INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/Distr	ict Name:	Curtis-Shipley	House	_ Survey	Number: HO-439
Project: _	MD 100 from US	29 to I-95, Howard	d County	_ Agency:	FHWA
Site visit	by MHT Staff:	no <u>X</u> yes	Name R. And	drews, E. Hanno	old Date <u>March 1992</u>
Eligibility	recommended	_X_ Eligibi	ility not r	recommended	_
Criteria:	<u> </u>	CD Consideration	ons:A		DEFGNone
Justification	for decision	: (Use continuati	ion sheet	if necessary	and attach map)
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Documentation	on the prope	rty/district is p	presented in:	Inventory for	rm #HO-439 and Project
File					
Prepared by	: <u>Cleora Thomps</u>	on, Rita Suffness,	Ron Andrews		,
Elizab			_	May 14, 199	
Review	wer, Office o	f Preservation Ser	rvices		Date
NR program	concurrences Rendr	yes no	not app	licable 15 M	ay 92
	Reviewer, NR	program			Date

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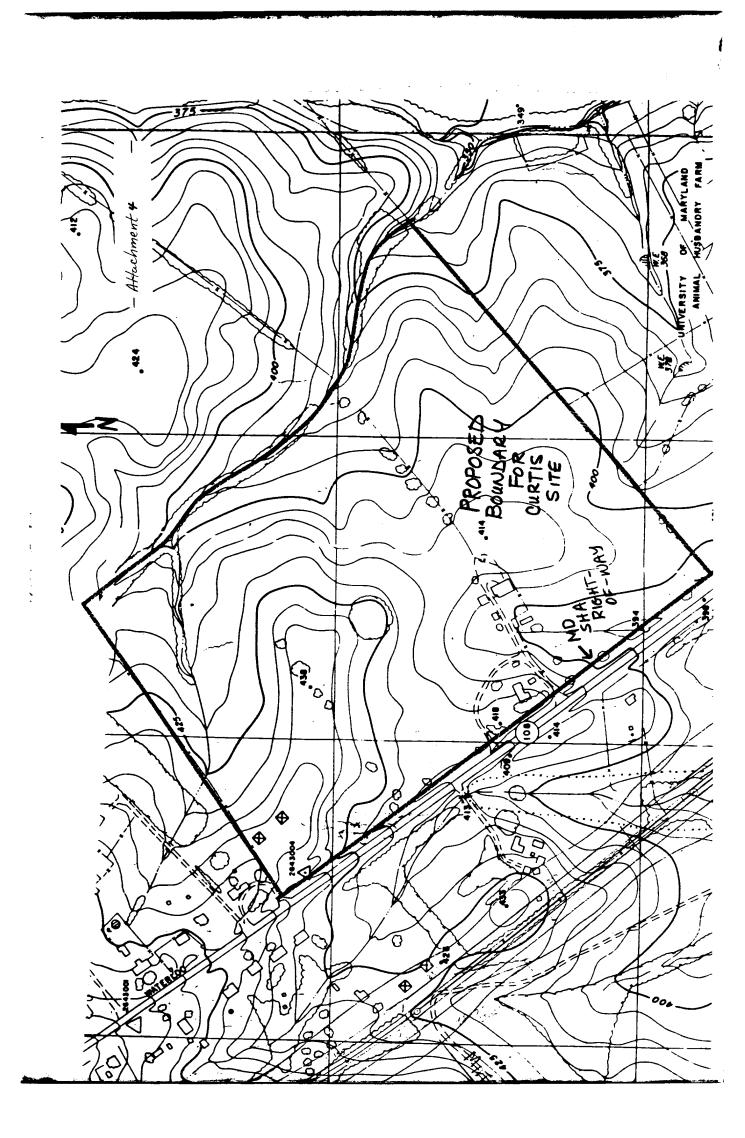
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTOR	IC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC (
Geographic Region:	
Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
	Prince George's and St. Mary's)
Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
	Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)
Chronological/Developmental Per	riods:
Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
Middle Woodland	500 B.C A.D. 900
Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition	on A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
Unknown Period (prehistoric	historic)
Prehistoric Period Themes:	IV. Historic Period Themes:
Subsistence	X Agriculture
Settlement	Architecture, Landscape Architecture
	and Community Planning
Political	Economic (Commercial and Industrial
Demographic	Government/Law
Religion	Military
Technology	Religion
Environmental Adaption	Social/Educational/Cultural
	Transportation
esource Type:	
Category: Buildings	
Historic Environment: Rural	
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Agricultural

