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WORTHINGTON'S QUARTERS

circa 1755

Simpsonville

Private

This marvelous county landmark has a fascinating history as the tract of land on which it stands, "Wincopin Neck", was originally surveyed by Benjamin Warfield et al, whose only daughter, Elizabeth married Colonel Henry Ridgely of Montpelier. Wincopin Neck later came into the hands of Richard Warfield, II who gave it to his only son, Alexander. The Maryland Gazette carried an article in 1755 on the death of Richard II at age 79 and related that his son Alexander, had located on "Wincopin Neck" and Warfield's Contrivance. This would date Worthington's Quarters at 1755.

A five bay wide, one room deep, two story stone structure with rear appendages, and central door and hall, it has many similarities in plan to its neighbor Wildwood, the Dower House of the property.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE
WORTHINGTON'S QUARTER DISTRICT #6

When nominated, it will be:

1. NAME

COMMON:
"White Hall" (or Iris Hill) Worthington's Quarter

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
~~Kindler Road~~ Weather Worn Way

CITY OR TOWN:
Simpsonville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Howard County

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
			ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr and Mrs Thomas Ireton

STREET AND NUMBER:
Kindler Road / P.O. Box 205

CITY OR TOWN:
Simpsonville, Howard County

STATE:
Maryland 21150

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Howard County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse Square

CITY OR TOWN:
Ellicott City

STATE:
Maryland 21043

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"White Hall", an old homestead having a history of more than two centuries still stands today upon a part of "Wincopin Neck", a joint survey made by two brothers, Benjamin and Richard Warfield II, sons of Richard and Elinor (Browne) Warfield, situated on the Middle Branch of the Patuxent River, adjoining "Montpelier" in Howard County, Maryland. It is one of the oldest homes in the State and although it is now unoccupied, it has a proud record which represents intimate contacts with numerous founders of many pages of Maryland History.

The house is a rough-cast brick, now showing its age. Several years ago a section of the walls was shingled in order to preserve a portion which was rapidly deteriorating as a result of the crumbling protective cement. It is indeed remarkable that the two long granite steps which lead up to the front porch have maintained their perfect composition throughout the centuries. These slabs were obtained from the quarry at Port Deposit and were put into place when the house was built.

Within the front door there is a wide and spacious hall, with the stairway on the left and directly ahead a door opening on the large porch in the rear of the house, from which can be seen the twin bridges which span the winding Middle Patuxent River which flows near the "White Hall" property, connecting a narrow country dirt road, which at one time was the shortest route to Laurel, but is now impassable for automobiles because of the weeds and washouts.

Although the large wood stove has been removed from the spacious room on either side of the hall, the sheets of metal over a section of the wall and ceiling, together with the chimney hole and large open fireplaces, are reminders of the methods used for heating the rooms during the cold winters. The deep window wills convincingly indicate the thickness of the walls which were a sturdy protection from the elements. The large rooms, high ceiling, and wide hallways, speak unerringly that this huge building was once the home of luxury.

In the rear of the house on the left of the hall is the kitchen, flanked by a pantry almost as large as the spacious kitchen itself. From the kitchen there are two outside doors, one which leads to the back porch and the other to the side of the house, where at a short distance is the well over which the kitchen basket one hung to draw up the water. From the kitchen there is also a back stairway which leads to the servants quarters on the second floor.

The second floor is divided into two separate sections by a few steps which connect the hall stairway. Usually the bedrooms on one side of the house were used by the members of the household and those on the other side were used by guests who never failed to enhance the prevailing atmosphere of southern hospitality.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"White Hall" is the name by which this homestead has been recognized since the beginning of its existence in the Colonial period, there has been a time when it was known as "Glenburnie". Perhaps this name was used to avoid confusion between this home and the "White Hall" of its neighboring county Anne Arundel at Annapolis. At the time of this writing, 1936, the neighbors in the vicinity regard it as the "old hegeman Homestead" for in the late generations it was occupied by the Hegemen Family for over a half a century and since then, there have been no permanent family connections with this home.

"White Hall" was heired first by Mrs. Elizabeth Ridgely, wife of the third Col. Henry Ridgely of Anne Arundel County, and daughter of Benjamin Warfield, one of the original surveyors of "Wincopin Neck". It was later heired by Alexander Warfield, son of Richard Warfield II, who was a brother of Benjamin.

