

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-748

6170 Lawyers Hill Road  
Elkridge, Howard County, Maryland

## Continuation Sheet

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MHT CONCURRENCE:	
<del>Individual Eligibility recommended</del> <u>X</u>	Individual Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>X</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u>	Considerations: <u>A</u> <u>B</u> <u>C</u> <u>D</u> <u>E</u> <u>F</u> <u>G</u> <u>None</u>
Comments: <u>As a contributing resource to District</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>9/29/00</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>10/18/00</u>
Date	Reviewer, NR program

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MIPH Inventory No. HO-748  
Ca. 1914  
6170 Lawyers Hill Road  
Elkridge, Howard County, Maryland  
Private

The building at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road was constructed ca. 1914 and is a detached, shingled, single-family dwelling exhibiting Craftsman design elements. It was built on a small parcel of the "Hursley" estate that parcel was transferred to Clara H. Davis, Maria H. Dobbin, and Robert A. Dobbin, Jr. (Howard County Land Records Liber 92:404). In 1914, Robert A. Dobbin, Jr., was assessed \$5,000 for a dwelling on the .72-acre lot. This property is a contributing element to the Lawyers Hill Historic District, a National Register historic district listed in 1993 for its significance under criteria A and C.

The purpose of this project was to evaluate the dwelling at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places as part of a noise barrier analysis undertaken by the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration. The dwelling is an example of a Craftsman cottage and is associated with the second phase of development of the community as a summer enclave. The house is individually eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C because it is a simple example of Craftsman style constructed during the early twentieth century development of Lawyers Hill. The garage, constructed since 1978, does not possess sufficient age for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 6170 Lawyers Hill Road (preferred)

## 2. Location

street and number 6170 Lawyers Hill Road

N/A not for publication

city, town Elkridge

\_\_\_ vicinity

county Howard County

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Edmund T. Bridge

street and number 6170 Lawyers Hill Road

telephone 410-796-1109

city, town Elkridge

state MD

zip code 21075

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 32, p. 35

city, town Ellicott City

liber 909 folio 150

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			_____		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary

The building at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road was constructed ca. 1914 and is a detached, single-family dwelling exhibiting Craftsman design elements. The residence occupies the middle of a .72-acre parcel and fronts onto Lawyers Hill Road. The building lot is heavily treed and surrounded by large rhododendron bushes.

### Description

The dwelling at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road is a wood-frame, two-and-a-half story building occupying a rectangular footprint. The building rests on a stone foundation with rounded (convex) mortar joints. The foundation is exposed on the north side of the house. The exterior walls are clad with square butt wood shingles. The side-gable roof is sheathed with slate shingles and features exposed rafter ends. Hipped-roof dormers are located in the north and south roof elevations.

The central wood door is ornamented with a raised wood molding and six glass lights. A pent roof with a central gable peak shelters the main entry and extends over the projecting bays that flank the main doorway. The porch has a slate floor and slate roof supported by square shingled posts. The windows are wood-frame, ten-light, paired casements. Six-light casements are located in the dormers. The windows are enframed by louvered shutters.

The original one-story, screened porch located on the west elevation was enclosed with large glass windows by the current owners. The windows were installed at the height of original porch baluster.

The first floor is configured into three rooms. The living room currently features a brick fireplace wall that was installed by a previous owner; the fireplace originally was faced with cobblestone. Window seats are located on either side of the front doorway. Sliding pocket doors separate the living room from the dining room. The stairway originally accessed both the kitchen and the living room. The entry into the kitchen was closed as part of the renovations completed by a previous owners. The second floor contains bedrooms; a maid's room and bath are located in the attic.

The house lot also includes a garage that was constructed by the present owners since 1978.

