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THE ALEXANDER WALKER HOUSE

Private

Ellicott City

Circa 1790

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Owned by Mr. Walker in the early days of Ellicott Mills, it has been used as a tavern, bootery, A Red Cross headquarters and is now The Country Store, a charming spot where one can buy books on the history of the surrounding area, fragrant soap and candles and all sorts of useful items.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Walker House, Walker-Chandler House

AND/OR COMMON Ellicott Country Store, Mrs. Rowland Bounds' House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8180 Main Street 6th

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Enalee E. Bounds Telephone #: 465-6096

STREET & NUMBER 3645 MacAlpine Street

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE, zip code Maryland 21043

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, See Tax Map Liber #: 575
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records 25A p.6 Folio #: 634

STREET & NUMBER 3450 Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Howard County Historical Sites Inventory

DATE 1977 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN 21 State Circle STATE Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTIONHo-69
District 2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Walker House is a four bay wide, two bay deep, three and a half story granite block, gabled roof (running east-west) structure with wide central brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and two gabled roof dormer windows placed in the roof of its south elevation.

The south wall holds two central rectangular entrance doors flanked by two display windows holding thirty-five lights (25 in front and five at each side of the oriel window) and covered by a flat roofed one story porch which runs along the entire south wall and which is supported by a square post at each corner. The door located in the east central bay is boarded. A wooden ballustrade runs along the perimeter of the second floor porch and the landing which leads to an open wooden staircase which is located on the east side of the building.

The fenestration of the second and third floor is rectangular, double-hung with six-over-six lights proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, decorated with flat stone lintels, projecting wooden sills and black shutters. The two dormer windows are rectangular in shape, double hung with six-over-six lites surmounted by pediments and flanked by fluted pilasters.

Two rectangular east windows are located in the attic holding six-over-six lites.

A one story shed roofed enclosed wooden porch lies on the north side of the second floor.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<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

The Walker House was constructed in the early 1790's as a private home. The house, however, was commodious and not many buildings of that size existed in Ellicott City at that time. Because of this, weary travelers stopped frequently and the custom of the day allowed for no refusals. Legend has it that Mr. Walker was not overly fond of receiving and was most candid in his speech to weary travelers. He fell to his death from the second floor porch, supposedly pushed by a disgruntled guest.

On June 1st, 1833 Samuel Ellicott leased to Alexander E. Walker in an indenture recorded among the land records of Anne Anndel County (WSG 18-398) this same ground "for the term of 99 years renewable forever, at and under the yearly rent of fifty dollars payable semi-annually on the first day of November and May in each year, and also all that piece or parcel of ground situated and lying in Howard County aforesaid, which was devised and leased for 99 years renewable forever at and under the yearly rent of forty five dollars by Nathan Tyson etal to the said Walker by indenture dated 24 November, (4-433) together with the improvements and appertences thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining."

On the 5th April, 1864 Henry P. Chandlee acquired the property for a sum of \$2,425 from Alexander F. Gaw, Administrator of the estate of Alexander E. Walker. (23-149)

Later this home became a bootery, largely for the young men who attended St. Charles College, then located west of Ellicott City.

At various times it was a tavern, head quarters for the Red Cross and county office of C&P Telephone Company.

Since 1962, Mrs. Mildred Werner, Mrs. Enalee Bounds and Mrs. Barbara Provenze have operated the Country Store with an almost unlimited variety of items.

One of the earliest buildings in this old mill town (see Attachment 3, Plat No 1 of George Ellicotts property, 1840) and architecturally representative of the simple granite architecture with its fine proportions and scale which predominates here, it is of outstanding significance to Howard Country and the state and should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and State Critical Areas Program.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Holland, Celia, Ellicott City, Maryland 1772-1972. Bladensburg, 1972
American Association of University Women
Mimeographed paper on Ellicott City History. Ellicott City, 1972
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Interview with Mrs. Werner, February 1, 1977.
Records Office Ellicott, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .06 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p.6 575-636 1 lot

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p.6.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

