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Pfeiffer's Corner School House  
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Private

The Pfeiffer's Corner one room school house with vestibule faces west on a gently sloping knoll on the east side of old route 175.

Before it was constructed, children in the area walked to John Miller's adjacent barn to attend school. Mrs. Edith Curtis, the second teacher here, walked across the fields to school with her sister Ida Christian, as a little girl of four years.

Initially a three bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure set on a stone foundation, it now has three gabled roof dormer windows set into its north wall holding six-over-one rectangular windows. The south wall holds a similiar dormer in the west bay and an "A" framed dormer in the east bay holding two-over-two lights. A south rectangular central entrance covered by a gabled roof portico replaces the central bay's original rectangular double-hung window while the window of the west bay is now boarded up.

The central square brick chimney completes the buildings profile.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MA&I# 1404415604

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6351 Waterloo Rd. (M) 108)

CITY, TOWN

Pfeiffer's Corner

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF Oakland Mills

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                | <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 type="checkbox"/> NO                        | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                           |

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Tittsworth

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6351 Waterloo Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Pfeiffer's Corner

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Tax Map 37 p. 404 Hall of Records

Liber #: 220/167

Folio #: 421/446

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD            | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

Circa 1895

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House sits on the top of a gentle knoll on what used to be called route 175, just south of Mayfield Road. It faces west and is surrounded by mature trees.

The original central, rectangular entrance door on the west wall is approached by a wooden stoop and flanked by rectangular six-over-six windows.

The South Elevation

The South elevation holds an entrance covered by a gabled roof portico supported by two wooden posts and approached by three open wooden steps. The rectangular window to the west is boarded, while that on the east is double hung, holding six-over-six lights.

An "A" framed dormer window on the east holds a double-hung window with two-over-two lights, while a gabled roof dormer holds a similar window with six-over-one lights.

The North Elevation

The north elevation holds three first floor, double-hung windows. That in the central bay holds eight-over-eight lights, that on each side holds six-over-six lights.

Three gabled roof dormer windows rest above. Those in the east and west bays hold six-over-one lights, that in the central bay is wider, holding a double, rectangular window, each component holding six-over-one lights.

Back of the old school house was once a bin for coal and wood for the stove which sat in the middle of the school room.

The "Aunt Sally House" still remains south of the building. Originally there were two such facilities, one for girls and one for boys.

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**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            |
| <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 checked="" 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 1895*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House is significant historically and architecturally as an early Howard County School building. Mrs. Edith Curtis, a life long resident of the area and second teacher of the school, relates that prior to the construction of this school building, the children living in this area attended school in Mr. John Miller's adjacent barn. Mrs. Curtis recalls the school house being constructed when she first went to school with her older sister, Ida Christian, since their mother didn't want Ida walking across the fields alone.

The new school house consisted of a vestibule and one large room with a stove in the center. The teacher sat at one end of the room on a platform. One teacher taught all the grades.

Architecturally, it has been altered to accommodate the Tittsworth family who bought the building for their private residence. The dormer windows are additions as well as the north and south entrances.

It is representative of how American architecture grows and adapts itself to new uses, creating additional space with the use of dormer windows.

For these reasons the Pfeiffer's Corner School House should be placed on the National Register and future local landmark legislation.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mrs. Edith Curtis on October 5, 1977.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.06 Acres

(Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map #37, p.404)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see liber 220, folio 421.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

