

HO-321, The Gonzales House  
5761 Main St., Elkridge  
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill  
February 2003

## **ADDENDUM**

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### Section 3. Owner of Property

Paul G. Simmons  
5761 Main Street  
Elkridge, MD 21075

### Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse  
Ellicott City  
Liber 5834, Folio 461  
Tax Map 38, Parcel 693

### Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing property in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

### Section 7. Description

Condition: Very good, altered  
Date: c. 1875

This two-story, three-bay frame house faces north on the south side of Main Street and is presently in very good condition, though many original elements have been covered or replaced. The Lineberg House, HO-496, is located to the east and The Kloman Building, HO-327, occupies the lot to the west. The house currently has a T-plan with the front two-story, single pile, side gabled section intersected by a two-story cross gabled addition on the rear. A single story shed roofed frame addition was made to the back of the cross gabled section. The frame structure is currently covered with asbestos siding over clapboards and rests on a stone foundation in the front and cinderblocks in the rear beneath the shed roofed addition. A single small interior chimney is located at the ridge of the side-gabled roof.

The front (north) façade is three bays wide with a central entry on the first floor flanked by a window on each side. Three second-story windows are vertically aligned above the first story openings. All of the windows are 1/1 vinyl replacements, and the door is a modern glazed and paneled variety. This front façade is currently painted bright yellow, and black shutters decorate the windows, though they are not functional. A single-story full width front porch sheltered by a hipped roof and supported by four square posts with chamfered corners decorates the front façade. The foundation and floor of the porch are both poured concrete, and the porch lacks a balustrade. Small modern scalloped brackets decorate the post/porch roof juncture, and while these are certainly

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replacements, there is evidence (nail holes, paint shadow) that earlier brackets did exist. They probably closely resembled those found on the side porch on HO-369 and the front porch on HO-370 which also have the same square posts with chamfered corners. One of the posts contains a telling historic artifact – ‘Mc’ is carved into one of the posts near the front door at eye level. According to the current resident, the McManus family lived in the house during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The south (rear) façade has two vertically aligned windows in the side gabled section, one on each story, and two windows on the second story in the cross gabled rear wing. There is also a large rectangular vent in the gable that presumably vents the attic. The single story shed roofed addition which extends off the rear of the wing has a door flanked by a window on either side. All of the windows and doors on this façade are vinyl replacements. The roof material used on the entire house is asphalt shingles. The rear shed roofed addition sits on a cinderblock foundation while the side gabled section and the rear wing have a stone foundation. Gray asbestos siding covers this entire façade.

The west façade has two vertically aligned windows in the side gabled portion, both of which are 1/1 vinyl replacements, and a two-light triangle-shaped window in the gable end. The rear cross gabled wing of the house has one 1/1 vinyl replacement window on the first story, and the rear single story shed roofed addition has three windows, all 1/1 vinyl. The materials on this façade of the house are the same as those noted above.

The eastern façade of the house matches the western façade in the side gabled section, and in the rear cross gabled wing there is a window on each floor. The shed roofed addition has only two windows on the east side. All of the windows, with the exception of the two-light triangle shaped window in the gable end (which matches the one on the western façade), are 1/1 vinyl replacements.

The inventory form completed in the 1970's states that this building may date prior to 1838 but the only evidence cited is an 1838 will in which the lot is mentioned but not the building. There is no physical evidence that would warrant such an early date for this building, although many original parts of the building have been replaced or covered up on both the exterior and the interior making it difficult to date the building at all. An examination of the interior of the building reveals that carpet, dropped tile ceilings, and paneling have completely obscured all original evidence of interior finishes. A trip to the basement reveals that even the framing members have all been replaced pretty recently. An examination of the basement does confirm that the front three bay, single pile section was the original building and the rear cross gabled wing is a later addition. The original section of the house has a stone foundation above a crawl space, while the rear wing has a poured concrete basement. The original section of the house currently has two rooms on each floor though the original stair is no longer present and its location a mystery. The second floor is now accessed by a stair rising out of the rear cross gabled wing. On the 1878 Hopkins map of Elkridge Landing the name John McManus is shown next to two buildings on the south side of Main Street in approximately the same location as this building. It is reasonable to assume that this is one of those structures since the ‘Mc’

