

HO-301  
Tuten's Cottage  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1838

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-301  
 District 2  
 Ellicott City  
 MAGI # 1403012404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Tuten's Cottage

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3825 Old Columbia Pike (MD 987)

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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Catherine Tuten

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2829 Old Columbia Pike

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD. 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Hall of Records

Liber #: 335

Folio #: 278

Tax Map 25-A, p. 261

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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

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The east elevation holds a dilapidated wooden staircase to a second floor, shed roofed open porch and landing in front of its north bay entrance. A second floor window, similar to those already described, lies south of the door. This elevation also indicates the ground floor stone wall for the building, which once existed here. Since the house is located on a steep slope of land, its east elevation, second floor is more like the first floor.

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The building has recently been hit by a car in its southwest corner, causing severe damage to the brick work at this corner and needing immediate attention or demolition for safety.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Explanatory Notes

1. Tuten's Cottage is very similar to one found south of Merryman and Hill Streets in Ellicott City, on the west side of the Cat Rocks Creek, believed to be associated in some way with an old quarry further south. Tuten's Cottage and this latter building are of the same dimensions, are two bays wide, one room deep and two stories high. Staircases are located in the corner next to the entrance door, with a wide brick chimney placed on the opposite wall. Constructed of English garden wall brick bond, they rest on substantial stone foundations. Ellicott City is noted for its stone buildings, with a scattering of brick, such as we find in Tuten's Cottage.

2. The history of Tuten's Cottage is presented in the deed description of the property, where it mentions the "southwestern wall of the

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gable end of a brick house built upon the lot now being described by James Lea" and previously "the whole lot conveyed by Thomas Isaacs to James Lea, dated March 3, 1838" and recorded in Liber WS6 22 folio 572 of the Anne Arundel County Land Records. We thus know the builder, James Lea and the man who sold him the property, Thomas Isaacs, the latter of whom owned other property in Ellicott City as well. This first parcel, on which the house stands, was evidently once a part of "Prestiges Folly".

By 1860 the property had come back to the Isaac family for Zedediah M. Isaac in his will of 1890 mentions acquiring it in 1860 from Mr. David B. McLaughlin. In that will he devised the property to his son, William Moore Isaac, to be held in trust by him for the use of his daughter, Mary Gertrude Sunderland. In 1919, Tuten's Cottage became the property of this woman's three sons, Herbert, Edmund and Benjamin. In 1956, Warren Lee Plunkert became the owner of this small brick house. Three years later it was acquired by its present owner, Mrs. Catherine Tuten.

Recently, the southwest corner of the building has been struck by an automobile, causing breakage in the brick wall and a general collapse of the building. It is hoped that this can be repaired or the property on which it stands sold to someone interested in restoring and rehabilitating this early, modest brick buildup.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 Parcels

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25-A, Liber 335-278

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber \_\_\_\_\_ Folio \_\_\_\_\_

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, A.I.C.P., Projects Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3430 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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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TITLE SEARCH  
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DATE	LIBER - FOLIO	GRANTOR	GRANTEE	TRANSACTION
27 June 1959		Warren Lee and Agnes Irene Plunkert	Catherine <i>Tuten</i>	Tax M.
September 18, 1956	291 - 285	Herbert Sunderland etal	Warren Lee Plunkert	Deed to 2 parcels

"Whereas Mary G. Sunderland by her will dated April 7, 1919 (wills 23 - 35 - Baltimore County) gave above property to her 3 sons: Herbert, Edmund and Benjamin Whereas by deed dated May 11, 1954 (264 - 592) Benjamin conveyed his 1/3 interest to the A to Z. Co. which conveyed said property back to him "for and during the term of his natural life". Whereas Benjamin died on August 7, 1955 and said June Suderland is vested with Dower interest

Beginning at a point in the south 73° west 8 perch line of the whole lot conveyed by Thomas Isaacs to James Lea dated March 3, 1838 and recorded in Liber WSG. No. 22 folio 572 (Anne Aundel County) at the distance of four (4) feet south 39½° west from the "Southwestern wall of the gable end of a brick house built upon the lot now being described by James Lee and running thence parallel to said southwestern wall of said brick house, keeping at the distance of four feet.

