

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic THE HOWARD'S FAMILY HOMEPLACE FOR FREE SLAVES

and/or common MEADOWRIDGE ROAD CEMETERY LANE

## 2. Location

street & number (Southwest of Meadowridge Road, MD 103) (Homeplace Lane as of 8/25/95)  
Meadowridge and MAYFIELD Avenue  not for publicationcity, town ELKRIDGE  vicinity of 3 congressional district

state MARYLAND county HOWARD

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name James Howard &amp; WIFE C/O ROLAND HOWARD

street &amp; number 7334 Roosevelt Blvd. telephone no. (410)-796-1060

city, town Baltimore, Maryland state and zip code Maryland 21227

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Annie Howard dated January 21, 1898 liber 68

street &amp; number FIRST Election District Howard County folio 249

city, town Elkridge state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. HO-639

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Memories pf the 'homeplace' keep land in Howard's family for Ninety-Six (96) Years. This land and once upon a time a log cabin stood on this spot of ground adjacent to the Deep Run was a resting and stopping off place for Harriet Tubman where she could obtain water and food. Where she was safe, secure and protected, until she could reach the cemetery near freetown road. All free slaves lived on this tract of land called "Grecian Liege" owned by the Howard family for Ninety-Six (96) ycars. Three generations off Howards have lived in a log cabin that once stood on this tract of land. It is history of the Howard's family ancestor William Henry Howard slave of John Eager Howard's family in developing Howard County.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HO-639

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_

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.

History of the Howard family.

In 1851 Howard District of Anne Arundel County, became Howard County, with Ellicott City as the County seat. Named for John Eager Howard of the Revolutionary war fame. John Eager Howard had two daughters and Six sons George Howard was the only son of John Eager Howard that lived in Howard County.

William Henry Howard was a slave of George Howard a large slaveholder. who owns slaves. William Henry Howard lived in a log cabin near the Deep Run. William Henry Howard remained a slave until 56. In 1856 William Henry Howard was freed, a freedom certificate was issued by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County.

William Henry Howard a free slave remained in the Elkridge area in a log cabin near the Deep Run. William Henry Howard a free slave married a free man Annie Harris. Annie Howard worked for Theodore Tubman who set aside a tract of land called "Grecian Liege where all free slaves lived. After Theodore Tubman died his wife Mary Tubman sold all that tract of land called "Grecian Liege" To James Trimble and his wife. Annie Howard continued to work for James and Mary Trimble and in 1898 James Trimble and Mary Trimble sold all that tract of land called "Grecian Liege" to Annie Howard of Howard County a free slave for Twenty-Seven dollars and Eighty-One cent (\$27.81).

This tract of land has been owned by the Howard family for Ninety-five (95) years. Three generations of Howards have lived on this tract of land. A building was named in honor of John Eager Howard, but no recognition was given to the slaves of John Eager Howard family who helped to develop Howard County. This is the only land left to given some recognition to the slave who played a part in the development of Howard County.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HO-639

Deed dated January 22, 1898  
Freedom Certificate date 1856

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rev. Roland Howard -President

