

HO-427

The Worthington-Carr House
Simpsonville
Private

Circa 1836

This fine building faces east on the north west corner of Route 32 and Kindler Road. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gable roof (running north-south) ship lap frame house built on a stone foundation with wide brick chimneys in set into its north and south walls. An intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) west wing extends from the south side of the west wall three bays wide and three bays deep, holding a two story high open porch on its north wall, and a one story high shed roofed open porch on its south wall, the latter of which has been semi-enclosed on the east. Off this latter room's south wall has been constructed a one story high green house.

An additional two story high, gabled roof, frame appendage extends from the west wall of the west wing and also holds a shed roofed, open porch on its south wall, forming a continuity with that of the west wing.

Its history is associated with the early Worthington Family of Howard County, one of whom, Charles G. Worthington, served as First Commissioner for Howard County as well as the Carr family who held the property for over 100 years.

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REMARKS:

Phil Rietzel (member of the Howard County Committee) reported that HO-427 was burned in November. He suspects arson.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME The Worthington-Carr House
 HISTORIC Worthington's Addition
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER Route 32 (Now on Kenton Court)
 CITY, TOWN Simpsonville VICINITY OF 6th
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

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 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 Pleasant Grove Corporation
 c/o Jeannette Volmerhauser Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER 7972 Savage-Guilford Road
 CITY, TOWN Jessup VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 20794

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE Tax Map 42, p. 1 Liber #: 599
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records Folio #: 82
 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 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust
 CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle, Annapolis STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHO-427
District 6

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | | CHECK ONE | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED | DATE _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Carr Farm House is located on the northwest corner of Route 32 and Kindler Road. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story shiplap (proportionally scaled) frame house resting on a stone foundation which faces east on the west side of Kindler Road.

Brick chimneys are inset into the north and south side of its gabled roof (running north-south). The north and south walls hold two square double-hung attic windows with two-over-two lights. Scalloped barge boards decorate the eave line of these elevations.

The central rectangular entrance is a cross paneled rectangular entrance door flanked by three vertical lights and surmounted by a four light transom.

Fenestration of the east facade is proportionally scaled, vertically aligned, rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights.

A one story high, hipped roof open porch runs along the entire east facade supported by six carved square columns, laid on stone foundation piles, on which is laid a wooden floor.

A three bay deep, one room wide addition with gable roof (running east-west) rests on a stone foundation and extends from the southern three bays of the west wall. Along its north wall runs a two story high flat roofed open porch which is partially enclosed on the east side of the first floor, holding a double rectangular window (each side of which once held six lights, but now has the east side blocked from which extends a vent which rises high above the flat roof of the second floor) on the north elevation and a double-hung rectangular window holding six-over-six lights on the west elevation.

Two square posts hold the first floor porch which is supported by granite blocks.

A first and second floor rectangular entrance is located in the central bay of this wall.

The south wall of this section of the house holds three second floor rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights and a first floor rectangular entrance door in the central bay.

From the west wall of this section of the house is placed a two story high, two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) addition which is also built on a stone foundation and holds an additional rectangular entrance door on the north elevation and west of this door a rectangular, double-hung window with six-over-six lights. The west

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

elevation holds two six light second floor windows, while the north wall holds a first floor six-over-six window and second floor six light window. This latter addition, though two stories high is smaller in scale than the first addition. Their roof lines do not meet, but the latter rests on the west wall of the former. A one story high shed roofed open porch runs along the south elevation of these two additions which has been enclosed on the east side to form an additional room from whose south wall extends a shed roofed, one story high green house.

A six light basement window is located on the west wall in the north bay.

West of the house two frame one and a half story gabled roof two tractor carriage houses are located with the remnants of a large barn lying southwest of these buildings. Former low shed roofed chicken coops lie south of the main house.

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <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"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1843

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Worthington-Carr House is significant architecturally and historically. Historically, the house is located on some thirty-seven acres of land which was once a part of a larger 251 acre tract of land being a part of Worthington's Addition and a part of Benson's Request (6-318).