Survey No. HO-439

of the house lends the property further significance. The architectural character in decoration, the exterior of the house does small in scale and modest Although on the part of the builder to incorporate stylish very clear strivings exhibit pavilion, the highly ornate front door, center features. The projecting give this house a character not usually found in the smaller shingling imbricated Inventory of Historic Properties contains many The Maryland houses of the area. in Howard County, but few exhibit the attempt at examples of small scale farmsteads that was so successful here. These architectural enhancements being fashionable to date from the late 19th century. The interior of the house is relatively plain, were made in the reflecting the economic status of the owner. Although alterations the historic integrity these changes do not significantly compromise 1940s or 1950s, of the house.

with the boundary for the Curtis-Shipley house as described in SHA's April We concur 24, 1992 letter and shown in Attachment 4. We believe that this boundary provides setting for the house, ancillary buildings and cemetery. All boundaries adequate except the rear or northeastern boundary are coterminous with the existing tax parcel. of Deep Run. with a tributary boundary is coterminous The rear or northeastern break in the vegetation forms a significant visual and its associated tributary toward the rear of the farm are from the house and farm buildings Vistas landscape. interrupted by topography and vegetation. Please provide us with the acreage for the historic property. It appears to include over half of the 90+ acre farmstead. proposed



Ho - 439
The Curtis-Shipley House
Ellicott City
Private

Early and late 19th Century

This old Shipley House sits on the first land ever granted in Howard County to Adam Shipley in 1689. Originally it was a three bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof (tunning eastwest) structure which faced south.

In 1883 James A. Curtis acquired the property which still remains in the Curtis family. John Curtis, son of James, added to the west wall of the original structure a large five bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running north-south), frame structure, circa 1890, which faces west on Waterloo Road. It is notable for its projecting central bay which lies flush with the projecting gabled roof central dormer. A handsome cross paneled, central rectangular entrance door is flanked by three vertical lights and surmounted by a four light transom. Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular, double-hung and hold two-over-two lights.

The one story open porch on the south wall of the original old house has been created into a lovely kitchen in conjunction with a one bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof (running east-west) frame addition springing from the east wall of the original building.

The John Curtis House is an interesting and pleasing architectural complex which is representative of American domestic architectures' growth in different periods to meet current needs.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI # 1404395204

1 NAME						
HISTORIC The	c Curtis-Shipley Ho	ouse				
AND/OR COMMON	The James Shipley	House/The P.	Lee Curtis House			
2 LOCATION	V					
	5771 Waterloo Road	(MD 108)				
CITY, TOWN	CITY, YOWN			congressional district 6th Cong. Dist.		
	Ellicott City —	VICINITY OF	county	Dist.		
STATE	Maryland		Howard			
3 CLASSIFIC	CATION					
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESI	ENT USE		
<u>X</u> DISTRICT	PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM		
BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	PARK		
STRUCTURE	ВОТН	_WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	XPRIVATE RESIDENC		
SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	X ACCESSIBLE	ENTERTAINMENT	RELIGIOUS		
OBJECT	IN PROCESS	YES: RESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC		
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	INDUSTRIAL MILITARY	TRANSPORTATION		
STREET & NUMBER	e and Lois Curtis		Telephone #:465	5-6023		
	Waterloo Road		STATE 7	ip code		
CITY. TOWN Ellic	ott City	VICINITY OF		21043		
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J LOCATION	Of MEGALE BESON		Liber #: 208			
COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS	SETC. Hall of Records		Folio #: 147	•		
STREET & NUMBER	TIGHT OF RECOVES		·			
•	Howard County Co	urt House				
CITY, TOWN				STATE Maryland		
6 REPRESE	NTATION IN EXIST	ING SURVEYS				
TITLE						
	d County Historic Site	s Inventory				
DATE 1077		FEDERAL	XSTATE _COUNTY _LOCAL			
1977 DEPOSITORY FOR			TOTAL TOTAL			
SURVEY RECORDS	Maryland Historical	Trust				
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7 DESCRIPTION

Y_EXCELLENT

__GOOD

_FAIR

CONDITION

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__DETERIORATED

RUINS

__UNEXPOSED

__UNALTERED

X_ALTERED

CHECK ONE

-ORIGINAL SITE

_MOVED DATE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Curtis-Shipley House faces west on the east side of Waterloo Road. The oldest section of the house is a one room, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure with wide central exterior brick chimney. Windows are proportionally scaled and vertically aligned, double-hung with six-over-six lights decorated with shutters.

