

HO-550
The Latimer House
Ellicott City
Private

circa 1820

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC
 The Latimer House
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
 3792 Old Columbia Pike
 CITY, TOWN
 Ellicott City VICINITY OF
 STATE Maryland
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 6th
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> BOTH | <input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SITE | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT | <input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED | <input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME
 J. Lavine Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER
 3782 Old Columbia Pike
 CITY, TOWN
 Ellicott City VICINITY OF
 STATE, zip code
 Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 25 Parcel 128 Liber #: 974
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records Folio #: 115
 STREET & NUMBER
 Howard County Court House
 CITY, TOWN
 Ellicott City STATE
 Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE
 Howard County Historic Sites Inventory
 DATE
 1976-1982
 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 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

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South Elevation

The south elevation holds a first floor, west end bay, rectangular, seven light, storm entrance door, surmounted by a two light transom, which covers a four paneled, rectangular, entrance door, whose two upper exterior panels are roman arched. The south elevation also holds an east end bay, rectangular, first floor, double-hung window, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by a projecting wooden sill. Two similar, second floor windows are vertically aligned to the first floor door and window. A one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by three wooden posts, resting on a full granite block foundation, runs along the first floor of this elevation, almost directly on to the sidewalk along Old Columbia Pike.

The North Elevation

The north elevation of the original building block is almost entirely covered by the projecting, two story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame north wing. A second floor (actually third floor) east end bay, six-over-six light window punctuates the north wall of the main building block. The stone foundation wall of the north wing holds a rectangular, four paneled, entrance door, west of its center line, and two first and second floor windows, similar to those already described.

Interior

The interior of the house features four paneled, entrance doors, and woodwork, composed of flat, unmitred pilasters and lintels around door and window frames. The main building block holds a foundation kitchen and first (second) and second (third) floor living room and bedroom, respectively.

An interior staircase along its west wall leads from the first (second) to second (third) floor.

The north wing's first (second) floor holds the main staircase, leading from the kitchen level to the living room. It features turned balusters and knewel posts, representative of the period of the mid-nineteenth century. A staircase originally ran along the foundation wall of the north wing to its first (second) floor. This entrance now provides space for a bookcase.

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The living room-hall level features parkay floors, laid on linen, ?
which came from an old mansion in Baltimore and were laid by Mr.
House, a previous owner. The north end of the north wing provides
for an office on the first (second) floor and a bedroom on the
second (third) floor.

All the woodwork in the house matches except that found in the living
room, which features mitred corners. The south entrance door of this
room may date from the mid-nineteenth century, since its two upper,
exterior panels are Roman arched and represent the stylistic detail
of the revival styles prevalent of that time.

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 |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Latimer House is a good example of early nineteenth century, vernacular frame architecture¹ in the Ellicott City Historic District, whose stone foundation may once have been used as an ice house and which is historically² associated with John Collier, who owned real estate along the Old Columbia Pike in the mid-nineteenth century.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This relatively unadorned, two story high, frame building, constructed in an "L" plan, on a full granite block foundation, is typical of the architecture found in Ellicott City, most of which is set into steep slopes of granite rock. This method of construction reveals one full foundation wall at one elevation, with the opposite wall set into the steep slope of land.

The foundation wall beneath the one story high, open porch, running along the building's south elevation, is believed by some to be the earliest section of the house with speculation that it may once have been used as an ice house along Old Columbia Pike and later a root cellar. Two foot thick, stone walls, encompass a simple, rectangular room, with a cellar window on its east wall. A square roof opening is placed in its southeast corner. There is some thought of this having

been a hiding place for slaves seeking freedom.

The main building block of the house holds a one room, foundation kitchen with a first floor living room and second floor bedroom. The north service wing features a first floor, staircase (running east-west) in its south bay at foundation level with the kitchen of the main building block. (This kitchen has now become an ante-room for the office of Mrs. Lavine, located at this level in the north wing). This staircase appears to be an addition made in the mid-nineteenth century, when certain renovations were made to the house. Originally, either an interior staircase (running north-south), was placed along the foundation's west wall to the first floor of the main building block or no staircase at all, allowing the first floor (actually second floor) living room and second floor (actually third floor) bedroom of the main building block and the second floor of the north wing to be totally separated from the original downstairs kitchen. Entrances at separate levels provided total privacy between these levels. One other staircase occurs in the north wing, one (running north-south) along this section's west foundation wall up to its first floor, which runs level with what was the original kitchen.

