

HO-793, Anderson Brick House
6449 Anderson Avenue, Hanover
Howard County
Ca. 1875
Private

CAPSULE SUMMARY

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-793

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Anderson Brick House
other

2. Location

street and number 6449 Anderson Avenue not for publication
city, town Hanover vicinity
county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert and Beverly Childers
street and number 6449 Anderson Avenue telephone 410-796-4390
city, town Hanover state MD zip code 21076

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: Map 38, P 645
city, town Ellicott City liber 464 folio 215

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Current Function | Resource Count | |
|---|---|--|---|-----------------|
| | | | Contributing | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade | 1 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> defense | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | | <input type="checkbox"/> education | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary | 1 | 0 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> government | | |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> religion | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> social | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use | | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: | | |
| | | | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory | |
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7. Description

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Condition

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The front (west) façade of the house has a central entry door topped with a three-light transom and flanked by three-light sidelights. The door itself features six lights over two vertical panels. Original 2/2 windows flank the door on either side. On the second story, three more 2/2 windows are vertically aligned above the first floor openings. The windows show evidence of originally having been shuttered but the existing shutters are not original. The two windows on the first story have wood lintels and sills, while the three windows on the second story have wood sills and brick jack arch lintels. The roof has a wide, open eave overhang with decorative exposed rafter tails. A full width single story front porch has a hipped roof supported by square posts with chamfered corners. The beadboard ceiling is probably original. The existing floor of the porch is concrete on a cinderblock foundation, clearly not original, and the balustrade is also a modern addition.

The north side façade reveals that the front section of the house is two bays deep while the rear cross-gabled wing is one bay deep. This façade has three windows on the second story vertically aligned above three windows on the first story. All are the original 2/2 units and all have brick jack arch lintels. Like the front façade, this façade has 7:1 common bond brickwork and an open rake overhang with decorative exposed rafter tails. A large screened in porch has been added to the rear (east) end of the rear wing. A brick patio and wooden deck cover the lot from the north edge of the structure to the north property line, which bounds on what was originally Mound Street and is now a private drive.

The south side façade of the front section of the house mirrors the north façade with two windows on each story, vertically aligned with brick jack arches. The same decorative exposed rafter tails adorn this façade. The south side façade of the rear wing is completely obscured by the large two-story frame addition.

A large two-story addition was added to the rear (east) façade of the house. The addition is located in the elbow formed by the main block and the rear wing but it extends out approximately 8' beyond the rear wall of the wing and it extends approximately 15' beyond the south wall of the main block. Thankfully a heavy screen of trees along the west and south edges of the lot screen the addition from view from the street. The addition is clad in vinyl siding and has a very low pitched side gabled roof. It has a garage in the basement level accessed from the east façade.

The rear (east) façade of the rear wing is the only portion of the original building's east façade that is still visible after the addition. The wing is only one bay wide with one window on each story. The second story window is still the original 2/2 unit with a brick jack arch lintel; it is vertically aligned above the first story opening. The window on the first story has been replaced and the size of the opening altered but it still retains the brick jack arch. Like the other original façades of the house, this façade has decorative exposed rafter tails.

Unfortunately, access to the interior of the house was not possible. Based on the form and fenestration, the original portion of the house undoubtedly has a center hall plan with two rooms flanking a center stair hall on the first floor. The first floor of the rear

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wing contains one room, probably the kitchen. The second floor probably has three bedrooms, two in the main block and one in the rear wing. There are no windows into either the attic or the basement so neither of those spaces was ever utilized for living space. The integrity of the interior is unknown and the alterations required by the addition of the large frame portion of the house area also unclear.

There are no outbuildings associated with this property.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> social history |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

Specific dates ca. 1872 **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates ca. 1872

