HO-266
PHELP'S RESIDENCE/WARFIELD'S RANGE
Laurel
Private

eighteenth and nineteenth centuries

The Phelp's Residence with its adjoining log cabin is located on the northern most survey of Warfield's Range. (Please see HO-265).

It was built in three clearly defined frame sections. The original house, the present kitchen, is a two story high, two bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure, placed on a fieldstone foundation whose wide stone south chimney rises from a mammoth blocked fireplace base in the cellar. It at one time may have been a cooking fireplace. Entrances are located on its east and west elevations. At a very early date a single bay was added to the south wall, one room deep, two stories high, gabled roof (running north-south). It rests on a stone foundation but does not have a full basement, but a crawl space. Log beams support its first floor.

The third section of the house forms the L plan, facing south on Gorman Road and constructed by Dr. Thomas Chew Worthington, circa 1845. It is a five bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gable roof (running east-west) frame structure built on a stone foundation with central hall and north and south entrances. Its south entrance is noteworthy, flanked by three side lights and surmounted by a six light transom which extends on either side over the vertical lights. A central intersecting "A" roofed dormer window is flanked by gabled roof dormers, each of which hold roman arched, double-hung windows with two-over-two lights. A one story high, shed roofed porch has been enclosed, lying along the entire east elevation of the north wing.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME HISTORIC	Warfield's Range/"Pilla	Terra"/Dr. Thomas	Chew Worthington's homestead.	
AND/OR COMMO	Phelp's Residence/Twin	Cedars		
LOCATI	ON			
STREET & NUMBER 10504 Gorman Road		(now on Patuxent Ridge Way)		
CITY. TOWN Laurel		congressional district vicinity of 6th		
STATE	Maryland	•	COUNTY Howard	
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ORIGINAL SITE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Phelp's Residence is composed of two sections, a south and north section, which form an L plan.

The south section is a five bay wide, two bay deep, two and a half story gabled roof (running east-west) white frame structure, with brick chimneys inset into its east and west walls. A central intersecting gabled roof dormer window lies flush with the south wall and holds a roman arched, double-hung window with two-over-two lights. Gabled roof dormer windows are set into the south elevation of the gable roof on each side of this central gable. They hold similar windows.

A central rectangular open bible and cross paneled door is surmounted by an eight light transom and flanked by four vertical side lights. The entrance faces south and is approached by three wide brick steps. A brick pation lies along the south elevation. Two double-hung rectangular windows holding six-over-six lights are decorated with projecting flat wooden sills, and rest on each side of the entrance. Five second floor windows, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled are similar to the first floor windows.

The east and west walls hold a similar first and second floor window in their north bay and two small rectangular double-hung attic windows with two-over-two lights above.

North Elevation:

The north wall of the house has a first and second floor rectangular window, similar to the others, in its east bay and a similar central bay second floor window.

Springing from the west bay of the north wall is a three bay wide, one bay deep intersecting gabled roof (running north-south) white frame north wing. A giant cornerstone for this section's southeast corner, is located under the one story high shed roofed enclosed porch which runs along its entire east elevation. Large stone pillars with hatch marks support this porch. An early date of construction is also indicated by the hand hewn logs supporting its floor. The basement foundation of the early section also has hand hewn log supporting beams.

Examination of the foundation of the newer south wing section reveals the use of giant granite blocks, while that of the earlier north wing has fewer of these giant granite blocks and more fieldstone.

The shed roofed enclosed porch along the east elevation has a north and east rectangular entrance door and three rectangular double-hung windows with six-over-six lights. Three second floor windows rest in the east wall. A first and second floor window, similar to those described is centered into its north wall. An exterior square brick chimney is located east of these windows. A rectangular cellar entrance lies west.

The west elevation of this section hold a central rectangular door with a first floor rectangular, double-hung window holding six-over-six lights in its north bay and a first floor double window in the south bay, composed of two double-hung rectangular windows with four-over-fourlights. Three second floor rectangular windows holding six-over-six lights rest above.

Phelp's Residence - Description Continued

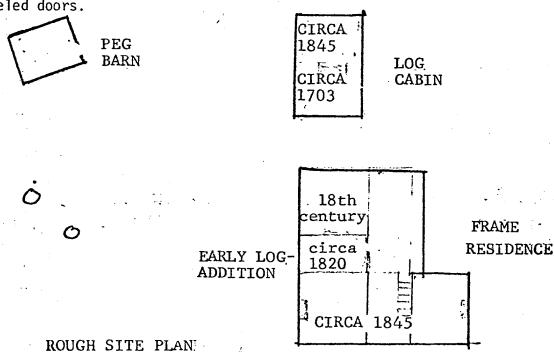
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A large brick chimney is inset into the roof between the south and central bays of the east and west walls. The foundation of the north wing indicates two separate construction periods with a deeply cut root cellar used as the foundation for this frame structure located under the present kitchen in the central and west bays of the east and west walls.

