

HO - 819
The (Harry and Fulton) Gordon Property
10140 Washington Boulevard
Laurel, vicinity

Located along the Western side of US Route 1, Washington Boulevard north of Laurel, MD, this portion of the Gordon Brothers Property is comprised of nearly one half of an acre of land. The site is fairly level, once accessed by a few steps from the level of the adjacent historic roadway, Washington Boulevard. There is a slight slope in the southern direction as well. The property is not far (about a block) from the banks of the Patuxent River. The site contains three (3) buildings: one foursquare residence (circa 1905), and two shed structures dating somewhat later. The property is currently used as a storage facility for the McMillan Marine Company. The overall condition of the property is fair to poor.

The significance of the Gordon Property is in its association with the development of US Route 1 and its representative architectural merit. The site illustrates the way residential properties and communities were developed as entrepreneurial ventures by developers along bustling US 1, the so-called "Main Street" of the East Coast. The site documents a period of twentieth century taste and building style as the residence is mostly intact as a traditional foursquare style residence. The arts and craft style home embodies characteristics, while not necessarily unique, that lend significance for architectural merit. The Gordon Property, today known as the McMillan Marine Boat Supply, also is historically associated with events making contributions to the broad patterns of our history by virtue of its association with the development and use of US 1.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

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COMPREHENSIVE DESCRIPTION

This portion of the Gordon Brothers Property is sited on a slight rise above the adjacent Washington Boulevard. A stone wall was constructed along the property boundary with the historic roadway. The wall continues in front of the neighboring properties as well. The low stone wall is roughly three stones in width and is constructed of natural, possibly local, granite. The color is gray and mottled. At the outer two wythes of stone, along the top of the wall, the stones are set with what appear to be natural angles, oriented upward, giving the wall a scalloped and uniform design.

The site is fairly open with minimal vegetation and plantings. The landscape has gravel laid over in places to accommodate the trucks and boats that access the site routinely. There are boat supplies, construction materials, a semi storage container, not to mention the fifty plus boats and parts, lying about the area, as part of the work that occurs here. There is a partially paved and dirt drive situated on the north end of the house. There is a low CMU masonry retaining wall that is located along a portion of the north property boundary.

There are two sheds at the rear (west) property line. One is a one and a half story shell. Intended as an open shed, the roof has deteriorated completely. The rafters and structure overall are threatening imminent collapse. The structure is two bays wide by two bays deep. The shed roof form was sloped lower toward the western end of the structure and the property. There is a lower, yet longer shed, in somewhat better condition, located adjacent to the north. This shed was constructed as an enclosed storage area probably in the second quarter of the twentieth century. The walls are unpainted, CMU block. The wooden rafters of the low gable roof were covered with a metal sheathing, now mostly gone. The doors are a hodge-podge array of materials, rigged to cover the long linear opening of the front façade.

The primary building on the site was built as a two and a half story residential structure, at an unconfirmed date. It is possible construction occurred as early as circa 1905, (based on the subdivision plat dating to 1891, as well as a conversation with the current owner.) The structure is centrally located on the property and set back from Washington Boulevard by about thirty-five feet. The building is a large four-square style building, originally with shingle exterior siding. The building was completely sided in aluminum sometime during the last decade.

It has a hip roof that is now finished in asphalt shingles. The **East (front) façade** faces Washington Boulevard and has two large bays with a door at the north side, providing access to the first floor level from an open frame porch (hipped roof with asphalt shingles). The porch railings and finishes are mostly intact. There are three, square columns, asymmetrically arranged to support the porch roof above. The fenestration at the first floor level has been sided over. There is a single-leaf wood (replacement) door at the front entrance. Fenestration at the second floor level consists of two pairs of double hung, wood sash windows (6 over 1) symmetrically arranged. All of the fenestration has 1" X 4" painted wood trim boards surrounding. There is one dormer on the building, and on this façade. It has a hipped roof with one pair of windows similar to the ones below. The eaves of the main building and the dormer (not the porch roof) have been encased with aluminum soffit coverings.

