HO-387
Hockley-in-the-Hole (Howard County)
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Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

The original structure of this house spanning three centuries is the ground floor living room, a two bay wide, one room deep, one or one and a half story, gabled roof (running east and west) stone structure with wide stone chimney inset into its west wall flanked by the existing square four light windows.

Very early a second floor was added in flemish bond brick, eliminating the gable roof and replacing it with the present gambrel roof (running east-west). Late in the eighteenth or early in the nineteenth century a two story high gambrel roof (running north-south) flemish bond brick north wing was added, consisting of central hall and north dining room, with wide brick chimney inset into its north wall. A batten wood rectangular east entrance, surmounted by a flat arched stretcher brick lintel leads into the central hall, which holds a wide staircase featuring a fine bannister with spindles varying from those of an early hand plane simple design to those of a more elaborate 1860 vintage.

A bullet found in the frame of the dining rooms' north entrance dates from the 1860's and may have resulted from a skirmish during the Civil War in this area.

The west wall of the dining room extends northward and holds a splayed brick lintel whose previous fireplace or window has been bricked in. It is probable this was used as an outdoor kitchen.

Today extensions on the north and south have been made to accomodate a one story high, shingled, gabled roof (running north-south) kitchen and a screened in porch with second floor master bedroom respectively.

Reputed to have been owned by a sea captain who installed the fine chair rails in the dining room and bedroom of the north wing, its history is sketchy. During the nineteenth century it was owned by those residing in Baltimore and was used either as a summer home or an adjunct of the adjoining Viaduct Manufacturing Company.

Today its gambrel roof sections bespeak of an early dwelling connected with the Dorsey family of Belmont, either as a family dwelling unit or one to house a supervisor of either the Belmont property or the Hockley Grist Mill.

Located within the Patapsco State Park, it is being preserved by the State and is occupied as living quarters for the present assistant supervisor and his family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original Hockley may well have been a one story stone cottage, built on a stone foundation, two bays deep and one room wide with wide stone chimney inset into its west wall, flanked by four light square windows. Rectangular north and south entrances are located in the east bay of their respective walls. This section now holds a first floor living room. Very early a flemish bond brick second floor gambrel roof was added which we see today on the east and west elevations.

This second floor presently holds a workroom and bath. Later a one and a half story flemish bond brick hall and dining room addition was constructed extending from a large part of the north wall of the original cottage. Its gambrel roof extends north-south and holds a gabled roof dormer window on the west and two gabled roof dormer windows on the east. Its north wall holds a wide high chimney whose first floor fireplace is surrounded by proportionally scaled rectangular paneling.

The rectangular batten wood entrance door leading into the hall is located on the east wall. It is surmounted by a flat arched stretcher brick lintel. The wide staircase features a fine bannister with spindles varying from those of an early hand plane simple design to those of a more elaborate 1860 vintage.

The floors of the hall and upstairs bedrooms over the living and dining room feature wide randum width floors and early chair rails.

The west elevation of the dining room extension features an interesting arched splayed brick lintel, whose door, window or outside fireplace has been bricked in. This section of the west wall extends a greater distance than the brick section of the east wall and may have been a one story high kitchen attachment.

Extending from the east wall is a two story high shingled frame addition which meets the end of the brick west wall. From this point it becomes a one story high shed roofed addition, both sections of which hold a fine kitchen with brick fireplace in the southwest corner. This frame addition was constructed in 1942.

A bullet found in the door between the kitchen and dining room dates from 1860, dating the dining room from this period. It is believed, however, that this section may date from late eighteenth to early nineteenth century or earlier.

The present occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Bauer have added a one story screened in porch on the south wall of the original stone cottage with a master bedroom above which has a second floor balcony along its east wall.

The house is in excellent condition.

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SPECIFIC DATES 18th & 19th Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

 ${\it Hockley-in-the-Hole}$ is significant both historically and architecturally.

Historically its name is derived from Hockley-in-the-Hole in Anne Arundel County which was the original survey of Edward Dorsey, the immigrant of 1650. Edward's three sons took up this early survey in Anne Arundel County in 1664, patented it and made it the seat of the Dorsey family who later settled Howard County.

Caleb Dorsey, the builder of "Belmont" in Howard County was direct descendant of Edward Dorsey. In 1738 he built Belmont on a tract of land known as Moore's Morning Choice, laid out on May 5, 1689 by Mordacai Moore, who led surveying parties into the area now known as Howard County. He built Rockburn first, adjoining Belmont, and used it as an office for his operations at the Avalon iron works which he also initiated to augment the operations of his plantation. (Avalon is located on the Baltimore County side of the Patapsco River.) A grist mill named Hockley was also operated just south of Thomas Viaduct.

Hockley-in-the-Hole of Howard County is presently located in the Patapsco State Park on the west side of River Road, once known as Hockley Mill Road. It is located on a hillside above the Patapsco River and sheltered by the hill on its west elevation. It is adjacent to both the former Hockley grist mill and the Avalon iron works as well as within easy reach of Belmont and Rockburn. Very little is known of its early history. The one or one and a half story stone house which stood here, and is now incorporated into the present house probably dates back to the early days of Belmont and the mid-eighteenth century.

