

HO-70  
PATAPSCO HOTEL  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1930

This twentieth century stone building, twelve bays wide and three stories high replaces an earlier hotel which stood on the same site and whose ruins provided the building blocks for the present structure which still retains wall sections of the original four story high stone structure which featured a second and third floor open porch or balcony on its entire south and east elevations. The second floor balcony was level with the railroad bridge, providing easy access for passengers stepping from the train to their hotel. The original building is said to have provided the meeting place between George Ellicott and Indian Chiefs from neighboring tribes.

The present building provides commercial space on its first floor for colorful shops and is important architecturally as a visual anchor to the lower Main Street street scape.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-70  
District 2  
MAGI # 1400705825

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Thomas' Patapsco Hotel/Wilson Patapsco Hotel/Stewart's Hotel  
AND/OR COMMON Patapsco Hotel

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8004-8026 Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th  
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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Historic Ellicott Properties, Inc., 8004 Main St. & land)  
c/o Samuel H. Caplan Telephone #: 465-3500  
STREET & NUMBER Charles L. Roqueta - parcels 275, 292 & 309  
8125 Main Street 8016-8020 Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #, FOLIO #, RECORD'S ROOM, TAX MAP, STATE, ZIP CODE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Record's Room Tax Map 25-A  
Liber #: 526 621 636  
Folio #: 637 638 460  
0.34A p. 29 p. 275 p. 292 & 309  
STREET & NUMBER Howard County Court House  
CITY, TOWN Ellicott City STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Howard County Historic Sites Inventory  
DATE July 1977  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust 21 State Circle  
CITY, TOWN Annapolis STATE Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

HO-70  
District 2

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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		

---

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

The original Patapsco Hotel which stood in the same location as the present building was demolished. The present Patapsco Hotel is a twelve bay wide, four bay deep, three story, shed roofed granite building (built with the same building stones as the old hotel) located just west of the B & O Railroad on the north side of Main Street.

Shops are located on the first floor of the building with shops, and/or apartments above. Three varying shed roofed, open and partially closed one story porches each run along four bays of the building and furnish space for first floor central covered entrances flanked by display windows running from east to west and holding respectively twenty-five, twenty-five lights; four, two lights and twelve, twelve lights.

The second and third floor south windows are proportionally scaled, vertically aligned and double-hung with one-over-one lights decorated with flat stone lintels.

The west wall of this structure is attached to the east wall of the Railroad Hotel, while its east wall holds four second floor and two third floor windows similar to those described on the south wall.

The first floor of the building is set into the granite hill along the north elevation, with a second and third floor shed roofed open porch. The ground on the north slopes up to Castle Angelo. A cement retaining wall holds this ground on the second floor.

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 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 checked="" 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      circa 1930      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Mr. Pennington

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The present twelve bay wide building, called the Patapsco Hotel replaces an earlier hotel called Thomas' Patapsco Hotel which is claimed by some historians to have been a stagecoach center for traffic going west on the National Pike. An article entitled "Ellicott City, Once Gateway to West, A Garden of Memories" by Grace Sherwood (a reprint from the Sunday Sun of 1926 published in 1972 by The Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal) describes the Old Patapsco Hotel, later called Stewart's Hotel as having just been demolished. She goes on with the following description of the original building:

Its main doorways, lovely old paneled things with graceful half moons and transoms above them, stared out upon the street from the second story, mute reminders of the days when they opened onto a balcony on a level with the rail-road bridge, so that guests stepping from the train on what was once the longest railroad in America might step into their hotel in ease.

A model of Ellicott City built by Robert Kirchman of 13881 Triadelphia Mill Road, Dayton, Maryland, depicts Main Street in 1854 from the I.O.O.F building to the Patapsco River. It indicates the Old Patapsco Hotel as a seven bay wide, four story high semi-hipped roof (the west elevation is a gambrel roof) stone structure with open second and third floor porches running along the width of the east and south elevations of the building.

The hotel is reputed to have been in its early days the place of meetings between George Ellicott, son of Andrew Ellicott, the founder, and Indian chiefs of the surrounding area.