The crawl space beyond this section which is separated by a mammoth stone chimney foundation is under the south bay of the east and west walls and also has hand hewn log supporting beams. This fact indicates a period of early construction circa 1820, for the entire north wing with perhaps an 18th century date for the kitchen section with root cellar foundation. Two interesting log insets into the stone foundation are found on either side of the foundation entrance. It may have been used to pull a log across the door and form a lock.

A peg barn lies northwest and a log cabin (please see HO-265) due north with an Indian mound further north in the woods, surrounding the house which faces Gorman Road, .9 miles east of Route 29.

The interior features random width floors, central hall and staircase, and cross paneled doors.



SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD —PREHISTORIC —1400-1499 —1500-1599 —1600-1699 —1700-1799 X 1800-1899 —1900-	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE ARCHITECTURE ART COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS	REAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CH COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY INVENTION	HECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	RELIGIONSCIENCESCULPTURE
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SPECIFIC DATES circa 1820 and 1845 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Research in the Howard County Hall of Records revealed the following property transactions:

- 1. 18 Day Dec, 1974 (706-340) Ronald S. Goldberg for estate of Charles A. Phelps to Janet Phelps.
- 2. May 4, 1965 434 596 by Strawman, Inc. to Charles & Janet Phelps.
- 3. Oct 9, 1939 BM 165-294 by George E Daniel Chester Gilbert 226 A. except 96.8/10 A. by deed March 24 1948 203-592 was conveyed to Edith at Glen Wiltroof.
- 4. June 30, 1937 (157-315) fr. Citizens National Bank, of Laurel to George Daniel
- 5. August 16, 1933 (146-111) fr. John S. Stanley, Assignee
- 6. November 29, 1920 (111-349) fr. James W. Baxley to Citizen's National Bank of Laurel Mortgage for \$6,000 of 226 11/16 Acres.
- 7. July 9, 1900 (72-231) to Ella Baxley.

The mortgage transaction November 29, 1920 of James W. Baxley mentions the 102 acres conveyed to Arthur Pue Gorman on August 28, 1903 (77-532). This was a transaction made by the old senator to take care of Mr. Hobbs, father of his manager, and give him a place to live and care for.

An additional transaction shows Ella Baxley conveyed her interest to Joshva W Baxley (husband) June 25, 1915. (99-537).

July 1900 72-231 from Bradley and Mary Worthington to Ella H. Baxley & James W. Baxley (heirs and assigns: in fee simple) for \$2,660.

The property is so described in this deed as "Being all those pieces or parcels of land consisting in the aggregate of 236 13/16 acres of land, more or less, which are conveyed in a deed to The said Bradley Worthington from Thomas Worthington Ridgely and Joshua W. Dorsey, excc. & trustees, dated July 9, 1900. 72.-229. It is important to note the following: The land hereby conveyed comprising the farm upon which the late Dr. Thomas Chew Worthington resided in Howard County, Maryland." He was a prominent physician of Baltimore and was a descendent of Captain John Worthington and his Son Charles Worthington (1701-1773) whose second wife was Sarah Chew. The deed goes on to enumerate:

Together with buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being; and all and every, the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and advantages belonging or in anywise ap-

pertaining."

Thomas Worthington acquired four pieces of land. The first and largest was acquired on March 17, 1845 consisting of 153 acres and 9 square perches by deed (5-472) from John Warfield of Joshua, trustee for the estate of Charles G. Worthington. The second tract of land, consisting of 802 acres was acquired in March 31, 1862 (22-54) from Benjamin H. Dorsey and William H. Warfield, executors.

The third and fourth transactions consisted of $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres on Sept. 1, 1888 from Isabella Magruder and husband (53-494) and 2 acres on April 17, 1869 (29-132) from Seth W. Warfield. This latter transaction probably straightened adjoining property lines.

In tracing the 153 acre tract of land, the first transaction in 1845, we find it was.

Part of a tract called "Broken Land", part of a tract called, Worthingtons Addition" and part of or the entire tract called "Long and Narrow," lying and being in Howard District of Anne Arundel County which included 147 acres. It also comprised the tract of land known as "Pilla Terra" patented to William Sellman. Originally this tract comprised 23 acres but was found by a subsequent survey to contain only six acres and 90 sq. perches, "together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses etc. A William Sellman born, 1689, is noted in Mr. Stein's book on Howard County.

