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... The Olney Tenant House  
Elkridge  
Private

1910

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The building features a rectangular, one light, paneled entrance in the east bay, covered by a gabled roof portico.

The interior features hardwood floors, woodwork composed of fluted pilasters and lintels, joined at the corners by squares decorated with a circular motif, federal mantelpiece and a central enclosed staircase.

Constructed as the home of the farmer serving Olney, it is an integral part of the building program, begun by Mrs. Richard Norris in 1879 when she acquired this property along the west side of the Patapsco River.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI# 1405405704

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Olney Tenant House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

6851 Norris Lane (Bruce Road off Landing Road, N.E.)

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

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	<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

Mrs. Joseph R. Luber

Telephone #: 747-6889

STREET & NUMBER

6851 Norris Lane

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21227

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

Tax Map #31, p. 144

Liber #: 206

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Folio #: 558

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

**DESCRIPTION**

Page (1) of  
**CONDITION**

**CHECK ONE**

**CHECK ONE**

EXCELLENT                       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD                                 RUINS  
 FAIR                                  UNEXPOSED

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds the rectangular, one light paneled entrance door in its east bay, covered by a gabled roof portico, supported by two wooden doric columns. A four light, first floor window is located in the central bay, with a double rectangular window in the west bay, each component a six light casement window. A similar double window rests in the center of the one story high, west addition's north wall. Two rectangular, second floor, double-hung windows, holding one-over-one lights, decorated with shutters are also placed in this wall.

THE EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation holds the wide, central exterior brick chimney, flanked by single, first and second floor, proportionally scaled, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding one-over-one lights. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by three wooden doric columns, runs along this elevation, and at one time ran around the north and south elevations as well. Two wide wooden steps on the north and on the south lead to the porch landing. A cellar door is placed on the south side of the east perimeter of the porch.

THE SOUTH ELEVATION

The south elevation holds a central bay rectangular entrance door and double-hung, rectangular window, flanked by single, double-hung windows, with three second floor windows above. A one story high, shed roofed open porch covers the entrance.

THE WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation holds two second floor windows, similar to those described and a one story high, one bay wide, two bay deep, hipped roof frame addition along this wall.

THE INTERIOR

The interior of the house is divided into a living room and kitchen on the first floor, with a central, enclosed staircase. The west addition furnishes a dining room. Three second floor rooms are located above. The interior features a fine federal mantle piece, decorated with ovals, hardwood floors and woodwork composed of fluted pilasters and lintels, joined by square corners decorated with a circular motif.

This house, constructed as part of the Olney complex as the residence of the manager, is set into a ridge line and surrounded by woodland and pasture.

**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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES                    1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Olney Tenant House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as an example of a typical early twentieth century, vernacular, frame dwelling unit and historically, as a part of the building complex, begun in 1879 by Mrs. Richard Norris, when acquiring Olney from Amos Earp. (40-592)

Though modest in scale and design, the Olney Tenant House is typical of the tenant houses existing throughout Howard County, a two story high, three bay wide, one room deep, frame structure, expanded at a later date to accommodate the needs of its occupants.

This house, though not dating from as early a period as Olney and its late nineteenth century, Shingle Style, summer cottages, served as the farmer's house for Olney, located east of the house. As such, it is an integral part of the Olney architectural complex and important as a complementary building, which should be included in any proposal to create either a local historic district, initiated by the citizens of Howard County or a National Register of Historic Places District, as well as inclusion to the State Critical Areas Program, should its owner so desire.

Located adjacent to the Patapsco State Park, the Olney Tenant House, already enjoys a degree of the benefits associated with this preservation zone.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Kay Luber at her residence on December 9, 1979  
Interview with Mrs. Greisman at  
Olney, November 8, 1979

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.71 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map#31

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 206 Folio 558

### 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

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.

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

PSCO STATE PARK

BALTIMORE CO  
RIVER RD.