The **North (side) façade** offers the side elevation of the one story porch front, as well as a side wall to a one story addition that has been added to the west (rear) façade. The rear addition has a hipped roof and no windows. The main mass of the residence has varied fenestration by floor. At the first floor level there is one exposed pair of windows near the west (rear) corner. These windows are double hung wood windows (4 over 1). There is one exposed window at the east (front) corner as well this window matches the

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .4 Acres

Acreage of historical setting .4 Acres

Quadrangle name Laurel Quad

Quadrangle scale: 1 : 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 50, Grid 10, Parcel 425

See legal metes and bounds description in Deed: Liber 4594, Folio 601, dating to January 6, 1999.

11. Form Prepared by

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ones on the front façade and are 6 over 1. Near the center of the wall at the second floor level there is one window that matches the single window below. Finally, at the far upper left or eastern most corner of the building there is a pair of two small casement windows that each have four lights. Prominently displayed along the remaining portions of this upper part of the façade, there is a large hand painted sign advertising: "McMILLAN MARINE." At the roof level above there is evidence of the internal chimney-stack extending above the roofline.

The **south (side) façade** offers the side elevation of the one story front porch. The rear addition (described above) is not easily visible from this perspective, but seems to have either a window or door centered on this side wall. The fenestration patterns have again been altered by the installation of siding. At the first floor level, there is one window at the western most end of the wall. At the second floor level, there are two, single windows exposed, symmetrically aligned across the façade. The second floor windows do not seem to align with the single window on the first floor level. All windows on this façade match the windows on the front façade (6/1). There are no elements at the roof level (i.e. dormers/chimneys).

The **West (rear) façade** is similarly configured to be one side of the foursquare. There is a small rectangular addition on the left (north) end of this wall at the first floor level. The small addition has an asphalt shingle hip roof to match other roof forms on the residence. There is one window on the west façade of the addition. It is situated toward the north end of the wall. It is a single window similar to the ones on the front and side facades. The remaining area of wall visible on the west façade is symmetrically arranged with one single window at each of the three corners. They align vertically and are matching the front façade windows in their configurations and style.

General conversation with Mr. Anthony McMillan during the inspection revealed that he was responsible for siding the property. He indicated he had the workers install siding over original windows, since he was using the building for parts storage. He reported that every window that now shows, was actually a pair of windows, and he "just didn't need all that light." He indicated that as on the front façade, in some cases he just covered over the full pair.

Interior spaces of the building were not available for inspection.

Conditions and integrity of primary resource is generally fair. The shed structures are in very poor condition and may be considered a possible hazard for human safety.

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is unknown again until the property was sold to the J.W. Smith Development Corporation on January 26, 1990. They in turn sold it to Mr. Anthony J. McMillan. His relationship with the current owners is not clear, but records indicate it is likely a familial one.

The development of the property as part of the neighborhood of North Laurel in 1893 and following into the twentieth century speaks for the importance of the location of the area along this historic roadway. The Gordon Brothers envisioned the development and growth of the Town of Laurel in planning "North Laurel."

The economy of the Town of Laurel, in the nineteenth century was focused on the growing textile mill established initially as a textile mill in 1835 by the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore and the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Industrial buildings were constructed along the river as the industry grew. "Laurel became the largest town in the county. ... When textile output began to decline early in the (twentieth) century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located half way between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1." (Prince George's County, 1974:284/ PAC Spero and Company, Laurel DOE, 1998.).

The residence is representative of the type of residential construction common during the earlier twentieth century along the famed roadway. The building appears to be in fair condition. The substantial residence is stylistically contributing to the significance of roadside architecture along this historic corridor.

