

CARR-33

Hood's Mill  
Hood's Mill Road

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. Carr-33

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hood's Mill

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Hood's Mill Road  not for publication

city, town Sykesville  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

## 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 checked="" 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                | <b>Public Acquisition</b>                          | <b>Accessible</b>                                   | <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: abandoned |

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

name Jean R. Dickey

street & number 13850 Forsythe Road telephone no.:

city, town Sykesville state and zip code Maryland 21784

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 1133

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 533

city, town Westminster state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

|                                    |  |   |   |                    |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--------------------|
| <b>Condition</b>                   |  | <b>Check one</b>                            | <b>Check one</b>                                  |                    |
| <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 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.

**Summary:** Hood's Mill is located on the north side of Hood's Mill Road, just east of Old Washington Road (Route 97) and north of the South Branch of the Patapsco River on the southern border of Carroll County. The mill is a four-bay, two-story structure with rubble stone on the bottom half of the first story and rock-faced concrete block above, and German siding on the second story. It has a gable roof with an east-west ridge. On the west side of the mill is a tall reinforced concrete tower that is oval in plan. On the east side of the tower is a short enclosed bridge connecting it with the second story of the mill. It has German siding. On the east end of the mill is a two-story addition with CMU's on the first story and German siding on the second. The mill is deteriorated, overgrown, and abandoned.

Resource Count: 1

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On the west side of the mill is a tall reinforced concrete tower that is oval in plan. It has a nine-light metal sash at the top of the north and south elevations and a door opening at the top of the east and west elevations. There is a steel ladder on the east side. There are some remains of wood roof framing or sheathing on the top of the tower, and visible inside the tower is a metal wheel with a belt that has cups on it. On the east side of the tower is a short enclosed bridge connecting it with the second story of the mill. It has German siding, a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge, and the remains of a one-light sash in the north and south elevations.

On the east end of the mill is a two-story addition with CMU's on the first story and German siding on the second. It has a gable roof with inverted V-seam metal and an east-west ridge. Centered on the first story of the south elevation is a boarded-up

# 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                |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education              | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> social/<br>humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799        | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music                  | <input type="checkbox"/> theater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899        | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy             | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input checked="" 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.

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Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
 Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930  
 Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Industry  
 Resource Types: Mill, rural vernacular

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps  
Scharf, History of Western Maryland, p. 882

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 57.75 ac.

Quadrangle name Woodbine

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll County Planning Department date November 10, 1993

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city or town Westminster state Maryland