The woodwork of the building is uniform, featuring flat pilasters and lintels throughout both sections of the house with only one exception, the living room, which features mitred cornered woodwork and a roman arched paneled entrance door, believed to have been an addition of the circa 1860 renovation.

2. Historically the building can easily be traced back to 1863, when John Collier willed his real estate to his children, which included this property, as well as the Manelli Cottage. Prior to that time HO-308, The David Meyer's House, had also been owned by him. Very little is known about John Collier except that he owned land called, "Parts of Prestages Folly" in Ellicott Mills in 1852, which comprised some ten lots of land, along Old Columbia Pike, together with all and singular the buildings, (Howard County Land Records, Liber 12, folio 235).

An insurance appraisal of the property dates the house circa 1820, a probable construction date.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Mrs. B. J. Lavine on January 22, 1982

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.23 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 974 Folio 115

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, A.I.C.P., Projects Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning - Div. of Comprehensive & Transportation Planning

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3430 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

992-2357

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) 269-2348

TITLE SEARCH

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Prepared by: Susan Thompson

| DATE | LIBER-FOLIO | GRANTOR | GRANTEE | TRANSACTION |
|---|-------------|---|--|---|
| Nov. 9, 1979 | 974-115 | Harry Allen Latimer and Beverly Elizabeth Latimer (his wife) | Barbara J. Lavine | Deed to .23 of an acre |
| Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Ellicott City to Clarksville State Rd. (Now known as "Old Columbia Pike") measured on two courses and distances from the southerly corner of a frame dwelling on the northwesterly side of said road, said corner of said frame dwelling being described as the end of the 10th course of the 1st parcel of land in a mortgage ... to the westerly end of the aforesaid stone wall and in the vicinity of a stone marked "G.H." but not now found | | | | |
| Sept. 30, 1976 | 788-734 | Harry Allen Latimer | Harry Allen Latimer and Beverly Elizabeth Latimer (his wife) | Deed to .23 of an acre |
| Sept. 28, 1976 | 788-732 | Timothy E. Welsh Personal Rep. of the estate of Marion Ferguson House, deceased | Harry Allen Latimer | Deed to .23 of an acre |
| Nov. 18, 1947 | 201-266 | Ellicott Theatre, Inc. | Marion H. Ferguson and Maud H. Ferguson (her mother) | Deed to .23 of an acre |
| August 1, 1943 | 178-596 | Isaac H. Taylor and Rose Taylor (his wife) | Ellicott Theatre, Inc. | Deed to ... all those contiguous lots of parcels of land, situated and lying on the Columbia Turnpike in Ellicott City |
| May 24, 1933 | 145-461 | Charles A. Herrmann (unmarried) | Isaac H. Taylor and Rose Taylor (his wife) | Deed |
| Dec. 10, 1929 | 138-186 | W. Herbert Mellor, Attorney | Charles A. Herrmann | Deed |

