

HO-385, The Boyle House  
5695 Main St., Elkridge  
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill  
February 2003

## **ADDENDUM**

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### Section 3. Owner of Property

Elkridge Investors LLC  
5695 Main Street  
Elkridge, Maryland 21075

### Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse  
Ellicott City  
Liber 6446, Folio 473  
Tax Map 32, Parcel 101

### Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

### Section 7. Description

Condition: Excellent, Altered  
Date: Mid-1860's

The three-story, four-bay boxy brick structure at 5695 Main Street faces north on the southeast corner of Main Street and Furnace Avenue close to the eastern edge of the survey district. The large, impressive building sits close to the street and is an important focal point driving east on Main Street. The structure was renovated in the 1990's to accommodate offices and a meeting/reception facility and is known today as Patapsco Manor. The double-pile structure has a low pitched hipped roof pierced by two interior brick stovepipe chimneys. A simple wooden cornice highlights the roof/wall junction all the way around the building. The main block of the structure has 7:1 common bond brick construction with several modern additions off the east side and the south side (rear) of the building.

The front façade of the building is dominated by the symmetry and rhythm of the fenestration. Proportionally scaled windows are vertically aligned one above the other, and are all capped by a flat brick arch. All of the original windows have been replaced with vinyl sliding sash units with snap-in muntins. The entry door, shaded by a simple hipped roof entry portico supported by Tuscan-style columns, occupies the second bay from the left (east). The six-panel door with two-light transom may or may not be original. The window opening on the far right of the first story was at one time a door (based on an obvious patch below the window). Whether this was the original front entry

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or a door that was inserted at a later date after the building became commercial, has not been determined.

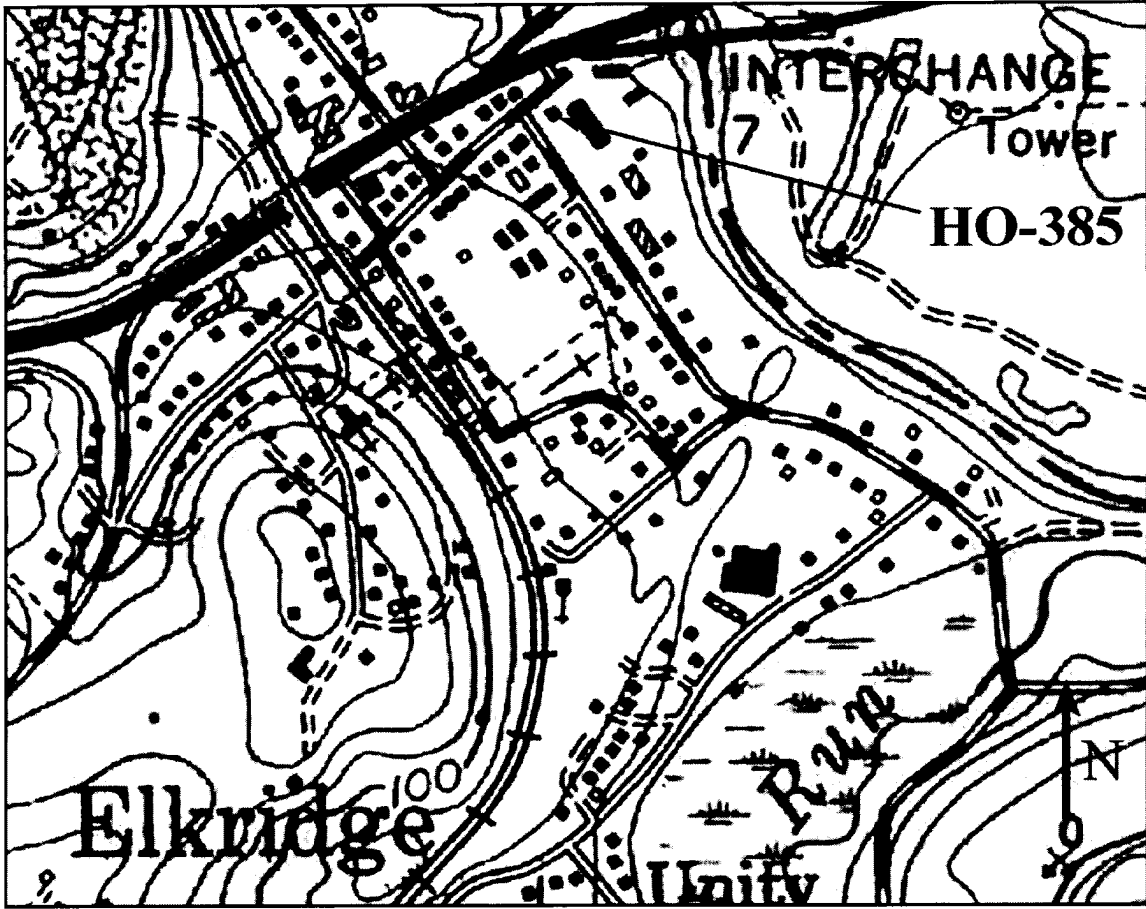
The other three facades of the building all have the same proportionally scaled windows with flat arches, 7:1 common bond, and simple wood cornice. All of the windows are replacements. The west façade has three bays while the east has only two. Both the east façade and the south (rear) façade have been heavily altered by modern additions. A single-story shed-roofed vinyl-sided addition extends from the rear of the original structure and a second story vinyl-sided bay window occupies the center of the second story rear façade. A modern courtyard and single story hyphen of brick construction with full-length windows connect the original structure to a large modern building to the east. This new building is two stories high, three bays wide and four bays deep built of running brick bond. The photograph of the building taken during the 1970's survey indicates that the additions have taken place since 1978.

