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circa 1840

The George Burgess House  
Ellicott City  
Private

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, three and a half story high, stone first floor, on which have been laid two and a half stories of brick (laid in English Garden wall brick bond) building, with wide brick chimneys set into its east and west walls.

It features a particularly fine south facade with central first and second floor entrances leading out to each floor of a two story high, shed roofed, open porch, running along the entire south facade. Fenestration is proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. Windows are rectangular, double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat, projecting wooden sills and surmounted by stretcher brick lintels.

Acquired by George Burgess from Samuel Ellicott in the mid-nineteenth century, the building features random width floors, woodwork composed of pilasters and lintels decorated with two square cut flutes, joined by square corners, and five original mantle pieces.

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E.C. Quad  
Dist. 2

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The George Burgess House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 8448 Frederick Road (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 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 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 Elsie Beall and Hilda Ferguson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
8448 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Ellicott City,

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE Tax Map 25, p.157  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 428

Folio #: 458

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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		

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

The George Burgess House faces south on the northwest corner of Frederick Road and Ellicott Mills Drive. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) one story high, stone house on which two and a half stories of brick (laid in English Garden wall brick bond) have been placed. The stone first floor sets into the high slope of land, acting as a stone foundation. Wide brick chimneys are set into the building's east and west walls.

#### SOUTH FACADE

Three wide, poured in place concrete steps, lead to the wooden landing of a two story high, shed roofed, open porch, which runs along the entire south elevation, held by four, large, square, posts on the first floor, and four, proportionally scaled, square, wooden posts on the second floor.

A central, second floor entrance door, flanked by rectangular, double-hung, six-over-six light windows leads on to the second floor of the porch.

A wide, granite block threshold stone is placed at the central, first floor, south facade entrance of the stone foundation, flanked by single, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by wooden sills.

Fenestration for the south elevation is proportionally scaled and vertically aligned. Windows for the entire house are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat, projecting wooden sills and, on the second and third floors, surmounted by flat, stretcher brick lintels. Two gabled roof dormer windows are placed in the roof of the south facade.

#### WEST ELEVATION

No apertures are placed in this elevation.

#### NORTH ELEVATION

Constructed into the slope of land on the north side of Frederick Road, this elevation reveals only the second and third floors, which becomes, on this elevation, the first and second floors. A shed roof, aluminum awning, held by five iron rods, covers the central entrance door, flanked by single, rectangular windows, similar to those described, all of which are vertically aligned to the second floor.

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EAST ELEVATION

A second floor, rectangular window has been cut into the north side of this elevation. A hipped roof, extended into a shed roofed, one story high, three bay wide, two bay deep, frame kitchen addition, resting on a stone foundation, runs along the entire east wall of the stone section of the house, fronted by a six rectangular, one-over-one light, wide, enclosed porch with west entry; on its south wall.

A one story high, two bay wide, one bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) vertically framed building, with shed roofed lean-to on its west wall, is placed at the northeast corner of the building.

INTERIOR

The interior of the house is divided into two rooms with a corner staircase located in the northwest corner of the house. Five of the original mantelpieces can be seen. One on the west side of the ground floor features flat pilasters and architrave; those on the second and third floors of the west wall are similar, featuring flat pilasters with two square flutes and fluted architraves, whose flutes terminate in a square curl, the two mantelpieces located on the east wall of the second and third floor are also similar, flanked by flat pilasters with relatively simple capitals and unimbellished architraves.

The woodwork of the ground floor is composed of simple, unmitred, flat lintels and pilasters. The second and third floors feature pilasters with two squarely cut flutes, joined to similar lintels by square corners.

Wide random width floors are featured throughout the house.

# 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES    circa 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Burgess House is significant historically and architecturally to Howard County and the State of Maryland.

Historically, it is located on part of a tract of land called Mount Misery, which was acquired by George Burgess from Samuel Ellicott in the 1840's, particularly described in the deed of partition of George Ellicott's Estate, noted in the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, W.S.G. #21-178. Two plats note the property without a building, 1) Plat #2, noted as Lot # 114 recorded May 1, 1840 in Liber #2, folio 76 in the Howard County Land Records, and 2) A plat noting this lot as #62 in Liber LJW 52-656.

Architecturally, the building features fine proportions and scale, as well as almost all its interior detail.

Both the north and south facades of the building are particularly fine, featuring central entrances, and vertically aligned second and third floor windows, with two gabled roof dormers and a two story high, shed roofed, open porch, running along the south facade.

The interior detail includes random width floors, original woodwork and five original mantelpieces throughout the house. First or ground floor wood work features unmitred flat pilasters and lintels, while second and third floor woodwork features flat pilasters with double square cut flutes, joined with square corners.

Architecturally and historically noteworthy, it is located within both the National Register Historic District of Ellicott City and the local history district.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mrs. Elsie Beall and Mrs. Hilda Ferguson at their home on Monday, January 28, 1980.

Land Records for Howard County

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.12 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 25

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 428 Folio 458

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

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 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.

