

HO – 832
The E. Bird Williams Property
5854 Washington Boulevard
Elkridge

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While there is evidence that the E. Bird Williams property is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history, that affiliation is limited. It is apparent the historic uses of the building relate to the re-routing of US Route 1 away from the Main Street of Elkridge in the 1930's. While greatly modified, the resource exemplifies, to some extent, the roadside culture that prevailed along this road from the 1930's through the present day. The structure, as it stands, does not embody distinctive characteristics that would lend significance for architectural merit .

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic The E. Bird Williams Property
 other Daniel's Restaurant and Biker Bar

2. Location

street and number 5854 Washington Boulevard ___ not for publication
 city, town Elkridge, MD 21075 ___ vicinity
 county Howard County

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

name Daniel's Restaurant and Bar Inc.
 street and number 5854 Washington Boulevard telephone 410-796-4678
 city, town Elkridge state MD zip code 21075

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 720 folio 652
 city, town Ellicott City tax map 38 tax parcel 629 tax ID number 176005

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 at MHT
- _____ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ landscape	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	_____ buildings
_____ site		_____ defense	_____ sites
_____ object		_____ domestic	_____ structures
		_____ education	_____ objects
		_____ funerary	_____ Total
		_____ government	
		_____ health care	
		_____ industry	
		_____ recreation/culture	
		_____ religion	
		_____ social	
		_____ transportation	
		_____ work in progress	
		_____ unknown	
		_____ vacant/not in use	
		_____ other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

Located along the west side of US Route 1, (also known as: Washington Boulevard, The Baltimore-Washington Turnpike, and Washington Road), most of the parcel has been paved in asphalt and macadam. Today the building has a mixed use of restaurant, bar and with a residence on the second floor level.

The one and a half (1 1/2) story, rectangular building is of frame construction and has a simple gable roof that roughly is laid out parallel to the roadway, or in a north/south direction. The roof is finished in dark gray asphalt shingles. There is one gabled dormer, centrally located along the front slope of the roof. The dormer structure is sided in aluminum siding with what appear to be three vinyl frame windows (slider style) centrally placed on the front wall of the dormer.

The front façade of the building is currently sided in a chemically treated vertical board and batten construction (1"X10" boards and 1"X1" battens). The southern half of the front façade of the building has no fenestration. There is a single doorway to an interior storage area, that is sided to match the exterior walls. The northern half of the front façade has a solid wall from grade to about three feet in height. There is a counter at this height that serves an open bar area, with circular bar stools at the concrete sidewalk and adjacent to the special motorcycle parking spaces. Historic twelve (12) light windows are typically folded up and attached to the underside of the overhanging gable roof. In all there are six (6) windows along the front elevation. The porch wraps on around the north end of the building and is supported by two (2"X12") treated pine boards apparently glued together. There are three (3) more historic twelve (12) light windows, (clearly recycled from another historic building), located at this recessed façade. Both the east and north façades are recessed under this non-historic shed-roofed construction that comprises the exterior "biker bar" area. Most of the service side of the bar, behind the twelve light windows, seems to have been a former porch construction to the earlier residential structure. All of these remodeling efforts were undertaken in the last quarter of the twentieth century. The original bungalow style residence has been completely altered and remodeled over the years to serve as a restaurant and bar facility. Access to the building under the current configuration is located at the northern most end of the east façade. The door is a solid core metal door.

The north façade is of similar construction as described above. The upper half story, the gable end, is also sided in a narrower board and batten construction (dimensions unconfirmed), and is painted a "barn" red (or medium flat) red color. The second floor joist ends are exposed at this elevation, above the later shed roof of the bar area. Fenestration at the first floor level of this elevation consists of two pairs of glazed sliding windows, in keeping with the late 20th century "remodeling" efforts. The porch roof is supported by five (5) (6" X 6") treated wood posts. Between the columns is a simple board fence at about three feet in height above grade. There is one large, non-historic window (1/1 double-hung vinyl sash) at the center of the second floor, gable end of the building. The soffits have been enclosed with aluminum panels. The original residential roof form and the later shed porch roof have extruded six (6") inch gutters and downspouts.