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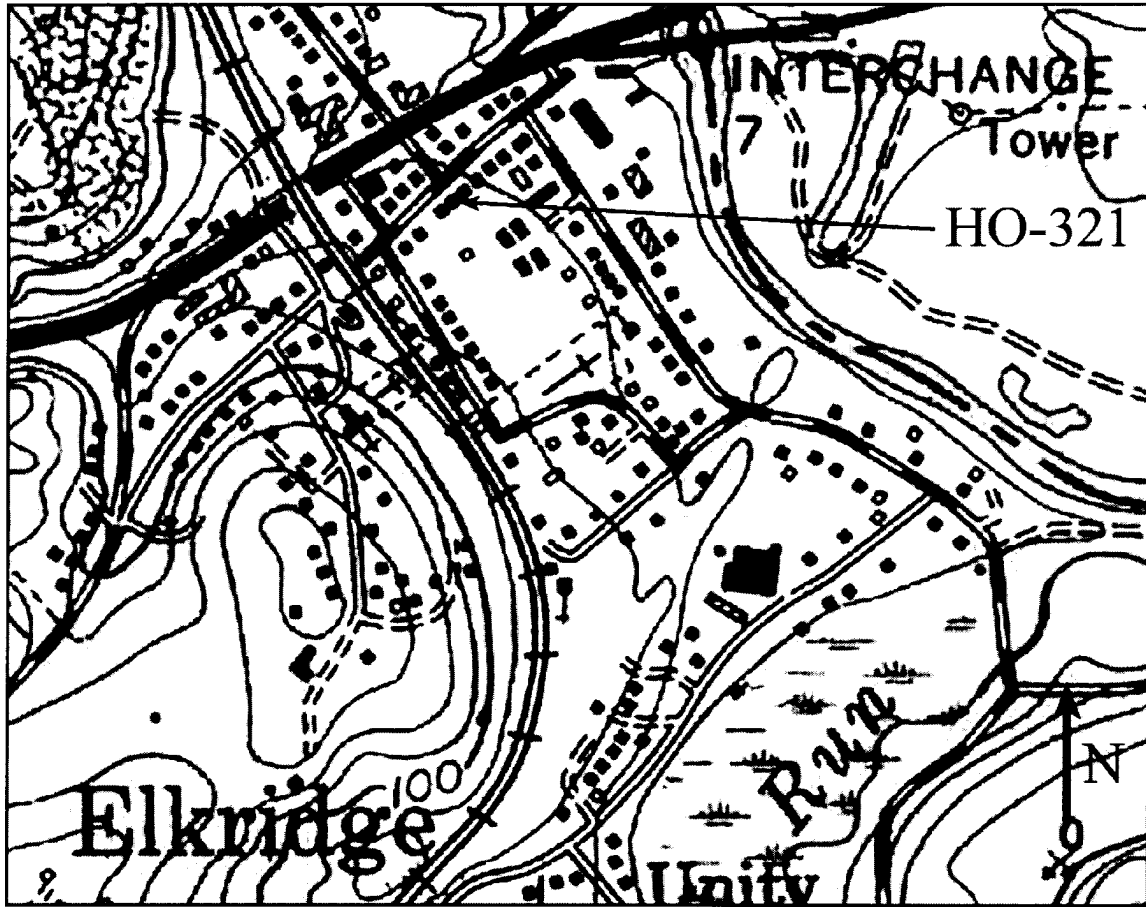
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carved in the porch support post indicates that the McManus family did live in this house. Therefore, this building would date before 1878 but probably no earlier than 1870.

### Section 11. Form Prepared by

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February 2003



HO-321, Gonzales House  
Elkridge, Howard County, MD  
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay  
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



H.O. 321, The Gonzales House  
5701 Main St.

