

Ho-443  
The Rohleder House  
Elkridge  
Private

1911

The Rohleder House faces north on the south side of Lawyers Hill Road atop a gentle slope of land surrounded by lovely woodland and lawns.

It is basically a two and a half story brown shingled structure, built in the Queen Anne style, two bays wide and two bays deep, with gable (running north-south) and squat, central corbeled brick chimney. A one story high, shed roofed, semi enclosed brown shingled porch runs around the north and east elevations with rounded north west and north east corners and shingled supporting posts. Additions westward have been built in several stages.

Built by Henry Clinton McSherry, it has been in the hands of the present owner, Mrs. Rohleder for forty years.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Ho-443  
Dist 1

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MA6I # 1404435704

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Mac Sherry Place  
The Rohelder House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 6219 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Elkridge

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF sixth District

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Bertha S. Rohleder

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 6219 Lawyers Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Elkridge

— VICINITY OF Sixth District STATE, zip code Maryland 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 32 and 38 p. 13  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 388  
Folio #: 314

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**

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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 Rohleder House is basically a two and a half story high, two bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) brown shingled frame structure with squat, central corbeled brick chimney. A one story high, shed roofed, semi-enclosed shingled porch runs around the north and east elevations with rounded northwest and northeast corners and shingled supporting posts.

The semi-enclosed shingled balcony off the central double, rectangular north attic window. Each double hung window component holds 16-over-one lights, separated by a flat pilaster and surmounted by a flat wooden lintel. The south elevation holds two rectangular double-hung attic windows with four-over-four lights.

The east elevation holds two first floor rectangular, double-hung windows, holding four-over-six lights, decorated with white shutters. Above lie second floor windows holding twenty-four-over-one lights. An "A" framed dormer window above holds a three light window. The gable roof on the west side extends partially downward creating a two story high shed roof section, whose north wall holds a second floor, rectangular, double-hung window with twenty-four-over-one lights. Off the northwest corner of this section rests a two story high, semi-octagonal, conical roofed tarret with three stepped, rectangular north windows, holding from ground floor, sixteen-over-sixteen lights, while the other two hold eight-over-one lights.

The south elevation of this main section holds two first floor and three second floor rectangular, double hung windows with twenty-four over-one lights.

A two story high, intersecting gabled roof (running east-west) two bays wide and one bay deep extends from the westwall of the house. The north wall of this section holds a tripartite, three-three-three light, first floor casement window in its east bay and a twenty-four-over-one light double-hung, rectangular first floor window in the west bay. Two similar, second floor, rectangular, double-hung windows lie above.

The main entrance to the house is located in the west bay of the north wall of the main body or east wing of the house. It is a fifteen-fifteen light french door surmounted by a sixteen light transom. A double, rectangular, double-hung window, each section holding four-over-six lights lies east of the entrance.

A one story high shed roofed semi-enclosed porch runs along most of the south elevation of the main body of the house.

From the east side of the south wall of the intersecting gabled roof addition springs a two story high, one bay wide, one bay deep,

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gabled roof (running north-south) brown shingled structure whose southwest and south east corners hold eight-eight scrolled light, casement windows on each side of each corner. A fifteen light, rectangular entrance rests in the center of the south wall with a double, second floor window above, each component holding six-over-one lights. A similar double, second floor window is centered into the east and west walls of this addition.

A two story high, three bay wide, one bay deep, gabled roof frame addition extends westward from the west side of the first west addition. It is built over the driveway, allowing passage through. The first floor of the west side of the extension also has a shed roofed one story high shingled extension on its north wall and is used by Mr. Rohleder as a work shop. The entire second floor is a charming three bedroom apartment. See figure 1. A one story high semi-tent roofed, shingled portico covers a cross paneled rectangular wooden door with four light fanlight, on the east side of the south wall of the last addition. A similar door is located on the west wall. Built in the Queen Anne Style, it is one of Lawyers Hills' most colorful landmarks.

# 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
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<input checked="" 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 1911 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Rohleder house is significant historically and architecturally. It was originally a part of the Rockburn tract, a piece of which was sold to Robert Dorsey in the early eighteen hundreds. (See the significant Statement for the Murray-Miller House Ho-445.)