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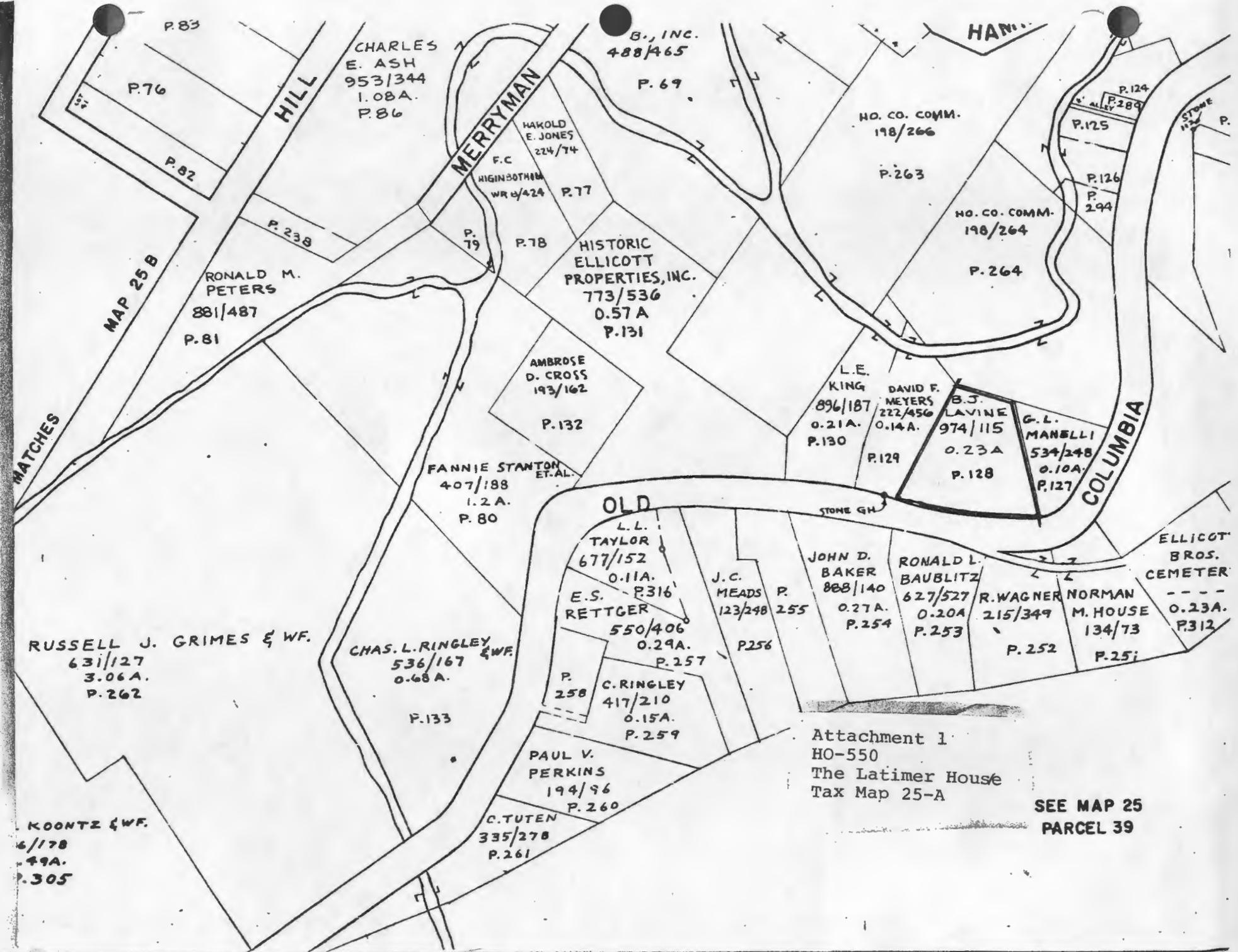
Prepared by: Susan Thompson

| DATE | LIBER-FOLIO | GRANTOR | GRANTEE | TRANSACTION |
|--------------|-------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| July 6, 1928 | 134-135 | Ellen A. Gibson Wade H. Gibson, (her husband) | Home Building Assoc. of Ellicott City, Inc. | Mortgage of 2 parcels |
| | | Wm. Collier Rebecca J. 28/259 | | |
| | | | | 28/263 |
| | | James A. Gary 38/456 | | |

The two above pieces of parcels of land being the same property of which Rebecca J. Henderson, widow of Seth E. Henderson died seized and possessed, on or about the 4th day of June, 1919 at Frederick County, Maryland, interstate, leaving surviving her, Mary Blanche Addison, Ellen A. Gibson and Roberta Louise Waters her daughters, as her sole and only heirs at law.

| | | | | |
|--------------|--------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| May 13, 1868 | 28-259 | William B. Collier & wife Frank M. Collier & Wife | Rebecca J. Henderson | Deed of Indenture of two parts |
|--------------|--------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|

the above were heirs of John Collier Sr., deceased April 11, 1863
Wills 2/16



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MAP 25 B

RONALD M. PETERS
881/487
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P.238