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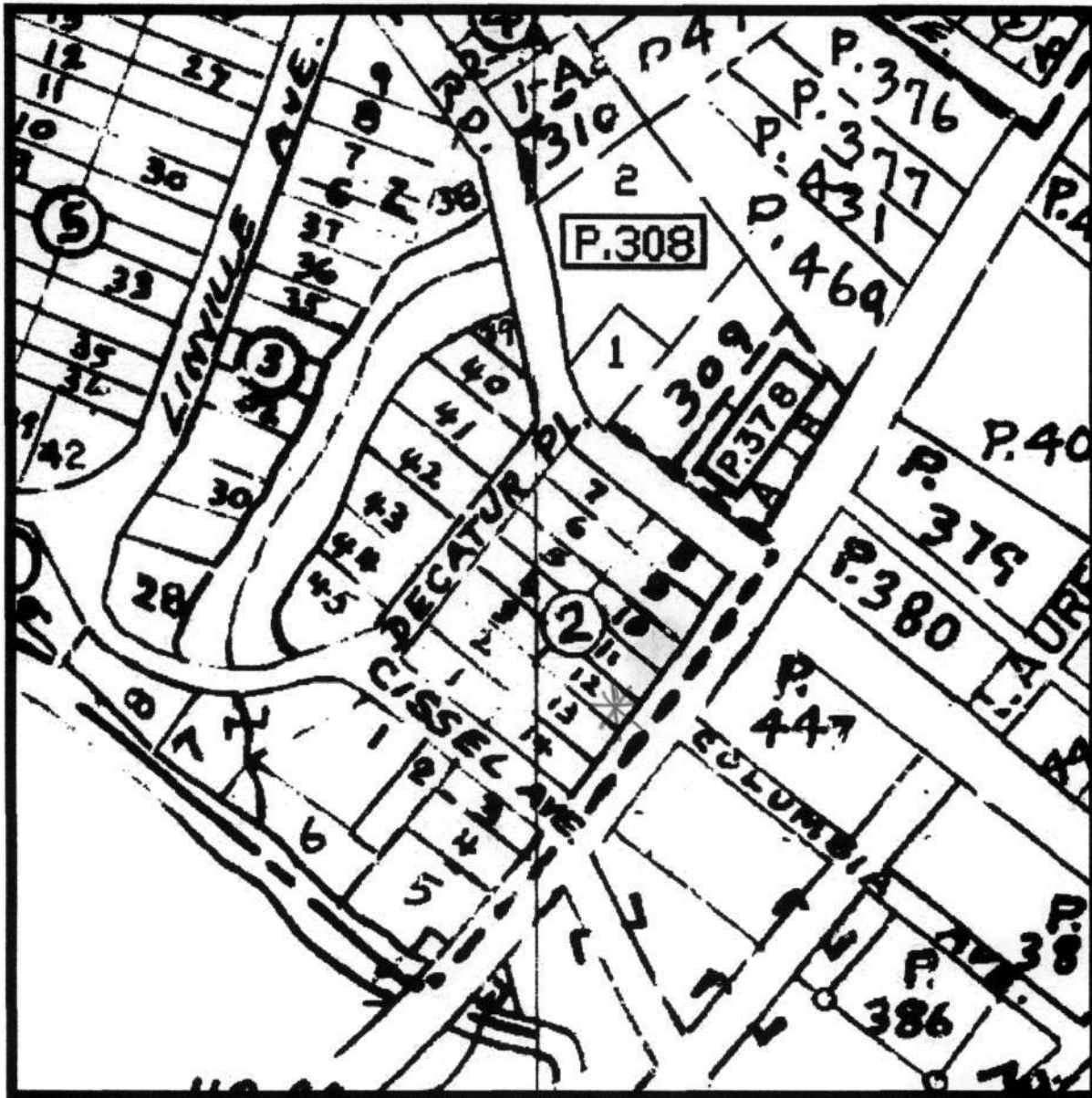
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39°07'30"

MD GRID 470,000 FT

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76°52'30" MD GRID 840,000 FT