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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The town of Anderson, or Hanover as it came to be known, was laid out along five streets and platted in 1893 (see Liber 60, Folio 303, also attached). Ephraim Anderson bought the land for the town then sold or leased lots to individuals during the 1870's. On the 1878 Hopkins map, a small community consisting of around 9 or 10 houses is shown around the Hanover Road, Anderson Avenue, railroad area. The phrase 'Anderson P.O' is written across this area of the map and directly below it is written 'Hanover.' Deed research shows that this area was part of two large parcels of land in the mid-19th century, one known as Timber Neck and one known as "First Discovery." In 1861, Walter Berry and wife sold the Timber Neck tract, along with three others, to Horatio Berry. In 1865, Horatio Berry sold four acres of Timber Neck (which is described as "being so much of said tract called Timber Neck as lies north of the Rail Road west of the lot of Jacob Kraff and south east of said Sanborn") to David Sanborn "together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected" for \$500. Five years later in 1870, David Sanborn and his wife sold the same 4 acres to Ephraim Anderson. At the same time, Anderson bought 31 neighboring acres from Adam Shipley and others, part of the "First Discovery" tract. Anderson then laid out a small community on the land clustered around the intersection of the existing Hanover Road and the railroad and at least three new roads that he called Anderson Avenue, Railroad Street and Mound Street. He then leased the lots in the village to various individuals. A "Plat of the Village of Anderson now Hanoverville" was recorded in 1893 and shows the layout of the roads and the lot numbers at that time. The Anderson Brick House is located on Lots 8 and 9 and is shown on the Hopkins map.

Deed research indicates that Ephraim Anderson leased Lot 8 to Isaac Spriggs in 1874. Like the other leases he made in Anderson, this one was essentially for ground rent and there probably was not a building on the lot at the time of the lease. The lease was for 99 years and was perpetually renewable. In December of 1875, Anderson sold Arietta Hooper six lots in the village of Anderson, one of which was Lot 8. This sale did not negate Spriggs' lease on the property, it just meant that Spriggs now owed Hooper his yearly rent of \$12 instead of Anderson. There is no deed evidence to indicate that Lot 9 was ever leased to anyone. Of all the lots laid out in the town, Anderson leased surprisingly few of them. In 1876, Anderson sold Frances Childs 35 acres, four acres of which was the land that he bought from David Sanborn and 31 acres that he bought from Shipley. It appears that most of the village of Anderson must have been on the four acres bought from Sanborn since in the description of the four-acre parcel in the deed there is a provision for the lots in the town that Anderson has already sold to others. The description says that the tract contains "four acres of land more or less...saving, excepting and reserving however from the operations and effect of this deed all those several lots or parcels of said land which the said Ephraim Anderson by divers deeds executed by him...conveyed to other parties." (L37, F299) There is no record that Lot 9 was ever sold, or leased, to anyone else so it must have been included in the

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transfer to Childs. Spriggs eventually gained full ownership of Lot 8 after Hooper sold it to the Great American Fire Insurance Company who then sold it to Spriggs in 1883. In 1885, Spriggs sold Lot 8 to Frances Childs for \$100. From that point on, Lots 8 and 9 were sold as a pair. In 1893, Childs and her husband sold the two lots to Phelps R. Wilson for \$400.

Initially, it might be assumed that the Anderson Brick House was built by Spriggs in the 1870's on Lot 8. However, current aerial photos and tax maps indicate that the house is actually located on Lot 9 and does not intrude into Lot 8 at all. The question of who then actually built the Anderson Brick House looms large. The house is too substantial and finely detailed to have been constructed simply as a tenant house. Stylistic evidence (2/2 elongated windows, 7:1 common bond, chamfered porch supports, and decorative rafter tails) seems to indicate an approximate construction date of ca. 1875. It does not seem likely that the house was built as late as the mid 1890's when Wilson acquired both parcels. Additionally, the fact that the original portion of the house is located only on Lot 9 seems to suggest that it was constructed prior to the two lots being combined. Both Anderson, the owner of the property from 1870 to 1876, and Childs, owner from 1876 until 1893, owned a lot of property in the area. Col. J.W. Childs, husband of Frances Childs, is noted on the 1878 map of the county as owning 35 acres in the area of Anderson (presumably the property that his wife purchased from E. Anderson in 1876). The map seems to indicate that his residence, however, is not in the town but slightly north of it. The Anderson Brick House does seem to be shown on the map but there is no name associated with it. It may be speculated that the house was built by Ephraim Anderson himself ca. 1872 - it is a substantial brick dwelling with fine detailing in the decorative exposed rafter tails and jack arches on every façade and it is located in the center of town. Additionally, in the two deeds documenting Anderson's purchase of the 35 acres, his home is listed as Baltimore City but once he begins to lease the lots in Anderson and when he sells them to Hooper and Childs, his home is listed as Howard County. It is entirely possible that Anderson built himself a nice house in the middle of his village and lived there for several years. There is no evidence in the land records that Anderson owned land anywhere else in Howard County aside from the 35 acres in Hanover so he must have lived on that land somewhere.