The west wing is a five bay wide, one room deep, two story, gabled roof (running north-south) frame structure with two square central brick chimneys on each side of the central hall. The west elevation has a projecting central bay which holds a lovely rectangular, cross paneled entrance flanked by three vertical lights and surmounted by a four light-transom. A wide flag stone landing holds two square posts, supporting the gabled roof portico over the central door. The rectangular bay window above the entrance meets the central gabled roof dormer which is decorated with shingles. Fenestration is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are double-hung, holding two-over-two lights, and decorated with green wooden shutters. Three light basement windows are located on the north and south elevations.

In 1948 a two story, shed roofed bathroom addition was made in the original frame house where it meets the addition constructed circa 1890 by James A. Curtis. Along this south elevation of the old house ran a one story high open porch which was extended eastward in 1955 and created into a charming kitchen. It was built in conjunction with a family room addition, a one bay wide, one room deep, gabled roof frame addition on the east wall of the original frame house.

The 1890 wing which faces west on Waterloo Road originally had a one story high, hipped roof open porch running along its entire west elevation. In 1942, J. Raymond Curtis, older brother of the present owner, Mr. R. Lee Curtis helped their mother, Mrs. John R. Curtis replace the open porch by constructing the present central bay, gabled roof portico we see today.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW					
—PREHISTORIC —1400-1499 —1500-1599 —1600-1699 —1700-1799 —1800-1899 —1900-	ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC XARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC AGRICULTURE XARCHITECTURE ART COMMERCE COMMUNICATIONS	COMMUNITY PLANNING CONSERVATION ECONOMICS EDUCATION ENGINEERING EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY INVENTION	LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAW LITERATURE MILITARY MUSIC PHILOSOPHY POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	RELIGION SCIENCE SCULPTURE SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN THEATER TRANSPORTATION OTHER (SPECIFY)		

SPECIFIC DATES Early and late 19th cepuilder/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Curtis-Shipley House is significant both Historically and architecturally. It is located on land called "Adam the first", patented in 1689 by Adam Shipley. His estate at Elkridge of 1500 acres was the first land ever granted in Howard County territory, then Baltimore County.

Adam Shipley was transported twenty-one years earlier as a young boy to Annapolis, Maryland from England with five other persons. (The name Shipley or Sheep Lea -Sheep Meadow- is a village in Leicestershire). He received a warrant of fifty acres of land in 1675 after serving an apprenticeship to pay for his transportation. Four years later he patented lands at the head of the Severn River near Indian Landing, consisting of 200 acres called Howard's and Porter's Range.

Adam Shipley did not reside on "Adam the First". He died in 1696, leaving his wife Lois and their six sons and two daughters. Under the law of primogeniture, his oldest son Richard inherited all his lands. On August 16, 1699 he became at legal age and executed several allotments, among them the following for the 500 acre tract of Adam the First.

- 1. 100 acres to his brother Robert.
- 2. 100 acres to his brother Peter.

Richard Shipley, the eldest son, married Susanna Stevens and lived at Elkridge. His brother Robert Shipley, married Elizabeth Stevens and also resided in the Howard area at Shipley's Reserve, near the Great Falls of the Patapsco. He is listed as a pewholder in Christ Church, Queen Caroline Parish.

It passed through the Shipley family to James and Harriet Shipley until March 12, 1874 when Harriet Shipley etal conveyed the land "together with the buildings" to Peter A. Harmon. (LJW 36-571). On the 6th of February, 1877 Peter Harmon and his wife conveyed the property for \$584.50 to William Small wood (LJW 37-430). On the 22nd of March, 1883, William A. Smallwood and Mary A. Smallwood conveyed the property to James A. Curtis, grandfather of the present owner for \$500 (JW 46-101). The property and house passed from James to CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

Significance (cont.)

James R. Curtis and Louisa, his wife circa 1890.

It was John and Louisa Curtis who built the 1890 west wing of the house which has been owned by their son and his wife R. Lee and Lois Curtis since January, 1949.

Architecturally it is noteworthy for its central projecting west bay entrance, an adaptation of the Queen Anne style in the simple frame houses which dotted the Howard County country side. Another example of this is the 1900 addition to Good Fellowship. in District 3, located on the old Ranger Browns land grant.

Built in several stages, it is an example of American architecture's adaptibility and growth, meeting needs as they arise.

