

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Admirathoria/Upper Notley Hall Survey Number: PG 80-5

Project: Woodrow Wilson Bridge Agency: FHWA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the property does not appear to retain sufficient integrity to be eligible under Criterion C as an example of the Georgian style in Prince George's county. Not only has the original hip roof been changed to a mansard, but the interior also appears to have undergone substantial alterations. The existing inventory form and addendum do not provide any basis for eligibility under Criterion B. There is no reason given for the Rozier family's significance in Prince George's County history. In addition, the loss of integrity also impairs the property's ability to convey significance under Criterion B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory  
Form PG 80-5

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Elizabeth Hannold May 5, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

Peter A. Kuntze 5/9/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic - Single dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #80-5 Building Date: ca. 1790, 1870

Building Name: Admirathoria

Location: 8425 Fort Foote Road, Fort Washington, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

Admirathoria (Upper Notley Hall) is a square Georgian style brick dwelling, which stands in a wooded setting near the Potomac River, less than one mile from the site of Fort Foote. It is distinguished by its fine eighteenth century detail, and its late nineteenth century mansard roof. Admirathoria is two-and-one-half stories high, three bays by three, with entrance through a double door in the central bay of the main south facade. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on all four elevations. Windows are 12/12 wood frame double hung sash on the first story, and 8/12 on the second story. They have narrow molded surrounds and flat-arch lintels. The roof of the house was rebuilt in the Victorian period, and replaced with a mansard roof, now covered with metal painted red; changes in the cornice decoration reflect this rebuilding. There is a continuous deep boxed cornice around the building. It is decorated on the east and west with a shallow dentilled wooden frieze; on the north and south there is a course of corbelled brick immediately below the cornice. Hip dormers pierce the planes of the roof. Two tall corbelled brick chimneys rise from the roof in the east and west planes. The floor plan consists of four nearly equal spaces, with the southwest quadrant being the stairhall.

Significance

Admirathoria (Upper Notley Hall) is one of very few surviving examples in Prince George's County of a brick plantation house of the Georgian style. Built in the mid-to-late eighteenth century on a very old tract in the possession of the Rozier family, it remained in their home for nearly a century. In the 1870's, the original hip roof was replaced with a mansard roof; at the end of the century, the property became the site of an amusement park for blacks. In the 1940's, the interior of the house was renovated and modernized. The floor plan of Admirathoria departs from the traditional Georgian one of central stairhall and flanking double parlors; it is the only surviving Georgian plantation house in Prince George's County with this asymmetrical plan. Although it has been significantly altered, it is still an outstanding example of eighteenth century Georgian brick domestic architecture, and an important visual feature in the Potomac region of Prince George's County.

Acreage: 4.13 acres

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Admirathoria

and/or common (Upper Notley Hall)

## 2. Location

street & number 8425 Fort Foote Road  not for publicationcity, town Fort Washington  vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland 20744 county Prince George's

## 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name William Bahrenburg

street &amp; number 21 Wright Street telephone no.:

city, town Westport state and zip code CT. 06880

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #4994

street &amp; number Main Street folio 335

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites &amp; Districts Plan

date 1987  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Prince George's Co. Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Admirathoria is a two-and-one-half story square brick dwelling, which stands in a wooded setting near the Potomac River, less than one mile from the site of Fort Foote. It is distinguished by its fine eighteenth century detail, and its late nineteenth century mansard roof.

Admirathoria is two-and-one-half stories high, three bays by three, with entrance through a double door in the central bay of the main south facade. Each leaf of the door has four square molded panels; there is a narrow molded surround, and a three-pane transom, above which is a flat-arch lintel. The door is approached by an open wood stoop with wooden steps descending to the south. Visible in the brickwork is the ghost of an earlier one-story porch, which sheltered all three bays of this south facade.

The brick is laid in Flemish bond on all four elevations. Windows are 12/12 wood frame double hung sash on the first story, and 8/12 on the second story. They have narrow molded surrounds, plain wood sills, flat-arch lintels, and no shutters. The single window in the southmost bay of the west facade is 12/12, and downset to light the staircase. There is a side entrance in the first (southmost) bay of the east facade; it has a stone sill, narrow molded surround, three-pane transom, and a flat-arch lintel. The basement is lighted by two windows on each elevation: six-pane single sash windows on the south, east and north, and nine-pane single sash windows on the west. The house is built into a gentle slope, so that one can enter the cellar on the west; a door in the southmost bay of the west facade leads into the cellar at grade level. Below the basement window lintels, the foundation of the building is laid in 3:1 American bond; there is no water table.

The roof of the house was rebuilt in the Victorian period, and replaced with a mansard roof, now covered with metal painted red; changes in the cornice decoration reflect this rebuilding.