During the Civil War it may have been engaged in a skirmish for a bullet of that period was found in the door post of the dining roomhall north section.

By 1825 the house had been acquired by Charles Carroll of Carrolton, a lawyer in Baltimore City whose home one can visit adjacent to the B&O Museum at Pratt and Baltimore Streets in Baltimore City.

The land passed quickly to John McKim (6 September 1827 - AA. WLY CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

12-614), and some twenty years later his executors William Marriott and David McKim conveyed the present lot of ground on which the house stands to Gustav W. Lurman. It then consisted of some 2 acres plus one road or thereabouts (9 May, 1845 H.C. 6-66).

During the nineteenth century the house was owned by residents of Baltimore City and may have been used as a summer home or hunting lodge.

On January 26, 1858 (WWW 19-46) a Robert Clinton of the City of Baltimore conveyed the land on "Hockley Mill Road" to Thomas W. Levering after whom the street up to Thomas Viaduct is named and now continues upstream along the Patapsco as River Road, not "Hockley Mill Road."

On May 7, 1883 Augustus Davis acquired the house, connected in some way with the Viaduct Manufacturing Company of Baltimore City which was now located on the site of the old grist mill just south of Thomas Viaduct. (LTW 46-44). The lot is again described much as it is today along with an easement to John H. B. Latrobe for the B&O Railroad, "subject to access to and use of the switch on Washington Bridge of the B&O Railroad."

At some time in its early history it was reputed to have been owned by a sea captain who was responsible for much of the interior woodwork of the early dining room wing.

In the early 20th century it was owned by Herbert and Julia Hill who sold it on March 3, 1917 (WPC 496-448) to Pierre a Proal of Red Bank, New Jersey. Acquired two years later by the Jones-Boardman Corporation (107-1), it was sold by them to Roscoe Coffin, "together with the buildings," on August 6, 1925.

During prohibition it is believed to have been used as a speakeasy. This may or may not be true but numerous beer and liquor bottles have been found adjacent to the house. Many old brown beer bottles from the American Brewery Company in Baltimore have been found as well as whiskey bottles such as 1) S. Stansbero, Importer and Wholesale Liquor Dealer on South West Corner of Pratt and Sharp Streets, Baltimore, Maryland and 2) Four Aces, American Rye Whiskey.

On January 29, 1940 the house and 1.7857 acres was acquired by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Chittick who added the present kitchen in 1942.

Some twenty years later, on November 16, 1960, the present building and its 1.7857 acres was acquired by the State of Maryland for the Patapsco State Park. It is presently used to quarter the assistant supervisor of the park, Mr. Bauer and his family (363-127).

Where the early history of the house remains in shadows, its architecture speaks clearly to us of the eighteenth century. The one or one and a half story stone house was probably here at the time of Caleb and Priscilla Dorsey and used in some way for the operation of their plantation, either as a home for one of their family or their

Sometime before the nineteenth century, the second floor was added in ballast brick (lain in flemish bond.) The hall and dining room additions (please see figure 1 and 2) existed by the Civil War for a bullet from that period was found in the dining room by Mr. & Mrs. Bauer when renovating the house. The paneling and proportions of the room would date from the early nineteenth century, a fine chair rail encircles the dining room and the bedroom above. It is believed that the wood for these chair rails came off the ships landing at Elkridge Landing. The rectangular doorways all slope, indicating age, while the staircase (please see figures 1 and 2) feature spindles of various periods; simple hand plane spindles of the late eighteenth or early nineteenth century and those more elaborately designed of the mid to late nineteenth century. The wide steps are worn, another indicator of age, while the paneling of the dining room fireplace is very early in design, featuring proportionally scaled paneling so often found in early homes of the eighteenth century. The floors of this room have been redone, featuring screwed and pegged flooring which in character harmonizes with the large fireplace on the north wall of this room.

Wide random width floors are also featured in the living room, dining room and hall sections of the house.

To insure the continued preservation of Hockley, it should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places and denoted in the 1977 recommendation for inclusion of the Patapsco State Park in the State Critical Areas Program.

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Interview with Mrs. Bauer at Hockley January 14, 1978

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.7857 Acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 32, p.44

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records Liber 363, folio 127.