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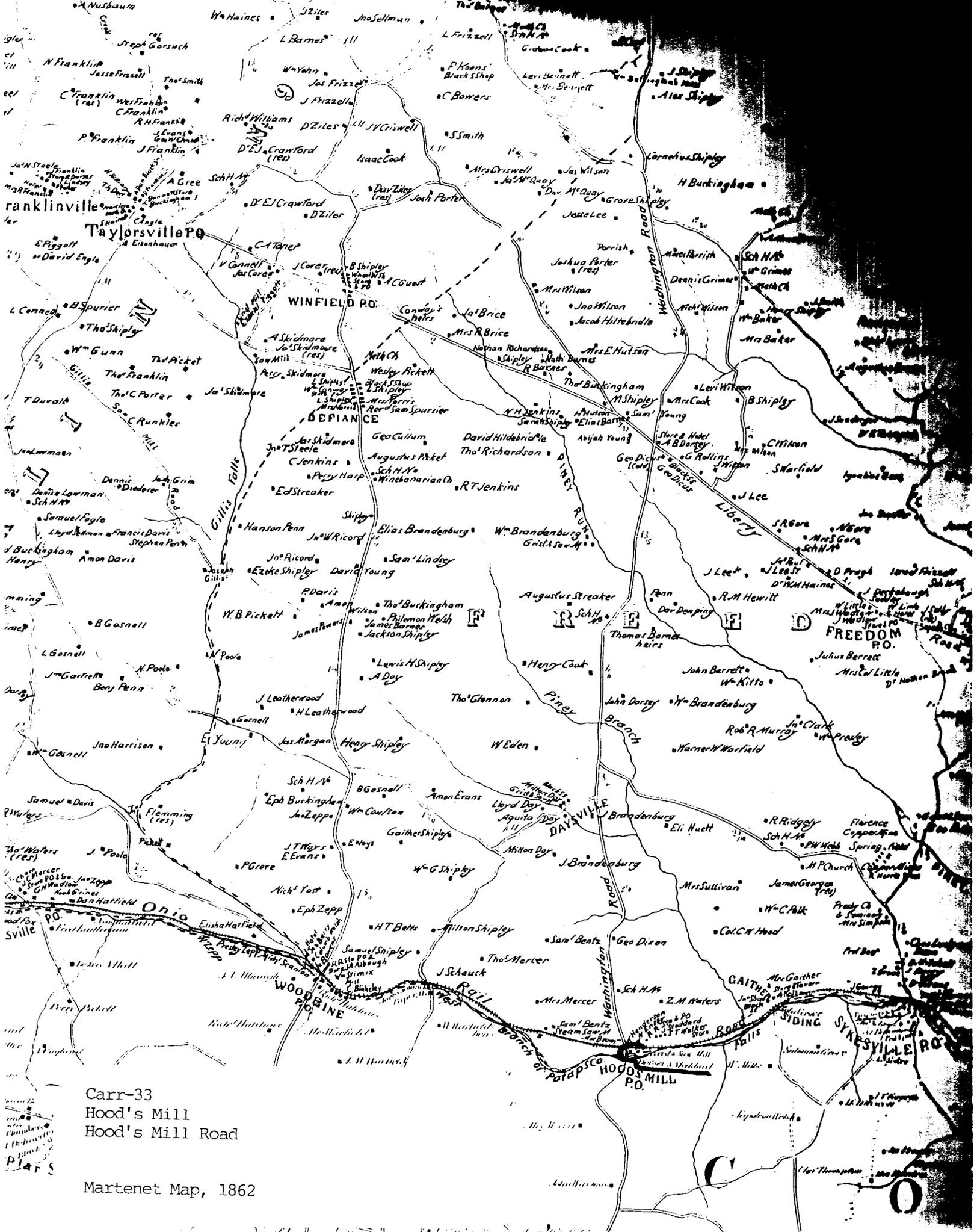
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**Description (continued)**

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opening, while above it on the second story is a one-light sash. The lower half of the first story of the east elevation of the addition is rubble stone. It is banked into the hill on the north side, as is the mill itself. The north elevation of the addition has two boarded-up openings, beaded-edge vertical board double doors, an exterior CMU chimney and a one-light sash. The north elevation of the mill is partly banked, and the first story has a boarded-up opening, a bricked-in opening and a boarded-up opening, going from east to west. The second story has beaded-edge-and-center vertical board double doors, with the remains of a pent roof, on each end. There is a 1/1 sash in the center and a boarded-up opening east of the west door. The mill is deteriorated, overgrown, and abandoned.

