

# Assessment

Ho-64  
Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin  
Ellicott City  
Private

Circa 1780

This three bay wide, one room deep, one and a half story gabled roof (running north-south) log structure built on a stone foundation has a brick chimney inset into its south wall and a central rectangular west entrance flanked by rectangular windows. It sits into the slope of the land and was in 1870 the meeting place for the organizers of the Saint Luke A.M.E. Church, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in September 1970 and is now located on Main Street.

Owned by Thomas Isaac in 1878, it probably furnished a comfortable and scenic home for one of Ellicott City's first settlers.

*Basement*

Ho-64  
District 2

MAGI # 1400645204

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1** NAME

HISTORIC Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin

AND/OR COMMON

Stanton's Log Cabin

**2** LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Northeast Corner of Main Street and Ellicott Mills Drive, moved from  
East Side Merryman Street 6th

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Howard County

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3** CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER storage

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Fannie Stanton etal

Telephone #: 461-1864

STREET & NUMBER

3608 Merryman Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Record's Room

Liber #: 407  
Tax Map 25-A Folio #: 188  
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STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE  
Maryland

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE  
July 1977

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Thst

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle Annapolis

STATE  
Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Stanton Log Cabin is located on the east side of Merryman Street adjacent to a small stream which flows several feet east of the cabin, providing a sylvan and picturesque setting for this quaint structure. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, one and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) log structure which is filled in with thin pieces of slate and stones stuck together with mud. A brick chimney is inset into its south wall, with a square attic window on each side of it. The west wall holds a central entrance flanked by rectangular windows, all of which are now boarded up. Two rectangular attic windows are located on its north wall, one large one is centered into the eave, the smaller one east of it.

The north wall of this log cabin has been covered with vertical wooden planks to strengthen and support it. The entrance door, located in the west bay has been boarded up horizontally. The log structure is laid on a stone foundation which follows the contour of the land, sloping down to the east. This foundation holds a battan wood rectangular cellar entrance door on the north wall.

The east elevation holds two rectangular first floor double-hung rectangular first floor double-hung windows with six-over-six lights.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log cabin is believed to have been built circa 1780 according to the estimates of local historians and probably served originally as a settler's hut. In 1870 this log structure provided a meeting place for the organizers of the Saint Luke A.M.E. Church, now located on Main Street which celebrated its 100th anniversary in September, 1970. The location for the Saint Luke A.M.E. Church was changed by 1878 to an adjacent building on the east side of the stream which runs east of the present log structure. (please see attachment 3, Hopkin's Atlas.) It was owned at that time by Thomas Isaac. Presently used for storage and boarded up, it awaits renovation and rehabilitation by an enthusiastic and creative presenationist.

As one of Ellicott City's oldest landmarks it should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

Note:

The following property transactions are noted in the Howard County Court House Record's Office:

Isaiah Mercer, Jr. conveyed the property to Thomas Issaac on January 6, 1858 (19-41). This property is noted on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878. Some four years later in his will of 27 May, 1882 Thomas Isaac conveyed all this property to his nephew, William M. Issac. In 1911 William M. Isaac left the property to his next of kin, Z. Howard Isaac etal, who in 1914 (wills 9-388) left all his property to his mother, Eleanor P. Isaac who died intestate in 1933. John Henry Stanton acquired the property and left it to his widow, the present owner in 1963.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
The Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal, Vol. 1, No. 1, Summer-Fall, 1972.

Record's Office, Howard County Court House.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.2

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A  
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

