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HOCKLEY GRIST MILL HOUSE
Elkridge
Private

circa 1794

Believed to be one of the oldest homes in Howard County, this house stands as the remaining building of the Hockley Grist Mill begun by Caleb Dorsey, the iron master, who built Belmont and Rockburn in the early 1700's. It may well have been an early homestead at Elkridge Landing which was later acquired by Caleb Dorsey for part of his operation.

Architecturally this structure is a composite of four buildings interestingly and harmoniously connected.

The slave quarters (north wing) and the main building (south wing) are connected by two later additions, one enclosing an old outside kitchen.

The original white brick (laid in English garden wall bond) structure with hipped roof running east-west is two stories high, four bays wide and three bays deep with a south entrance in the second west bay. Chimneys are inset into the east and west walls. A 1794 iron plaque is placed on the east facade of the building between the first and second floors.

A break in the brick bond indicates separate construction of the east bay, believed to be the oldest section of the house which before the floods held a large iron lock on its two and one half inch thick east entrance.

Flooded twice in recent years, once in 1972 with Agnes and again in 1975 with Eloise, it is in a precarious situation.

Occupied presently as a home, it should be considered as an acquisition to the adjoining Patapsco State Park and its preservation insured.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Dorsey Mill

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Hockley Grist Mill

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
5481 Levering Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Elkridge

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Howard

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Michael P. Kradz & Wife

STREET AND NUMBER:
5481 Levering Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Elkridge STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
Howard County Court House

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City STATE: Maryland 21043

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): Tax Map 32, B1k 22

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS /p 50 .40 Acre

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: 1976 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21401

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dorsey Mill, presently used as a residence, faces east twenty feet more or less from Levering Avenue just below Thomas Viaduct.

This white brick (laid in English garden wall bond) with hipped roof running east-west is two stories high, four bays wide and three bay deep with a south entrance in the second west bay.

A 1794 iron plaque is placed on the east facade of the building between the first and second floors. Chimneys are located on the east and west walls of the house. Arched stretcher brick lintels decorate the double-hung windows on the right and left of the central door which is flanked by fluted pilasters surmounted by a wooden cornice with rows of dentils. The windows hold one-over-one lights and flat wood sills. A break in the brick bond indicates separate construction of the east bay of this structure which is believed by the owner to be of an earlier date. A two and a half inch door with a large iron lock was located on the east wall of this bay. During Agnes it was destroyed in order to enter the building.

East Elevation

A double-hung window with one-over-one lights decorated with shutters flanks this east door. A similar window is located in the center of the second floor east wall. Flat wooden lintels are over all the windows and the central door.

A one and a half story two bay wide frame addition lies north of the structure's north wall which was once an open kitchen and is now used as such. Its gable roof runs north-south and intersects with the roof of the original structure which runs east-west.

A four bay wide brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) two story structure lies north of the kitchen and is connected to it by a one bay wide frame structure which originally was used as a carriage house. The gabled roofs of the kitchen, the carriage house and the old slave quarters all run north-south and though of varied dimensions fit into one another creating a rather picturesque effect. A brick chimney is located on the south wall of the slave quarters, another on its middle east wall, another on the south wall of the carriage house and an additional one on the north exterior wall of the original house. The east elevation holds a double-hung window with one-over-one lights in the south bay of the slave quarters, a rectangular entrance door in the center of the carriage house wall holding three horizontal lights and two first floor double-hung windows centered side by side in the east wall of the kitchen.

West Elevation

The west elevation of the original structure holds a wide central exterior chimney which narrows at the second floor window sill level. The second floor rectangular double-hung windows have flat wooden sills and lintels decorated with shutters. A header brick course outlines the roof line.

The outside kitchen now enclosed by a wood frame holds a rectangular west door flanked by double-hung windows with one-over-one lights and small wrought iron lights. A gabled roof dormer rests in the center of the roof of this kitchen section holding a rectangular double-hung window with six-over-six lights. The carriage house roof also holds a similar dormer window.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1794

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This mill house faces south on Levering Avenue below the Thomas Viaduct. Believed to be one of eight of the oldest homes in Howard County, this house stands as the remaining building once a part of the Hockley Grist Mill. It is not only of state-local historical significance but of national significance since it is associated with the development of grain to replace the tobacco economy of Maryland.

