

HO-82

Deborah Disney's Tavern  
Ellicott City  
Private

eighteenth century

Believed by local historians to date from the eighteenth century, Disney's Tavern's six bay wide, two and a half story high gabled roof stone covered with blocked cement structure is located on the north side of Main Street between the Talbott Lumber Yard and another brick building. Its second floor windows are all rectangular and double-hung, with twelve-over-eight lights. Those first floor windows resting in the two east bays of the south wall hold twelve-over-twelve lights.

Presently the building is a duplex with rectangular entrances located in its two central first floor bays, while a one story high wooden porch supported by three doric columns runs along the four central bays of its south wall.

Operated for over twenty years (1840-1862) as Deborah Disney's Tavern, it is one of the oldest and most historic landmarks of Ellicott Mills.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-82  
District 2

MAGI # 1400825226

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Disney's Tavern/Mount Misery/Sprecher House

AND/OR COMMON

The Fabric House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

8304-8298 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**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 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

Mrs. Rose Carter (E. Side)

Mr. & Mrs H.H. Tamburo (W. side)  
2302 Whitby Court (p.183)  
Baltimore, MD 21228  
Telephone #: 465-5416 (Bus)

STREET & NUMBER

8298 Main Street (p.182)

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Tax Map 25-A p. 182 & 183

Liber #: 718/476

Folio #: 494/269

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**HO-82  
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|   |                                       |   |   |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                              |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <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 Deborah Disney Tavern is located on the north side of the upper part of Main Street, referred to in old plats as the Baltimore-Frederick Turnpike

Disney's Tavern is a six bay wide, two room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running east-west) stone building covered with blocked out cement veneer with wide brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls and three gabled roof dormers holding rectangular, double-hung windows with twelve-over-eight lights, surmounted by pediments, resting in the gabled roof on its north and south elevations.

It has been divided into two houses and at one time may originally have been intended for two-family use.

Fenestration is rectangular, decorated with wooden sills, double-hung with twelve-over-twelve lights in the first two bays and six-over-six lights in the two west bays of the first floor, while all the second floor windows hold twelve-over-eight lights. The latter are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned to those windows on the first floor.

A flat roofed, one story high, open porch runs along the central four bays of the south facade, supported by three doric columns connected by a wooden railing. An entrance way on each side of the central column is approached by two stairways, one on each side, composed of four wooden steps and a granite base step. That on the east has a west side railing; that on the west has a railing on each side of the stairway. The two central bays hold rectangular entrance doors. That on the west is an open bible and cross paneled door, holding two lights and surmounted by a three light transom. Rectangular cellar doors rest in the east and west bays.

The east and west walls rest against the brick wall of 8294 Main Street and Talbott's Lumber Company respectively.

Two one story high shed roofed frame additions rest on each side of its north wall, leaving a one bay wide opening between these additions.

The west side's interior features original, random width floors, woodwork and open bible and cross paneled doors.

The small terraced yard in back slopes up toward Court Avenue, the west side of which features a white picket fence.

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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 type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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**

On July 13, 1829 (14-599, Anne Arundel County) Disney's Tavern was conveyed by Charles W. Dorsey, trustee et al to William Lorman of the City and County of Baltimore, "together with all and singular, the building and improvements thereon."

On a plat in the Land Record Book on the division of George Ellicott's land, the present building is noted as a tavern. See attachment 4.

By the 17 June, 1840 (1-89) Deborah Disney had bought the tavern for \$6,000 from William Lorman. Some of the neighboring tracts of land are mentioned in this deed such as Rebecca's Lot, Prestidges Folly and Bowden's Folly, as well as Good Neighbor. At this time in 1840 the property consisted of 10 acres and 5 square perches.

Deborah Disney operated her tavern for some twenty years. It was a favorite place for those who had jury duty and a focal point of the town. On February 5, 1862 Deborah Disney sold the property to John R. Clark (21-605) for \$5,800.