The western most portion of this façade is a one story frame addition, with a simple shed roof (asphalt). This addition was constructed in the late twentieth century, with standard white aluminum siding. There is one small, fixed pane vinyl window at about six feet above floor level at the western most end of the north façade.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	N/A	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	circa 1900		

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

While there may be possible evidence that the E. Bird Williams property is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A), that affiliation is limited. The structure, as it stands, does not embody distinctive characteristics that would lend significance for architectural merit. The many alterations that have occurred at the building further limits the opportunity to express a strong significance statement.

NARRATIVE OF HISTORY

The E. Bird Williams property, today known as “Daniel’s Restaurant and Biker Bar”, is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history by virtue of its association with the development and use of US 1 (also known as: Washington Blvd., the Washington Road and following the Baltimore Washington Turnpike.) Historically the route between Baltimore and Washington dates back two centuries. The road that would become the Baltimore Washington Turnpike predated the “Residence Bill” of July 16, 1790, that established the national capital, “The Territory of Columbia.”

Originally constructed under the 1704 Act requiring 24 foot cart paths, the first section of the road was constructed in 1741 connecting Baltimore and Elkridge. By 1749 the road continued to Georgetown and the banks of what is now referred to as the Potomac River. According to many period accounts, maintenance was always a concern. During the turnpike movement of the late-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, several different turnpike companies tried to construct a successful turnpike. Only one company succeeded in 1820. Their success was short lived, as the State of Maryland condemned the road in 1865.

In 1906 the State responded to the public’s request for rebuilding the roadway and State Route 1 was officially born. The military used the road heavily during WWI and in 1918 and 1919 the road was laid in concrete and expanded by twenty feet in width. In 1925, State Route I became part of US 1, the so-called “Main Street” of the East Coast, from Fort Kent, Maine to Key West, Florida.

The development of US 1, as well as many other roadways during the early twentieth century, occurred in response to the culture’s acceptance and increased use of the automobile. Few inventions have had as great and as widespread an impact as the automobile. The National Park Service (NPS) reports:

“By 1920, more than 300 cities had roadside camping facilities for motorists and more than one million people used them. Streets and highways were quickly built or modernized and a uniform numbering system for highways was introduced in 1925. In 1930 nearly 27 million cars were registered. The production, sale, repair, and servicing of cars provided work for millions.”

With the Great Depression the tourist industry and related businesses were nearly cut in half between 1929 and 1932. The businesses that were successful during these difficult times were often ones that appealed to the smaller number of tourists on the road and maintained a smaller scale operation. As economic times improved later in the 1930’s and onward, roadside advertising became commonplace. Fanciful buildings, grand colorful signs (often humorous in language), and huge, over-sized sculptures of trademark

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Howard County Land Records, Howard County Courthouse, Ellicott City.

State Department of Assessments and Taxation Records, State of Maryland. Baltimore, MD.

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A History of Road Building in Maryland. State Roads Commission of MD, Baltimore, MD, 1958.

G.M. Hopkins, C.E. Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Baltimore including Howard County, Maryland. Philadelphia: 320 Walnut Street, 1878.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .36 acres
Acreage of historical setting same
Quadrangle name Relay Quad

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 38, Grid 3, Parcel 629

See attached map with parcel identified.

Also see legal metes and bounds description in attached Deed: Liber 720 Folio 652 dating to May 1, 1975.

Beginning for the same at a concrete monumnet at the end of the first line...and running ... south 27 degrees 45 minutes east 192.59 feet to the northwest boundary of the Baltimore and Washington Boulevard; thence running north 66 degrees 47 minutes east 77.74 feet; thence North 27 degrees 45 minutes west 95.53 feet to an iron pin; and north 27 degrees 45 minutes west 116.7 feet to an iron pin; thence running south 52 degrees 12 minutes west 78.71 feet, ... to the place of beginning.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	Mahood and Associates, LLC	date	January 15, 2004
street & number	510 Pafel Road	telephone	410-266-5608
city or town	Annapolis	state	MD

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DHCD/DHCP
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Behind the building is additional parking for automobiles and motorcycles. The previously described addition was constructed along the full length of the west façade. This addition currently serves as the institutional kitchen for the restaurant service. The rear façade has only one (solid panel, metal) door and one small window (similar to the one on the north façade.) irregularly located. There is another exterior deck/porch located at the southwest corner of the building.

