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The Tubman House
Elkridge
Private

circa 1852

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The house was originally a three bay wide dwelling to which was later added two additional bays, creating a central hall. One of the building's most interesting features is its back staircase, which may have been moved in a previous alteration, for it rises from the first floor to the attic, its fine bannister holding square spindles, supported by original knewel posts.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills.

Flat roofed porticos cover a central south entrance and a south bay east entrance and are supported by two and four doric columns, respectively, and two pilasters.

A wide flagstone terrace runs along the building's entire south elevation. The central south, open bible and cross paneled entrance door is flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a six light transom, while the east, open bible and cross paneled entrance door is surmounted by a ten light fanlight, encased in a horizontal rectangular frame.

A one story high, flat roofed, office-mortuary-garage complex lies along the building's west wall. The original three bay stone house is believed to be the residence of Theodore Tubman, commissioner of Howard County in 1847, 1848 and 1850. His residence is noted at this location on the Martennet Map of 1860.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI # 401745504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Tubman House

AND/OR COMMON Meadow Ridge Memorial Park House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 7250 Washington Boulevard (Baltimore Washington Boulevard, U.S. Rt. 1)

CITY, TOWN Elkridge 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"/> 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Mortuary

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Meadow Ridge Memorial Park, Inc. Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 7250 Washington Boulevard

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 37, p. 179
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 151
Folio #: 322

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

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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It features a central south portico and another similar one in the south bay of the building's east wall. The south portico is supported by two doric columns and two pilasters while that on the east wall is supported by four doric columns and two pilasters. The rectangular, open bible and cross paneled, central, south entrance is flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a six light transom. The east open bible and cross paneled entrance door is surmounted by a ten light fanlight encased in a horizontal rectangular frame.

Four, wide, flagstone steps lead to a wide flagstone terrace, which runs along the building's entire south elevation. Three other flagstone steps lead to the flagstone landing of the east portico and two such steps compose a stoop located on the center of the north wall, leading to a nine light rectangular entrance door, covered by a slate shed roofed hood.

Fenestration for the building is almost entirely vertically aligned and proportionately scaled. Windows are all rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights and underlined by flat wooden sills. A six-over-six light, rectangular attic window on the west elevation has been blocked in, as well as a small rectangular first floor window, west of the central north entrance. A small, central six-over-six light, second floor, bathroom window on the east wall appears to be an addition. An interesting four-four light french, cellar window is featured on the north and south walls of the east side of the house with a rectangular basement entrance in the north bay of the east wall.

This section of the house alone has a full basement and is believed to have been the early dwelling house of Theodore Tubman, with a later two bays added with simple stone foundation and no full cellar.

The west wall of this section features three, tall, rectangular second floor windows, similar to those described and a smaller, second floor, six-over-six light, rectangular, kitchen window, which appears to be an addition, located north of the north bay window.

A one story high, flat roofed office-mortuary-garage complex- lies along this west wall.

One of the most interesting interior features of the building is its front passage and back staircase, which features a fine bannister, square spindles and original knewel posts and rises from the first floor to the attic. This is a feature which occurs in house plans of vernacular architecture of the eighteenth century in

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Virginia and is not ordinarily used in Howard County. Mid to late nineteenth century house plans in Howard County generally feature a central hall and staircase plan and in early nineteenth century vernacular architecture in Howard County, we often find a two thirds "I" plan with end staircase and hall.

The present owners do not know if an original front staircase was eliminated or not. A new hardwood second floor in the hall creates the possibility that a front staircase existed and was taken out and a new hall floor installed.

Otherwise, the floors throughout the house are wide random width pine floors, with seven inch wide beams in the attic. Here, too, is found in the east side of the attic, early unmitred woodwork, composed of a flat wooden lintel, supported by two flat pilasters as a door frame. Interior cross paneled doors are found throughout the house, as well as china door knobs.

The large first floor, east room features an original wood mantelpiece, featuring a great deal of curvilinear carved detail, reminiscent of that found in the Paca House at Annapolis, constructed some one hundred years earlier than this house.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1852 **BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Tubman House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland historically as part of the original land grant of Troy, patented to John Dorsey in 1695, and composed of some 763 acres, and architecturally as an interesting example of nineteenth century vernacular architecture in Howard County, Maryland.

The land grant of Troy, patented in 1695 to the Honourable John Dorsey of "Hockley," is one of the oldest in Howard County, and remained in the Dorsey family nearly a hundred years.