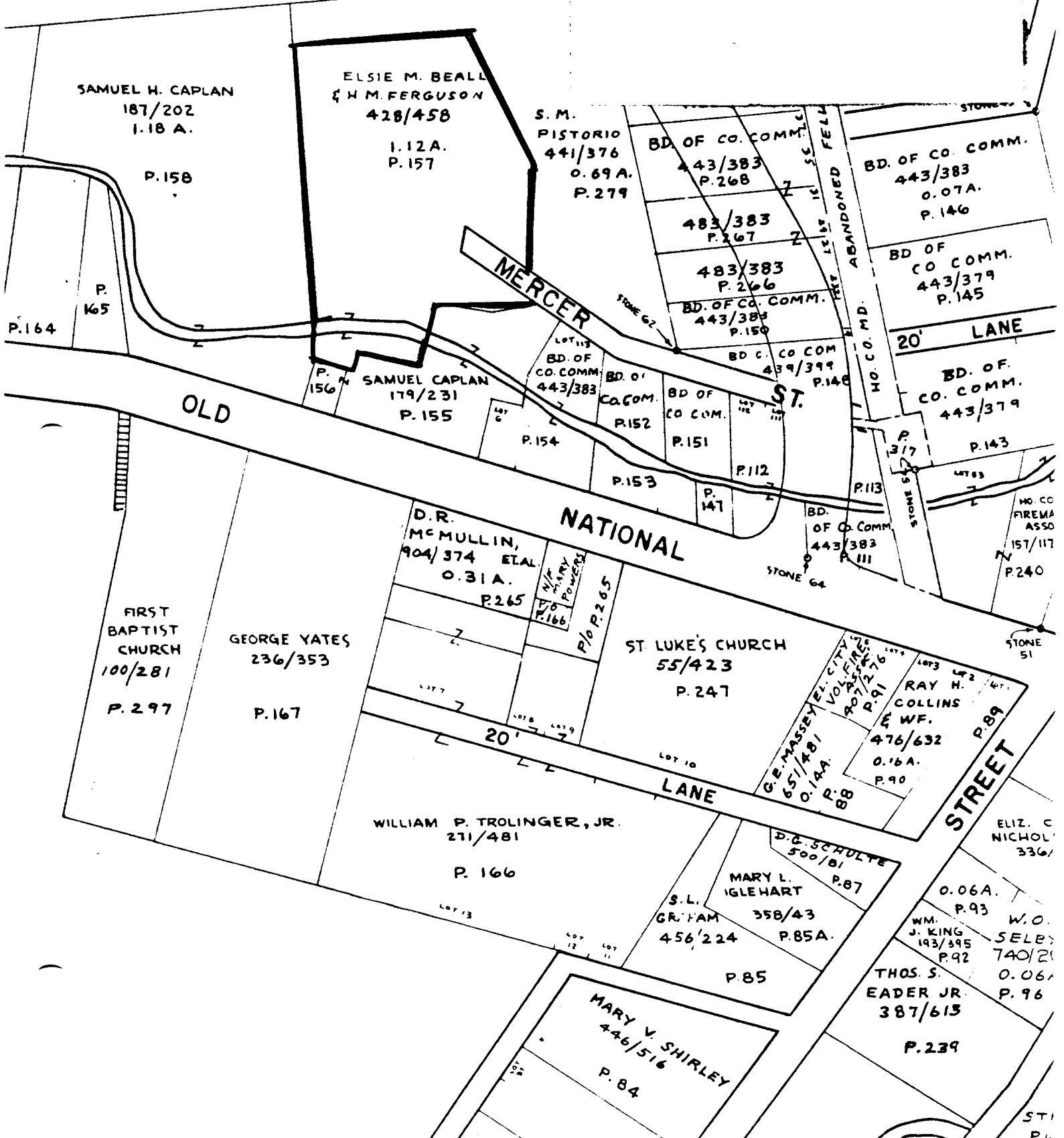
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## TITLE SEARCH OF THE GEORGE BURGESS HOUSE

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25 Nov. 64	428-458	Audrey S. Emge	Elsie M. Beall & Hilda Mane Ferguson 1.81 a.
25 Nov. 64	428-456	Elsie M. Beall	Audrey S. Emge
18 Jan. 58	RHM 309-407	Mary Constance Colbert, Unm	Elsie M. Beall & Wilbur J. Beall 1.81 a.
18 Jan. 58	RHM 309-405	Wilbur J. Beall & Elsie M. Beall	Mary Constance Colbert 1.81 a.
9 Apr. 55	RHM 267-31	Julian Wheeler, widower	Elsie M. Beall 1.81 a.
18 Aug. 45	BMJR 187-209	George L. Burgess	Julian Wheeler 1.81 a. lot #62, The Home- stead, first part P/O #3 P/O #4
ul 11	WWLC 97-412	William Kerger	Ella M. Burgess
28 Jul 09	WWLC 87-473	Hamilton Oldfield	William Kerger
8 Nov 43	179-523	Clara Burgess	Samuel Burgess George & William Several lots - Lot #62
23 Jun 77	38-164	William & Mary Osborne, et ux of Baltimore City	Samuel F. Burgess for \$700 Plat of lands of George Burgess

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437/338  
P. 272

Attachment I  
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The George Burgess House  
Tax Map 25-A



SAMUEL H. CAPLAN  
187/202  
1.18 A.