Seven years later on June 1st, 1869 Mr. Clark sold the property to David Sprecker for \$7,500. Mr. Sprecker held the property until 3 August 1885 (49-464) when he conveyed the land to Edward A. Talbott for \$2,000 plus the payment of a \$3,000 mortgage to John G. Rogers. This deed refers to a tract of land called "Mount Misery", and the buildings and improvements thereon.

Some ten years later on December 27, 1894 (62-466) Edward Alexander Talbott, Jr. and John Clark, executors of the will of Edward Alexander Talbott, Sr. conveyed the deed to the property to Edward A. Talbott, Jr. for \$3,000. Mr. Talbott madethis the base for his lumber and hardware business, still operating this building as a tavern.

Recent owners have been a Mr. William F. Lilly who left the property to his daughter, Mary J. Lilly who conveyed the west side of the building to Norman and Mary S. Betts on December 1, 1947. Twenty years later Mrs. Mary S. Betts sold the west side of the tavern to Harry and Janet Tamburo who run a fine fabric shop here and keep the old building in excellent condition.

Architecturally the building has merit. Despite alterations to the facade, one can still picture the imposing two and a half story, six bay wide stone building with its three gabled roof dormer windows dominating socially and structurally this section of Main Street.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

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Disney's Tavern  
Significance (continued)

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For these reasons, Disney's Tavern, believed by local historians to date from as early as 1790 or thereabouts, should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and any future local landmark legislation.

## MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview by phone with Mr. and Mrs. H.H. Tamburo, owners of the Fabric House, the west side of Disney's Tavern, July 13 and July 18, 1977.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, p. 182, 183  
718-494 and 476-269

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, parcels 182 & 183.  
718-494 and 476-269