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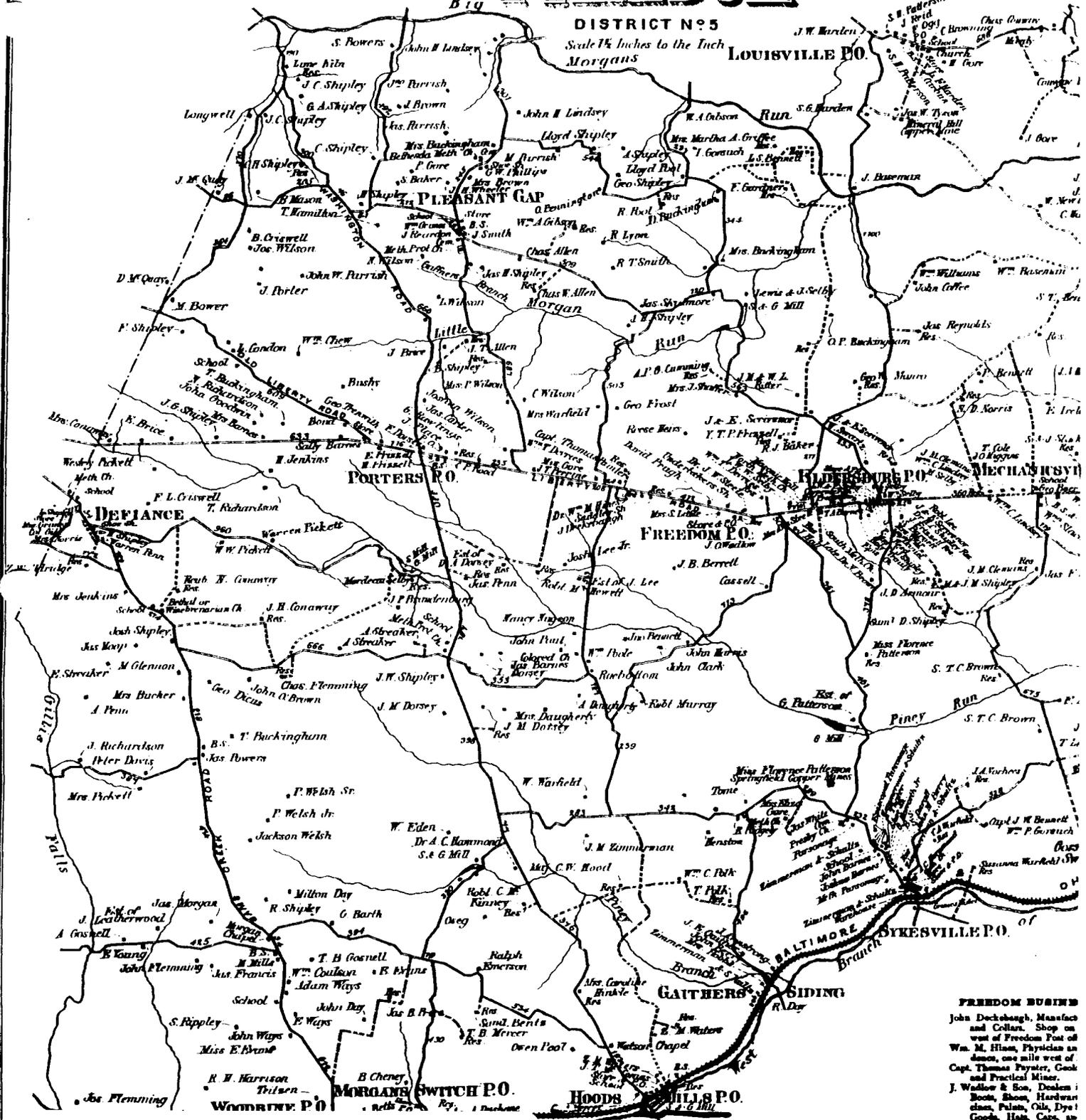
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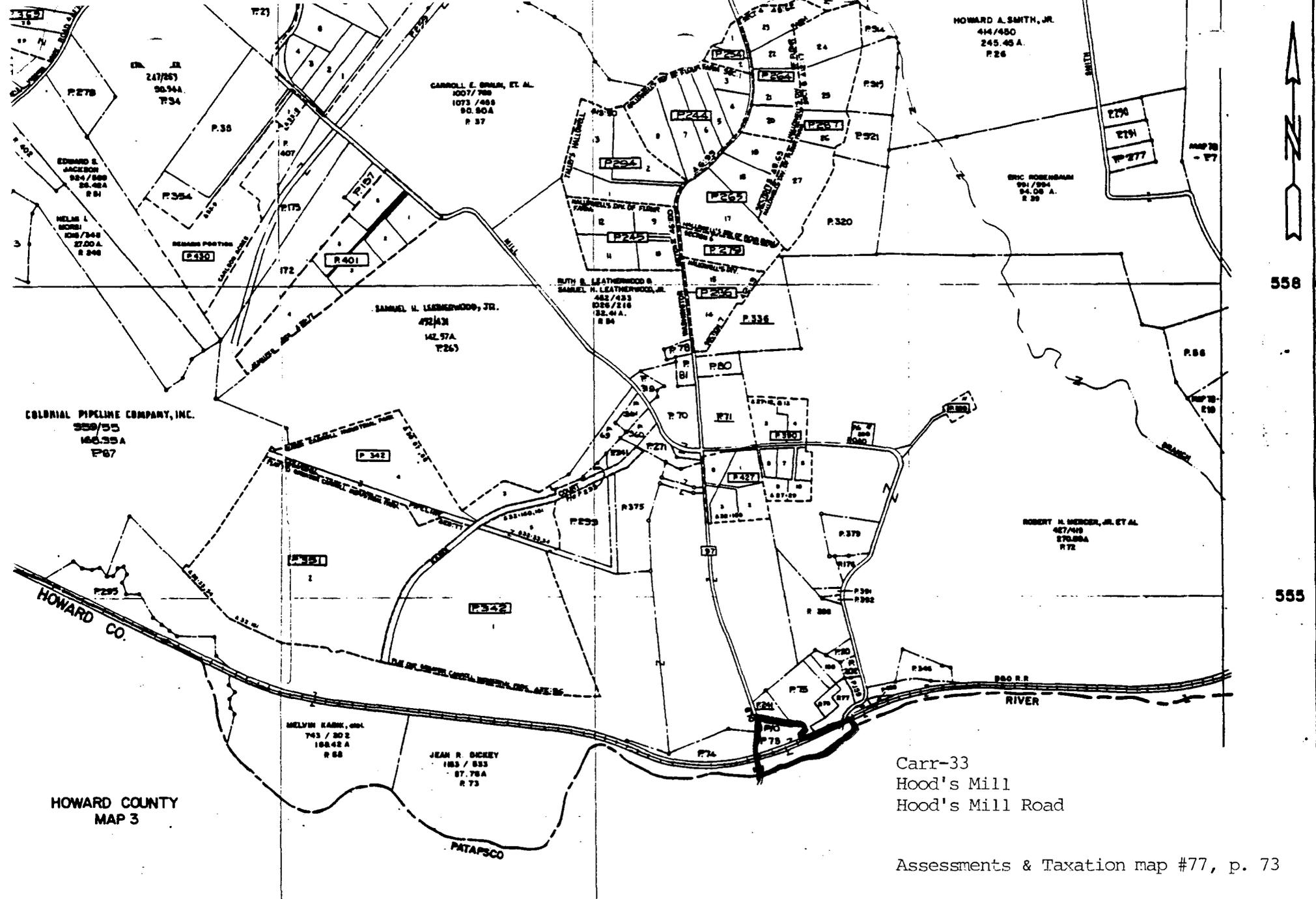
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Lake, Griffin & Stevenson Atlas, 1877



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HOWARD COUNTY  
MAP 3

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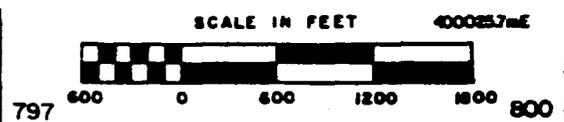
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SUB-DIVISION BOUNDARY  
CONTRAVENING OWNERSHIP - Z LE - Z - Z - Z

PARCEL NUMBER - P. 248 (ASSIGNED TO COUNTY AND MARYLAND OWNERSHIP MUST BE PRECEDED BY MAP NUMBER)

SCALE: 1" = 600'



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MAP NO.  
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5 MI. TO INTERSTATE 695  
ALTIMORE (CIVIC CENTER) 21 MI.

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South elevation

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