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ELSIE M. BEALL  
& H.M. FERGUSON  
428/458

1.12 A.  
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S. M.  
PISTORIO  
441/376  
0.69 A.  
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D.R. McMULLIN,  
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0.31 A.  
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MARY POWERS  
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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GEORGE YATES  
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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH  
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20'

LANE

GE. MASSEY  
65/481  
0.14 A.  
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RAY H. COLLINS  
& W.F.  
476/632  
0.16 A.  
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STREET

WILLIAM P. TROLINGER, JR.  
271/481  
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D.G. SCHULTE  
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MARY L. IGLEHART  
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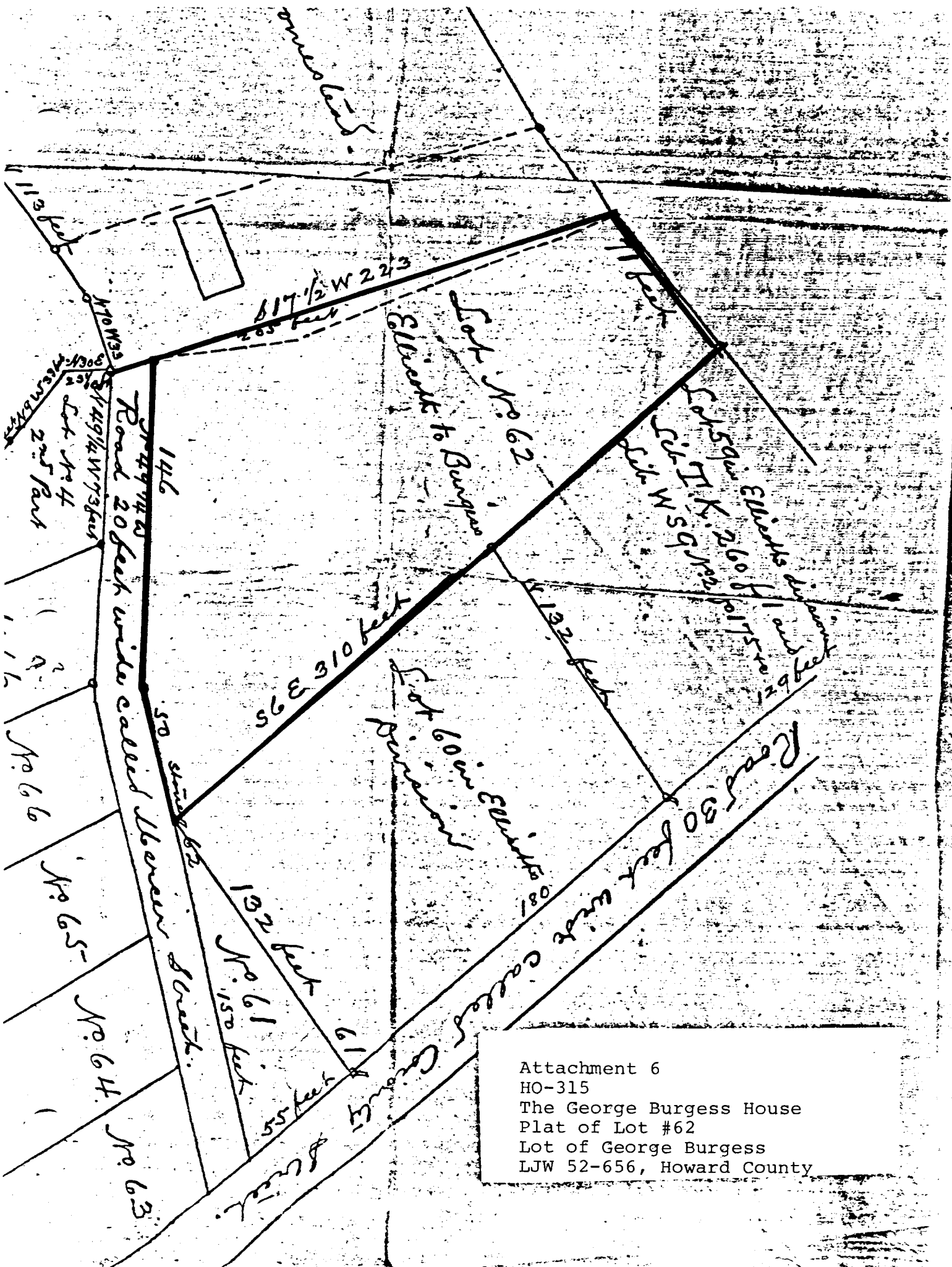
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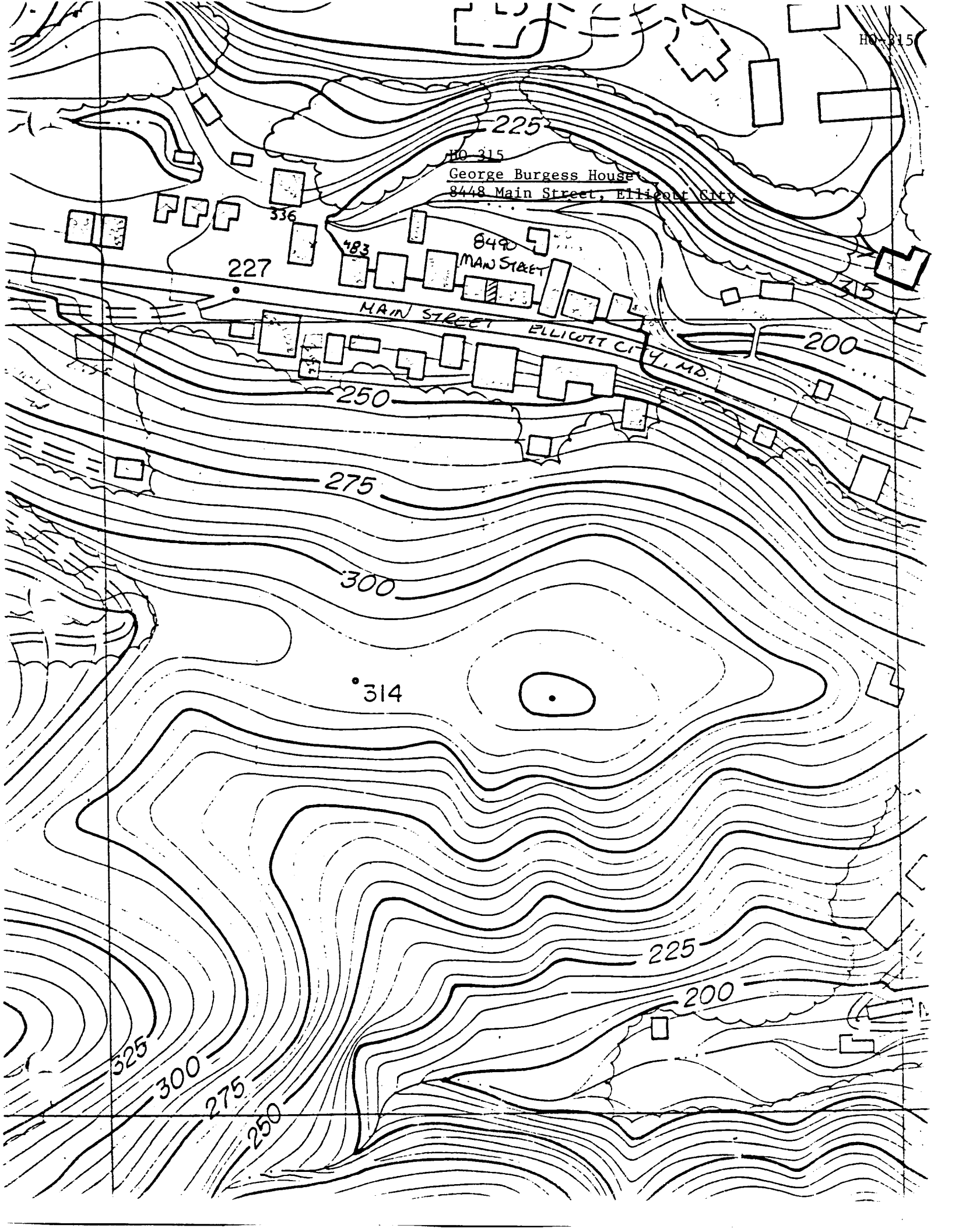