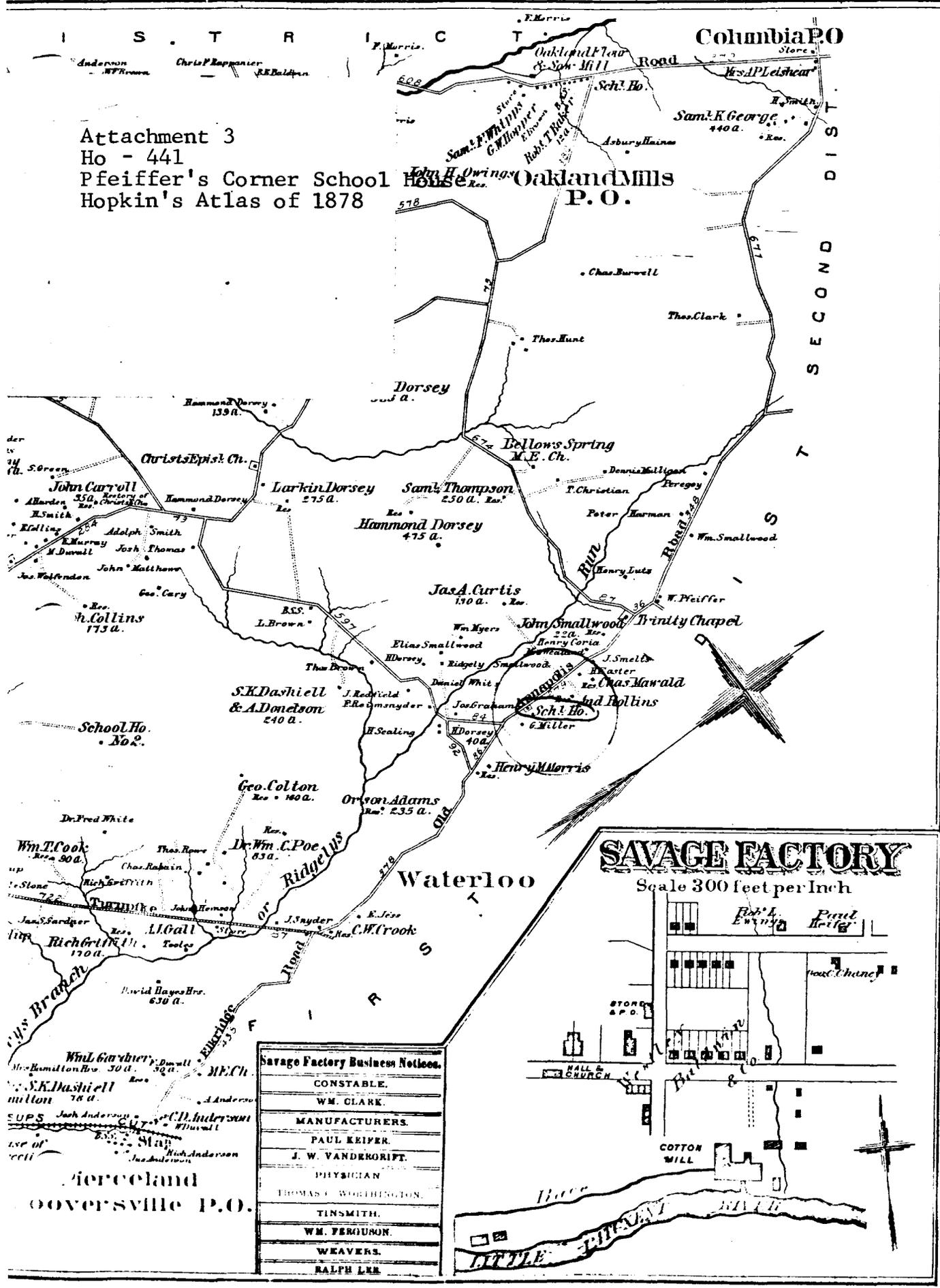
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Attachment 3  
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 Pfeiffer's Corner School House  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



**Savage Factory Business Notion.**

|                        |
|------------------------|
| CONSTABLE.             |
| WM. CLARK.             |
| MANUFACTURERS.         |
| PAUL KEIFER.           |
| J. W. VANDERORIFT.     |
| PHYSICIAN              |
| THOMAS C. WORTHINGTON. |
| TINSMITH.              |
| WM. FERGUSON.          |
| WEAVERS.               |
| RALPH LEE.             |

HOWARD RESEARCH  
& DEV. CORP.  
400/727  
157/382  
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Attachment 1  
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Pfeiffer's Corner School  
House  
Tax Map 37, p. 404

HOWARD RESEARCH  
& DEV. CORP.  
400/727  
78.45A  
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HOWARD  
RESEARCH  
& DEV. CORP.  
400/727  
14.01A  
P.385

JAMES  
O WARREN  
442/426  
10A  
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MD. ABSTRACT CO., INC.  
510/374

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WM. F. WHIPPS 239/155  
W. NEIGHOFF 385/548  
9.2A  
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D. L. SOMERVILLE, ET AL  
708/13 PAR.-1  
10.10A  
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M. R. SHOLAR  
ET AL  
705/230  
7.69A  
P.594

GEO. R. ROUILLER, L/E  
657/415  
7.66A  
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E. NORMAN  
110/373  
9.4A  
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PATRICK H. THOMPSON  
101/364  
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THE GUN CLUB VENTURE  
505/128 & GEO. M. PALMER  
& 483/46  
58.45A  
P.162

NORTH AMERICAN  
MOBILE HOMES INC.  
608/525  
119.13A  
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JOEL KLINE, TRUSTEE  
456/540  
43.20A - PLAN  
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HOWARD CO.  
BD. OF ED.  
282/346  
11.49A  
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JOSEPHINE M.  
FEYTON  
664/303  
13.85A  
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B. RICHARD  
-SON  
391/476  
7.45A  
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PERCY SCH  
453/446  
10.00A  
P.303

E.C. COOPER  
542/747  
8.23A  
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BD. OF  
CO. COMM  
503/457  
8.22A  
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HENRY C.  
WEBB  
660/139  
9.77A  
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BENJ. RICHARD  
-SON  
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X-LAND  
4.94A  
S.R.C.