Alexander put his son Rezin and Honor(Howard) Warfield upon it. Honor Howard was the daughter of Henry and Sarah (Dorsey) Howard. It came to Anne Warfield, daughter of Rezin and Honor Warfield, who was the wife of Major Richard Lawrence of Revolutionary Fame, who was known as Major Lawrence of "White Hall".

It was from this "White Hall" Mrs. Rezin Warfield went out as the bride of her husband's cousin, John Davidge to hand down her two celebrated sons, Dr. John and Henry Davidge, and afterward to die the widow of two more husbands.

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Removing from his birthplace in Anne Arundel County, a Dr. Carles Griffith Worthington (of Thomas) bought of Samuel Burgess and Leonard Sellman their interest in a surrounding survey called "Warfield's Range". Here Dr. Worthington organized the first medical school in the Province. This embryo-medical college still stands.

Dr. Worthington acquired adjoining property for the purpose of settling his sons upon it, all of which was called "Worthington's Addition". Dr. Thomas C. Worthington, his son and successor had already adjoined his father on the north before he fell heir to "White Hall". He married a daughter of Ralph and Harriet (Warfield) Dorsey and among their children were three sons; Brice, Charles Griffith II, and Thomas.

Upon the death of Thomas C. Worthington, who was possessed with a patriarchal beard, handsome form and courtly manners, so characteristic of those early founders of Colonial History in Maryland, "White Hall" passed to his son Brice, who was a bachelor, and from Brice Worthington it passed to his nephew, Dr. William Henry Worthington.

Dr. William Henry Worthington, (Jan. 30, 1812 - Jan. 5, 1886), a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Worthington was very young when both of his parents died. His uncle, Dr. Charles Griffith Worthington II, became his guardian and with him he studied medicine at the first medical college just in sight. He graduated at the Maryland University at the age of twenty-one.

In 1858, Dr. William Worthington sold the old home "White Hall", and reserved the graveyard, with a right of way to it, for the benefit of any of the family who might care to make use of it. Up to that time, there were five generations buried there.

Although the plot, enclosed within an iron fence, has been respected by the owners of "White Hall" since 1858, many of the inscriptions on the old tombstones are scarcely legible. In the face of age, there is an approaching danger that in the near future, all trace of the burials made here may be obliterated. In order that some record be maintained for posterity, a list of tombstone inscriptions will be found at the end of this article as they were observed by the writer.