For these reasons "Adam the First" should be considered for inclusion to the National Register and any future local landmark legislation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records

Interview with Mr. and Mrs. R. Lee Curtis at their home on October 26, 1977.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 85.512 Acres

Please see Attachment I, Tax Maps 31 and 37

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see liber 208, folio 147

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

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section 465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

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.

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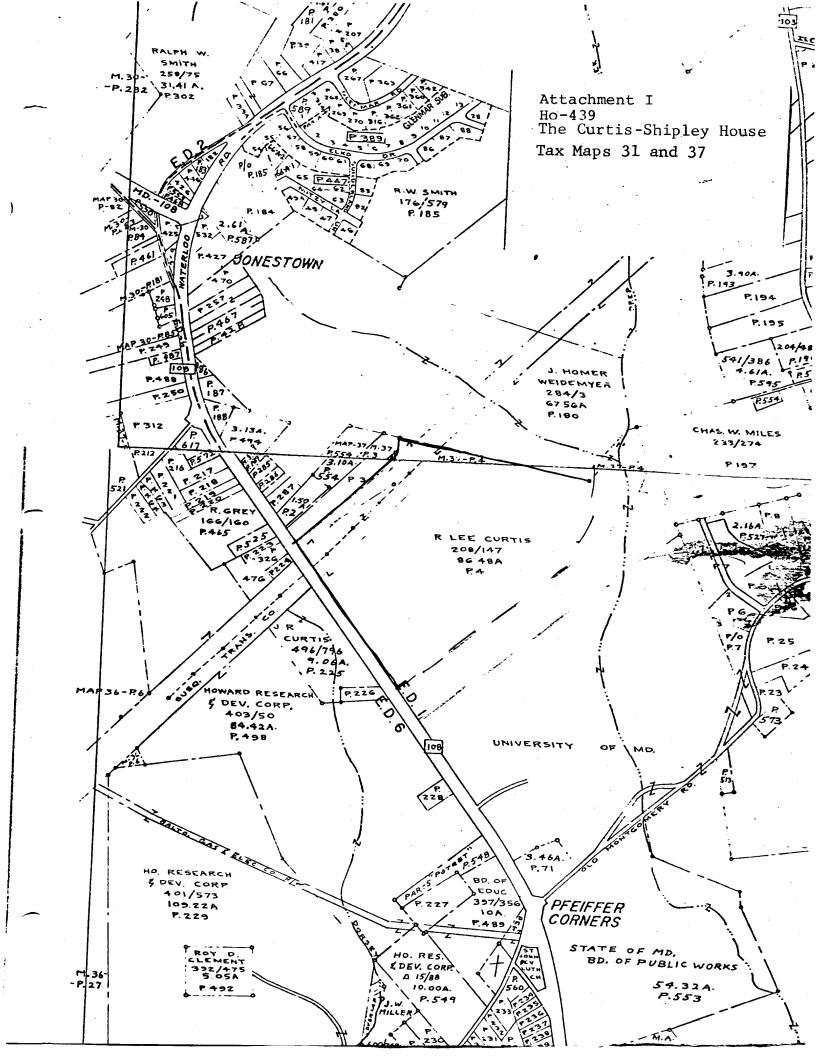
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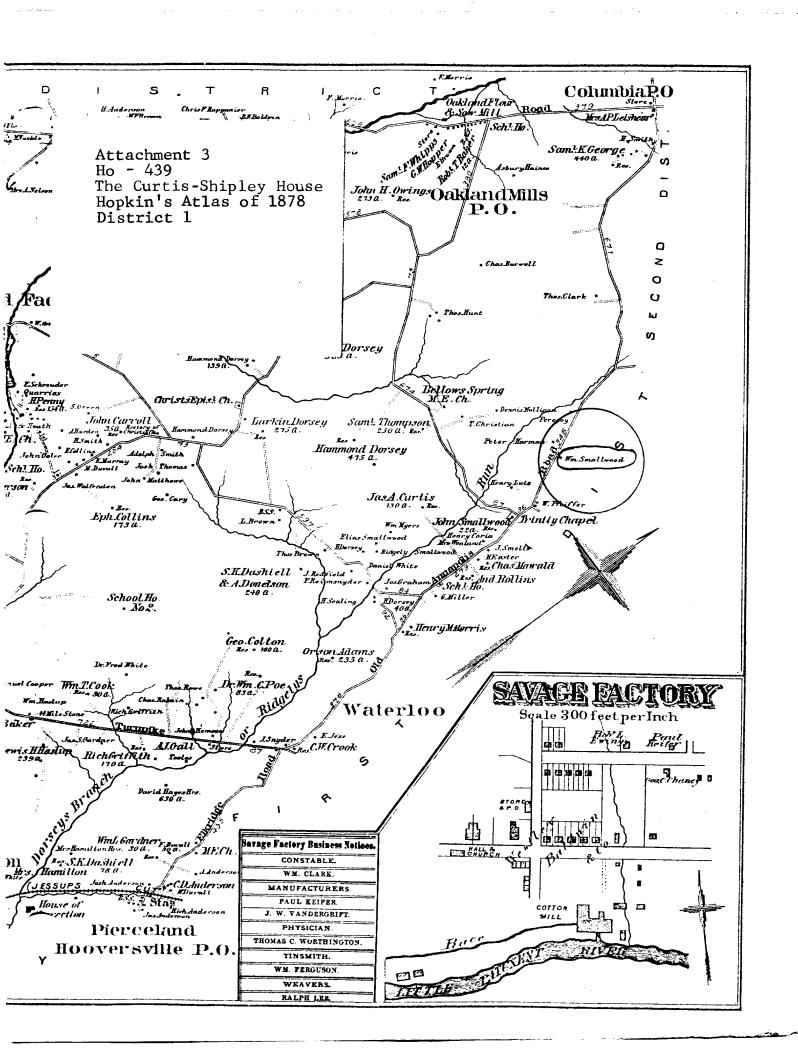
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