There is a continuous deep boxed cornice around the building. It is decorated on the east and west with a shallow dentilled wooden frieze, painted white as is the cornice. On the north and south there is a course of corbelled brick immediately below the cornice. Three hip dormers pierce the south plane of the roof; each encloses a pair of 6/6 windows. There is one hip dormer centered in each of the other three planes. Two tall corbelled brick chimneys rise from the roof north of the center in the east and west planes. Above the four flaring planes of the mansard roof is a molded upper cornice; above this the roof is outlined by a shallow wooden parapet on all but the north side.

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Interior of the house was not observed during this survey; details will be described in a future report. The floor plan consists of four nearly equal spaces, with the southwest quadrant being the stairhall. Original wooden mantels are reported to have been replaced since 1945 by antique marble mantels.

An unpaved drive leads to the house from the south, and ends in a circle in front of the house. The house stands in a clearing on a wooded knoll, from which one can view the Potomac River. Photographs in the possession of the owner show a separate small kitchen building to the north, as well as another smaller outbuilding (smoke house?). In this century, a modern kitchen has been installed in the southeast space.

# 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 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 checked="" 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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Local history

**Specific dates** ca. 1790, 1870 **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Admirathoria (Upper Notley Hall) is one of very few surviving examples in Prince George's County of a plantation house of the Georgian style. Built in the mid-to-late eighteenth century for the Rozier family, it was remodeled in the late nineteenth century with mansard roof; in the 1940's the interior was renovated and modernized. The house is not visible from the public road, but is a fine example of eighteenth century Georgian domestic brick architecture.

The land was patented to George Thompson in 1662, 2,500 acres called Admariothria; 2,200 acres were resurveyed in 1715 for Notley Rozier.<sup>1</sup> Notley Rozier built a house on the land, and upon his death in 1727, devised it to his son, Henry: all of his real and personal estate was to be kept together in the possession of his wife, Elizabeth, until all debts were paid, and then his son, Henry, was to secure "the tract of land I now live on called Admirathoria, with all improvements to his heirs forever."<sup>2</sup> The house in which Notley Rozier had lived was almost certainly the brick and frame dwelling (no longer standing) which came to be called Lower Notley Hall; it stood approximately 500 feet inland from the Potomac.<sup>3</sup>

It is not certain when the present brick house was built. Some of its Georgian characteristics, (its large 12/12 windows and its plain doorway) suggest mid-eighteenth century, while its asymmetrical plan (i.e., the side stairhall taking up one of the four principal spaces) and its all-Flemish bond suggest a somewhat later date. It is likely that this house was built just after 1790, at the time of the marriage of Henry Rozier's granddaughter Maria, who in 1792 married Francis Hall. Hall adopted her surname, and became Francis Hall Rozier. This theory is strengthened by the fact that the 1790 census shows all of the Rozier family in one dwelling, while by 1800, Francis and Maria Rozier and their family lived in a separate dwelling.<sup>4</sup> When Henry Rozier died in 1802, he devised to Maria and her husband most of Admirathoria, with the understanding that they would leave it to their eldest son, Notley Rozier. To Maria's sister, Harriet Rozier, he devised the part of Admirathoria which was south of Maria's portion.<sup>5</sup> Henry Rozier's estate was appraised

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at a very high value, and his real and personal wealth exceeded that of other large landowners. At the time of his death his estate included well over 2,000 acres, over 100 slaves, and a new dwelling assessed at 75, which probably represents the present house.<sup>6</sup>

Francis Hall Rozier survived his wife's grandfather by less than a year. His will of 1803 confirmed that of Henry Rozier, leaving the property (by this time referred to as Notley Hall) to young Notley Rozier, with a life estate to Maria. Francis H. Rozier allowed for the possibility of the death of his children before they came of age; he indicated that he wanted the Notley Hall Estate to remain in the "elder branch" of his family.<sup>7</sup> It is clear that the young Notley Rozier did not live to adulthood; he was never assessed as owner of the property, and in 1822, Maria deeded 500 acres of Admirathoria "all the land south of the dwelling house and the road leading from the house to Broad Creek" to another son, Francis E. Rozier, when he came of age.<sup>8</sup> In the meantime she had remarried, in 1807, William A. Daingerfield.<sup>9</sup>

Francis E. Rozier continued to occupy and farm Admirathoria until his death in the 1840's. By this time, the plantation was consistently referred to as Notley Hall. After his death, the property passed to his two sons, Charles B. and Francis W. Rozier, and Charles occupied the brick mansion. At this time Notley Hall consisted of 500 acres, and the labor force of only 4 or 5 slaves.<sup>10</sup> The Roziers' grandmother, Maria Rozier Daingerfield, outlived her son Francis E. Rozier, and died at an advanced age in 1860, at the home of a son by her second marriage. She had long since conveyed her rights to Notley Hall to the heirs of her first marriage, but her will specifically requested that she be interred in the vault at Notley Hall.<sup>11</sup>