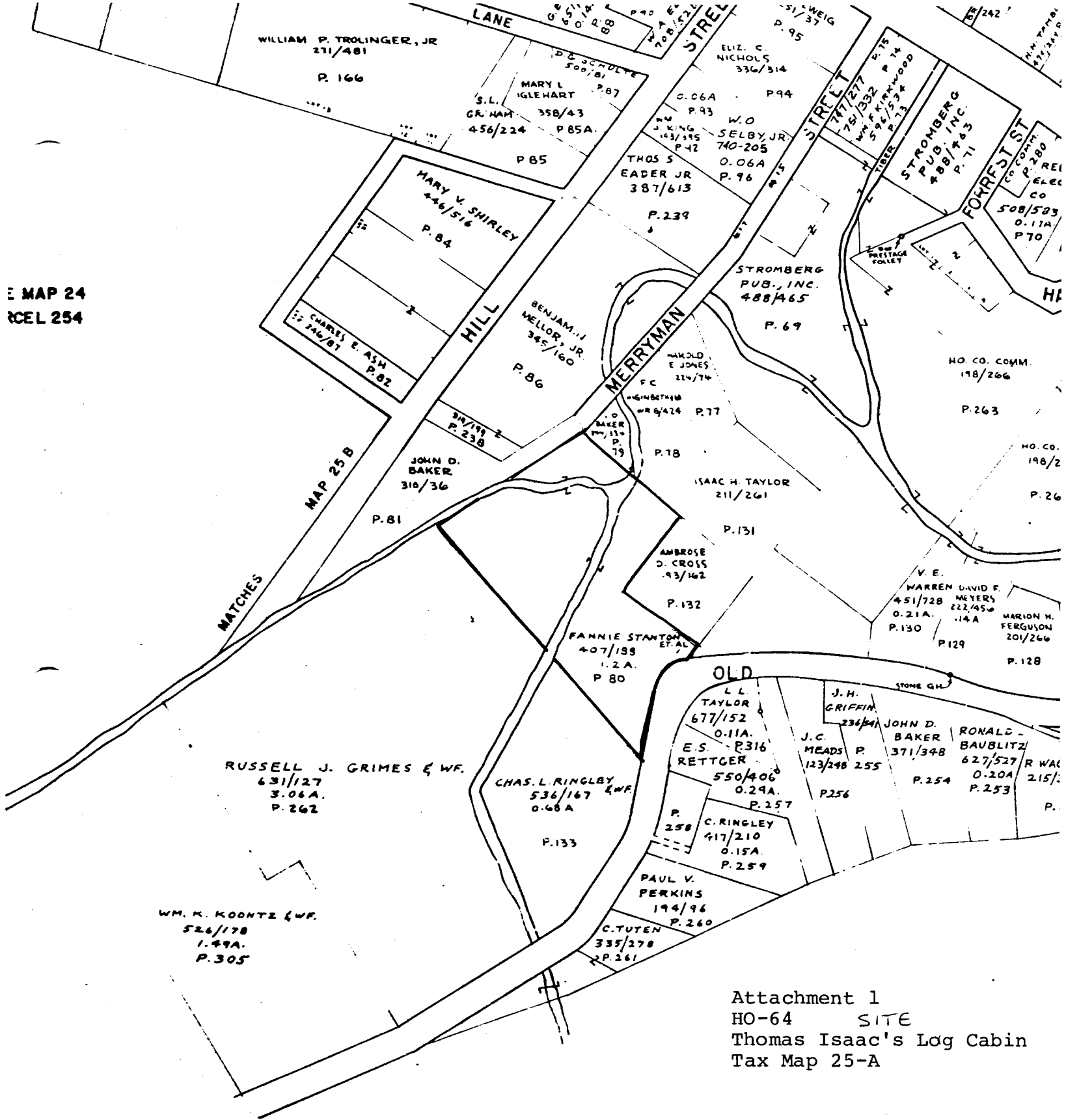
Maryland

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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CEL 254



Attachment 1  
HO-64 SITE  
Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin  
Tax Map 25-A

Published  
1975,76

SCALE  
1" = 800'