Based on interviews with the current owners, it is their understanding that original siding and exterior finishes no longer exist under their remodeling work. They report the building was sided in "plastic shingles," when they purchased the property. Interior access was not available.

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characters and animals offered highly visible attractions for the passing motorist. All aimed to incline the traveler to stop, pass some time, and of course spend some money. These distinctive architectural and landscape features created a roadside or highway culture that, in part, gives context for understanding the history of many commercial and residential properties along Route US 1, including its run through Howard County.

The property, today known as Daniel's Restaurant and Biker Bar, has historically been a source of refreshment and social gathering along the historic Washington Boulevard, even when it served as residential dwelling. Deed research to the turn of the twentieth century documents the property as including a natural spring and source of fresh water for travelers or visitors. (It is important to realize, however, the site was not directly adjacent to the original Baltimore-Washington Turnpike alignment.)

Deed research indicates the property was purchased from Mr. Fancis Limeberger by Mr. Arthur Williams, October 25, 1887 (52/492). On March 20, 1905 Mr. Arthur Williams sold the property to Mrs. E. Bird Williams (his wife) (67/637). Ownership stayed in her name until she sold it in 1923 (December 24th) to Mr. Ferdinand L. Laumann and Catherine Laumann (his wife.) (119/327). The Laumann's maintained ownership until September 19, 1925, when the property was sold to Mr. John W. Williams. (Initial investigations were not able to determine if and how Mr. John Williams may have been related to either Arthur or E. Bird Williams.)

It is thought the simple frame residential structure on the site may have been originally constructed in the early years of the twentieth century, but this is difficult to confirm due to the many alterations, changes and additions that have occurred since that time. An interview with Mr. Daniel Daniels, owner of Daniel's Restaurant and Bar Inc., conducted on January 8th, 2004, yielded stories of the building's history in Prohibition times. The owners in those days (John W. Williams) kept a still hidden in the back yard. People came from far and wide to obtain libations and from these early times to today the property has been offering such pleasures. When licensing became the law for the service of liquor in Maryland, the property was "grandfathered" under the law. Today patrons are legally able to walk anywhere on the property with open containers of alcoholic beverages. Mr. Daniel's claims it is the only establishment in Maryland that is able to allow patrons such opportunities. His establishment is open every day of the year, even holidays and Sundays in order to preserve this right. According to Mr. Daniel's, if they ever close for even one day, the current laws will become applicable. Mr. Daniel's displays several photographs of the establishment taken during key events along the road in front of the building, various parades as well as biker gatherings. Unfortunately, he was not able to share copies of the photographs and some of the dates are not confirmed. (One image, however, included an historic automobile probably dating to the 1940's.)

John W. Williams sold the property to Horace J. Cugle and Mary E. Cugle on February 24, 1949 (208/562). On November 22nd 1963 the property was sold to John F. Pearl and Geraldine L. Pearl (his wife) (411/645). In 1975, the Daniel's couple purchased the property under the name of Daniel's Restaurant and Bar Inc.

Based on the interview with Mr. Daniels, the building most dramatically altered when he obtained ownership. At this time the residential structure (clad in "plastic siding") was converted to allow the first floor to serve as an open restaurant space. Residential space remains in the upper story today. The Daniels family resided the building, created the outside bar areas, added other additions as noted above in Section 7 - Description.

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Martinette Map of 1860.

Interview with Mr. Daniel Daniels, current owner of the property, and his son Ben Daniels. January 8, 2004.

