWS HAS OCCURED AND MOST OF THE DECORATIVE IRON PORCH NO LONGER REMAINS, THE HOWARD HOUSE CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT THROUGH ITS FENESTRATION, BUILDING MATERIAL, ROOF DESIGN, INTERIOR FEATURES, AND ITS ORIENTATION TO THE STREETScape.

NUMBER  
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State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by MICHAEL DAY, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
  - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended  Precedent-setting case  Forwarded without recommendation

Date  
10-28-87

  
State Official Signature

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION**  
**PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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NRIS No:

SEP 28 1987

Project No:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: The Howard House  
Address of property: Street 8202 Main Street  
City Ellicott City County Howard State Maryland Zip 21043  
Name of historic district: Ellicott City Historic District  
 National Register district  certified state or local district  potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:  
 certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
 certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
 certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
 preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
 preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
 preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:  
Name Robert C. Brown  
Street 8357 Main Street City Ellicott City  
State Maryland Zip 21043 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 465-1920

4. Owner:  
I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.  
Name Robert C. Brown  
Name Paula B. Brown Signature *Paula B. Brown* Date 9-24-87  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 222-26-7263  
Street 8357 Main St. City Ellicott City  
State Maryland Zip 21043 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 465-1920

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Office/Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

See Attachments

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—  
PART 1

NPS Office Use Only

The Howard House

Property Name  
8202 Main Street  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance: The Howard House is a five-story granite, brick and wood building constructed in two phases. The first construction phase was in 1850, and the second in 1898.

The concave mansard roof and five dormers establish the overall image of elegance in conjunction with the decorative slate sides to the fifth story. The bottom four stories are largely masonry, namely, granite on the Main Street front of the building, and brick on the sides. The Church Street back side is constructed of granite and German siding.

A large wood and decorative iron porch runs the length of the Main Street side of the building. Off the porch is the main entrance outlined by a large transom and side lights.

The interior has a central stair running from the first to the fifth floor, and has 14 main rooms many with red brick fireplaces. Other interesting features are the many raised paneled wood door jambs and the transoms above many doors.

Date of Construction: 1850 & 1898 Source of Date: Ellicott City: Milltown U.S.A. - Celia M. Holland; Pictorial History Howard County - Joetta Cramm - Deeds

Has building been moved?  yes  no. If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Statement of significance: The Howard House was a famous country inn located on the National Pike at the first terminus of an American railroad. Celia M. Holland writes, "Many years ago when Ellicott's Mills was popular as a summer resort, the Howard House was a favorite meeting place for visitors from all walks of life. For the Howard House was noted for its lavish parties and unsurpassed cuisine." Today, the Howard House is one of Howard County's best known landmarks situated in the heart of Ellicott City's Historic District. It epitomizes an old inn on the way west traveling the National Road.