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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The Chittick house is a brick and shingled frame structure of a completely accretive character. The house consists of several sections, from south to north: (1) a two-story frame gable roofed section with the entire first story occupied by a screened porch, the second by a bedroom with gallery porch on the east, roof ridge on the long axis; (2) a (possibly earliest) section of one story under a high gambrel, ridge perpendicular to the long axis, with a stone fireback (perhaps the remains of an entire stone wall) on the first story west wall , with Flemish bond brick above, small four-pane casement windows flanking the stone, a 1/1 sash and a six-pane casement in the second story, shingles on the east elevation with one 6/6 window in each story; (3) the entrance hall and stair section, one story with Flemish bond brick under a gambrel of like proportions to (2) but turned 90° to it; the entrance (on the east) is under a jack arch with three projected stretchers above, the door sealed; (4) the dining room section is continuous on the exterior with the hall, but the brick work is common bond, and a frame projecting bay with a double 6/6 window has been built on the east. There is a gabled dormer on the east in each of the (3) and (4) above, and one on the west in (4). (5) The gambrel extends over the kitchen, the west wall of which is continuous with that of 4, while the east wall is shingled frame; (6) the final portion is an addition to the kitchen, one story, frame with a shed roof.

The plan reflects these exterior portions on both floors. Chair rails, the stair, and dining room paneling of fruitwood are notable aspects of the interior. Several six-panel doors are still in use and retain their H-L hinges with "leathers".

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SPECIFIC DATES 18th and 19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chittick House is built on land patented in 1649 as "Foster's Fancy", which is the source for the historical name. Sometime prior to 1825 the house was acquired by Charles Carroll of Carrolton. The land passed quickly to John McKim (6 September - AA. WLY 12-614) and some twenty years later his executors William Marriott and David McKim conveyed the present lot of ground on which the house stands to Gustav W. Lurman. It then consisted of some two acres plus one road or thereabouts (9 May, 1845 H.C. 6-66).

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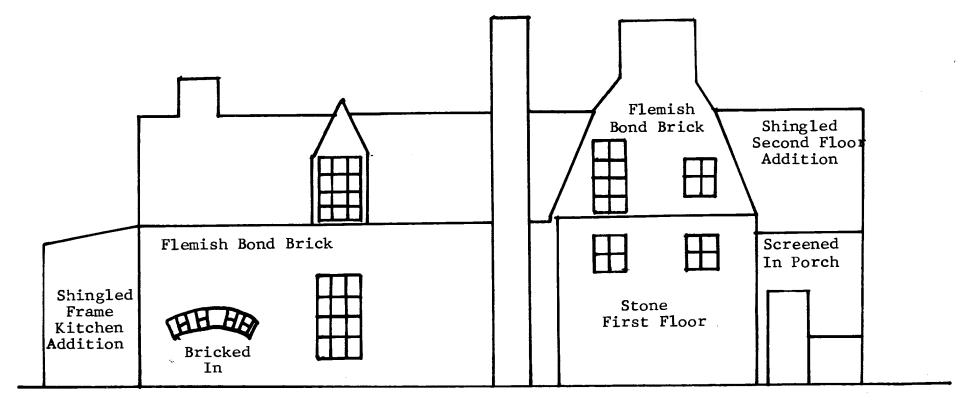


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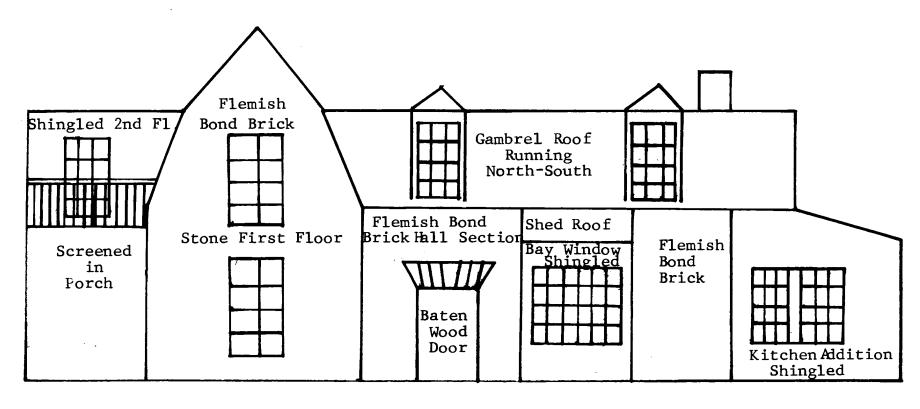


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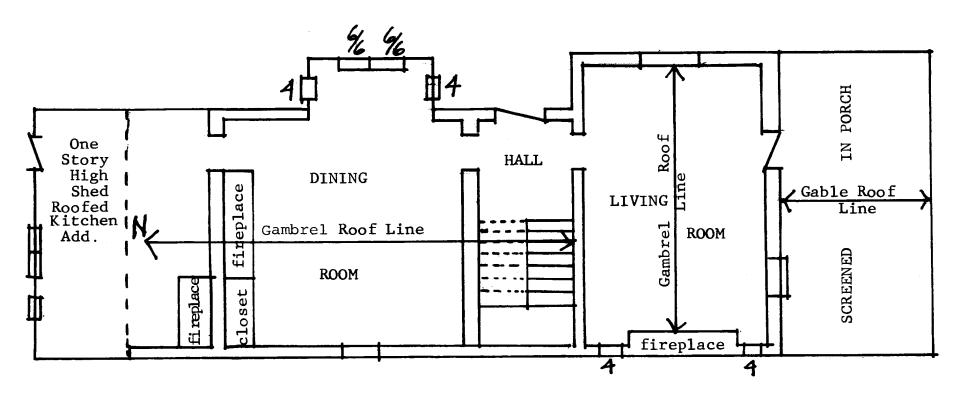