The present building, though more simple and direct in its architectural treatment than its forerunner, affords an important visual anchor in the street scape on the north side of Main Street, and blends well texturally and proportionally with its neighbor to the west, the Railroad Hotel, in its use of the original building's stones.

For these reasons the Patapsco Hotel, though only fifty years old should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and any future local landmark legislation.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ellicott City Bicentennial Journal, Vol 1, No. 1, Summer-Fall, 1972.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.34

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A Parcels 29, 275, 292 and 309  
526-637

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Maps 25-A parcels, 29, 275, 292 and 309  
526-637

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Howard
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

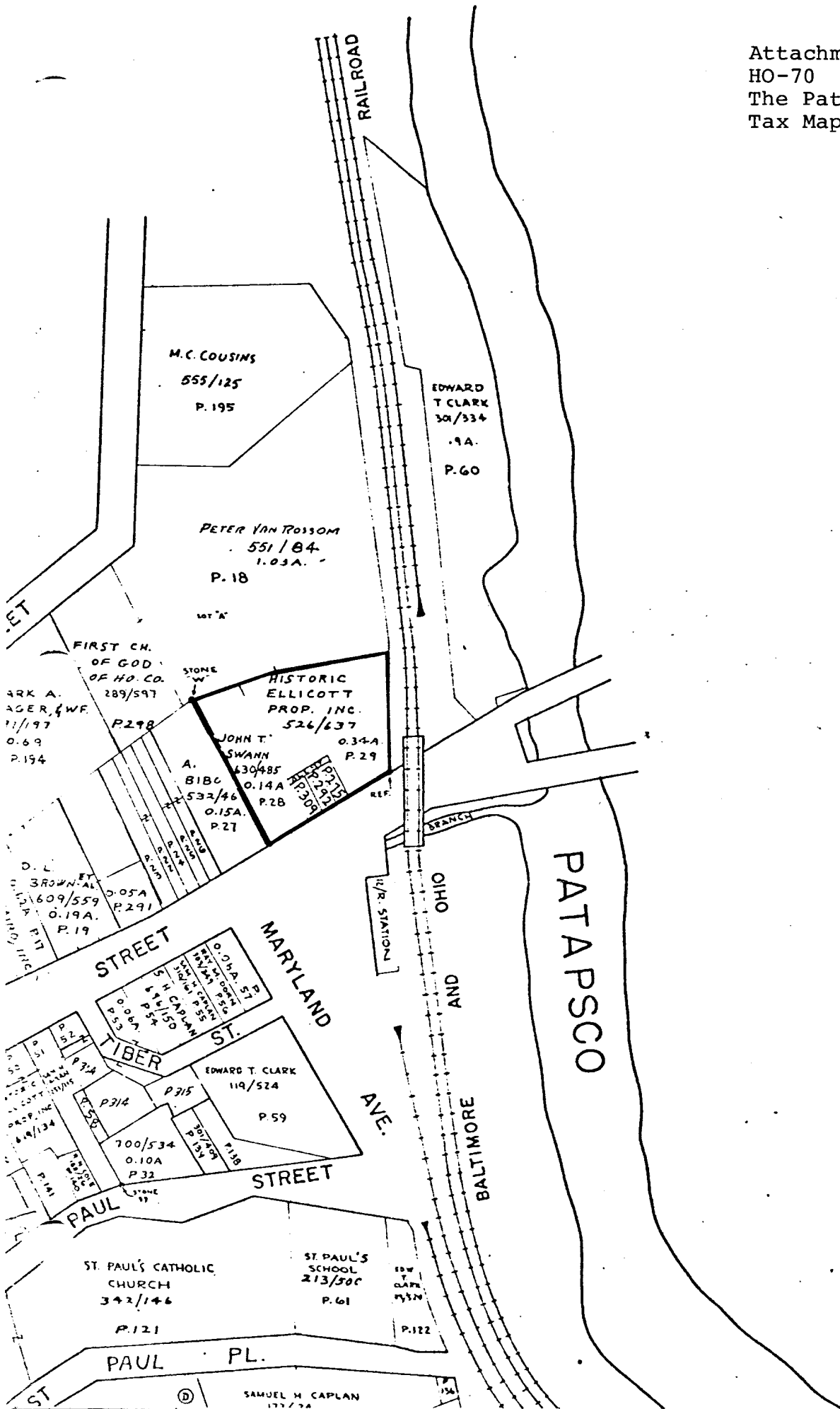
NAME / TITLE	Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist		
ORGANIZATION	Howard County Comprehensive Planning Section	DATE	July 1977
STREET & NUMBER	3450 Court House Drive	TELEPHONE	465-5000 x 257
CITY OR TOWN	Ellicott City	STATE	Maryland