In 1843 John G. Worthington resided here. This is stated in the deed he conveyed to Rinaldo W. Dorsey the 11th of March of that year. (liber 4 - folio 106). On the 24 March 1936 Mr. Worthington granted and conveyed an indenture of mortgage to Mr. Dorsey (AA WS 621-424). A public sale of the premises was made on December 17, 1845. Rinaldo Dorsey bought the property which had initially been acquired by Dr. Charles Griffith Worthington (of Thomas) who bought White Hall on "Warfield's Range", an adjoining property, HO-39, from Samuel Burgess and Leonard Sellman. It was his wish to settle his sons upon adjoining land, all of which was called "Worthington's Addition". (Dr. Thomas C. Worthington, his son and successor had already adjoined his father on the north at what is now the Phelps Residence, Ho-266). It is interesting to note that Charles G. Worthington was one of the first County Commissioners, serving with William T. Timanus and Thomas H. Hood in 1841 and was the grandfather of John G. Worthington, owner of the house whose father Thomas C. Worthington was inheritor of adjoining "White Hall" H-39. Rinaldo W. Dorsey, next owner of the property, was also in the family so to speak. He married Achsah Worthington, sister of Dr. William H. Worthington, who was the nephew of Thomas Worthington and owner in 1858 of adjoining "White Hall".

This chronology of the Warfield family is deemed necessary for an explanation of the history of the house. It was apparently a kind of dower house. Thomas Chew Worthington inherited White Hall but had already settled on adjoining property. In addition this house was another holding on which to put a family member.

Prior to 1843 it was inhabited by a Worthington, John G. Worthington, who sold it in that year to a Dorsey who was married to a Worthington.

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Rinaldo and Achsah Dorsey settled on this 251 acre farm for which they paid \$2250 (Liber 6-318). It is this deed of July 15, 1846 which states "the same land allotted to John G. Worthington by his father Thomas Worthington."

Rinaldo's son, Joshua Warfield Dorsey, was the next owner of this farm, along with his sister Christiana W. Dorsey. On 23 June 1851 Frank Stockett was appointed trustee to sell the property. On February 8, 1853 Stockett sold the property to Peter Gorman, father of Senator Arthur Gorman, whose house is also located in this area on Gorman Road, Ho-153, Fairview (WHW 13-272). This was evidently only a business transaction for a few months later on Nov. 24, 1853, Peter Gorman et al. conveyed the land to Lewis Carr (WHW 14-191) for \$2,500. This deed describes the property as "two tracts of land called Worthington's Addition and Benson's Request upon which John G. Worthington heretofore resided (WHW 14-191).

The Carr family held the land for over 100 years. Annie and Lewis Carr raised several children here: Charles Hammond, Mary Catherine Carr, Henry G. Carr, Lewis Albert Carr, William E. Carr, George W. Carr, Sallie A. Carr m. William Hoffman, Everline Carr m. Wesley Earp, Robert Lee Carr. In 1864 Lewis Carr died and his wife Annie et al. sold the homestead to their oldest son Charles for \$6,000 on Sept. 26, 1884 (LJW 48-334).

Some ten years later Charles conveyed the land to his wife Laura Lavinia Carr for \$2500, except for 2 acres which he had conveyed to Samuel Thomas (THO 61-130). Ten acres was sold in 1905 by Laura Carr to George W. Pierson (WWLC 80-183).

The farm passed from Laura L. Carr to several members of her family. On March 17, 1932 Eugenia Carr and Marie Carr, unmarried and living in the homestead along with Sophia Carr Myerly and Gussie Carr Sanford, conveyed the deed for the property to Mary Carr Baxley (143-201). At this time Kindler Road was known as Baxley-Kindler Road for Mr. Kindler resided at adjoining "White Hall." L. Edwin Carr and his wife Ina became owners of the house on April 29, 1959 (143-201) and sold it along with thirty seven acres in 1972 to Pleasant Grove Corporation, the present owners (599-82).

Architecturally it is significant for its fine proportions and scale as well as the stylistic detail of the east facade which features a central rectangular cross paneled entrance door, flanked by three vertical side lights and surmounted by a four light transom, with two north and south bays holding proportionally scaled, vertically aligned, double-hung rectangular windows, holding six-over-six lights.

Set on a gently sloping hill surrounded by mature trees and auxiliary buildings, barns, carriage house, smoke house, chicken coops,

etc., it is a fine example of early nineteenth century architecture as well as a working farm.

Its association with the Worthington family who served Howard County in positions of leadership for their state and nation in the field of medicine gives additional significance to this early house.

With the encroachment of future high density housing in the development of Columbia and in plans for the relocation of Route 32, this house stands within a critical area of state concern and should be placed upon the National Register as well as the State Critical Area Program.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Warfield, J. D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard County, Maryland.
Baltimore, 1972.
National Register Form for Worthington's Addition, Ho-39, Maryland
Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.
Howard County Land Records.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

33.29 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 42, p. 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 599, folio 82.