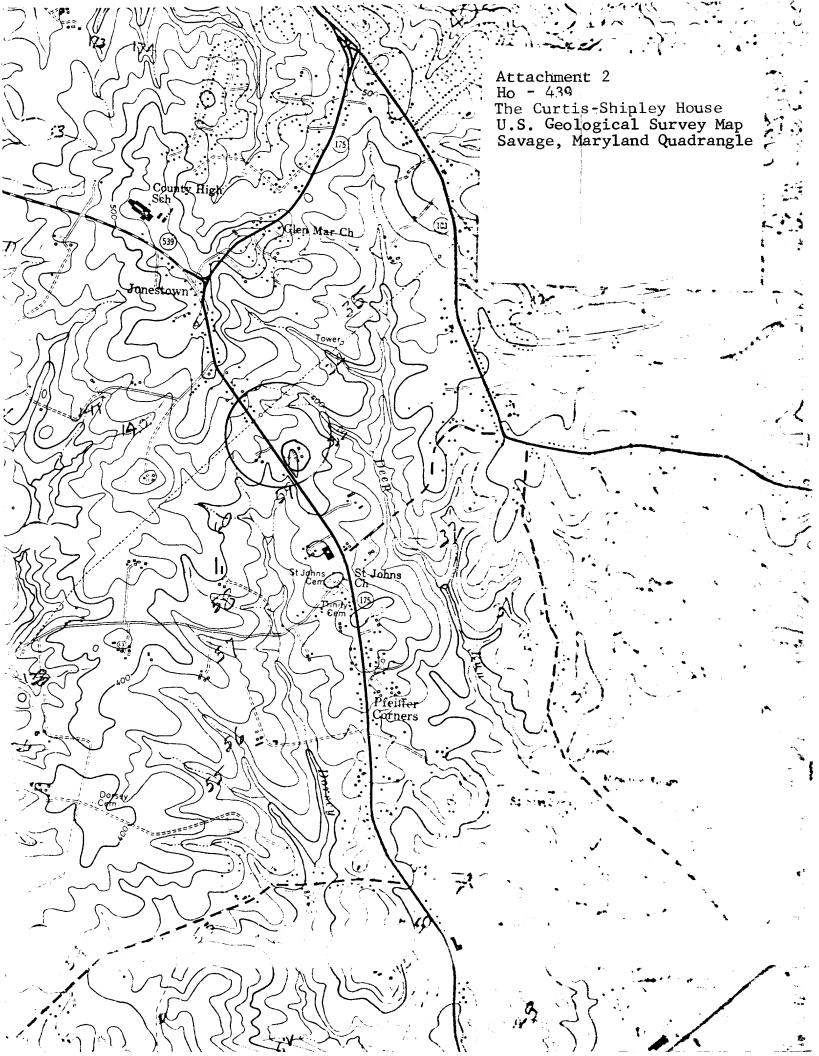
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Malur's land Attachment 4 Ho 439 Plat of Curtis-Shipley House Scale 20 perches to the inch Surveyed February 1891 John R.R. Carroll









HO-439
THE JAMES A. CURTS HOUSE
ADAM THE PIRST
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