The 1970's photograph also reveals that the existing entry portico was not in place when the building was first recorded, and it is unclear what evidence, if any, inspired its construction. The building was also painted white in the 1970's photograph, and this surveyor suspects that the building was sandblasted to remove the paint. Unfortunately the sandblasting also removed the original outer surface of the brick exposing the softer, and more brightly colored orange surface that is now visible. The sandblasting also probably damaged many of the mortar joints, and the entire building has been repointed with a Portland cement-based mortar in an inauthentic gray color. There are no outbuildings remaining on the property, and though the site was apparently historically known for its lavish gardens, they no longer exist and the rear of the property is today occupied by a large parking lot.

Dated to ca. 1860 on the original inventory form and 1843 by a modern sign on the building, The Boyle House is not on the 1860 Martenet map. This evidence, combined with the 7:1 common bond found on the building, suggests that it dates to at least the mid-1860's. The interior of the structure was not accessed during this survey update.

### Section 11. Form Prepared by

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HO-385, Boyle House  
Elkridge, Howard County, MD  
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay  
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



HD-585, The Boyle House  
5695 Main St., Elkridge Landing Historic District  
Howard County, MD

Photo by: Kristin Hill  
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NW facade

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North (front) facade; original building is the block on the right.

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South (rear) facade; original block on the left.

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The Boyle House  
Private  
Elkridge

Circa 1860

The Boyle House faces north on the southeast corner of Main Street and Furnace Roads, Elkridge.

It is a four bay wide, three bay deep, three story high, tent roofed, brick (laid in English garden wall brick bond) building, with tall, square, brick chimneys, rising from the east and west sides of the tent roof.

Fenestration is vertically aligned, rectangular, double-hung, holding one-over-one lights on the first and second floors and six-over-six lights on the third floor. Windows are decorated with stretcher brick, flat arched lintels and wooden sills.

The south elevation features a rectangular entrance door with the number 5695, surmounted by a two light transom and stretcher brick, flat arched lintel in its second east bay.

Once the elegant mansion of the Boyle, O'Malley and Trotter families, with extensive south gardens, it is now housing the offices of Welsh Electric Company.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-385  
District 1

MHI # 1403555504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

The Boyle House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

5695 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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Office

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert F. Welsh Attn: A.P. Weaver II Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

10105 Rodona Drive

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map. 32 p.101  
Hall of Records

Liber #: 856

Folio #: 248

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-385

District 1

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Fenestration is vertically aligned, rectangular, double-hung, holding, one over- one lights on the first and second floors and six-over-six lights on the third floor. Windows are decorated with stretcher brick flat arched lintels and wooden sills.

The south elevation features a rectangular entrance door with the number 5695, surmounted by a two light transom and stretcher brick flat arched lintel in its second east bay.

The west elevation features three first, second and third floor windows, similar to those described.