The two story east bay of the original structure is believed to have been the original Miller's House. The mill stood west of it. It is built of balast brick and contained the heavy old east door mentioned in the description.

Conjecture has been made that this home is "Chantilly", the homestead of Horatio Johnson, who was, for a number of years, Inspector of Tobacco at Elk Ridge Landing. His father was gunsmith for George Washington.

The 1878 Hopkins Atlas shows two buildings in this location as Hockley Grist Mill.

When new floors were installed after the flood a small newspaper article was found under the original slate underpinning announcing Paul Revere was coming to New Amsterdam to display new silverware. This would date the house in the 18th century.

Rough lumber timbers were also found in the kitchen wing which were marked Thomas Viaduct which date this section of the house.

In the 1920's the house was owned by Annie Little, first police woman in the State of Maryland and Aunt of Colonel George Earl Davidson of the State Police. She furnished the house with antiques and kept her Model T in the carriage house. She put up the present wrought iron fence to replace the original picket one.

Cement piles and vestiges of old pipes are located in the driveway west of the house which probably served as foundations for the grain shoots which led from the railroad cars above.

Architecturally this structure is an interesting composite of four buildings interestingly and harmoniously connected.

The slave quarters and south wing were the first structures and the two mid sections later filled in the house.

The south elevation of the house is particularly fine with its hipped roof and symmetrical fenestration.

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7 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties.
Baltimore, 1973.

Interview with Mr. & Mrs. Michael P. Kradz, present owners, Hockley
Grist Mill, 2 August 1976.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

.40 Acres

Please see Tax Map 32 Blk 22 p. 50

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION: Office of Planning and Zoning, Comprehensive Planning

DATE:

STREET AND NUMBER:
3450 Court House Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Ellicott City

STATE: Maryland

21043

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

Dorsey Mill - Description (Continued)

The west wall of the brick slave quarters holds a rectangular entrance door in the second north bay. A double-hung window rests in the first north bay and two others in the first and second south bay. All are double-hung with one-over-one lights. The door is flanked by two wrought iron lights