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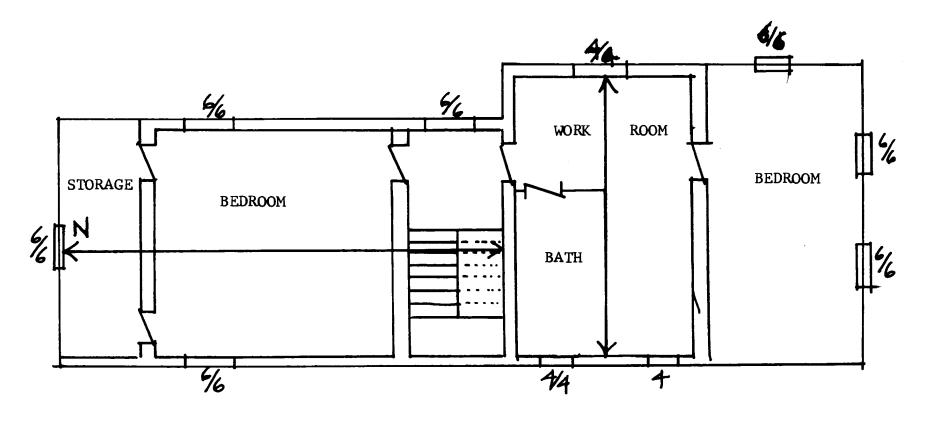