7. Photographs and maps. 1 & 2

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached:  yes  no





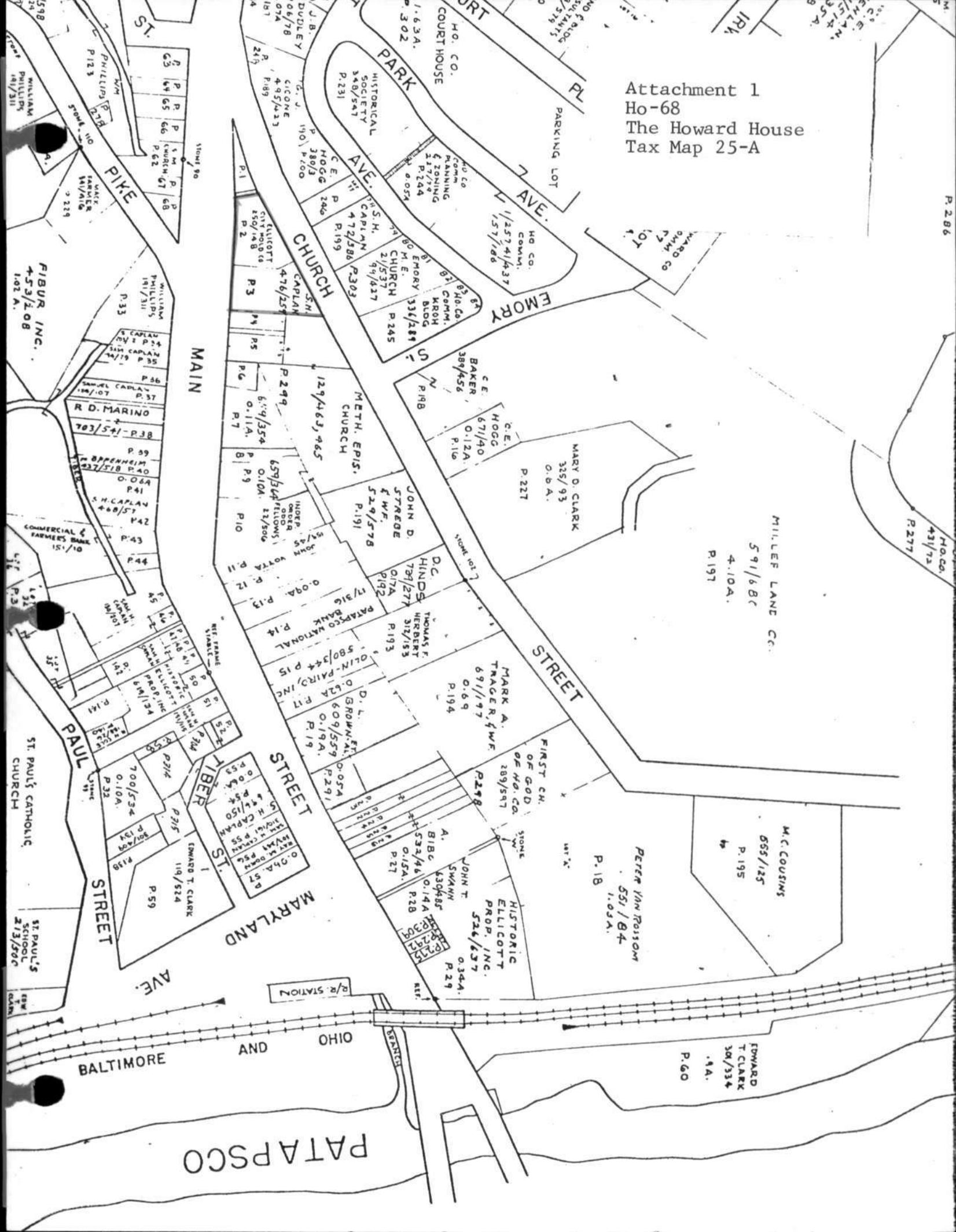
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Photo No. 2