Harford County, MD

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Negative at MD SHPO

NW-10000

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BEWARE  
OF  
DOG

HO. 321, The Concordia House

5161 Main St.

Howard County, MD

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Negative at MD SHPO

SouthWest Folio

3





HO-329, The Currier's House

5761 Robin St.

Howard County, MD

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Viewed at MD State

View (south) facade

3 of 3

HO-321  
The Gonzales House  
Private  
Elkridge

Circa 1828

The Gonzales House faces north on the south side of Main Street, one house west of HO-320, the Pocock-Rodgers House. It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame (covered with grey asbestos shingles) building, with a two story high, two bay wide, one bay deep, intersecting gable roof (running north-south) frame south wing, extending from the central and east bays of the building's south wall, off which extends a two bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, shed roofed appendage.

The north elevation features a central, rectangular, one light entrance door, flanked by rectangular, six-over-one light windows, decorated with shutters, all of which are covered by a one story high, hipped roof, open porch, supported by four square columns and two pilasters, held by scrolled brackets. Three second floor, vertically aligned windows rest above.

One of five buildings on the south side of Main Street, Elkridge, conveyed to Matilda Hobbs in 1838 by her father George Pocock, it remains today one of the most charming houses along the street.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

THE GONZALES HOUSE

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5761 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge, Md. — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

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

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gonzales

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5761 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge, Md. 21227 — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Hall of Records

Tax Map. 38 p.693

Liber #: 222

Folio #: 295

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**HO-321  
District 1

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**

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Three similar second floor windows are vertically aligned to the door and windows below.

The east and west elevations of the front section of the house holds a single, similar, first and second floor window with a two-light triangular attic window.

The west bay of the front sections south wall holds a first and second floor, six-over-one light window.

The east and west walls of the south wing hold a single first and second floor, one-over-one light window, while the second floor of its south wall holds two six-over-one light windows, with a rectangular attic vent centered above.

The building is in excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

HO-321  
District 1

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 1838

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Gonzales House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland in the field of local history as a residence of the Mc Manus family and in the field of architecture as a fine example of a small scale, three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure.

Historically, the property can be traced back to part of a tract of land devised by George Pocock to Matilda Hobbs by his will of October 20, 1838. It later in 1868 belonged to Georges Rhoades who conveyed the property to John Mc Manus and Mary for ninety-nine years for the sum of \$1,000. (28-346) John and Mary lived here for some thirty-five years and raised two children, Anthony and Hugh. The house is noted on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas. In 1902, Mary left the property to her two sons and it remained in the family for another fifteen years until it came into the hands of Matthew H. Gill on July 10, 1917 (104-44), whose family held the property for nearly two decades.

On August 5, 1936 it passed from the Gill family to Herman F. and Agnes M. Otten, (154-591) and on January 5, 1951 Daniel and Katherine Gonzales, the present owners, acquired the property (222-295), which may well date prior to 1838.

Architecturally, it is an outstanding building, with exceptionally pleasing scale and proportions, which have been accentuated by the exceptionally fine maintenance of the building, which also feature a well kept lawn.

In addition, its placement just east of the James Earp House and store (known as the Kloman Building) complement one another, being of similar scale and creating continuity along the south side of Main Street, Elkridge.

For these reasons the Gonzales House, in conjunction with the Main Street, Elkridge area, should be placed on the National Register of Historic places and the State Critical Areas Program.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 lot and improvement