Regardless of whether the Anderson Brick House was actually built by Ephraim Anderson for his personal use, the building is a very well preserved example of a vernacular late 19th century dwelling with some unique stylistic details. It is also the only original building of brick construction still standing in the vanishing village of Anderson. The Anderson Brick House, along with the other six original buildings in the village, should be preserved and recognized as tangible examples of the development of the village of Anderson, one of many small communities that grew up around Howard County in the late 19th century and very few of which survive.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.344

Acreage of historical setting 0.344

Quadrangle name Relay

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 38, Parcel 645. Lots 8 and 9 on the "Map of the Village of Anderson (later Hanoverville)".

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kristin Hill, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning

date 8/7/03

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city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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Hopkins, G.M. ATLAS OF FIFTEEN MILES AROUND BALTIMORE INCLUDING HOWARD COUNTY MARYLAND.
Philadelphia, 1878.

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CHAIN OF TITLE

| GRANTOR | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE | HOME COUNTY | DATE | LIBER | FOLIO | TRANSACTION | COMMENTS |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| George and Ruth Poteet | Howard | Robert and Beverly Childers | Howard | Dec. 6, 1966 | 464 | 215 | Deed | Lots 8 and 9 on the village plat, improvements designated 175A Anderson Avenue. \$10 and other considerations. |
| Patrick and Marjorie Kerr | Howard | George and Ruth Poteet | Howard | Dec. 13, 1962 | 393 | 596 | Deed | Lots 8 and 9 on the village plat. \$5 and other considerations. |
| Francis and Florence Poteet | Howard | Patrick and Marjorie Kerr | Howard | March 2, 1959 | 328 | 377 | Deed | Lots 8 and 9 on the village plat. \$5 and other considerations. |
| Phelps R. Wilson, widower | Baltimore County | Francis and Florence Poteet | Howard | July 26, 1944 | 182 | 239 | Deed | Lots 8 and 9 on the village plat. \$5 and other considerations. |
| Frances and Jonathan Childs | Howard | Phelps R. Wilson | Howard | August 3, 1893 | 60 | 310 | Deed | Lots 8 and 9 in Hanoverville (formerly Anderson). \$400. Together with the improvements. Lot 9 was bought from E. Anderson and Lot 8 was purchased from Isaac Spriggs. |

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| GRANTOR | HOME COUNTY | GRANTEE | HOME COUNTY | DATE | LIBER | FOLIO | TRANSACTION | COMMENTS |
|--|----------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------|-------|-------------|---|
| Isaac and Sophia Spriggs | Baltimore City | Frances E. Childs | Howard | July 15, 1885 | 49 | 401 | Deed | One lot in Anderson, metes and bounds described, it is Lot 8 on the Village Plat which had yet to be recorded. Price was \$100. Spriggs leased it from Anderson in 1874. Together with the appurtenances thereunto belonging. |
| The German American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City | | Isaac Spriggs | Baltimore City | Dec. 26, 1883 | 49 | 399 | Deed | One lot in the Village of Anderson, formerly Hanover. \$75. This deed gives Spriggs full ownership of the land he leased from Anderson. (Lot 8) |
| Arietta Hooper | Howard | The German American Fire Insurance Company of Baltimore City | | April 4, 1883 | 49 | 396 | Deed | One lot in the Village of Anderson. For sum of \$200. Subject to the terms of the lease of the same parcel to Isaac Spriggs. Purchased by Hooper from Anderson. (Lot 8) |

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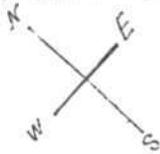
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|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------------|--|
| Ephraim F. Anderson | Howard | Frances E. Childs | Howard | November 15, 1876 | 37 | 299 | Deed | A total of 35 acres. 31 were purchased from Shipley et al. and 4 were purchased from Sanborn. \$5000. Makes provision excepting the lots in Anderson that E. Anderson has already conveyed to others. Since Lot 9 had not been specifically conveyed to someone else before this sale, it must have been included in the 35 acres. |
| Ephraim F. Anderson | Howard | Arietta Hooper | Howard | Dec. 13, 1875 | 36 | 17 | Deed | Six lots in the village of Anderson. Lot 8 is the fifth one described. \$1000. Together with the buildings. |
| Ephraim F. Anderson | Howard | Isaac Spriggs | Howard | April 11, 1874 | 35 | 5 | Deed | One lot in the village of Anderson described by metes and bounds. Lot 8 on the plat recorded in 1893. A 99 year lease for ground rent of \$12 a year. |