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

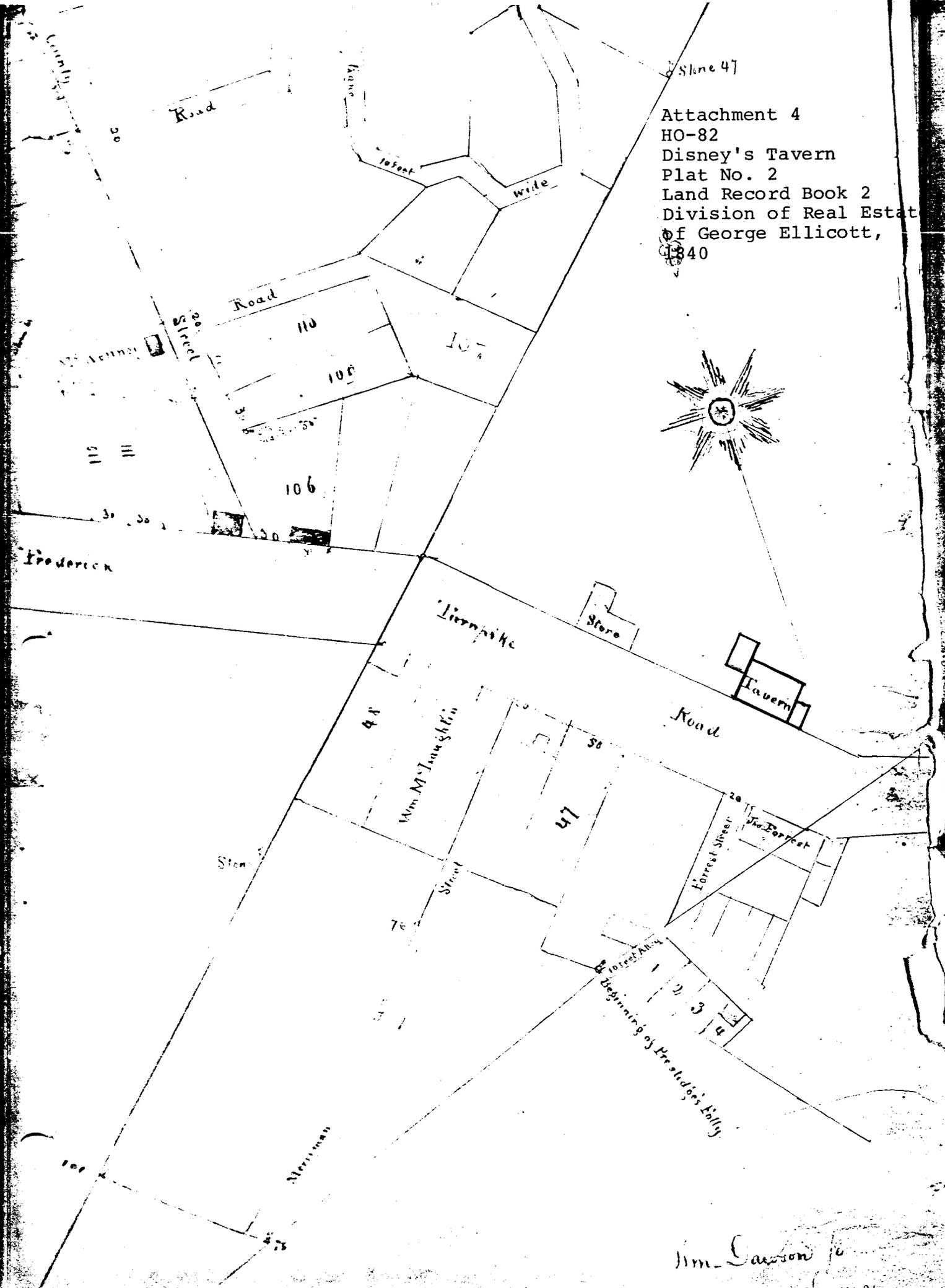
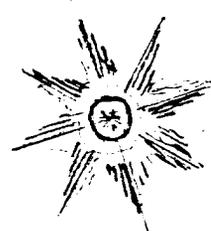
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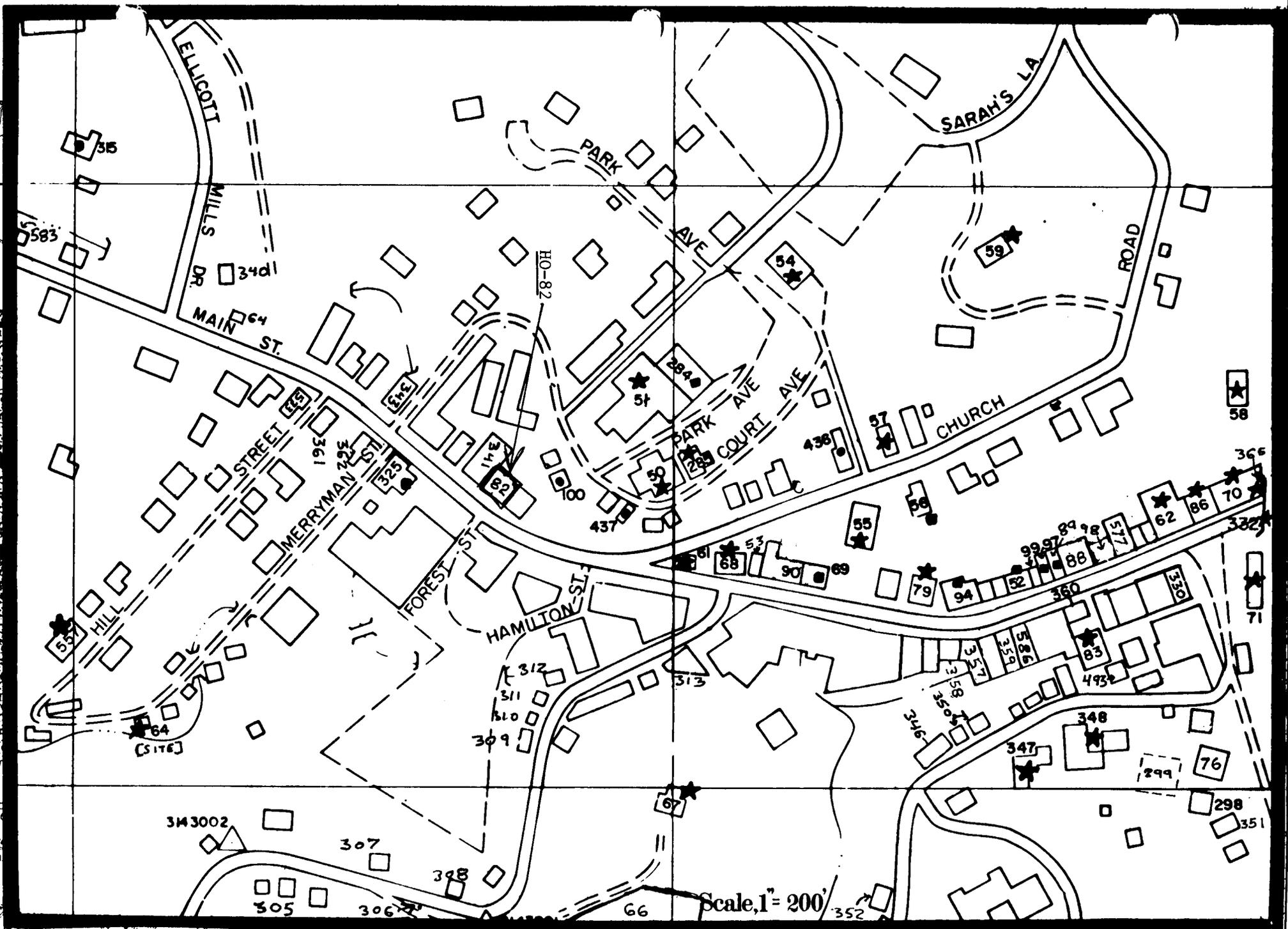
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Stone 47  
 Attachment 4  
 HO-82  
 Disney's Tavern  
 Plat No. 2  
 Land Record Book 2  
 Division of Real Estate  
 of George Ellicott,  
 1840