organization REGIONAL ACTION PLANNING Program, INC. date January 14, 1994

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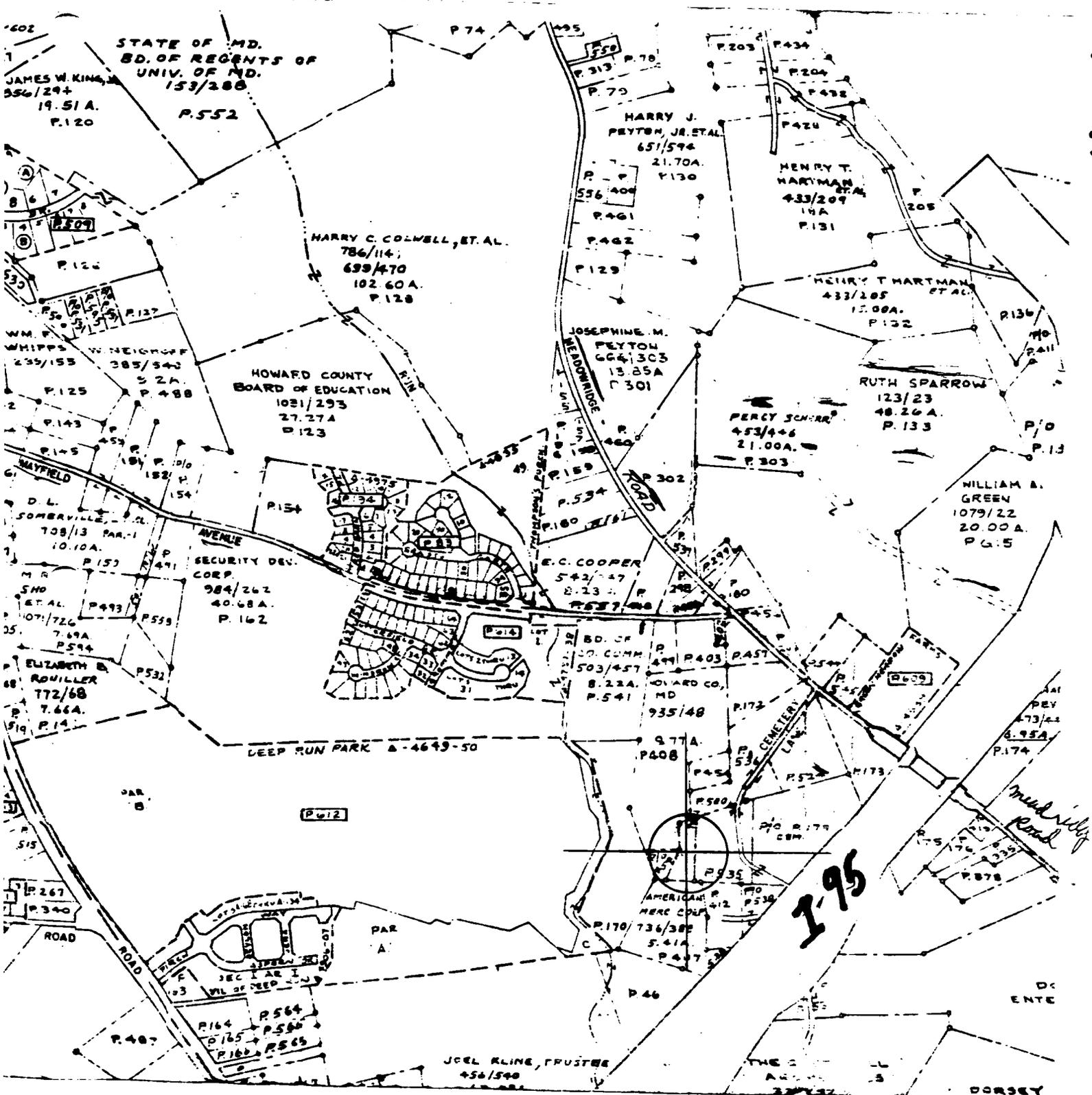
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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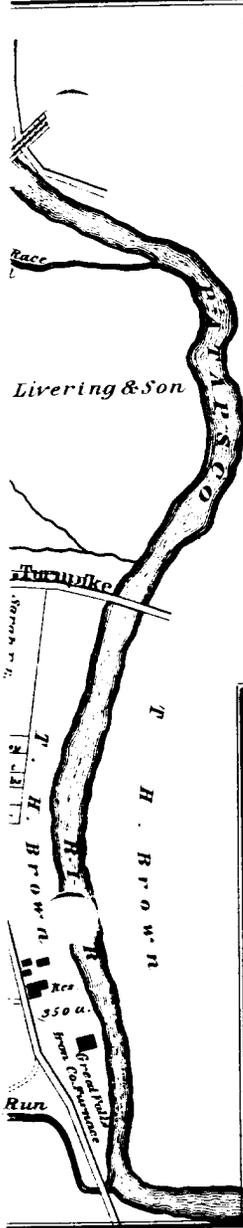
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Howard Family Homeplace  
Howard Co.