On may 31, 1905 Caroline Latimer conveyed this land which included an old frame house, where the present Murray-Miller brick house stands to day, to H. Clinton Mac Sherry, comprising some 15. 23/100 acres of land. In 1911 he sold the house to Rebecca N. Keys and Amelia and Daniel Murray, maintaining 8.41 acres of land or which he built this marvelous example of the Queen Anne style. On December 11, 1922 he sold this latter property to W. David Tilghman, Junior, "together with the buildings". (116-409). Two years later Mr. Tilghman sold the property to William W. Wilhelm on August 6, 1924. (ITBN 121-218) comprising 8.41 acres of land "together with improvements"

The present owner of some forty years, Mrs. Rohleder and her first husband Mr. Edmund O. Shaeffer acquired the property on December 15, 1938 (BM Jr. 162-215).

Architecturally it is noteworthy as an example of the Queen Anne style with its turret staircase, and semi conical roofed attic balcony, and open porch running along the north and east elevations of the main building curved at its northeast and northwest corners. A long extension westward, constructed circa 1918 to create a second floor apartment has attempted to maintain the original character of the building by its use of materials. It nonetheless takes a bit of the building's original strength and integrity with it.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.524 Acres

Please see Attachment 1,  
Tax Maps 32 and 38, p. 13

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records  
Liber 388, Folio 314

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

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

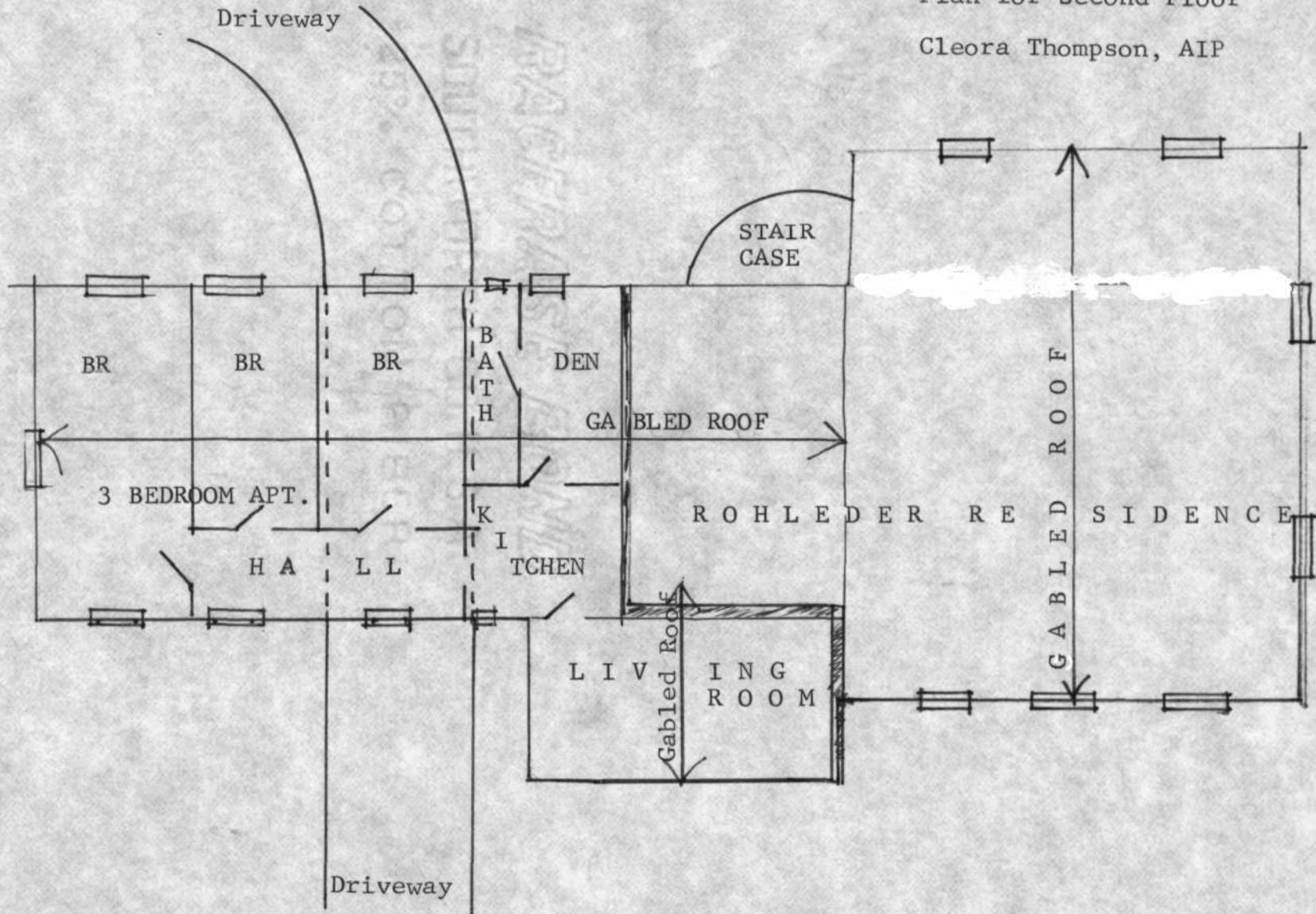
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