The residence at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road is a contributing building in the Lawyers Hill Historic District. The building retains its integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association of a ca. 1914 suburban summer house.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Significance dates** ca. 1914 **Architect** Unknown

**Specific dates** **Builder** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### Summary

This property is a contributing element to the Lawyers Hill Historic District, a National Register historic district listed in 1993 for its significance under criteria A and C. The region was developed as a community of summer homes made possible by rail transportation between Baltimore and Elkridge through the construction of the B & O Railroad in 1835. Railroad access made this area accessible to professionals in Baltimore. The area initially was settled by George Washington Dobbin, a prominent Baltimore lawyer, in the early 1840s. Dobbin invited colleagues John H.B. Latrobe and Thomas Donaldson, also lawyers, to build summer homes nearby. The enclave was named Lawyers Hill. The community contains a variety of housing types ranging from large Victorian summer houses to twentieth-century single-family houses constructed in Craftsman and Colonial Revival styles.

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The garage, constructed since 1978, does not possess sufficient age for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

### Resource History

The residence at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road was constructed ca. 1914. It was built on a portion of the "Hursley" estate after that estate was sold to Conway Hodges in 1911. In that same year, a .72-acre parcel was transferred from Hodges to Clara H. Davis, Maria H. Dobbin, and Robert A. Dobbin, Jr. (Howard County Land Records Liber 92:404). In 1914, Robert A. Dobbin was assessed \$5,000 for a dwelling on the .72-acre lot. A full chain of title is contained on a continuation sheet.

The dwelling at 6170 Lawyers Hill Road was built at a time when the large lots of the original summer houses that descended to Dobbin family members were being subdivided into smaller lots. The new houses constructed on these smaller lots were more compact single-family homes that reflected a variety of revival styles popular during the early twentieth century. According to the current owner, the house was adapted to year-round living a few decades after its initial construction. No architect has been credited with the design of the house (Bridges, personal communication June 2000).

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source: Unknown

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#### Chain of Title

Liber/Folio: Date:	Owners:	Acres:
3161/105 Feb. 15, 1994	From: Edmund T. Bridge and Marguerite S. Bridge To: Edmund T. Bridge and Marguerite S. Bridge	24,829 sq. ft.
909/150 Sep. 28, 1978	From: Lester and Nora Mackebee To: Edmund T. Bridge & Marguerite S. Rankin	0.612
691/506 Aug. 22, 1974	From: Ruth C. Maier To: Lester P. Mackebee & Nora L. Mackebee	0.612 (part of 481/445)
481/445 Nov. 15, 1967	From: J. Seymour Sureff (unmarried) To: Ruth C. Maier	N/A (same as 234/324)
234/324 Aug. 1, 1952	From: Wesley H. Faunce and Rebecca R. Faunce To: Joseph G. Maier and Ruth C. Maier	N/A (same as 182/584)
182/584 Sep. 18, 1944	From: Louie W. Phelps To: Wesley H. Faunce and Rebecca R. Faunce	N/A (part of 110/300)
110/300 Jun. 19, 1920	From: Bessie Buck (widow) To: Walter J. Phelps & Louie W. Phelps	0.35 (same as 106/507)
106/507 Jan. 30, 1919	From: Maria Hemsley Dobbin, et al. To: Per Lee Buck & Bessie L. Buck	0.72 (same as 92/404)
92/404 Dec. 18, 1911	From: Conway S. Hodges To: Clara H. Davis, Maria H. Dobbin, and Robert A. Dobbin, Jr.	0.72

#### Tax Assessment Information

In 1914, Robert A. Dobbin, Jr. was assessed \$5,000 for a dwelling located on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre (approximately equivalent to 0.72 acres), acquired on December 18, 1912, from George W. Dobbin (Howard County Tax Assessment Records, 1910-1917, page 74).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bridge, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund T.  
June 2000 Personal communication.

