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Oak Hall, site
Oak Hall Lane
Columbia
Savage Quad

House and outbuildings demolished November 1985

Oak Hall as sister house to Waveland, which is the residence of the owners of Sewell's Orchards, is highly significant to the history of Howard County. Built by Richard Dorsey, brother of Larkin who built Waveland, it has been owned and occupied continuously by the Dorsey family and was once located on the same tract of land on which the site of Elkhorn, a 1732 Dorsey residence, is found.

Richard built his house of brick in five bays with central entrance and hall as did brother Larkin at Waveland but enlarged the depth to two rooms rather than one on the south side of the central hall, including the hall, leaving the north side of the house one room deep. It may well be he intended to add an additional room at a later date for he put a shed roof on this side of the house which appears as a gable roof from the west elevation perfectly in balance with the south side. A wide north brick chimney with corbeled edge rising to meet in height, wid th and depth the wide south brick chimney which is its twin adds to this total effect. Both chimneys run north-south along the apex of the gable roof.

A flat roof portico supported by four square wooden posts and two pilasters connected by a wooden diamond motif railing covers the central rectangular west entrance which is surmounted by a four lite transom.

Another similar, but smaller one story high portico, featuring a gable roof, covers the east entrance door of the central hall, which runs the depth of the building.

In perfect condition and lovingly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. William Dorsey, Oak Hall remains one of Howard County's most valuable landmarks.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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Oak Hall lies on a tract of land which once belonged to John Dorsey who built Elkhorn Farm in 1732. Wild Caleb Dorsey acquired the property in 1765 and passed the land and homestead to his son John who lived at Elkhorn. It was this Caleb Dorsey and his son John that gave the land on which the Old Brick Church was built.

John's brothers, Larkin and Richard settled near him and built homes. Larkin built Waveland sometime between 1790 and 1809 and Richard built Oak Hall in 1809. Both homes are of brick, five bays wide with a central hall Larkin built his home one room deep, while Richard at Oak Hall thought in more grandiose terms and began his home more grandly with a two bay, two room wide, south side and hall and a one room deep north side on which he put a shed roof, probably meaning to add to it in the future and complete it. This was never done.

Inherited by Larkin Dorsey, a bachelor who died in 1882, Oak Hall was sold to Mr. John Sieling. It passed from him to his son Henry. In 1969, it came back to the Dorseys, inherited by Mr. William Dorsey, present owner.

Built by the Dorsey family, Oak Hall is a major historical site which has been designated as a critical area of state concern suitable for preservation. It is surrounded by the new city, Columbia and immediately by the New Post Office complex and industrial park. It is thus subject to the impact of further development and should be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and included in any future local landmark legislation.

