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Circa 1840

The Brown House
Elkridge
Private

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The interior of the log house features the original central staircase, random width floors, and batten wood door, while its north addition, through the north bay window, creates a sense of spaciousness. Both the north and south east corners of the building are filled in with one story high, open porches covering rectangular east entrances, resulting in a square first floor plan.

Believed to be the oldest building on Rockburn Hill, the Brown House was owned by Joseph Earp and later by William Burchall, Jr., in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

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MAGI# 1405425404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Brown Residence

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6275 Rockburn Hill Rd.

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 | 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 limited | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Gisela M. Brown

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6275 Rockburn Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

Tax Map #32, p. 59

Liber #: 732

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Folio #: 268

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

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"/> MOVED | DATE _____ |
| <input 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

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The interior of the house features a central staircase with a room on either side. Early construction can be seen in its wide random width floors and batten wood, rectangular, upstairs bedroom door in the original part of the house. Cross paneled interior doors and random width floors are also featured in the other areas of the house.

Both the north and southeast corners of the building are filled in with one-story high, open porches, covering rectangular east entrances, resulting in a square first floor plan.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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District 1

| 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 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 1840 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Brown House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as an example of a simple "I" plan, log house, evolving into basically a "T" plan, filled in on the first floor by one story high, open porches. It, therefore, represents the evolution of this type of simple, two story high, four room house, extended at a later date to accommodate the needs of its owners.

There are similar houses in the Rockburn Hill Area, namely the residences of Mrs. Cordelia Hansen, Miss Anita Berret, The Goldbeater's Cottage and the Humphries Tenant House, which feature the same interior plan, although the Humphries Tenant House holds a corner staircase, while all the others feature a central staircase.

Historically, the building was once associated with Belmont. Most recently it has been the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Brown, who acquired the property from James L. Enoss on June 19, 1946 (190-373), who in turn originally received the property from William Burschardt on February 6, 1909. (86-589) Formerly, the property had belonged to William Burchall who conveyed it in 1906 to William Buschardt. (82-145)

In the nineteenth century the house was owned by Joseph Earp, who conveyed it on October 25, 1880 to David Todd (42-655), from whom William Burchall acquired the property (67-473).

Believed by local residents to be the oldest structure on Rockburn Hill Road, it should be considered for inclusion to any proposal for The Lawyer's Hill-Belmont Area to become a National Register of Historic Places District, should its owner so desire.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview on November 19, 1979 with Mrs. Gisela Brown and Mrs. Cordelia Hanson at The Brown Residence.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .968 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 732 Folio 268

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.

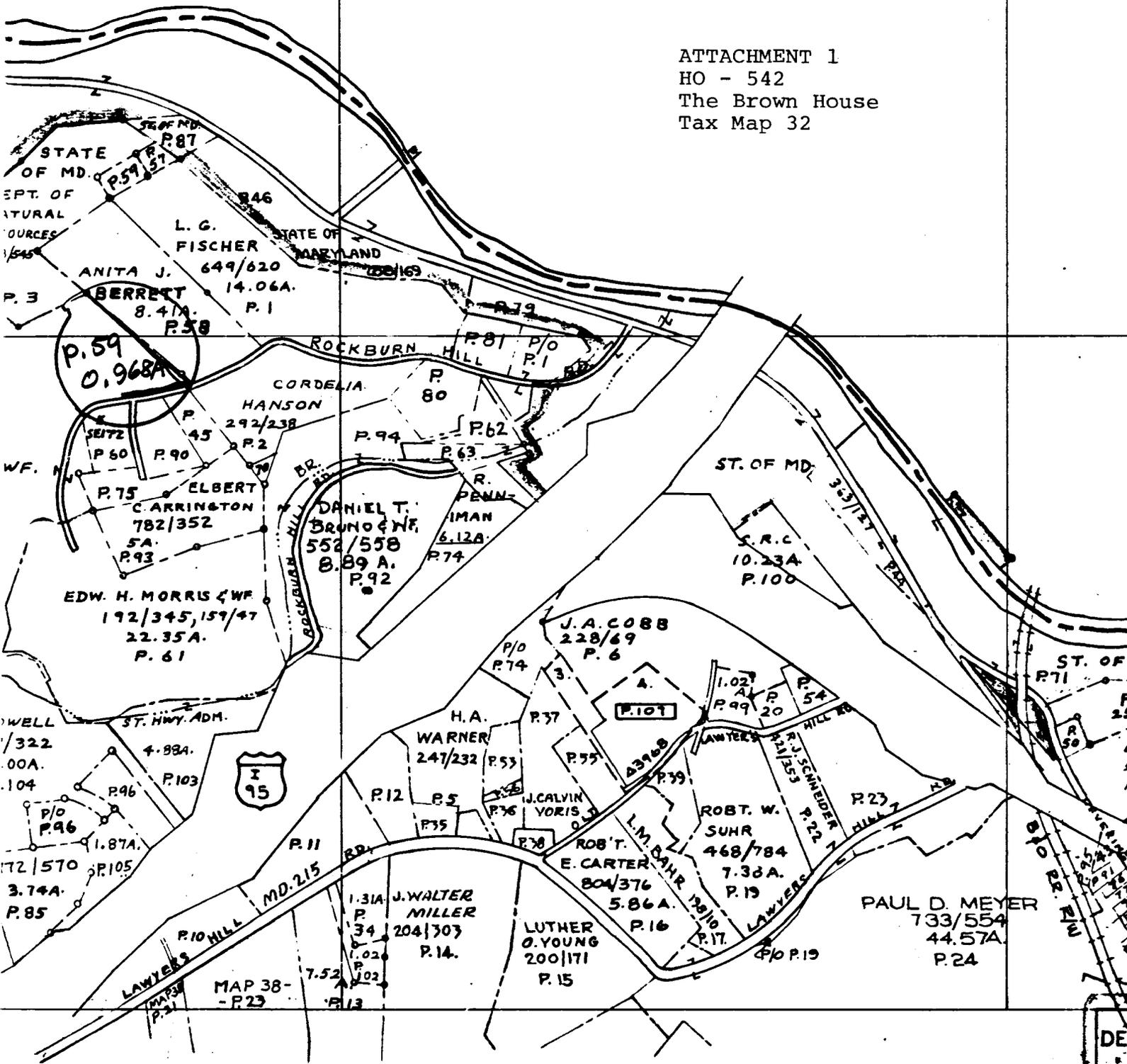
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MAP 108