**Elkridge Landing Business Notices.**

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JAMES EARP.
TINSMITH.
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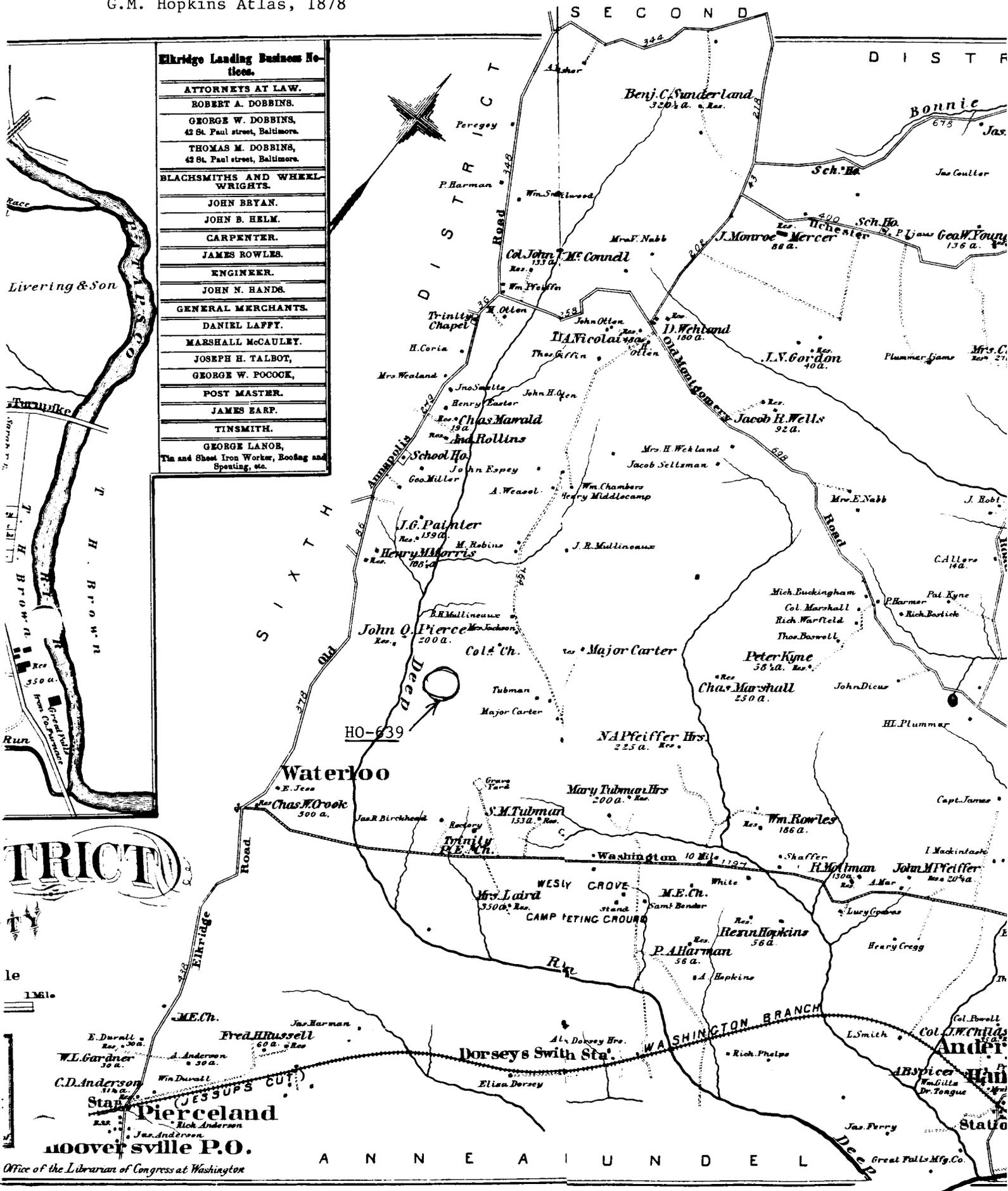