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The Howard House  
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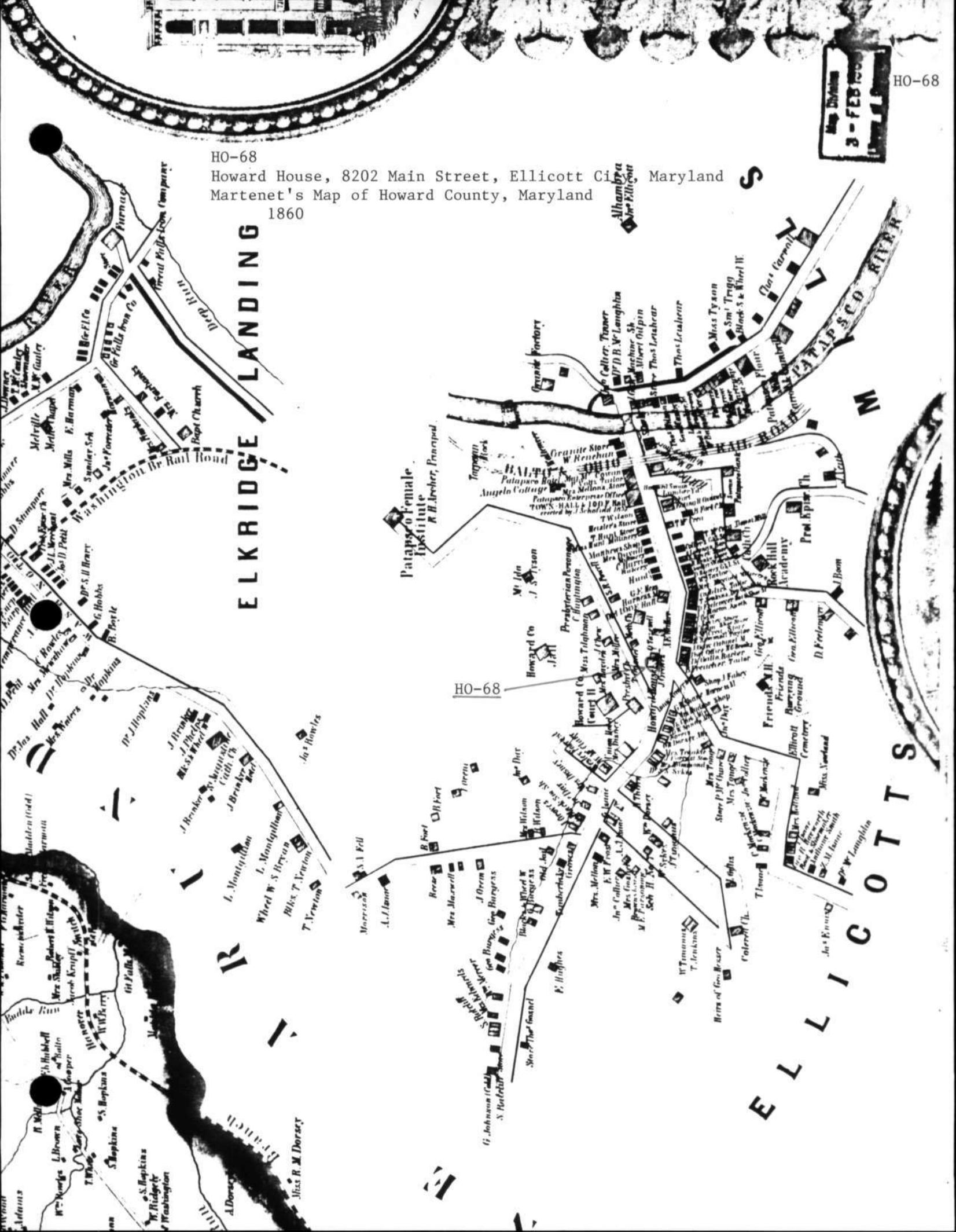