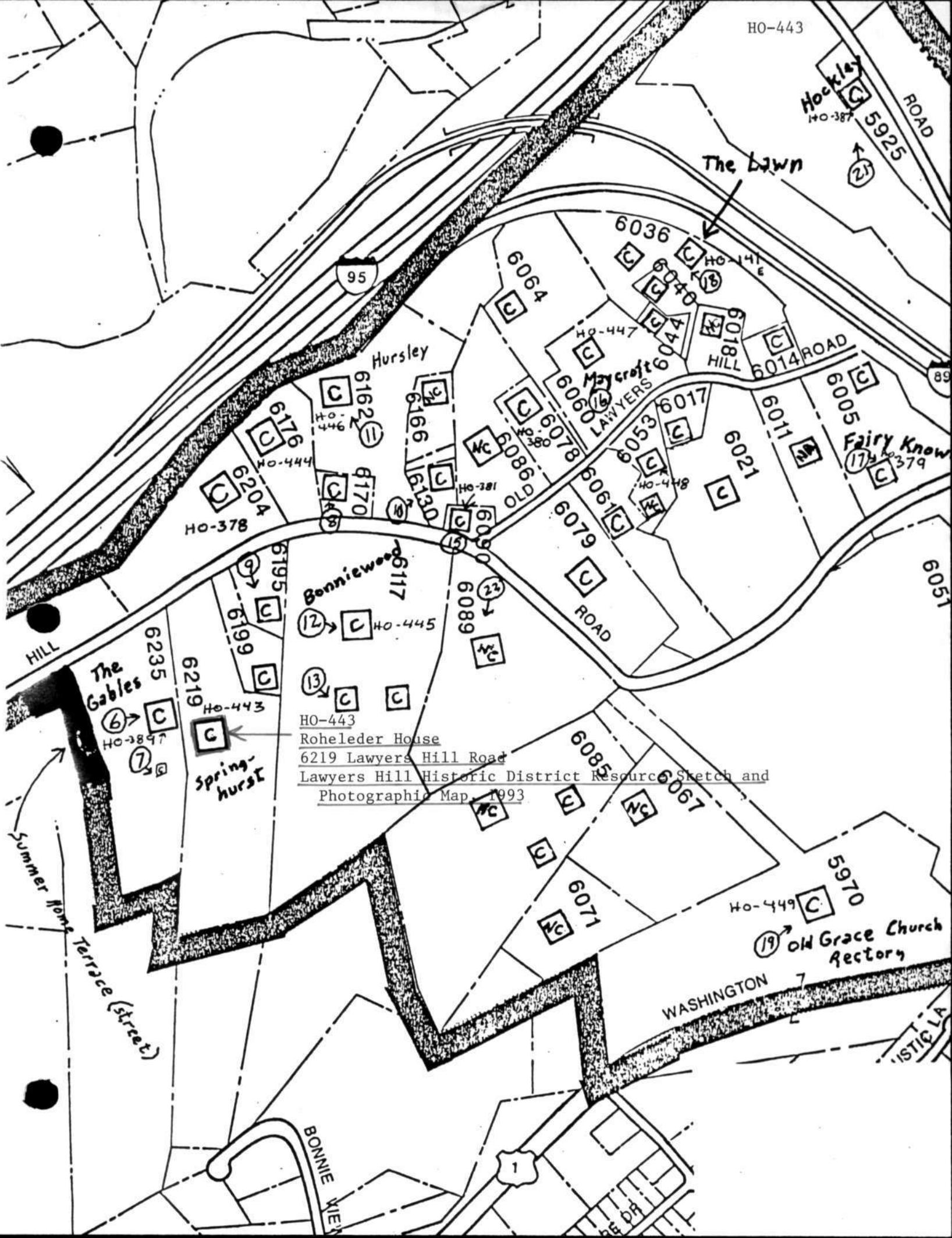
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Figure 1  
HO-443  
The Rohleder House  
Plan for Second Floor

Cleora Thompson, AIP





Hockley ROAD  
HO-387  
5925  
25

The lawn

95

Hursley

6064  
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6036  
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6040  
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6018  
HILL  
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6014 ROAD  
C

6005  
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Fairy Know  
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379  
C

6204  
HO-378  
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6176  
HO-444  
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HILL

The Gables  
6235  
HO-3897  
6  
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6219  
HO-443  
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Springhurst