An examination of the basement reveals what once might have been a roof cellar (below the present kitchen) a place for storage, or prison for slaves. Two built in recesses on either side of the cellar door might have been used to put a log beam across the entrance, preventing recalcitrant slaves egress from the basement.

The original framehouse on this property is the present kitchen with second floor above, which may date from the eighteenth century or early nineteenth century. Am addition was built which takes in the remainder of the north wing, and stems from a very early date.

During the tenure of Dr. Thomas C. Worthington, who acquired the property in 1845, the south wing facing Gorman Road was constructed. This section of the house is reminiscent of the romanesque revival which hit American domestic architecture in the mid-nineteenth century.

For these reasons, its historic associations and its architectural composition, this building should be considered for inclusion to the National Register & any future local landmark legislation.

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Warfield, J.D. Founders of Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, Maryland. Baltimore, 1973. pp 366, 399, 388, 365.

Interview with Mrs. Harwood Owings, Sr.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 57.907 Acres

Please see Attachment 1
Tax Maps 41 and 42 p. 80.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Attachment 1 Tax Maps 41 and 42 p.80.

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

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STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

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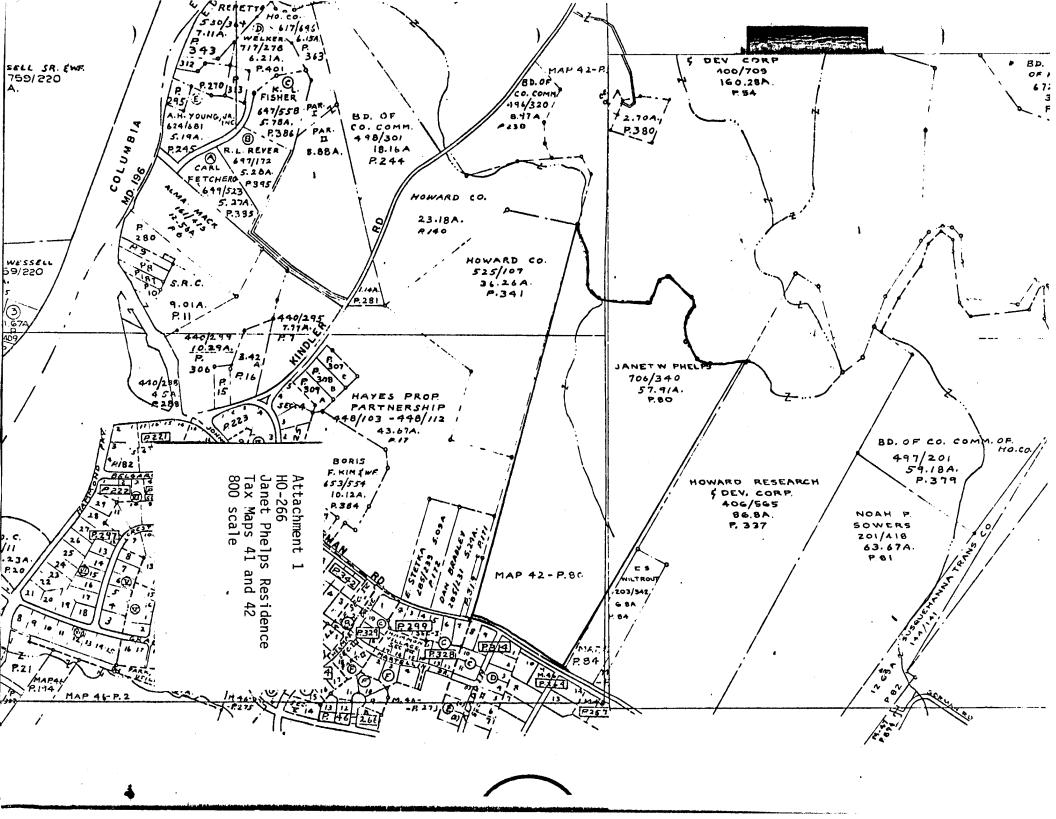
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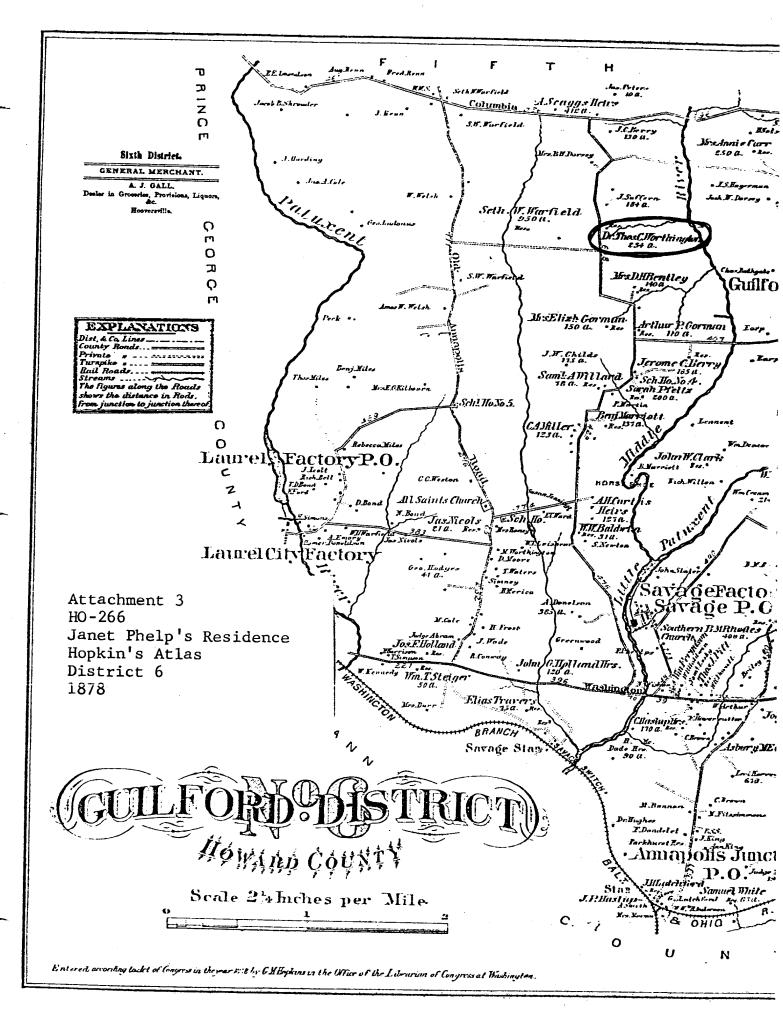
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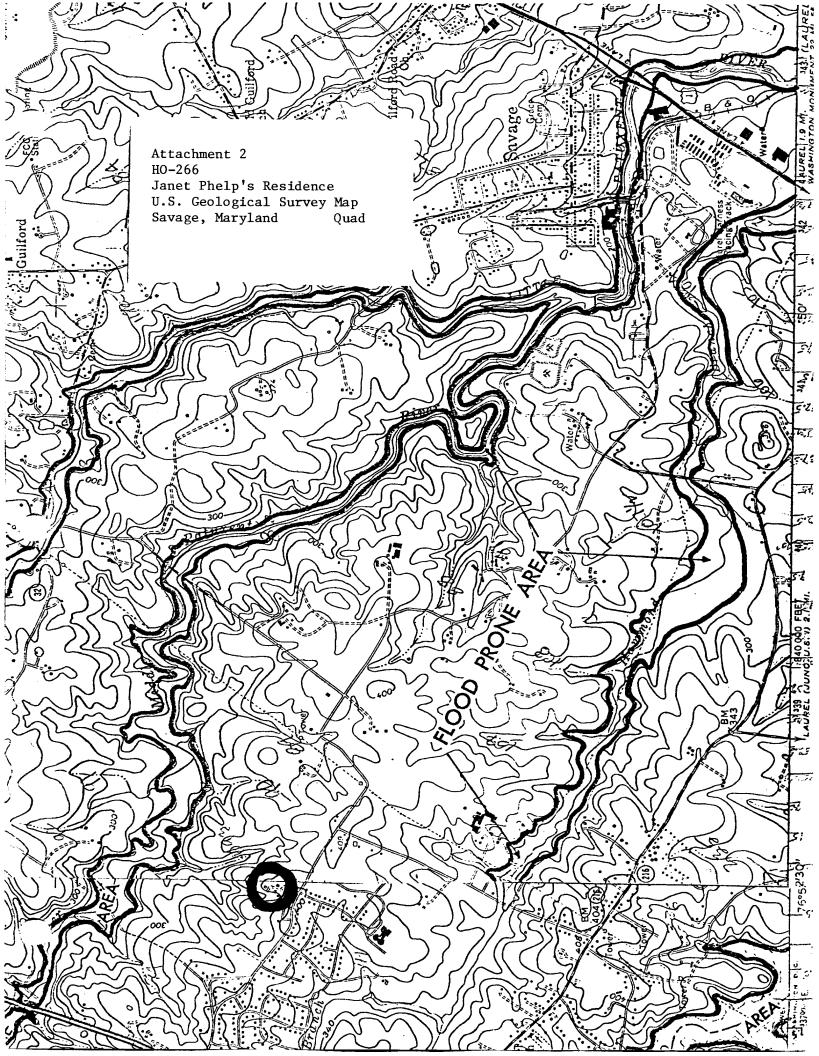
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