Attachment 6  
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 The George Burgess House  
 Plat of Lot #62  
 Lot of George Burgess  
 LJW 52-656, Howard County

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George Burgess House  
8448 Main Street, Ellicott City



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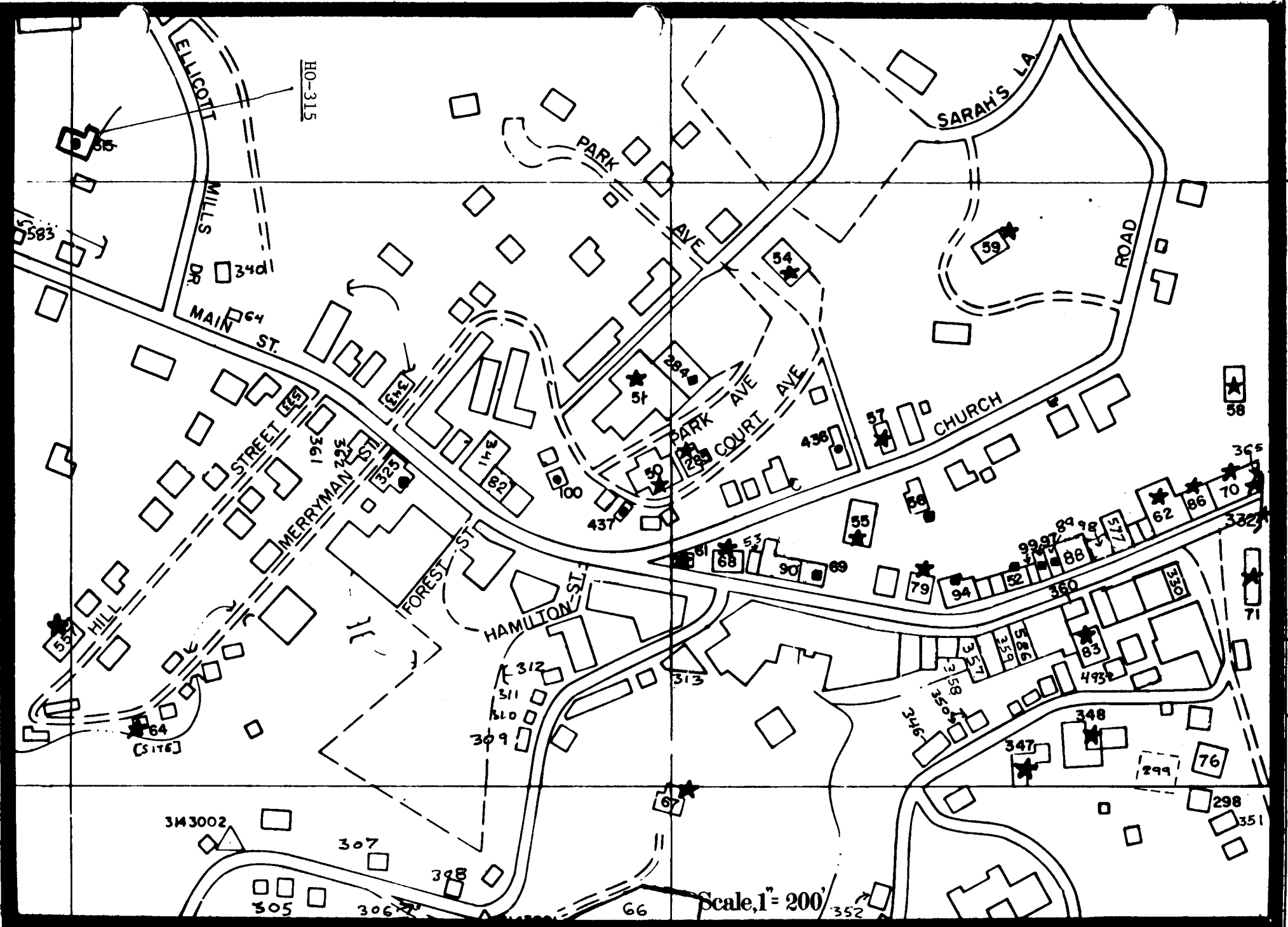
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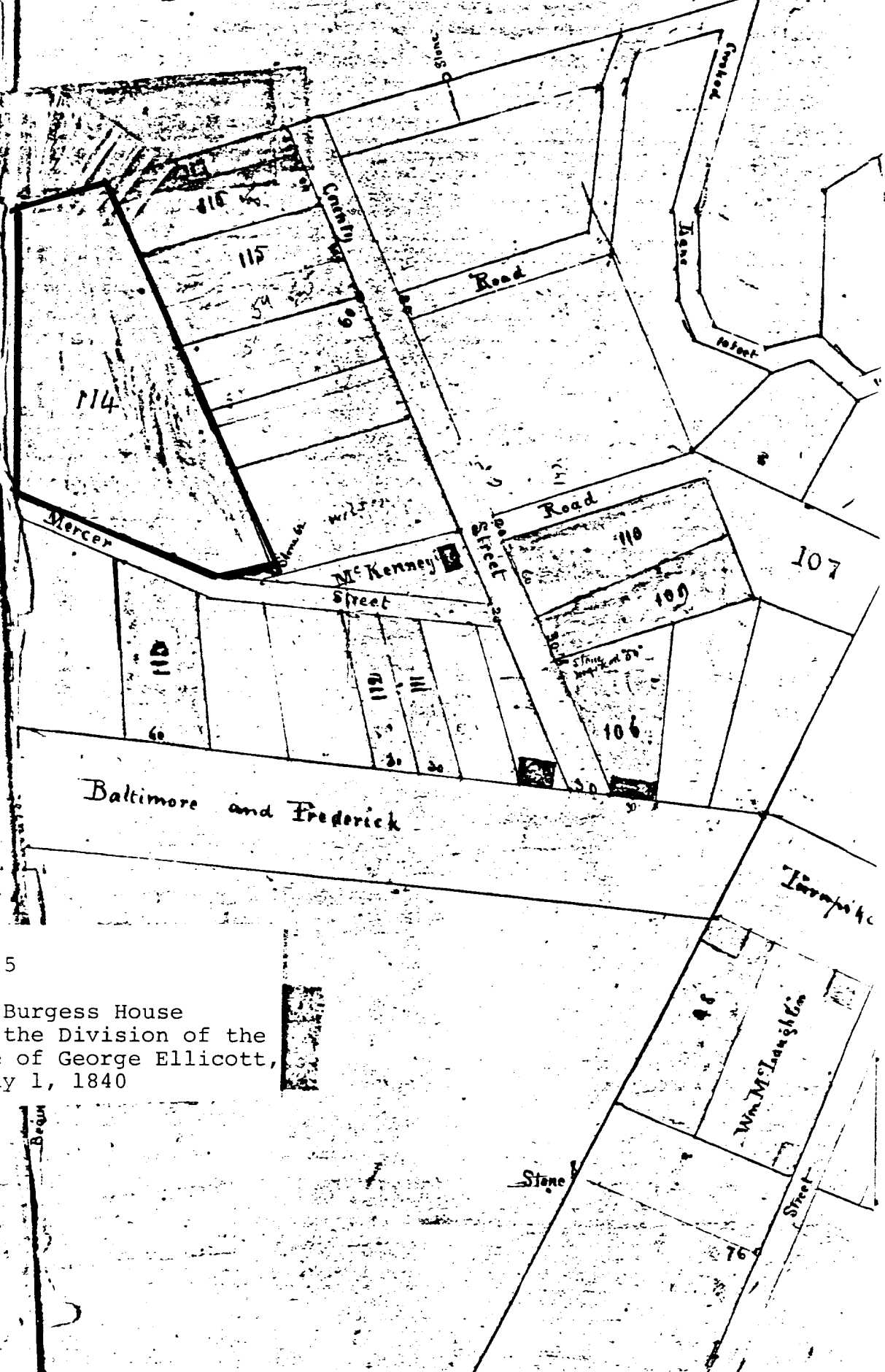
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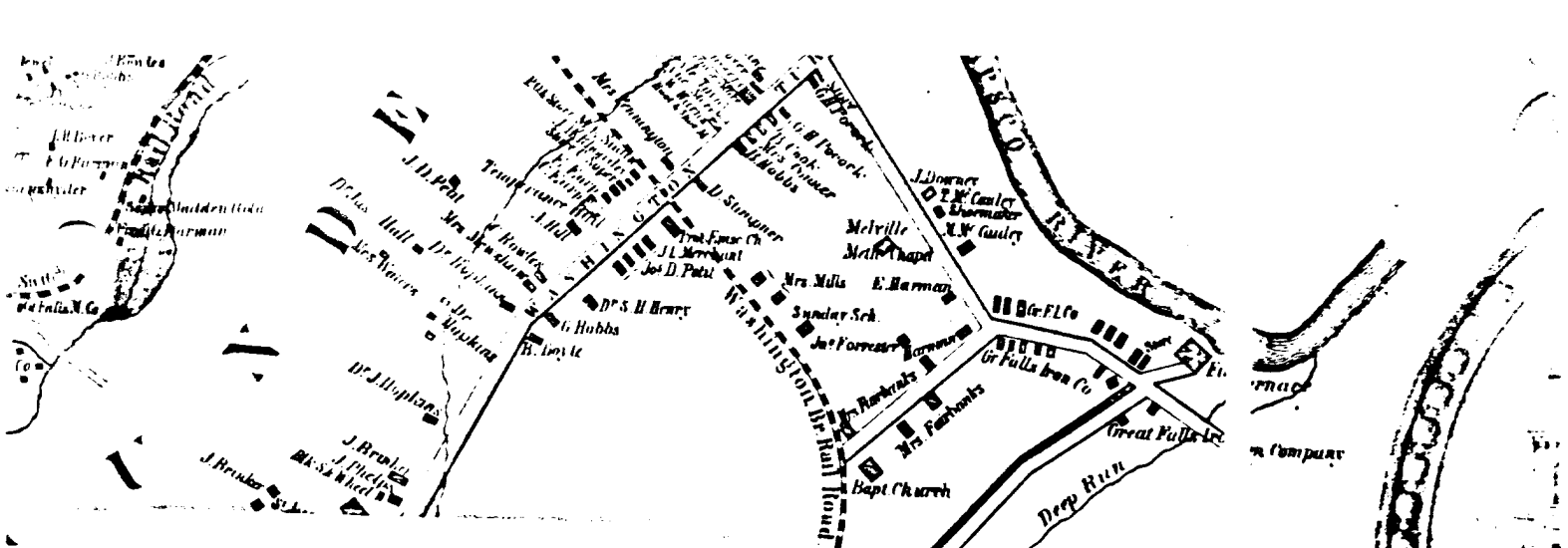
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Recorded May 1, 1840