CHARLES E. ASH
953/344
1.08A.
P.86

MERRYMAN
HAKOLD E. JONES
224/74
F.C.
HIGINSBOTHAM
WR 12/424
P.77

P.78
HISTORIC ELLICOTT PROPERTIES, INC.
773/536
0.57 A
P.131

AMBROSE D. CROSS
193/162
P.132

FANNIE STANTON ET AL.
407/188
1.2 A.
P.80

RUSSELL J. GRIMES & WF.
631/127
3.06A.
P.262

CHAS. L. RINGLEY & WF.
536/167
0.68 A.
P.133

P.258
C. RINGLEY
417/210
0.15A.
P.259

PAUL V. PERKINS
194/96
P.260

C. TUTEN
335/278
P.261

B., INC.
488/465

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HO. CO. COMM.
198/266

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HO. CO. COMM.
198/264

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L.E. KING
896/187
0.21A.
P.130

DAVID F. MEYERS
222/456
0.14A.
P.129

B.J. LAVINE
974/115
0.23A
P.128

G.L. MANELLI
534/248
0.10A.
P.127

OLD

L.L. TAYLOR
677/152
0.11A.
E.S. RETTGER
550/406
0.29A.
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J.C. MEADS
123/248
P.255

JOHN D. BAKER
888/140
0.27A.
P.254

RONALD L. BAUBLITZ
627/527
0.20A
P.253

R. WAGNER
215/349
P.252

NORMAN M. HOUSE
134/73
P.251

ELLICOTT BROS. CEMETER
0.23A.
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Attachment 1
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Tax Map 25-A

SEE MAP 25
PARCEL 39

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6/178
49A.
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HAN...

COLUMBIA

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STONE

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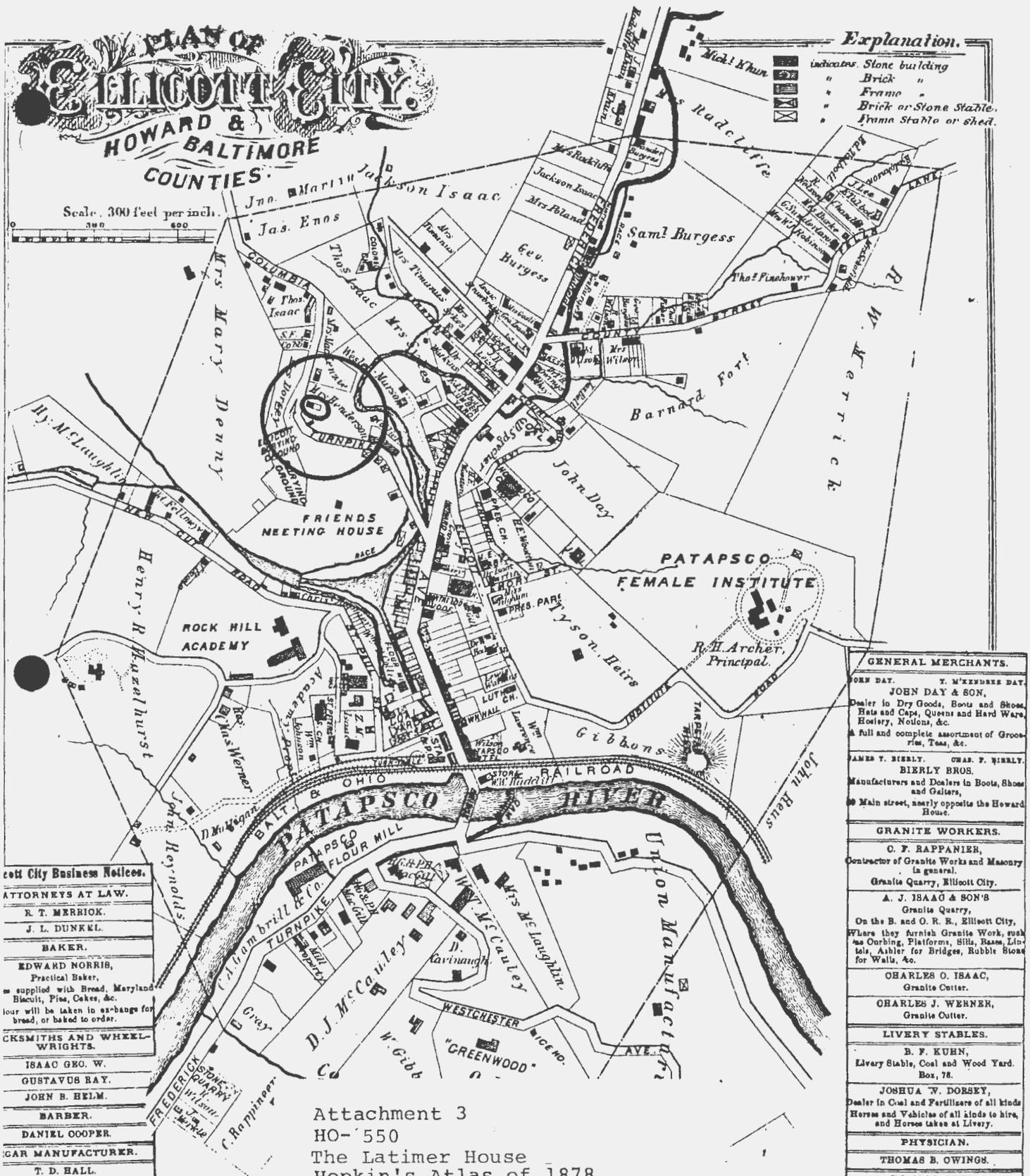
PLAN OF ELLICOTT CITY.