In 1714, the Honourable John Dorsey willed his plantation at Elk Ridge to his grandson, Basil of Caleb (of Belmont). Upon the death of Sarah, widow of Basil, the property was conveyed to their son Thomas. Elizabeth Dorsey, grantor in a summary of the following title abstract was the wife of Thomas, or possibly a daughter:

In July, 1809, Elizabeth Dorsey sold another large parcel of land to Nicholas Dorsey. These 503 acres included portions of TROY, Isle of Ely, Grecian Siege, Caleb's Purchase and a vacancy. From 1817 to 1848, Rosalie Calvert owned the property. She was the wife of George Calvert, Prince George's County. Owen Dorsey sold his interest in the land to Calvert for \$2000, and Calvert also paid the mortgage of \$5000. Calvert requested that the land be conveyed to his wife Rosalie. At her death, her five children inherited the property. John Tyson served as trustee for the sale. Theodore Tubman bought 300 acres for \$3000. Another 100 acres was bought by Rosalie's daughter Julia Stuart, married to Dr. Richard Stuart of Virginia. They immediately sold to Tubman. The final 100 acres were sold to Thomas Morris, husband of Rosalie's daughter Caroline, who was also deceased. He was to have a life estate in the property, and it would then pass to their four children.

After the death of Tubman in 1868, his farm was divided. Eventually 170 acres of the land became known as Hollywood Farms in the early 20th century. In 1935, this portion, which lay adjacent to the Pfeiffer's farm, was sold to become the Meadow Ridge Cemetery. This parcel lay mostly west and southwest of TROY.¹

Summary of Parcel VI, July 14, 1809
Elizabeth Dorsey to Nicholas Dorsey
503 acres

¹ Koppenhoefer, Joetta. Troy: A Title Abstract, prepared for the Howard County Recreation and Parks, 1978.

March 25, 1812	Elizabeth Dorsey and Nicholas Dorsey to Owen Dorsey 503-1/2 acres TROY, Isle of Ely, Grecian Siege, Caleb's Purchase, Vacancy	JG7/551
April 29, 1817	Owen Dorsey and Nicholas Dorsey to Rosalie Calvert 503-1/2 acres	WSG5/209
August 7, 1848	John Tyson, Tr. to Theodore Tubman 300 acres	8/146
May 12, 1852	John Tyson, Tr. to Thomas Morris et al 100 acres	12/108
May 20, 1852	John Tyson, Tr. to Julia Stuart 100 acres	12/134
Dec. 16, 1852	Richard Stuart to Theodore Tubman 100 acres	13/77
In 1868 the family divided the estate of the late Theodore Tubman, approximately 452 acres.		38/126
April 14, 1878	Mary Tubman to James Trimble 151-1/4 acres	39/184
1897	James Trimble to Samuel Hillman 151-1/4 acres, exceptions	68/158
1901	Samuel Hillman to John Trimble (3 parcels)	73/349
1902	John Trimble to Samuel George, Tr. 170 acres	76/139
1906	George to John R. McCallum all of "Hollywood Farm"	82/27
1909	John R. McCallum to Arthur Rivers Arthur Rivers to Sidney Jones	88/209 109/26
1921	Sidney Jones to Hugh Pattison	113/132
1935	Hugh Pattison to Meadow Ridge Cemetary 170 acres	151/32

This summary after the Tubman distribution accounts for less than half of the original property, however this portion sits closest to TROY. The remainder was to the west and probably to the south across the main road. ¹

Land records with initials indicate Hall of Records, Annapolis.
Land records without initials indicate Howard County Court House.

¹ Koppenhoefer, Joetta. Troy: A Title Abstract prepared for Howard County Parks and Recreation, 1978.

Mr. J. D. Warfield in his book Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland lists Theodore Tubman as a Commissioner for Howard County in the years 1847, 1848, 1850 and 1859.

Sometime between the years 1848, when he acquired the property and 1860, when his residence is noted here on the Martennet Map, the eastern half of the house was constructed, with its wide brick fireplace inset into the north side of the main room's west wall. This section also features a full stone foundation, while the west wall of the house has only a crawl space beneath, and was probably a later addition. The importance of the house historically is secured by 1) its history as a part of Troy and 2) its association with a prominent Howard Countian, Theodore Tubman.