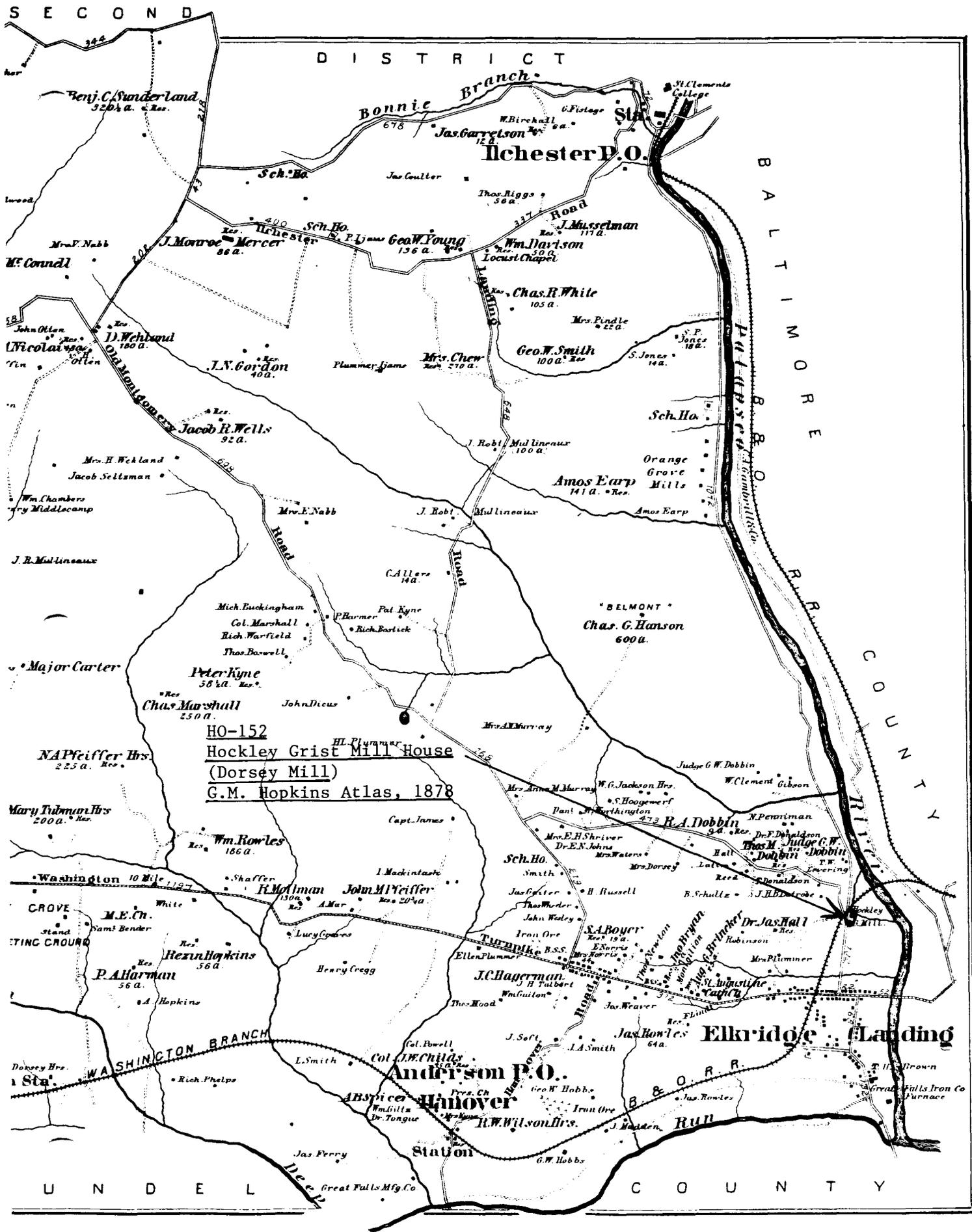
The north elevation of the slave quarters holds two first floor double-hung windows with one-over-one lights and a similar central second floor window.

The west side of the north wall of the original structure is an interesting one. A round window in the west bay has been filled in. The north wall holds an old fireplace in the cellar originally used for cooking.

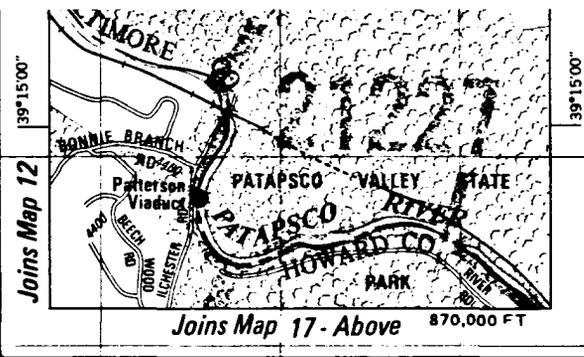
In the cellar beneath the present kitchen door which enters into the living room is a small window through which food was passed. A round well is located north of the west end of the original building's north wall. A tunnel from the river passed by the well and into the basement kitchen. Water was able to be drawn from this well at the basement level.

Dorsey Mill - Significance

This home has been flooded twice in recent years, once in 1972 with Agnes and again in 1975 with Eloise. It is in jeopardy due to its location near the Patapsco. Presently occupied as a home, it should be considered as an acquisition to the present Patapsco State Park and its preservation insured by its being occupied by this agency.