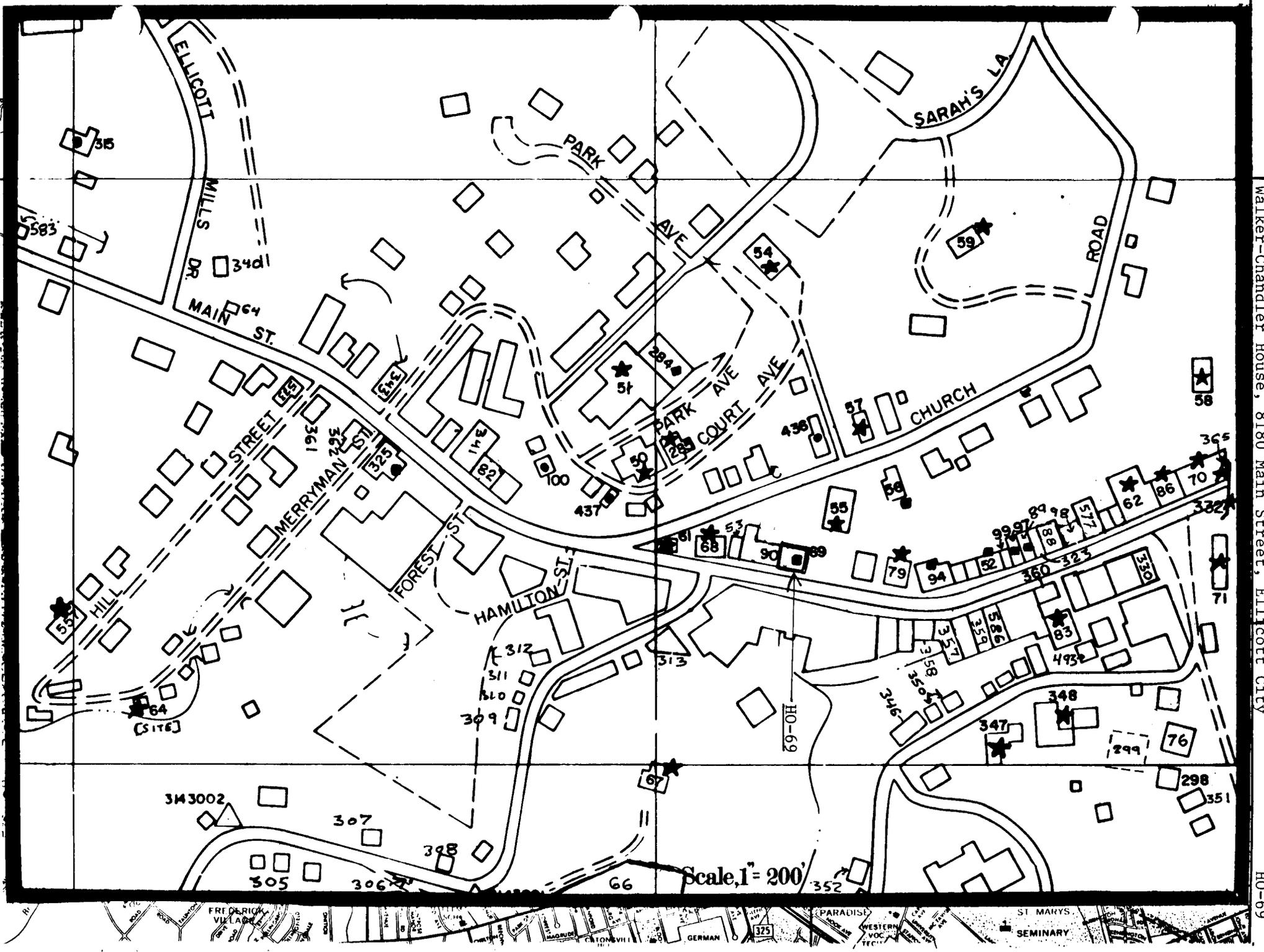
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Maryland

