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Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters  
Elkridge  
Private

Early to Mid  
Twentieth Century

Facing south, the Ranger's Quarters is located high on a bluff on the west side of the Patapsco River within the Patapsco State Park.

It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure with two story high, shed roofed, kitchen addition on its north wall constructed over a dirt basement.

The last remaining structure on the Howard County side of the Patapsco State Park, it is an example of Howard County's vernacular architecture as evidenced in its simple, straight forward frame houses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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 MAP # 1404595704

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER River Road 6th  
 CITY, TOWN Elkridge VICINITY OF HOWARD COUNTY  
 STATE Maryland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT COUNTY

**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"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 Patapsco State Park Telephone #: 747-6602  
 STREET & NUMBER State of Maryland, Department of Forests and Parks  
 CITY, TOWN Elkridge, VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Tax Map 32, Liber #: 615  
 P. 3 Folio #: 522  
 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 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		

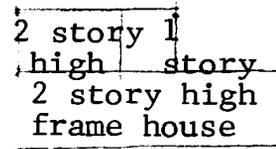
## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Quarters are located in the Patapsco Valley State Park, 7/10 of a mile from the intersection of River Road and Gun Powder Road. It is on a high hill above the Patapsco River and has been used as living quarters for the Park Rangers of the Patapsco State Park.

It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high gabled roof (running east-west) ship-lap siding frame house with central, three light, rectangular entrance door facing south. Fenestration is vertically aligned, rectangular and generally characterized by one-over-one lights. The north elevation holds similar windows characterized by three-over-one lights. The east elevation holds no apertures, while the west holds a single first and second floor window similar to those described. A one story high, semi-enclosed, shed roofed porch runs along the entire south elevation.

Very early a two story high, one bay wide, one bay deep, shed roofed kitchen wing was added along the west bay of the north wall. See plan. In addition, a one story high shed roofed appendage extends one bay eastward from the east wall of the kitchen wing. It is placed on granite corner foundations which have been filled in with brick and stone.

PLAN



An earth floor basement lies under the kitchen wing with entrance on the west elevation.

The interior has been modernized to accommodate the occupants. The main body of the house holds one large living room with staircase running east-west along its north wall. A west rectangular entrance leading directly to this staircase has been blocked in. See photograph. West of the staircase is an interior entrance into the kitchen area, while upstairs are located three bedrooms, two in the main section, one above the kitchen.

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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		

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This simple frame building is significant as an example of vernacular architecture indigenous to Howard County and as the last remaining structure within the Howard County area of the Patapsco State Park. Constructed of ship lap frame siding some fifty years ago by the Gisella Brown family, it stands on a steep hill overlooking the Patapsco River.

Presently occupied by one of the Patapsco State Park Rangers, it is to be vacated in February due to change of station. It is hoped that this building will continue to be occupied and used, assuring its continued preservation.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Ranger Wheeler at Patapsco  
State Park, January 24, 1977

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.4995

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32, p. 3

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Records, Liber #: 615,  
Folio #: 522

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

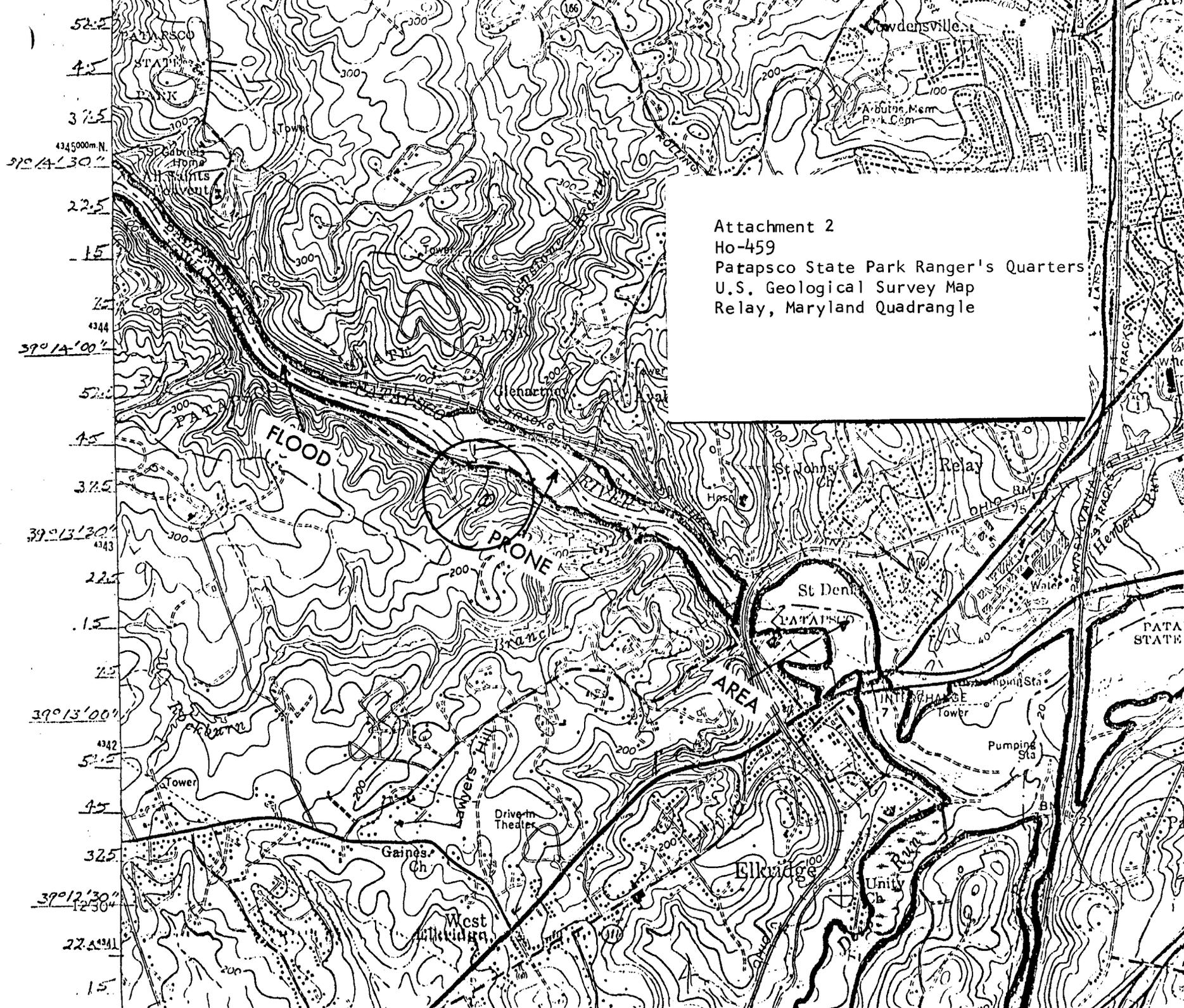
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

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Attachment 2  
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Patapsco State Park Ranger's Quarters  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

52.5  
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39° 14' 30" N  
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39° 12' 30" N  
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PATAPSCO STATE PARK  
RANGERS QUARTERS

SOUTH

CHEORA THOMPSON, AIP