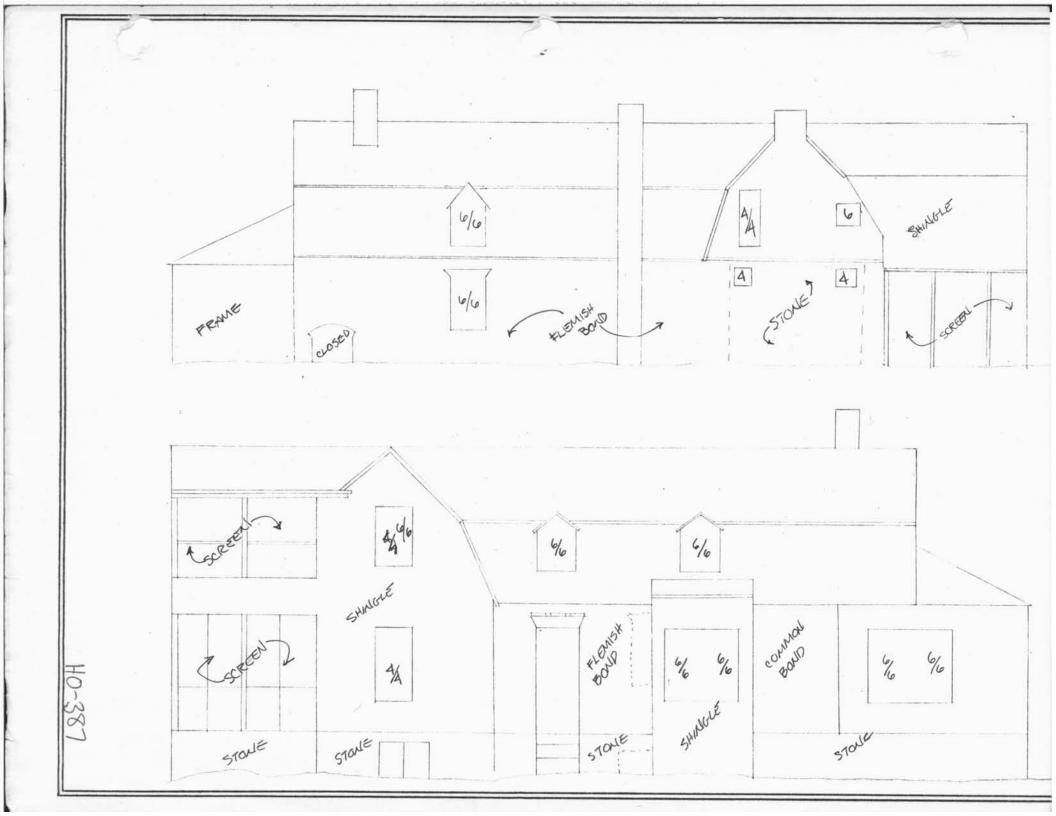
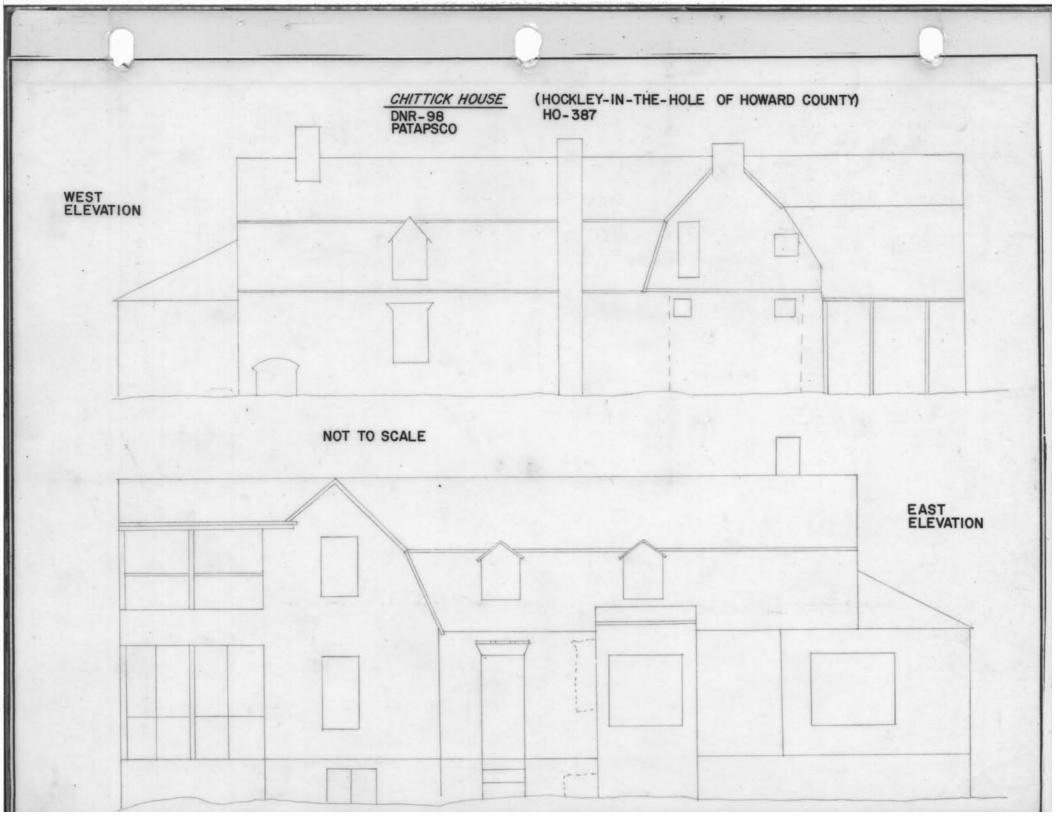
