

HO-324

circa 1900

The Matthews-E.TClark House
Ellicott City
Private

The Matthews-E.TClark House faces north on the southeast corner of Old Frederick and Toll House Roads. It is composed of a two-story high, nineteenth century house, which originally faced east, to whose west wall was added a two bay wide, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running east-west) section, creating an "L" plan. This "L" plan has been filled in, becoming almost square, and the house now appears to be composed of two three bay wide, one bay deep, two story high, gabled roofed (running north-south) sections, resting side by side, whose two gable ends on the north elevation have been heavily molded to form twin pediments, holding identical fan lights. Another intersecting gable, also heavily molded to form a pediment, holds a matching fan light and is centered on the east wall of the house.

The building is completed by entrance porches on each elevation and by a semi-conical roofed bay window on the south wall of the west side of the building.

The south elevation remains asymmetrical, with its east and west sections differentiated, not lying flush with one another.

Located on a high ridge of land surrounded by wooded acres, The Matthews-E.TClark House is one of Howard County's most charming and picturesque landmarks.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-324
E.C. Quad
Dist. 2
MAGI# 1403245604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Matthews-E.T. Clark House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

~~8855 Frederick Road~~ 8765 Ruppert Court

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

21043

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Ruppert

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

8855 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 24, p.248
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 840

Folio #: 239

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input 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

The Mathew-E. T. Clark House faces north on the south side of Old Frederick Road, just east of its intersection with Toll House Road. It is a three bay wide, three bay deep, two and a half story high, double gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with German siding) house, resting on a Stone foundation, with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls, featuring an identical central intersecting gable, to the two on the north elevation, all of which hold fan lights and heavily outlined molding which create pediments on its north facade. That on the east is actually an extension of the gable roof of the original frame building. That on the west side belongs to the addition.

All these intersecting gable roofs, whose eave lines are heavily molded to create pediments and all of which hold fan lights, are the major characteristics of this building.

THE NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds a central, rectangular, open bible and cross paneled entrance, flanked by three vertical side lights, and surmounted by a fourteen light fan light. This entrance is covered by a gabled roof portico, supported by two doric columns. One wide granite block and three wide wooden steps lead to its landing. A first floor, rectangular, double-hung window, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat, projecting sills and decorated with shutters, rests on either side of the entrance, vertically aligned to similar second floor windows.

A narrower six-over-six light window occupies the central bay of the second floor, which is slightly recessed between the two end bays.

THE WEST ELEVATION OF THE MAIN BLOCK

This elevation is dominated by the wide, central brick chimney. A three-over-three light, rectangular entrance door, on the north side of the wide brick chimney wall, enters on to a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by two doric columns. A first floor, six-over-six light window is placed on the south side of the brick chimney wall, with a similar second floor window vertically aligned to the first floor entrance and window below.

THE WEST ELEVATION OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSE

The west wall of the original house extends beyond the south wall of the house, holding a rectangular, nine light entrance, surmounted by a two light transom, on its north side and a one-over-one light, rectangular window on its south side. A second floor, rectangular, double-hung window, holding two-over-two lights, rests above.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION

The south elevation is asymmetrical. The west side holds a one story high, semi conical roofed, bay window, which holds a central, rectangular, six-over-six light window, flanked by four-over-four light windows. A single, second floor, rectangular, double-hung window, holding six-over-six lights rests above.

The east side of this elevation holds a one story high, shed roofed enclosed entrance porch. Four steps lead to its sliding door glass entrance. A rectangular, one light-over-diamond shaped lights window rests in this wall, with two second floor windows above, a one-over-one light window on the west and a two-over-two light window in the east. The gable end of the roof at this elevation is almost a gambrel outline at this elevation.

THE EAST ELEVATION

This elevation is dominated by the central, intersecting gable outlining and crowning the central bay of this elevation. A central, square, brick chimney is outlined south of center, with a very wide, brick chimney rising on the north side of the central bay. This central bay is further emphasized by two, rectangular, double-hung second floor windows, holding six-over-six lights, decorated with shutters. Beneath is placed the rectangular, nine light, east door on the north side of the central bay, with a small, one-over-one light, rectangular window on the south side.

The north bay of this elevation holds the exterior brick chimney wall and a second floor, rectangular, six-over-six light window.

The south bay of this elevation holds a shed roofed, first floor, box window and a second floor, rectangular, double-hung window, holding six-over-six lights.