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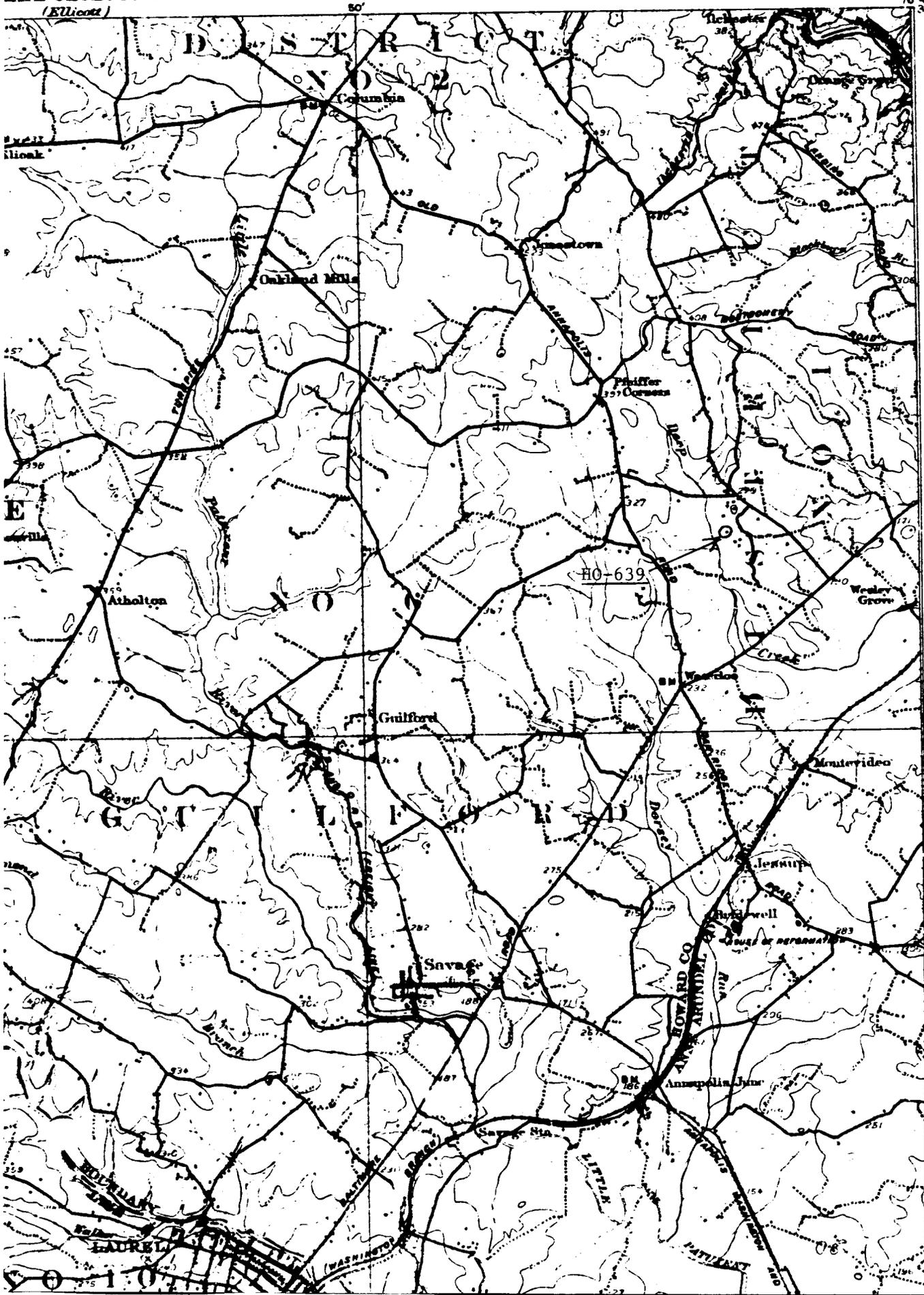
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**TOPOGRAPHY**  
STATE OF MARYLAND  
WILLIAM BULLOCK CLARK  
DATE GEOLOGIST  
(Elliott)

Howard Family Homeplace for Free Slaves  
Meadowridge Road (MD 103), Dorsey  
USGS 15' Quad, Laurel, MD, 1907