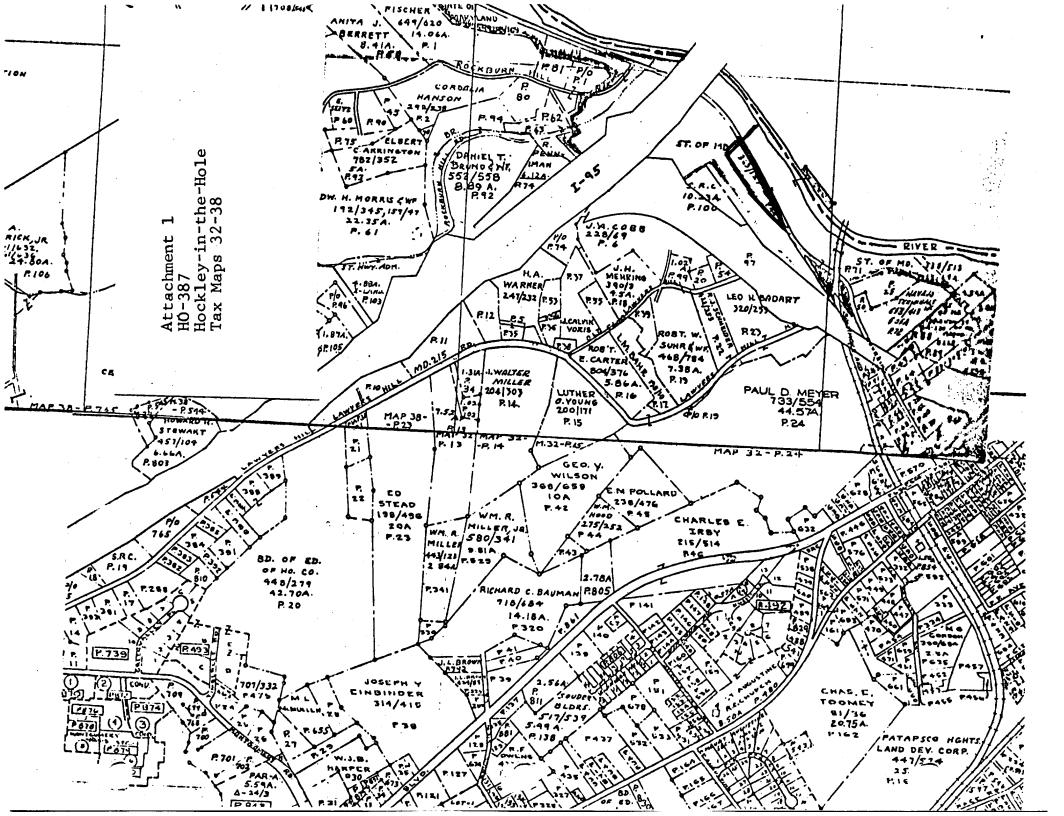
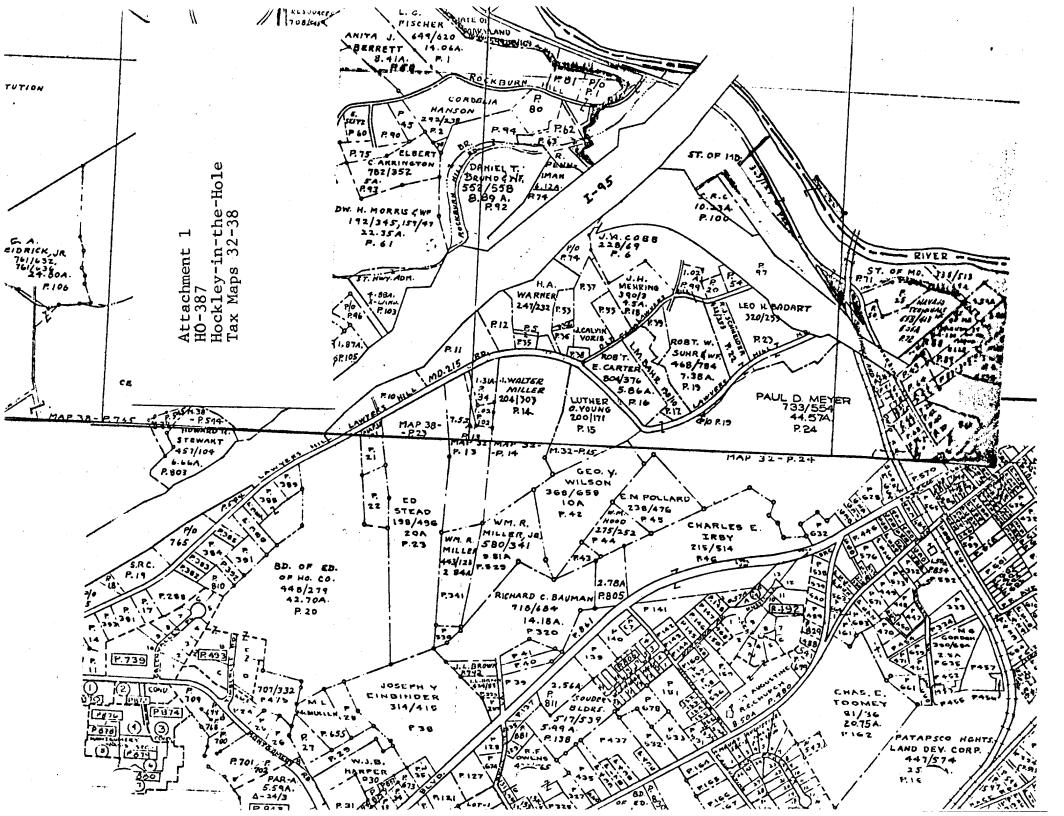