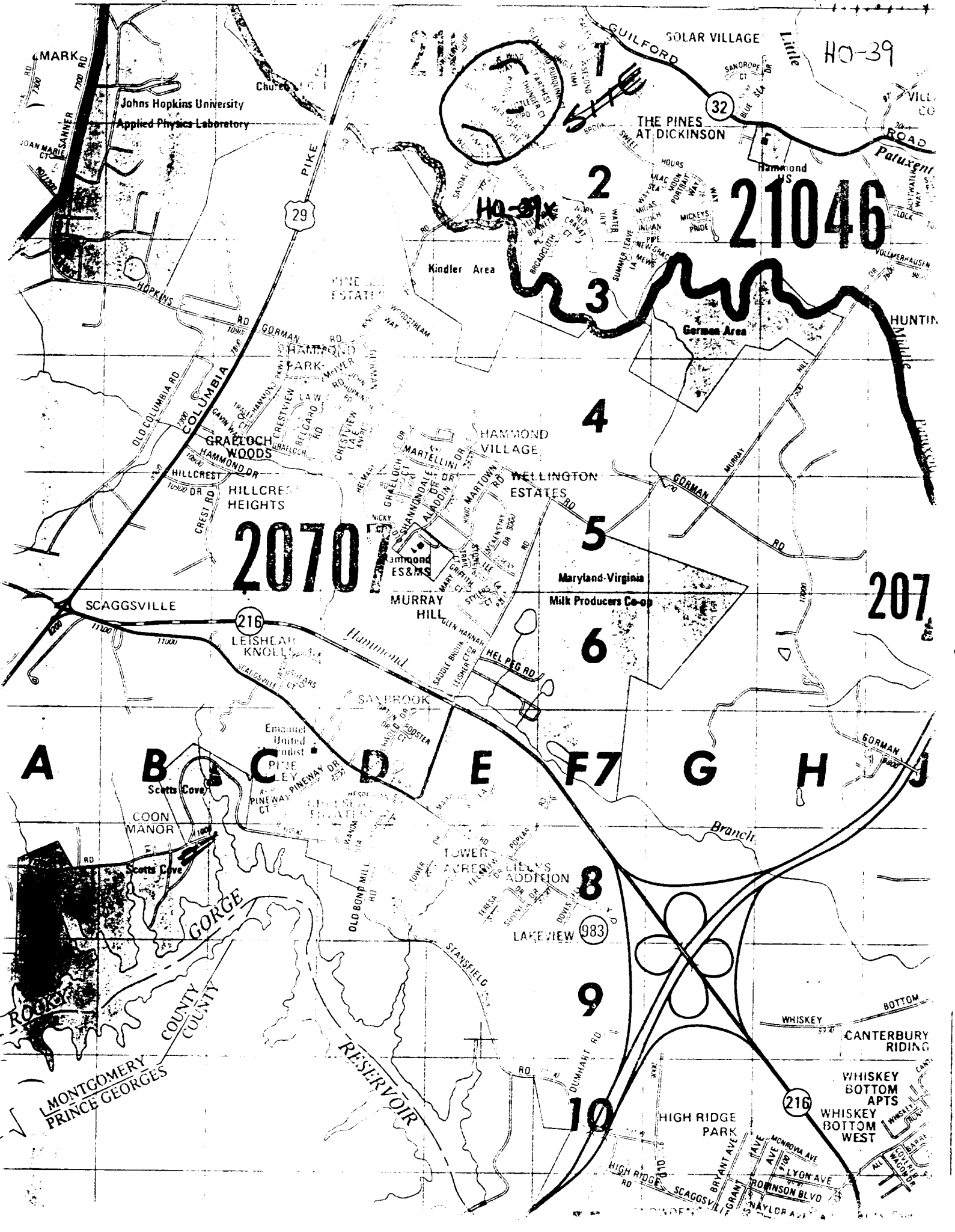
Richard H. Diggs, James M. Walsh and Philip B Pollard were consecutive owners of "White Hall" over a ten year period before it was finally purchased in 1868 by Timothy Smith Hegeman of Jamestown, N. Y. who was a direct descendant of Adrian Hegeman, an emigrant to New Amsterdam, now New York City, from Amsterdam Holland in 1651. Timothy Hegeman (Feb. 12, 1821 - July 11, 1901) married Phebe Mudge Willets (June 8, 1832 - Nov. 5, 1920) of Manhasset, Long Island and they had four children; Jeremiah, Rebecca Jane, Willet and Henry.

After the death of Timothy Hegeman, his son Jeremiah, unmarried, remained at "White Hall" with his mother. When his mother became ill and Jeremiah was no longer able to care for his mother unassisted, he was joined by his brother Willet, a widower, who left his large farm in Horseheads, N. Y. and came to "White Hall" where he devoted himself to his mother's care until her death. Two and one half years later, May 18, 1923, "White Hall" was sold by the heirs of Timothy Hegeman to its present owner, Henry J. W. Sieling. At that time, Willet took his brother home to his farm in Horseheads, N. Y. where Jeremiah lived until his death, Dec. 23, 1924.

An interesting early survey of the remaining part of the original "Wincopin Neck", consisting now of approximately 150 acres which includes "White Hall" follows:

"Beginning for the same at three bounded White Oak trees standing near the mouth of a small branch that empties into the middle branch of the Patuxent River. The said trees being the original beginning boundry trees of the land called "Worthington's Addition", marked on the plot at the letter A, and running thence with and bounding on said land North 58°15' East Nine perches. North 22°15' East Thirty-two perches. North 35°45' East Thirty-two perches. North 4°45' East Fifty-eight perches to a stone heretofore planted by Commission, thence North 11°45' East Thirty and a half perches, thence North 69°15' West One Hundred and Seventy and a half perches to the center of a county road, thence running with and bounding on the center of said road the nine following courses and distances, to wit.: South 36° West ten and a half perches, South 36°30' West thirty four perches, South 34°45' West forty seven and a half perches, South 52°15' West thirty perches, South 33°30' West ten perches, South 21° West twenty three perches, South 29°30' West ten and a quarter perches, to

intersect the 16th line of Worthington's Addition, thence running with and bounding thereon, South $11^{\circ}45'$ East twenty four and a quarter perches, to a stone heretofore planted, marked 29° thence North $53^{\circ}30'$ East seventy six and a half perches to a Cedar tree, South 80° East thirty six perches to a small Hickory tree by the side of said branch of the Patuxent River, thence running across said river, North 57° East four perches, North $15^{\circ}30'$ East twenty one and a half perches to a Spanish Oak heretofore bounded, thence South 63° East sixty three and a half perches to a Walnut tree, thence North 19° East twenty nine perches, South 79° East eighty seven and a half perches to a stone, thence North 85° West thirty five and a quarter perches to a stone, thence South 3° East twenty perches, thence South $16^{\circ}15'$ East forty two perches, to the first place of the beginning.