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 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

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STATE

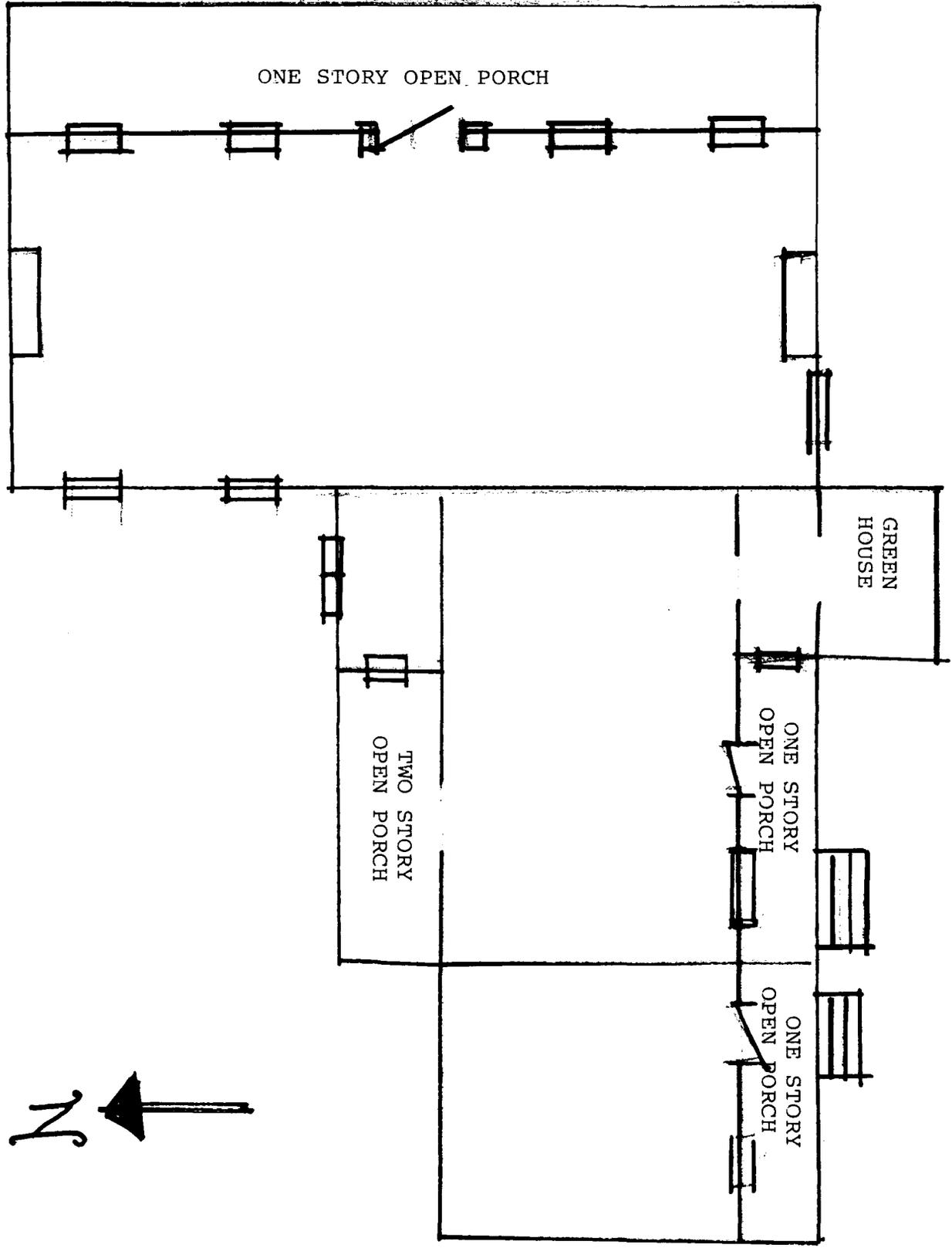
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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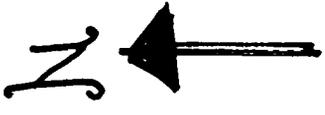
Figure 1
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Worthington-Carr House
First Floor Plan