Wm. Carson



Disney's Tavern (Mount Misery, Fabric House) | 8298-8304 Main Street HO-82







# PLAN OF ELICOTT CITY

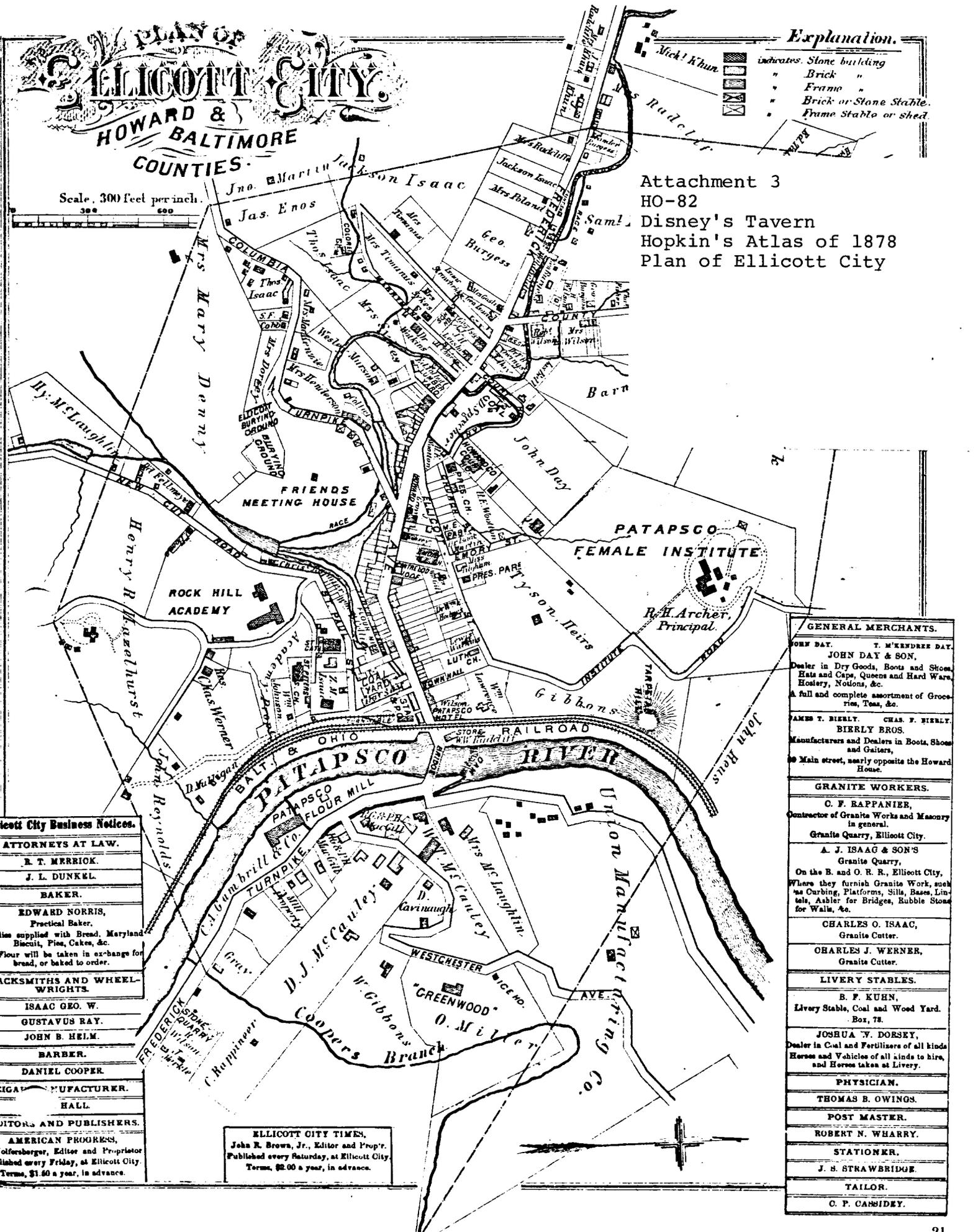
HOWARD & BALTIMORE COUNTIES

Scale, 300 feet per inch.

**Explanation.**

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

Attachment 3  
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Disney's Tavern  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878  
Plan of Ellicott City



**Ellicott City Business Notices.**

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

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

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

**BARBER.**  
DANIEL COOPER

**CIGAR MANUFACTURER.**  
HALL.

**LITORS AND PUBLISHERS.**  
AMERICAN PROGRESS,  
Wolfsberger, Editor and Proprietor  
published every Friday, at Ellicott City.  
Terms, \$1.50 a year, in advance.

**ELICOTT CITY TIMES.**  
John R. Brown, Jr., Editor and Prop'r.  
Published every Saturday, at Ellicott City  
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**GENERAL MERCHANTS.**

JOHN DAY. T. McKEESSEE 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.

JAMES T. BIERLY. CHAS. F. BIERLY.  
**BIERLY BROS.**  
Manufacturers and Dealers in Boots, Shoes  
and Gaiters,  
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. ISAAC & 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-  
tele, 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 V. DORSEY,  
Dealer in Coal and Fertilizers of all kinds  
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and Horses taken at Livery.