By the time of the Civil War, it is fairly certain that the brick mansion was unoccupied; the Rozier brothers were assessed during that period for the land and improvements, but for neither livestock nor household furniture.<sup>12</sup> In 1870, F.W. Rozier sold half of the property, 246 acres including the brick mansion, Upper Notley Hall, to Daniel Seltzer of Juniata, Pennsylvania.<sup>13</sup> It was at this time that the mansard roof was constructed, replacing an original hip roof. The cornices were rebuilt, leaving the (probably original) wooden dentil course on the east and west elevations, and adding a new corbelled brick cornice course on the north and south. The Seltzers resided at Upper Notley Hall (the subject house) and farmed the land until Daniel Seltzer's death in 1887.<sup>14</sup> After his death the Equity Court decreed that the property should be sold, and the property was described as follows: "a large and substantial brick dwelling, consisting of six rooms exclusive of cellar and attic, three tenant houses, stable, hay barracks and other outbuildings, in the best state of cultivation, adjoining the Fort Foote steamboat landing."<sup>15</sup> The 246-acre property was sold in 1890, and the Independent Steamboat and Barge Company (incorporated 1889) was permitted to receive and collect rents and profits from the property.<sup>16</sup>

The Notley Hall Association, a black-owned and operated amusement park company, was formed circa 1894. In cooperation with the Independent Steamboard and Barge Company, the Association established an amusement park on the waterfront at approximately that time. The 1894 Hopkins map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C. shows that the excursion grounds consisted of three buildings and a pier. Lower Notley Hall was shown as in use by the Association, and Upper Notley Hall (the subject house) appears to have been unoccupied.<sup>17</sup> In 1896, a black-owned Washington newspaper carried the following: "an Excursion upon the old reliable Steamer Mary Washington, to Notley Hall.... It is well known that Notley Hall Dancing Pavillion is the finest on the River"<sup>18</sup>; in 1897 the Park offered "Bowling Alley, Riding Horses, Swings, Shooting Gallery and everything usually found at a first-class Excursion Resort. The Notley Hall Dancing pavillion is the finest and largest on the Potomac River."<sup>19</sup> By 1898 the park had been "improved by the building of a new wharf and dredging the canal so that the larger boat can make the wharf without any difficulty. The grounds, with a large dancing pavillion, tenpins alley, shooting gallery, flying horses and an excellent pony track, form a collection of attractions unsurpassed by any place of amusement on the river."<sup>20</sup> The park itself was approximately 2,500 feet west of the subject house, and it is uncertain whether Upper Notley Hall was occupied at that time.

In 1912 the manager of the amusement park took out a mortgage on the 246-acre park, and within four years was forced to sell to the holder of the mortgage.<sup>21</sup> The new owner, Charles E. Stewart, leased the house to tenants, but the house was in deteriorating condition. After Charles Stewart died, his heirs applied to the Equity Court for partition and sale of the property. Depositions were taken from several workmen who were hired to repair the house. Joseph Brosnahan, tinner, described his repairs to the roof: removal of old shingle and replacement with tin, replacement of several of the attic dormers, and installation of new gutters and downspouts.<sup>22</sup> By this time, 1925, the wharf had been washed away and the park had closed. The Court appointed a trustee to sell the property, and in 1925 the 246 acres were sold to a real estate company. For nearly twenty years after this, Admirathoria (Upper Notley Hall) was occupied by tenants.<sup>23</sup> The area was surveyed in 1936, and residential development began soon afterwards. The owner retained 25 acres around the house, which he sold in 1945 to Van Arsdale Turner.<sup>24</sup>

When the Turners moved in to Admirathoria, they installed central heating for the first time, and improved the existing electricity. The original wood mantels were removed and replaced with antique marble mantels, and antique crystal chandeliers were installed in the parlors. A kitchen was built into the front stairhall of the house, and the old separate kitchen building was destroyed. The renovated Admirathoria was the home of the Turners until 1978, and it is still the residence of their heirs.

Admirathoria is one of very few Georgian buildings of the late eighteenth century surviving in Prince George's County, and the only one of this floor plan. Mt. Lubentia (P.G. #73-16, National Register) also has the asymmetrical plan, with a spacious and formal side stairhall and

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three other parlors, but, unlike Admirathoria, it has a central rear passage leading to a rear door. Mount Lubentia, unlike Admirathoria, has fully mature Federal style decorative detail. Admirathoria has been significantly altered, with interior renovations and a total change of roof line; it is, however, still an outstanding example of eighteenth century Georgian brick architecture, and an important visual feature in the Potomac region of Prince George's County.