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38, pb.693

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 222 Folio 295

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

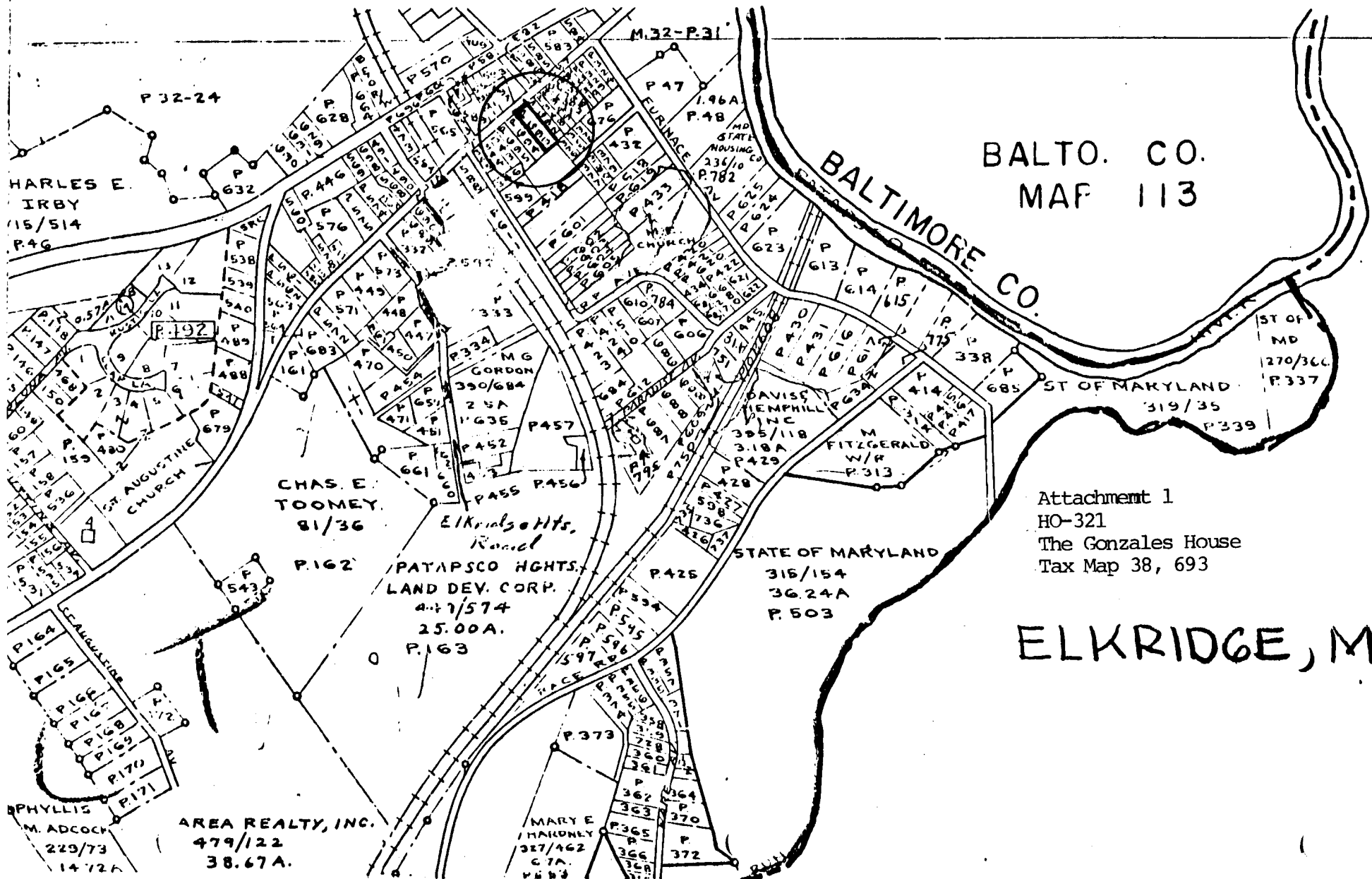
STATE

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



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MAF 113

BALTIMORE CO.