# PLAN OF ELICOTT CITY

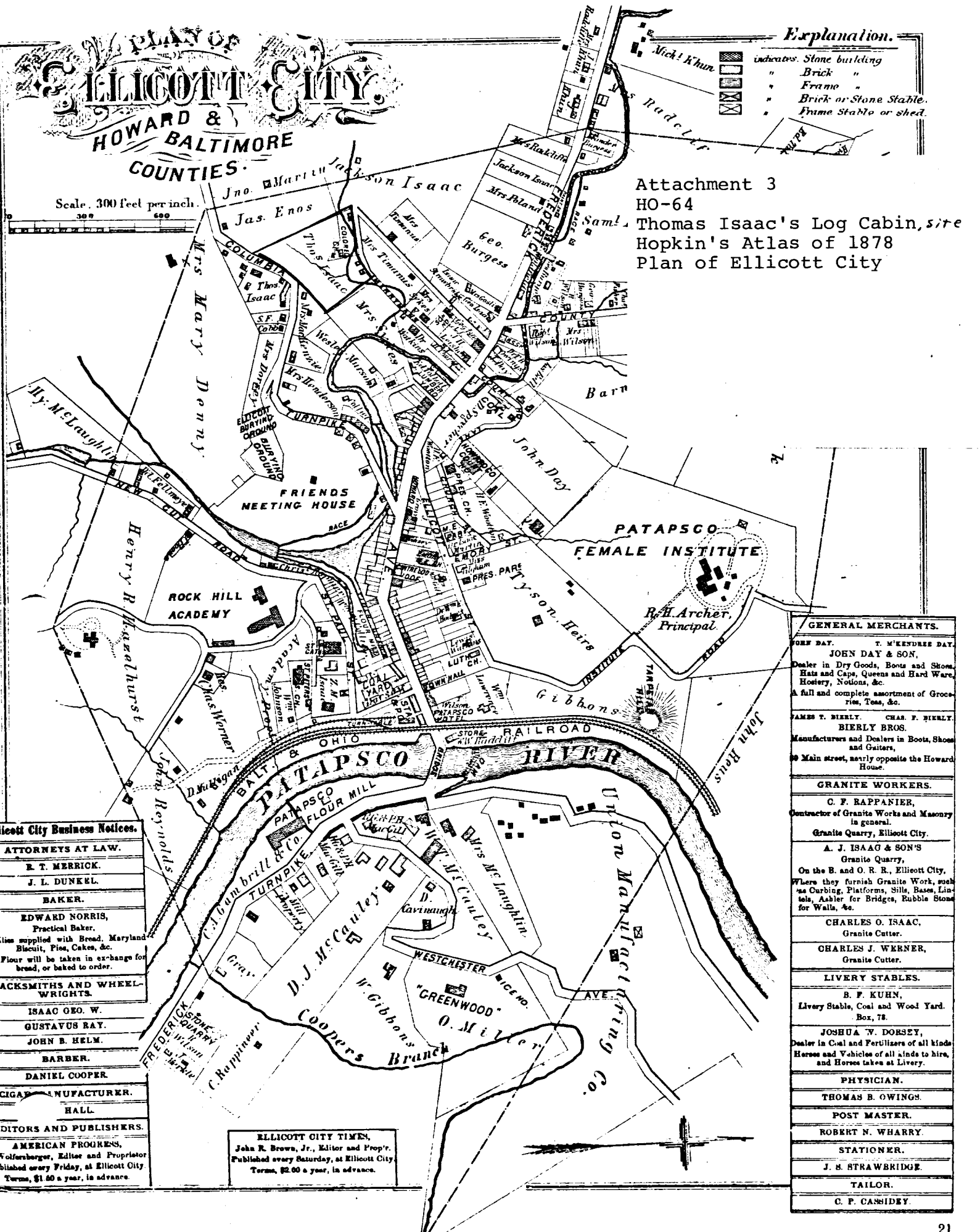
HOWARD & BALTIMORE COUNTIES.

Scale. 300 feet per inch.

**Explanation.**

- indicates Stone building
- " Brick "
- " Frame "
- " Brick or Stone Stable.
- " Frame Stable or shed.

Attachment 3  
HO-64  
Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin, sive  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
Plan of Ellicott City



**Ellicott City Business Notices.**

**ATTORNEYS AT LAW.**  
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J. L. DUNKEL.

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Slices supplied with Bread, Maryland Biscuit, Pies, Cakes, &c.  
Flour will be taken in exchange for bread, or baked to order.

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GUSTAVUS RAY.  
JOHN B. HELM.  
BARBER.  
DANIEL COOPER.