A hipped roof, open porch, supported by wooden posts runs along the north bay and the north half of the central bay.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Matthews-E.T.Clark House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally, as an example of vernacular frame architecture, embellished by Federal design elements, and historically as a part of the local history of Howard County, Maryland.

Architecturally, the additions to the building have been designed to create a symmetrical facade on the north elevation, with the heavily molded twin gables becoming pediments. An innovative and creative approach to utilizing these pediments as a general theme for the architecture of the house is seen in its repetition through the addition of a similar central intersecting gable on the east elevation which creates a strong central bay.

The repetition of these twin, heavily outlined, north gables on the central, intersecting, east gable emphasizes a continuity and provides a rythm to what would otherwise be a simple vernacular frame structure. The wide, brick, east and west chimneys also add interest to the building.

Historically, it is associated with the E. T. Clark, Matthews and Mayfield families of Howard County, stemming from an assignment given to William Mayfield on June 5, 1891 (57-368) by Thomas Crowley and a deed from Thomas Hunt on February 10, 1906.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. F. P. Ruppert at her home on Saturday,
January 26, 1980.

Land Records of Howard County

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 24.09 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map24

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 840 Folio 239

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

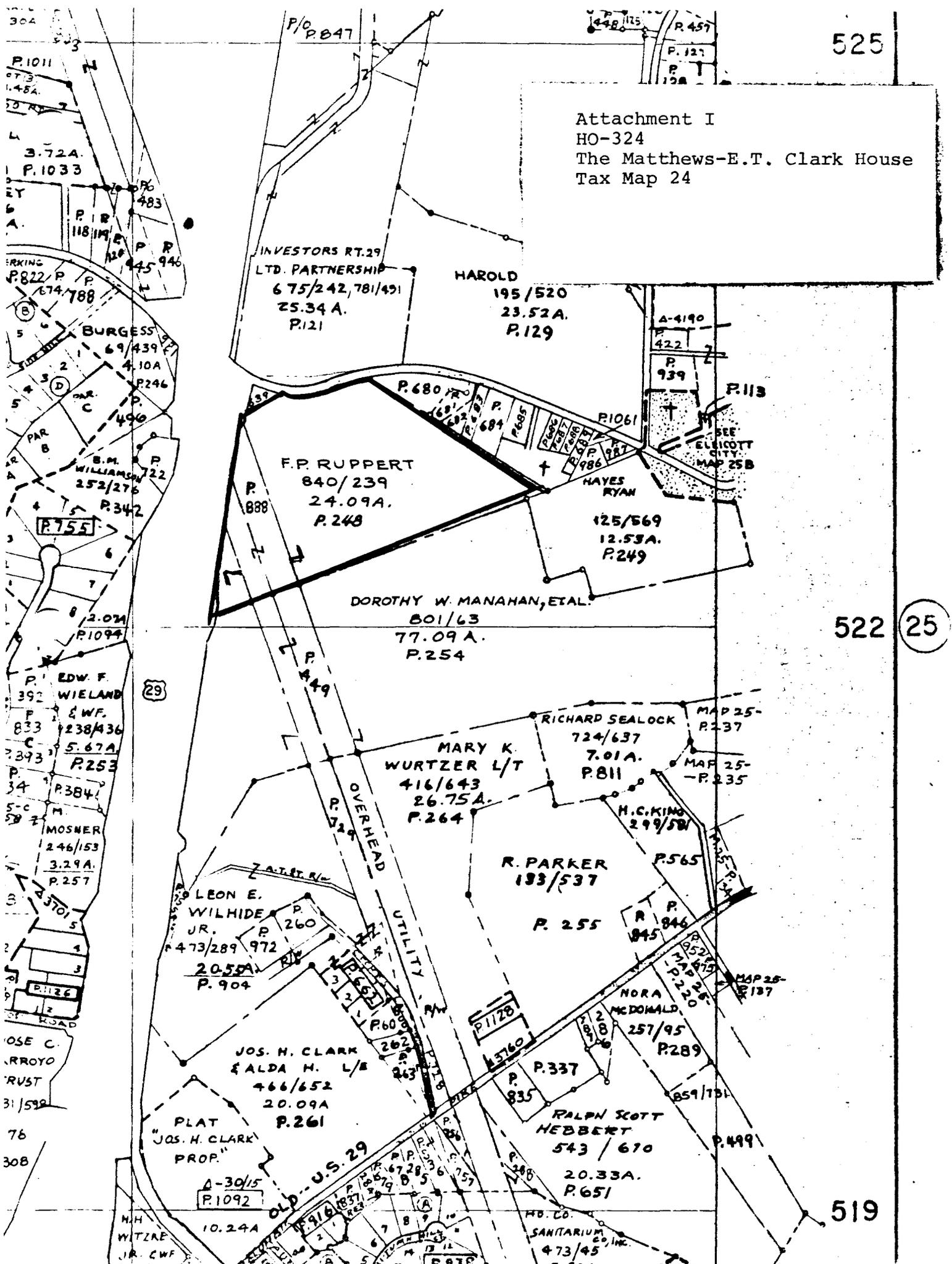
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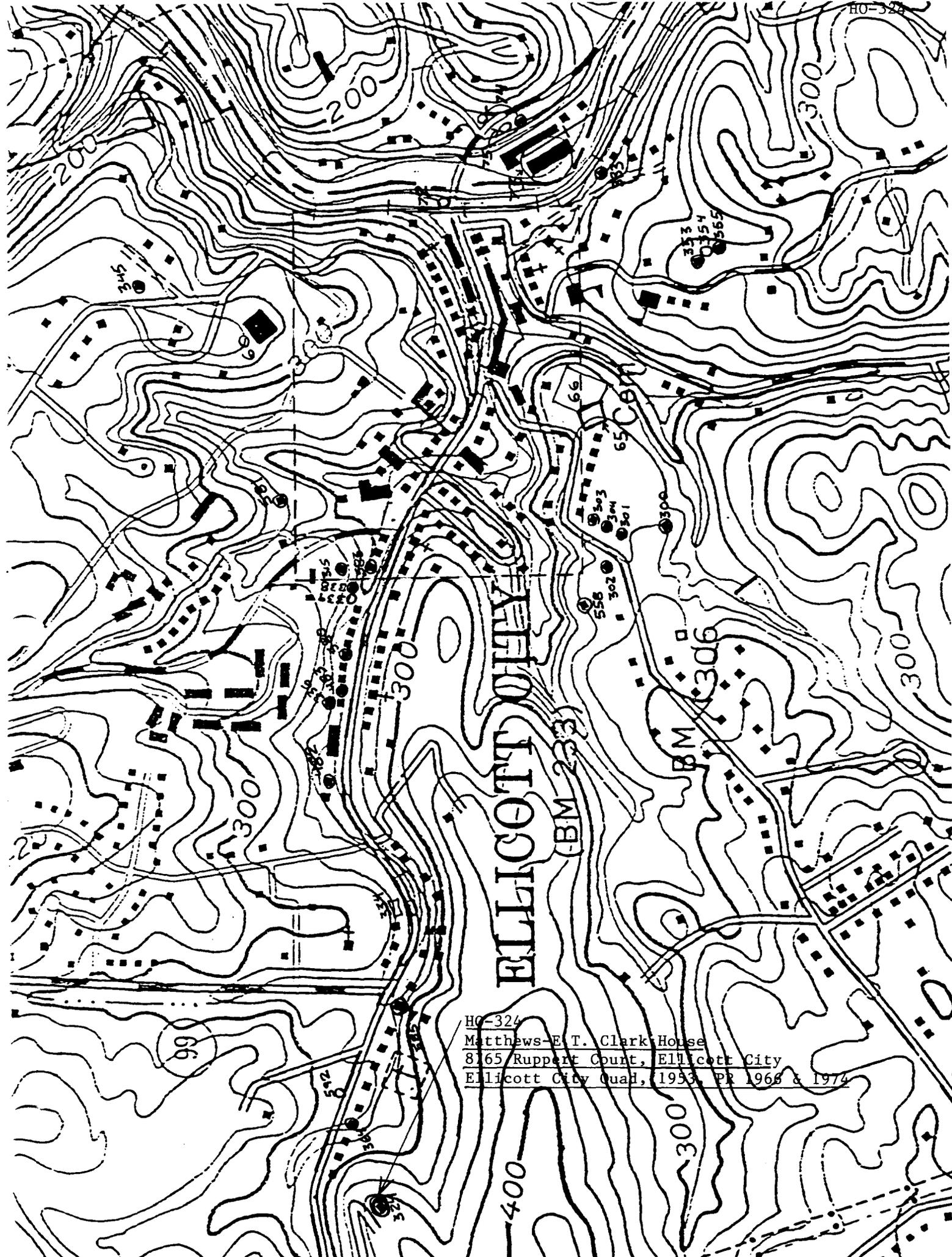
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Attachment I
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The Matthews-E.T. Clark House
Tax Map 24