ATTACHMENT 1
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The Brown House
Tax Map 32



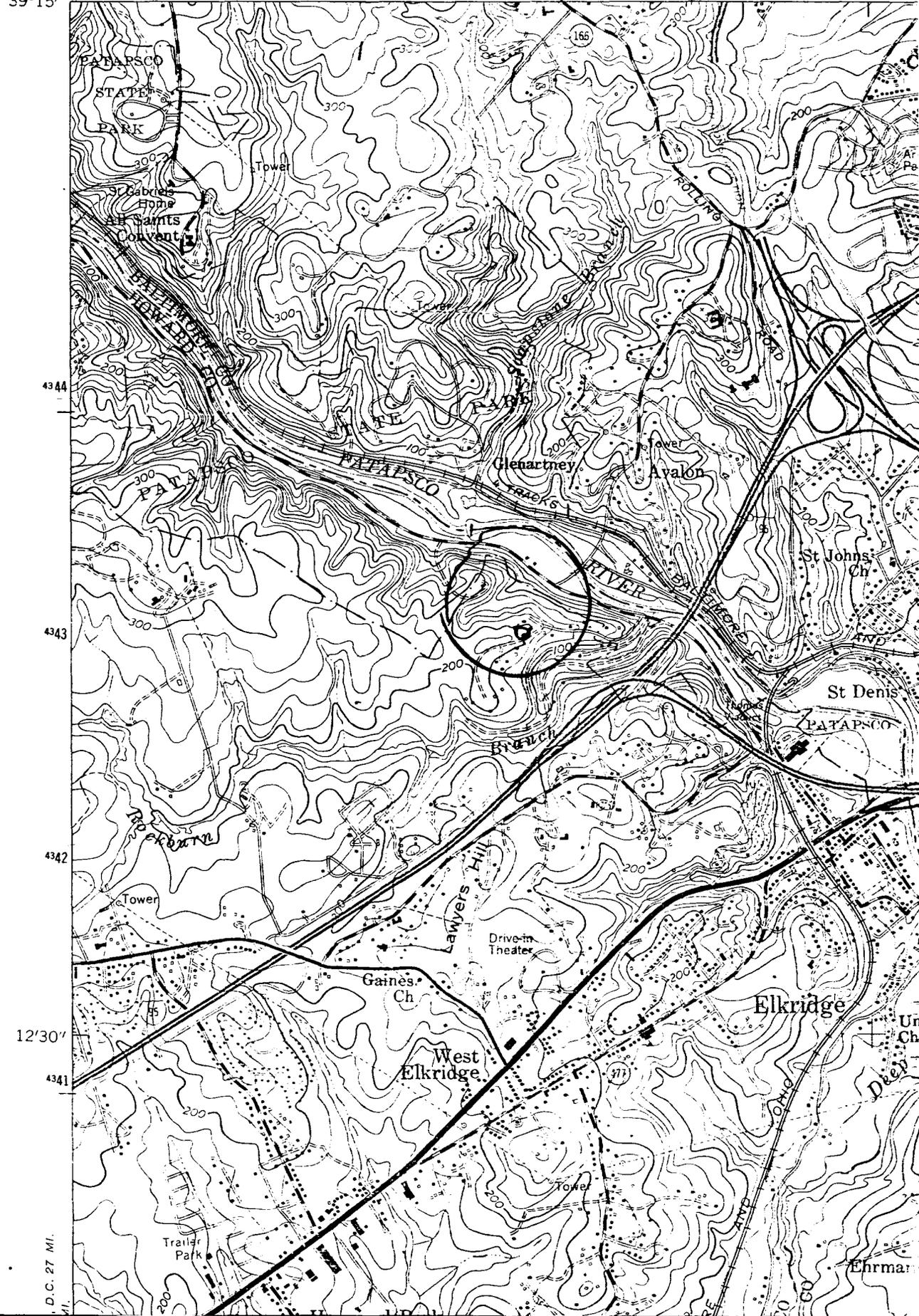
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Attachment 2
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The Brown House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

76°45' 39°15' 350000m E 351 CATONSVILLE (JUNC. U.S. 40 ALT.) 1.7 MI. 42'30" E





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The Brown House
Southeast

DECEMBER, 1979

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