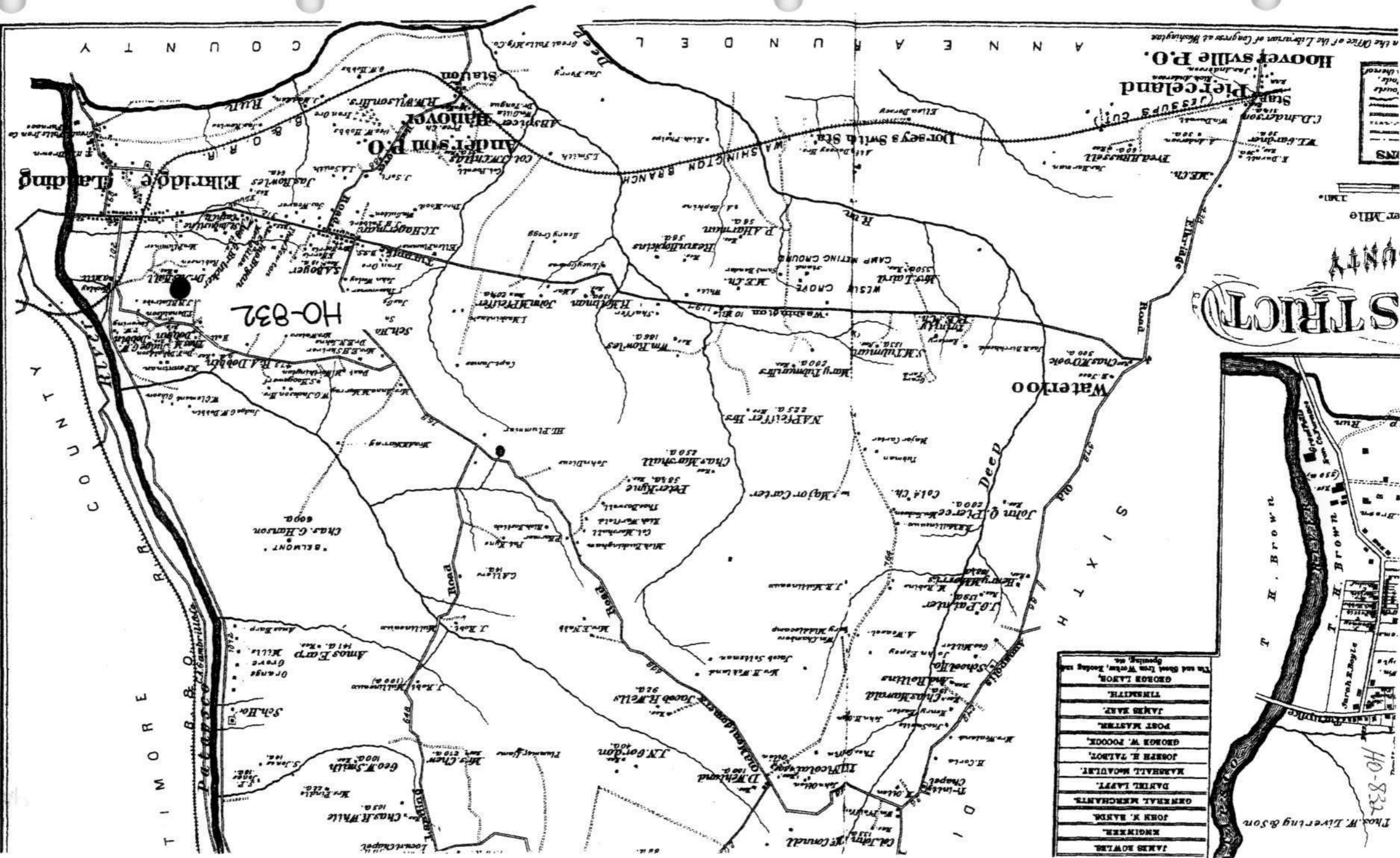


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Scale
1/2 in. = 1 mi.
1/4 in. = 1/2 mi.
1/8 in. = 1/4 mi.
1/16 in. = 1/8 mi.



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Thos. W. Livering & Son

JAMES BOWLES
KNIGHTS
JOHN K. BANDA
GENERAL MERCHANTS
DANIEL LAVETT
KARSHALL MOWAT
JOSEPH H. TALBOT
GEORGE W. FOOCK
POST MASTER
JAMES KARP
TINSMITH
GEORGE LARON
The Red Shoe Iron Works, Booking and

C O U N T Y

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Anderson P.O.

HOOVERSVILLE P.O.