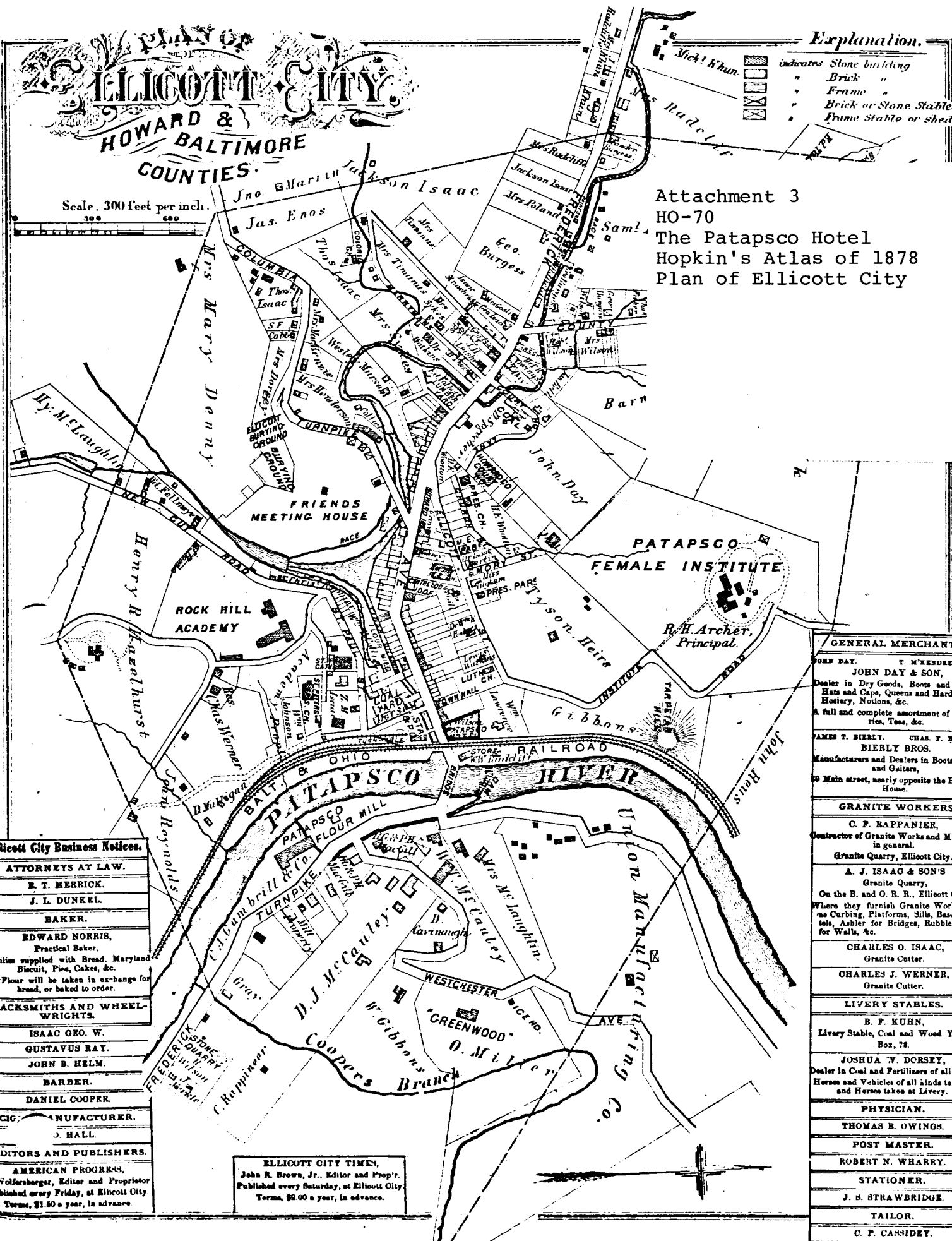
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Attachment 1  
 HO-70  
 The Patapsco Hotel  
 Tax Map 25-A