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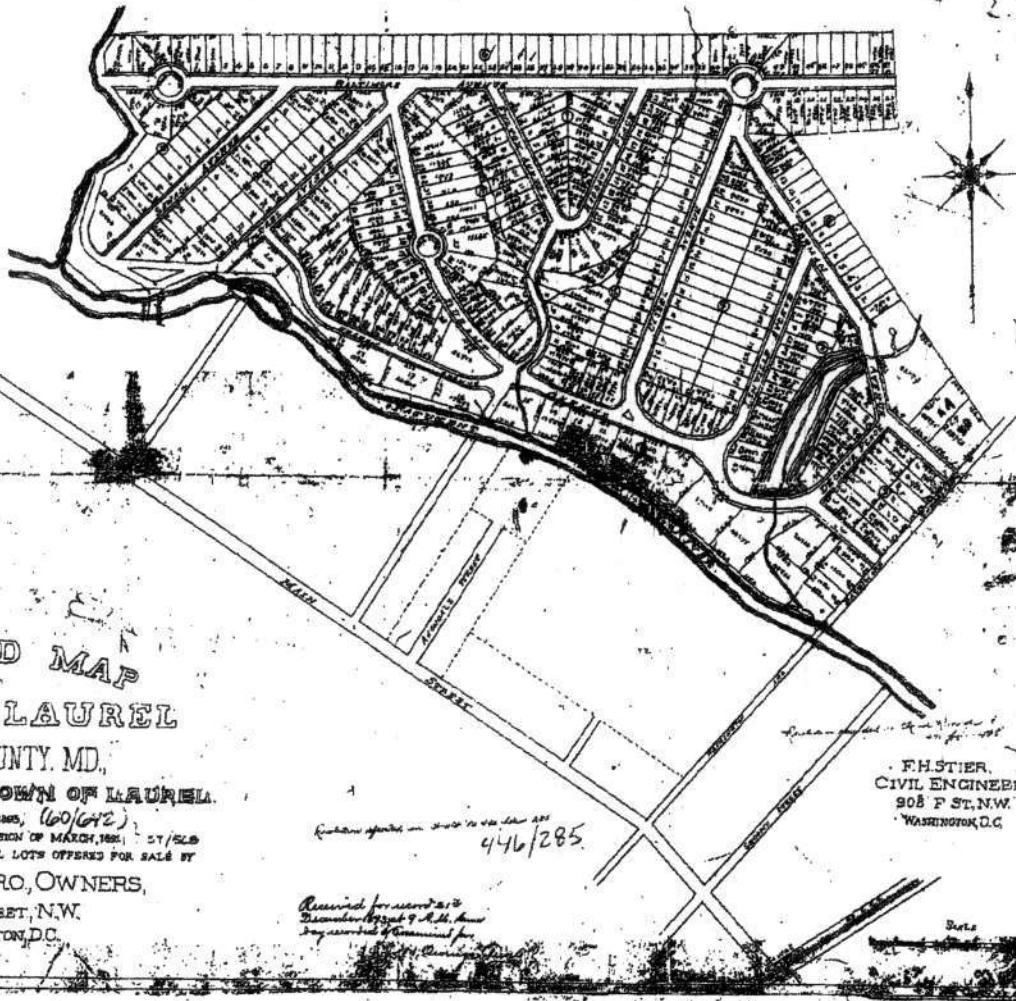
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OF
NORTH LAUREL

HOWARD COUNTY, MD.

ADJOINING THE TOWN OF LAUREL.