The east elevation holds only two vertically aligned and proportionally scaled, first, second and third floor windows, similar to those described.

Along the south elevation runs a one story high, hipped roofed, appendage which has been extended on the west side of the house. The latter extension features a rectangular door and three tall, narrow one light window on its west wall and a double rectangular, six-six light window on its south wall. In addition, the south elevation features a central bay, second floor, central shed roofed appendage, rising from the hipped roof addition, featuring rectangular, double-hung windows with one-over-one lights on each of its three sides. Once the elegant mansion of the Boyle, O'Malley and Trotter families it is now housing the offices of Welsh Electric Company.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1860

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Boyle House is significant historically, as the home of the Boyle and O'Malley families of Howard County and architecturally, as a fine representative of the square, brick, tent roofed architecture of the mid-nineteenth century. As such, it is of exceptional importance to both the State of Maryland and Howard County.

Historically, it has always been a lovely home. In the 1860's, it was the home of Bernard Boyle and his wife, Sarah E. or Eliza E. Boyle. By 1871, Sarah had been left a widow, later marrying and becoming Sarah E. Hobbs. On September 7, 1906, she conveyed the property to John O'Malley, who made it his home for nearly forty years. As the political boss of Elkridge and Howard County, he held court here with his wife, Nellie E. O'Malley and their two children, Maude and Murray. Maude married a Mr. Trotter and lived in the house with her parents, raising two daughters, who attended St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church School in Elkridge. Residents remember that each noon, the maid would walk up Main Street, to the school, with a picnic basket for the two little girls, washing their hands before leaving them for their afternoon study.

Maude was remembered as very slender and elegant, wearing wide brimmed hats.

The house is remembered for its gracious living and for the lovely surrounding gardens, as well as porches, which ran almost entirely around the house. Today the porches have been removed and the excellent brick work and window alignment exposed.

Architecturally, it is noteworthy for its large size and excellent scale, which gives depth to the building, making it appear smaller in scale than it actually is. The building features vertically aligned and proportionally scaled fenestration, with stretcher brick, flat arched lintels decorating each window.

Presently used as an office building, it dominates the southeast corner of Main Street and Furnace Roads and it is a reminder of the days when Mr. John O'Malley ruled Elkridge and Howard County.

For these reasons, the Boyle 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.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mr. Charles Weyland, December 1977.

Howard County Land Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .71 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 856 Folio 248