HOWARD & BALTIMORE COUNTIES.

Scale, 300 feet per inch.

Explanation.

- indicates Stone building
- Brick "
- Frame "
- Brick or Stone Stable.
- Frame Stable or shed.



Ellicott City Business Notices.

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 J. L. DUNKEL.

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 EDWARD NORRIS,
 Practical Baker,
 supplied with Bread, Maryland
 Biscuit, Pie, Cakes, &c.
 Flour will be taken in exchange for
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 WRIGHTS.**
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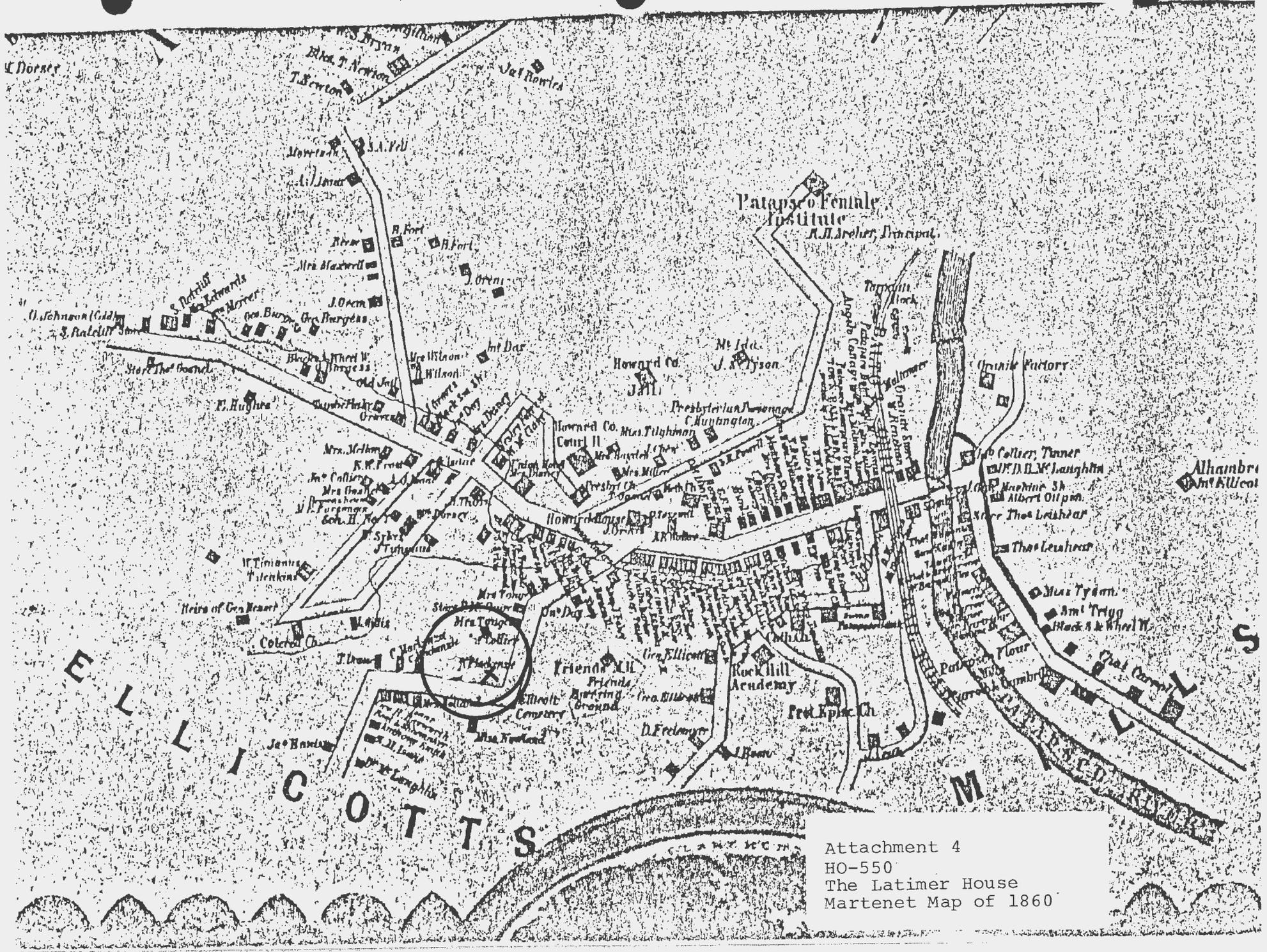
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Attachment 3
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 The Latimer House
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