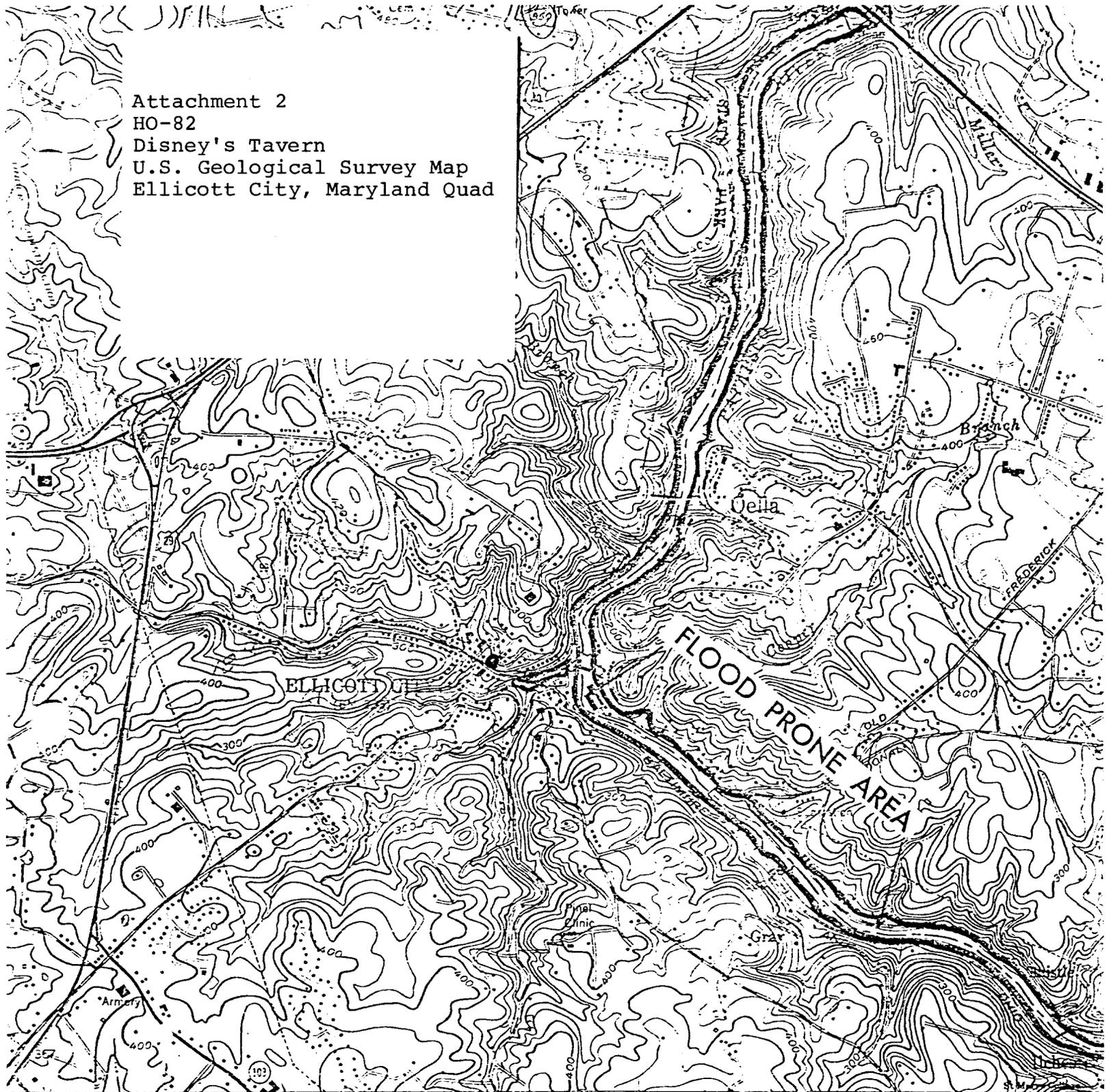
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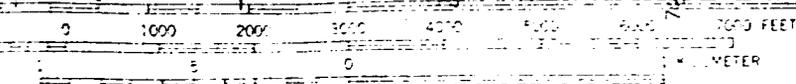
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**TAILOR.**  
C. P. CASSIDY.

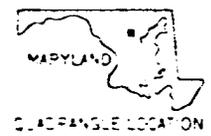
Attachment 2  
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 Disney's Tavern  
 U.S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City, Maryland Quad



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 5662 1/2 NE WEST ELICOTT BRIDGE 5 1/2 MI  
 SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



CLADPANGLE LOCATION



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T

Wilmington City

333 E

832 8/72

H. H. Tamburo's W. 8298 Main St.



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SOUTH  
JULY-1977