Notes

- 1 Patent Liber #5:194; resurvey 1715. The name is spelled Rozer or Rozier through all time periods.
- 2 Prince George's County Will #1:165; from this point on, the land designation was spelled "Admirathoria".
- 3 Photo archives of Early American Architecture, #755-#777; Library of Congress.
- 4 Census for Prince George's County, 1790, 1800.
- 5 Prince George's County Will T #1:518.
- 6 Prince George's County Tax 1794, 1796, 1800. The indispensable 1798 Federal Direct Tax is missing for most of the Piscataway Hundred.
- 7 Prince George's County Will T #1:523.
- 8 Prince George's County Deed AB #2:281.
- 9 Prince George's County Marriage Licenses, cf. also will WAJ #1:178.
- 10 Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1840's, 1850; Martenet Map of Prince George's County, 1861.
- 11 Prince George's County Will WAJ #1:178; Planters' Advocate 11 July 1860.
- 12 Prince George's County Tax assessments 1860's.
- 13 Prince George's County Deed HB #3:255.
- 14 Census of Prince George's County, Oxon Hill District, 1880.
- 15 Prince George's County Equity #1663.
- 16 Prince George's County Deed JB #1:240.
- 17 G. M Hopkins Map, Vicinity of Washington, D.C., 1894.
- 18 Washington Bee XV, #1, 6 June 1896.

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- 19 Washington Bee XVI, #2, 12 June 1897.
- 20 Washington Bee XVII, 18 June 1898.
- 21 Prince George's County Deeds #85:61; #108:450.
- 22 Prince George's County Equity #5550.
- 23 Ibid; Prince George's County Deed #245:490.
- 24 Prince George's County Deed #802:180.
- 25 Prince George's County Deed #4994:335; interview with family member, current resident, Spring 1987.



(revised information entered 11/9/61)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Admirathoria

AND/OR COMMON (Upper) Notley Hall

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8425 Fort Foote Road

CITY, TOWN Oxon Hill CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4th

STATE Maryland VICINITY OF Prince George's COUNTY

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME William & Ann Bahrenburg

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 4994  
Folio #: 335

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion, MNCPPC, 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN Riverdale, Md. 20737 STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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**

Admirathoria is a two-and-one-half-story brick house laid in Flemish bond. The main (south) facade is three bays wide, with transom lighted entrance in the central bay. There is a decorative cornice of brick: alternate projecting headers forming a dentil pattern. The roof is now a modified mansard, with three dormers on the main facade and one on each end. Two interior chimneys, one at each end (but toward the north or rear of the house), appear to have been rebuilt.

In plan, the main entrance leads into a large stair hall (to the right), with a small parlor to the left. At the rear are two more parlors, each with a fireplace on the exterior (east/west) wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			local history

SPECIFIC DATES \_\_\_\_\_ BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Rozer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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1. Patent #5:194; Rent roll #38:125
2. Will #1:165; P.G. Tax assessment 1796
3. Will T#1:518; Deed AB#2:281
4. Deed HB#3:255; JB#1L240; #42:18; #802:180

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION

P.G. Co. Historical &amp; Cultural Trust

DATE

Jan. 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Calvert Mansion, MNCPPG, 4811 Riverdale Rd

TELEPHONE

779-2011

CITY OR TOWN

Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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all my land Admirathoria Manor, to be passed  
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(entered 9/15/80)

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 80-5 Date ca. 1790 18<sup>th</sup> c

Building Name Admirathoria (Upper Notley Hall)

Location 8425 Fort Foote Road, Oxon Hill

Open to Public  yes  no

Admirathoria is a two-and-one-half story brick house laid in Flemish bond. The main (south) facade is three bays wide, with transom lighted entrance in the central bay. There is a decorative cornice of brick: alternate projecting headers forming a dentil pattern. The roof is now a modified mansard, with three dormers on the main facade and one on each end. Two interior chimneys, one at each end (towards the north or rear of the house), appear to have been rebuilt.

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chartered  
about 1870

Priv/occ/res/good

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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COMMON:  
Admirathoria

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Upper Notley Hall

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8425 Ft. Foote Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Oxon Hill

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Prince George's

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mrs. Van Arsdale Turner

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8425 Ft. Foote Road

CITY OR TOWN: Oxon Hill STATE: Maryland

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region

DATE OF SURVEY:  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story brick structure, sitting on a high foundation, laid up in Flemish bond. The main (south) facade is three bays, with the transom-lighted doorway in the central bay. Below the eaves, the cornice consists of a course of headers, every other one projecting dentil-like. The first floor windows are 12/12 double-hung sash; the second floor windows 8/12. Three dormers in the bell-hipped roof have pairs of double 6/6 double hung sash. On the main facade, a one story porch has been replaced by simple steps to the door.

The rear facade has two windows on each floor, the sash identical to that on the main facade. There is a single dormer window in the roof.