Attachment 3  
 HO-70  
 The Patapsco Hotel  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
 Plan of Ellicott City

**Ellicott City Business Notices.**

**ATTORNEYS AT LAW.**  
 E. T. MERRICK.  
 J. L. DUNKEL.

**BAKER.**  
 EDWARD NORRIS,  
 Practical Baker.  
 Mill supplied with Bread, Maryland  
 Biscuit, Pies, Cakes, &c.  
 Flour will be taken in exchange for  
 bread, or baked to order.

**LACKSMITHS AND WHEEL-  
 WRIGHTS.**  
 ISAAC GEO. W.  
 GUSTAVUS RAY.  
 JOHN B. HELM.

**BARBER.**  
 DANIEL COOPER.

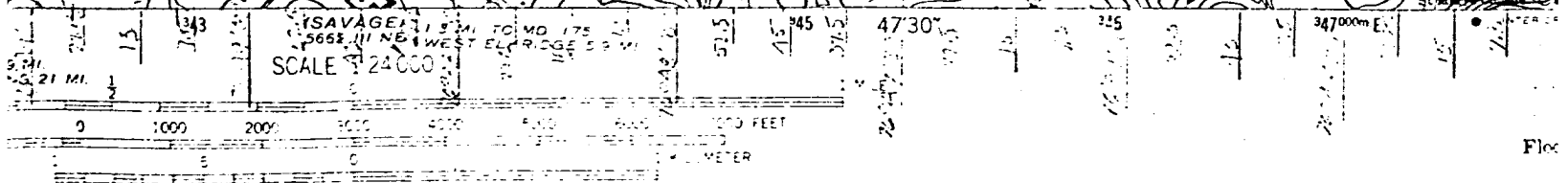
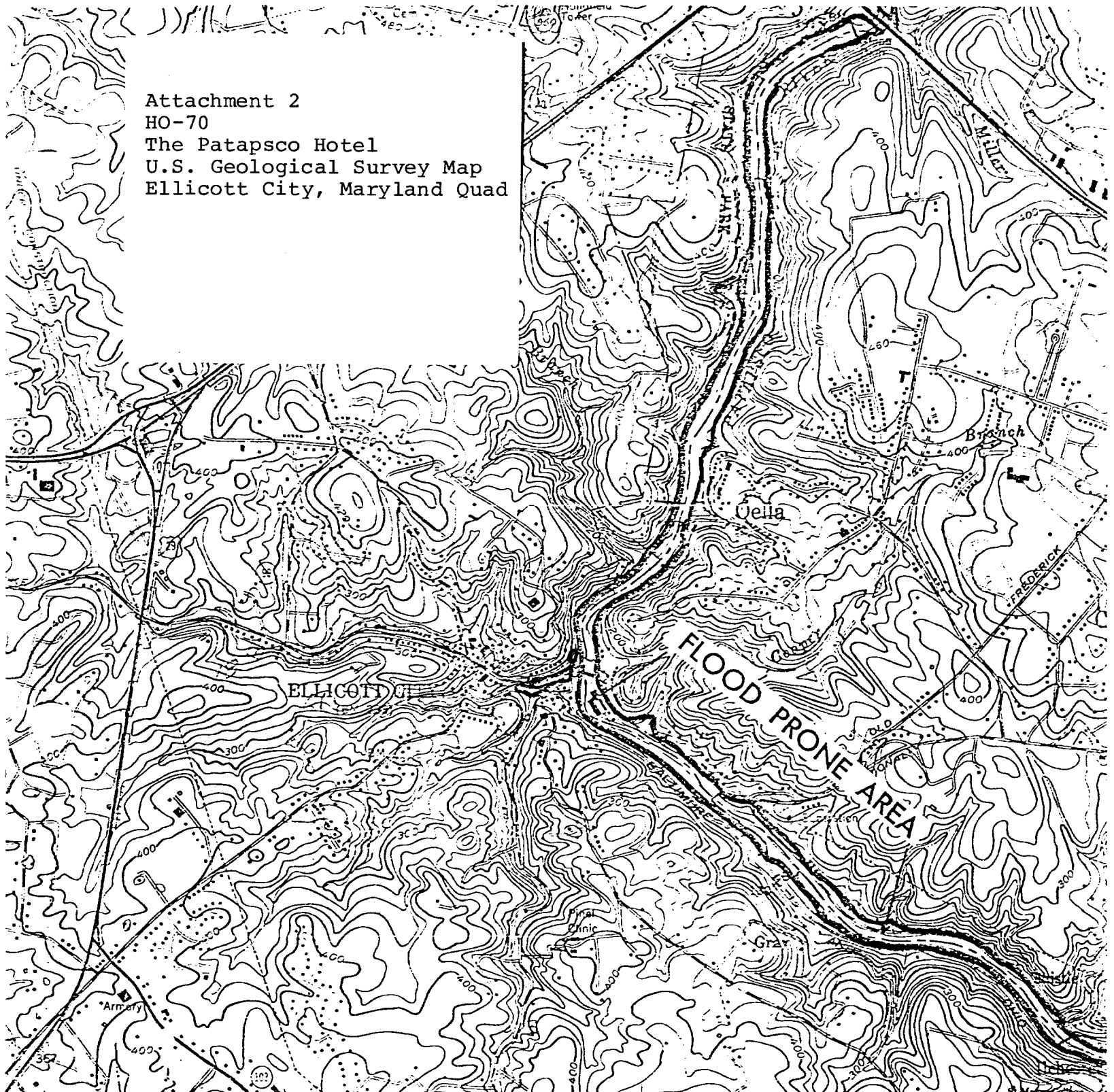
**CIG. MANUFACTURER.**  
 J. HALL.

**EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS.**  
**AMERICAN PROGRESS.**  
 Wolfersberger, Editor and Proprietor  
 Published every Friday, at Ellicott City.  
 Terms, \$1.50 a year, in advance

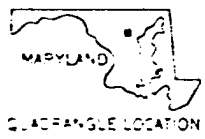
**ELlicOTT CITY TIMES.**  
 John R. Brown, Jr., Editor and Prop'r.  
 Published every Saturday, at Ellicott City.  
 Terms, \$2.00 a year, in advance.

GENERAL MERCHANTS.	
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 Groce- ries, Teas, &c.	
JAMES T. BIERLY.	CHAS. F. BIERLY.
BIERLY BROS. Manufacturers and Dealers in Boots, Shoes and Gaiters, 60 Main street, nearly opposite the Howard House.	
GRANITE WORKERS.	
C. F. RAPPANIER, Contractor of Granite Works and Masonry in general. Granite Quarry, Ellicott City.	
A. J. ISAAG & SON'S Granite Quarry, On the B. and O. R. R., Ellicott City, Where they furnish Granite Work, such as Curbing, Platforms, Sills, Bases, Lin- tels, Ashler for Bridges, Rubble Stone for Walls, &c.	
CHARLES O. ISAAC, Granite Cutter.	
CHARLES J. WERNER, Granite Cutter.	
LIVERY STABLES.	
B. F. KUHN, Livery Stable, Coal and Wood Yard. Box, 78.	
JOSHUA W. DORSEY, Dealer in Coal and Fertilizers of all kinds Horses and Vehicles of all kinds to hire, and Horses taken at Livery.	
PHYSICIAN.	
THOMAS B. OWINGS.	
POST MASTER.	
ROBERT N. WHARRY.	
STATIONER.	
J. M. STRAWBRIDGE.	
TAILOR.	
C. F. CAHSIDY.	

Attachment 2  
 HO-70  
 The Patapsco Hotel  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



MAP ANGLE LOCATION





CLEORA BARNES THOMPSON  
PLANNING CONSULTANT  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

Hb. **70** Old Patapsco Hotel  
(South)  
Mar. 77 FOR JULY 1977