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TO THE ORIGINAL SUBDIVISION OF MARCH, 1894, 57/528
AND ADDITIONAL LOTS OFFERED FOR SALE BY

GORDON & BRO., OWNERS,

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908 F ST. N.W.
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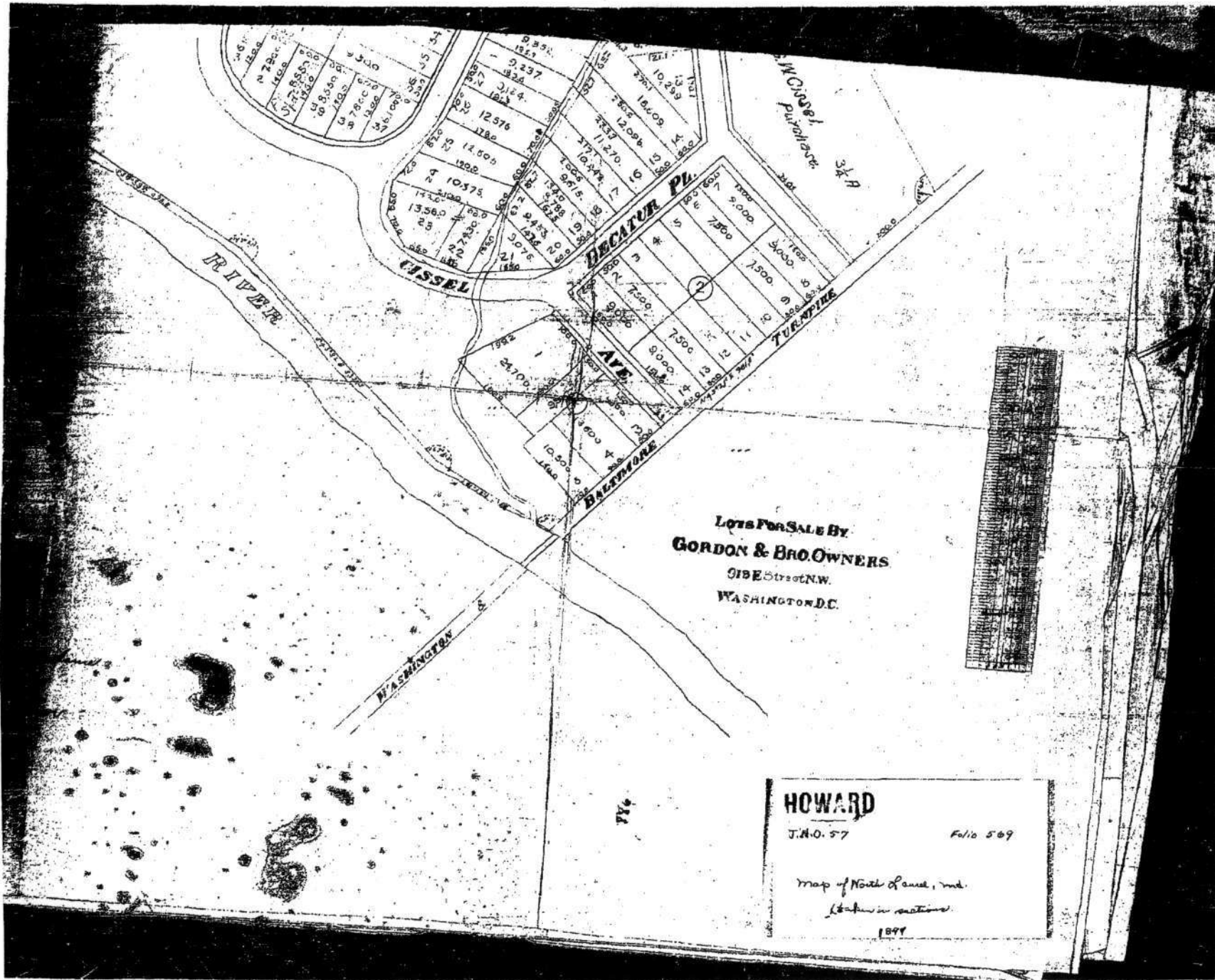
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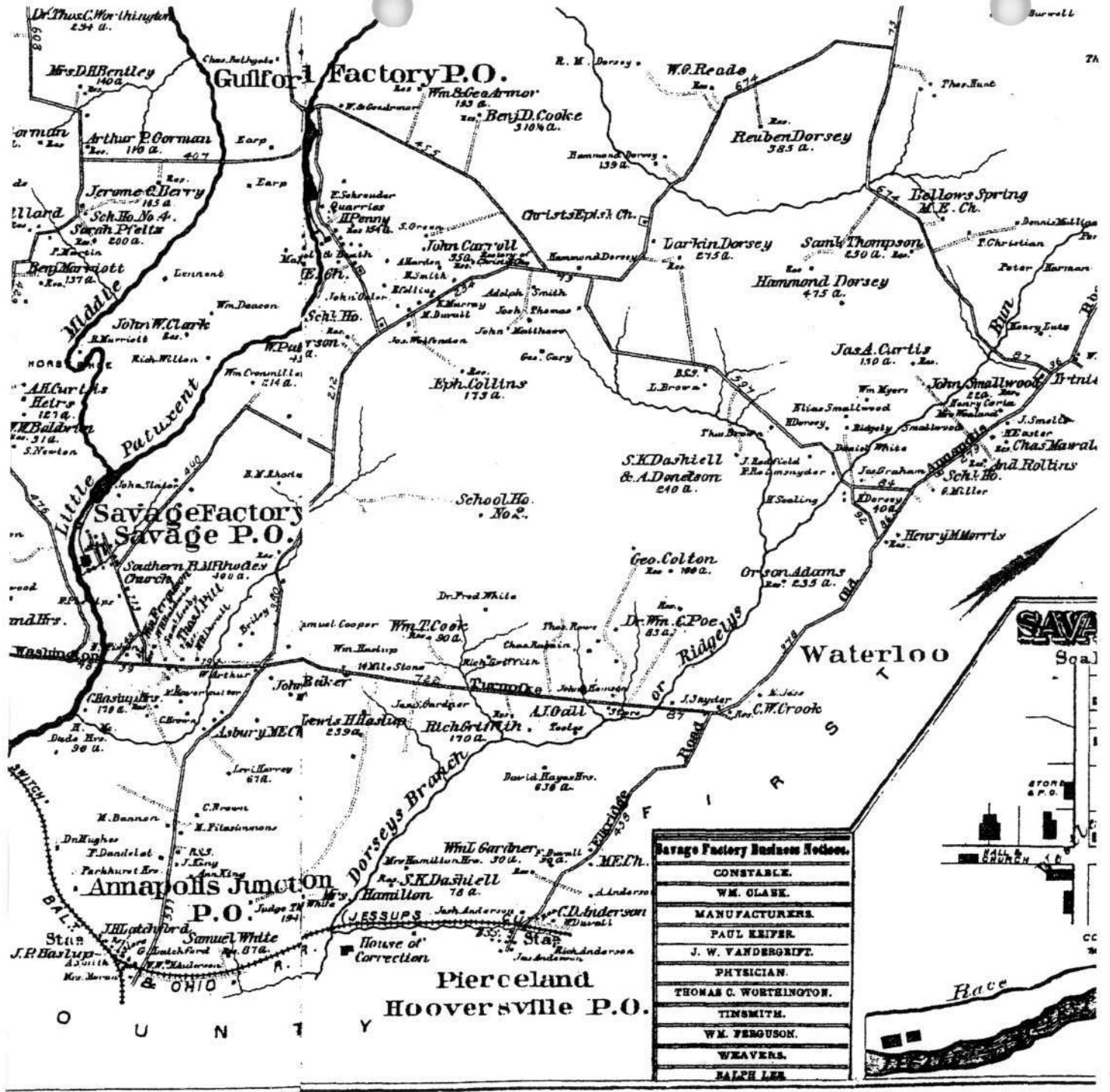
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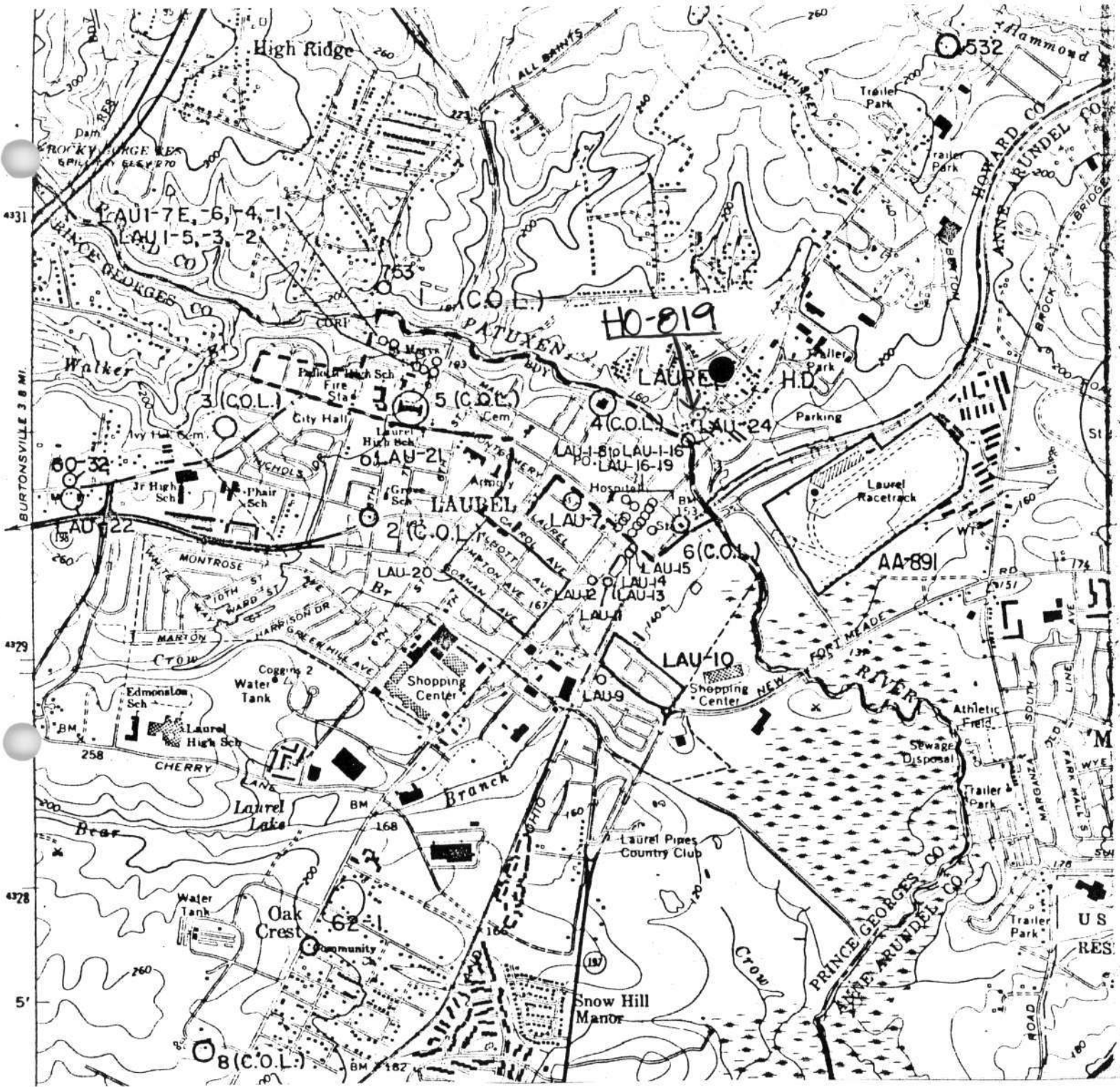
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USGS - LAUREL QUADRANGLE MAP

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KATE MAHON

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NEGATIVE W/ MESHPO
KATE WAHOOB
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