Howard County Deeds and Tax Assessments

Worden, Amy  
1992 Lawyers Hill Historic District National Register Nomination.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area \_\_\_\_\_  
Acreage surveyed 72 acres  
Quadrangle name Relay Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries listed on tax map 32, parcel 35.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Katherine Grandine, Architectural Historian, and Richard Vidutis, Historian, Architectural Services  
organization R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc. date July 2000  
street & number 241 E. Fourth Street, Suite 100 telephone 301-694-0428  
city or town Frederick, Maryland 21701

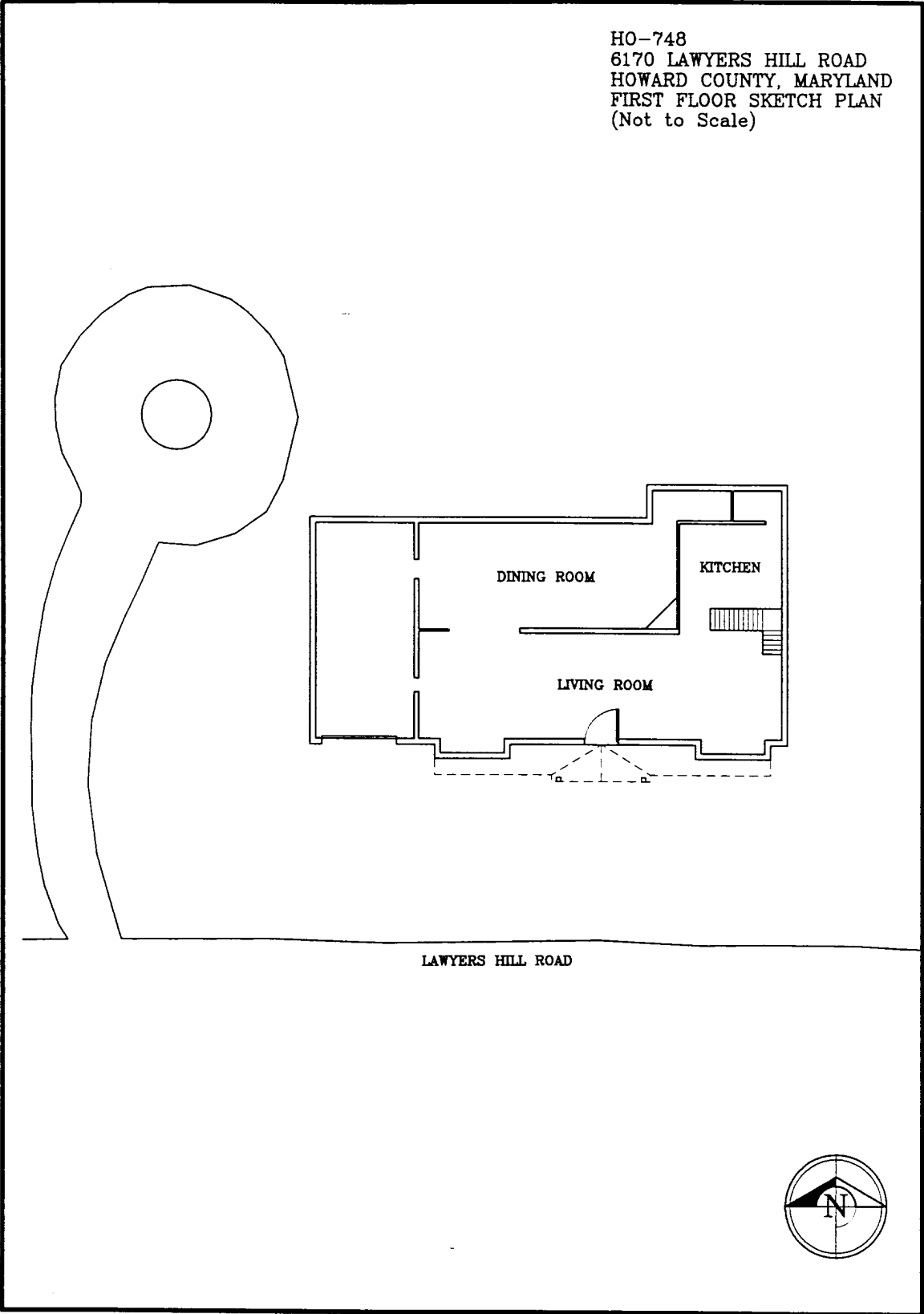
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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6170 LAWYERS HILL ROAD  
HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND  
FIRST FLOOR SKETCH PLAN  
(Not to Scale)