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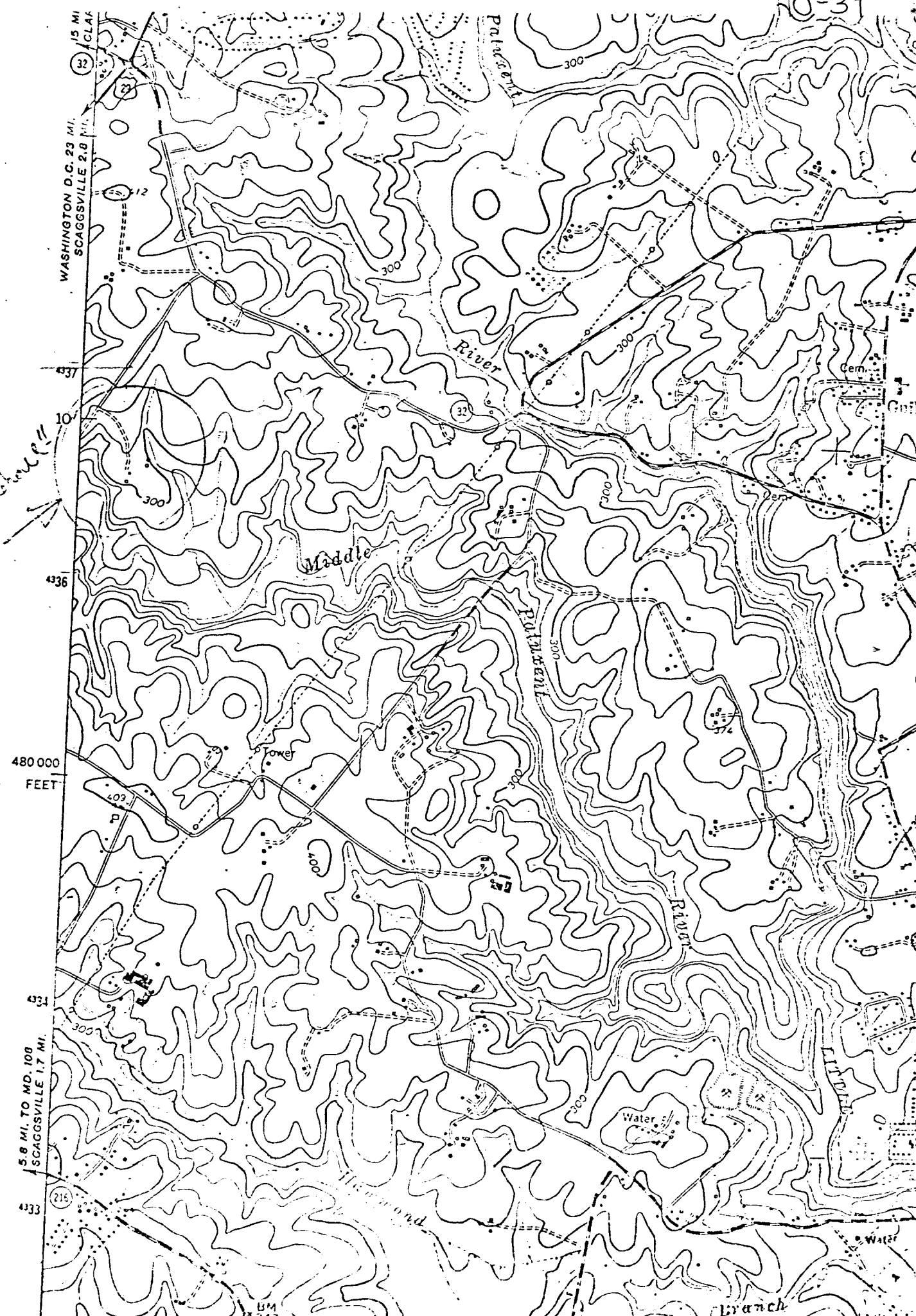
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