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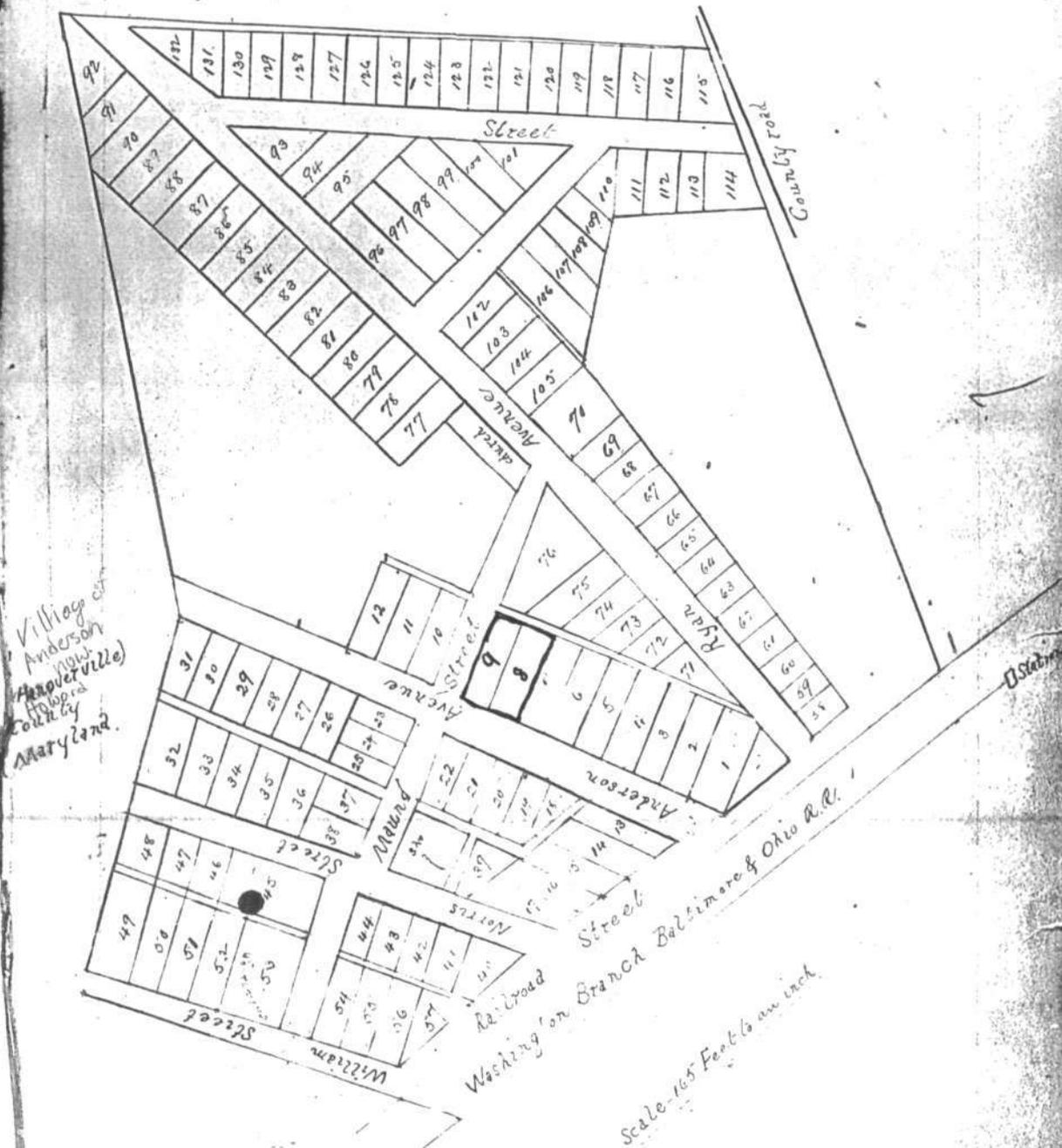
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| David M. Sanborn and Amanda Sanborn, his wife | Howard | Ephriam Anderson | Baltimore City | October 17, 1870 | 30 | 431 | Deed | Purchase price of \$500, part of the parcel conveyed by Walter Berry to Horatio Berry, containing 4 acres, "Being so much of said tract called 'Timber Neck' as lies north of the rail road west of the lot of Jacob Kraff and south east of said Sanborn." Same land conveyed by Horatio Berry to Sanborn in 1865. "Together with the improvements thereon." |
| Adam R. Shipley and wife, Allen Shipley and wife, and David Sanborn | Howard | Ephraim Anderson | Baltimore City | Oct. 15, 1870 | 30 | 428 | Deed | Purchase price of \$4000, part of the "First Discovery" tract. A total of 31 acres. |