PATAPSCO RIVER

C. R. KACHALO  
630/507  
7.82A.  
ROTH P. 614  
2/372  
8.85A.  
N. P. 613

STATE OF MARYLAND  
255/347  
3.22A.  
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48/394  
41.52A.  
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106/275

ST. OF MD.  
M. 32-P. 98

FF. W. J. BOBD  
5/734  
95A.  
136

JOS. P. GATTUS & WF  
478/39  
P. 569

CHAS. E. HOFFMAN  
SCHUM 531/619  
524/624 5.35A.  
6.20A. P. 140  
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492/748  
8.35A.  
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STATE OF MD.  
DEPT. OF FORESTS  
& PARKS  
502/65, 612/633  
134.27A.  
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515/709

SE. GREISMAN  
386/312  
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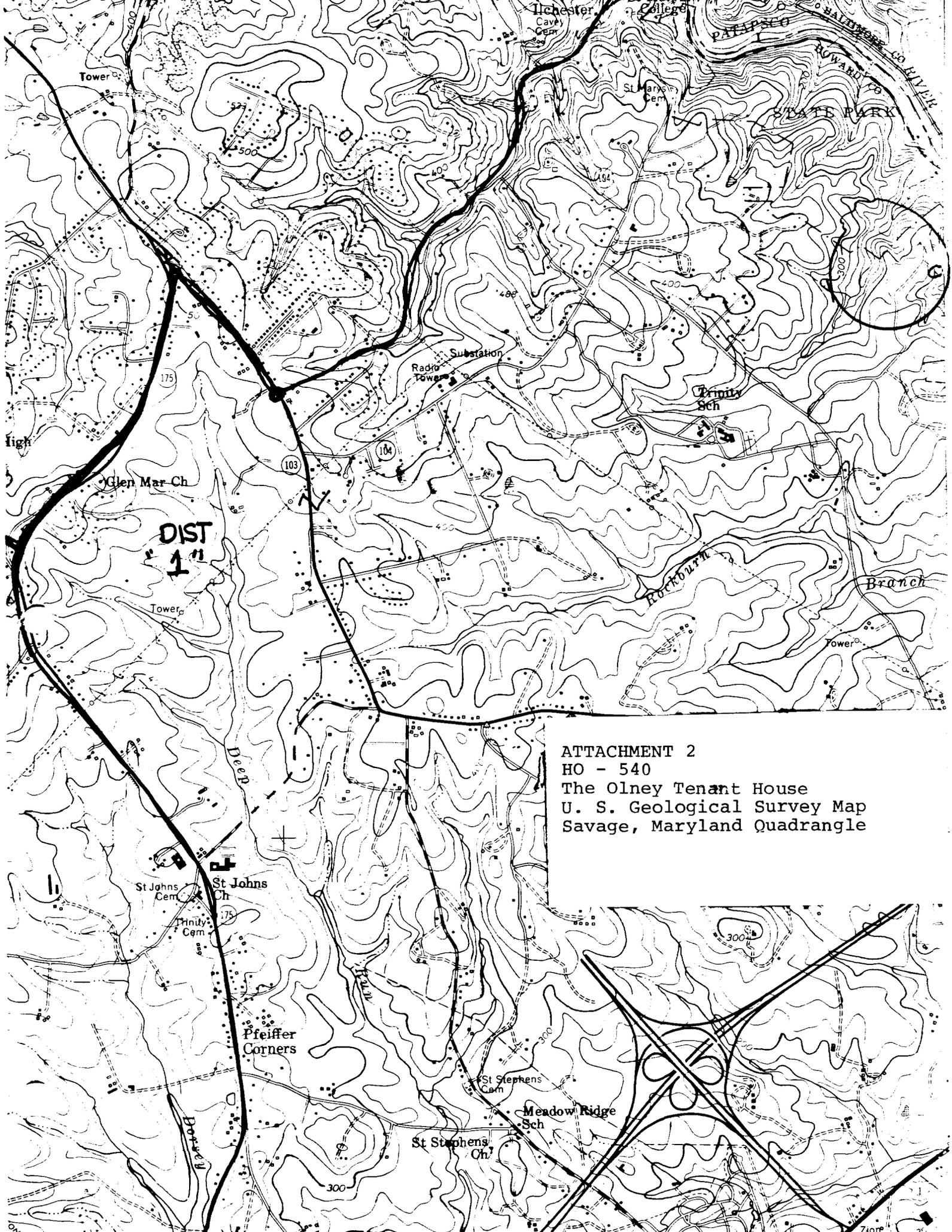
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867/279  
38.42A.  
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MAP 32-P. 98

STATE OF MD.

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IAN INST.

MAP 32-P. 83



ATTACHMENT 2  
HO - 540  
The Olney Tenant House  
U. S. Geological Survey Map  
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle

DIST  
1"



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THE OLNEY TENANT~~HS~~  
SOUTH WEST

DECEMBER '79  
CAPT THOMPSON AICP