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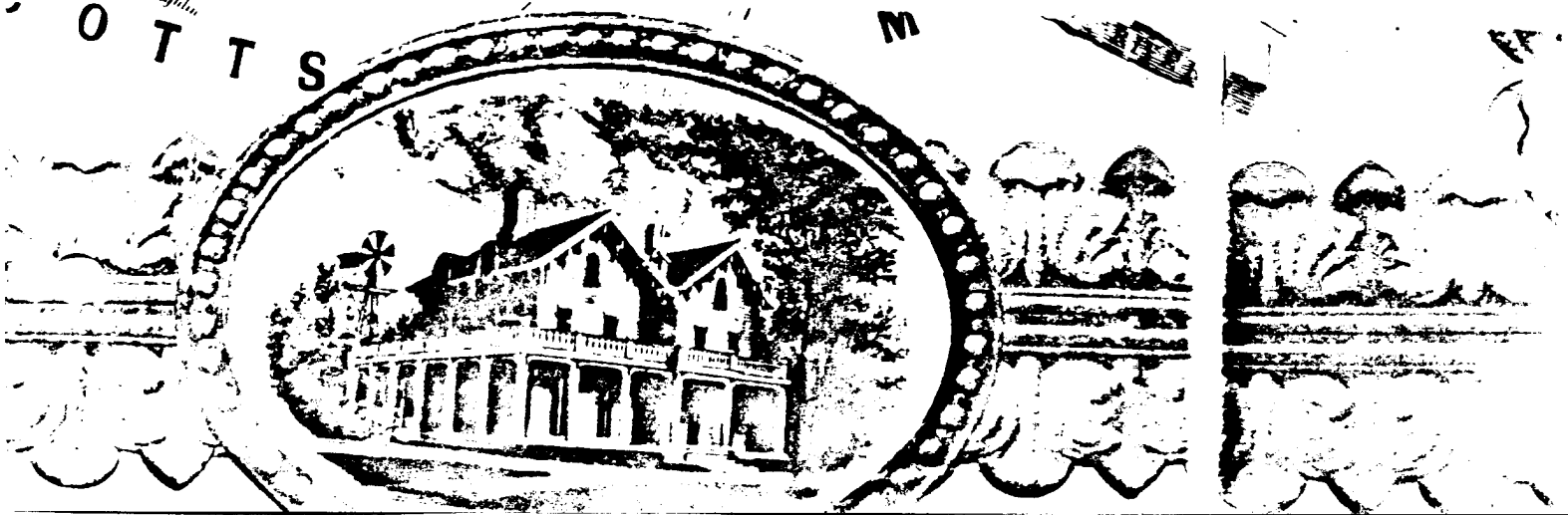
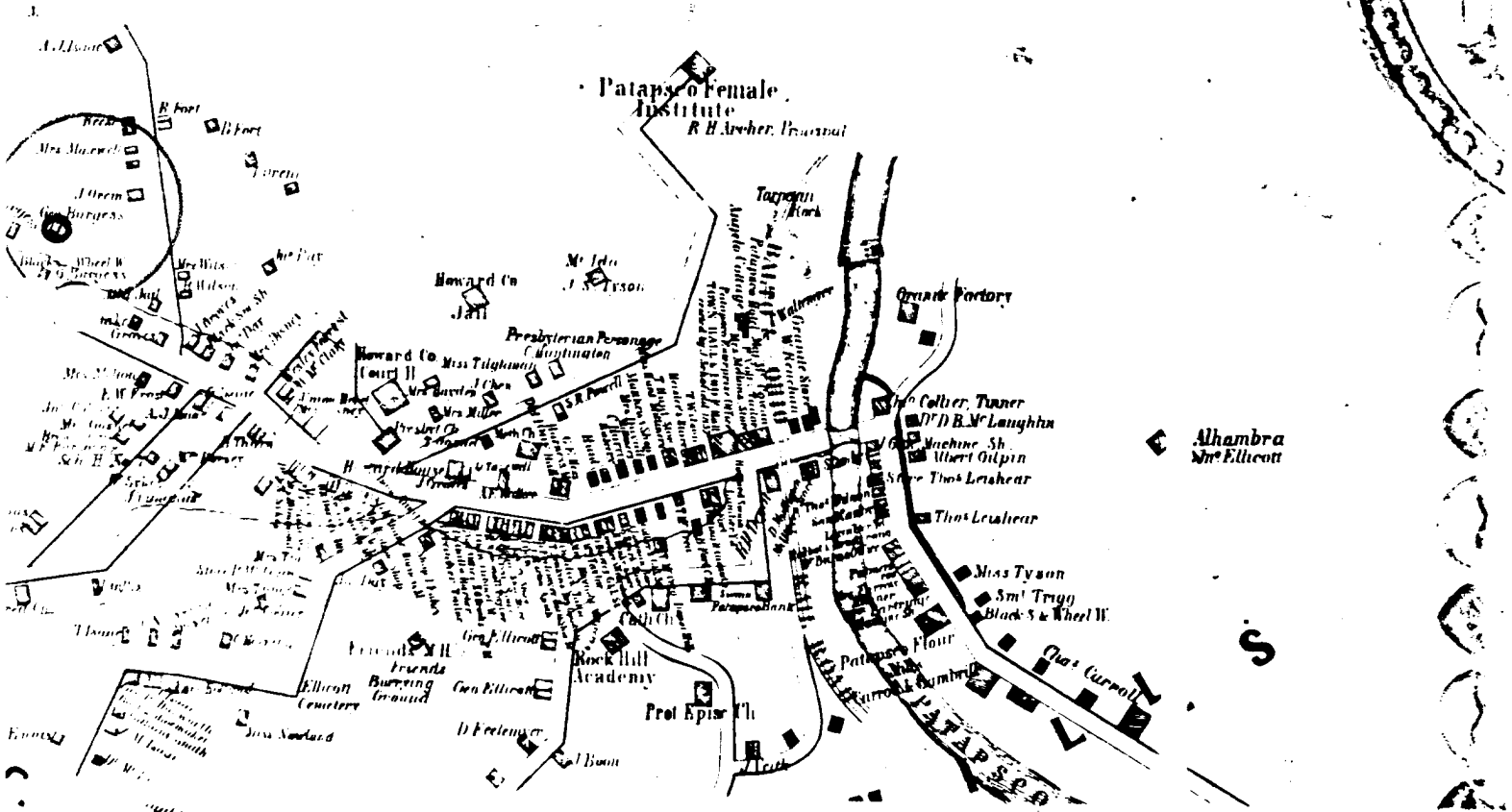
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Attachment 3  
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Martennett Map of 1860