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Martenet's Map of Howard County, Maryland  
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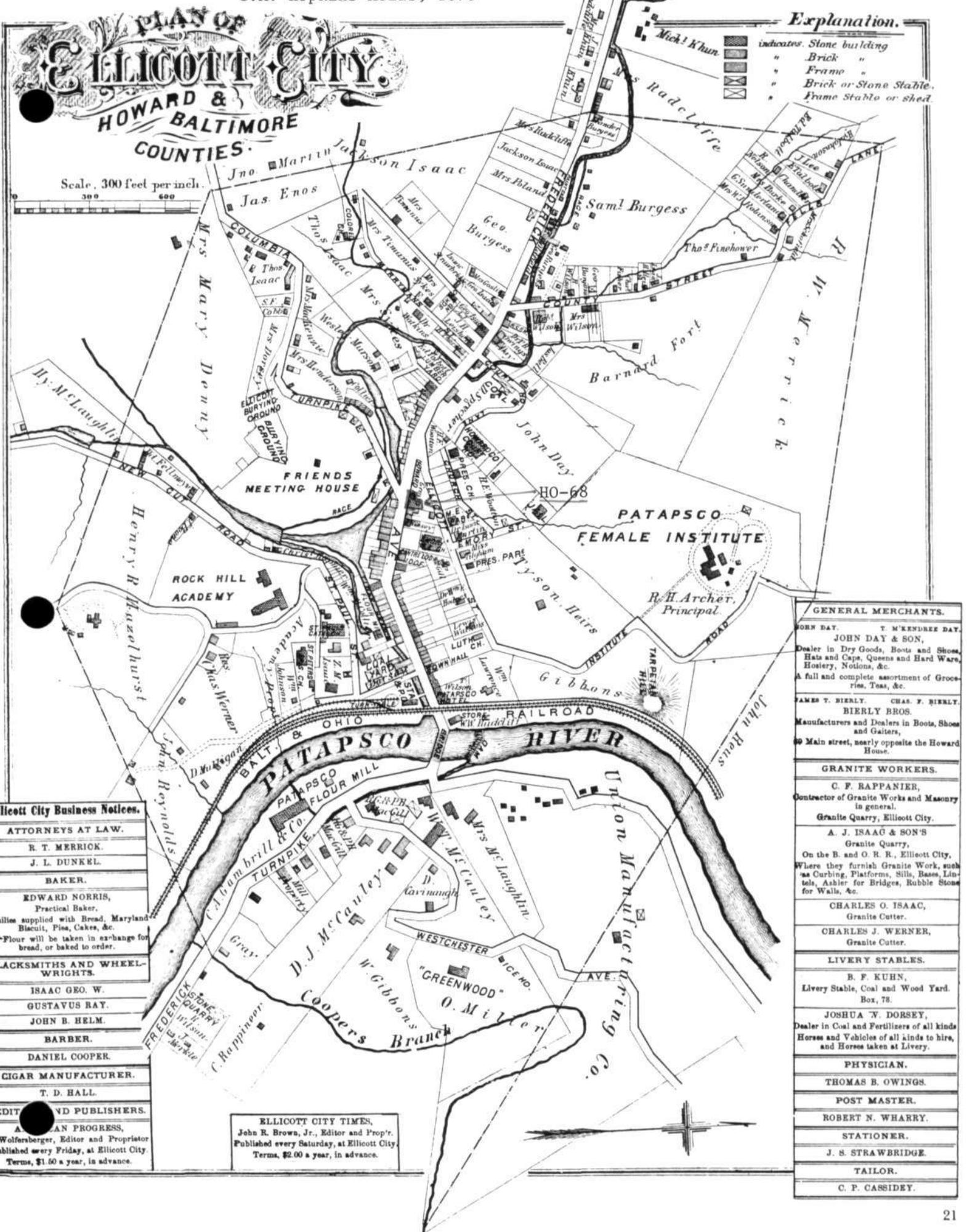