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



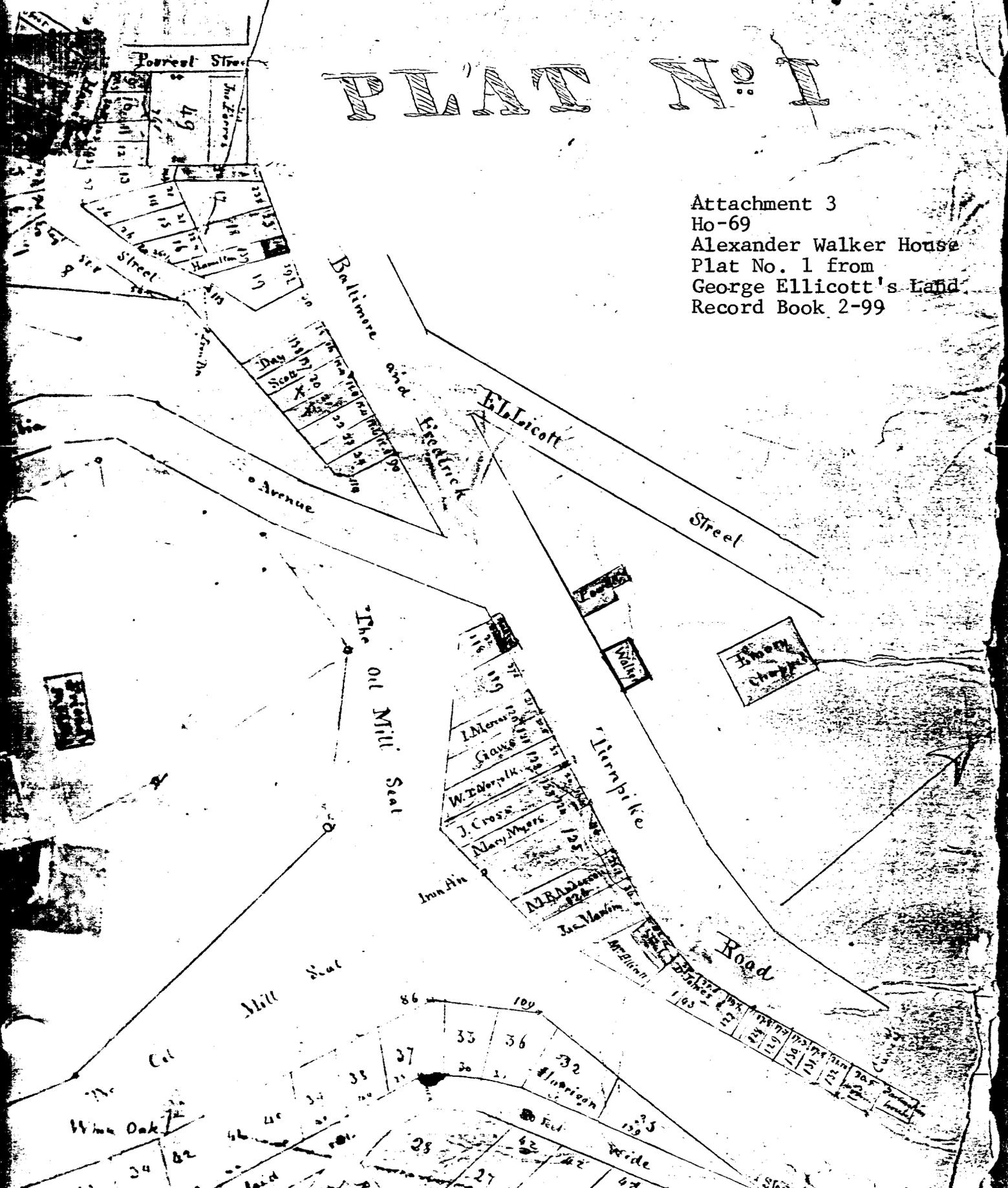
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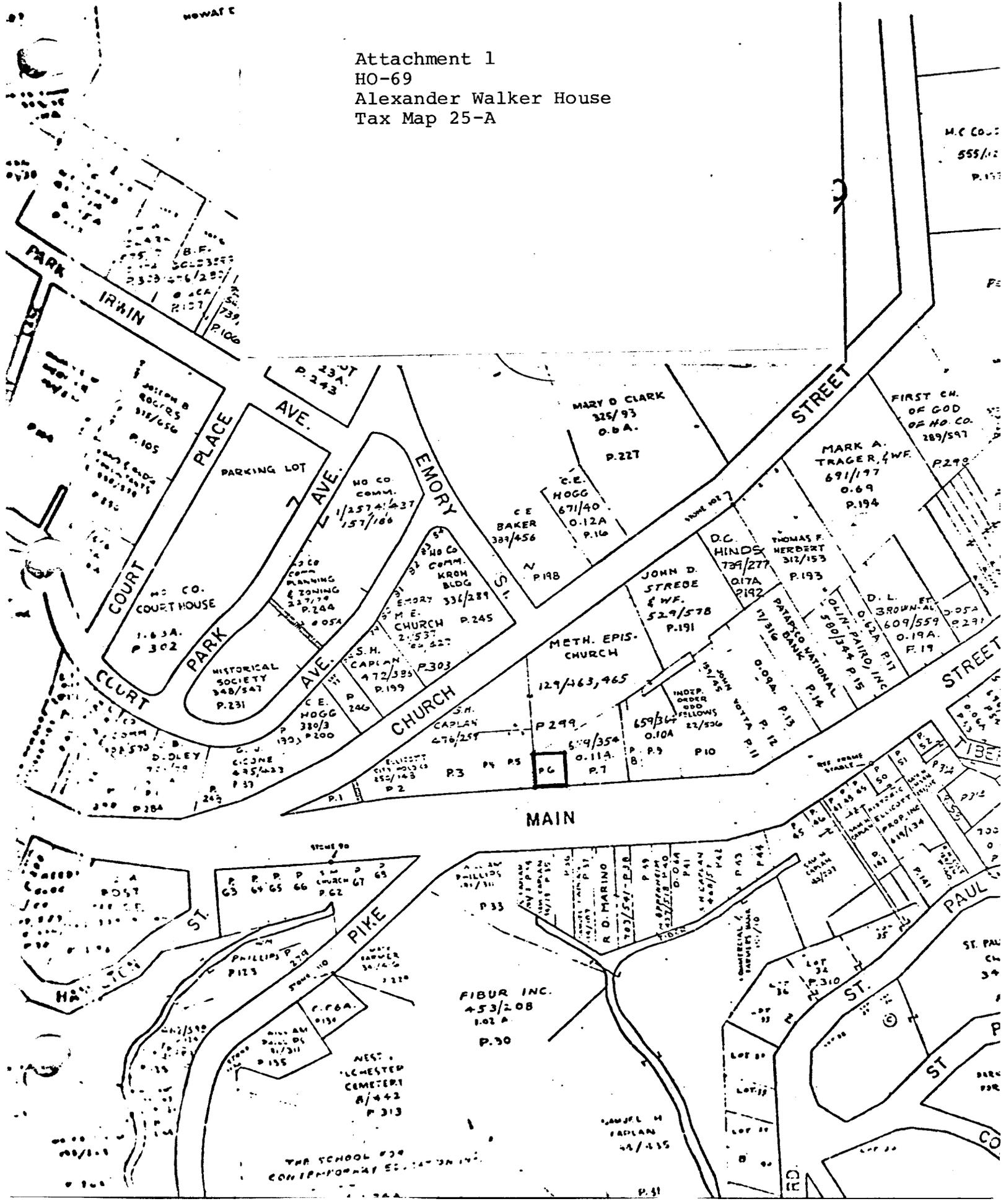
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Alexander Walker House
Plat No. 1 from
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Record Book 2-99