On either end wall are double chimneys, rising on the plane of the wall; they are of a twentieth century form.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC      DATE: 19 Nov 73

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CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

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Significance of this property is:  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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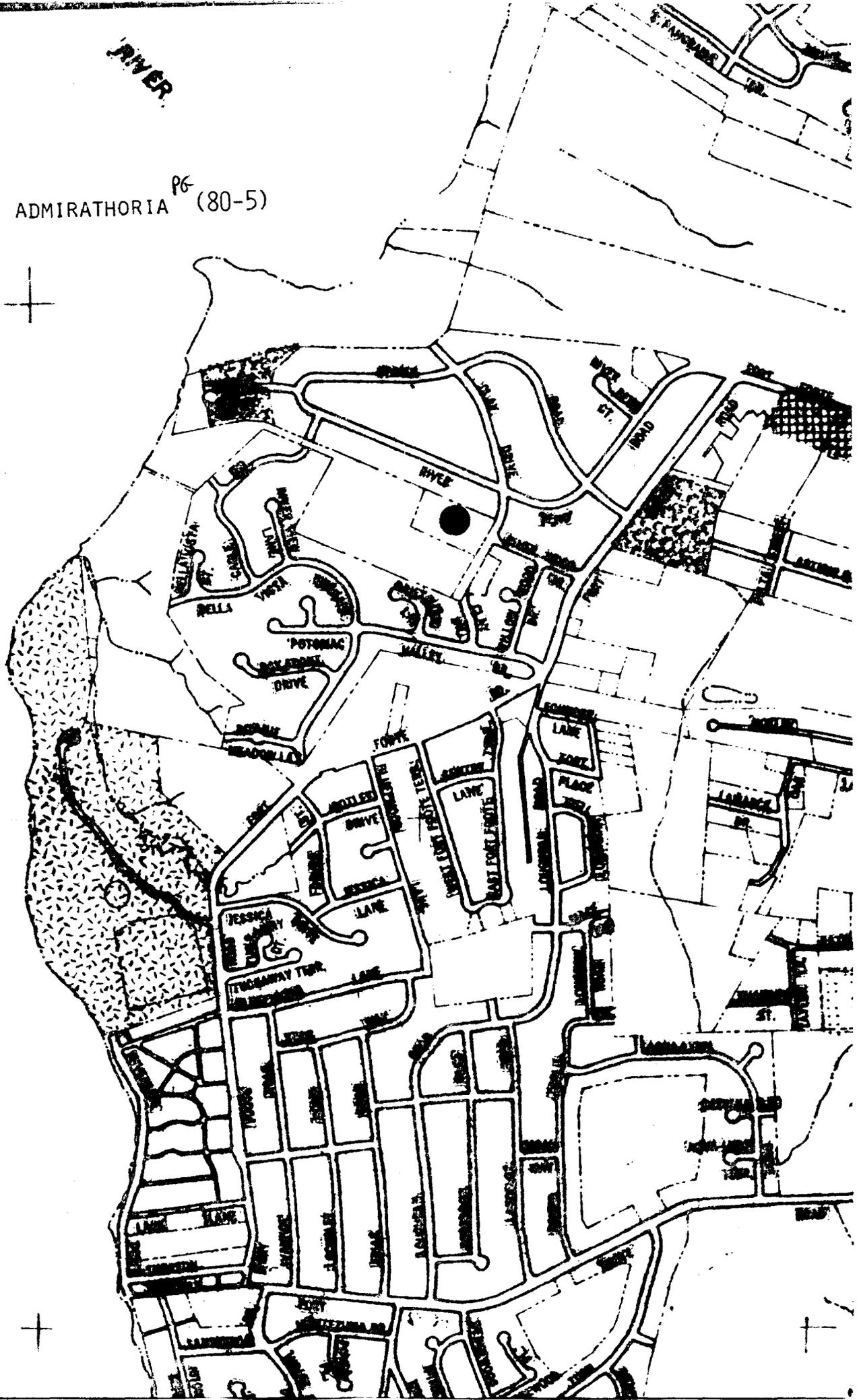
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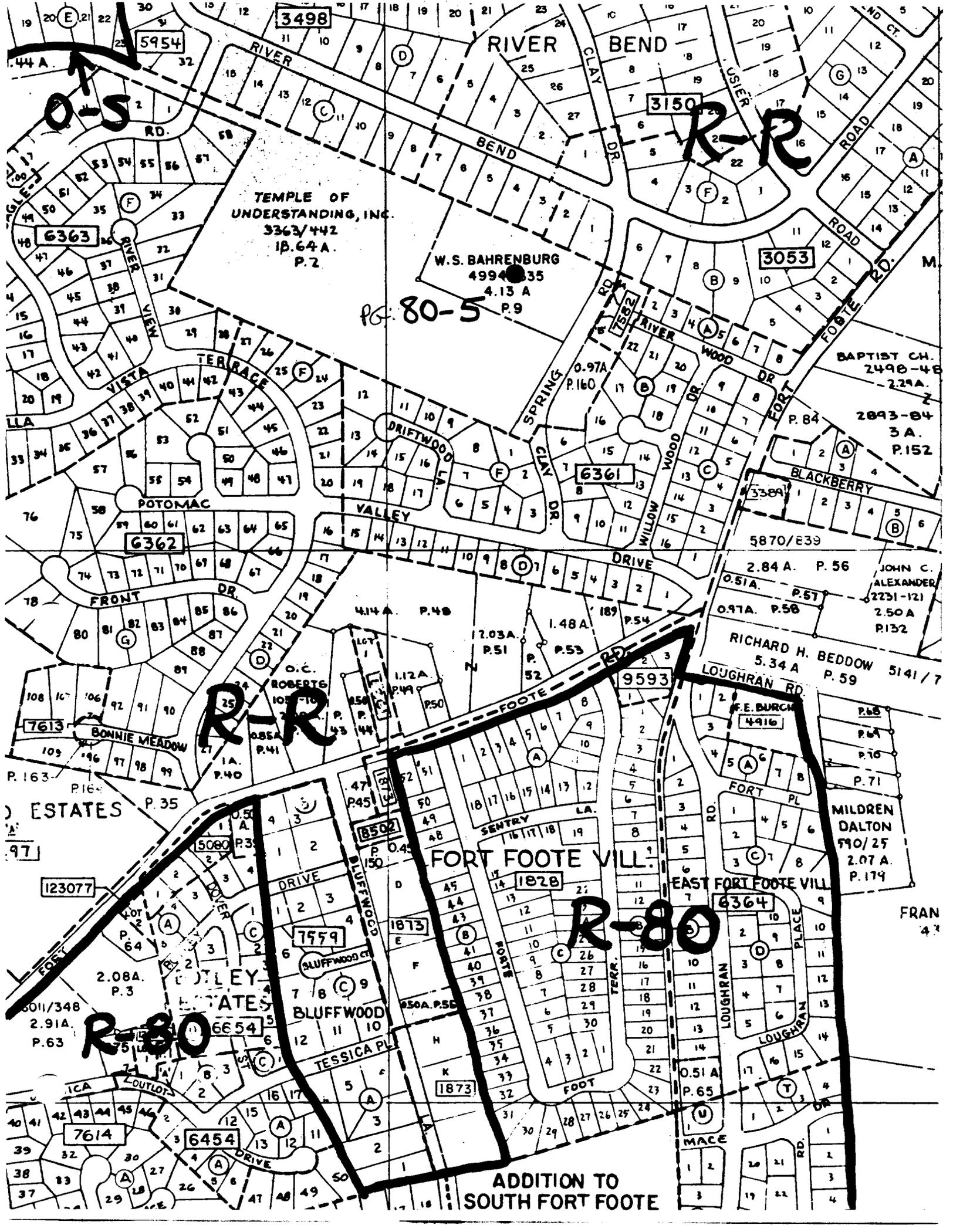
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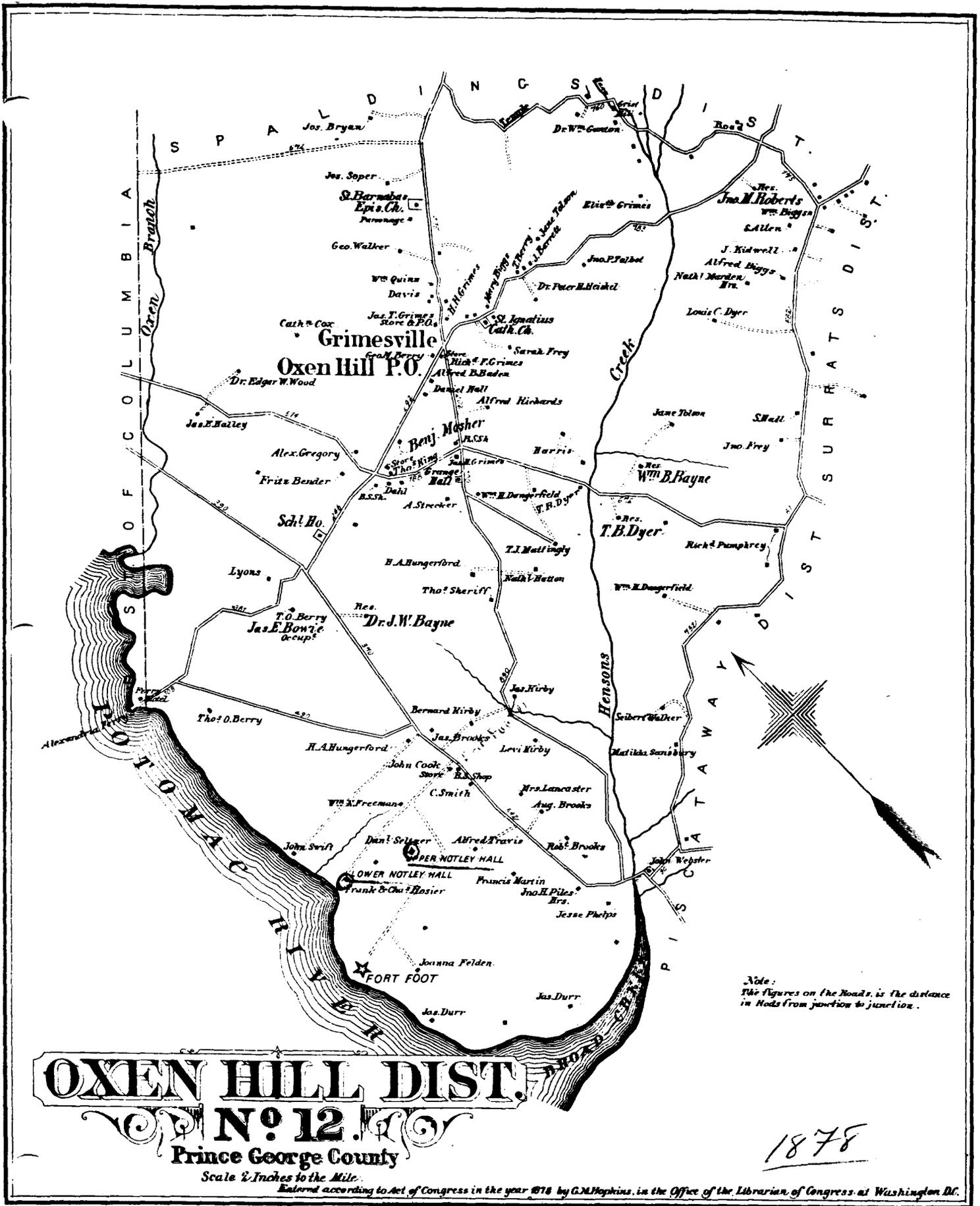