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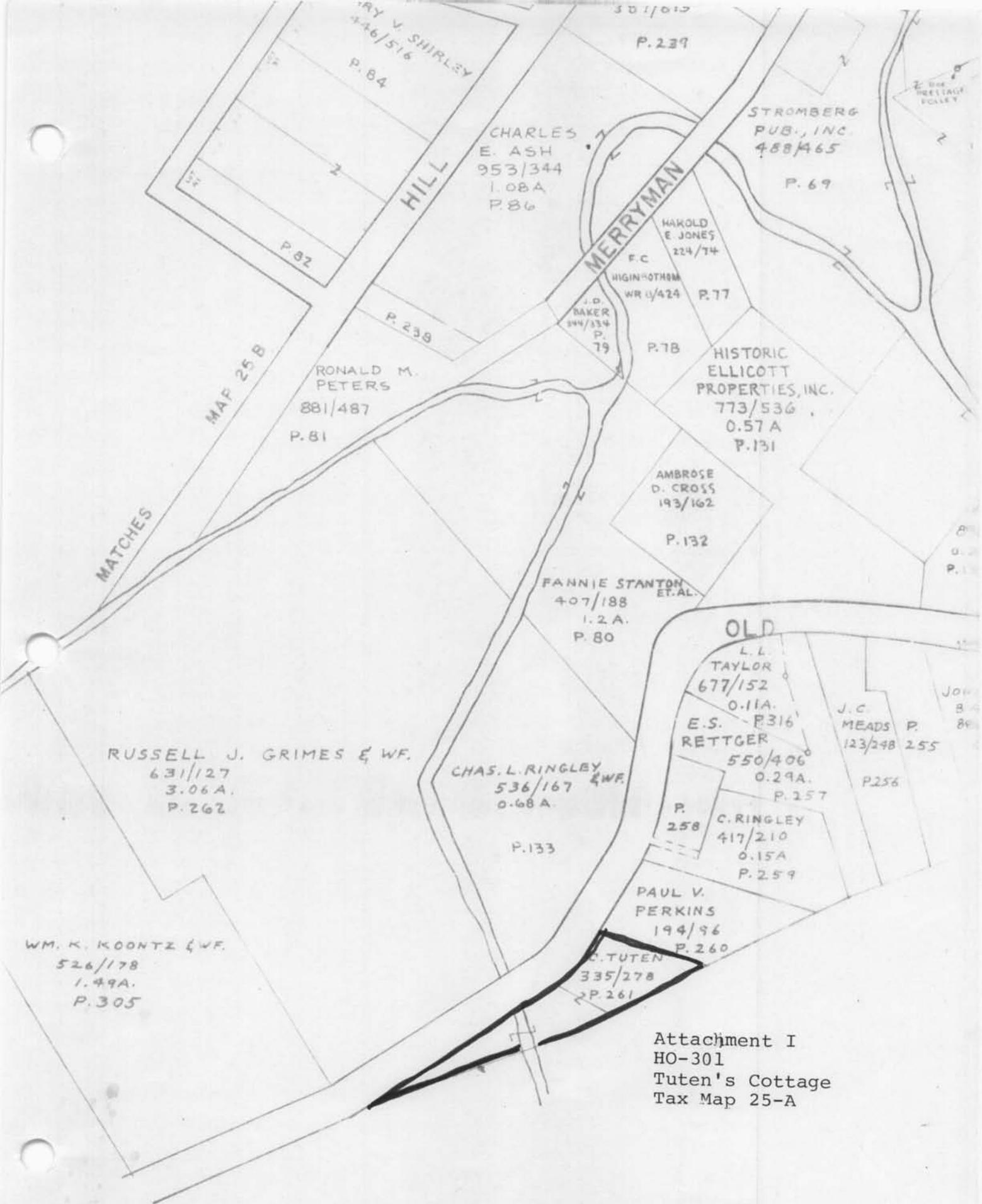
PARCEL 1 pertaining to Prestiges Folly "the beginning  
stone located under a concrete ramp back of  
Charles Miller's garage in Ellicott City

September 4, 1890 - Wills T.S.3, 189-191 Will of Zedekian M. Isaac

July 19, 1892            In item 4 "I give devise and bequeath to my said son William Moore Isaac in trust and confidence to be held by him for the use of my daughter Mary Gertude Sunderland all that piece of land with the improvements describe in a deed from David B. McLaughlin to me dated June 11, 1860 25-227 and also all that other piece or parcel of land and improvements thereon being part of the land devised to me by Thomas Isaac by last will & Test. except that part thereof described in the devise to William Isaac.

Deed fr. Rachel Strandley to Thomas Isaac Feb. 16, 1838 - AA23-124            (13-301) "the fense now stands which divides the gardens of messrs Rumstone and McKenzie, tenants on the property, thence westerly with said fense as it now stands to a granite stone planted by me 5' distance from the northeast corner of the Kitchen of the dwelling occupied by Mr. Rumstone thence in a straight line to the southeast corner of the frame bldg used as a woodshed by said Rumstone

PARCEL 2 includes that strip of ground Easterly of and ~~bordering~~ along the Columbia Turnpike Road reported to have been used formerly as a private roadway along the south easterly side of the lot of ground of Parcel 1. - the roadway lies adjacent thereto and between it and the property once owned by Dr. Samuel Owens and as of the date of this deed owned by Catherine M. Tuten and William Tuten 187-483. (This property is known as Broxton) containing in deed of 1945 (187-483) 20.5/10 acres of land.