Architecturally, the house is also significant for it is representative of the fine stone houses which dot the Howard County landscape and reminiscent of HO-523, The Iglehart House which was also constructed as a three bay wide, two story high, stone house, whose end hall and staircase also feature rectangular spindles, usually an indicator of circa 1840-1850 construction in Howard County. (Homes constructed circa 1840 also feature round tapered, curly maple spindles such as found in HO-40, Moundland and HO-284, Oaklawn). The Tubman House is important as an example of such vernacular architecture and cumulatively provides information helpful in dating future buildings in Howard County.

For these reasons, The Tubman House, in conjunction with the Troy Rural Historic District, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, the State Critical Areas Program and any future local landmark ordinance, the citizens of Howard County might seek to initiate.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Counties, Maryland
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 101.80 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 37

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 151 Folio 322

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

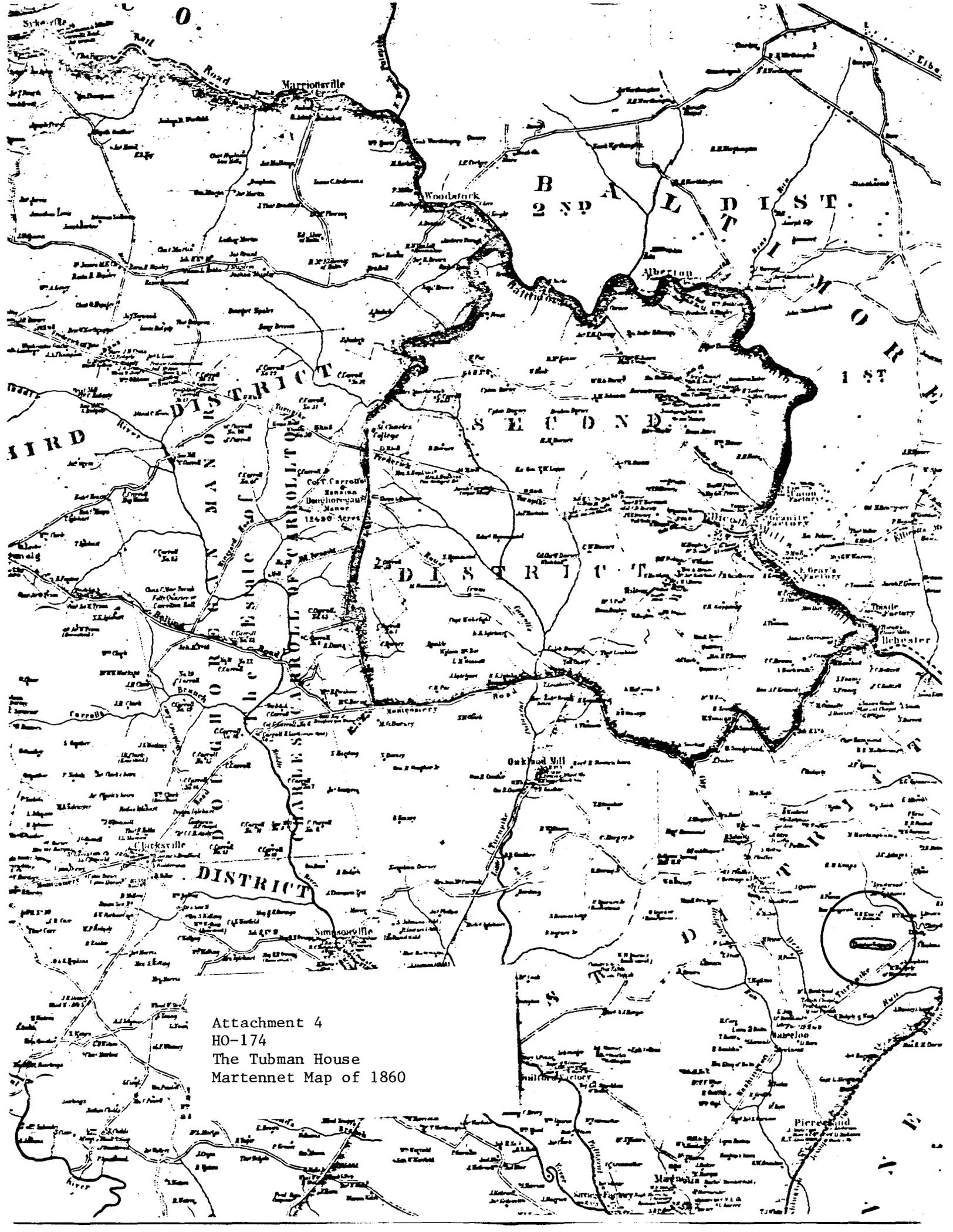
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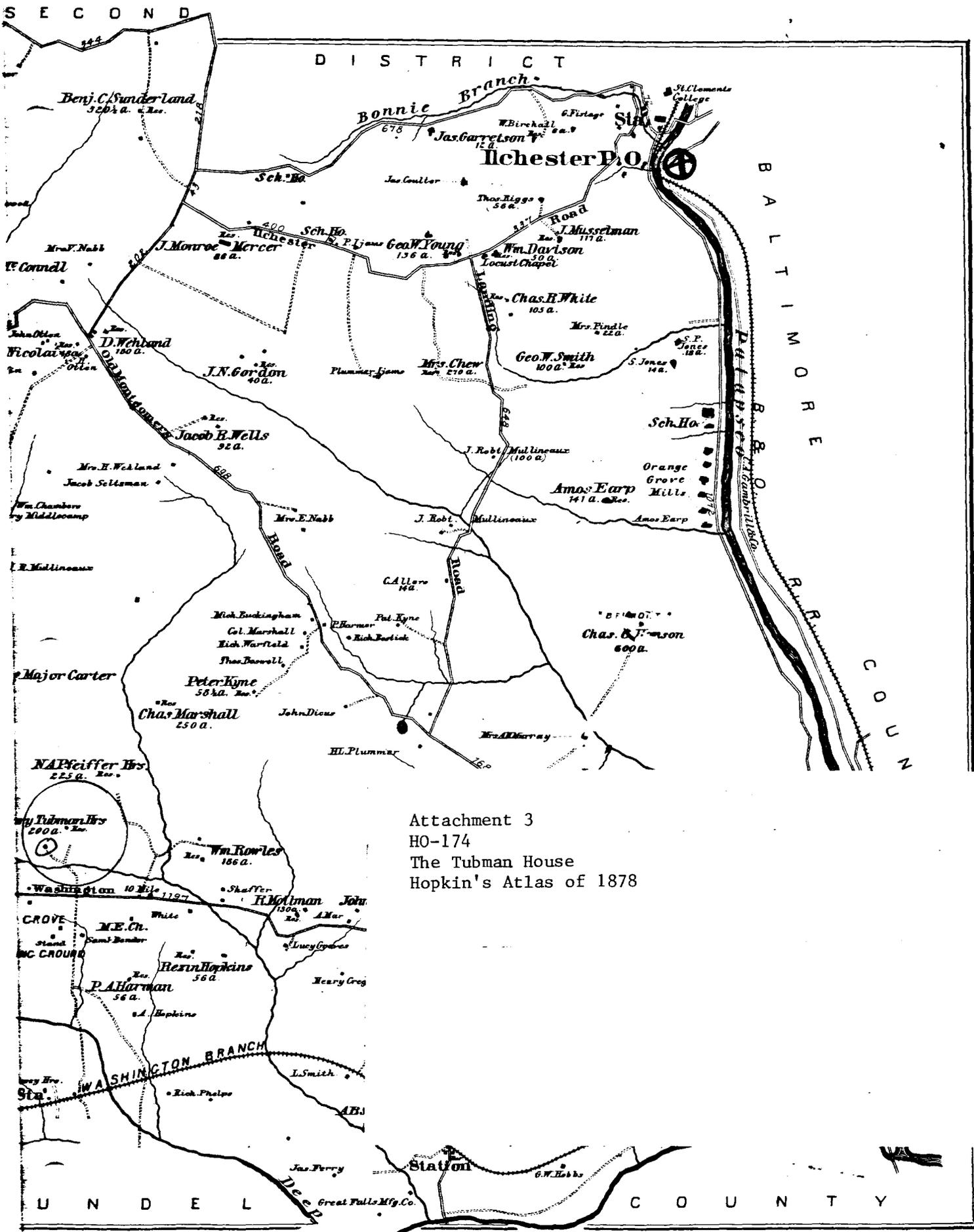
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Attachment 4
HO-174
The Tubman House
Martennet Map of 1860



Attachment 3
 HO-174
 The Tubman House
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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STATE OF MD.
S. R. C.
325/160
109.51A.
P.134

HARRY J. PEYTON
473/441
6.95A.
P.174

ROBT. E. RORABAUGH
201/61
10A.
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Attachment 1
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The Tubman House
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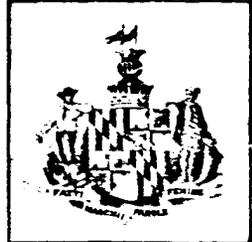
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