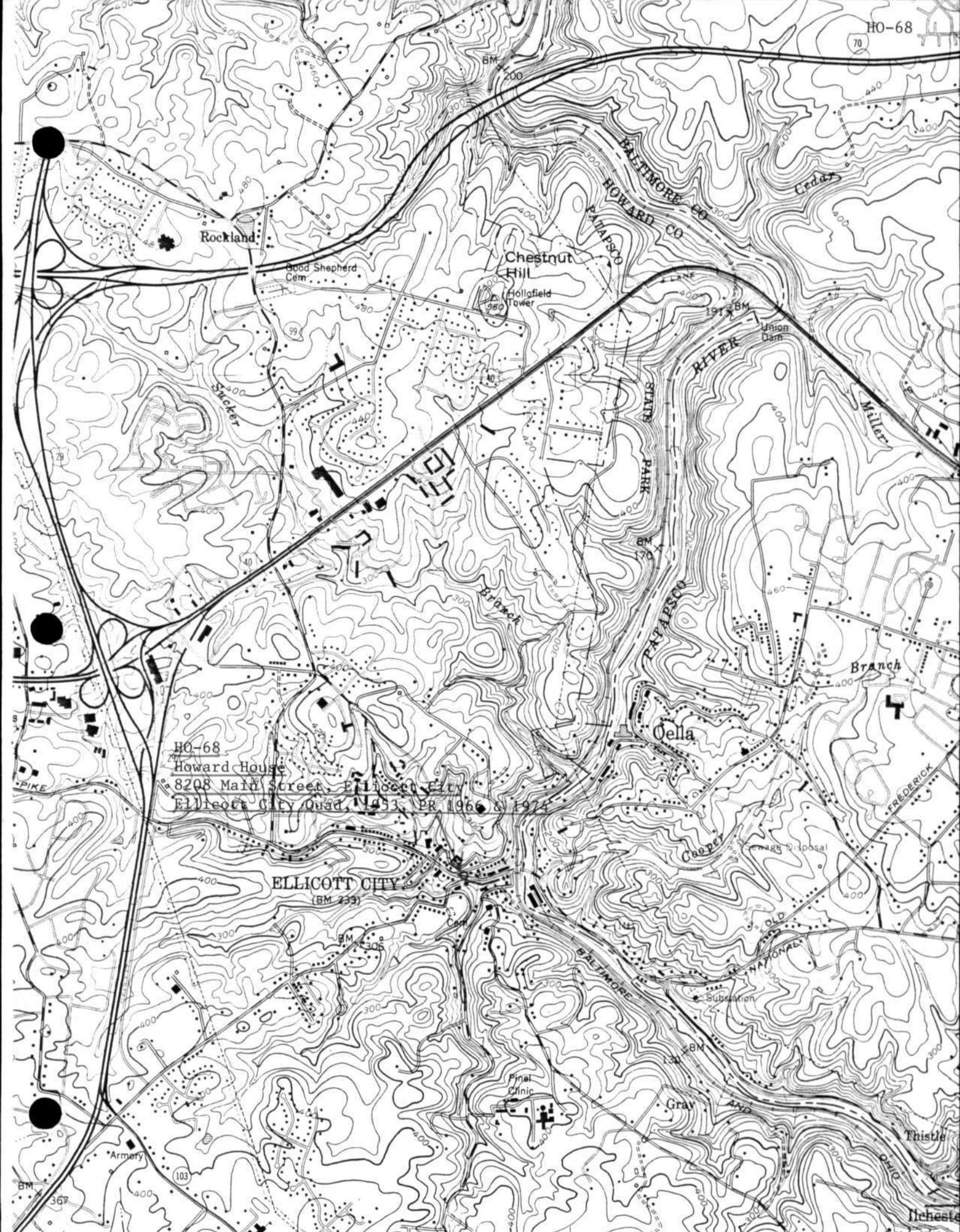
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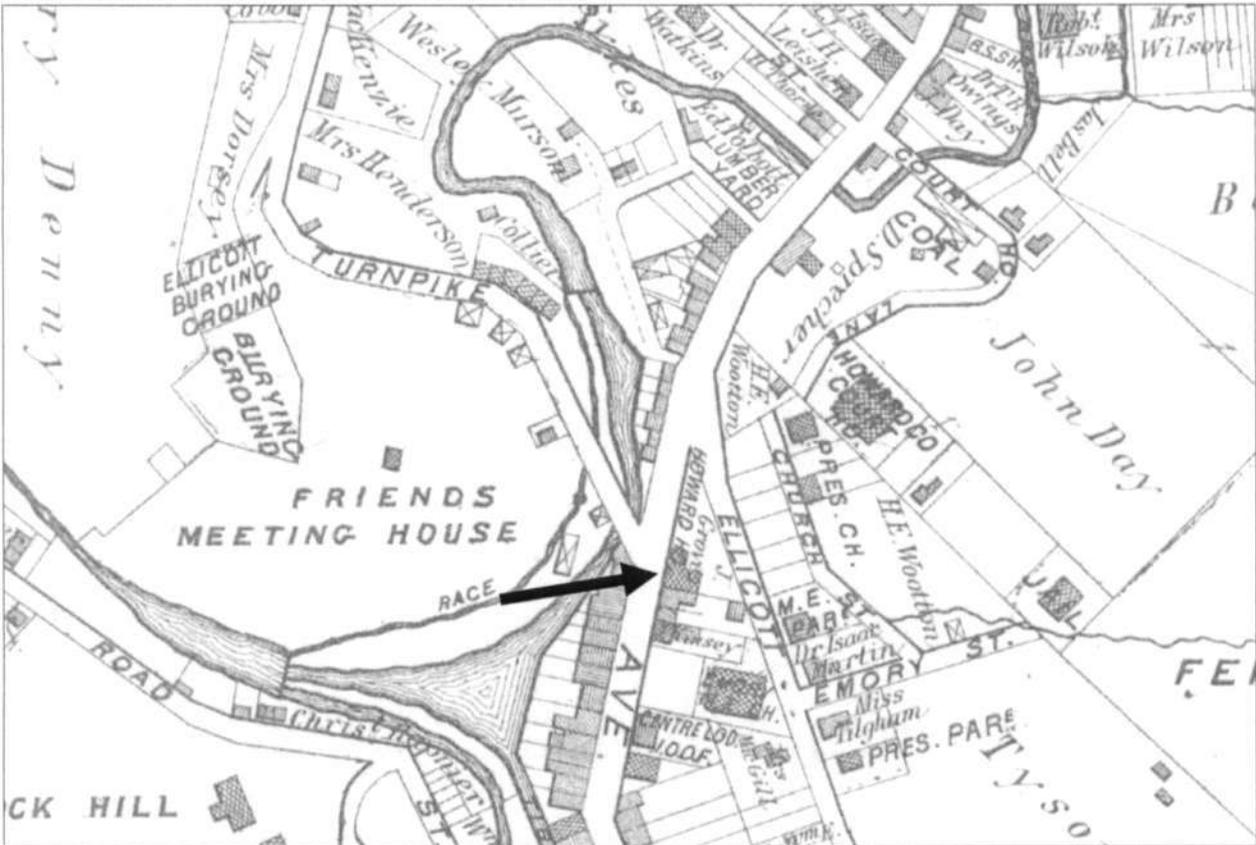
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