| GENERAL MERCHANTS. | |
|---|-------------------|
| JOHN DAY. | T. W'KENDERS DAY. |
| JOHN DAY & SON, Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Quills and Hard Ware, Hosiery, Notions, &c. A full and complete assortment of Groceries, Teas, &c. | |
| JAMES T. BIERLY. | CHAS. F. BIERLY. |
| BIERLY BROS. Manufacturers and Dealers in Boots, Shoes and Gaiters, Main street, nearly opposite the Howard House. | |
| GRANITE WORKERS. | |
| C. F. RAPPANIER, Contractor of Granite Works and Masonry in general. Granite Quarry, Ellicott City. | |
| A. J. ISAAC & SON'S Granite Quarry, On the B. and O. R. R., Ellicott City. Where they furnish Granite Work, such as Curbing, Platforms, Sills, Bases, Lintels, Abutments for Bridges, Rubble Stone for Walls, &c. | |
| CHARLES O. ISAAC, Granite Cutter. | |
| CHARLES J. WENNER, Granite Cutter. | |
| LIVERY STABLES. | |
| B. F. KUHN, Livery Stable, Coal and Wood Yard. Box, 78. | |
| JOSHUA V. DORSEY, Dealer in Coal and Fertilizers of all kinds Horses and Vehicles of all kinds to hire, and Horses taken at Livery. | |
| PHYSICIAN. | |
| THOMAS B. OWINGS. | |
| POST MASTER. | |
| ROBERT N. WHARRY. | |
| STATIONER. | |
| J. S. STRAWBRIDGE. | |
| TAILOR. | |
| C. P. CASSIDY. | |