Attachment I  
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 Tuten's Cottage  
 Tax Map 25-A

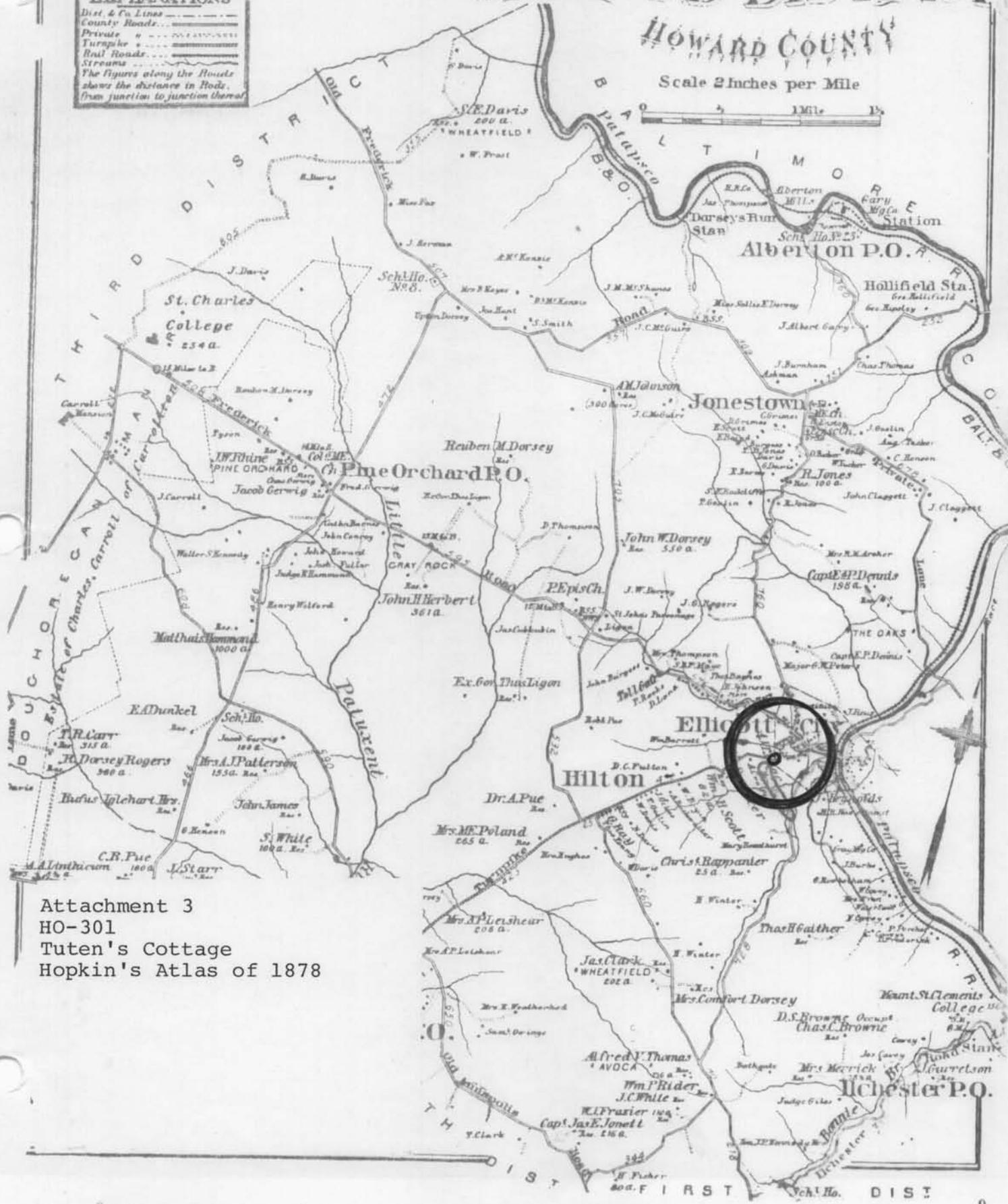


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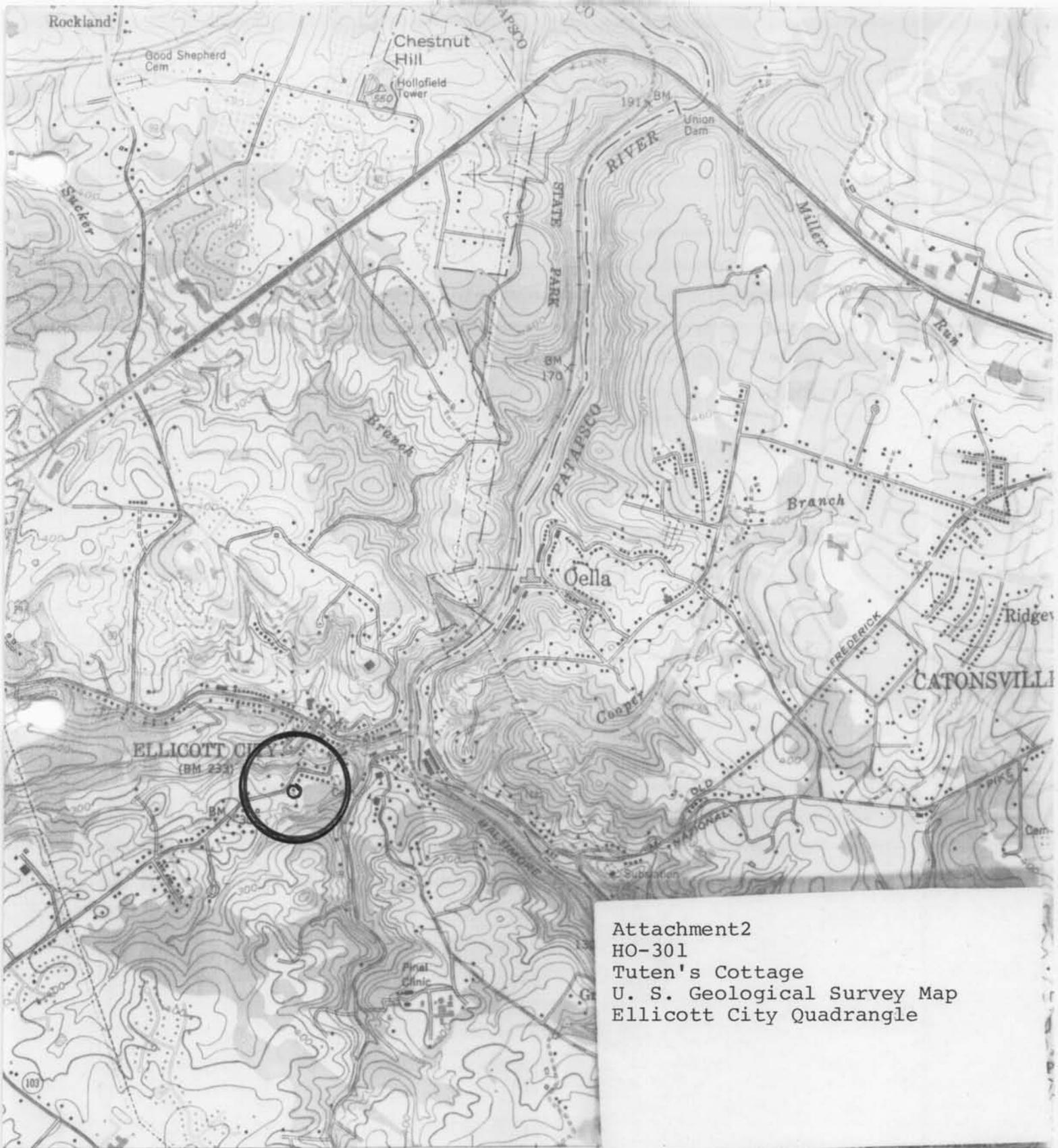
## HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 2 Inches per Mile

**EXPLANATIONS**  
 Dist. & Co. Lines .....  
 County Roads .....  
 Private " .....  
 Turnpike " .....  
 Rail Roads .....  
 Streams .....  
 The figures along the Roads  
 shows the distance in Rods,  
 from junction to junction thereof



Attachment 3  
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 Tuten's Cottage  
 Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



Attachment2  
 HO-301  
 Tuten's Cottage  
 U. S. Geological Survey Map  
 Ellicott City Quadrangle

(SAVAGE) 1:3 MI TO MD. 175  
 5662 III NE WEST ELKRIDGE 5.9 MI.  
 SCALE 1:24,000

45 47'30"

0 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
 0 1 2 3 4 KILOMETER

TOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
 GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Heavy-duty ———— L  
 Medium-duty ———— U  
 Interstate Route U.S.

MARYLAND  
 QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ELLICOTT CITY  
 N

WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS



Name: Tuten's Cottage H0-301

Location: 3825 Old Columbia Pike  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Photographer: Cleora B. Thompson, A.I.C.P.

Date of photograph: September, 1980

Negatives in possession of the Maryland Historical Trust

View: west

Photographer looking: east

Photograph number: 1 of 1