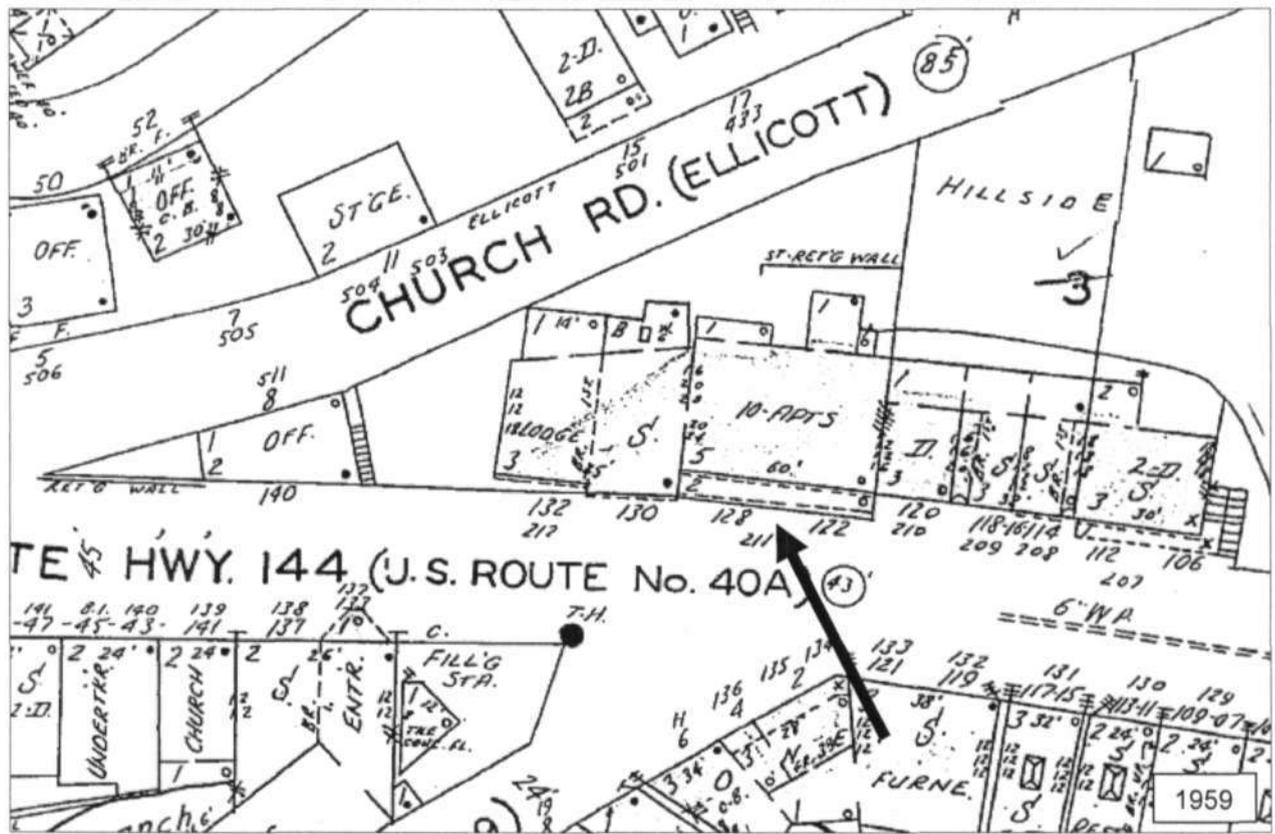
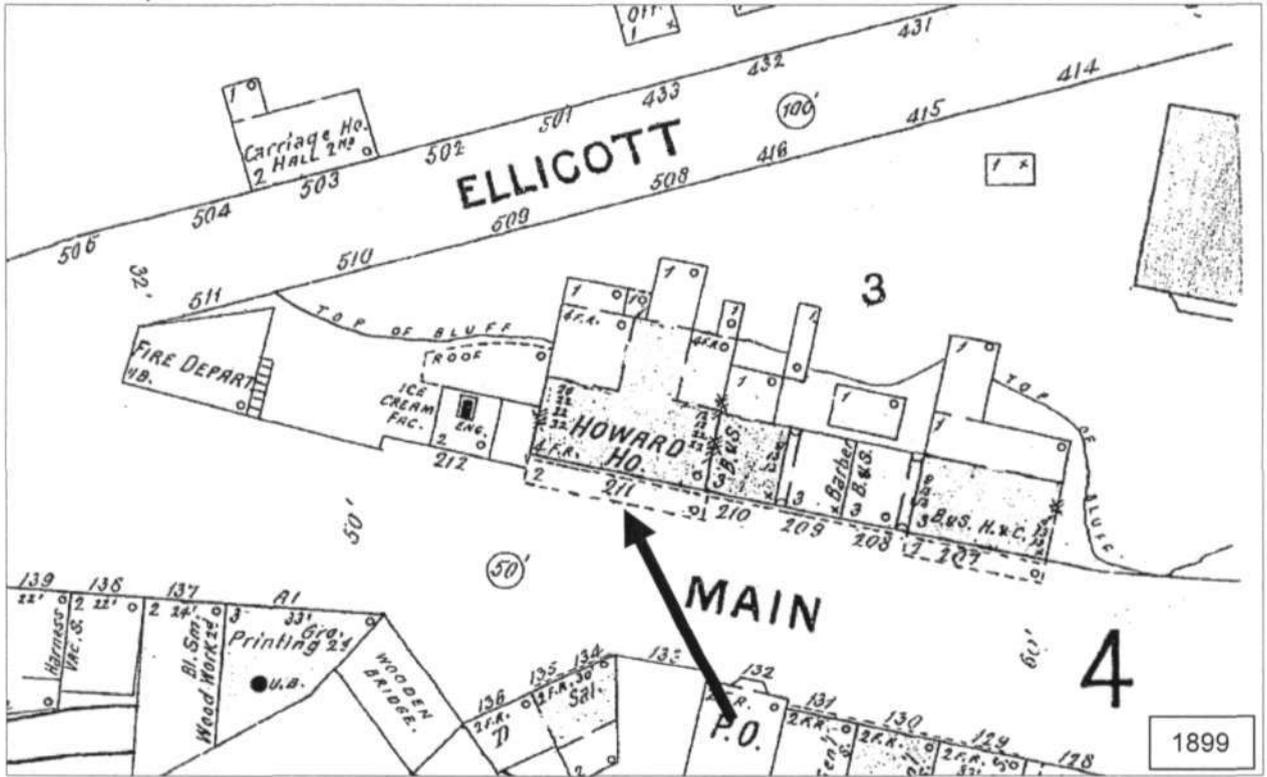
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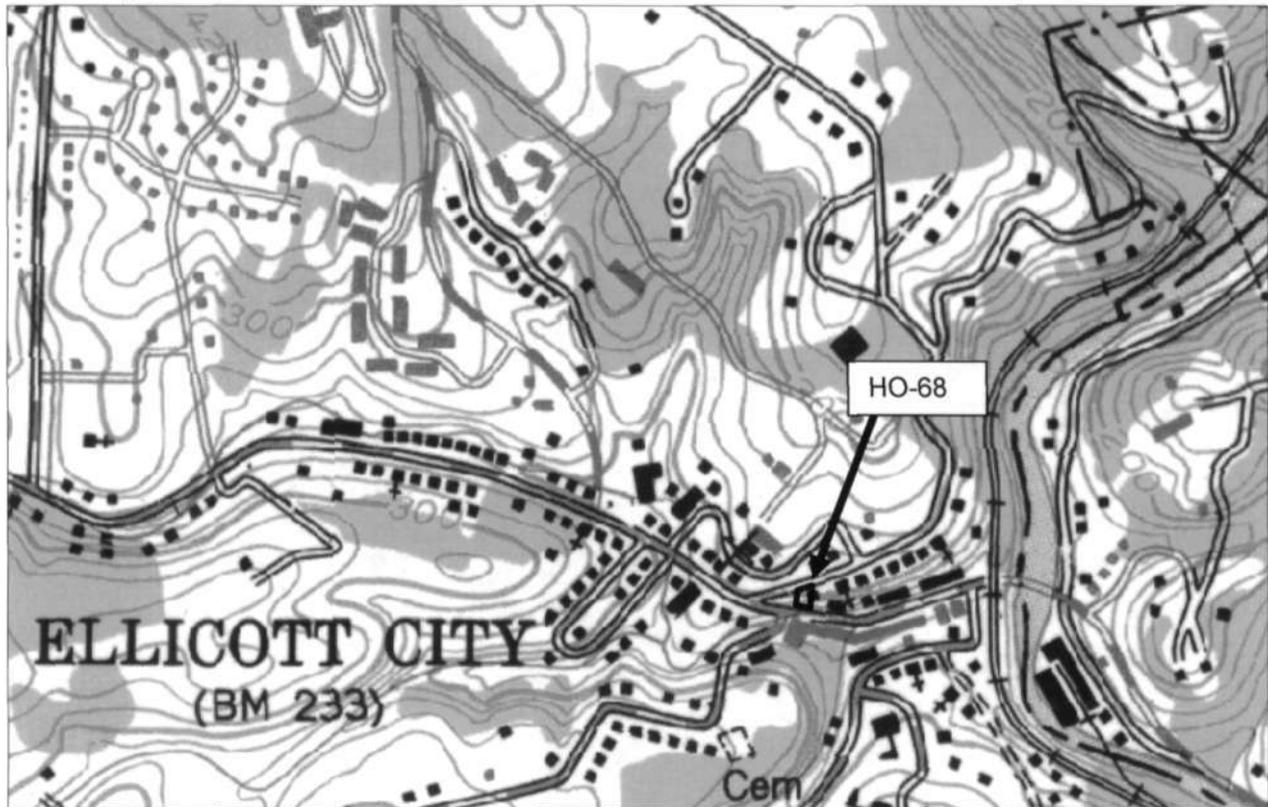