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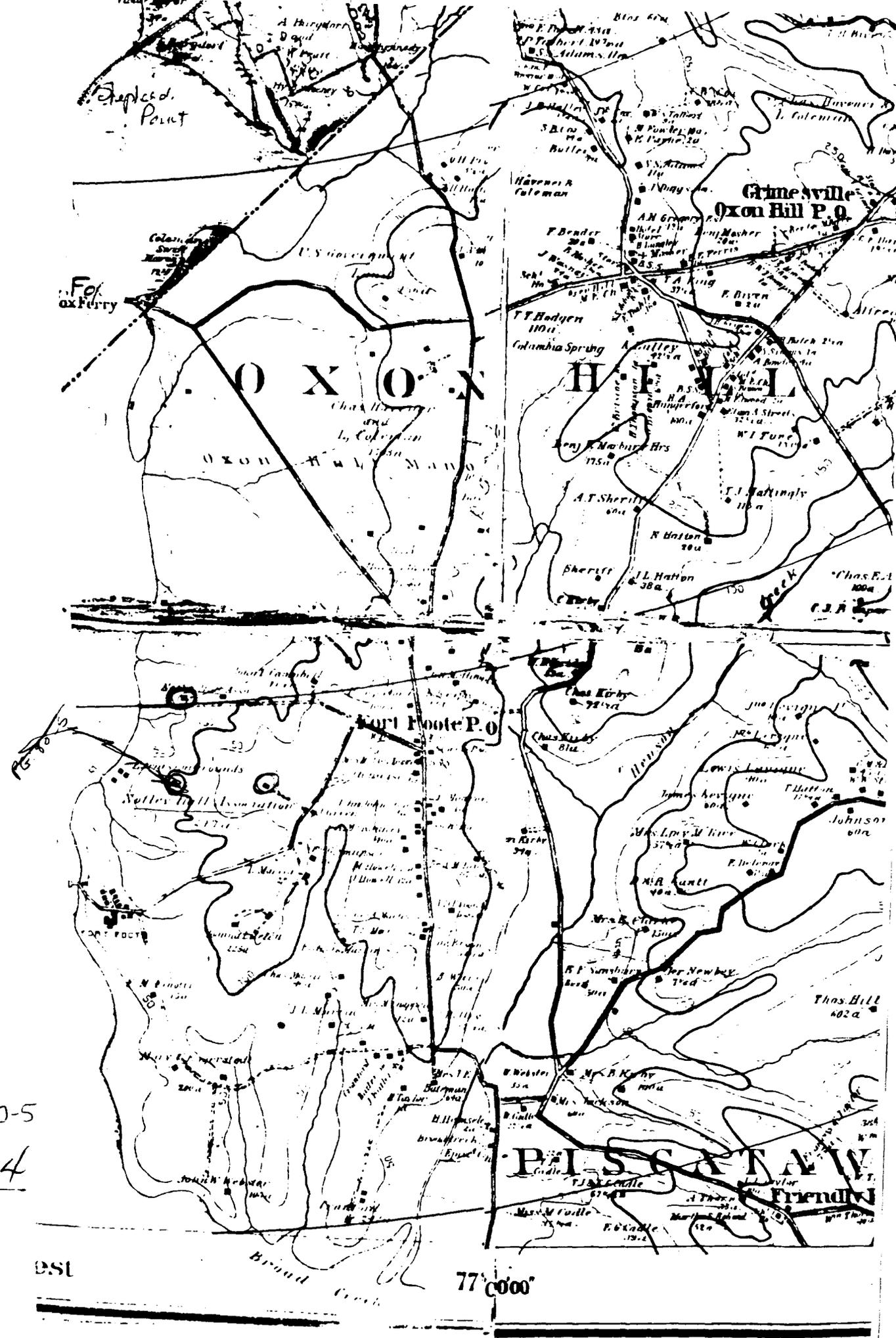
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" Queen Anne,.....	2.70..7.66
To Episcopal Church,.....	
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" Lemon's Bridge,.....	4.40..16.96