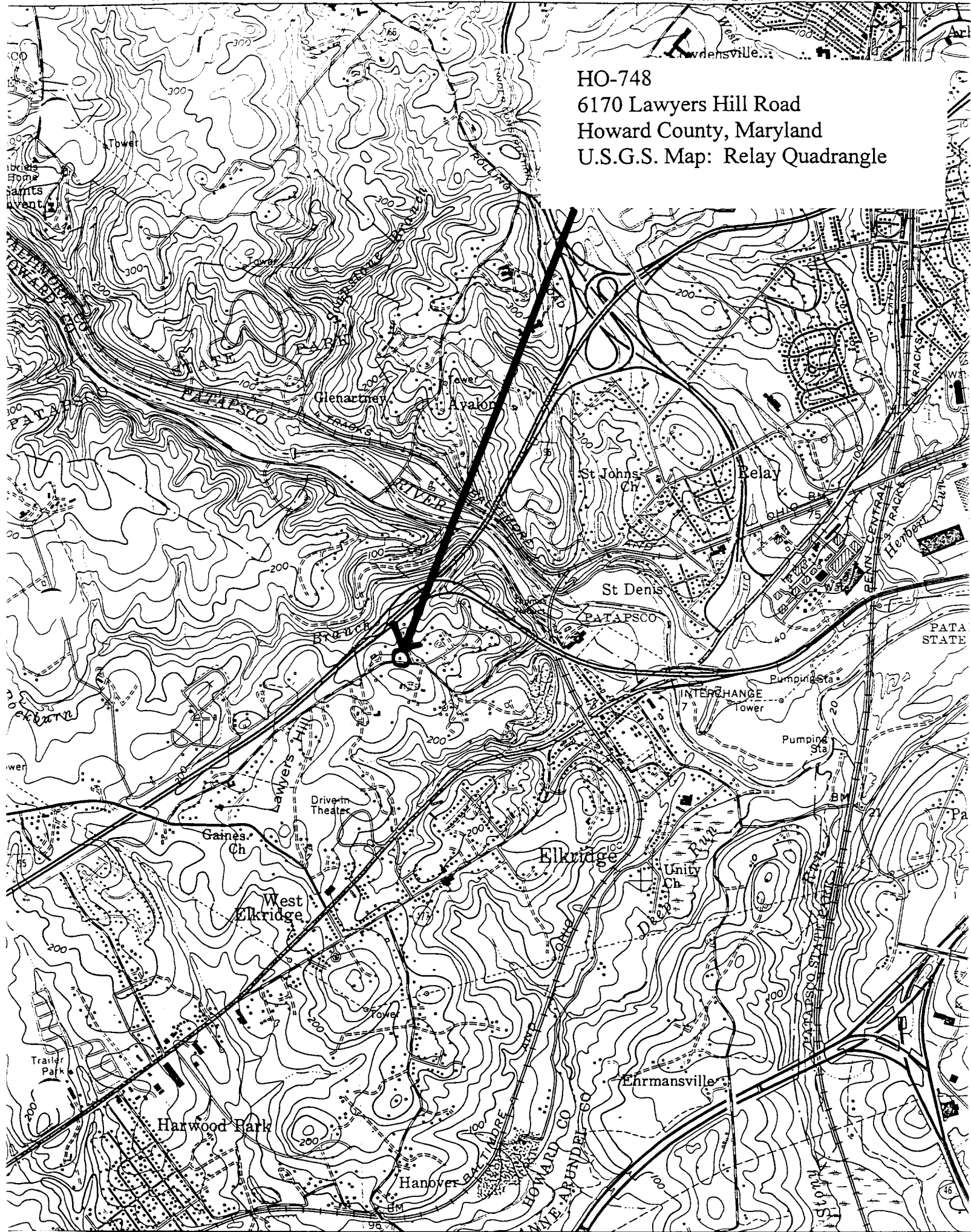


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Howard County, Maryland

U.S.G.S. Map: Relay Quadrangle





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Howard G. H.

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