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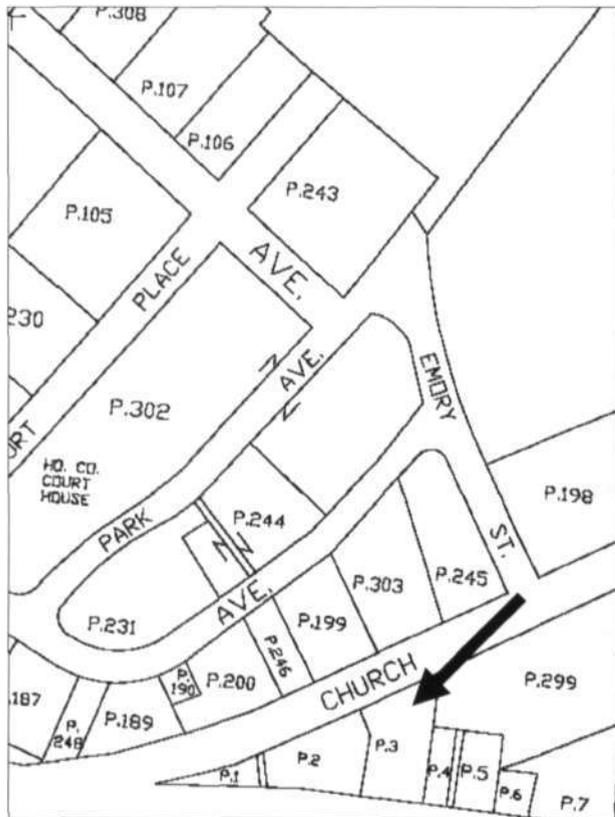


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Howard House  
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South elevation



North (rear) elevation





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