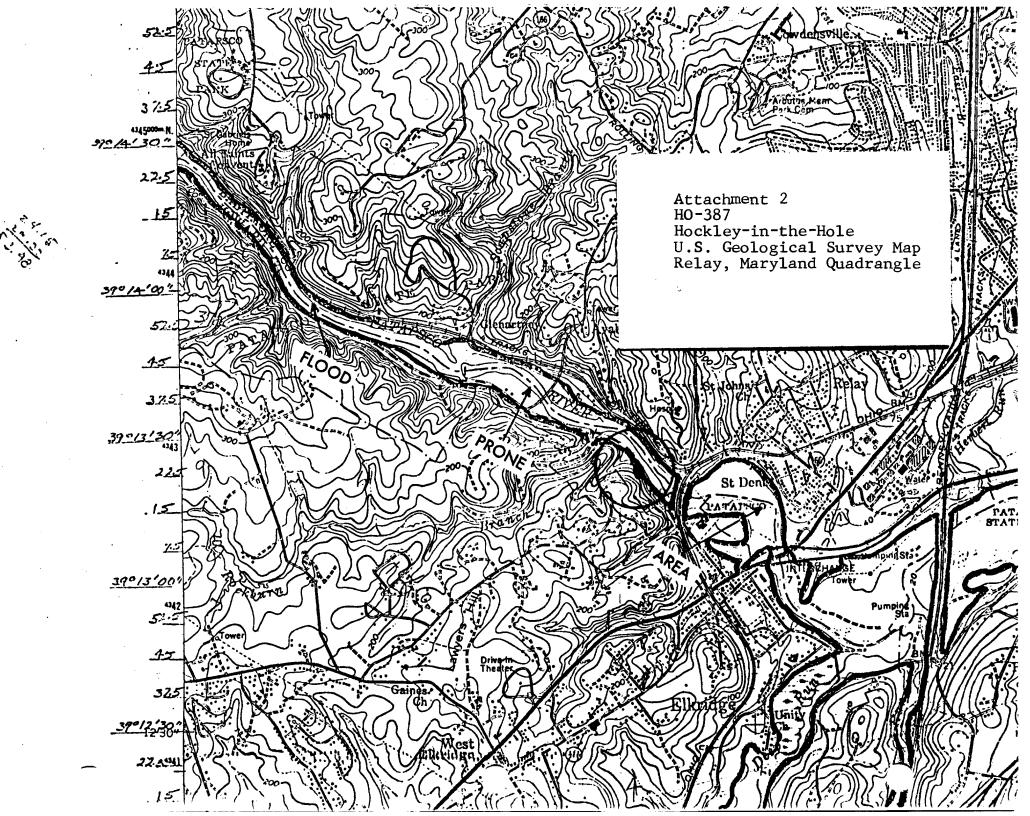
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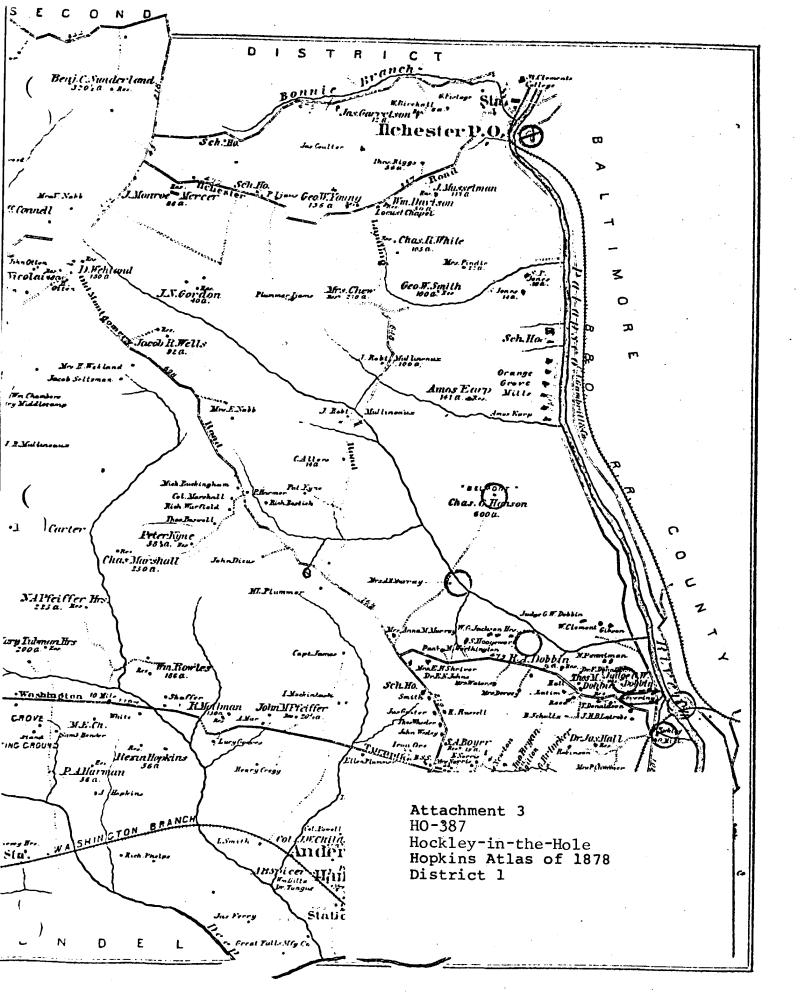