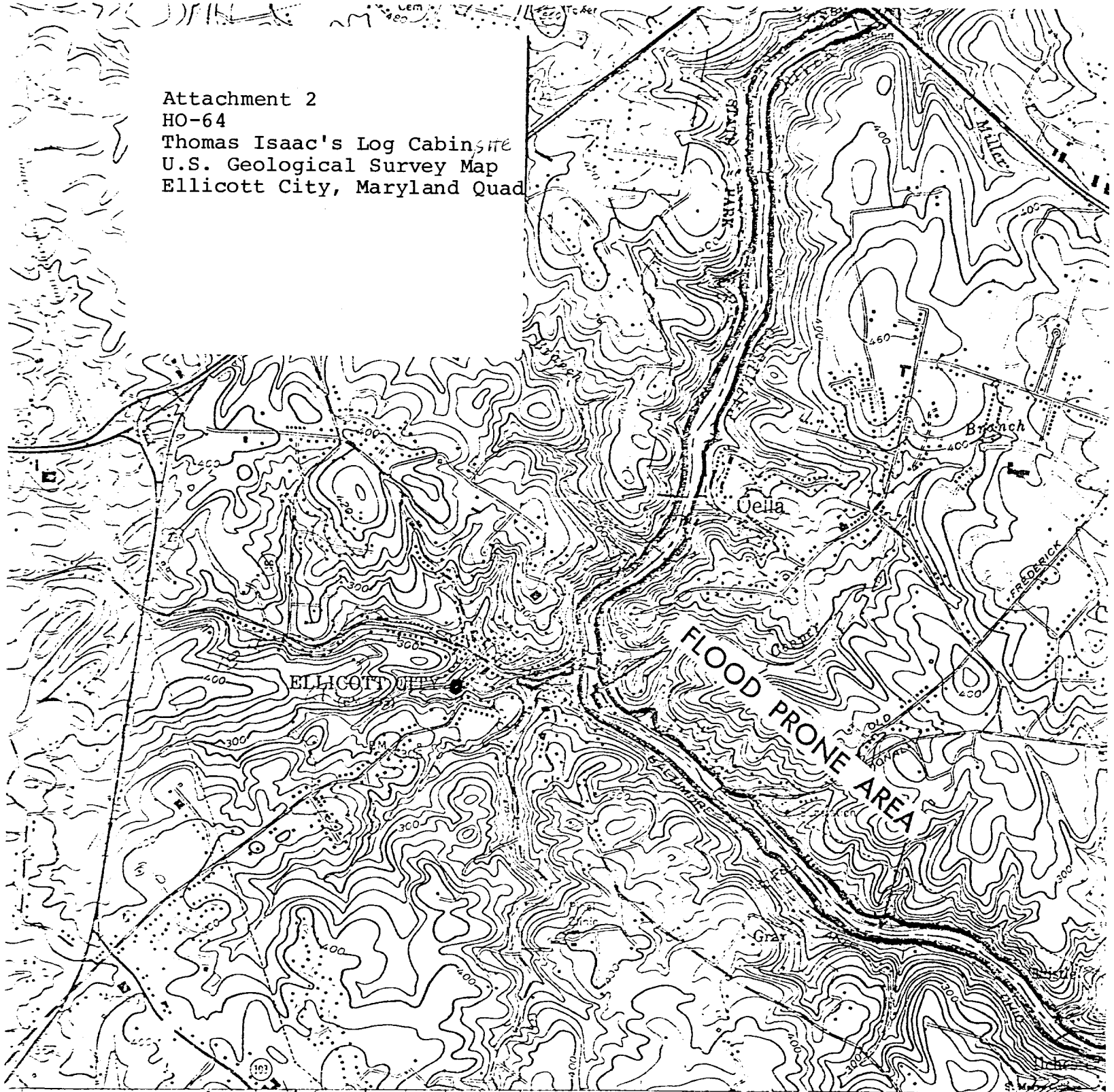
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HALL.

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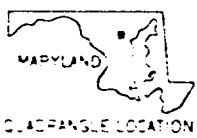
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JOHN DAY.	T. M'KENDREE DAY.
JOHN DAY & SON, Dealer in Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Queens and Hard Ware, Hosiery, Notions, &c. A full and complete assortment of Groceries, Teas, &c.	
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CHARLES J. WERNER, Granite Cutter.	
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<b>STATIONER.</b>	
J. S. STRAWBRIDGE.	
<b>TAILOR.</b>	
C. F. CANNIDY.	