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

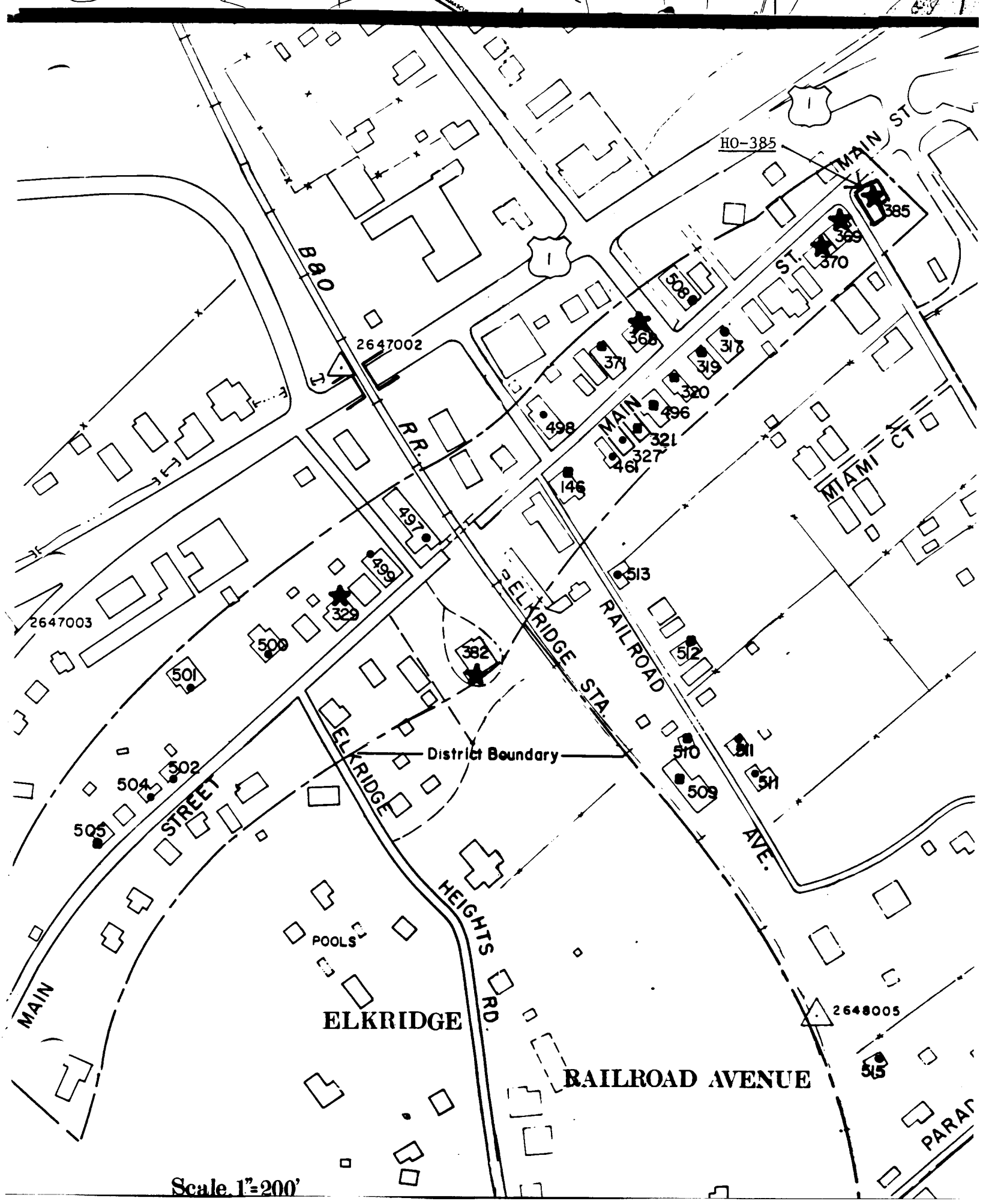
STATE

Maryland

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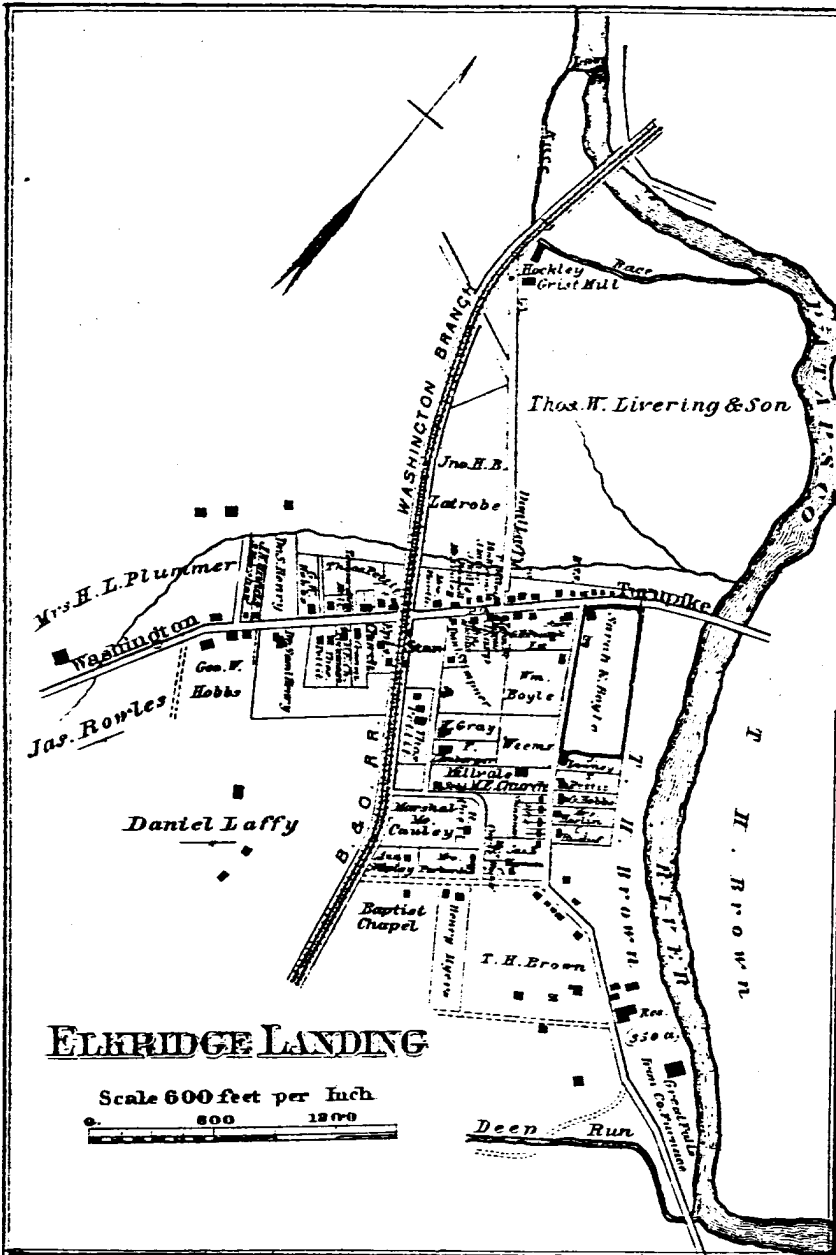
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