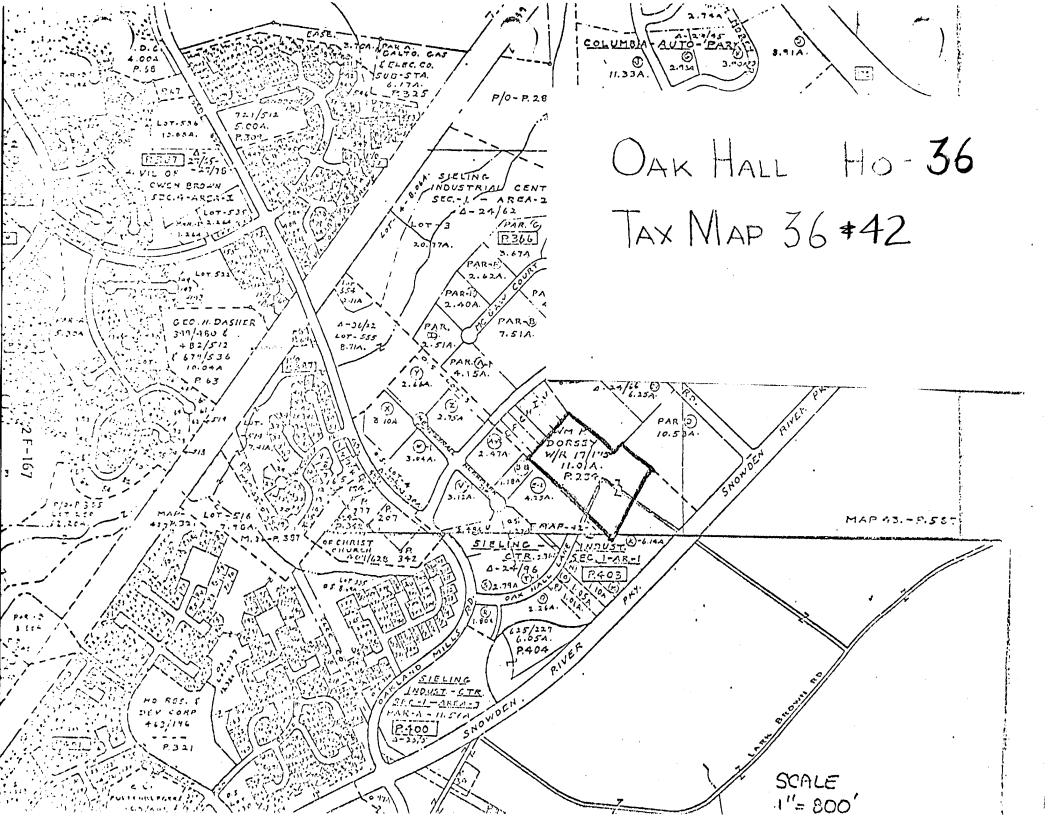
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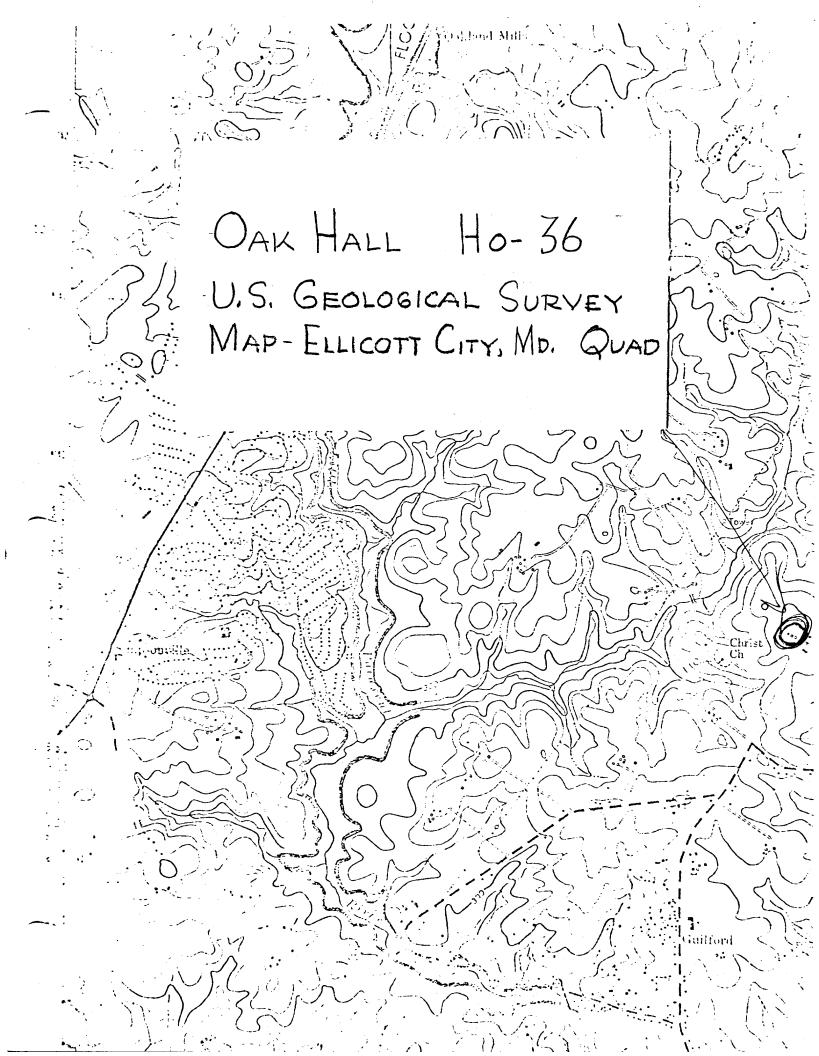
Big Uncle Dick and Big Uncle Lark refer to Richard Dorsey, who built Oak Hall and his brother Larkin Dorsey who built Waveland.

Larkin Dorsey, a bachelor who died in 1882 and inherited Oak Hall is not to be confused with Big Uncle Lark. Larkin Dorsey, the bachelor was the nephew of both Big Uncle Dick and Big Uncle Lark.

The John Seiling, who bought Oak Hall, had a daughter Elise, who married Hammond Dorsey III, great great nephew of Richard Dorsey who built Oak Hall. Mr. William Dorsey, who inherited Oak Hall, was the son of Hammond Dorsey III and Elise Seiling Dorsey.

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