Deed to
Jonathan Childs
15th Sept. 1894



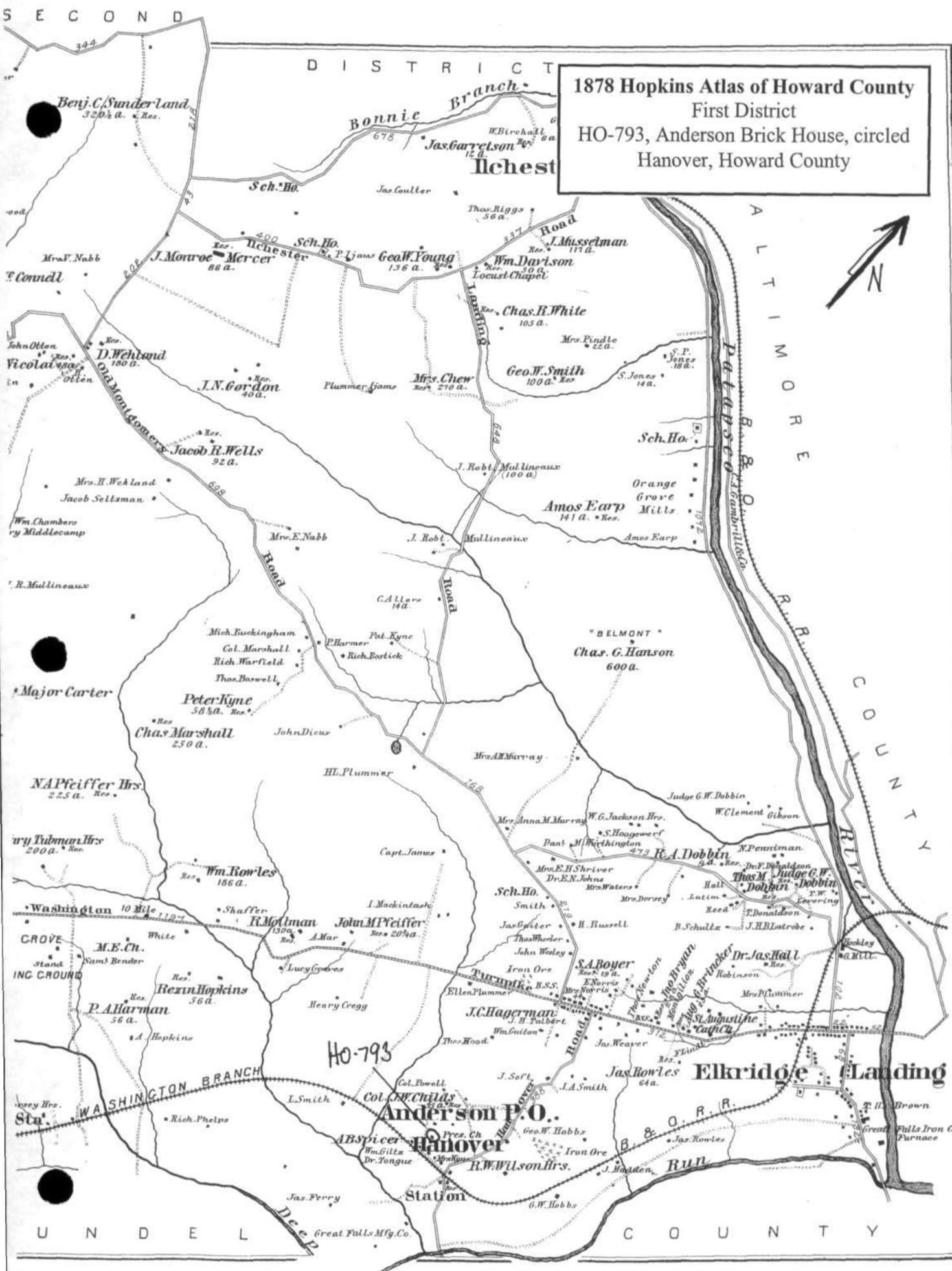
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Plat of the Village of Anderson, now Hanoverville