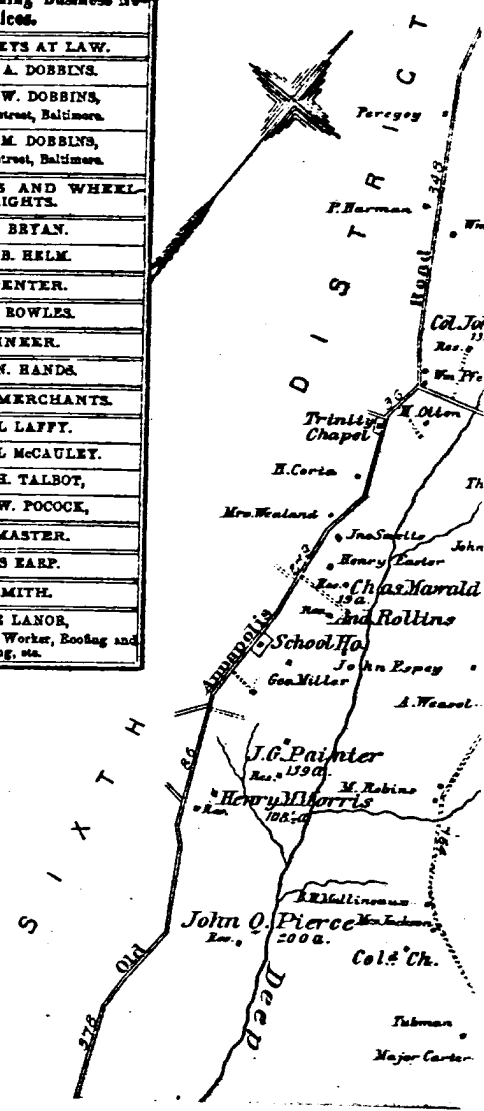






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JOHN B. HELM.
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JOHN N. HANDS.
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DANIEL LAFFY.
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JOSEPH H. TALBOT.
GEORGE W. POCOCK.
<b>POST MASTER.</b>
JAMES KARP.
<b>TINSMITH.</b>
GEORGE LANOR, Tin and Sheet Iron Worker, Booting and Sputing, etc.



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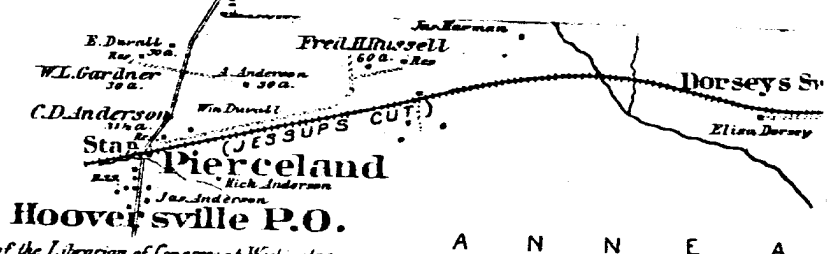
## HOWARD COUNTY

Scale 3 Inches per Mile

**EXPLANATIONS**

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County Roads	-----
Private	-----
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Rail Roads	-----
Streams	-----