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Waterloo

Timore River

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Timore River

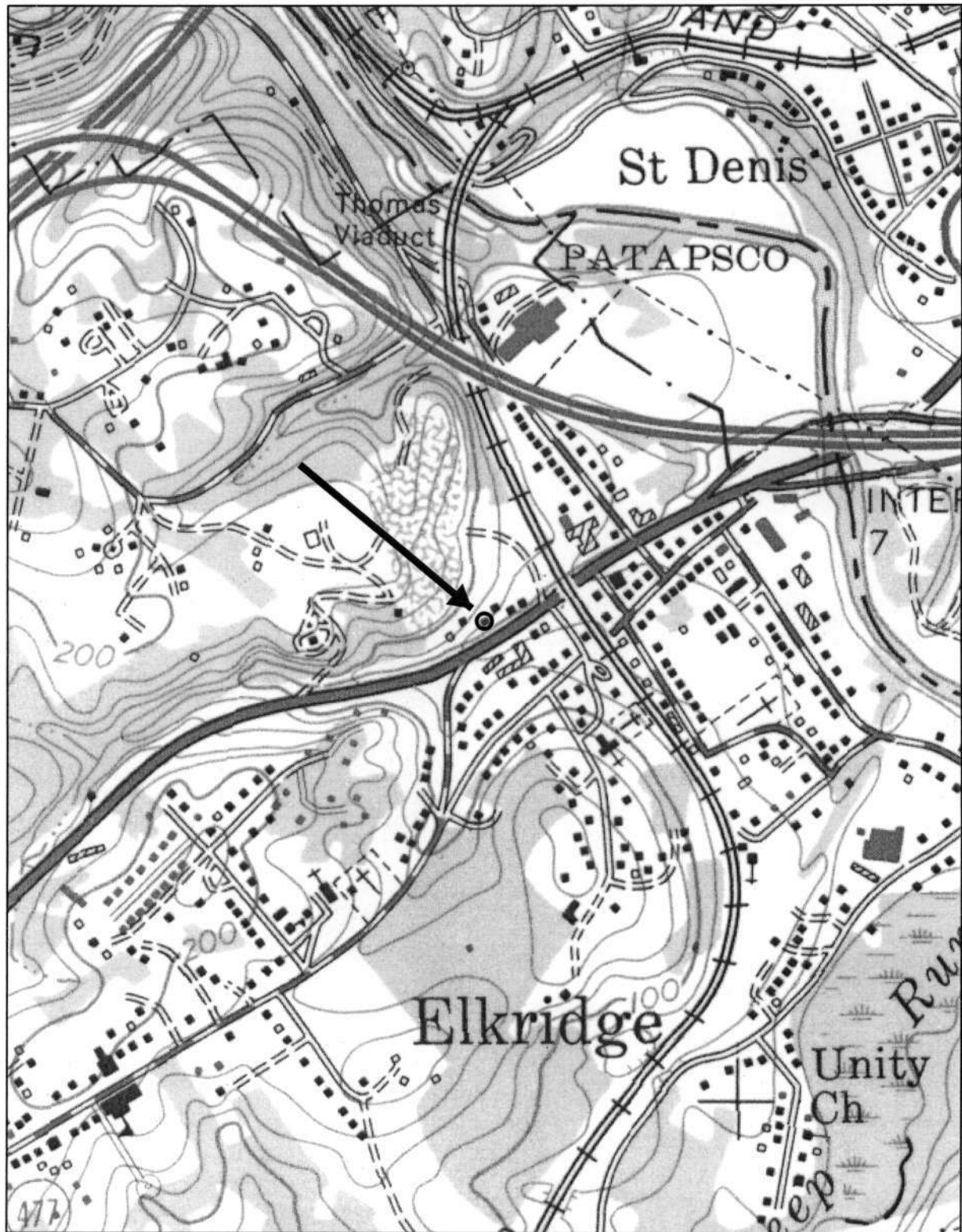
HATHS ROAD

Timore River

Hoffman's Map
1878

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The E. Bird Williams Property (Daniel's Restaurant and Biker Bar)
5854 Washington Boulevard (US 1)
Relay Quad





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VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST, FRONT FACADE

NEG. W/ MID. SHPO

KATE MATHEW
JAN. 2004

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THE E. BIRD WILLIAMS PROPERTY

HOWARD COUNTY

VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST, SIDE FACADE

NES. W/ MD. SHPO

KATE MAHOOD
JAN. 2004

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THE E. BIRD WILLIAMS PROPERTY
HOWARD COUNTY

VIEW LOOKING SOUTH, REAR FACADE

NEG. VII MD. SHPO
KATE MAHONEY
JAN. 2004

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