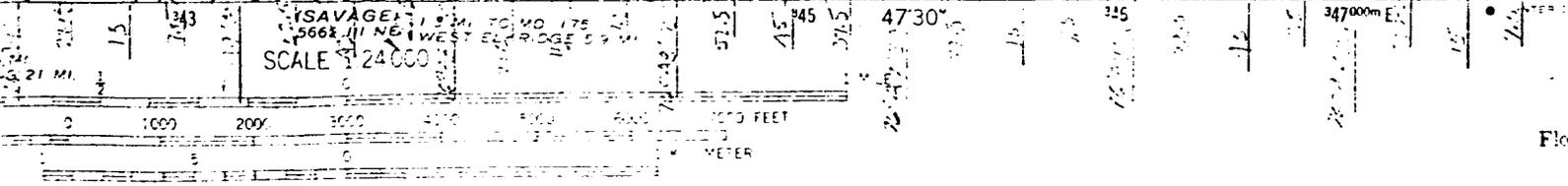
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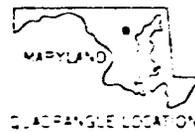
Attachment 1
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Alexander Walker House
Tax Map 25-A



Attachment 2
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 Alexander Walker House
 U.S. Geological Survey Map
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUAD ANGLE LOCATION



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336E

Ellicott City

walker-chandler House,
Ellicott's Country Store, or 8180.