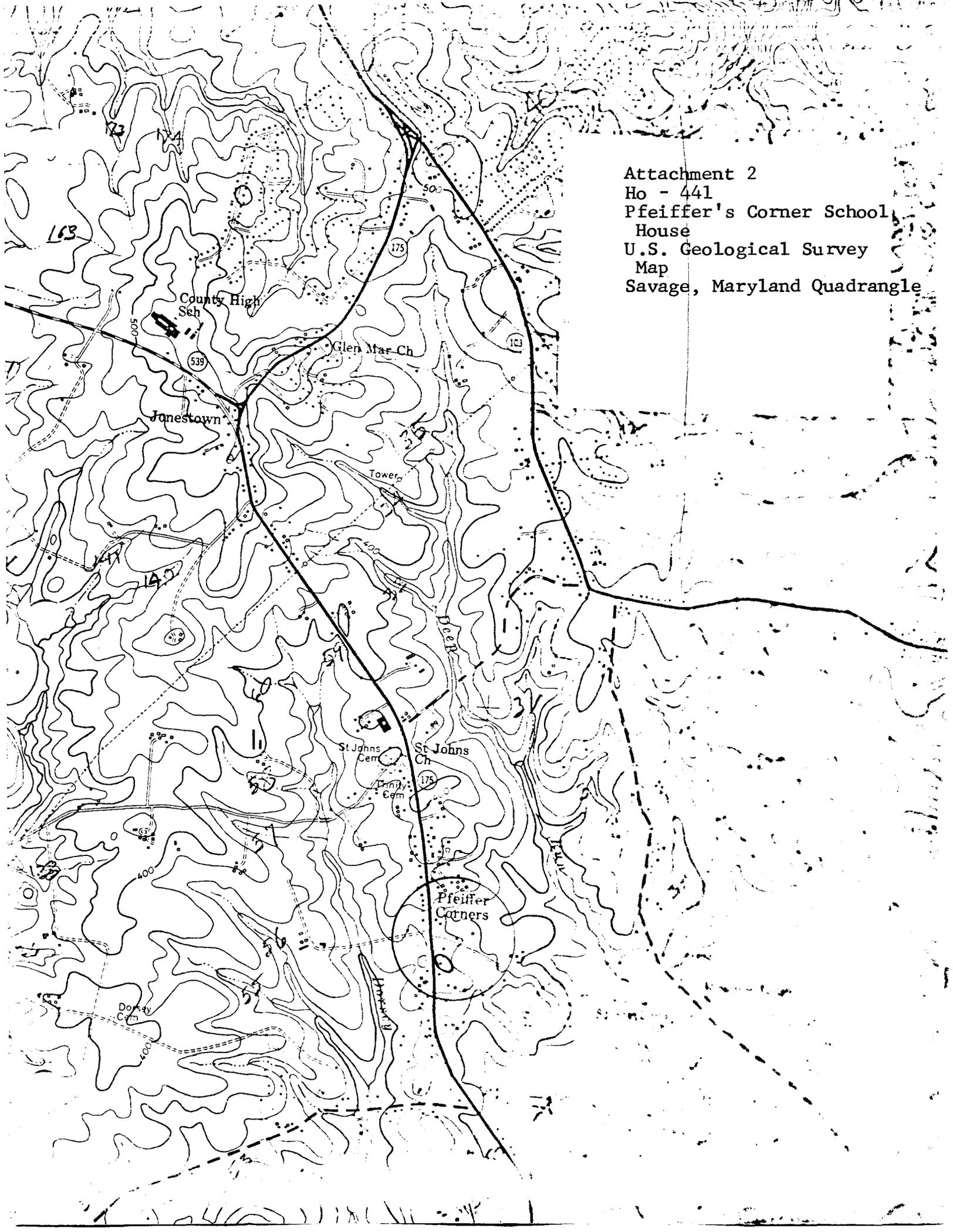
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MAP 37-P.5

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Attachment 2  
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Pfeiffer's Corner School  
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U.S. Geological Survey  
Map  
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle





Pfeiffers Corner Schoothouse  
Howard County

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Pfeiffers Corners Schoolhouse  
Howard County

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H10-441  
Old Pfeiffer's Corner School  
(SOUTH WEST)

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