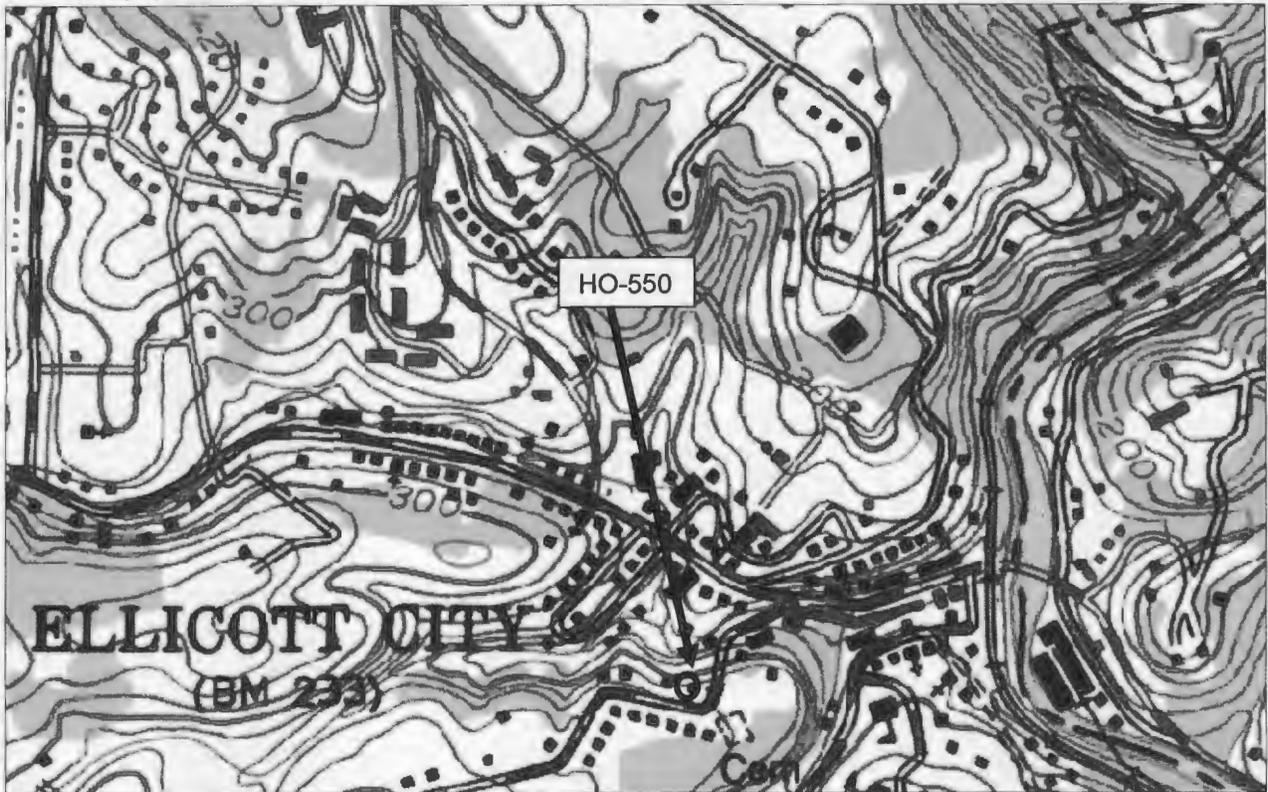


Attachment 4
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Martenet Map of 1860



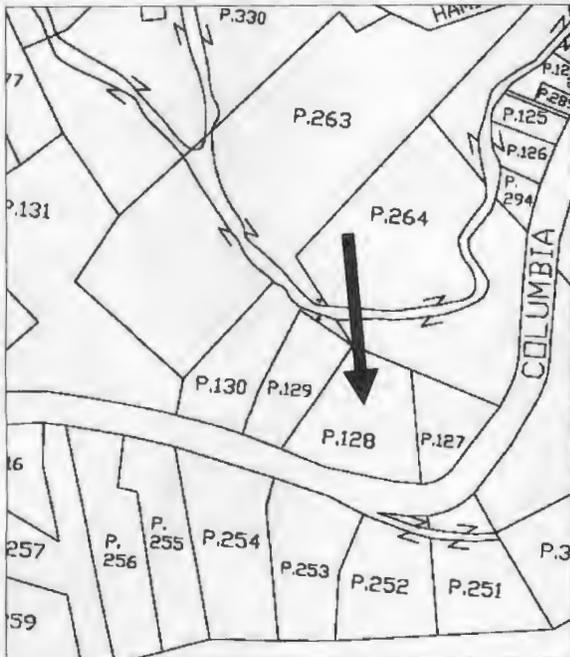
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Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
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Date of Photograph: January, 1982
Negatives in possession of Maryland Historical Trust
View: Southeast
Photographer Looking: Northwest
Photograph Number: 1 of 1

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3782 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987), Ellicott City
Ellicott City quad 1953, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



Tax Map 25A, Parcel 128

National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



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 3782 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987), Ellicott City
 Martenet's Map of Howard County Maryland, 1860



G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878



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Latimer House
3782 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987), Ellicott City
Photo by Jennifer K. Cosham, 11/28/2012
South elevation



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