ST OF MD  
270/366  
P.337

Attachment 1  
HO-321  
The Gonzales House  
Tax Map 38, 693

ELKRIDGE, MD

CHAS. E.  
TOOMEY  
81/36

Elkridge Hts.  
Rosedale  
PATAPSCO HIGHTS.  
LAND DEV. CORP.  
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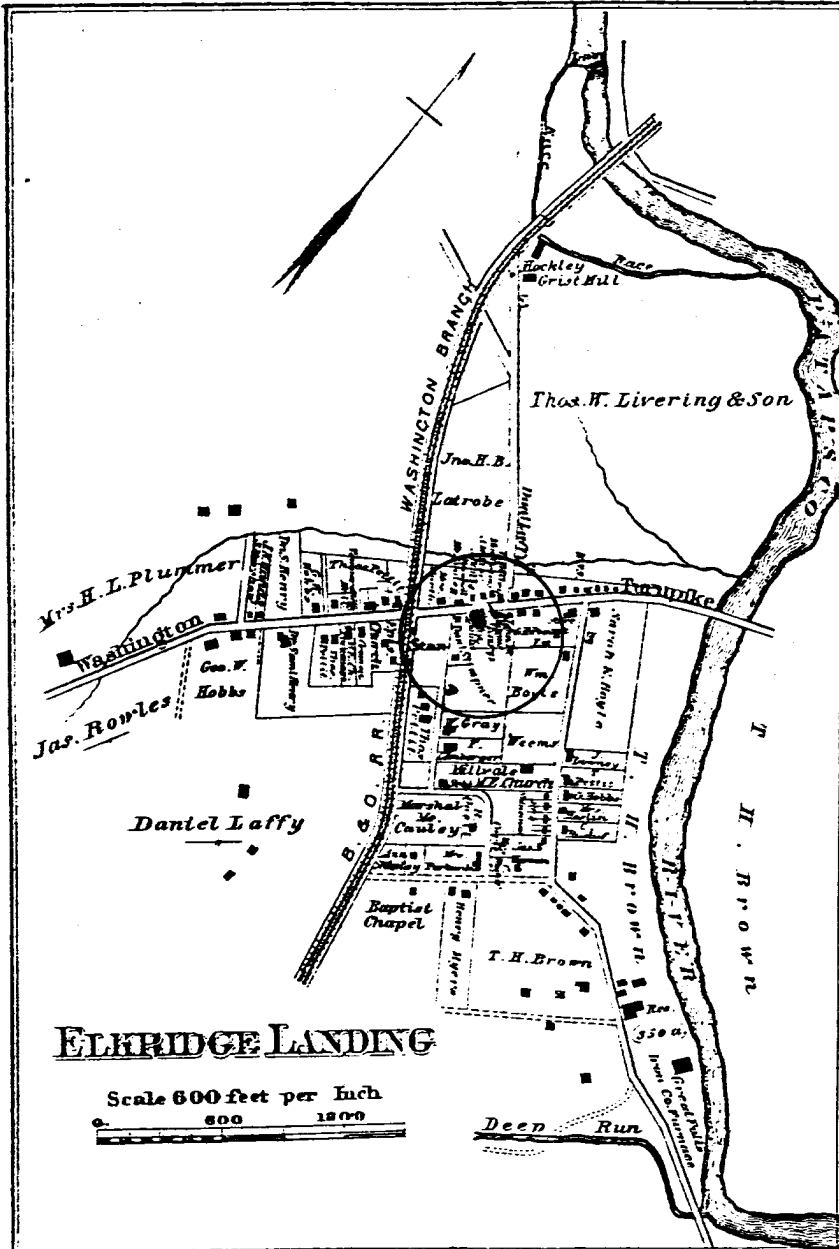
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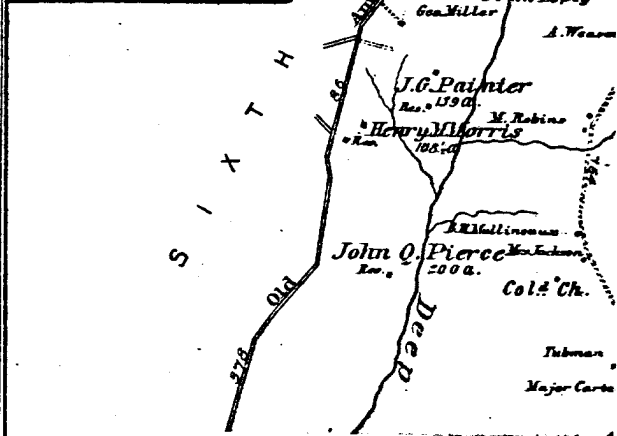
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**Elfridge Landing Business Notices.**

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<b>ENGINEER.</b>
JOHN N. BANDA.
<b>GENERAL MERCHANTS.</b>
DANIEL LAFFY.
MARSHALL MCCAULEY.
JOSEPH H. TALBOT.
GEORGE W. FOCOCK.
<b>POST MASTER.</b>
JAMES KARP.
<b>TINSMITH.</b>
GEORGE LANOR, Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Boaling and Spouting, etc.



# FIRST DISTRICT

## HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 3 Inches per Mile

**EXPLANATIONS**

Dist. & Co. Lines	-----
County Roads	-----
Private	-----
Turnpike	-----
Rail Roads	-----
Streams	-----

The figures along the Routes shows the distance in Rods, from junction to junction thereof.