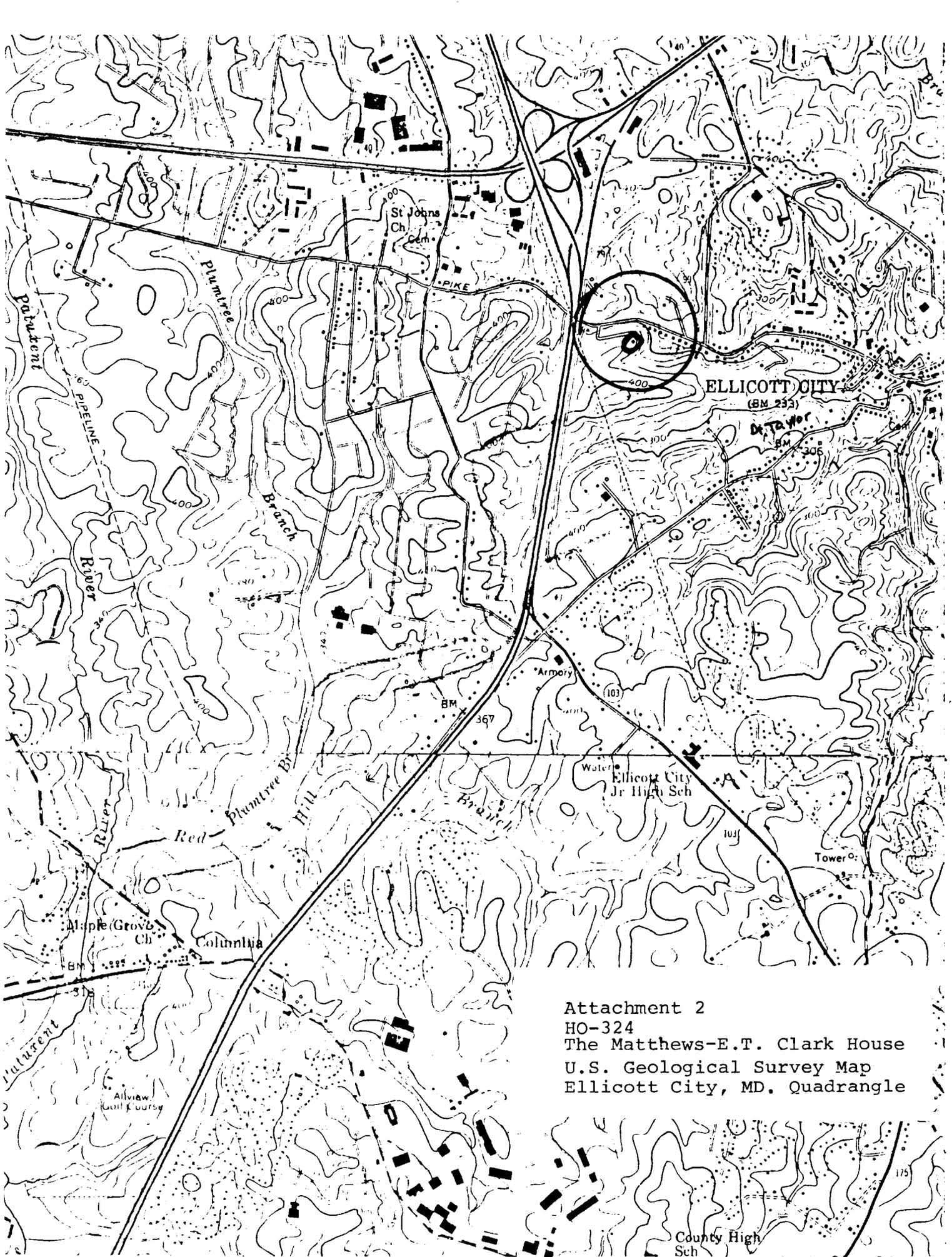


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BM 306

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 Matthews-E. T. Clark House
 8165 Ruppert Court, Ellicott City
 Ellicott City Quad, 1953, PR 1966 & 1974



Attachment 2
HO-324
The Matthews-E.T. Clark House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Ellicott City, MD. Quadrangle



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THE MATTHEWS-E.T. CLARK HOUSE
EAST
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