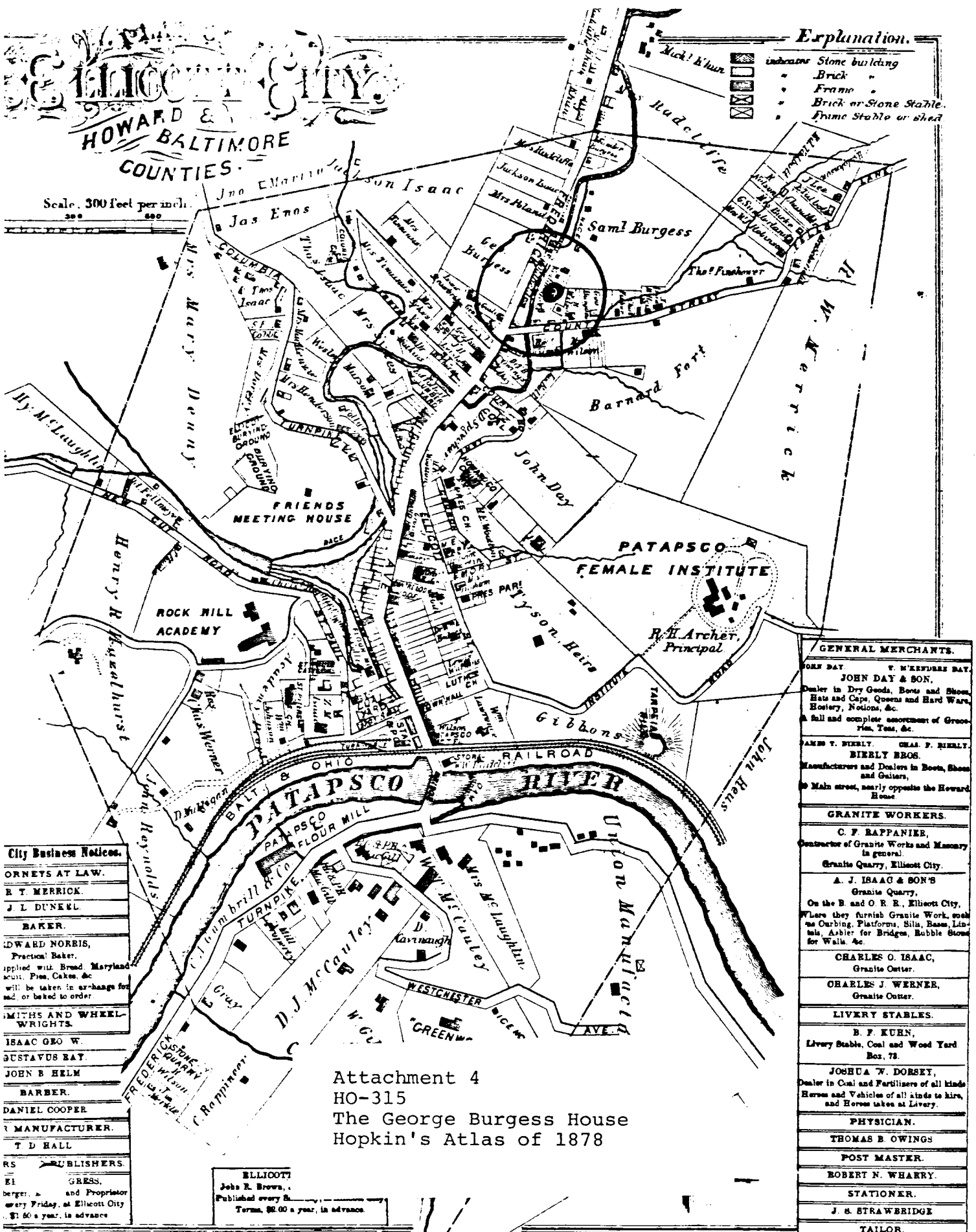
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HOWARD & BALTIMORE COUNTIES