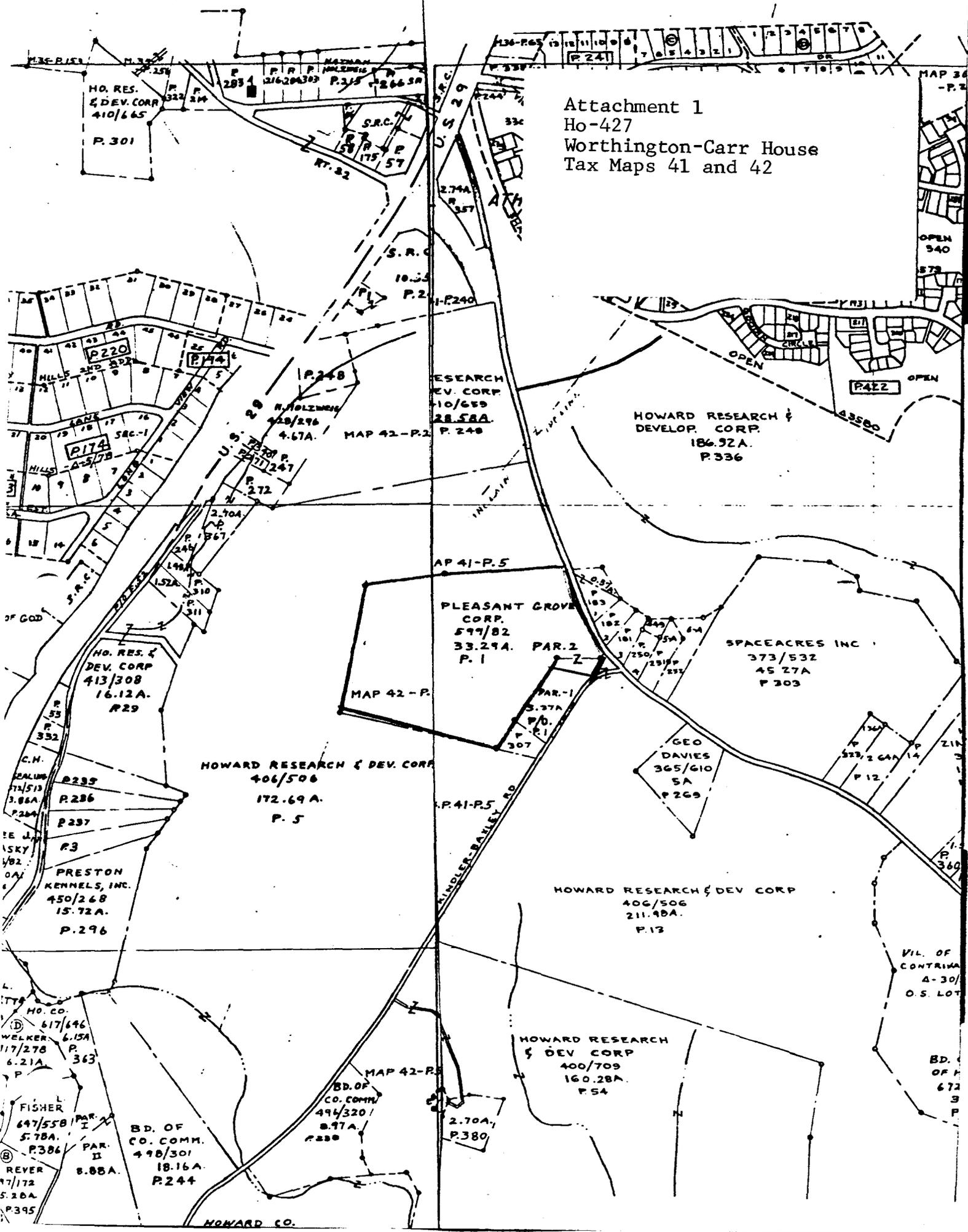
CHICKEN COOP SOUTH

BARN
SOUTHWEST

TWO CARRIAGE HOUSES WEST



Attachment 1
 Ho-427
 Worthington-Carr House
 Tax Maps 41 and 42



HO. RES. & DEV. CORP.
 410/665
 P. 301

RESEARCH DEV. CORP.
 10/659
 28.58A.
 P. 248

HOWARD RESEARCH & DEV. CORP.
 186.92A.
 P. 336

PLEASANT GROVE CORP.
 599/82
 33.29A. PAR. 2
 P. 1

SPACEACRES INC
 373/532
 45.27A
 P. 303

HOWARD RESEARCH & DEV. CORP.
 406/506
 172.69A.
 P. 5

HOWARD RESEARCH & DEV. CORP.
 406/506
 211.48A.
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HOWARD RESEARCH & DEV. CORP.
 400/709
 160.28A.
 P. 54

HO. RES. & DEV. CORP.
 413/308
 16.12A.
 P. 29

PRESTON KENNELS, INC.
 450/268
 15.72A.
 P. 296

BD. OF CO. COMM.
 498/301
 18.16A.
 P. 244

BD. OF CO. COMM.
 494/320
 8.97A.
 P. 288

HO. CO. 617/646
 WELKER 6.15A
 117/278 P.
 6.21A 363

FISHER 647/558
 5.78A.
 P. 306
 REVER 47/172
 5.28A
 P. 395

VIL. OF CONTRA
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Attachment 3
 Ho-427
 Worthington-Carr House
 Hopkins Atlas of 1878
 District 6