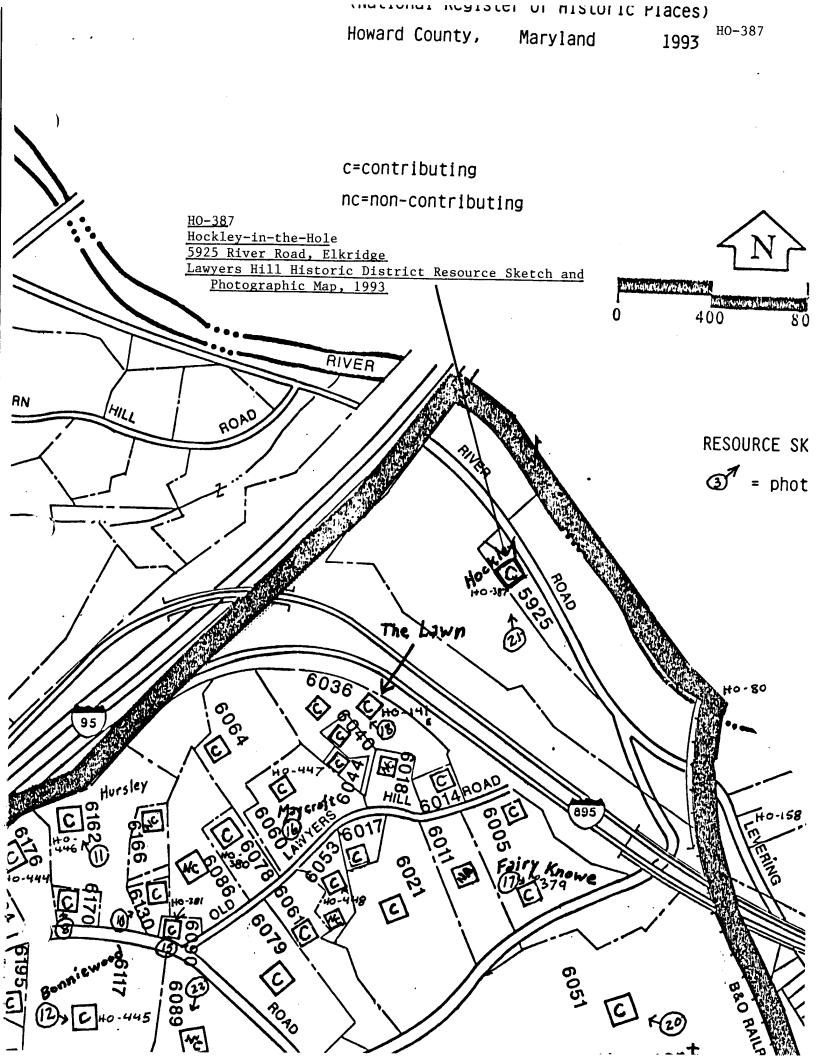




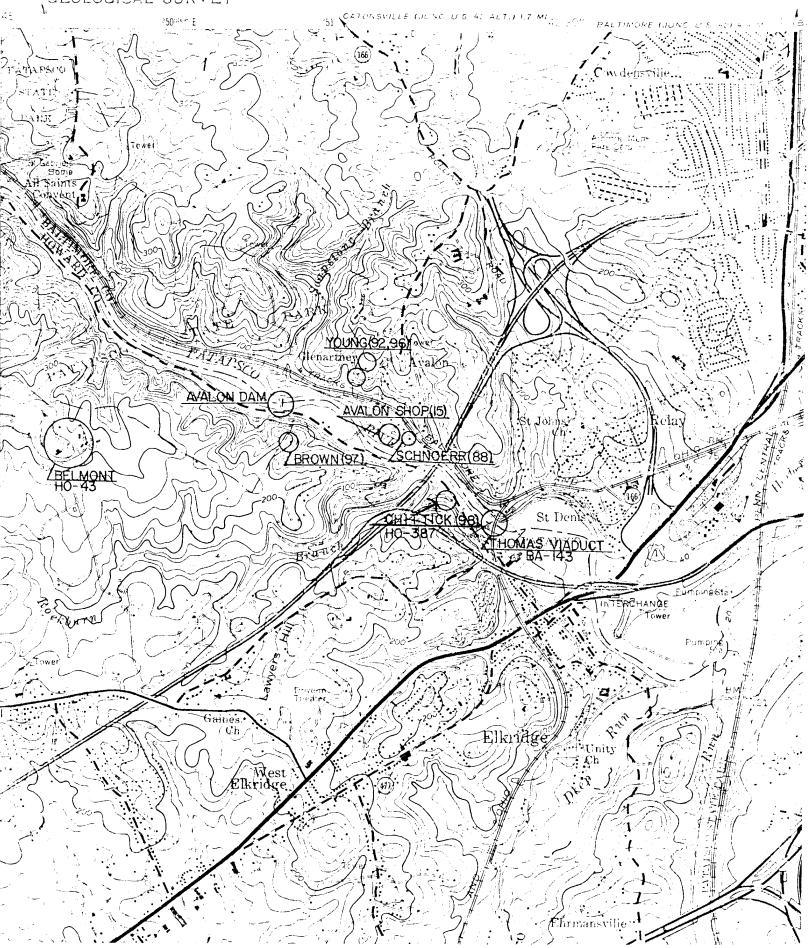








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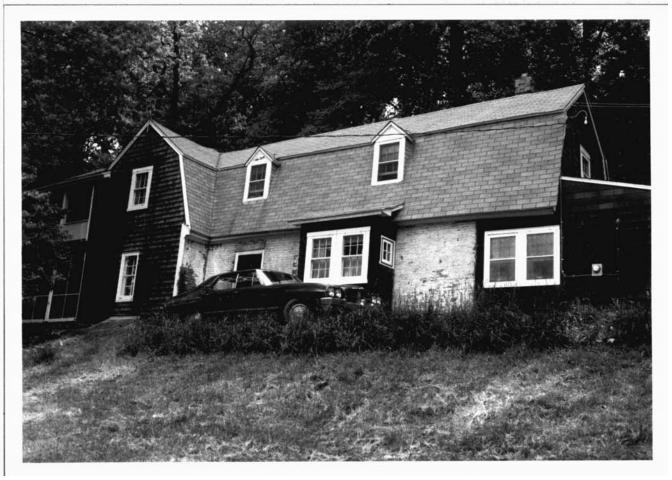
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