Mrs Poland Brands ^{House} Main St

HO 6/27



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Ellicott City

Walker-Chandler House,
Ellicott's Country Store,

Mrs Roland ^{or} Bounds house

8180
Main Street

see 10/72



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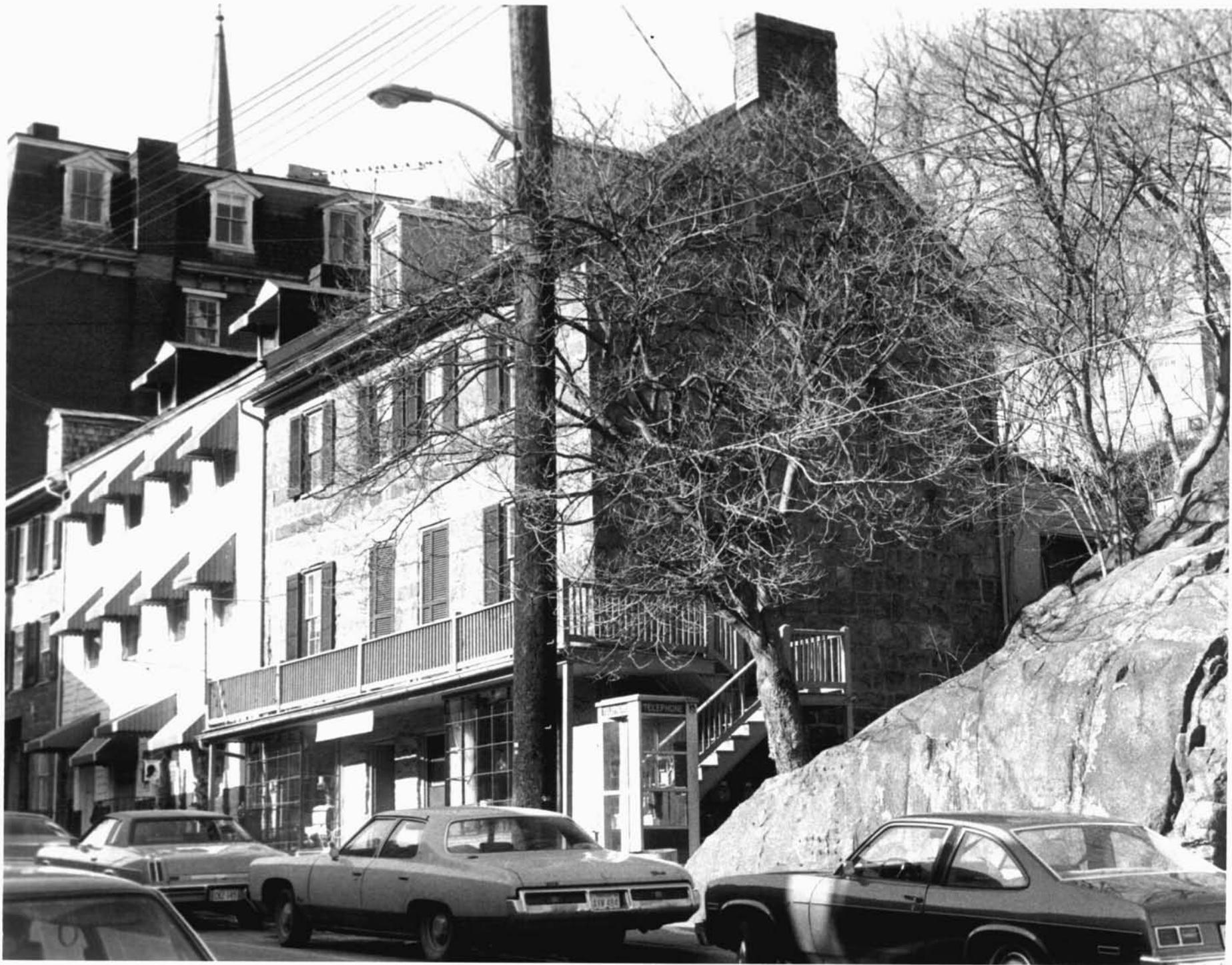
Walker-Chandler House,
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Mrs Roland Borends house

Ellicott City

H&E 10/72

2100 Main Street



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FEB. 1977
CLEORA THOMPSON