Scale, 300 feet per inch.

## Explanation.

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-  Brick
-  Frame
-  Brick or Stone Stable
-  Frame Stable or shed

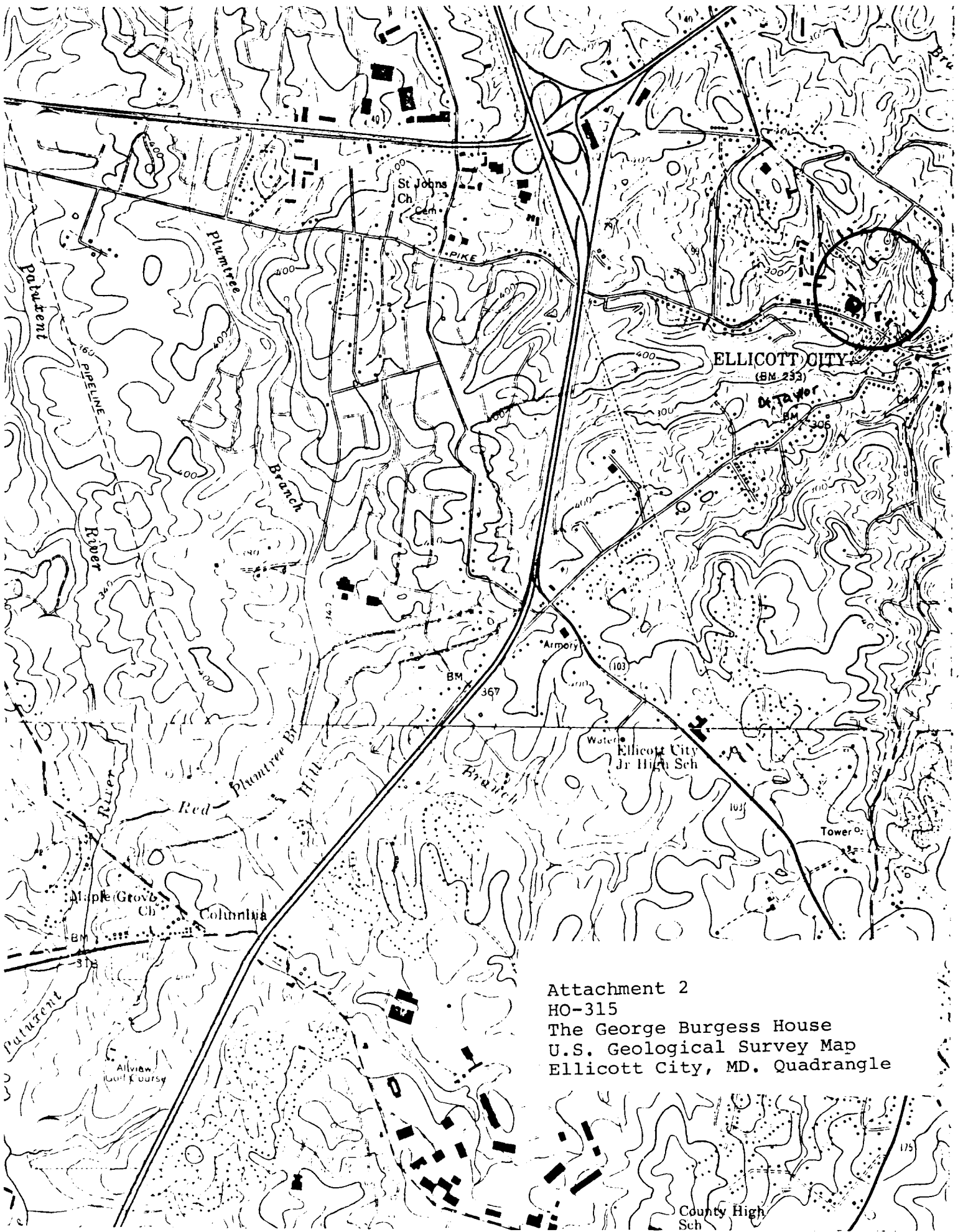


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The George Burgess House  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878



Attachment 2  
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The George Burgess House  
U.S. Geological Survey Map  
Ellicott City, MD. Quadrangle





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THE GEORGE BURGESS HOUSE  
SOUTHEAST  
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