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 Hockley Grist Mill House
 (Dorsey Mill)
 G.M. Hopkins Atlas, 1878



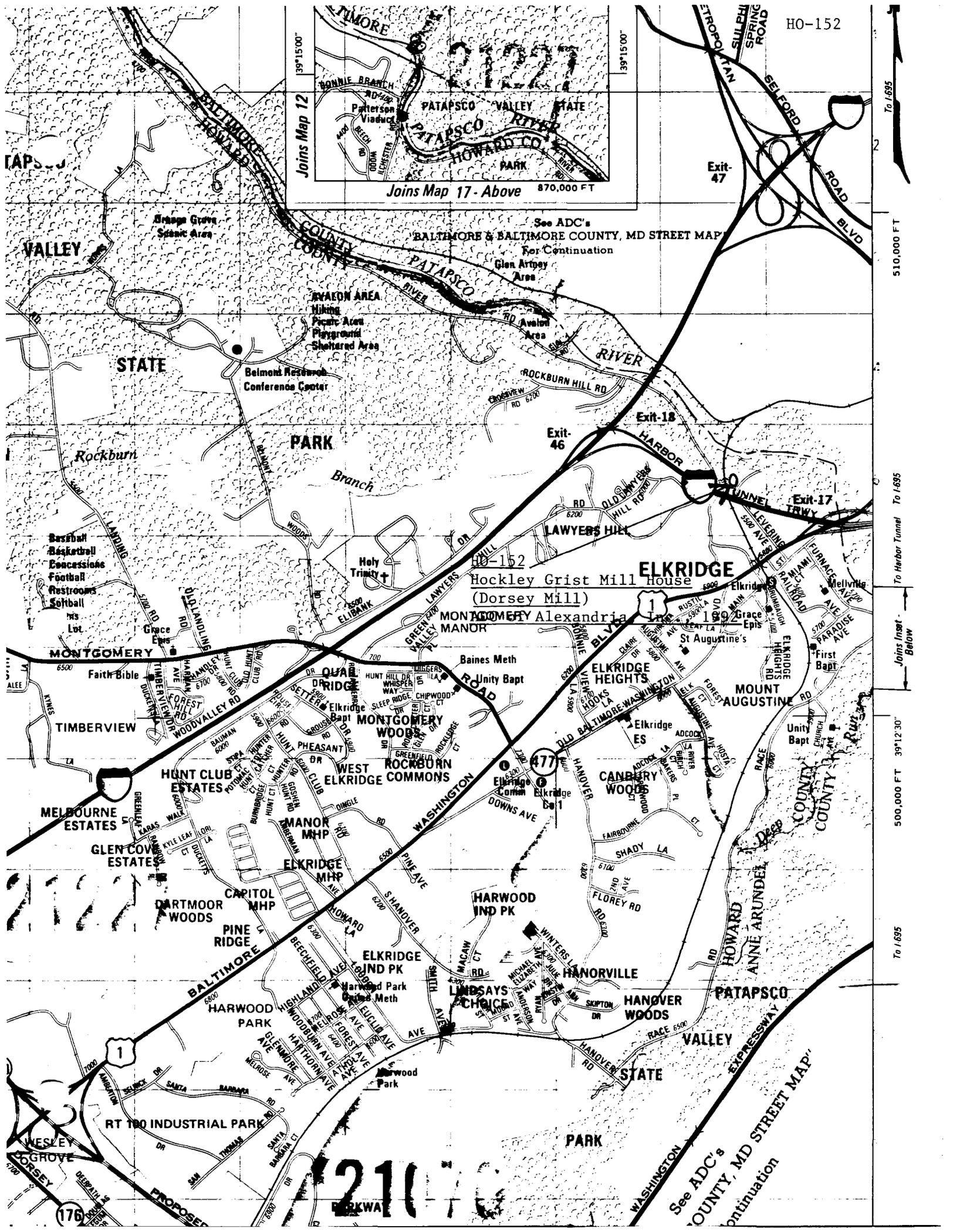
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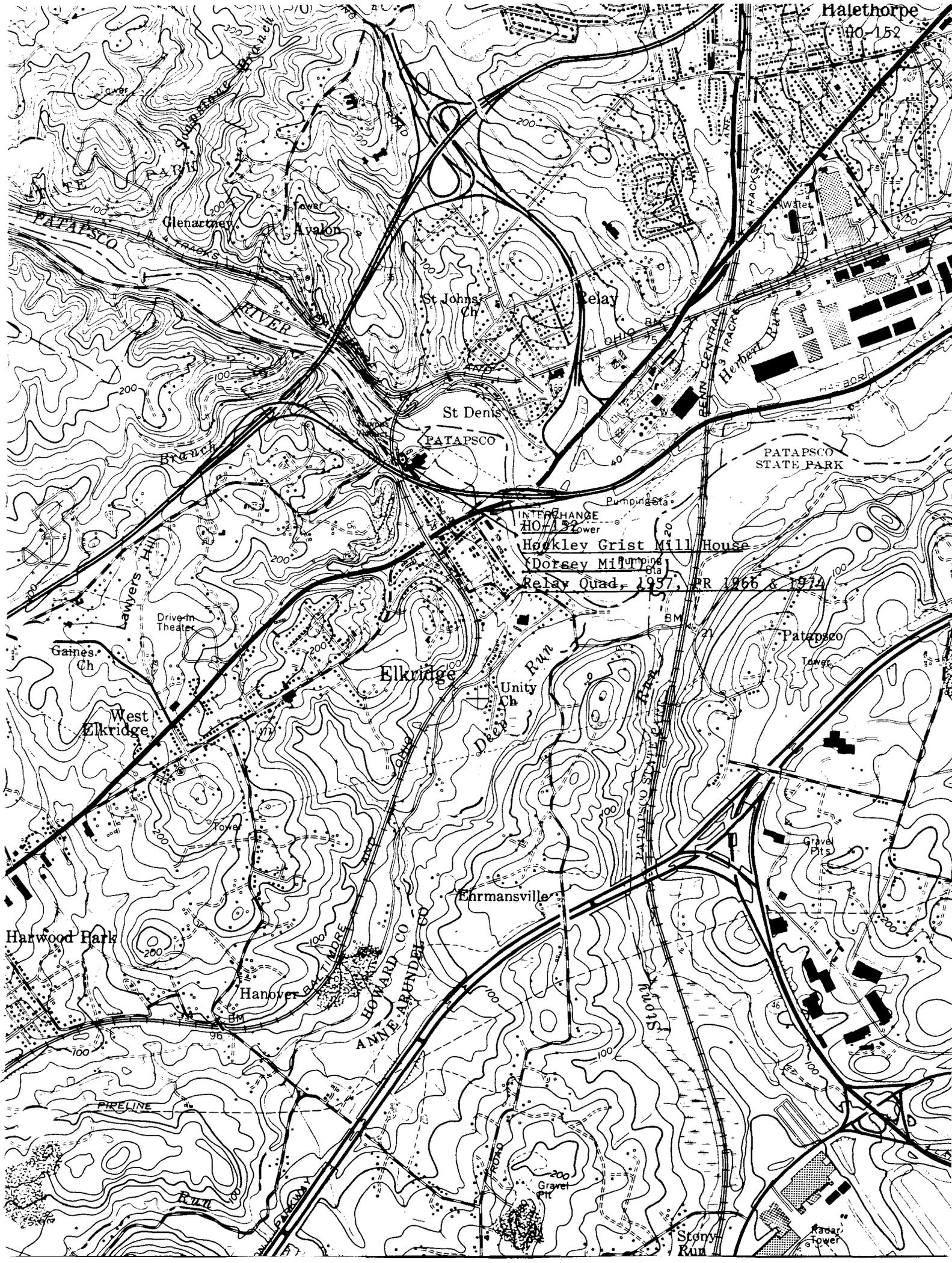
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500,000 FT 39°12'30"

To 1,695



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INTERCHANGE
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Hookley Grist Mill House
(Dorsey Mill)
Relay Quad, 1957, BR 1966 & 1974

PATAPSCO RIVER

Glenartney
Avallon

St Johns Ch

Relay

St Denis

PATAPSCO STATE PARK

PATAPSCO BRANCH

Pumping Sta

Hookley Grist Mill House

(Dorsey Mill)

Relay Quad, 1957, BR 1966 & 1974

Gaines Ch

Drive-in Theater

Elkridge

Unity Ch

Patapsco

West Elkridge

Ehrmansville

Harwood Park

Hanover

HOWARD CO
ANNE ARUNDEL CO

Gravel Pit

Stony Run

Radar Tower



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