Attachment 2  
 HO-64  
 Thomas Isaac's Log Cabin site  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



SAVAGE 1.5 MI TO MD 175  
 5662 MI NE WEST ELBRIDGE 5.9 MI  
 SCALE 1:24000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
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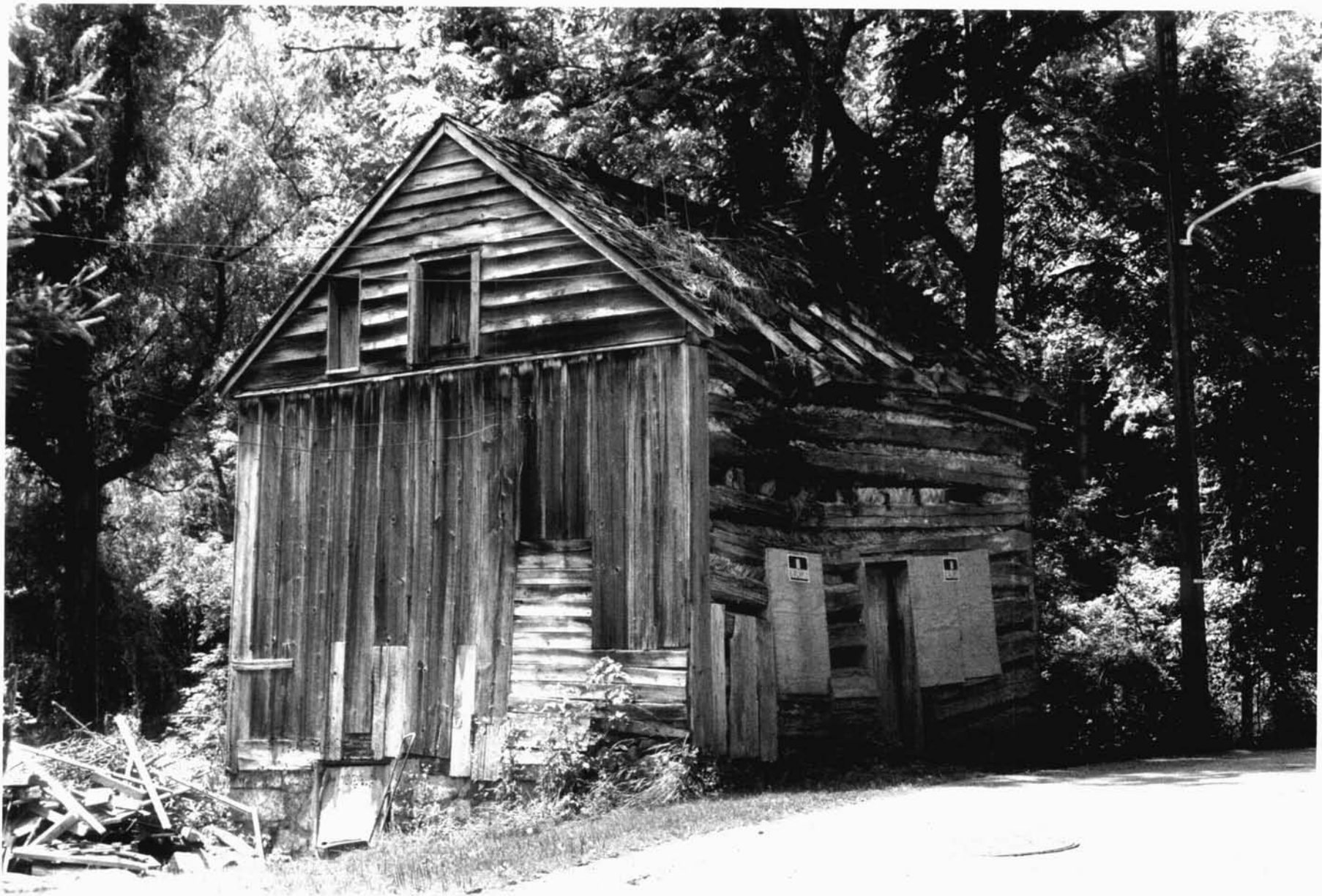




# Easement

THOMAS ISAAC LOG CABIN  
ELLICOTT CITY, HOWARD COUNTY  
INVENTORY #HO-64  
EASEMENT (REASSEMBLY) PHOTOGRAPHS  
C. A. MASEK 7/1988





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