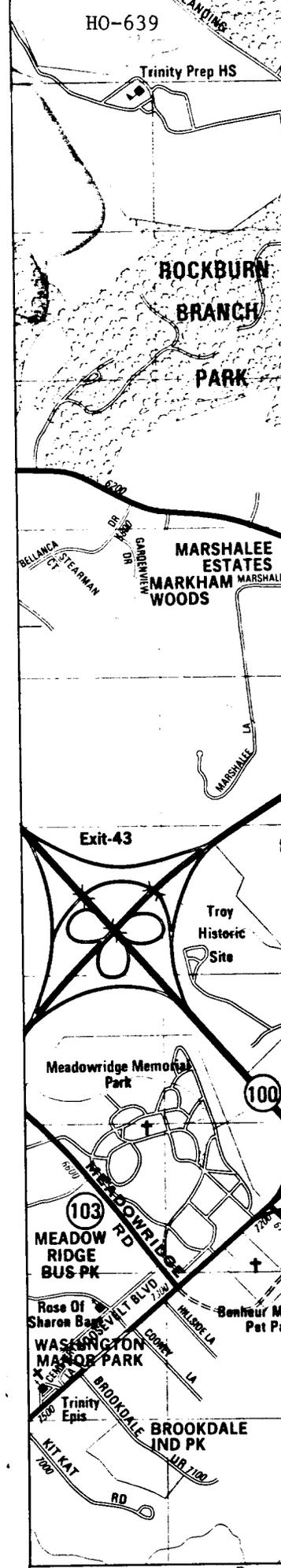
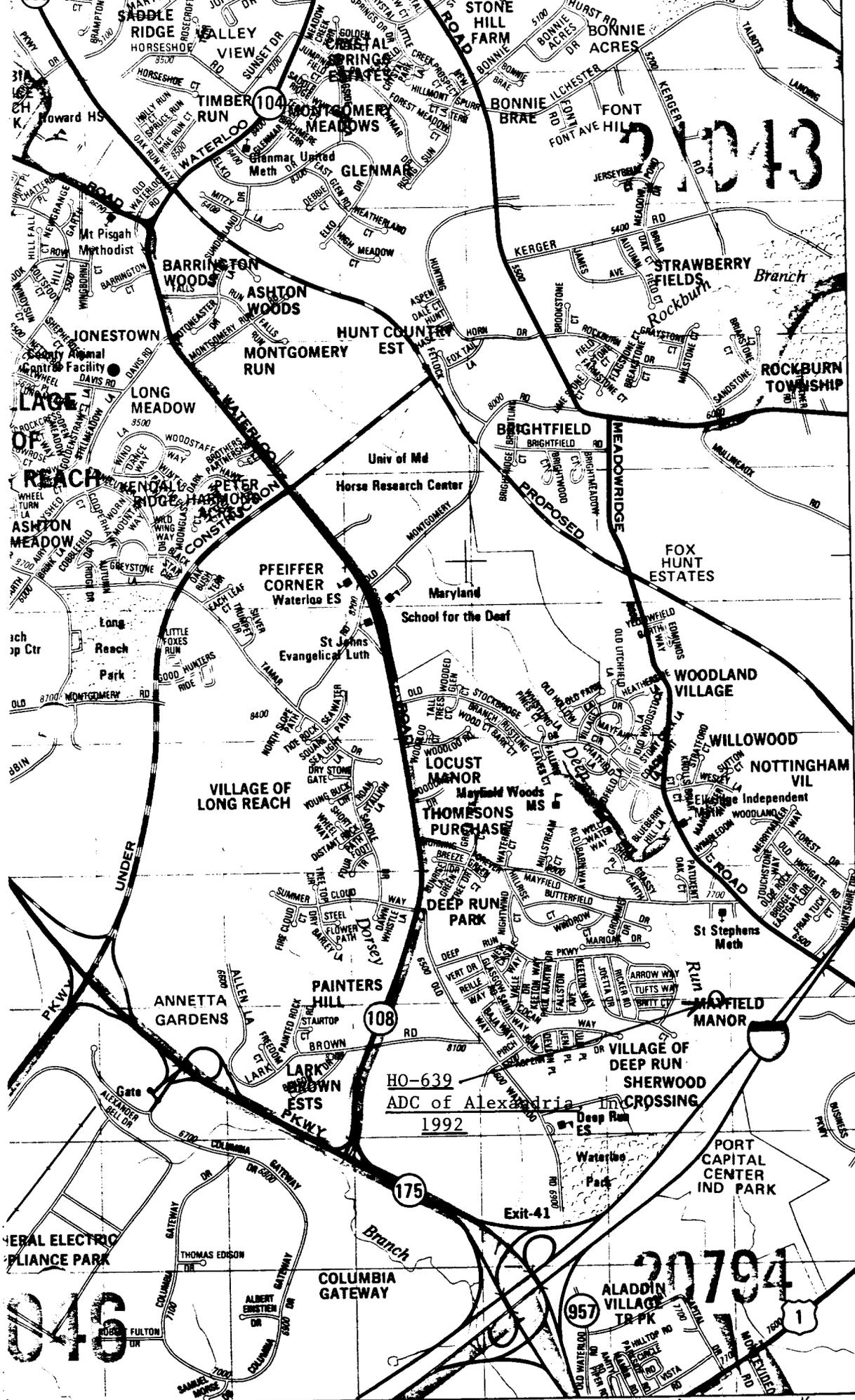
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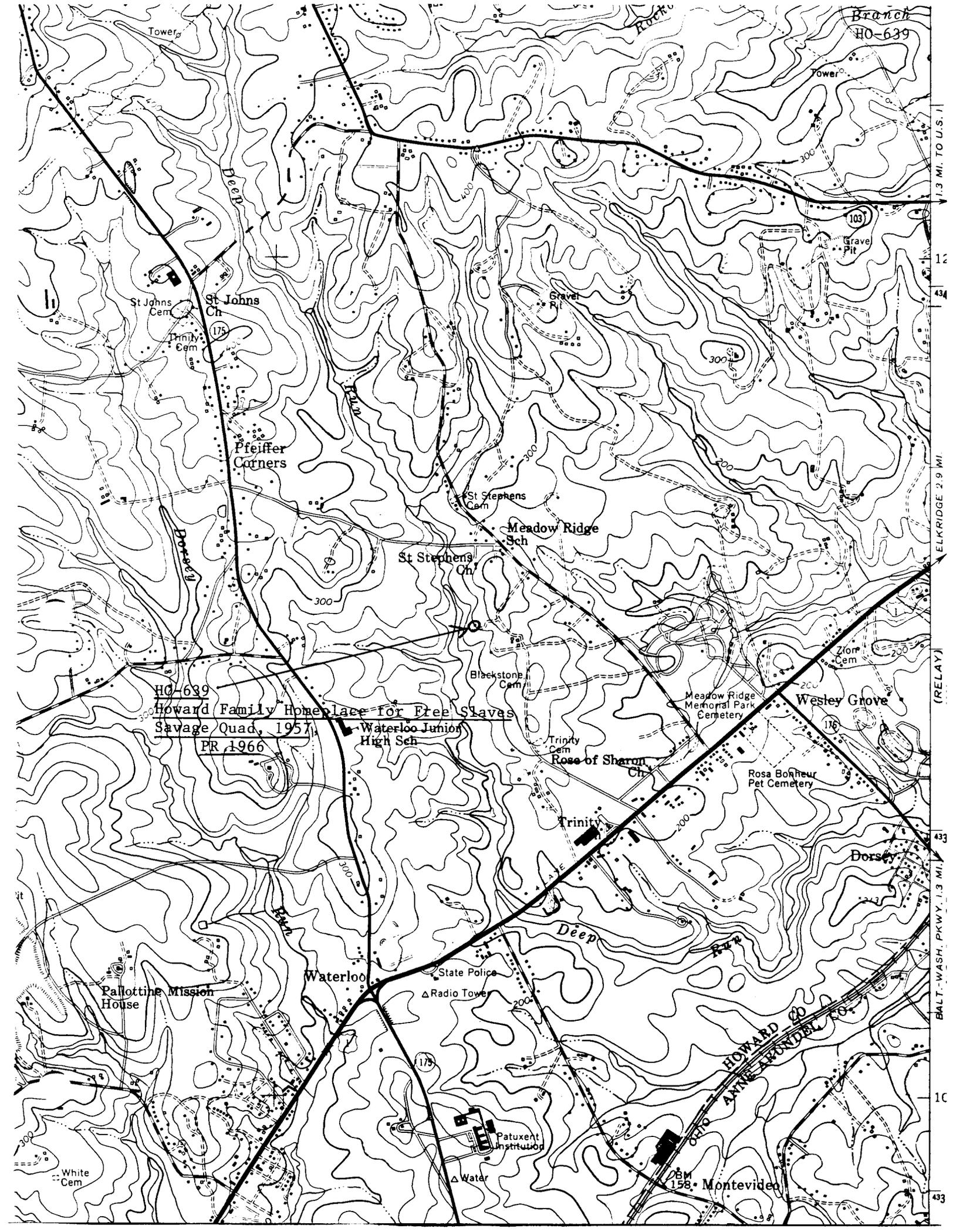
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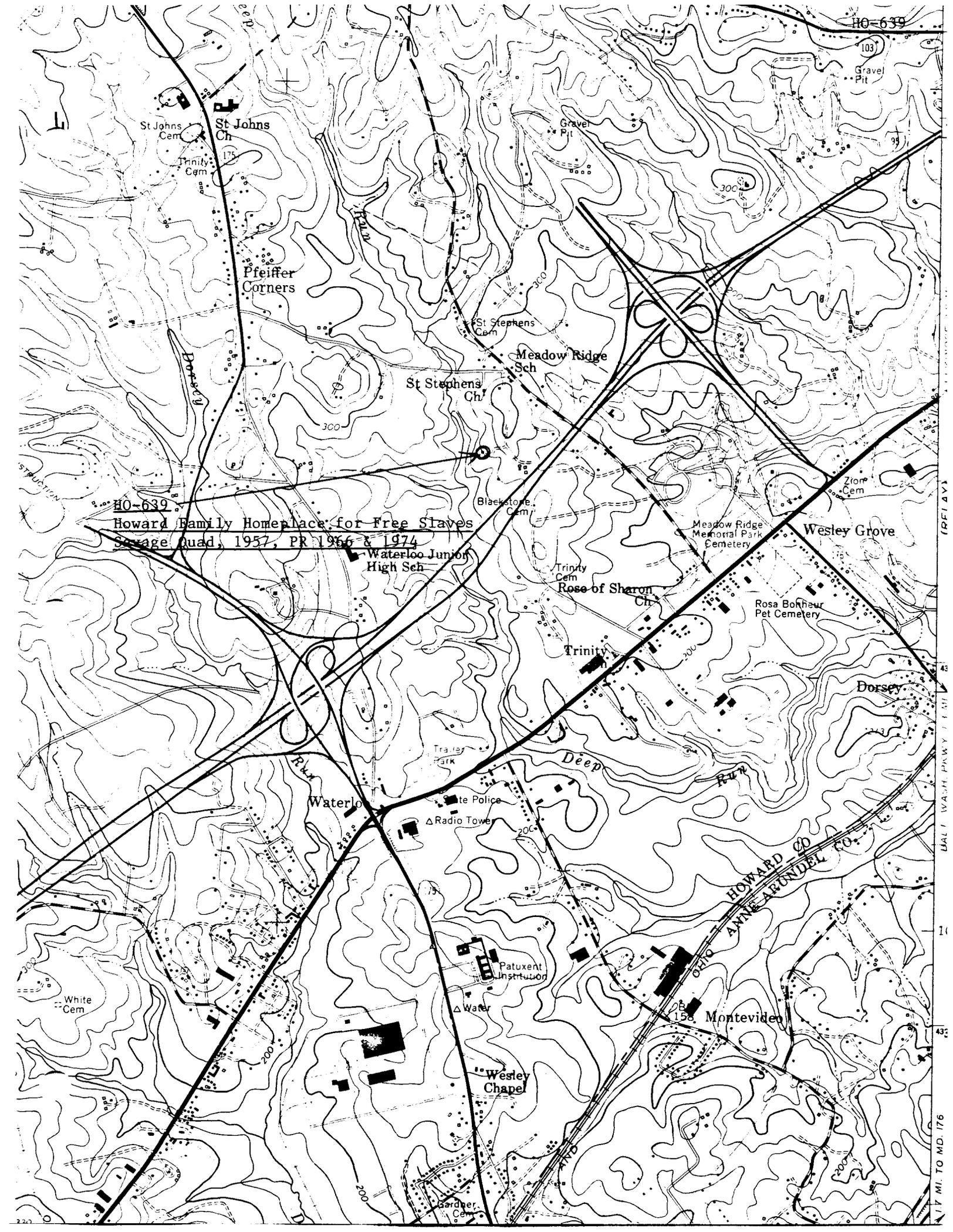
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Pfeiffer  
Corners

St Stephens  
Cem

Meadow Ridge  
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St Stephens  
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Blackstone  
Cem

Meadow Ridge  
Memorial Park  
Cemetery

Wesley Grove

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**Howard Family Homeplace for Free Slaves  
Storage Quad, 1957, PR 1966 & 1974**

Waterloo Junior  
High Sch

Trinity  
Cem  
Rose of Sharon  
Ch

Rosa Bonheur  
Pet Cemetery

Trinity

Dorsey

Waterloo

State Police  
Radio Tower

Deep

Patuxent  
Institution

Water

Montevideo

Wesley  
Chapel

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