Bonnieview  
6117  
12  
C

HO-445  
13  
C

6089  
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Roheleder House

6219 Lawyers Hill Road

Lawyers Hill Historic District Resource Sketch and  
Photographic Map, 1993

6085  
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6071  
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HO-449  
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5970  
19  
Old Grace Church  
Rectory

WASHINGTON

Summer Home Terrace (Street)

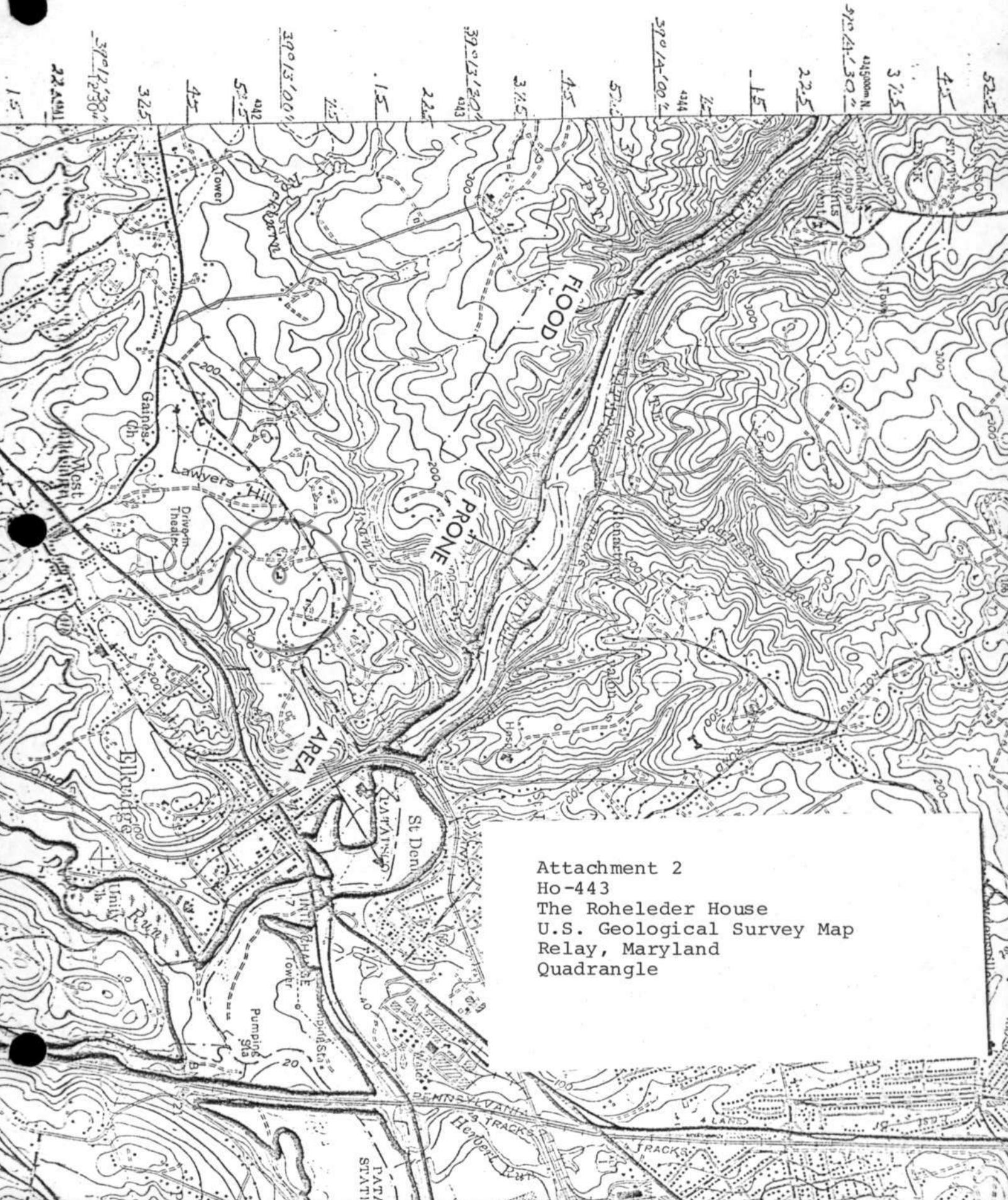
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Attachment 2  
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The Roheleder House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland  
Quadrangle

HO-443  
Roheleder House, site (McSherry Place)  
6219 Lawyers Hill Road, Elkrige  
Howard County Historic Aerials

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The Rohleder House  
Northwest  
C.B. Thompson, AIP  
Dec. 1977