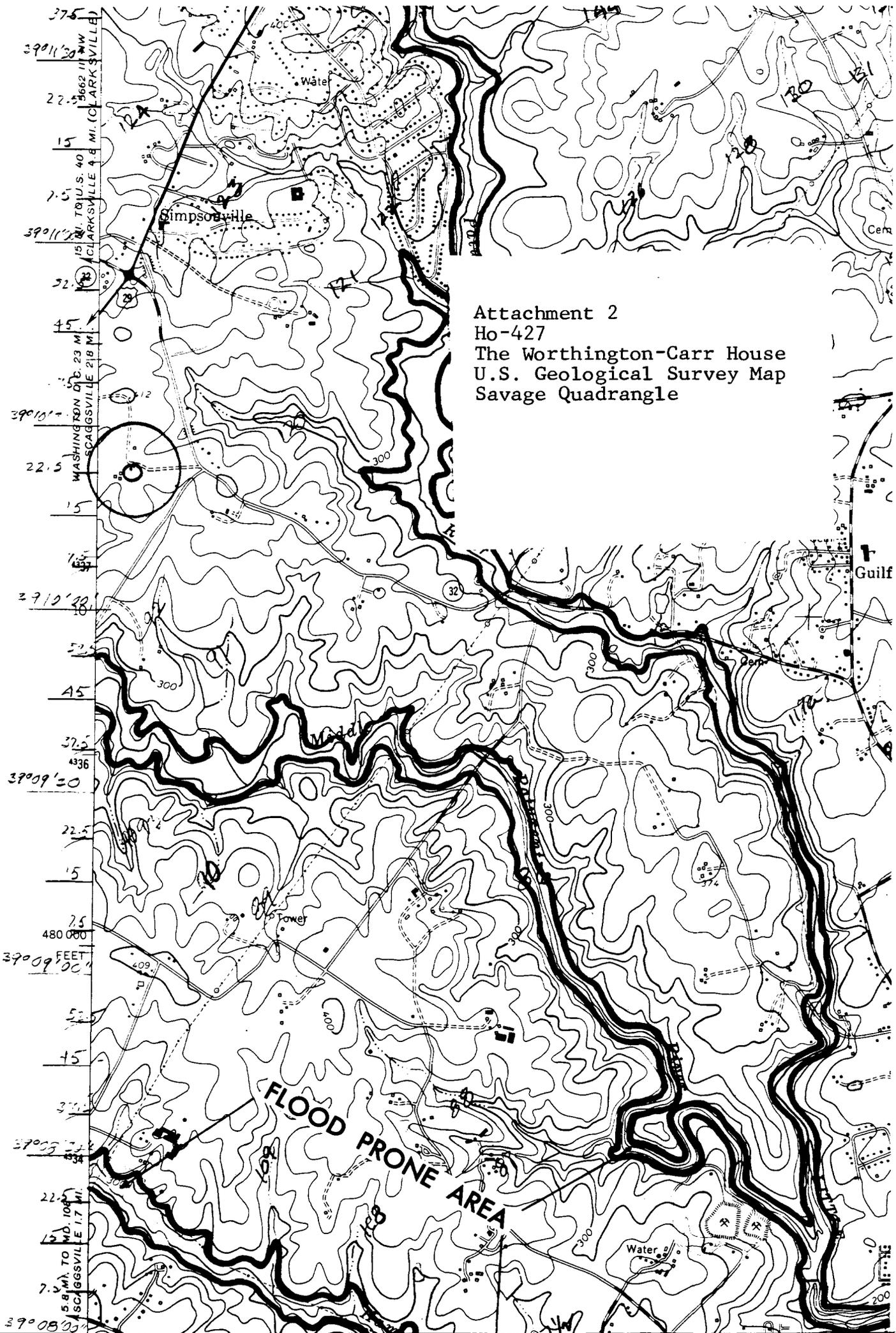
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| MANUFACTURERS | PAUL KEIPER |
| | J. W. VANDERGRIFT |
| PHYSICIAN | THOMAS C WORTHINGTON |
| TINSMITH | WM. FERGUSON |
| WEAVERS | RALPH LEE |

DISTRICT

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Attachment 2
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The Worthington-Carr House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Savage Quadrangle



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WORTHINGTON-CARR HSE
EAST ELEVATION

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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