Attachment 3

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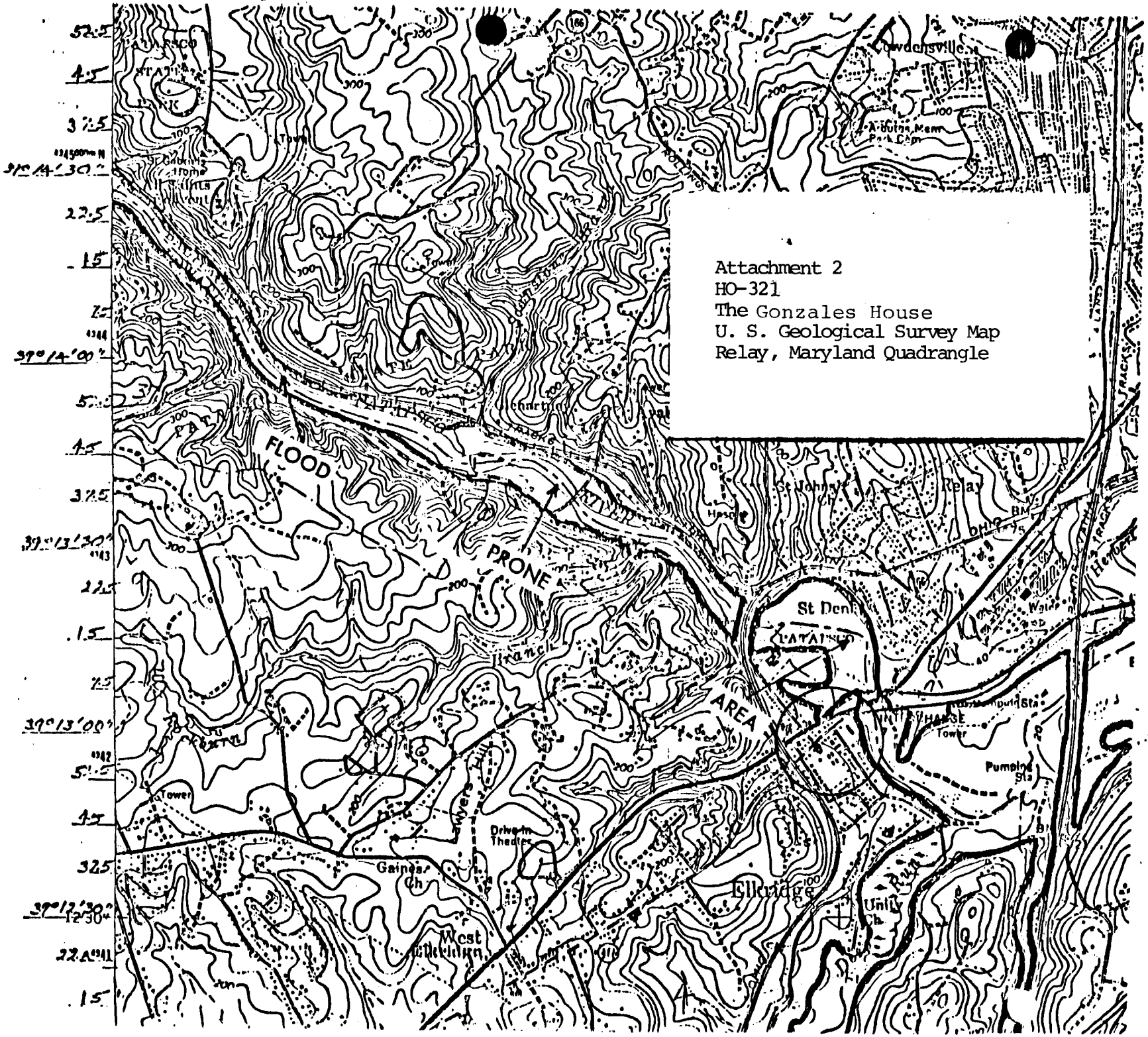
The Gonzales House

Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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Hb-321  
The Gonzales House  
5761 Main St., Elkridge  
Northeast  
CB Thompson, AICP  
December - 1978