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" Marsham Warring,.....	1.84..6.20
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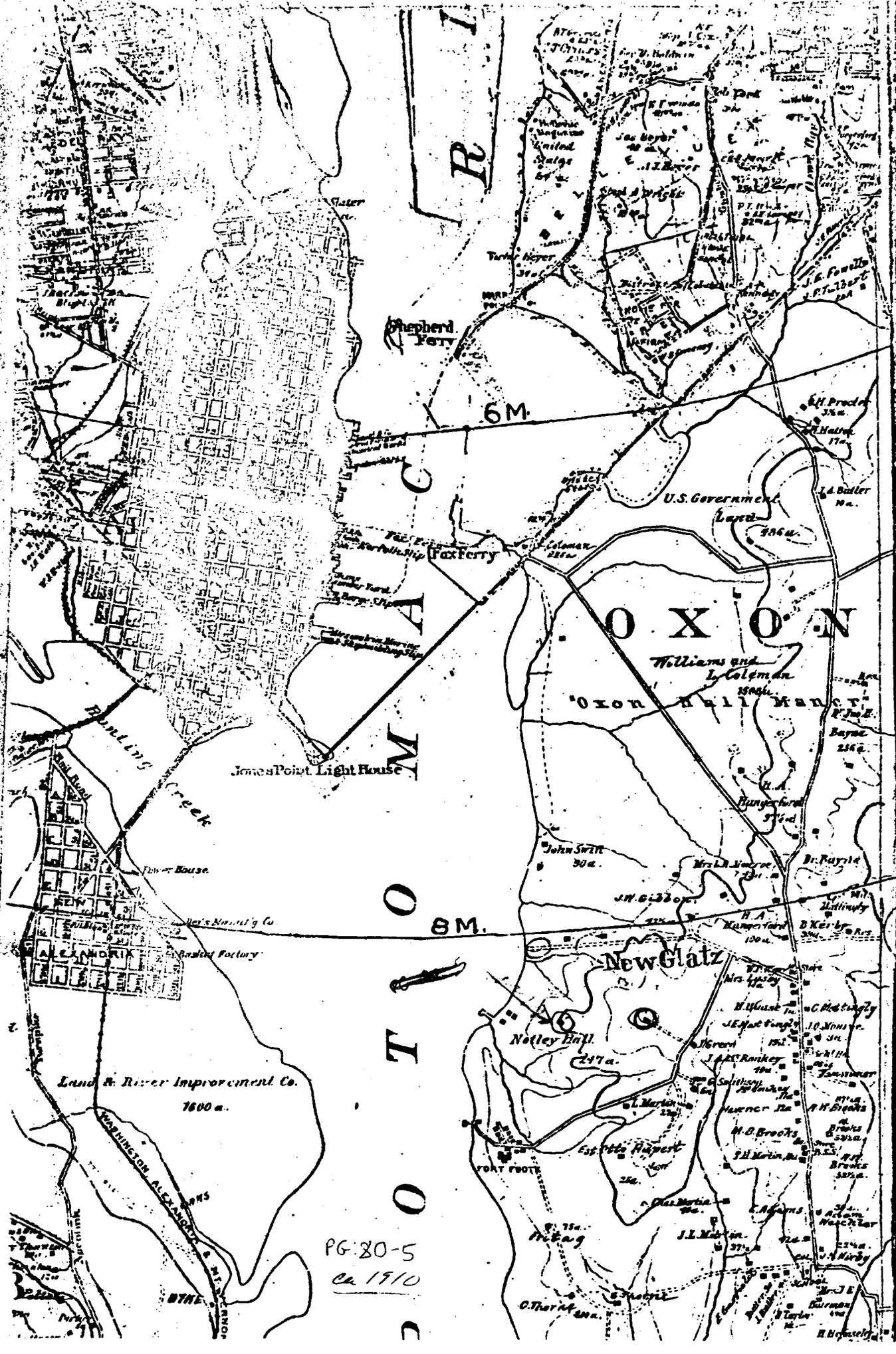
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April 1987  
Southeast 3/4 elevation  
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