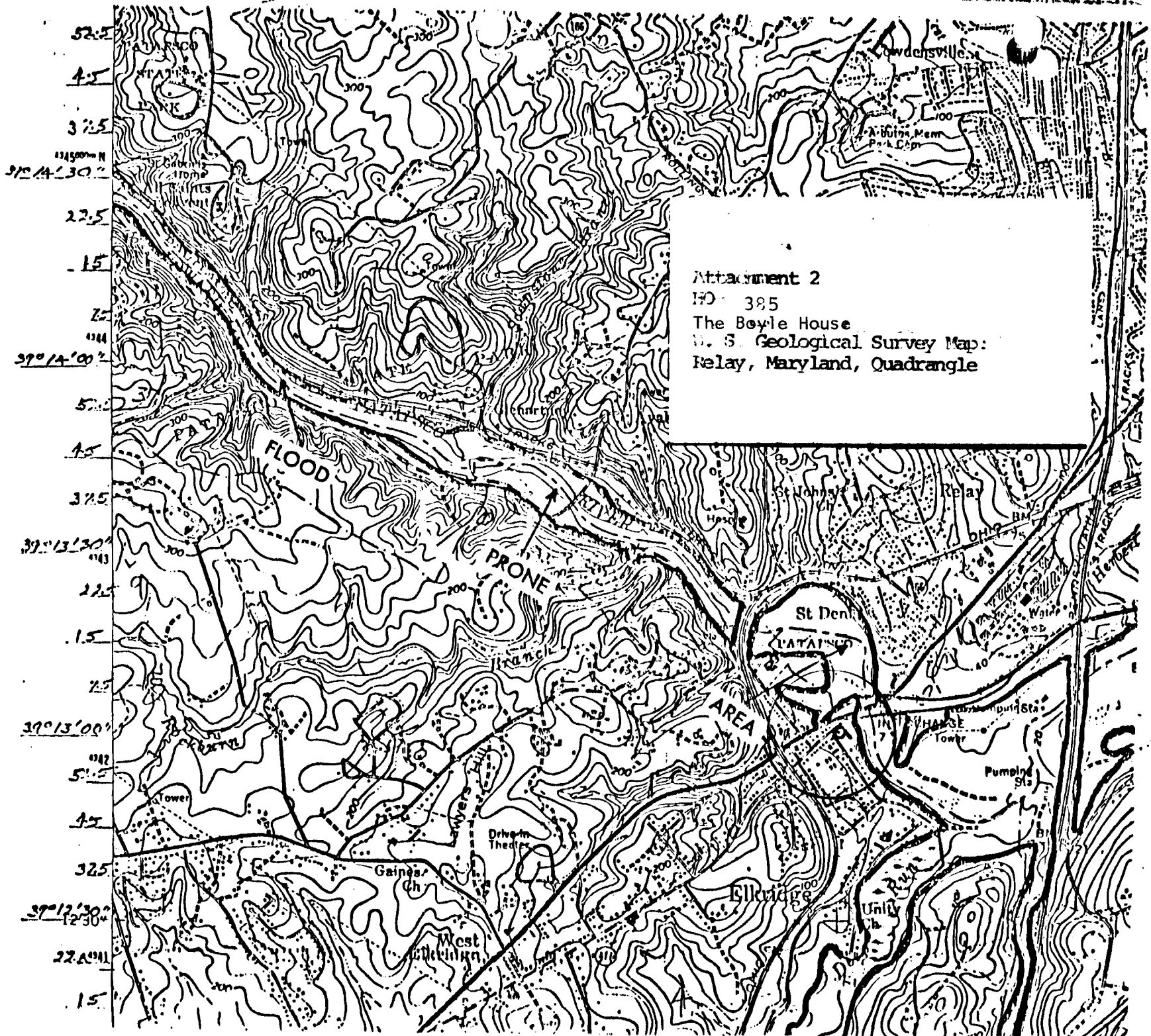
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Attachment 3  
HO-385  
The Boyle House  
Hopkin's Atlas of 1878

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Attachment 2  
FD-395  
The Boyle House  
U. S. Geological Survey Map:  
Relay, Maryland, Quadrangle

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Ho -385

5695 Main St - Elkridge

North

CB Thompson, AICP

December - 1978