Location of HO-793, Lots 8 and 9, highlighted
From the Howard County Land Records
Liber 60, Folio 303, July 1893



1878 Hopkins Atlas of Howard County
 First District
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 Hanover, Howard County





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West (front) facade

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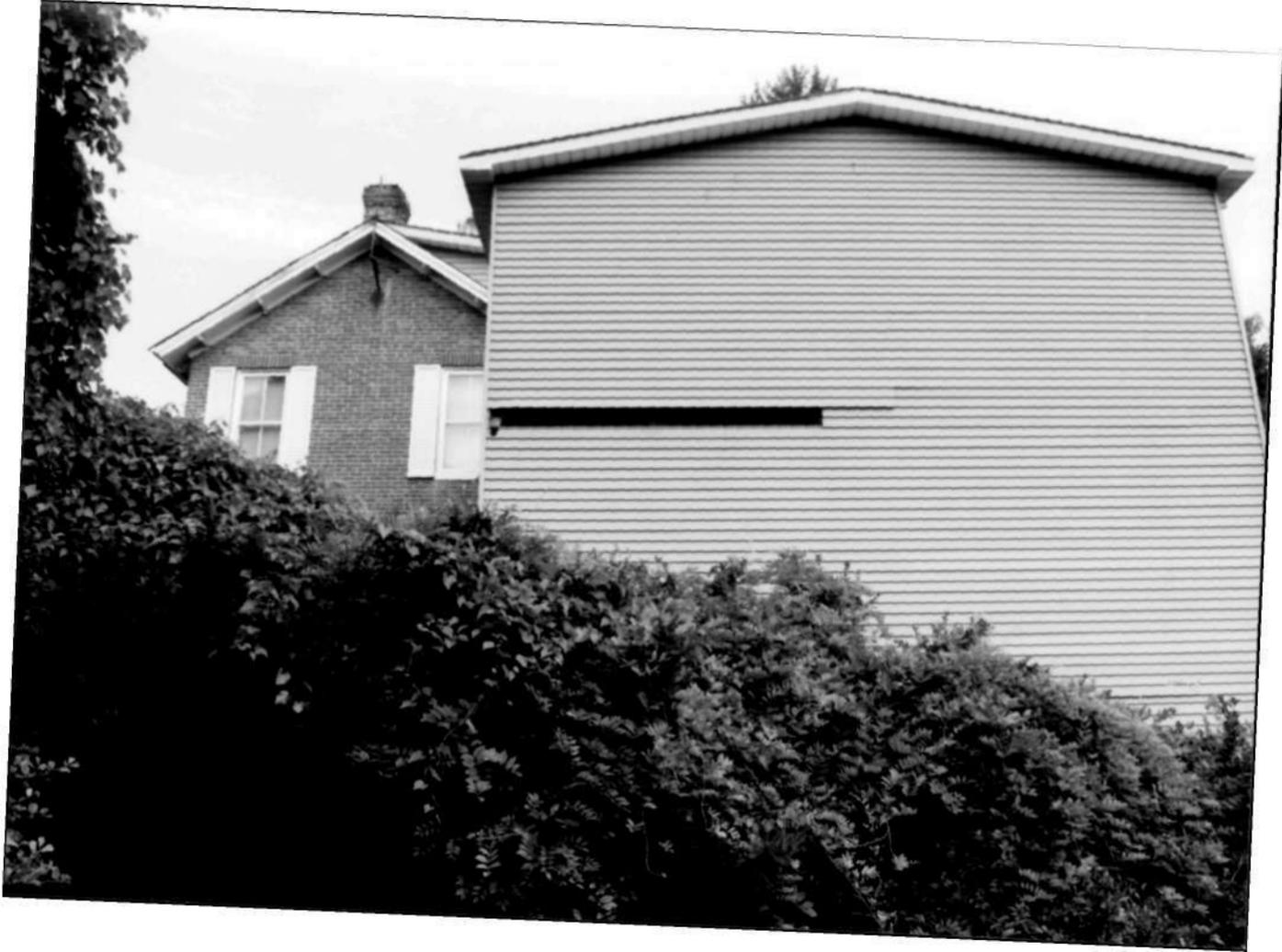
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Rear (east) elevation, showing large addition

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South elevation

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Detail of decorative rafter tails

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